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Dragons deployed 286



Prom night

Senior Airman Candice Cimball, 81st Medical Support Squadron, helps former Airman Ned Lee with his boutonniere as his wife, Annie, looks on. The Lees were among about 900 guests at Thursday's Mississippi Gulf **Coast Retirees Senior Prom** sponsored by the Harrison **County Development Com**mission at the IP Casino in Biloxi. Nearly 30 Keesler Airmen served as military escorts for the second annual event.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Leaders strive to prioritize resources

By Kathleen Lopez

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — With a focus on the execution of the 2008 Air Force Strategic Plan, the Air Force Process Council conducted its quarterly meeting Thursday at Air Force Materiel Command headquarters.

The council, led by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and attended by all major command commanders, discussed the Air Force Strategic Plan and impacts across the major commands to support the Air Force priorities and goals.

"We need to focus on continuing efforts at the MAJCOM down to the wing and across functional levels to streamline efforts, drive down costs and improve capabilities," Secretary Donley said. "We can't be static.

"We continuously put pressure on the operational side (of the Air Force) to improve effectiveness," he said. "We need just as much pressure on the business side. This process is still a work in progress."

In an organization as large as the Air Force, it can be hard to align the missions with core functions, the general said.

"It's a natural inclination to muscle-up on the mission," he said. "But, it is important to do the same business-wise. Focus on performance in your metrics. Improvement in performance is tied to efficiency. This is performance management for our (Air Force) institution."

MAJCOM commanders were asked to identify their top three to five priorities and goals, and in this forum, command-

ers discussed how their organizations are aligning their actions with the overall Air Force strategy.

In a test effort, leaders at Pacific Air Forces, headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, were tasked to use a new format for tracking the command's strategic initiatives.

The simplified template outlines priorities and goals, strategies, metrics and tasks for easy monitoring. The template currently is being implemented throughout PACAF, at 11th Air Force, headquartered at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and at two wings: the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, and the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing.

"It is a very useful tool in framing the pri-

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Counting our blessings, staying safe during holidays

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American experience. All around our country, people take time to pause and give thanks for the blessings of the year and to look forward to better times ahead. It is a time of family, fellowship, friendship, food and, to some, football.

The Thanksgiving holiday marks the highest period of travel in our nation. More folks travel to see family and friends for this holiday than any other. That means a lot of folks are out on the roads or in the air. Your safety is critically important so please be careful on the roads this week. If you are driving out of town, make sure your vehicle is well-maintained and you are well rested. Do not exceed safe driving distances, drive safely and within posted speed ing a frozen turkey can be

and travel directions, and have a travel plan you share with family and friends so they know where you are. If you are in the military, make sure you are on leave as appropriate. If you are traveling up north, be alert to road conditions such as ice and snow. Even if you grew up with ice and snow, you are likely out of practice and need to be especially cautious! If you are staying here on the coast, please be careful on the roads, too. Visitors from out of town that aren't familiar with our traffic patterns, holiday shoppers, and the careless can ruin a great holiday. Be prepared and safe on the road!

The Thanksgiving meal is something we all look forward to yet there are always some terrible accidents reported around the country involving cooking. The commercial on TV is correct; frydisastrous! Make sure safety is part of your game plan for this holiday period...in the home as well as on-the-road.

I hope that your Thanksgiving will include those who are separated from their loved ones due to deployments. Let's not forget our waiting spouses and children, our veterans, or our own Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. Nobody should observe Thanksgiving alone, and this is a time when the Air Force family opens our hearts and homes to set another place at the table for someone who couldn't be with their family.

We are so very fortunate to live in the best country in the world. It is time for us to give thanks for all our blessings. I feel blessed to work alongside the greatest people in the entire world. Thanks for all you do and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. 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).





Sock-folding experts become disciplined Airmen

By Lt. Col. Russell Voce

336th Training Squadron commander

When I was on the faculty at Air Command and Staff College, I watched a video of a speech by a senior Air Force officer as he discussed transformation and the changes the Global War on Terrorism had forced on the Air Force.

One example he used to describe Air Force change involved training's need to evolve to reflect reality; he concluded that it was unnecessary to teach Airmen "how to fold socks."

On the surface, this makes perfect sense, but at its depth reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the reason for having Airmen all fold socks in exactly the same manner — to instill discipline, the bedrock of any successful unit.

While I admit folding socks may seem to be a trivial matter, the lessons in discipline it teaches are not. Too many supervisors, commanders and other leaders assume every Airman has self-discipline. The degree of self-discipline in an Airman is often directly related to the degree the lesson of "folding

socks" has stuck with that Airman.

In Air Force technical training, we have the Phase Program which allows leaders to evaluate the self-discipline of our Airmen. If an Airman displays self-discipline, greater liberties are given to further test the degree to which the "folding socks" lessons of basic training have become ingrained. On Keesler, you can see Airmen who have yet to be tested or who have failed the test of self-discipline — they're the ones marching in uniform to every location. Outside of the training environment, we have our daily customs and courtesies to gauge the degree to which individuals have mastered self-discipline. In cases where the degree to which individuals have mastered self-discipline is low, leaders must enforce the standards for the sake of that particular individual and others that may bear witness.

Some leaders assume enforced discipline, or accountability, will lead to low morale. In the movie "Lean on Me", Morgan Freeman played a principal of a high school and had a great line, "Discipline is not the enemy of enthusiasm." Truer words were never said.

Consider the unit failing an inspection due to lack of discipline, and then consider the unit whose hallmark is discipline and passes the inspection with flying colors. In which unit do you think the level of enthusiasm is the highest?

Our Chief of Staff has stated the Air Force needs to get back to basics. To me, that sure sounds like "folding socks." Unfortunately, the means available to leaders to enforce discipline, such as correctional custody, are in decline. Much of the scandal impacting our Air Force can be boiled down to lack of discipline. When this lack of discipline appears, we must realize it's not the product of an overnight experience, but the product of a period of time where people were not "folding their socks" properly, and leaders failed in their obligation to take corrective action.

Leaders at all levels need to realize the Airman they fail to discipline today could be the infamous Abu Ghraib prison guards of tomorrow. We'd better make sure the lesson on "folding socks" has stuck and turned into the self-discipline needed to successfully accomplish the mission.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

What makes Thanksgiving special for you?



Being able to spend time with family and eating lots of food.

Airman Kiera Atwell, 334th Training Squadron



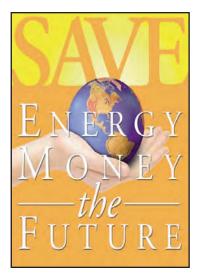
Getting together with family and friends.

Col. Jeffrey Jackson, 81st Mission Support Group commander



Spending time with family.

April Coy, spouse of Staff Sgt. Brandon Coy, 335th Training Squadron



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

ALS provides fun day for group home residents



The children took turns trying on the firefighter's garb.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It's hard for people in secure family situations to understand what it's like growing up without a home. It's difficult for someone who enjoys a comfortable life to imagine children who never get an opportunity to take a road trip to visit a new place.

The Airman Leadership School staff and students from Class 08-7 recently undertook a project dubbed Operation LUCK — Leadership Uplifting Children at Keesler.

The ALS team hosted a day of fun at marina park for about 90 children who live in group homes across the state, complete with a picnic, volleyball, karaoke, face painting and an inflatable bouncer. Keesler Medical Center provided an ambulance and the base fire department brought a fire truck for participants to explore.

Base organizations and community partners provided food and supplies.

In addition, ALS placed drop boxes around the base to collect nonperishable food, clothing, paper products and household items to support 10 children's homes that care for 350 to 400 children at any one time, ranging from infants to age 18.

"We contacted group homes around the state,

but only four homes were able to come to the event due to funding and transportation expenses,"said Staff Sgt. Crystal Hollars, an ALS instructor who spearheaded the project. "These kids, ranging in age from 6 to 15 years old, were placed in the homes because of abuse, neglect or other situations that made their home lives unsuitable.

"One home made a five-hour trip to participate," she continued. "They were very excited because the kids had never seen the ocean or ever thought they'd set foot onto an air force base.

"It was nice to see them come out and enjoy themselves, even it was just for a little while," remarked Senior Airman George Brooks, an ALS class member from the 81st Medical Support Squadron.

He brought the Rock Band 2 video game for the children to play.

"I know that with the situation most of these kids are in, they don't get the opportunity to play games like this, and some of them had never even seen an XBOX," Airman Brooks said. "It was awesome to get to share this with them — they loved it. I felt bad when it was time to pack up and I had to tell them they couldn't play anymore.

"It was an awesome experience, and I'd love to do it again," he added.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Crystal Hollars The "bouncer" was a big hit with the younger guests.

Commissaries launch annual scholarship program

By Caroline Williams

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — The 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program is under way.

Scholarship applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at https://www.commissaries.com and directly at http://www.militaryscholar.org.

The program kickoff each year in November coincides with National Military Family Month, which allows commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support for the contributions of military families.

According to Philip Sakowitz Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director and chief executive officer, the program has awarded more than \$6.4 million in scholarships to more than 4,000 children of military families since the program began in 2001.

"We know that education is the key to a better future," Sakowitz explained, "and we're thrilled to be a part of something that makes it a little more affordable for military families."

The scholarship program is part of DeCA's commitment to improving the quality of life of America's service members and their families by making military paychecks go further in today's uncertain economy.

The program awards \$1,500 scholarships to well-rounded, accomplished children of military families, meaning these families don't have to dig as deep into their pockets to pay for tuition. Dependent, unmarried children under age 23 of active-duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current identification card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2009 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants submit an essay with the theme, "What would you place inside a time capsule to help people in the next century understand military life today?"

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by Feb. 18. At least one scholarship is awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Every dollar donated to the program by the public and manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell groceries in commissaries goes directly to funding the scholarships.

Fisher House Foundation underwrites the cost of administering the program, which is handled by Scholarship Managers, a national nonprofit scholarship management services organization. Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit:

15 mph in housing areas, Ploesti Drive construction site, flight line and unpaved surfaces;

10 mph in close proximity to marching formations and when waved throughbase gates;

5 mph in parking lots and
35 mph in some sections of perimeter roads.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

USM spring term

Monday is the application deadline for the University of Southern Mississippi's spring term.

Classes begin Jan. 12. For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479.

Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

ACT — Dec. 5 for Jan. 5; March 27 for April 27 and May 22 for June 22.

PRAXIS I and II — Dec. 15 for Jan. 12; March 16 for April 13 and June 14 for July 13.

SAT — Dec. 26 for Jan. 26 and April 24 for May 25.

Test time is 7 a.m. for all. For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Mathies NCO Academy Building is closed until noon Dec. 17 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the hours may change.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

Student TMO

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

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211 in the Levitow building.

CCAF online

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

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

F-22 Raptor Funding decision to be made by incoming administration

By Sara Moore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — To avoid unnecessary taxpayer spending, Defense Department officials here are only partially funding the expansion of F-22 Raptor aircraft production, leaving the decision for further expansion to the incoming presidential administration.

John Young Jr., the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, told members of the air and land forces subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee in a Nov. 19 hearing that he's approved \$50 million for advance procurement for four F-22s.

DOD officials will include the purchase of these four aircraft in the second fiscal 2009 supplemental budget request, he said.

The decision on whether to use the rest of the \$140 million allocated in the 2009 National Defense Authorization Act for advance procurement for up to 16 more F-22s will be up to the President-elect Barack Obama administration in January, Mr. Young said. Procurement of the four F-22s provides a bridge to give the new administration every option with the program.

"The department is acting responsibly, consistent with (Defense Secretary Robert Gates') commitment and congressional direction, seeking to ensure that each tax dollar is used carefully and efficiently," he said.

DOD officials are delaying the advance procurement on the remaining 16 aircraft to save taxpayer money should the President-elect Obama administration decide not to purchase the aircraft, Mr. Young said. However, he acknowledged, if the new administration delays its decision on the F-22s past January, it could face higher costs from the manufacturers.

The National Defense Authorization Act authorizes advance procurement for the F-22s until March, and if the decision on the remaining aircraft doesn't come until then, there is a very real chance the cost for the planes could go up, Mr. Young said. However, he cautioned that the estimates for those higher prices are based on industry estimates that haven't been negotiated.

"I'm not ignoring the industry estimates, but I'm also not granting them credibility, and so ... "The department is acting responsibly, consistent with (Defense Secretary Gates') commitment and congressional direction, seeking to ensure that each tax dollar is used carefully and efficiently."

— Mr. Young

if we do nothing until March, I could face — and that's what I was told by industry — a cost, which I would seek to negotiate away on behalf of the government," Mr. Young said.

Countering committee members' claims that he was acting in defiance of Congress by not funding all 20 aircraft, Mr. Young said the law doesn't require him to buy the planes all at once, and his goal is to save the taxpayers money.

"Can I buy that advance procurement as four plus 16, instead of 20, and impose no additional cost on the taxpayer and preserve the total flexibility and option of the next administration to come and discuss with the Congress whether they want to buy the airplanes behind the advance procurement? And that is the option, having convinced myself that that is possible, we sought to execute," he said.

DOD officials have done a legitimate analysis of the F-22 program, and though some Air Force officials may disagree, Secretary Gates said he believes the department is on its way to the right mix of aircraft, Mr. Young said.

"From Secretary Gates down, there has been a hard look at that analysis and a view that it is a higher priority to do other things in the Defense Department than buy additional F-22s at this time," he said.

In the News

Today's the deadline for survey

Today's the final day to respond to the Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey is available via the Air Force Portal, said Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander.

Government travel card transition

It's necessary for people who've received the new Citibank government travel cards to verify receipt, according to Maj. Bob Paleo, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

"Members can't use the cards until Nov. 30, but they still need to verify receipt," the major said.

Anyone who hasn't received a card yet should notify the unit GTC coordinator to make sure the address in the database is correct. Deployers should have their spouse, friend or unit GTC coordinator forward their new card to the deployed location.

Construction reroutes traffic

Access to Bay Ridge housing area from Ploesti Drive is rerouted to Curtis Drive, then to Patton Drive, and finally to Vandenberg Drive and other streets as desired. Detour signs are in place.

As part of the same project, the housing tie-in for the new Pine Lawn Boulevard requires relocation of the existing walkway used by children to access Rodeo Drive on the way to Jeff Davis Elementary School. Children are directed along the detour behind traffic barriers to temporary access to Rodeo Drive so they won't have to cross the street or come in contact with any construction equipment. When the new road is completed, new access will be provided.

Flu shots available

Free flu shots are available at Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic for Department of Defense beneficiaries, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 376-3553.

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.

Keesler News holiday publication

Dec. 18 is the last issue of the Keesler News for 2008. The newspaper isn't published Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Jan. 8 is the first issue of 2009.

November is Warrior Care Month

Wounded warriors look for second chances

By April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs
RANDOLPH Air Force Base,
Texas — In less than five seconds,
the security forces Airman went from
being able to shout out commands
that could save lives to not being able
to speak above a whisper.

When an explosive force projectile struck Staff Sgt. Scott Lilley's Humvee on April 15, 2007, shrapnel smaller than the size of a BB pellet lodged in his brain, damaging that portion responsible for motor skills and voice projection.

He lapsed into a coma. He lost all memory from two days before the attack until later that August. He had at least four aneurisms — two severe. The doctors repeatedly took off a portion of his skull so his brain could swell and heal. His parents were told to expect the worst.

Barely 18 months later, thanks in part to modern medical science and the medical teams attending the 29-year-old, this wounded warrior is shouting out commands again. On Nov. 5, Sergeant Lilley graduated from the basic instructor course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He'll soon be assigned to the 343rd Training Squadron at Lackland to teach at the security forces instructor school.

Sergeant Lilley is one of many wounded warriors finding themselves a new niche in the Air Force following a war-related injury.

"It's frustrating when you can't do

Resource directory launched

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials have launched the National Resource Directory, a collaborative effort between the departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs.

The directory is a Web-based network of care coordinators, providers and support partners with resources for wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans, their families, families of the fallen and those who support them.

"The directory is the visible demonstration of our national will and commitment to make the journey from 'survive to thrive' a reality for those who have given so much. As new links are added each day by providers and partners, coverage from coast to coast will grow even greater ensuring that no part of that journey will ever be made alone," said Dr. Lynda Davis, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

Located at http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org, the directory offers more than 10,000 medical and nonmedical services and resources to help service members and veterans achieve personal and professional goals from recovery through rehabilitation to community reintegration.

The National Resource Directory is organized into six major categories: benefits and compensation; education, training and employment; family and caregiver support; health; housing and transportation; and services and resources. It also provides helpful checklists, frequently asked questions, and connections to peer support groups. All information on the Web site can be found through a general or state and local search tool.

your old job," said Sergeant Lilley.
"But when it comes time to tell (your chain of command and the medical evaluation board) what you want, don't sugar-coat it. If you want to stay in the Air Force, just tell them."

And keeping these highly-trained, well-qualified Airmen part of the active-duty family is a priority for the Air Force.

"We make every effort to retain our wounded Airmen, sometimes with a

limited duty assignment in their current career field, and sometimes it may involve retraining," said Art Myers, Air Force Services director. "The bottom line is our wounded Airmen warriors have valuable experience to share with their fellow Airmen and it's important that experience be leveraged for the benefit of the Air Force."

Airman Dunlap was on patrol in Iraq on June 15, 2007, when an improvised explosive device detonat-

ed, followed by small arms fire. He suffered third degree burns to his left hand and 13 gunshot wounds to his face and lower extremities.

Today, he's still being treated for his injuries, including complete nerve damage to his left leg. He uses a cane to get from place to place. But he knows what he wants.

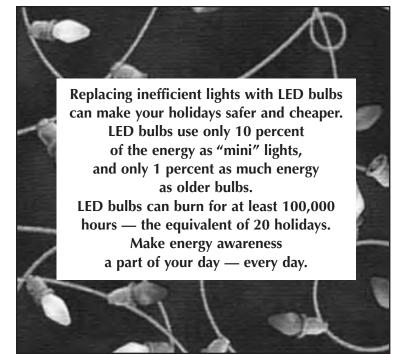
"I want to stay in the Air Force and finish my career," said the 23-year-old security forces member. And he's willing to exchange the Defensor Fortis flash for the scrubs of a physical therapist, if that's what it takes.

Although neither one recalls their initial medical treatment, both Sergeant Lilley and Airman Dunlap said the medical care they've received has exceeded their expectations.

"(My medical care) has been the best I could ask for or be given," Sergeant Lilly said. "The right people and the right equipment was where it needed to be at the right time."

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates declared November as Warrior Care Month. The campaign focuses on the programs and initiatives provided through the warrior care programs, as well as highlights the personal sacrifices make in the defense of the U.S.

For more information on the Air Force Survivor Assistance program, visit http://survivorassistance.afsv. af.mil. For information on the Air Force Wounded Warrior program, go to http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil or call 800-581-9437.



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orities that commanders want accomplished under their watch," said Col. Cedric George, PACAF's director for Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. "And it helps keep goals and strategies in the forefront of discussions."

"Real-time performance management of Air Force operations by the process council, along with an operating environment with fully aligned strategic goals and objectives, will result in a much more lethal, agile and effective Air Force," said

"We need to focus on continuing efforts to streamline efforts, drive down costs and improve capabilities ... We can't be static."

— Secretary Donley

Brig. Gen. John Posner, Air Force AFSO21 director.

The process council focuses on 10 AFSO 21 key processes, each categorized into one of three categories: governing, core and enabling. It's intended to reduce, if not eliminate, wasteful, non-value added work

Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC commander, was responsible

for leading the AFSO 21 core process to develop and sustain warfighting systems until his retirement Friday.

"The D&SWS team is undertaking tremendous efforts to achieve their vision: streamlined and integrated life cycle management ... one materiel enterprise, and they're making great progress," said General Carlson.

Personnel Notes

Health care questionnaire deadline

Friday is the deadline for participating in the Military Health System questionnaires.

The questionnaires, one for wounded, ill or injured service members and one for family members, are available at http:// www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18.

Health benefits open season

Federal employees health benefits open season ends Dec. 8. You can enroll or change your plans in the EBIS system by logging on to https//www. afpc.randolph.af.mil.

For more information, call Cece Schefsky, 376-8326.

Applicants sought for attache duty

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Applications are accepted until Dec. 5 from senior captains, majors and lieutenant colonels to fill various attache positions.

Officers selected for attache duty will attend training for advertised positions starting in January 2010.

Attaches are selected from line officer career specialties and officially represent senior leaders when dealing with the defense ministries of host countries. They build and sustain key international relationships that support the Department of Defense's global operations. An operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired for attache positions.

Eligible applicants must be released from their functional manager to compete for an assignment, take or have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery Test and be a U.S. citizen with all immediate family members U.S. citizens as well.

Officers selected for an interview are notified by Jan. 31.

For more information, a job summary or to request an application, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, or visit the Air Force Personnel Center's "Ask" Web site. In the search function, type "international affairs specialist" and click on the international affairs specialist assignments link.

Scheduling medical appointments

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment

Log on to http://www.tricareonline.com and click on "My Health." After agreeing to the Web site terms, complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately. For more information, call 376-3101.

Phone numbers for military personnel

Military personnel section phone numbers are:

Customer support — 376-8738. Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

AFSO 21 initiatives eye financial processes

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON

Air Force finance officials are implementing ways to improve customer service to Airmen with process changes.

"This has been a rocky road for some Air Force travelers," said Josephine Davis, director of the secretary of the Air Force financial management process improvement and integrations office. "Fortunately, process improvement and service delivery initiatives will improve travel reimbursement services.'

Air Force finance officials recently completed two separate Air Force Smart Operations 21 reviews to improve the travel and permanent change-of-station voucher processes. Senior Air Force and Reserve command financial management leaders recently attended an endto-end travel voucher process review at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

"The active-duty, Guard and Reserve team identified and validated problems in the current processes and agreed on a future state process," Ms. Davis said.

Some short-term solutions are now in place via a recent Defense Travel System software upgrade that improves government charge card usage. This same upgrade implemented a pilot program with the Navy, with results to be applied to improve travel voucher services to the Air Force Reserve and Guard communities.

The Robins AFSO 21 review also looked into improving the submission of PCS travel vouchers, services for deployed members and ensuring Airmen aren't overpaid or underpaid. A subsequent AFSO 21 review took place at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., to review and improve these processes. Solutions in this area are also under way and will be implemented with DTS software upgrades in 15-18 months.

In the past, an Airman would visit the base accounting and finance office and work with a travel pay clerk to reconcile a travel voucher. The Airman left with a cash reimbursement and a copy of his or her filed travel voucher.

"The process was functional and effective from a traveler's perspective, but it was costly

and labor intensive for the Air Force," Ms. Davis said. "The cost and manpower requirements for such a process were not an issue in the past. However, times have changed due to federally mandated manpower reductions."

Due to this changing fiscal landscape, two more process improvement initiatives are under way to enhance financial service delivery: the Financial Service Delivery Model and Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System.

"The primary objective of FSDM is to improve service delivery to Airmen through enhanced utilization of Web-based self-service applications," Ms. Davis said.

With FSDM, Airmen will have:

24/7 access to Web-based service for financial transactions:

A toll-free number to a contact center when additional assistance is needed; and

The ability to deal face-to-face with a base financial service technicians for those unusual financial transactions.

"Ultimately, FSDM will result in enhanced customer service and substantial return on investment for the Air Force," Ms. Davis said.

DIMHRS, a Defense Department program currently under development, provides the Armed Forces with an integrated, multi-component, personnel and pay system that improve delivery of military personnel and pay services.

This system provides each service member with a single, comprehensive record that features self-service capabilities to empower them to update portions of their personal information, and initiate personnel and pay actions.

Finance officials listen to customer comments, Ms. Davis said. They heard such comments as "I had to use my savings to pay my government travel card" or, "I had to wait months for payment due to the huge backlogs."

"These types of comments reflect a detrimental impact on our mission," Ms. Davis said. "Air Force leadership takes them seriously, and continues to take steps to resolve members' concerns."





Eye-to-eye contact

Airman 1st Class David Salanitri, left, Joint Operations Center Public Affairs, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, speaks with a child in Abu Ghraib, Iraq. Airman Salanitri was part of a humanitarian mission that distributed toys and clothing donated by an elementary school back in the states to more than 200 Iraqi children. Airman Salanitri, who's deployed from the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs Office, described the mission as "one of the best military experiences I've had." He's scheduled to return from his first deployment this week.

Courtesy photo

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman. I am a warrior. I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman. My mission is to fly, fight, and win. I am faithful to a proud heritage, A tradition of honor, And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman, Guardian of freedom and justice, My nation's sword and shield, Its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman: Wingman, leader, warrior. I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, And I will not fail.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt. Iya Foster

Unit — 334th Training Squadron

Position — aviation resource management apprentice instructor

Time in Air Force — almost eight years

Time at Keesler — three months

Hometown — Brundidge, Ala.

Why did you join the Air Force? — originally joined for the educational benefits, but now I stay for the stability, camaraderie and adventure

What are your shortand long-term goals? short term, to advance to technical sergeant; long term, to complete my teaching certification.

What's your favorite quote? "God grant me the



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serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the differ-

ence." — Reinhold Niebuhr

What are your hobbies? istening to music, watching documentaries and singing.

DIAMOND NOTES

Air Force Instruction 36-2903 states that women's purses or shoulder bags will be plain black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap with or without single silver or gold clasp. Purses may have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles.



Master Sgt. Elisabeth Reid, 332nd Training Squadron first sergeant

Memorable Moments



Nov. 29, 1943

Keesler's

airplane and general mechanics school received its first foreign students — 13 Chinese officers.

Giveaways, special offers await shoppers this weekend **AAFES Corporate Communications** and Keesler News staff Military shoppers looking to dig in to tasty holiday shopping better bring a big appetite to the main exchange this weekend as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service serves up three days of great deals, gift card giveaways and scratch-off cards.

Hours this weekend are:

Friday — 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Saturday** — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday** — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The first 100 shoppers entering the main exchange all three days receive a \$20 gift card, according to store manager Bill Buell.

Friday, merchandise tickets are distributed to shoppers in line outside for the most popular items to avoid the rush when the store opens.

Scratch-off cards are handed all three days from open until closing for prizes including \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift cards and complimentary food items.

Additionally, shoppers can enter to win one of five "Gas for a Year" giveaways.

There'll be special deals on clothing, electronics, jewelry and other items, including a Coach purse sale, 6-7 p.m. Friday.

Authorized exchange shoppers can pick up sales flyers specific to each day to start planning a full weekend of shopping and saving.

Other holiday hours for the main exchange are:

Monday through Dec 23 — extended hours; 9 a..m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dec. 13 — early bird sale, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to activities at the main exchange, the furniture store will be home to a host of great deals on holiday decorations such as Christmas trees and decorative blow-ups for the yard. The furniture store also has a limited toy department.

Holiday feasting

Col. Roger Goetz, left, 81st Medical Group deputy commander, Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Brass, center, 81st Medical Support Squadron superintendent, and Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French, 81st Medical Operations Squadron and 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron first sergeant, were among group senior staff members who volunteered to serve the traditional Thanksgiving meal in the Keesler Medical Center dining facility Nov. 19. According to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Watson, 81st MDTS nutritional medicine flight commander, her staff served almost 600 people with 280 pounds of turkey, 108 pounds of marinated beef and all the trimmings. Other units around the base hosted their own holiday festivities.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



It's all in the genes Genetics center's volume triples in two years

81st Medical Operations Squadron

The Air Force Medical Genetics Center, located at Keesler Medical Center, offers state-of-the-art services to eligible Department of Defense patients.

According to Capt. Mona Nelson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron genetics flight commander, the center "provides focused genetic services relating to patient care and counseling, provider education and laboratory testing to support health care facilities within the entire Department of Defense."

The AFMG Center, the only one of its kind in the DOD, offers clinical patient evaluation and counseling, consultation services to other providers, diagnostic genetic laboratory services, cytogenetic analysis and molecular genetic studies.

Captain Nelson is proud to proclaim the center is completely "back in business" following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Less than a year after the storm and in the midst of the medical center's rebuilding efforts, the AFMG Center slowly reopened its doors to its customers, one military base at a time.

"We instantly became a high-volume testing facility — more than 12,000 chromosome studies and DNA tests annually," Captain Nelson pointed out. "That's a whopping 300 percent growth in just two years. In addition, we completed clinical evaluations linking genetic abnormalities to diseases."

The ultimate affirmation of its return was the College of American Pathologists' laboratory inspection during the first quarter of 2007.

"The AFMG Center passed with flying colors," Captain Nelson said. "Furthermore, we regained the Department of Defense Clinical Laboratory



Photos by Steve Pivnick

Dr. Rigdon shows Captain Nelson an amniotic fluid cell as they look for how many chromosomes 13, 18, 21, x and y are in it.

Improvement Program accreditation. In addition, after exhaustive collaborative work with Air Force Medical Service headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Air Force surgeon general appointed the AFMG Center at Keesler the primary laboratory screening site for cystic fibrosis.

"Our capabilities extend well beyond cystic fibrosis, and are again available to military treatment facilities worldwide," she continued. "From high-resolution chromosomal analysis to state-of-the-art molecular tests for (a broad variety of medical conditions), we conduct a wide range of genetic tests for referring laboratories from all branches of the military with established interoperability."

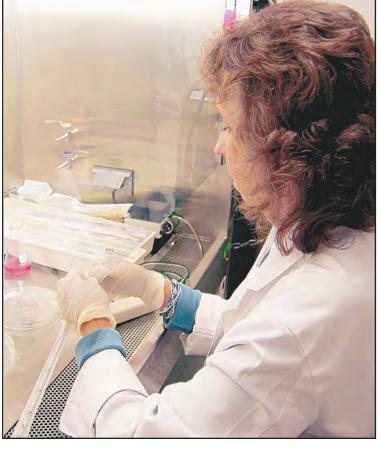
She added, "At AFMG, we have unbelievable analytical instrumentation and staff with a tremendous wealth of expertise and dedication.
Our goal is to be the Center

of Excellence for all genetic tests in the Air Force."

The facility tests for specific gene mutations not only to identify diseases already in progress, but also to detect future diseases.

"This is where we can help the patient make an informed decision," said Dr. David Rigdon, a retired colonel and board-certified geneticist who srves as the center's medical director.

"We offer counseling on the diagnosis and probable course of a disorder, explain how heredity contributes to the disorder, the risk of recurrence in other relatives and the options and resources available to patients allowing them to deal with the risk," Dr. Rigdon explained. "We provide information on reproductive risks, choices and testing options. Our goal is to provide patients with the information they need to make informed decisions that they're comfortable with."



Cytogenetic technologist Gayle Bowman changes media on an amniotic fluid culture.

Individuals or couples might be referred for genetic evaluation and counseling if they have a family history of birth defects or have had a child with physical abnormalities or growth problems. Women age 35 or older or those who have had multiple unexplained pregnancy losses may also be referred.

Captain Nelson observed the center currently is engaged in several major projects directed at preserving its premier status and closing the gap to becoming the Air Force's Center of Excellence for all genetic testing. The center is also currently working with the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center on a joint venture for cytogenetics testing. In addition, the center has established support agreements with various Army and Navy medical centers around the globe.

The center plans to participate in the annual tri-service meeting of the Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists in Reno, Nev., in March.

"Our staff will be there partly to put faces to our facility, but most importantly to spread the word across the military laboratory community that not only are we back, but exactly how our unique services can benefit them," Captain Nelson remarked. "There's never been a more exciting time in medicine, and it's happening right here at Keesler."

DOD personnel can find more information about the AFMG Center and its current projects by logging on to the Air Force Portal, locating Keesler, then 81st Medical Operations Squadron and finally Genetics.

Keesler Notes

Adopt an Airman

The airman and family readiness center is spearheading a drive to send holiday care packages to deployed Keesler Airmen.

The center has mailing boxes that can also be picked up at the post office. The boxes are shipped for a \$9.80 flat rate for whatever you can pack. Military mailing kits are also available at http://www.usps.com.

The mailing deadline is Dec. 4.

To get the name of a deployed Keesler Airman, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508, or e-mail jessica. woodruff@keesler.af.mil.

Help for assault victims

The sexual assault prevention and response program is sponsoring a book back drive for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

Each bag has a new set of clothing to give to sexual assault victims after a forensic exam at an area hospital.

In addition to back packs, sweat pants, T-shirts, flip flops, sports bras ranging from small to extra-extra large and monetary donations are needed.

Drop off items at the SAPR program office on the third floor of Locker House, using the stairse closest to the intersection of Third and D streets.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

Housing maintenance

The new phone numbers for family housing maintenance service calls are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

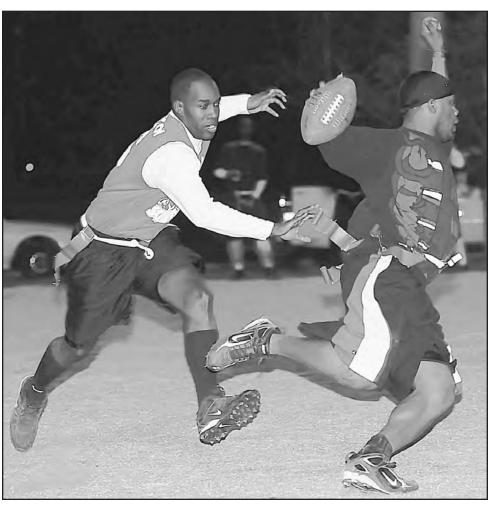
Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Seabees defeat Keesler again in annual football showdown

Left, Jarman Kilgore from the Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion Center team grabs at Fredrick Fortenberry's flag during the second annual Seabee-Keesler flag football game. Last year on their home field, the Seabees defeated Keesler. The home field advantage didn't work in Keesler's favor for the Nov. 18 rematch, as the Seabees beat Keesler, 37-20.

Right, Kwamina Boyd carries the ball down the field for Keesler with the Seabees' Milton Hopkins in hot pursuit.





Don't drink and drive —

call 377-SAVE.

Scores and More

Basketball

Over-30 League

(as of 1101. 10)		
Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	1	0
81st TRSS	1	0
81st CES	1	0
81st SFS	1	0
81st LRS	0	1
403rd Wing	0	1
81st MSGS	0	1
81st FSS-B	0	1

Nov. 17 — 81st FSS 54, 81st LRS 39; 81st TRSS won by forfeit over 403rd Wing.

Nov. 19 — 81st CES won by forfeit over 81st MSGS; 81st SFS 57, 81st FSS-B 37.

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser (as of Nov. 10)

(45 01 1101. 10)		
Team	Won	Lost
DOG Squad	44	19
Hit 9 Get 9	42	21
New Meat	39	24
Robbie's Rejects	38	25
All Screwed Up	37	26
Martini's	36	27
Perry's Refrigeration	36	20
Ricky's Rookies	34	29
403rd Strykers	32	31
Pot Luck	31	32
Wrong Foot Forward	31	32
Man On!	31	32
Sandy's Gang	30	33
Hang Chucky	30	33
Team 15	28	35
Slater's Shooters	28	35
Our Gang	27	36
Unpredictables	17	46
Team 18	16	40
Hoops Gang	16	47

Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of Nov. 12)		
Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	43	27
Clyde's Crew	40	30
Wild Gang	40	30
Any Takers	39	31
Neighbors Plus 1	36	34
MUDD	34	36
Team 6	34	36
Guys and Dolls	30	40
70s Plus	29	41
Ichi Ban	2.5	45

Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Nov. 13)

(as of Nov. 13)		
Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	52	18
Kitty and Kats	49	21
TBB Express	43	27
Team 13	38	32
Team 14	37	33
Team 16	36	34
Two He's and a She	36	34
Team 12	34	36
CHMATO	32	38
Team 8	31	39
Team 5	31	39
Team 11	31	39
2 Kings and A Queen	29	41
Three's Company	28.5	41.5
3-70s Plus	28	42
Lucky Trio	24.5	45.5

Kicking for a cause



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From left, Staff Sgt. Charles Pichelmayer, James Morgan, Staff Sgt. Ranson Coleman, Windy Swetman III, Luis Monterrosa, Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, Robin Monterrosa, Staff Sgt. Erin Kornack and Airman 1st Class Aaron Hanson gather at 81st Training Wing headquarters Nov. 17 for presentation of a plaque recognizing the winner of the recent D'Iberville Kickball Tournament benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. Sergeants Pichelmayer, Coleman, Monterrosa and Kornack, Airman Hanson and Mrs. Monterrosa played on the winning team. Mr. Swetman is Harrison County District 1 supervisor and Mr. Morgan is Mr. Swetman's field representative. General Touhill is the 81st TRW commander.

Friday Night Mixed (as of Nov. 14)

Team	Won	Lost
Fun Timers	49	21
3 Guys and a Babe	40	30
We Take Ugly	40	30
Mixed Nuts	37	33
Sandbaggers	37	33
Lady and the Tramps	35	35
Frustrated	35	35
Rose and Her Thorns	34	36
Pin Busters	33	37
The Strikers	28	42
Beyond Control	26	44
Pin Pals	26	44

Other

Registration — continues for Keesler Youth Bowling Association at Gaudé Lanes. Any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction available. For more information, including fees, call 377-2817.

Glow bowling — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Team building special — 1-5 p.m. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call 377-2817 for reservations.

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

Club member special — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

Birthday party package — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. 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.

Fitness centers

Walk your way through the holidays — Nov. 20 through Jan. 1. Annotate your daily step total. Register Monday through Nov. 19 at the health and wellness center. Get a free pedometer and walking log book; medals awarded.

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

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each 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 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.

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

Computerized fitness assessments, counseling — available by appointment at Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

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

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

Dragon Fitness Center — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has work-out equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Golf

Dragon fun league — Thursdays. Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes.

Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

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

utes. 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.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — 7 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 per person; bring your own food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Turkey casting contest — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

Discount on skiff rental — bring a friend, get 10 percent discount.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Camping packages — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

RV, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per month.

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.

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

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 on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$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.

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

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

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

DIGEST

Honors

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Matthew Austin, Don Baize, Andrew Blair, David Brackett, Adam Bradford, Isacc Brandt, Trevin Brecheisen, Patrick Bryant, Sean Bundles, Joshua Cantrell, Dustin Castellanos, Benjamin Catt, Majed Chaaban, Michael Chisholm, Shawn Dethlefsen, Zachary Donelson, Nathaniel Dykstra, Jeffrey Estes, Miguel Flores, Jason Freeman, Richard Friedrich, Michael Gonzales, Christopher Haley, David Harper, Geoffrey Harpst, Brian Haslid, Robert Hayes, Chad Heimbecker, Michael Henderson, Alison Hill, Herman Hoffman, Jeremy Homrich, Justin James, Michael Jones, Nicholas Kadish, Kara Kyle, Ashley Lechner, Devon Lewis, Matthew Mitchell, Robert Morrison, Shayna Myers, Frank Olszynski, Collin Osting, Jesus Passapera, Zachary Raak, John Robert, Eric Rodriguez, Tyler Scott, Blaine Shakoor, Tyler Shatzer, Austin Simons, Micah Sowders, Nicholas Spaulding, Brandon Stanley, Caleb Toney, Michael Tully, Marco Valdez, Walter Weller and Kyle Wilson; Airmen Zachary Bergsma, Scott Blankenship, Bryan Lopez-Merida, Quaye Meisnhelder, William Ramirez, John Reynolds, Alejandro Rodriguez, Matthew Rohrs, Baron Smith and Jacqueline Willson; Airmen 1st Class Mark Babjak, Kellen Barnes, Christopher Barrera, William Barton, Luke Beckwith, Brian Bernal, Chase Bordelon, Steven Catlin, Jeremy Christenson, Jason Clukey, Rudy Corpus, Mathew Dick, Michael Fetterly, David Green, Zachary Hand, Matthew Harbin, Micheal Huss, April Jasso, Jeremy Jones, Logan Kees, Jennifer Kuehn, Matthew Lafreniere, William Ledbetter, Samuel Lee, Seth Lindo, Steven Linscott, Nicholas Madonna, Jacob McDonald, Patricia Mead, Janacyn Mertilien, Christopher Miles, Robert Mitchell, Jerad Morgan, Bryan North, Corey Paden, Steven Piper, Brett Reeve, Joel Rodriguez, Thomas Sanchez, Christopher Schuh, Andrew Senica, Romane Sillow, Jason Skelton, Michael St. John, Bryan Summy, Lance Vandervoort, Brandon Webster and Yurina Zamora; Pfcs. Pedro Carrillio, David Malinowski and Daniel Ortiz; Senior Airmen Narada Adams, Chad Colvin, Matthew Lee, Charles Minatrea, Collin Ossiander and James Wittenberg; Staff Sgts. Gerald Boursiquot, Matthew Brazier, Joseph Gormely, David Jacobson, Robert Quinn, Lawrence Santos, Jonathan Westberg and Forrest Wyble; Tech. Sgts. Jonathan Mefford and Barbara Jean Nesbitt; Master Sgt. Michael Sampson; Senior Master Sgt Edward Williams.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic Adam Bombino, Aaron Dever-Curtis, Denise Greenidge, Nicole Hartvigsen and Christopher Rowe; Airman Sharmaine Popa; Airmen 1st Class Jose Rivera-Berrios and Brent Wardrip; Staff Sgt. Ryan McCray.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Brooks, Patrick Burke, Michael Cain, Todd Cole, Richard Huntress, John Mandernach, Christopher Mooney, Patrick Preston and Derek Savage; Airmen Bryan Crawford, Jess Flythe and Aaron Wright; Airmen 1st Class Steven Breedlove, Tyler Dierickx, April Osborn, Phillip Turnage and Matthew Winkeleer; Senior Airman David Spring; Staff Sgts. Curtis Krenzke and Raymond Armijo; Tech. Sgt. Jason Lane.

Aviation resource management apprentice course -Airmen Basic Kevin Buettner, Jasmyn Davis, Deanna Romero, and Ariel Roness; Airmen Kiera Atwell and Emily Garmager; Airmen 1st Class Christine Anderson, Chantel Benjamin and Mitchell Powledge; Tech Sgts. Martin Gonzalez and Jeffrey Lampe; Robert Minton.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Alicia Allmer, Jon Candelario, James Hill, Zachariah Lowe, Sarat Luewongopas and Scott Proefrock; Airmen Jonathon Tovey; Airman 1st Class Joshua Cedeno, Yaohue Chen, Benjamin Debacco, Marcedes Fleming, Aslin Leger, Gillermo Lopez-Young, Duane Robinson and Katherine Smith; Senior Airmen Jennifer Anderson and Brittany Willey; Staff Sgts. Latrell Ball, Jon Farley, Anthony Pistella and Ryan Tovar; Tech. Sgts. Cassandra Richardson and Cecilia Speigner; Master Sgt. Diana Aragon.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic James Kulikowski, John Marchetti, Lacey Poore and Donald Smith; Airmen 1st Class Zach Cahill, Kala Kirk and Christopher Marcelli; Senior Airman Paul Hite; Staff Sgts. Christopher Carder and Matthew Meyers; Master Sgt. Keith Brooks; Senior Master Sgt. Mohammed Alraqa.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Ana Anaya-Segura, Christopher Barrow, Sean Bell, Gregory Bowman, Wilmer Rivera Bruno, Michael Butler, Steven Campbell, Daniel Chung, Darren Diones, Ian Fischer, Matthew Frego, Quintin Gilmore, Matthew King, Bryan Napier, Joshua Perry, Julian Pfister, Alexis Rivera, Francisco Serrano, Brandon Smith, Evan Soriano, Cody Trenda, William Twomey, Gary Williams, Sean Williamson and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne, Randall Ciardetti, Eric Leyva and Mark Quinlan; Airmen 1st Class Raeann Batz, Matthew Benoit, Austin Carroll, Michael D'Amico, John Delarma, Joshua Deville, Benjamin Harmon, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Kevaughn Murray, Richard Owens, Ryan Poster, Juan Rivera-Puig, Jared Silva, Michael Trum, Patrick Weller and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright and Hyun Lee; Staff Sgts. Pedro Cancel, Aaron Copeland, Donna Doyon, Tremaine Joseph, Jayson Maxwell and Russell Warren; Tech. Sgts. Jay Goodman and Harry Stallings; Master Sgt. Jascha Patton.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airmen 1st Class Ryan Frankland, Casey Raynes, Khalid Rodriguez and Mark Woodfin; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Finchum.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Michael Craven, Steven Edmun, David London, Cameron Pierce and Dustin Williams; Airman Charles Canfield; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Gillis, Clinton Hill, Joshua Kessinger and Mckenzie Lauber; Staff Sgts. Carl Denuna and Samual Turman; Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Roering; Master

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving Day

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Thanksgiving Day federal holiday, Thursday.

Housing office — closed Thursday and Friday. **Keesler News** — closed Thursday and Friday.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry......8:30 a.m. Triangle Chapel contemporary service......10:30 a.m. Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass Weekday Mass Medical Center chapel......11:15 a.m.

lewish

For worship opportunities, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

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 801-787-1990.

Commissary — closed.

Main exchange — closed Thursday, 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Mini-mall — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Shoppette and Class Six — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

Car care center — closed Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Military clothing sales — closed Thursday and Friday.

Furniture store — closed Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. **Subway** — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Mobile units — closed Thursday and Friday.

Charley's Grilled Subs — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Anthony's Pizza — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Optical shop — closed.

Nail shop — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Welch Theater — closed.

General Nutrition Center — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Beauty shop — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Mini-mall barber shop — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Shoppette/car care center barber shop — closed Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Medical center barber shop — closed Thursday and Friday.

Laundry/dry cleaners — closed Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mini-mall gift shop — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Sprint — closed Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Force One Rental — closed Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours. Child development center — closed.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

Live Oak and Magnolia Dining Facilities — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m..

Family child care office — closed.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m

Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers—closed.

Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café — closed.

Arts and crafts center — closed. Auto hobby shop — closed.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — closed.

Information, ticket and tours office — closed.

Katrina Kantina — closed.

McBride Library — closed.

Outdoor recreation — closed.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to midnight.

Veterinary clinic — closed.

Youth center — closed. Legends Café — closed.

Car wash — open 24 hours.

Mini-mart — open 24 hours.

Fam camp — open 24 hours.

Base car wash — open 24 hours. Paintball course — closed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 18

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. 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.

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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.

Keesler Medical Center

Family advocacy

Dads 101: A Class for Dads, By Dads — 7:30-11:30 a.m. Dec. 5, family advocacy classroom in Suite 3D, Keesler Medical Center. This fun, relaxed class is designed to give new and expectant dads an opportunity to practice diapering, feeding and bathing skills, as well as discuss concerns, issues, fears or expectations about fatherhood. Attendees wear civilian clothes.

To register, call 376-3457 or 3459.

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

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.

McBride Library

Gale data base orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Fax special — 50 cents a page this month.

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

Available for use — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk. Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Football frenzy — 7 p.m. Mondays. Club members are eligible for prizes.

Free shuttle service — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, Tyer House, Gaude Lanes, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. **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

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

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

Tuesday special — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.

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

Youth center

Basketball registration — throughout month for ages 6-15. Play begins in January; volunteer coaches needed. For more information, call 377-4116.

Power hour — 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Homework help and tutoring, ages 6-12. No charge for those registered in the youth program.

Torch Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12. Focus on club and community service, education, athletics and fitness.

TRAIL (**Keystone Club**) — 6 p.m. every other Monday; leadership club for teens.

Book collection — drop off new and used children's books to be distributed to the Keesler Medical center's pediatric clinic.

Classes — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to Saints games at New Orleans Superdome — Dec. 7, Atlanta Falcons, game time noon; Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers, game time noon. \$60 per person including admission; limit two tickets per trip. Sign up at the Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Limit 20 passengers; first come, first served.

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

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

Transitions

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those 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, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center 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 preseparation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. 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 376-8728.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Wednesday

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

Dinner — spaghetti, 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.

Thanksgiving Day

Lunch and dinner — turkey, ham, steamship round beef, gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, rice pilaf, green beans, corn, peas, shrimp cocktail, onion soup, macaroni salad, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, pumpkin and pecan pies, devil's food cake and candy.

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 — fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli, 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 — pot roast, baked fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — spaghetti, 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, potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef 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, soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dec. 3

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik, 376-8502 or 376-8728, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116: e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to http://www. afoats.af.mil and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

MEETINGS

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. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit the group's Web site, http://www.afsa 652.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 — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

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.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camo princess92@gmail.com or visit http://www.keeslercap.org.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4885.

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 Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit http://www.KeeslerSpouses Club.com.

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.

Top III — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

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.

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Quarantine (R, 89 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Max Payne (PG-13, 99 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Body of Lies (R, 128 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., The Express (PG, 130 minutes).

Services Holiday Specials

Christmas in the Park and Tree Lighting — Dec. 11

Festivities take place in marina park. Train rides begin at 4 p.m. Live Nativity scene, holiday music and complimentary food and beverages. Tree lighting is 6 p.m. followed by a visit with Santa in the marina park. Free photos with Santa while supplies last. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker, GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing. For more information, call 377-3160.

Project Elf Vandy

Commanders and first sergeants are asked to sign up people working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day to receive special goody bags. To register your personnel, call 377-3308 or e-mail 81SVS.SVYR@keesler.af.mil Dec. 8 through 5 p.m. Dec. 19 with the number of bags required. Bags can be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

Arts and Crafts Center — 377-2821

Holiday wreath recovery clinic — lunch time Dec. 3. Renew and refresh your holiday decoration with a new bow. Cost depends on material used.

Youth gift workshop — 1-4 p.m. Dec. 6. Make gifts and goodies for giving. \$24 for four projects.

Holiday crafting Thursdays — 5-7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, candle making; Dec. 11 and 18, holiday crafting. Call for price.

Candle dove ceramic project — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6 or 6-7 p.m. Dec. 11. Make a dove with gold trim. Call for price.

Holiday bread making — 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. \$15 including supplies. Bring a mixing bowl.

Christmas platter painting — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 13. Select your own dish at registration. Call for price.

Framing deadline — order by Dec. 11 for stocked molding.

Engraving deadline — order in stock items by Dec. 11, pick up by Dec. 19. Ceramic firings — last day to leave items is Dec. 13. Pick up by Dec. 19.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 377-3832

Free golf — Christmas and New Year's Day. Golf carts and rental clubs aren't available.

Win a holiday gift basket — register each time you play golf to win a golf holiday gift basket valued at \$100. Drawing Dec. 19.

Fitness — 377-4385

Free Jingle Bell 5-kilometer run — 7 a.m. Dec. 17 at Blake Fitness Center. Register day of the race.

Katrina Kantina — 377-2219

Members' Christmas dinner — 6-8 p.m. Dec. 10. Dinner, drink specials, karaoke with DJ Wayne. Door prizes. Free for Keesler Club members, nonmembers \$3. Contractors welcome.

McBride Library — 377-2181

Christmas book display — last two weeks in December.

Youth Center — 377-4116

Holiday celebration — 5-9 p.m. Dec. 20, ages 6 and older. \$5 admission. Snacks, games, fun for all.

Christmas camp — Dec. 22-23, ages 6-12. Daily fees range from \$17 to \$29 a day according to total family income. An application must be completed for each child attending. Call for more information.

Happy Holidays!

Shop Services — convenient, tax free

Select items for . . .

- Fishing/outdoor enthusiasts at the outdoor recreation retail shop
- Hobbyists at the arts and crafts center
- Bowlers at Gaudé Lanes pro shop
- Golfers at the Bay Breeze pro shop
- A massage therapy gift certificate from the Triangle Fitness Center







11th Frame Café

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast — now available 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays. **Daily specials** — 10:30 a.m. to close Mondays-work Fridays. Different menu daily. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m.

Free daily special — pick up your punch card next time you visit. Purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

Space available accommodations — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts worldwide. **Affordable price** — seven nights and eight days for two to six

people, \$329. To reserve — log on to http://www.afvclub.com or call 1-800-

724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.



BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.

Family month — free greens fees for ages 6-12. Must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 13-17, and golfers' spouses, pay half price for greens fees. Offer good through December.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay for nine holes and golf until closing.

Greens fees — for list, log on to http://www.keeslerservices.us and click on the Bay Breeze link.

Driving range — \$2 for 40 balls.

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

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates and more.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Dec. 6. This Air Force Aidfunded program offers free child care for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center.

Limited parents' night out — 4-10 p.m. Dec. 6. Remaining slots may be filled beginning Dec. 3 for \$3.50 per hour.

DINING FACILITIES

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

Wondering what's on the menu today? — Call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) for daily menu.

Christmas dinner — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 in the Magnolia and Live Oak dining facilities. Retirees and their families are welcome to join us at Live Oak.

Monthly birthday celebration — 5 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted and essential station messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

OATERING

Need an event catered?

Contact the Katrina Kantina for all of your catering needs. Our caterer has more than 10 years experience, and club membership isn't required.

- Wedding receptions
- Retirement parties
- Promotion celebrations
- Dinner parties
- Luncheons
- Holiday parties
- Meetings
- Family reunions

For more information, call 377-2219.



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

Child care slots — available now. Call to locate a provider.

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

Providers needed — military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs and to work swing and evening shifts.

FITNESS

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — boot camp. self-defense, yoga, step aerobics, "Karobics," pilates, sculpt and tone, and cycling. Karobics is a high-energy cardio class using kicks and blocks associated with karate. For class schedule, call 377-2907 or log on to http://www.keeslerservices.us.

Massage therapist — at Triangle Fitness Center. For an appointment, call 263-5515.

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only at the Dragon Fitness Center; call 377-

Parent/child fitness room — located inside Dragon Fitness Center, features workout equipment and a play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised by parent while in the facility.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and more information, call 377-4900 o

Rooms available — Space-available reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters, \$23.25 with a gueen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters, \$27 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility, \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night

Visitors coming for the holidays? — Space-available reservations being accepted for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's

Mini-mart — open 24 hours, seven days a week inside Muse Manor. Snacks, drinks, health/hygiene items available. For more information, call 377-2752.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

Open Sundays — 1-6 p.m.

Youth bowling — any child old enough to throw the bowling pall down the alley is eligible to participate. League meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction is available.

Wing logo shirts — \$22 in the pro shop.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 per fets and your tenth is free. game; \$1 for shoes. Tuesdays feature glow bowling. **Club member special** — Thursdays. Show your current club

eard and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental. **Team building** — 1-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bring your

employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call to reserve. Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first

served. Reservations accepted for groups of 20 or more. **Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages — birthday child is free. Basic party is \$8.95 per child and includes bowling and food. Mid party is \$11.95 per child and includes bowling, food and table supplies, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that party goers can color and sign! Premium party is \$15.95 per child and includes bowling, food, table supplies, and each child gets a choice of miniature bowling game or goody bag, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that party goers can color and sign and bowling party pin. Reservations required two weeks in advance.

Nonprior service students specials — show your phase card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

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

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

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

Saints home games in the Superdome — \$60 includes trans- Overnight is \$5. portation and admission. Dec. 7, Atlanta Falcons; Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers. Space is limited, first come, first served

AFTravelOnline — provides customers with the capability to book travel needs from the comfort of their own homes. Log on to imum seven people. Call for time and reservation. https://www.aftravelonline.com/default.aspx.

KATRINA KANTINA

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

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Monday madness lunch specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$6 for members, \$8 nonmembers. Lunch specials include dessert and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth lunch special is free. Dec. 1, chicken and beef taco bar with all the trimmings, nachos and cheese sauce and Mexican rice; Dec. 8, pot roast, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls and butter; Dec. 15, lasagna, corn, salad, rolls, and butter.

Red beans and rice — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 a bowl.

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

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Dec. 11. Listen to smooth jazz music, watch the sunset and enjoy a martini.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Dine in or take out — serving lunch and dinner. Pool table. Salads, baskets, sandwiches, pizza.

Reserve your bird — rotisserie chicken special Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunch is \$4 for half chicken or \$6 for whole chicken with side item and roll. Dinner is \$10 and serves four with a whole chicken and two large side items. Order at the café or call by 1 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Pick up after 5 p.m.

Lunch buffets — Wednesdays features an Italian, Oriental or bag or bedding. Louisiana fishing license required. Mexican buffet; \$7 includes iced tea. Work Fridays feature fried catfish, \$8 includes iced tea.

McBride Library

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

How to select a personal computer — 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day book display —

Search our online catalog — to search our huge inventory of books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more, just log on to http://www.keeslerservices.us and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our online catalog.

Need a place to hold a meeting? — Two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library are available.

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

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina slips — wet slip fees: boats in excess of 32 feet are \$3.75 per foot. Boats 32 feet and below are \$2.50 per foot.

Back bay fishing trips — Dec. 6. \$20. Bring food and beverages. Mississippi fishing license required. Learn where, when, what and how to fish the Back Bay of Biloxi. Minimum four, max-

Discount on fishing equipment — save 10 percent Dec. 17-19. **Big buck contest** — bring in a deer with the most points and win a \$100 savings bond. Points are calculated by placing a ring on the antlers. If an antler supports the ring, it's considered a point.

December fish of the month — weigh in the largest speckled trout and win a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. Payment due at reservation.

Open air pavilions — rent one for your next office gathering, birthday party, family reunion or special occasion. The first four hours is \$10 and each addition hour is \$2. Payment is required at time of reservation.

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

Rental equipment — get a complete list at http:// www.keeslerservices.us.

Deep sea fishing boat private charter — \$850 for the first six people. \$60 for each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

Disc golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent/sale. Course use is free.

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

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per Lunch special punch card — buy nine lunch combos or buf- month. Call for more information.

Fam camp — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 594-0543.

Fishing/hunting camps in Delacroix, La. — two campers available for rent located within 75 yards of bait shop/boat launch. \$50 per night, \$125 weekend special, \$300 weekly rate; maximum four per camper. Bring food, drinks, cooking utensils and sleeping

Air Education and Training Command outdoor recreation **facilities** — log on to http://ouraetcoutdoors.us/.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Youth specials

Teen time crafts — 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Bring a friend and make a project for the holidays. Dec. 4, candle making; Dec. 11, bake holiday cookies. Call for price.

Multi-crafts shop

Jewelry making — 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 6. Learn wire wrapping and tooling, \$15 including materials.

Wood shop

Supplies — hardwoods and plywood in stock. **Instruction** — books and plans are available.

Equipment — a variety of industrial wood working equipment and hand tools are available for use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Dec. 12. \$15. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Dec. 13. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Frame shop

Self-help — available weekdays and Saturdays.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Open shop use. Indoor and outdoor stall available. For more information, call 377-3872.

Vehicle storage lot — Going on temporary duty? Need a secure place to store your vehicle? Call for more information.

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

Engraving shop

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

Ready-made gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies; variety available for \$10 each.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 376-8282.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at the human resource office in Room 211, Sablich Center. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055, or log on to http://www.keeslerservices.us, click on human resource office.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue north of 81st Security Forces Squadron building.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for RVs and boats. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required. Register at the arts and crafts center's multi-craft Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Must show proof of ownership and insurance. No registrations available Dec. 20-Jan. 5.

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Football Frenzy — Monday nights. Club members are eligible for prizes.

Vandy shuttle — catch a free ride to Services facilities. Route runs 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays, 6-11 p.m. work Fridays, and 1-11 p.m. Saturdays. Call for more information.

Free pool tournaments — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, 8-ball; Tuesdays 9-ball.

Movie night — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

Late night dances — 6:30-midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission. DJ, top 40 dance music. Nonprior service students only.

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Dec. 19. Nonprior service students with birthdays in December, show your identification card and enter the dance free.

VETERINARY SERVICES

animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more

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Editor's note: located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All

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

Sick call — call for an appointment.

Microchip identification — \$25. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Flea and tick control — singles available in popular brands for dogs and cats. Buy one or stock up.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116. Asterisks (*) indicates no charge for youth registered in youth programs.

Give parents a break/parents' night out — 4-10 p.m. Dec. 6 for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. Sign up by Wedmesday; 24 slots available. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. Limited parents' night out customers may sign up for any remaining slots beginning Wednesday. Fee is \$3.50 per hour with a minimum \$7 deposit at time of registration. Must have current shot records on file.

Book collection — the center is collecting new and used children's books in good condition to donate to the Keesler Medical Center's pediatric clinic. Drop books off at the youth center between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, through Dec. 23.

*Training Responsible Adolescents In Leadership — a Keystone Club, is a leadership club for teens. At 6 p.m. Dec. 1, teens plan a holiday celebration for Dec. 15. Games, snacks and fun.

Open recreation — 5-8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Exciting Boys and Girls Club programs.

Classes — register now for dance, gymnastics, karate, theatre and guitar. All new instructors. Guitar \$60, other classes \$50 per month. Classes meet every Saturday. Call for schedule.

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