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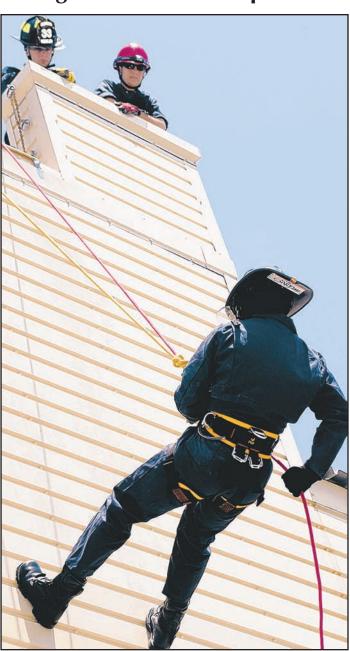
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Dragons deployed
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## Firefighters learn the ropes



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

Airman 1st Class Zack Chichwak, left, and Jason Wallace, Keesler firefighters, watch as their co-worker, Staff Sgt. Donald Walker, rappels down the side of the burn house during rope rescue training April 25. For a story and more photos about the firefighters' recent training program, see Page 4.

# A-76

# Base gets go-ahead for reduction in force

**By Susan Griggs** 

**Keesler News staff** 

April 28, Keesler received interim guidance from Air Force headquarters which allows the base to proceed with the reduction in force related to the A-76 competitive sourcing decision.

Under the decision, base operating support for civil engineering, supply, weather station and certain force support squadron functions transitions to Computer Sciences Corp. as part of "Big BOS," a \$270 million contract for an initial year and nine option years. "Little BOS," which covers communication support functions by government employees, remains in litigation in federal court.

"Our RIF process for A-76 was placed on hold because of guidance changes in the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act," explained Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. "Since then, we've been actively engaged with Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Personnel Center to get this back on track.

"Immediately after getting the information from Air Force headquarters, I met with our local union representatives and delivered copies of the Air Force guidance to themfor their review and comments with a suspense of May 15," the colonel continued. "After their review — and the

national unions have already reviewed — we'll launch into the RIF process."

Under the proposed timeline, RIF notices are issued no later than Sept. 2, with an effective date of Jan. 31, 2009. Contract mobilization begins Sept. 1, with contract transition beginning Nov. 1.

"My top priority is to balance the mission without compromising the benefits and entitlements earned by our work force," Colonel Touhill emphasized.

Colonel Touhill has ordered the civilian personnel office to resume the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay process immediately.

"For the military under Assignment Code 36, I've ordered each commander to review and extend members as needed to ensure mission continuity and success," the base commander said. "Those being extended will be eligible for assignments in June 2009."

"I appreciate your continued support of the mission," he said. "I intend to keep you informed as we go through this process, every stage along the way."

He's planning a town hall discussion after receiving comments from the union.

For information on the RIF process, call Deatrice Jimerson, 376-8316. For questions about military assignments, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 376-8647.

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# Without effective communication, strong leadership grinds to halt

By Col. Richard Pierce

81st Training Wing vice commander

My last article covered my first "C" of leadership—"Confidence." Confidence is a three-way street.

First, you need to have confidence in yourself that you can do the job. Your supervisors think you can succeed or they never would have placed you in this new position or given you that new assignment. Armed with the knowledge that your bosses have confidence in you, your natural anxieties should be eased. If your boss feels you can do it, you should feel the same way.

**Next,** you need to demonstrate that you have confidence in your team members. Emphasize that you trust them to do their work. If you try to micro-manage people, you are non-verbally stating to them that you don't trust them, and that perceived lack of trust will destroy your unit.

The final aspect is once you demonstrate that you have confidence in both your own ability and in your team's abilities, your team will start to have confidence in you. Once that happens, mutual trust develops and the environment for successful leadership starts to flourish.

Confidence is vital, but it isn't enough. You need to be effective in other leadership areas, and that's why my second "C"— "Communication"— is so important. Without the ability to have free-flowing communication up, down, and across your organization, real leadership grinds to a halt.

One of America's great military leaders, Gen. Colin Powell, said, "Once your people stop bringing their ideas and their problems to you, that is when you have ceased to be an effective leader." General Powell is talking specifically about up-channeling the flow of information. Too often, people in authority believe that leadership is mostly about directing downward their ideas and visions to their people, telling subordinates what to do. That concept isn't leadership — it's dictatorship.

My parents said, "You have two ears and only one mouth, so listen twice as much as you talk." The fact is, most of an organization's good ideas don't come from the leadership, but from the members "in the trenches" doing the actual work.

For example, look at Toyota, considered by many to be the world's most respected automobile manufacturer. Toyota has suggestion boxes all around its facilities, and

its workers have always felt so empowered that they routinely submitted thousands of suggestions to their leadership). Statistically, Toyota management has implemented over 90 percent of these suggestions. These ideas didn't come from Kiichiro Toyoda or Taiichi Ohno, but from the workers on the floor. However, this "willingness to listen to their workers" culture certainly did come from Toyoda and Ohno, as well as other key Toyota leaders. One of their overarching goals is to continuously make every employee at Toyota feel as though they have a huge stake in the success of the company — because they do. Trying to pretend otherwise is inaccurate and diminishes the value of each Toyota employee. No company can succeed without the best efforts of its workforce.

Your organization's success depends on your members. Without an ongoing practice of open communication flowing throughout the unit, especially upward to the supervisors, you'll fall short of where you could have led your team. When folks in your unit truly sense that you want their ideas, you'd be amazed at how many suggestions you'll receive. Admittedly, some thoughts are better than others and I'm not saying you should aim at implementing a certain percentage of them. But without any recommendations flowing upward, your organization will only advance to the degree with which you, alone, can come up with ideas — and that's a scary thought. No matter how smart you are, you and just one other person know more together than you do by yourself. Now think about how much you and your entire organization added together may know. Why would you ever want to close off that additional brainpower?

Here's a personal example of the value of open communication at all levels. When I was commanding the 29th Training Systems Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., I would often be presented with a situation that affected the entire squadron. It could be anything from receiving end-of-year fallout money to potential changes in our mission. Whenever I could, I would gather my key staff, bring up the circumstances, maybe even tell them which way I was leaning, but I wanted to hear their thoughts. One of the things I was most proud of was that team members felt they could earnestly tell me when I was off base. With free-flowing and

honest communication, we would come out with the best plan possible, and often it wasn't anywhere near what I originally entered the meeting with.

We established a climate where everyone knew their ideas would always be valued, and when a team member felt she had a good idea, it was her duty to bring it forth. We also made it clear that while not all recommendations could be implemented, no one was to mock any suggestion or treat anyone's idea with disdain. We all may have experienced this sad practice at one time or another, and the end result is usually a complete shutdown of ideas from the person whose suggestions were ridiculed. To make things even worse, once word gets around, others become leery of providing their ideas because they don't want to suffer the same public embarrassment. This negative trend continues until you have the situation about which Colin Powell warned — leadership meltdown.

Because we were willing to change our minds and go with the suggestions of others, I felt our folks had greater trust in the squadron's leadership. We constantly demonstrated to our team mates that we wanted to hear their suggestions, and if they had better ideas than I did, we'd launch in their recommended direction.

Never was I ever told that the squadron lost faith in me because I didn't make all the decisions by myself. In fact, just the opposite — because I didn't make all the decisions in a vacuum, because we met together to discuss critical decisions affecting the organization, and because all of us were willing to yield to better ideas, the squadron placed the highest level of trust and confidence in our leadership team than ever before, according to previous climate assessment surveys. Leadership was willing to listen ... that's all it took!

Here's an interesting fact about establishing a culture of listening. On those rare occasions where I chose not to go with the recommendations of my experts, they never felt like my trust in them had eroded, and therefore their trust in leadership remained strong. Additionally, whenever I could, I would explain my logic to my team as to why I may have gone a different direction because I didn't want any perception that I was changing the "open and honest communication" philosophy that we worked so hard to create.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Airmen 1st Class Jeremiah Ramos, left, and Brian Gunkel work together in a simulated tunnel near the burn house to save a victim during confined space training April 29.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Wells

# Training never stops for Keesler firefighters



Photo by Kemberly Groue Instructor Craig Nash, left, who doubles as a captain in the Tupelo Fire Department, covers rappelling techniques for controlled descent during rope rescue training April 29 at the burn house with Staff Sgt. Kyle Pourciau, a Keesler firefighter.

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

**Keesler News staff** 

Keesler firefighters finished 90 hours of confined space and rope rescue technician courses May 2.

Spec Rescue International conducted the courses at the burn house near the White Avenue Gate and other confined spaces on base.

The students learned basic knots, harness use, rappelling, basket rescue techniques, atmospheric monitoring, and how to rescue themselves with rope if stairwells are no longer a viable escape option.

This particular training doubled Keesler's ability to respond to any confined space rescue event on or off base, said J.D. Donnett, 81st Training Wing fire chief.

"Because of the burn house, we're able to maintain our readiness and provide the services we provide to Keesler and to the city of Biloxi," said Gary Pierson, Keesler's deputy fire chief.

"Smoke doesn't have to be billowing from the burn house for the firefighters to be training," said Chief Donnett. "If we didn't have that training area, I would have to send my firefighters (on temporary duty) to maintain their certifications. Just like aircrews, we have to train for hundreds of hours for annual proficiency training to maintain our skills."

The burn house gives both Keesler and Biloxi firefighters the ability to learn and maintain skills in many areas such as fighting fires, search and rescue, Jaws of Life training, hazardous materials training and confined space training.

"My goal as a fire chief is to continue to build on the training beyond the normal certifications they would normally receive," said Chief Donnett.

"It's good anytime you can get this scope of training,



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Shawn Edgecomb, a Keesler firefighter, is lifted out of a confined space to become familiar with lines, ropes and other equipment items.

especially being in the Air Force, because we get called to so many different places," said Airman 1st Class Adam Padilla, a Keesler firefighter who participated in the training. "We could use this training for anything."

"Keesler's fire department is a city and an airport fire department," said Chief Donnett. "We have to be capable to respond to any emergency that either a city or an airport would. The training never stops."

# Exercise fine-tunes hurricane preparedness





Photos by Adam Bond

Last week's hurricane exercise tested Keesler's ability to prepare for a storm and evacuate the base if necessary. Left, Staff Sgt. Phillip Lopez, 81st Communications Squadron, stacks sandbags near the entrance of the telephone maintenance building April 30. Top, Staff Sgt. Chris Shivers, left, and Tech. Sgt. Callen Cavinder, 81st CS, board up the building's windows.



Photo by Kemberly Groue Master Sgt. Tony Yaughn, 335th Training Squadron, checks in one of his unit's students, Airman Basic Gregory Clark, to the shelter at Wolfe Hall Friday during the hurricane exercise.

# Instructors earn AETC technical training awards

#### By Susan Griggs

#### **Keesler News staff**

Two Keesler trainers, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Calvert and Mark Kolath, are Air Education and Training Command's technical training award winners for 2007.

Sergeant Calvert, 334th Training Squadron, was the winner in the noncommissioned officer instructor category.

Mr. Kolath, 338th TRS, won in the civilian instructor category.

Sergeant Calvert joined the Air Force in 1990. He's been an instructor in the aerospace control and warning systems course since October 2001, except for a one-year remote tour to Osan Air Base, Korea.

"Sergeant Calvert is No. 1 of 45 NCO instructors," said



**Sergeant Calvert** 

Lt. Col. Doug Chowning, 334th TRS commander. "He is a stellar instructor with exceptional ability and an outstanding leader."

In 2007, Sergeant Calvert

rated an "outstanding" instructor evaluation during the base's operational readiness inspection, earned his master instructor certification and completed training supervisor training.

During a six-month vacancy, Sergeant Calvert served as the instructor supervisor and achieved a 100-percent ontime graduation rate. He oversaw development and validation of a major course rewrite and implemented a student notification system with course information and conditions.

He holds Community College of the Air Force associate degrees in air and space operations technology and instructor of technology and military science and is working toward a bachelor's degree in business at Grantham University.



Mr. Kolath

Mr. Kolath has been at Keesler since 1995. A retired master sergeant, he worked briefly for the Harrison County Sheriff's Department before returning to Keesler in 2001 as a 7-level instructor in the 338th TRS special training and technology flight.

"Mr. Kolath is at the top of the Air Force training ladder," said his squadron commander, Lt. Col. Stacy Yike. "He's a certified master instructor with unparalleled expertise and knowledge in Air Force communication and information management. He's a superb problem solver with dedication and a big-picture view."

He delivered 1,600 training hours, training 352 students with a 100 percent pass rate.

By developing an online course, Mr. Kolath replaced resident training for 1,000 NCOs a year, saving \$3 million in temporary duty costs. He also exported upgrade training materials to three Air National Guard units to train 86 noncommissioned officers.

# Training, Education Notes

#### **HHA scholarships**

May 31 is the deadline to apply for the Swan 38 Memorial Scholarship from the Hurricane Hunters Association.

One or two \$500 scholarships are awarded, depending on funds raised.

For eligibility requirements, call Capt. Kaitlyn McLaughlin, 377-3457, or visit http://www.hurricanehunters.com.

#### Drill downs, parades

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

The schedule:

**Parades** — 9 a.m. May 29; 6 p.m. Aug. 21 and Oct. 16.

**Drill downs** — 6 p.m. July 17, 7 a.m. Sept. 19 and 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

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

#### **Academic counseling**

For college counseling, call 376-8708 or 8710.

# **Training ace**



Senior Airman Elizabeth Gilliam earned a perfect score in the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron. She returns to the 910th Mission Support Squadron, Youngstown Air Reserve Base, Ohio.

# NEWS AND FEATURES







Mr. Mosby



Sergeant Byrd

# Top volunteers recognized

By Susan Griggs

**Keesler News staff** 

Keesler and Biloxi held volunteer recognition ceremonies recently to honor individuals who contributed time and energy to improve their communities.

Capt. Michael Wrey, who's currently deployed, earned special distinction as Biloxi's military volunteer of the year April 30. Two days earlier at the base's volunteer recognition ceremony, the captain was one of two Keesler nominees for the Very Important Patriot Award given by the National Military Family Association.

Gretchen Gorline and Shawn Mosby received the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. The honor recognizes federal civilians, family members and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

Captain Wrey, 334th Training Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Veronica Bird, 335th TRS, are Keesler's VIP nominees. The award honors exceptional volunteer military members and their dependents, retirees and survivors who have improved the quality of life on their base or in neighboring communities.

**Mrs. Gorline,** president of the Keesler Spouses Club, is married to Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Gorline. The Gorlines have been stationed at Keesler four years.

In addition to KSC duties, Mrs. Gorline leads a nondenominational Bible study group and organized a playgroup for mothers of preschoolers. She's a runner who most recently participated in a half-marathon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She was also recognized for a variety of service projects in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

**Mr. Mosby** is a junior at Ocean Springs High School. His mom, Glenda Mosby, is a retired master sergeant.

The 16-year-old is president of Keesler's youth program, TRAIL — Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership. He makes phone

calls to remind teens about meetings and special events, designs posters and flyers and assisted with the October Teen Job Expo.

As a volunteer, Mosby attended training and workshops for paid staff and contributed more than 250 hours for the summer camp program. He assisted with skating parties, open recreation, sewing and cooking clubs and 4-H projects. He's involved with Angel Food distribution missions to provide groceries to needy families.

Captain Wrey has worked with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Biloxi Main Street Organization, Biloxi Seafood Festival, American Heart Association, American Breast Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club of Jackson and George Counties and Biloxi Veterans Association.

The captain participated in squadron holiday parties and was involved in the base's Angel Tree program. He initiated a drive to support the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group's battle injury program to provide flags directly to combat wounded. He also orchestrated a blood drive that collected more than 80 units of blood for the Armed Services Blood Program. Additionally, he was involved in the Air Force Sergeants Association Operation Not Forgotten at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

**Sergeant Bird** contributed 450 hours of volunteer service over the past year. She served her squadron as a income tax assistance representative and led a team of 35 members who worked on seven area landscaping projects for Make a Difference Day.

A Rising VI member, she was a science fair judge at a Biloxi elementary school, a Toys for Tots team member and instructor for an American Red Cross babysitting class. She led a squadron children's clothing drive for an orphanage in Kyrgyzstan. She planned three unit fundraisers, was involved in a holiday dessert project for Keesler students and organized a squadron potluck Easter egg hunt and bowling fundraiser. She also facilitated a program for 30 volunteers to replace the state flags along Larcher Boulevard.

# In the News

## Inns of Keesler phone upgrade

The base lodging operation's phone system is being replaced in the coming weeks with a modern system that's capable of handling the volume that's required for an operation of its size.

System degradation may occur while the project is underway. The project is expected to take at least six weeks.

To reach the lodging office, call 377-3566, Muse Manor front desk; 377-7900, Tyer House front desk; and 377-5859, 9950, 9951 or 9961, reservations office, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, go to http://www.keeslerservices. us and click on the Inns of Keesler link.

### **Community assessment survey**

The 2008 Air Force Community Assessment Survey is under way, according to Maggie Landry, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, chair of the Keesler Integrated Resource Team.

About 150,000 active duty service members, 50,000 Reservists, 9,000 civilians and 160,000 military spouses from each of the 85 Air Force bases worldwide are selected at random to participate.

Notification letters including a link to the Web-based survey are sent to the work e-mail address of military participants. Spouses receive a letter with the Web link.

"The survey is completely anonymous and takes 30 to 40 minutes," Ms. Landry said. "Participants can log off and return to complete the survey as needed."

For more information, call Ms. Landry, 376-3171.

### Tax office open through May

The tax office, Room 229, Sablich Center, is open until May 30 for late filing, amended returns and other business. For appointments, call 376-8141.

### **Cell phone restrictions for drivers**

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

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

#### **Off-limits establishments**

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

### Personnel Notes

## **Retirement applications online**

**Air Force Print News** 

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas —Active-duty retirement applications are processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

To request actions related to retirement, log onto the personal services delivery transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd.

## MyPay item processing

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

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

## Preparing household goods move

**Ensure residence** or pickup location is clean and free of soil and pest infestation.

**Empty, defrost** and thoroughly wash the inside of your refrigerator and freezer.

**Disconnect all** appliances. If shipping or storing a front-loading washer, provide necessary hardware (retaining and shipping bolts).

**Dispose of foods** that could spill or spoil in transit or storage.

Dispose of worn out and unneeded items.

**Safeguard cash,** jewelry and important documents.

**Dismantle outdoor** equipment and structures. Drain all gasoline, oil and water and remove the battery from power equipment.

## **Civilian employment information**

**Air Force Personnel Center** 

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

## Career job reservations available

**Air Force Personnel Center** 

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Most first-term Airmen serving in nine Air Force Specialty Codes are eligible to apply for a career job reservation.

Airmen serving in the 2A0X1D, 2A5X3D, 2E0X1, 2M0X2, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E2X1 or 3E3X1 AFSCs are granted a career job reservation regardless of their window of eligibility.

Airmen who've already applied for and signed their approved retraining are excluded from this opportunity, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

For more information or to apply, eligible Airmen should contact their base military personnel flight. Consideration isn't automatic.

## One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or going online to http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/.

#### Web site for retirees

**Air Force Print News** 

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force has a new Web site just for its retiree community.

The Air Force Retiree Services site is located at http://www.retirees.af.mil/.

# 'Enlisted Perspective' highlights first shirts

**Air Force Print News** 

SAN ANTONIO — In his latest "Enlisted Perspective," the Air Force's top enlisted Airman discusses the opportunities and fulfillment of being an Air Force first sergeant.

"The job isn't an easy one; its 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and yet one of the most fulfilling positions a senior enlisted Airman can hold in the Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

"Key adviser to the commander on enlisted matters, the first sergeant ensures the safety, morale and welfare of enlisted Airmen and their families. This duty is vital to our ability to develop and care for our most precious asset — our Airmen," he said.

The chief said the career field is always looking for uniquely qualified master sergeants who are extremely motivated to make a difference.

The requirements for this three-year minimum tour are a passing score on the fitness test; no negative quality force indicators; be a master sergeant upon academy attendance; Senior NCO Academy completed by correspondence or in residence; and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively.

Selection and approval is required through the member's immediate chain of command as well as the wing commander and command chief master sergeant.

This "Enlisted Perspective" and other senior leader viewpoints can be found on the library section of Air Force Link

# **D**RAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt. Darian Miller

**Position** — noncommissioned officer in charge of the international military student office

**Unit** — 81st Training Support Squadron

**Time in Air Force** — 13 years, 8 months

Time at Keesler — 20 months

**Hometown** — Marion, S.C.

**Noteworthy** — As the "go-to guy" for international students at Keesler, he ensures their needs are handled promptly.

Why did you join the Air Force? travel opportunities

What are your shortand long-term goals? short-term, to finish my Community College of the Air Force degree; longterm, to obtain my bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

What are your hobbies? fishing, bowling and spending time with my family

Your favorite quote? "The best way out is always through." — Robert Frost

# **DIAMOND NOTES**

People don't plan to fail —
they fail to plan.
Plan your work,
work your plan
and you will succeed.

— Senior Master Sgt. John Geboy, 336th Training Squadron first sergeant



**Sergeant Geboy** 



# **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

May 1, 1944

The 3704th Army Air Forces Base Unit (Technical School and Basic Training Center) activated as Keesler's host unit.

# 2 lieutenants are picked for promotion

Two Keesler first lieutenants have been selected for promotion by the P0307D board.

They are Dean Dore, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and Kelly Levens, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



**Photos by Kemberly Groue** 

Staff Sgt. Rick Blayney, left, and Tech. Sgt. Emanuel Lopez, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, lay pipe in the ground inside of Magnolia Dining Facility May 1. Blocked, corroded cast-iron sewage pipes are being replaced. As of Monday, the team has repaired the damaged drain lines and is cleaning and inspecting remaining drains and backfilling the trenches.



Senior Airman Matthew Griffin, 81st CES, dumps dirt shoveled from trenches where pipe is being laid.

# Getting down and dirty **Base civil engineers** demonstrate perseverance as pipe project escalates



Senior Airman Lloyd Sheteron, 81st CES, shovels dirt away from the new pipe being installed. Options to repair the facility's floors are now being evaluated.



Captain Riddle performs a preflight inspection of a Cessna 172 Skyhawk at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport Saturday. The CAP recently began its annual Sundown Patrol missions to search the Mississippi coast each weekend for boaters and swimmers in distress.

# Civil Air Patrol begins annual shoreline vigil

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

**Keesler News staff** 

Keesler members may not know it, but when they're out swimming, boating or enjoying Mississippi's coast, there's a watchful eye in the sky to ensure they get home safely.

The Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron recently began its annual Sundown Patrol missions.

CAP volunteers conduct an aerial patrol of the Mississippi shoreline, the offshore islands and the water in between the two. The CAP's mission is to locate and identify watercraft or people that may be experiencing difficulty on or around the offshore islands and the coastal waters of Mississippi. Once a distressed party is identified, the CAP calls the coordinates in to the Coast Guard. The aircraft then circles the vessel in distress until a rescue team arrives.

The local CAP patrols the coast on weekends and holidays for a few hours before sundown from mid-April until November. The CAP is responsible for 95 percent of all federal search and rescue support, according to the Civil Air Patrol's official Web site, www.cap.gov.

The CAP is the official auxiliary of the Air Force and is a volunteer, nonprofit organization open to both civil-



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

First Lt. Monte David, CAP Diamondhead Composite Squadron pilot, checks the aircraft's fuel for water during the preflight inspection of the Cessna 172 Skyhawk.

ian and military members. The group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Hangar 3 at the corner of Phantom Street and Hangar Road.

Keesler youth ages 12-18 can attend meetings if they are interested in becoming a cadet. If they join before age 18, they can remain cadets until they turn 21. They earn promotions through physical and written

tests, participation in squadron activities and demonstrating the maturity to accept more responsibility.

Membership benefits include opportunities to apply for private pilot training, cadet-orientation flights on the Cessna 172 Skyhawk or 182 Skylane, aerospace education, scholarships and advanced placement to the rank of airman first class in the Air Force once a certain level of training is met, according to Capt. Keith Riddle, the squadron's director of operations.

Adults can join, too, and prior military service or special skills aren't required.

"Benefits for adults include the opportunity to fly — I fly on search and rescue, counterdrug and disaster relief missions," said Captain Riddle. "I contributed 47 volunteer hours during Hurricane Katrina. Our ground teams were positioned along the coast and we went door-to-door in areas that had lost all forms of communication.

"I didn't have the opportunity to serve in the armed forces and the CAP has provided me with an excellent opportunity to contribute to the Air Force," he added.

In addition to the Sundown Patrol, CAP provides many other services to both the base and the community.

"The CAP is always looking for ways to partner with the Air Force mission here," said Capt. Ted West, Air Force liaison to the CAP at Keesler. "They're eager to help out with any large-scale event, such as with the Boy Scout Camporee and Special Olympics."

For more information on joining or volunteering with CAP, call 377-8785.

# Traveling to Olympics? Be prepared for safe trip

By Maj. (Dr.) Robert Holmes

#### 81st Medical Operations Squadron

The 2008 Olympic Games are expected to draw millions of visitors to China in August.

While new and unique experiences can be fun and exciting, international travel and unfamiliar environments may be associated with physical and emotional stressors.

China has been scrutinized for heavy environmental and air pollution and lack of a public health system. August in northeastern China is hot and humid, often with severe storms, lightning and flood risks. Smoking is ubiquitous and, until recently, there have been few traffic safety laws.

The Chinese government is striving to improve conditions, including new legislation, cultural education and disease reporting. Reduced vehicular traffic is scheduled for August and many factories in Beijing will close or cut emissions. Restaurants passing safety inspections will be identified. Blood banking, pharmaceutical stocking and emergency medical teams and hospitals are being arranged. Public spitting and smoking are being discouraged and communicable diseases are now tracked by a fledgling public health system.

Keesler's travel medicine clinic may be a valuable part of travel preparation. Appointments are encouraged at least one month prior to travel. Travelers should bring immunization records, medical history, medication list and a detailed itinerary, including dates of travel, places visiting, accommodations expected and activities planned.

The clinic is in Keesler Medical Center on the basement level near the emergency department, across the hall from flight medicine and public Health.

For appointments and more information, call 376-3550.



**Major Latham** 

# Medic serves special duty in Romania

#### By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Maj. (Dr.) Kerry Latham, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron plastic surgeon, recently returned from a unique temporary duty assignment.

She was in Bucharest, Romania, April 18-26 serving on a Defense Institute of Medical Operations mission.

The major was a member of an eight-person team consisting of four doctors and four medical technicians and paramedics.

They taught 48 students a first responders combat casualty course, the first DIMO course to be conducted in that eastern European nation

"I gave lectures and was an instructor in all the hands-on training," Major Latham explained. "I was one of two surgeons teaching the course and the only member from Keesler."

The course included lectures on first-responder management of airway, breathing, circulation, triage, transport, buddy care, burn management, management of extremity injuries as well as echelons of care.

In addition to lectures,

# Medic,

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hands-on training including a suture skills lab, a practical lab where students intubated dummies and started IVs, a live-animal lab for emergency airway surgery, emergency venous access procedures, needle and tube decompression of collapsed lungs, life-saving chest and abdomen surgeries, as well as laceration repair.

"The grand finale was a simulated mass-casualty scenario with moulage patients, triage exercises and a simulated battalion aid station," Major Latham pointed out. "All the students completed the course and gained tremendous skills. This was my first DIMO mission and I would like to do many more. The Romanian students were excellent pupils and hospitable hosts."

# Strong security, detective work lead to gate-runner's arrest

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

**Keesler News staff** 

Each time 81st Security Forces Squadron members remove their weapons from the armory, the possibility exists that they may have to use them.

This is exactly what Airman 1st Class Michelle Alomia had to consider April 22 while assigned to Entry Control Point 7, the Pass Road Gate. In her first month of on-the-job training, she said she was forced to rely on what she has been taught so far.

Airman Alomia said she saw a car run through the Pass Road gate and strike the metal bollard (used to prevent unauthorized entries), causing it to become a projectile.

"I went to Officer (Christopher) D'Amore (Southeast Protective Services, Inc.) because he was down and was trying to get up. I saw the bollard hit him, and he thought it was the car's fender that hit him," she said. "Every day this is a possibility—a gate run, but I have been trained on what to do," she said.

Mr. D'Amore was taken to the emergency room where he was treated for a broken leg.

Airman Alomia watched the vehicle speed down Ploesti Drive when she debated on whether to open fire, she said.

"Should I engage or not? The proper use of force is a big thing in security forces," she said. "It happened so fast."

Airman Alomia said she ultimately decided not to use her weapon because the suspect was too far away, and the flightline, base housing and student dormitories were all in her field of fire. If she did shoot but missed, the bullet could have injured or killed an innocent person, she said.

"For this young Airman to have had to make a choice like that with only one month on the job, and for her to make the right choice, is a testimony to security forces training and her judgment," said Maj. Joseph Musacchia, 81st SFS com-

"We have a lot of young people stepping up to the plate doing the right thing at the right time, showing the warrior ethos."

— Major Musacchia

mander. "We have a lot of young people stepping up to the plate doing the right thing at the right time, showing the warrior ethos."

The situation was turned over to Tech. Sgt. Michael Munyon, 81st SFS, when he received a call on the radio to respond to an alleged gaterunner. Security forces members were dispatched to housing areas, the marina and the flightline where they continued with sector searches. They utilized all technology, resources and capabilities

available to them such as military working dogs, thermal imagers mounted on vehicles and night vision goggles, said Major Musacchia.

"Sergeant Munyon had to make a tactical decision —how many forces he could allocate and where," said Major Musacchia. "He had to decide whether this was a criminal or a terrorist act. He cannot dedicate all of his forces to one sector when the suspect's location is unknown."

Security forces discovered an abandoned vehicle near the

golf course and determined the suspect was on foot, according to Major Musacchia. Daniel Burruss, 81st SFS investigator, said he found alcohol, construction hard hats, a Mexican calling card and Mexican newspapers in the vehicle.

After gathering evidence and using many modern policing techniques, security forces personnel determined the suspect was no longer on the installation and no longer posed a threat to Keesler members, said Major Musacchia.

Investigator Burruss said

he used clues he found in the abandoned vehicle to track down the suspect, including fingerprints on the beer bottles. There were five key pieces of information, leading to five different individuals, none of whom turned out to be the suspect, he said.

Investigator Burruss aggressively pursued the leads, putting together the evidence like pieces of a puzzle. Through creative interviewing techniques and the hard work of Investigator Burruss, security forces were able to locate and apprehend the suspect within 48 hours of the alleged incident, said Major Musacchia.

The suspect is now in the custody of the U. S. Marshals Service at the Harrison County Detention Center, awaiting trial.

"I feel relieved he got caught," said Airman Alomia. "We had great teamwork — no one did it by themselves. I am more confident because I experienced a real situation. I am better prepared now, but because of my training, I knew what to do."

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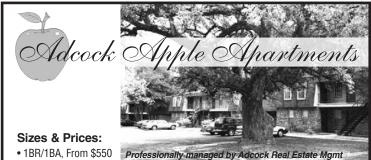
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## KEESLER NOTES

#### **Support group**

The next session of the breastfeeding support group is 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Room BF-402, Keesler Medical Center.

For more information, call 376-3121.

#### **Airmen's Attic hours**

Airmen's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-5 p.m. Fridays during May and June.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Steven Dickinson, 377-3814.

#### Vehicle sale

A non-appropriated fund vehicle sealed bid sale continues through May 15.

The five vehicles have data sheets in the driver's window and can be viewed at the auto hobby shop back lot during normal operating hours. For information, call 377-3872.

Bids are delivered 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays through May 14, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15, to Room 5426, Locker House, Building 3101.

Printed bids must contain bid amount, bidder's name and local contact phone number.

All sales are final. Cash, money orders or cashier's checks are accepted, but not personal checks or credit cards. Vehicles must be moved by May 29.

#### **Squadron picnic**

The 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron's annual squadron picnic is May 23. Minimal manning begins at 11:30 through close of business.

Also, the ammunition flight is closed during the period, but a point of contact can be reached at 697-1853.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Patrick Key, 377-2573.

#### Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge and Pinehaven, with Tuesday as the recycling day. Items must be at the curb by 6 a m

For more information, call 377-2781 or 8612.

#### **Audiology clinic**

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

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

#### **Patients sought**

The pediatric dentistry

clinic seeks patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Eligible are children ages 4-12. Patients must be available Thursday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5144.

#### **Thrift shop hours**

The thrift shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

#### **Auditions**

Wall Studio is conducting auditions for people to go on camera for a series of video projects in support of the 81st Training Group.

Positions are open to military members and civilians.

For more information and to schedule an audition, call Bruce Norton, 377-2793.

#### Data disposal

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

#### **Zero overpricing**

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil.

#### **Child care**

The family child care program is available to all activeduty military, Defense Department civilians including nonappropriated fund, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees and others who support the base mission.

To assist with finding a FCC provider, the staff prepares monthly listings of all current licensed providers.

For more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

# **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

# Nwaelele is his name, basketball is his game

#### **By Senior Airman Carlos Rodriguez**

**Keesler Public Affairs** 

Standing on the Dragon Fitness Center basketball court while talking to this reporter April 29, Onyenma "Danny" Nwaelele tossed a behindthe-back pass off the backboard and into the basket — on his first attempt.

The 81st Contracting Squadron contract specialist was giving an abject lesson in why he's a gold medal-winning basketball player.

Nwaelele received the gold medal at last month's International Military Sports Council Basketball Championships at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, as the first-team shooting guard of the U.S. Armed Forces basketball team.

In March, Nwaelele helped the Air Force team win the Armed Forces men's title.

The honors were just the most recent in a long line of basketball achievements. A cursory Internet search on Nwaelele finds results from the National Basketball Association's official website, sportsillustrated.com and the startling revelation that this unassuming young man from Washington state was even offered a two-year contract by the San Antonio Spurs.

Nwaelele was born in Oklahoma City in 1984 to Nigerian parents before he and his family moved to the small town of Bothell, just north of Seattle, when he was 5 years old. It was here that Nwaelele's interest in the game first blossomed.

"T've been playing basketball since about the sixth grade," said Nwaelele. "(And I've played) pretty much continuously since the age of 12."

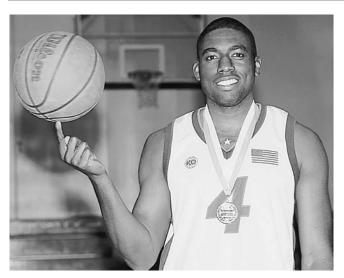
Because of his prodigious talent and knack for putting the ball in the hole, Nwalele was recruited straight from high school by the Air Force Academy on a scholarship to play for their hoops team.

"I looked at joining the Air Force as a great opportunity to both play basketball and to get an education," said Nwaelele.

While playing college ball for the Air Force Falcons, Nwaelele accumulated an impressive list of athletic achievements. According to NBA.com, Nwaelele made the All-Mountain West Conference team in both his junior and senior years and

Nwaelele drives past Lamar Roberson during a game between the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the Air Force Academy, Feb. 20, 2007. Nwaelele made the All-Mountain West Conference team in 2006 and 2007 and was offered a two-year contract by the San Antonio Spurs.

Photo by Master Sgt. Robert Valenca



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

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— Nwaelele

set an academy record of 29 consecutive free throws. He was the first Falcon since 1999 to post back-to-back 26-point games and ranks in the top 20 on the academy's all-time lists for free-throw percentage, three-point percentage and scoring.

After graduation last summer with a bachelor's degree in social sciences, Nwaelele found himself headed to Keesler for his first assignment. It was in Mississippi that he first heard about the Armed Forces team and the IMSCBC tournament at Lackland.

"I was new to the Air Force, so it was my first time on the team," said Nwaelele.

The U.S. team was undefeated in the tournament for its first title since 1998. Nwaelele was the U.S. team's highest-scoring player with an average of 17.5 points per game and was named to the all-tournament team.

"It was pretty hard for the other teams to compare to us in terms of talent and skill," said Nwaelele.

"Capitalizing on fast breaks and overall defense was key in helping us win."

Extra motivation for Nwaelele came from the fact that the team's coaches, T.L. Albers and John Bailey, had never won the tournament, despite being involved for many years.

"We were trying also to get the golds for the coaches, so to actually win made us all feel good," he said.

Nwaelele plans on playing for the base team this year and also hopes to return for the U.S. Armed Forces team in next year's championships.

"Hopefully next time around, the USA can win gold again," he said.

Get fit — don't quit!

A 5-kilometer run kicked off the base's fitness expo May 1. For race winners, see Scores and More, 25.



# Expo sharpens fitness focus



Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee Wendy Cleland, left, talks with Alice Bacon, 81st Mission Support Group, about the importance of comfortable shoes for fitness workouts.



Jessica Woodruff, airman and family readiness center, samples a custom spray tan offered by Scotty Berkowitz, one of the vendors demonstrating products at the expo.



Photos by Kemberly Groue Chris Wegner, 81st Contracting Squadron, rolls a ball around cones while wearing "drunk goggles" during the dizzy obstacle course for commanders on the Blake Fitness Center grounds.

## **Scores and More**

#### **Bowling**

League	standings
Monday	Budweiser

Monday Dudweiser		
(as of April 28)		
Team	Won	Lost
Wayne's World	121	75
Perry's Refrigeration	117	79
Our Gang	114	82
Man On	112	84
Old Skool	111	85
3 Steps Forward	111	85
Gannon's Cannons	106.5	89.5
Why Not	103	93
Hoops Gang	99	97
Slater's Shooters	95	101
Team 2	93	103
Ghost Riders	92	104
Pin Heads	90	106
The Corner Pins	88	108
Endangered Species	84.5	111.5
Martini's	78	118
B-Busters	78	118
Unpredictables	69	127

## **Tuesday Hospital Mixed** (Final)

Team	Won	Lost
Bed Buddies	166	58
Pill Pushers	159	65
Radiology Renegades	159	65
Pediattack	136	88
Drug Dealers	126	98
Team 6	32	176
Team 8	26	198
Team 7	16	2.08

## Wednesday Mixed (Final)

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	137	73
Jokers Wild	123	87
3DR	120	90
Clyde's Crew	117	93
Hang Chucky	117	93
Ichiban	116	94
Misfits	115	95
2 Old 2 Bowl	109	101
MUDD	107.5	102.5
Lucky Strikes	96	114
70s Plus	86	121
Neighbors + 1	88.5	121.5
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**High average** — Mike Foster, men, 199; Gilda Davis, women, 174.

## Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of May 1)

Won	Lost
141.5	82.5
132	92
123	101
122.5	101.5
120	104
116	108
115.5	108.5
114	110
113.5	110.5
113	111
110	114
105	119
102	122
100	124
99	125
98.5	125.5
98	126
92.5	131.5
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# Thursday Federal Intramural (as of April 24)

Team	Won	Lost
85th EIS	164	84
Team 5	157	91
Team 3	153	96
332nd TRS	148	100
Team 14	142	106

81st CPTS	136	110
403rd Rolling Thunder	134	114
338th TRS	131	117
403rd MXS	126	122
Team 4	124	124
Misfits	116	132
81st TRSS	116	132
GCCS Squad	111	137
Team 10	106	142
81st MSS	94	154
Ghosts	16	232

#### Friday Mixed

(Final)		
Team	Won	Lost
Lady and the Tramps	141	76
Team 10	141	76
Team 3	119	98
Sandbaggers	114	103
Jax Hax	114	103
Harry's Team	98	119
3 Guys and A Babe	97	120
Pin Busters	96	121
Pin Pals	91	126
Dreamers	74	143

**High average** — Terry King, men, 212; Linda Durbin, women, 188.

#### Other

Mother's Day special — Sunday. Mothers bowl for \$1.50 a game, limit three games.

Armed Forces Day special — 1-7 p.m. May 17, active duty military show their identification card and bowl one free game including bowling shoes.

**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.

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.

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

**Hurricane alley, fundraisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

#### **Fitness centers**

Slugfest V — 7 p.m. Friday, Hangar 4. Light, middle and heavyweight divisions for men; women's divisions to be announced. Cash prizes, entertainment between rounds, food and beverages available. Tickets \$15 (on-base price reflects military discount), \$225 for reserved tables of 10, \$250 ringside tables of 10. Sponsored by Rex Distributing and presented by Bomber Productions. For more information, call 377-3705.

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

## **Bowling benefit**



Photo by Kemberly Groue Heidi Gygi, 81st Training Support Squadron, is one of more than 130 people who bowled in the May 1 Special Olympics fundraiser at Gaudé Lanes. The event raised more than \$1,500 to help offset the cost of hosting the competition. Keesler hosts the 40th anniversary games May 16-18.

**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. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

#### Golf

Golfing for wellness — today through May 31. Golfers receive an award at Blake Fitness Center each time they walk a round of golf at Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Free beginners golf clinics — 1 p.m. Saturday or May 17 for first-term airmen only. Clubs and ball provided. Limit 10 per session. Preregistration required.

Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce annual tournament — 12:30 p.m. shotgun start May 23,

Bay Breeze Golf Course. Registration deadline May 16. Twenty Keesler teams available; first-come, first-serve, must sign up as twosomes. \$50 per player in advance includes green fees, carts, prizes, food and beverages, giveaways and two mulligans.

To register, e-mail tama.manu@keesler.af.mil or billy.bell2@keesler.af.mil, or call 424-0479. or 377-3832.

**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**

**Back Bay fishing trip** — Saturday andMay 24. Call for time. \$15 per person; minimum four, maximum seven people; Mississippi license needed.

Mother's Day special — Sunday; 10 percent discount on boat rentals.

**Swimming lessons registration**—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through May 15, outdoor recreation. Sessions begin in June.

**Base pools** — open May 24. Call for schedule and fees.

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

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

May fish of the month — weigh heaviest ground mullet, take home \$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.

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.

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

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses.

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

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

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

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

#### **Paintball**

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

#### Running

**Spring Fling 5-kilometer run** 

#### Men

Overall — Jeremy Gorline, chapel, 18:15.

Age 18-29 — Adrian Peppers, 475th CPTS, 21:19; George Williams, 81st AMDS, 28:36; Anthony Pickett, 2nd Air Force, 29:21

2nd Air Force, 29:21.

Age 30-39 — Gabe Browning, 2nd Air Force, 22:15; Troy Kauffman, 81st TRSS, 23:03; Joel Zastrow, 81st TRSS, 24:54.

Age 40-49 — Gerald Cross, 335th TRS, 21:31; Jimmie Rice, 81st TRSS, 24:01; Ed Crews, 335th TRS, 24:47.

Age 50+ — George Cooper, 2nd Air Force, 28:17; Doug Watson, 81st TRSS, 31:16; Mike Iovieno, retiree, 42:28.

#### Women

**Overall** — Amy Gilliland, 2nd Air Force, 24:13.

Age 18-29 — Chrissy Turnipseed, 81st MDOS, 38:10; Ashley Iovieno, 81st MDOS, 42:27.

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Age 30-39 — Maria McElroy,
2nd Air Force, 24:48; Nicole
Pearson, 26:46; Maria Robles, 81st
MDOS, 31:34.

#### Softball

'May-Pay-Day' tournament — Saturday, Triangle fields; Friday is deadline for entry fees. Home run derby \$6 for 10 hits; tournament \$125 per team. Sponsored by Keesler men's varsity team. For more information, call Joe Hudson, 376-3141 or e-mail joseph. hudson@keesler.af.mil.

**Women's varsity team** — is recruiting players. For more information, call Jody Deknikker, 377-0222 or 376-6354.

Men's varsity team — for team information, e-mail joseph.hudson@keesler.af.mil, or call 860-8040.

#### **Youth center**

Free track and field day — 3-7 p.m. May 22, youth athletic fields. Fun competitions, games, T-shirts, prizes and refreshments.

# **DIGEST**

## **Honors**

#### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Ashley Banta, Andrew Bennett, Paul Berry, Kenneth Breneman, Jacob Carlson, Christopher Carron, Lauren Chong, Nathan Cortes, Robert Crosier, Blane Defriend, Dylon Dickinson, Dustin Dopson, Stalling Duenas, Daniel Etzkorn, Charles Foster, Theodroe Griffin, Bryce Higley, Daniel Jacobson, Carlos Jimenez, Alex Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Jordan Lydy, Jeffrey Miller, Joshua Miller, Christopher Patricelli, Paul Pittman, William Poole, Angus Quaid, Christopher Saenz, Timothy Sawvel, Deric Scott, Luke Servas, Mark Shelton, Matthew Simpson, Andrew Trainer, Kyle Tyler, Andrew Trussell, Corey Vial, Daevon Wall, Ashley Wiggins, Zachary Wooters, Jeremy Young and Cory Zylstra; Airmen William Bryant, Armando Castro, Nathan Coley, Emanuele Galluzzo, Alexander Hand, Caleb Johnson, John Laux, Drew Manoram, Justin Marsh, Devin Martin, Malcom McKnight, Joseph Simmons, John Tkach, Vincent Tudela, Christopher Wheatley and Ryan Yeager; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Barnt, Alexander Bode, Andre Callway, Dane Casson, Alexandro Carmona, Levi Chism, Robert Crow, Jody Cruz, Jarred Degeyter, Stephen Drollinger, Tyler Eggold, Kenneth Fredell, Matthew Fitkin, Cody Foltz, Adam Franz, Brendon Fuqua, Richard Goheen, Trinta Gutierrez, David Harrison, Robert Herndon, Delvon Hilliard, Zachary Hughes, Andrew Krebs, Michael Kretschmer, Philip Lawson, Joshua Lehman, Alisa Lowry, Whitney Maloney, Patrick Martin, Juan Miranda, Joseph Moody, Ryan Nagano, Joseph Pecora, Jeffery Phillips, Michael Ramsey, Casey Rickles, Christopher Russek, John Schofield, Kimberly Scott, Erica Shark-Thomas, Steven Sihrer, Josiah Smith, James Twidt, Casey Volk, Joshua Wilkinson and Kyla Yates; Senior Airmen Dillin Nickson, Brian Olsen, Michael Parodi, Nathan Smith, Joshua Ratcliff, Jonathan Voyles and Derek Webb; Staff Sgts. Patrick Donohue, Telshaun Davis, Jeremy Marcotte and Shane Rehm; Tech. Sgts. Craig Bailey and George Mahanna; Master Sgts. Juma AlBulushi and Steven Kubera; Chief Warrant Officer 4 YanalSalah Taimour; Cpl. Brett Jordan; Capt. Wesam AbuHazeem.

#### 334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Laury Benge, Cody Caughron, Ryan Connors, Eric Durbin, Wilbur Griffin, Kelley Hutto, Taylor Johnson,

# **CHAPEL SERVICES**

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

#### **Protestant**

Sunday worship
Larcher Chapel traditional service8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel serviceNoon

#### **Roman Catholic**

Sunday Mass	
Triangle Chapel	9 a.m.
Weekday Mass	
Medical Čenter 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.

Samantha Kelso, Amber Martin, Joseph Mueller, Roberto Muniz-Yun, Sean Neilan, David O'Connell, Jordan Odell, Dwayne Robert, Armando Sandoval, Brandon Smith, James Soto and Sara Stockinger; Airmen Sean Greenweel, Bryan Lemire and Erik Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Tiffany Adams, Katherine Bainey, Kevin Bryant, Bruce Cohoon, Micheal Grzybek, Chase Ribble, Arlington Terry, Stephen Vanhooser and Andrae Williams; Senior Airmen Lucas Kelsey and Justin Underdown; Tech. Sgt. Paul Quinn; Capt. Miroslav Burcik.

Command post apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Jessica Robillard; Senior Airman Melissa Eklund; Staff Sgts. Charles Hageman, Bruce Hedrick, William Sherman and Angela Tate; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Morrissey, Mark Schmidt, David Strampe, Eugene Skidmore and Marvin Thompson.

#### **335th TRS**

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Atkinson, Paul Bindner, Gregory Clark, Amanda Compton, Tiffany Holmes, Felicia Lorocco, Margaret Prokop and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Crystol Cotton and Willie Hogan; Airmen 1st Class Marcus Ayala, Nicholas Gidaly, Miguel Gonzalez, Fritz Julian, Jeremy McCray, Corrine Miller, Tobey Newby, Clinton Pettey, Mark Rosone, Christina Sanchez, Jaclyn Scott, Jason Wiggins and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airmen Mildred Cassidy, Nicholas Gould, Christopher Lucskay and Kenneth McLean; Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Brooks, Alisha Caton, Samantha Hren, James Moore, Jaime Roberts, Rhonda Souter, Kayci Speer and Stephen Swanson; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dreibelbis.

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Jason Fisher, Jason Majerus, Justin Moran, Caroline Petty and Steven Zosso; Airmen Basic Brandon Awalt, Carey Bowman, Charles Colclasure, Andrea Cruz, Timothy Higgs, Darrel Horton, Brandon Howe, Damien Lee, Clayton Legare, Patrick Marable, Jacob March, Edward Schafer, Bryan Smith, Rudy Vogel, Amy Welsh, Victor White and Makenna Williams; Navy Airmen Apprentice Soweto Hawkins and Lacilee Mitchell; Airmen Ashely Carpenter, Nick Elwell, Corey Hall, Brent Prazak and Sam Tompkins; Marine Pfc. Lawrence Abee, Francisco Agosto-Lopez, Luke Peterson and Ryan Westforth; Navy Airmen Vince Berry, Zachary Boyer, Matthew Lobaugh, Josh Lothyan and Sharon Smith; Airmen 1st Class Winston Alspaugh, Christopher Gwerder, Marc Harrison, Aaron Hero, Patricia Holowitz, Jessica Jordan, Jared Lindley, Blake Medler, Cody Nichols, Sara Snaderson, Amanda Stephens and Julio Torres; Marine Lance Cpls. James Bragg and James Pratt; Marine Cpl. Michael Haas; Senior Airmen Thomas Teckmyer and Jill Thompson; Marine Sgts. Jessica Cavender, Kenneth Pullum and James Scott; Staff Sgts. Adam Garcia, Yvonne Hartshorn, Adam Hernandez and Jennifer Thompson; Tech. Sgts. Judy Foley, Angelique Gunton, Brian Roell and Thomas Weideman; Coast Guard 1st Class Marine Technician Nathan Hatfield.

#### **336th TRS**

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Jeffrey Boggus, Christopher Crowe, Charles Handley, Andrew Harpole and Nicholas McVay; Senior Airmen Angela Moyler and Paul Wilson; Staff Sgt. Darilyn Lee; Tech. Sgts. Jodi Habbinger, Christina Locker and Kevin Pullum; Master Sgts. Timmy Burget, Joanne Edwards and Kevin Monahan; Senior Master Sgt Ronald Glazer.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Bradley Allen, Brent Dority, Joshua Gonzales, Stephanie Harris, Kendall Haynes, Ernest Leon, Jerell Leonard, Kemi Onojobi, Richard Phillips, Christopher Redman, Phillip Sekula and Deric Wilson; Airmen Cara Bellerose, Samuel Cox, Kristen Lorena, David Su and Brittnay Waite; Airmen 1st Class Luke Bullard, Nicholas Campbell, Adam Falcsik, Tyler Gibson, Timothy Guerin, Mercy Mamman, Matthew Martinez, Sean O'Daniel, Krystal Rains, Charkara Reeves, Joshua Russell, Troy Scarborough, Alicia Saikeo, Christopher Shaad, Nathan Shideler, Steven Su and George Walker; Senior Airmen Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Kelly Saunders, Caleb Sears, Juan Gonzalez-Seda, William Stevenson, Joshua Surrat, Nathan Svenkerud, Timothy Turner and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts Donald Abell, Carmelo Arroyo, Chad Clark, Kevin Cornish, Christopher Day, Shawn Dillard, Mark Jackson, Tajaric McGee, Dylan Turner and Daniel West; Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey March; Master Sgts. Dwayne McKinney and Lane Philbeck; Senior Master Sgt. Hervey Carraway; Maj. Mohamed Sarhan; Joan Fruendt.

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# SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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Minut	tes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30	332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31	338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32	Welch Auditorium
:04	:34	AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38	Thomson Hall
:09	:39	New Cody Hall
:11	:41	Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42	Rental store
:13	:43	Shaw House
:14	:44	Old base exchange
:15	:45	McBride Library
:16	:46	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47	Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48	Sablich Center
:19	:49	Dental clinic
:20	:50	Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51	Base operations
:22	:52	Hangar 4

# Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
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: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

Call vehicle operations, 377-2432, to coordinate taxi service to and from the base.

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.

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#### **338th TRS**

**Airfield systems** — Airmen 1st Class Erik Gallegos, Joshua Mathes, Jessica Yeadon and William Schull; Staff Sgt. Rickie Roque; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Asuncion.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Jonathan Johnson and Randall Pierce; Airmen Kelly Darr and Jones Gold; Airmen 1st Class Donald Arceneaux, Kevin Kruse and Joseph McCauley; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Sarah Imhauser, Zachary Nuss, and Alexander Rowe; Airmen Derrick Dickerson, Alexander Hennen, Randy Martinez, James Reynolds, Nathaniel Robinson, Thomas Schaffer, and Josiah Schmidt; Airmen 1st Class Cory Baker, Corey Benford, Isaac Butler, David Franklin, David Huntsberger, James Johnson, Andrew Lavender, Sean McVeigh, Joshua Meyers, Christopher Mica, Robert Morris, Edgar Nunez, Lauren Persico, Adam Roush, Derrick Tuomi, Zachary Wagner, and Nickolas Youmans; Staff Sgts. Daniel Blanco, Joshua Henley, and Jessica Reynolds; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tribelli.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Luwed Cifuentes, Vincent Clark, and Mathew Golden; Airmen Zachary Gray, Donald Langley, Christopher Powell and Phillip Stone; Airmen 1st Class Emanuel Cargle and Kyle Dresen; Senior Airman Richard Tomasso; Staff Sgts. Christopher Anders, James Boney, Shawn Stine, and Terence Smith; Tech. Sgts. Mohammad Ali, Mathew Artis, Travis Christiansen and William Patton; Master Sgts. Kevin Bengs and Stephen Burris.

## **CLASSES**

#### **Airman Leadership School**

Class 08-4 — graduates May 21.

#### **Keesler NCO Academy**

Class 08-4 — graduates May 22.

#### Airman and family readiness center

**Caregiving seminar** — 5:15-7 p.m. today, Triangle Chapel Annex.

**Build a strong credit history** — 11 a.m. to noon today, Room 108B, Sablich Center, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. To register, call 376-8728.

**Get the best car deal** — 11 a.m. to noon May 15, Room 108B, Sablich Center, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. To register, call 376-8728.

**Build a budget and gain financial peace of mind** — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 22, Room 108B, Sablich Center, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. To register, call 376-8728.

**How identity thieves get your information** — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 29, Room 108B, Sablich Center, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. To register, call 376-8728.

#### Arts and crafts center

#### Multi-craft shop

**Summer craft camp** — 12:30-4 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 3-July 24, ages 8 and older. New craft each week. \$28.50 weekly includes all supplies and daily snack. Sign up for individual weeks or entire session. Space limited.

**Ceramics technique** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Learn to paint with certified Duncan instructor. No prior ceramic experience needed. Call for more information.

**Pottery wheel** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17. \$40 includes 5 pounds of clay and project firing. Bring a bag lunch. Must preregister.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 24. \$25 including mold use, all supplies and first firing. Learn to cast ceramics and the use of different paints for finishing techniques.

#### Wood shop

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

**Beginning intarsia** — one-day class, 10 a.m. May 24. \$15 including project and tool use for cutting and shaping pieces of

wood in decorative patterns for wall hangings.

**Advanced intarsia** — one-day class, 10 a.m. May 17 or 31. \$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.

#### Auto hobby shop

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

**Auto cruise-in show** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. youth obstacle course and 2 p.m. cruise in Triangle area. Registrations being accepted from auto and motorcycle hobbyists and youth bikers. Door prizes, giveaways, food available for purchase.

**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.

**Qualified mechanics** — can assist with vehicle maintenance. **Oil collection site** — for personal vehicles.

#### **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

#### Family advocacy

**Dads 101** — 7:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Suite 1-D, mental health clinic classroom, Keesler Medical Center. Class is for dads by dads; gives expectant dads chance to practice diapering, feeding and bathing skills, as well as to discuss fatherhood concerns and issues. To register, call Paula Tracy, 376-3457.

#### **McBride Library**

**Patron appreciation day** — 2-4 p.m. May 20; new book display, cookies and punch.

Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Free wireless Internet available — check at circulation desk.

Overdrive — information available at front desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

#### 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.

**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.

**Thirsty Thursday** — 5-7 p.m. May 29 with barbecue chicken, beef kabobs, baked beans, potato salad, rolls and apple cobbler with ice cream. \$6 club members, \$8 nonmembers.

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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 vegetabless, 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, blackeyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

#### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

#### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

#### Wednesday

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

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

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**Luncheon specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

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

**Taco Tuesdays** — members get two tacos for \$1, non-members 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.

**TRAIL meeting** — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 13 and older. Bake and decorate cupcakes and make summer plans; snacks available.

Free track and field day — 4 p.m. May 22. Pre-registration required; refreshments available.

**School's out disco** — 6:30-10:30 p.m. May 23, ages 13 and older. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. DJ, table tournaments, video games, sack race, craft table, food and prizes.

**Three-on-three basketball tournaments** — 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays through May, ages 6-12. \$10 including T-shirts. Sports physical required. Call for more information.

**Registration for summer camp/teen camp** — ongoing for ages 6-12 and 13 and older. Camps are 11 weeks, beginning May 27. Sign up for as many or as few weeks as needed; fees based on family income.

**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.

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

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.

Here's to the Heroes — program provides a single day's free admission to any 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.

# **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 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. 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 111, Sablich Center. 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; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, 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** — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 376-6346.

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

## **Miscellaneous**

#### **Movies**

Editor's note: Movies are at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 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., Leatherheads (PG-13, 114 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Super Hero (PG-13, 85 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Leatherheads (PG-13, 114 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Run Fatboy Run (PG-13, 100 minutes)