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## Honey, we're home



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Andrea Freeland looks on as her husband, Capt. Owen Freeland, hugs their 2-year-old daughter, Kiera, Dec. 4 at the child development center. The Freelands relied on family members in south Mississippi and the CDC staff to care for their daughter when they deployed to separate locations in May from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Story and photos, Page 15.

## Hallelujah! Hurricane season ends

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

As Keesler members drive through the gates on their way to work, they may notice the HURCON 5 signs have been removed.

That's because Nov. 30 marked the end of the 2008 Atlantic hurricane season, which tied with 1936 and 2003 as the fourth busiest in recorded history, according to the Associated Press.

This year there were 16 named storms, eight hurricanes and five major hurricanes, which are Category 3 hurricanes and above, according to Capt. Mark Sheldon, 81st Operations Support

Flight officer in charge of weather.

When the hurricane season began June 1, the National Climate Prediction Center estimated 12 to 16 named storms would form, two to five of which would become major hurricanes.

An average season normally brings 11 named storms and six hurricanes, two of which are major, according to Captain Sheldon.

The busiest hurricane season in recorded history was 2005, the year of Katrina. There were 28 named storms and 15 hurricanes,

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## Airfield repair begins

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

The largest airfield ramp repair project in Keesler history began Dec. 1.

The 270-day project will vastly improve the airfield's capabilities, according to Justin Cooper, 81st Operations Support Flight chief of airfield operations. Base personnel should expect to see numerous concrete trucks and other heavy equipment traveling on base to and from the airfield during this project.

In addition to the ramp repair, four other construction projects on or near the airfield are currently under way. However all concrete and asphalt pavement projects will be complete prior to Keesler's Air Show and Open House scheduled for April 4-5.

Current airfield operations support the C-21 flying missions of the 45th Airlift Squadron and C-130s from the Air Force Reserve's 403rd Wing. In addition, the airfield provides support for the Coast Guard's aircraft training, distinguished visitors' aircraft, higher headquarters directed missions, transient aircraft for Air Education and Training Command's training missions and any other contingency operations that may arise.

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## Are you ready for inspection? ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Picture this: the air traffic control tower receives a radio transmission from an inbound transport aircraft requesting permission to land. The plane's credentials check out and the aircraft is given permission to land. After the plane taxis in to its parking spot, the doors open and the passengers, the major command inspector general's team unloads and says "Call the wing commander. We're here to begin a no-notice inspection of the base."

Think it couldn't happen? Think again!

Check out our Air Force history and you'll see that this type of inspection used to occur. Former Chief of Staff General Curtis LeMay supposedly believed the best way to stay honed for the wartime mission was to be inspection-ready every day and would send inspection teams out to

assess the readiness of combat forces, particularly those of the Strategic Air Command.

The result was an Air Force whose strength and precision served as a vital component of the nation's deterrence strategy. While peace was SAC's profession, its ability to wage war as demonstrated through a rigorous inspection program was what yielded that peace.

Every Airman — officer, enlisted, or civilian — needs to be mission-ready and inspection-ready. Recall our new Chief of Staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz, reminded us of the need for our Air Force to "get back to basics." How do we get to where we need to be?

In last week's commentary, I reminded every Airman of the need to master Air Force policies, streamline customer-focused processes and implement them with precision. Ask inspectors and they'll tell

you if you follow that prescription, you'll excel at your mission and do well during inspections.

It is time to get ready. Our headquarters at Air Education and Training Command is sending a logistics standardization and evaluation inspection team here Feb. 23-27 to inspect our wing. While the team's focus will be maintenance, supply and other logistics functions, other areas of the base, including services, contracting, security, finance, information management and communications will be looked at. Think you won't be included? Guess again! Customs and courtesy, facility and base appearance, airfield operations and maintenance and the training pipeline all are susceptible for a thorough look. Every member of Team Keesler needs to be ready for this inspection.

When this inspection was announced, I heard some

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).



folks lament the fact that we "only" have 2½ months to prepare for the inspection. I, on the other hand, am relieved we have that much time to get ready; it could be tomorrow. Remember, no-notice inspections are nothing new. All of us need to be inspection-ready at all times.

During the coming year you'll see some short-notice

or no-notice inspections and staff assistance visits across our wing, as well as in other Air Force wings, to help us identify our strengths and weaknesses. Our objective is to "get back to basics" and be the best at what we do. Are you committed to being the best? Are you inspection-ready? Now's the time to get ready.

## Leadership has no rank; anyone can be a leader

By Master Sgt. Rogers Trahan

81st Medical Support Squadron first sergeant

You may have heard the phrase, "with rank comes responsibility." Without a doubt that's true, but effective leadership can take place regardless of rank. Over the past 20 years, I've observed and practiced leadership at different levels. I've found there are four key principles to become an effective leader — know yourself, know your job, set a positive example and accept responsibility.

Knowing yourself requires a self-assessment to identify your strengths and weaknesses. Leaders continue to use their strengths to accomplish the mission, develop individuals and build their leadership role. In addition, effective leaders identify their weaknesses and take advantage of every opportunity available to develop that weakness into a strength. Individuals should take opportunities to step outside their comfort zone; you'll be amazed at what you can accomplish.

Knowing your job requires competence and the continuing efforts to expand your knowledge.

During World War II, an Army study of enlisted soldiers asked them to define good leadership. The most frequent response was "competence."

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William Cohen, author of "The Art of Leadership," wrote, "Research has demonstrated conclusively that there is an important source of power that will automatically attract others to you and make you their uncrowned leader. That source of power is expertise."

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other — an effective leader will never become complacent with what he or she knows. I was once given the advice that everyone should strive to become the acknowledged expert in their career field. Becoming that acknowledged expert requires a commitment to staying abreast of the latest information in your career field.

Leaders set the standard by setting a positive example. Leaders are role models that exemplify high standards from dress and appearance to moral conduct.

During a deployment as an aircraft maintainer, I had the pleasure of observing a senior noncommissioned officer sign out a toolbox and work the flight line with his fellow maintainers every day. His role was to fill a supervisory requirement, but when he was asked why he was working aircraft, his response was "because this is my job." He understood the meaning of fly, fight, win and knew that his contributions on the flight line would inspire others. He earned the respect of all ranks during that deployment — he set the standard by setting a positive example.

Leaders are required to accept responsibility at all levels. Leaders must ensure their people are trained, equipped and aware of the objectives they are being tasked to complete. Failure to accept responsibility in any area can greatly affect the group's capability and lose the respect of the group. Gen. Curtis LeMay once said, "If I had to come up with one word to define leadership, I would say responsibility."

Leadership is the art of influencing and directing people to accomplish the mission. Leadership has no rank; anyone can be an effective leader.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

What is one simple pleasure you enjoy in your life?



"Sitting at home on a cold night by the fireplace watching a movie with my family."

**Johnny Potter, contractor,  
81st Operations Support  
Flight**



"Enjoying a pleasant time with my friends and family."

**Senior Airman Joe Vasquez,  
81st Civil Engineer  
Squadron**

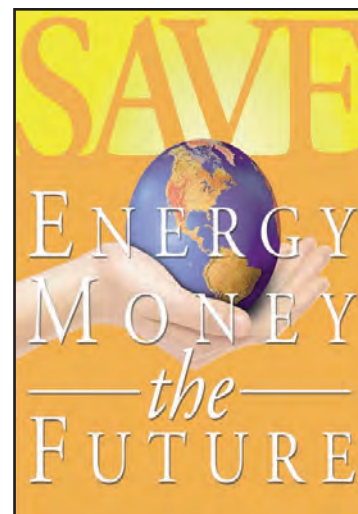


"My kids."

**Staff Sgt. Chrystal Hill,**

**45th Airlift Squadron**

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## New Matero Hall climbing tower will enhance training opportunities

Keesler News staff

Construction begins soon in Matero Hall on a new indoor climbing tower for airfield systems apprentice students in the 338th Training Squadron.

The 2E1X2 airfield systems career field maintains airfield, landing, weather and communications systems. Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Nelson, career field manager, added a climbing component to the training requirement at the July 2007 utilization and training workshop.

### Training makes maintenance safer

This climbing training will prepare Airmen to safely perform periodic and corrective maintenance on airfield equipment mounted on towers, according to Terry Campbell, airfield systems training manager. This change in the training program posed a bit of a dilemma, since the 338th TRS didn't have a physical structure for students to train on and climb.

Since June, students have done their academic training in Jones Hall and traveled to Maltby Hall to climb the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron's tower.

Even though this combination of training has provided the students with the necessary tools they need to fulfill the requirements of the new curriculum, there are still drawbacks, said Mr. Campbell.

### Transportation, weather impact

Transportation time and costs and weather are currently all factors in the current training. Anytime there is lightning within 5 miles of the tower, climbing training stops. Inclement weather also hinders training. Any time training stops, the possibility of extending training exists, negatively impacting the mission.

The new 40-foot tower will be housed in the high-bay area of Matero Hall and will enable students to continue training despite inclement weather. Furthermore, the training schedule during the climbing portion will no longer have to be rearranged based on weather predictions, enabling students to receive training in the proper sequence.

In addition, the 338th TRS recently had the 85th EIS install tower-style ladders in several classrooms, giving students their first exposure to climbing. The ladders also enable students to learn basic climbing and safety skills and procedures in the classroom before their initial climb on a large tower, according to Staff Sgt. Richard Oliver, 338th airfield systems instructor. Previously, students used portable ladders or coat racks to learn initial skills such as tying knots, he said.



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
**Tech. Sgt. Daniel Wilburn, left, guides one of his students, Airman 1st Class Bryson Parrish, on safety procedures on a classroom ladder before undertaking a 40-foot climb.**

"These ladders give a more realistic feel to the climbing," said Sergeant Oliver. "They'll definitely be helpful."

"If the tower is installed and usable by January, as planned, we'll no longer need to use the 85th EIS tower," said Mr. Campbell. "However, it was an valuable training tool, allowing us to put climbing-certified Airmen in the career field 11 months earlier than if we had waited on completion of the Matero Hall tower."

"It's been a lot of work and a real team effort," said Lt. Col. John Thomas, 338th TRS commander. "Folks in the 338th are getting great cooperation from everyone on this, and why not? It saves money and improves mission effectiveness."

## Facelift for weather classrooms



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Adriana Lopez, a student awaiting training in the 336th Training Squadron, replaces books on a shelf in a 335th TRS weather schoolhouse classroom after new carpet was installed. Some of the renovations are self-help projects, while others are the result of classroom sponsorship by weather squadrons at other bases. The weather schoolhouse has asked weather squadrons, ROTC units and other agencies to sponsor a classroom. Sponsorship includes adding unique squadron items or historical facts to the classroom. Trainers believe a visually-stimulating classroom will improve the overall academic experience of the students. The schoolhouse is striving to improve two to four classrooms per quarter. To this point, 12 classrooms are refurbished and three sponsors have been secured.

### Old dormitory coming down

Avery Manor, an old student dormitory on Ploesti Drive, is scheduled for demolition, 10 a.m. Friday.

For more news,  
information and photos,  
visit Keesler's public Web site,  
<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

If you've been drinking and need a safe, sober ride home, call Airman Against Drunk Driving, 377-SAVE.

# **TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES**

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## **Special testing dates**

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

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

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

**ACT** — March 27 for April 27; May 22 for June 22.

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 Wednesday 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.

## **Student health center**

The student health center in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

## Deployed nurse from medical center

Capt. Donna LaPointe, a nurse assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group, checks intravenous medication and fluid of a patient Nov. 24 at an undisclosed air base in Southwest Asia. The 379th EMDG provides in-theater patient care for service members lightly wounded or injured in the global war on terror. Captain LaPointe is deployed from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell Cannady



## Family practice clinic ready to empanel patients

By Capt. Robert Flemming

### 81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center soon begins empanelling patients into its family health clinic.

The Air Force Surgeon General and his staff have developed a family health initiative that promotes patient-provider continuity with a strong focus on preventive care. A primary tenet of this plan is that patients see the same provider or a provider in their team on a consistent basis when they have a health problem.

Providers and their professional staffs also provide patients educational information on keeping healthy and let them know what exams they need.

To provide patients the best possible care, the family practice clinic assigns patients to a provider who is part of a small team that includes other providers, nurses and medical technicians. The provider for active-duty members is usually the provider assigned to each member's squadron. In addition, family members not empanelled to another clinic are assigned to the sponsor's provider. This allows each team to become familiar with the family's health conditions so that their medical histories and general health status are available if there's a medical concern.

Providers and their staffs also assist patients in preventive health maintenance ensuring they're scheduled for required exams based on age and other risk factors.

Patients will be notified of their provider teams soon. The goal is to maximize continuity with respective providers or their colleagues so that when patients arrive for their medical appointments, providers are familiar with them. Once empanelled, whenever patients call for an appointment, the appointment clerks provide them one with their assigned provider or team.

Clinic providers also schedule visits to squadrons to become familiar with work-related exposures and stressors.

Provider teams work with patients to ensure they're up to date with their preventive health exams, such as PAP smears, preventive health assessment exams for active-duty members, immunizations and follow-ups for cholesterol, blood pressure and other tests.

The medical center staff also encourages Keesler members to take advantage of the preventive services offered by the health and wellness center, including a full range of exercise counseling and health improvement programs.

## IN THE NEWS

### Wing calls this week

A 81st Training Wing call for officers is 2 p.m. today with Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, command chief.

A make-up call is 9 a.m. Friday at the same location for personnel unable to attend other calls this week due to duty requirements.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Caleb Rose, 377-8874.

### Storm water permit review

Keesler is in the process of reviewing and updating its storm water permit as required by environmental regulation and public law.

For more information or to participate in program development, call Terry James, 377-8255.

### Victim advocate training

There's room for nine more applicants to attend sexual assault prevention and response program victim advocate training, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21, 28 and 29 and Feb. 4 in the third floor conference room in Locker Room.

Applicants must attend all four training dates.

Application deadline is Jan. 5. For necessary forms or more information, call 377-8635.

### Cold weather garments authorized

Air Force leaders have developed a list of approved mix-and-match deviations for undergarments and cold weather gear to be worn with the Airman battle uniform.

Authorized combinations can be found on the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=-1361111&command=org>

### Reading list announced

#### Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz announced his 2009 reading list Dec. 8.

The list can be accessed at <http://www.af.mil/library/csafreading> and is available at Air Force libraries.

### 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.

### 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.

# Airfield,

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The improvements will further increase the airfield's capabilities, according to Mr. Cooper.

The structure and integrity of the parking ramps will be improved, allowing C-130s and larger aircraft to park safely. The cracks and chips on the ramp will be fixed and entire slabs of concrete will be replaced. Without the improvements, larger aircraft such as C-17s could cause the pavement to crush under their weight.

The capability to support such aircraft is paramount during contingency operations since hurricane evacuation plans could call for the use of C-17s if the student population must be airlifted, according to Mr. Cooper.

The use of C-17s was instrumental in providing supplies and relief efforts to Keesler and the Gulf Coast community after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he said. At one time, six C-17s were on Keesler's parking ramp the week after Katrina.

The airfield will remain operational during the construction project, which will result in reduced work space for 403rd Wing reservist maintenance crews, according to Maj. Kevin Green, 403rd Wing project officer for ramp repair.

"It's like renovating a building you're still

working in, except trickier," said Mr. Cooper. "There are space requirements such as aircraft wing-tip clearances, aircraft taxi routes to and from the runway, and vehicle placement objectives to consider."

Aircraft are normally moved daily to accommodate maintenance. However, they must now be towed to accommodate construction, flying and maintenance. As a result, certified aircraft tow team members must constantly stop maintenance production to reposition aircraft to meet these requirements. At times, this can reduce maintenance capabilities by up to 50 percent.

Due to increased aircraft movement, daily meetings about parking are needed to de-conflict all airfield operations, according to 1st Lt. Laura Chighizola, 81st OSF airfield operations officer.

"Safety is our greatest concern throughout the aircraft parking ramp repairs," said Major Green. "What makes ensuring safety a challenge is that as work space decreases our 'real-world' and training requirements remain constant."

Many agencies have come together to make the planning and execution process of this project a success, said Major Green.

"A tremendous deal of planning and scheduling have been involved for the 81st Training Wing and the 403rd Wing reservists, which has led to superb teamwork and collaboration to make this project happen," said Mr. Cooper.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, contractors Quilliard Baker, Justin Schmitts and Rod Vandulman work on airfield repairs Dec. 3.

## Traffic diverted for paving work

Friday and Saturday, paving is taking place on Ploesti Drive near Bay Ridge housing area and the new Pine Lawn Boulevard.

Traffic is limited to one lane while the other lane is being paved. Flagmen will control traffic flow.

It's suggested that traffic between the Pass Road Gate and marina park take alternate routes if possible.

For more news  
and photos,  
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[http://www.  
keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)

## Hurricane,

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seven of which were major.

Making history, six consecutive storms made landfall on the U.S. mainland this year — Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. Fay made history with four separate U.S. landfalls, all in Florida.

This was also the first season where a major hurricane formed in five consecutive months, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Keesler members felt the rains of Hanna and saw the storm surges of Ike along Highway 90, but most remember Gustav as nearly 3,600 sheltered on base while 6,500 more evacuated to safe havens.

Gustav subjected Keesler to sustained winds of 39 mph and gusts of 61 mph, according to Captain Sheldon. Estimated 6-foot storm surges were seen along Biloxi's Back Bay and Highway 90. Little damage was recorded, and Keesler came out virtually unscathed.

Despite the season's small

impact to most Keesler members, reservists from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron "Hurricane Hunters" flew more than 900 hours in tropical weather reconnaissance, keeping airfield operations personnel busy.

"There was a significant increase (in the operations tempo) from last year," said Captain Sheldon. "We were prepared for the worst case scenario."

During Hurricane Ike, base operations personnel assisted aircraft from Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla. They bedded down aircraft, which later flew to Louisiana to help with the search and rescue mission there.

Despite the busy season, Tech. Sgt. Mark Savelio, non-commissioned officer in charge of weather operations, said he wasn't worried. Planning for the 2008 hurricane season began in February, he said.

"After learning from Katrina, I was ready and my family was ready," said Sergeant Savelio. "We were just more aware of what we were looking for and better prepared."



# PERSONNEL NOTES

## 2009 selection board

The schedule for selection boards convening in 2009:

**Jan. 12-16, May 18-22, Sept. 21-25** — special selection boards.

**Feb. 2-20** — senior master sergeant.

**March 9-20** — colonel line of the Air Force; lieutenant colonel and major biomedical sciences corps/nurse corps.

**June 8-26** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

**July 13-24** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

**Sept. 14-18** — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 13-26** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 2-13** — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

**Dec. 1-11** — colonel LAF/BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

## Special leave accrual

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than 75 days at the end of a fiscal year.

Special leave accrual applies when deployments or assignments to designated operational missions at the national level prohibit members from using leave. It applies to active duty and Reserve personnel under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, and includes Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for 30 days or more.

Special leave accrual is designed to prevent Airmen from losing accrued leave if they're unable to take normal leave due to significant and unforeseen operational requirements.

Airmen can't use their major command's recovery time policy as a reason for reinstatement when accrued leave could have been taken in its place.

## Medical appointments

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

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.

## Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## SRB changes

The latest selective reenlistment bonus list contains 88 Air Force specialties.

It increases the maximum amount Airmen may receive per zone from \$60,000 per zone to \$90,000, enabling the Air Force to impact critical skills already receiving high multipliers in the SRB calculation.

To view the SRB list, visit

<http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Reenlistments/>.

For more information, call the military personnel section's career development element, 376-8739.

## PCS requirement

All members making a permanent change of station move or to any continental United States location or unaccompanied overseas tour now are required to complete an Air Force Form 4380, Air Force Special Needs Screener.

This requirement helps determine if the new location can meet the required special needs. PCS orders won't be processed prior to completion of the form, or receipt of final determination on exceptional family member program enrollment for any responses that indicate the presence of special needs. Members with PCS to accompanied overseas tours continue to process the Air Force Forms 1466 and 1466D.

For more information, call 376-8739.

## CORRECTION

A story in the Dec. 4 issue of the Keesler News incorrectly stated Marcella Whitfield's duty title. She is Keesler's resource efficiency manager. Impact facts in the story were supplied by the Sierra Club, but energy saving hints were provided by Ms. Whitfield.

**Make safety  
the guiding force  
for your  
holiday  
preparations.**

# Retirement marks end of 45 years of service

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Ron Bublik, 81st Force Support Squadron, retires Dec. 31 with a combined Air Force and civil service career spanning nearly 45 years.

Mr. Bublik enlisted in the Air Force in 1964 and attended technical training at Keesler and Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

In addition to assignments at Keesler and Goodfellow, his other military tours included Misawa Air Base, Japan, Chanute AFB, Ill.; Samsun, Turkey; Izmir, Turkey; Laughlin AFB, Texas; Anderson AFB, Guam; Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. and Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

After retiring from the Air Force as a master sergeant in 1984, Mr. Bublik began his civil service career at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi.

Mr. Bublik transferred to Keesler in 1987 and worked as a personal affairs technician in the consolidated base personnel office.

The following year, he moved to the newly-formed family support center as the Air Force Aid Society officer. He later took over the center's personal financial management program, and helped launch the new transition assistance program in 1991.

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Mr. Bublik's actions helped the family support center to become the first support function that was fully operational after the storm. He helped with the disbursement of emergency Air Force Aid Society funds immediately after the storm, helped set up a satellite family support



Courtesy photo  
**Mr. Bublik has also earned a reputation as “the man behind the grill” at many base functions and airman and family readiness center cookouts.**

center at Thrower Park for retirees, set up a family support center attic that disbursed thousands of pounds of donated items to Keesler families and moved the center's offices from the Sablich Center to old Cody Hall.

As the Sablich Center's building custodian, Mr. Bublik worked with civil engineers and contractors to facilitate the \$7.5 million rebuild of Sablich Center and coordinate the move back to Sablich Center earlier this year. He was honored with the Civilian Achievement Award for his actions after Hurricane Katrina.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have five children, nine grandchildren and recently became the great-grandparents of twin girls. They'll remain in the Biloxi area, and he plans to work part-time in a nonappropriated fund job on base after he takes care of his wife's “honey-do list.”

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# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Staff Sgt. Amber Shema  
**Unit** — 335th Training Squadron  
**Position** — enlisted financial courses instructor

**Time in Air Force** — 7½ years

**Time at Keesler** — 2½ years

**Hometown** — Santa Maria, Calif.

**Noteworthy** — American Cancer Society Relay for Life team captain, participated in American Heart Association Heart Walk, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, Habitat for Humanity and Halloween “spooky trails” fundraiser to benefit a center for abused children. She’s also in charge of the squadron focus group, which is designed to ensure instructors are not only healthy, but fit to fight.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — a sure job in a career I love.

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** short-term, complete my master’s degree in human resource management; long term, open my own restaurant



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**What’s your favorite quote?** “Let’s do some push-ups.”

**What are your hobbies?** hiking, camping, cooking, baking, anything I can do with my family

## DIAMOND NOTES

Heritage, standards, customs and courtesies, and core values are the building blocks of professionalism.

Professionalism is the foundation of our military service.

You can’t build a strong structure on a shaky foundation.

Continue to stress and reinforce these vital institutions throughout your entire career.



Master Sgt. Robert Worley, 334th Training Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



### Fall 1943

More than 7,000 African-Americans soldiers were stationed at Keesler Field, including pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, bombardiers, aviation technicians and aviation mechanics.

They took a giant step forward toward winning wars on two fronts — the struggle against racism and the fight against foreign enemies.

# Program combats diseases spread by sexual activity

## **81st Medical Group Public Affairs**

A program aimed at combating an increase in HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Levitow Training Support Facility's Fishbowl Student Center.

SCARRED — Securing Our Country Against the Risky Reality of Environment and Disease — was developed by LaDaysha Jackson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron nurse educator; Capt. Romeatrius Moss, officer in charge of the 81st MDOS pediatric subspecialty clinic; and Maj. Matthew West, 81st Aero-space Medicine Squadron public health flight commander.

“These increased rates are reflected among the Keesler population, primarily those in the 17- to 27-year-old range,” Ms. Jackson said.

There have been six HIV cases and three syphilis cases at Keesler over the past six months.

“The HIV incidents are what is so alarming,” Major West said. “They are so young; five of the six are active duty.”

Ms. Jackson commented, “Harrison County is part of District 9, which has the state's second highest HIV rate. Our Airmen need to be aware of the problem and use protection.”

When active-duty members are diagnosed with HIV, they meet with their commander and are given a preventive medicine order. They are then sent to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for an evaluation and then again every six months.

The interactive program, primarily intended for young active-duty students and dorm residents, features a skit, speakers, giveaways and free lunch.

Major West noted, “We encourage questions and will use the occasion to address any ‘wives’ tales’ about HIV that have arisen. We may present the program on a recurring basis depending on feedback from Friday's event.”

# MTI recruiters brief Wednesday

Air Education and Training Command's military training instructor recruiting team holds a briefing, 8:45-10:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Airman Leadership School auditorium.

The Wednesday visit takes the place of the February visit previously announced.

More than 250 slots are currently open for MTIs.

Positions are open to airmen first class with at least 24 months time in service through technical sergeant with less than 16 years total active federal military service.

Enlisted personnel from all Air Force specialty codes that meet the previously identified criteria are eligible to apply for these positions and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's

special duty application by bringing a completed application to the briefing.

To obtain a copy of the special duty application or for

more information, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 81st Training Wing career adviser, 377-3697, or e-mail [kelle.turner@keesler.af.mil](mailto:kelle.turner@keesler.af.mil).



# Little girl thrives while both parents deployed

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Behind a heartwarming family reunion is a grateful “Grammy.”

“Grammy” is Wanda Freeland, grandmother of 2-year-old Kiera Freeland. She left her job nearly eight months ago to become Kiera’s primary caregiver when her son and daughter-in-law deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., to two different locations May 5.

Capt. Owen Freeland graduated from Mercy Cross High School in Biloxi and was active in the Civil Air Patrol at Keesler. He enlisted in the Air Force 11 years ago and now serves as a communications officer. He was deployed to Southwest Asia from May through September.

His wife, Tech. Sgt. Andrea Freeland, is from Washington and enlisted 10 years ago. A paralegal, she served at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, through November.

In April, Mrs. Freeland flew to Omaha to help her son finish packing the house while her daughter-in-law was at combat skills training. Her husband, Tom, who retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant 21 years ago, remained behind to prepare their Jackson County home for Kiera’s arrival.

Mrs. Freeland and Kiera flew to Mississippi, and her son and daughter-in-law followed with furniture, toys, blankets, dolls, diapers and two big dogs.

The family celebrated Kiera’s second birthday five weeks early, since her parents would be halfway around the world when the big day came.

Kiera was embraced by family and friends. Her great-grandparents, Bob and Kathryn Lutz, live next door to the Freelands. Lucas Freeland, 13-year-old son of Staff Sgt. Wayne Freeland, a paralegal from Barksdale AFB, La., spent weekends reading, playing and caring for his cousin.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

**Kiera and her parents spend some time in the classroom Dec. 4 with Ms. Lewis, her teacher.**

The Freeland home was transformed from an “empty nest” to a beehive of activity focused on their granddaughter. Their two sons are in their 30s, so caring for a child, especially a little girl, was a new adventure.

“Kiera moved from a crib to a youth bed,” Mrs. Freeland remembered. “We had to establish language skills and learn what she wanted, needed and how to communicate with her. Here we were — diapers again, bathing, dressing, feeding and entertaining a toddler, learning to work the car seats and strollers, loading up the diaper bag whenever we were going anywhere.

“Constant vigilance ... we had to childproof the house and then some,” she continued. “How do you get anything done? Then there’s discipline ... and potty training!”

The Freelands laid the groundwork for a smooth transition by enrolling Kiera at the Keesler Child Development Center in April, where she stayed while her grandmother worked from home.

“Our first impression of the CDC was a friendly, caring, professional staff,” Mrs. Freeland said. “The center was clean, cheerful and child-oriented, with fish tanks, hamsters, pictures, posters and a big play area.”

Theresa Reinsch, who’s in charge of children’s assign-



“Grammy” and Kiera

ments and parent orientation, introduced Kiera and her family to Sadaki Lewis, Kiera’s teacher, and Debbie Hendricks, the classroom assistant.

“Sadaki has a gentle, caring way about her,” Mrs. Freeland recalled. “She’s been there more than 20 years. She loves what she does and even buys books and things for her children and room with her own money.”

Mrs. Freeland and the CDC staff soon developed a close partnership.

“They told me about her daily activities, what she would eat, through potty training, assessing her progress, listening and advising when I had worries about a behavior,” Mrs. Freeland explained.

“I was also very impressed as I watched them settle 14

2-year-olds coming in from the playground, changing diapers, some going to the potty, others washing hands — 14 little bodies going in different directions,” she noted. “Dancing, singing, reading — even how they resolved childhood hitting, pinching, biting and pushing — and not one TV or video.

“At nap time, they’d rub one’s back to soothe him, gently coax a newcomer to sleep. They have a board with pictures of the children and their families at 2-year-old eye level so they can touch Mommy or Daddy at any time.”

The Freelands used many resources to keep Kiera close to her mommy and daddy. An Offutt mom started a nonprofit group to help deployed family members with free talking teddy bears. Kiera’s parents each made a teddy bear recording so their daughter could always hear Mommy and Daddy telling her goodnight and how much they loved her.

Another Offutt program enabled Sergeant Freeland to make a DVD reading a book to Kiera. She made similar DVDs while in Afghanistan through the USO, which sent the DVD and books to Kiera.

Kiera’s mom didn’t have webcam capabilities in Afghanistan, but regular phone calls helped.

“The webcam was the best — we were on with her dad at

least once a week,” Mrs. Freeland pointed out. “Owen also made and e-mailed video clips. Sometimes he showed her a book or a stuffed animal and would send it to her, so I could show the video clip with the animal and then she had the animal with her — that was a powerful connection.

“With the webcam, when her daddy sent a kiss or hug, I’d kiss or hug her — Owen would respond when Kiera sent one to him,” she added.

Mrs. Freeland didn’t use the services offered by the Keesler Airman and Family Readiness Center, but appreciated the e-mail newsletter that outlined available services and activities for families of deployed members, such as pictures on T-shirts or pillows, parents night out, pamper day for moms, discounted or free tickets, meetings and morale calls.

“I believe, with the prolonged and multiple deployments over the past several years, the Air Force is making a much greater effort to keep families connected,” Mrs. Freeland remarked. “I found the Air Force to be one family regardless of the base.”

Kiera’s parents arrived in Mississippi Dec. 4 and picked up their daughter at the CDC surrounded by hugs and tears from the staff.

Since returning to the states, Captain Freeland has traveled twice to Shaw AFB, S.C., to buy a house, set up the household and Christmas tree, arrange day care and prepare for his family’s arrival. They leave Mississippi today and report to Shaw Jan. 5.

“They brought us a sweet baby and we’re returning a beautiful little girl with a great big smile, happy personality and wonderful giggle — she’s grown more than three inches and chatters like a magpie,” Mrs. Freeland said. “Our home and our lives will never be the same. Although Kiera has her family back together, her departure leaves a great big hole in our hearts.”

# Annual Christmas celebration is today in marina park



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Olivia Perry admires the lights during last year's Christmas in the Park. Her parents are Capt. Colin and Courtney Perry, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

## 81st Force Support Squadron Services

Keesler's annual Christmas in the Park takes place today in marina park.

Festivities begin at 3:30 p.m. a performance by the drum and bugle corps.

At 4, train and carriage rides, children's activities, entertainment, holiday music and complimentary food and beverages are planned.

The schedule also includes a live nativity scene at 5, a performance by the chapel choir at 5:30, and Christmas tree lighting at 6, followed by visits with Santa and free photos while supplies last.

Event sponsors are Coldwell Banker, GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing.

For more information, call 377-3160.

## Arts and crafts center, 377-2821

**Today** — 5-7:30 p.m. — holiday crafting. Call for price.

6-7 p.m. — candle dove ceramic project. Make a dove with gold trim. Call for price.

Framing deadline for stocked molding orders.

Engraving deadline for in-stock item orders; pick up by Dec. 19.

**Saturday** — 10 a.m. to noon, holiday bread making. \$15 including supplies. Bring a mixing bowl.

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

Last day to leave items for ceramic firing; pick up by Dec. 19.

**Dec. 18** — 5-7:30 p.m., holiday crafting. Call for price.

## Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832

**Dec. 19** — holiday gift basket drawing; register each time you play golf to win a \$100 golf holiday gift basket.

**Christmas and New Year's Day** — free golf; golf carts and rental clubs not available.

## Fitness, 377-4385

**Wednesday** — 7 a.m., free Jingle Bell 5-kilometer race, Blake Fitness Center. Register day of the race.

## Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817

**Dec. 31** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's Eve party. Bowling, music, dancing and prizes. Party favors, finger foods and nonalcoholic midnight toast included. \$30 adults, \$25 children ages 6-17, free ages 5 and younger. Purchase tickets early.

## McBride Library, 377-2181

**Last two weeks in December** — Christmas book display.

## Project Elf Vandy

**Through Dec. 19** — commanders and first sergeants 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 by 5 p.m. Dec. 19 with the number of bags needed. Bags can be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

## Youth center, 377-4116

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

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

## Vandenberg Community Center, 377-3308

**Dec. 31** — 8 p.m. to midnight, New Year's Eve party for nonprior service students; free admission, entertainment and party favors.

## Don't let fires ruin holiday festivities

By James Palmer Jr.

Keesler assistant fire prevention chief

Each year, fires during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause more than \$930 million in damage.

Here are simple steps to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

### Holiday decorations

Use only non-flammable/flame retardant decorations and place away from heat vents.

**Artificial trees** are the only type allowed in places of public assembly and dormitories on Keesler and recommended in base housing. These trees should be in good condition and listed as flame retardant.

Use only approved decorations and lights this holiday season. Look for the Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual approved seal on all electrical lights or decorations.

### Electrical safety

**Don't** overload electrical outlets. Don't link more than two light strands, unless the directions indicate it's safe.

**Periodically** check the wires — they should

not be warm to the touch.

**Extension cords** are only for temporary use — unplug them when leaving the facility or home.

**Make sure** your holiday lights are inspected for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before using them.

**In places of public assembly**, the base fire department's fire prevention section must be called at 377-3330 or 8440 about all special events and before purchasing holiday decorations. A fire inspection must be performed no less than two days prior to the event.

**Holiday decorations** can't be placed on fire doors, obstruct installed fire protection devices or block or obstruct egress paths and exits in accordance with Keesler Instruction 32-2002.

### Candle safety

**Don't use** lit candles as decorations on holiday trees or near flammables and curtains.

**Never** leave candles unattended or within the reach of children.

**Extinguish** all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.

For more information, call 377-3330 or 8440.

**Did you know:**

- Replacing inefficient lights with LED bulbs can make your holidays safer and cheaper?
- LED bulbs use only one-tenth as much energy as "mini" lights, and only one percent as much energy as older bulbs
- LED bulbs can burn for at least 100,000 hours -- the equivalent of 20 holidays

**Make energy awareness a part of your day ... every day**

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## NOTES

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### **Home Away from Home**

The chapel is sponsoring the "Home Away From Home" Christmas dinner program for nonprior service Airmen.

Host families are limited to active-duty, retired or Civil Service employees. Hosts include two or more Airmen in their Christmas meal. No gift exchange is required or expected.

Host registration forms are available at the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility and Triangle Chapel. The forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>. Potential hosts may also register by e-mailing [charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil) or calling 377-8256 or 2331.

Forms must be turned in by Dec. 23.

### **Help for assault victims**

The deadline to donate to the sexual assault prevention and response program's book bag drive for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence is extended to Jan. 15.

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 office on the third floor of Locker House, using the stairs closest to the intersection of Third and D streets.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

### **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.



## Intramural basketball Communicators emerge as early favorite

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Communications Squadron looks like the team to beat if you want to earn Keesler's intramural basketball championship this season.

The 81st CS defeated the 81st Medical Group, 60-54, in the league's preseason tournament which concluded Dec. 3.

In their first Eastern Division game of the regular season Dec. 4, the communicators blasted the 332nd Training Squadron, 81-36.

Later that evening, the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron squeaked past the Navy's MK Island, 53-51, and the Marine Corps Detachment nipped the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 41-39.

In Dec. 3 Western Division play, the 336th TRS-A forfeited to the 403rd Wing, and the 81st Medical Support Squadron trounced the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 52-32.

For upcoming games, see Scores and More, Page 20.

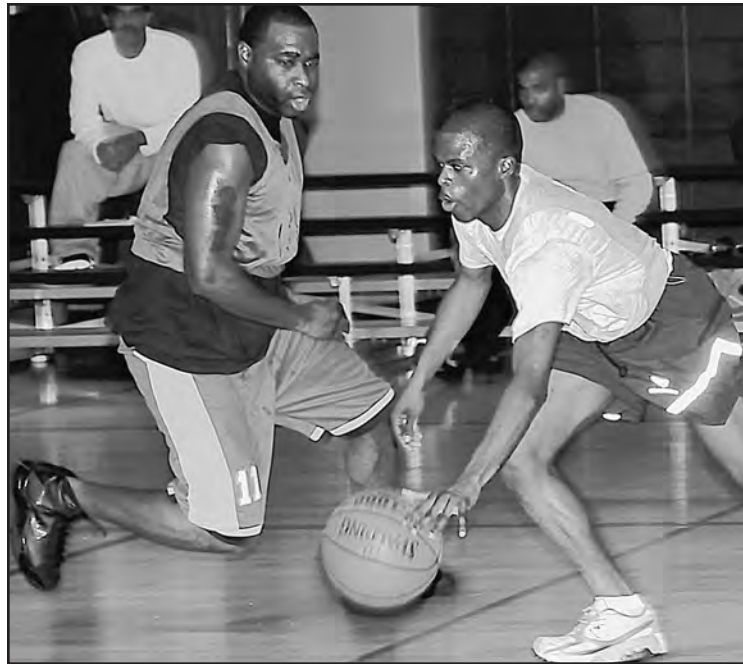


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Willie Garland, left, 81st CS, challenges Cory Brown, 332nd TRS, for the ball in a Dec. 3 Eastern Division game.**



# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### SEMAC varsity men

(as of Dec. 6)

Team	Won	Lost
Keesler	3	1
Mayport	3	1
Hurlburt Field	4	2
Moody	3	3
Eglin	3	4
Tyndall	2	4
Fort Benning	1	4

**Dec. 6** — Keesler 102, Fort Benning 98; Moody 87, Eglin 75; Mayport at Hurlburt postponed.

**Saturday** — Keesler at Mayport, Hurlburt at Fort Benning, Moody at Tyndall.

### SEMAC varsity women

(as of Dec. 7)

Team	Won	Lost
Fort Benning	4	1
Eglin	3	2
Keesler	2	2
Tyndall	2	2
Moody	0	4

**Dec. 6-7** — Fort Benning 58, Keesler 56; Eglin 68, Moody 57; Eglin 62, Moody 49.

**Dec. 13** — Keesler at Eglin, Moody at Tyndall

### Intramural Eastern Division

(as of Dec. 4)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	1	0
81st CES	1	0
MARDET	1	0
Truxton	0	0
336th TRS-B	0	0
338th TRS	0	0
MK Island	0	1
332nd TRS	0	1
81st LRS	0	1

**Dec. 4** — 81st CS 81, 332nd TRS 36; 81st CES 53, MK Island 51; MARDET 41, 81st LRS 39.

**Today** — 6 p.m., 81st CS vs. MARDET; 7 p.m., MK Island vs. Truxton; 8 p.m., 81st LRS vs. 336th TRS-B.

**Tuesday** — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 336th TRS; 7 p.m., 338th TRS vs. Truxton; 8 p.m., MK Island vs. 81st LRS.

### Intramural Western Division

(as of Dec. 3)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	1	0
403rd Wing	1	0
81st DS	0	0
81st MDG	0	0
81st SFS	0	0
81st FSS	0	0
336th TRS-A	0	1
85th EIS	0	1

**Monday** — 6 p.m., 403rd Wing vs. 81st FSS; 7 p.m., 81st DS vs. 81st SFS; 8 p.m., 336th TRS-A vs. 81st MDSS.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 81st FSS; 7 p.m., 85th EIS vs. 81st SFS; 8 p.m., 403rd Wing vs. 81st MDSS.

**Dec. 3** — 336th TRS-A forfeited to 403rd Wing; 81st MDSS 52, 85th EIS 32.

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser

(as of Dec. 1)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	55	29
Perry's Refrigeration	55	29
DOG Squad	54	30
Hit 9 Get 9	49	35
All Screwed Up	47	37
Sandy's Gang	46	33
403rd Strykers	45	39
Wrong Foot Forward	45	39
Man On!	45	39
Robbie's Rejects	45	39
Our Gang	44	40
Martini's	44	40
Slater's Shooters	42	42
Pot Luck	41	43
Hang Chucky	39	45
Ricky's Rookies	38	46
Why Not	37	47
Team 18	27	57
Hoops Gang	21	63
Unpredictables	21	63

### Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of Nov. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	46	31
Any Takers	44	33
Wild Gang	44	33
Clyde's Crew	42	35
MUDD	39	38
Neighbors Plus 1	36	34
Team 6	38	39
Guys and Dolls	32	45
70s Plus	31	46
Ichi Ban	30	47

### Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of Dec. 4)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	61	23
Kitty and Kats	54	30
TBB Express	50	34
Team 14	47	37
Team 5	43	41
Team 12	43	41
Team 13	42	42
Team 8	41	43
Two He's and a She	41	43
Team 16	40	44
3-70s Plus	38	46
CHMATO	36	48
Team 11	36	48
Three's Company	35.5	48.5
2 Kings and A Queen	34	50
Lucky Trio	28.5	55.5

### Friday Night Mixed

(as of Nov. 21)

Team	Won	Lost
Fun Timers	54	23
We Take Ugly	47	30
3 Guys and a Babe	42	35
Mixed Nuts	42	35

Sandbaggers	42	35
Rose and Her Thorns	41	36
Frustrated	39	38
Pin Busters	36	41
Lady and the Tramps	35	42
The Strikers	30	47
Pin Pals	28	49
Beyond Control	26	51

## Other

**New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Adults \$30, ages 6-17 \$25, free ages 5 and younger. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by adult. Cost includes bowling, shoes, finger foods, non-alcoholic beverages, midnight toast, party favors, prizes, giveaways, music and dancing. Alcoholic beverages sold separately. **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

**Free Jingle Bell 5-kilometer run** — 7 a.m. Wednesday, Blake Fitness Center. Register on race day.

**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 workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

## Golf

**New driving range open** — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Yardage markers are accurate and measured from the hitting mats. Bucket of balls \$2.

**Family month** — free greens fees, ages 6-12; must be accompanied by adult. Youth ages 13-17 and golfers' spouses pay half-price greens fee. Offer good during December.

**Holiday gift basket** — register every time you play golf to win a golf holiday gift basket valued at \$100; drawing Dec. 19.

**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.

**Course and pro shop** — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

## Outdoor recreation

**Discount on fishing equipment** — save 10 percent Dec. 17-19.

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

**Big buck contest** — bring in a deer with the most points and win \$100 savings bond. Points are calculated by placing a ring on the antlers; if an antler supports the ring, it's considered a point.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in largest speckled trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

**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.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Leonardo Alviz, David Anderson, Nathan Asher, Bryan Barnbrugge, Giovanni Barnett, Austin Bass, Justin Bedsole, Andrew Blair, Michael Bougher, David Brackett, Lucas Bradshaw, Steven Bright, Cory Brown, Cody Bucy, Sean Bundles, Joshua Cantrell, Majed Chaaban, Jason Cherry, Seth Chestosky, Alexander Chisholm, Michael Chrisholm, Jonathan Clay, Bradley Cradic, Dylan Crowell, Lequonne Curry, Cressan Cushman, Richard Dale, Ricardo DeLaCruz, Zachary Donelson, Nathaniel Dykstra, Richard Egan, Adam Fengler, Christofer Floyd, Patrick Forbes, Terry Frampton, Richard Friedrich, Matthew Furlough, Tyler Goeke, James Gray, Christopher Green, Chad Greer, Nathan Grille, Paul Haggerty, Christopher Haley, Evan Hall, Brian Haslid, Darold Hatcher, Brian Heslor, Kevin Hinojos, Justin James, Spencer Jett, Adam Johnson, Paul Johnson, Scott Kababik, Nicholas Kadish, Brian Kelley, Dwanye Koch, Christopher Kugler, Devon Lewis, Aaron Lien, Cory Martin, Travis Martin, Garrett Miller, Herbert Mullens, Jarrad Myers, Peter Nase, Frank Olszynski, Andrew O'Malley, James Owen, Andrew Parks, Mario Pecararo, Bryson Purcell, Zachary Raak, Matthew Rand, Chad Rinderer, Alexander Rodgers, Eric Rodriguez, Ryan Rodriguez, Dalton Seder, Blaine Shakoor, Matthew Sherman, Ashley Smith, Micah Sowders, Michael Spencer, Michael Tully, Robert Turner, Timothy White, Ezra Williams, Kyle Wilson, Anthony Wisecup and Thomas Yoon; Airmen Zachary Bergsma, Adam Blanchard, Scott Blankenship, Joshua Coop, Patrick Debono, Lori Dentremon, Joseph Downey, Steven Fingold, Bryan Horn, Michael Koenig, Dorothy Litoff, Quaye Meisenhelder, Kristofferson Nunez, Matthew O'Connell, Ross O'Donnell, Alejandro Rodriguez, Joshua Waggoner, Kyle Wiens, Jacqueline Willson and Laura Wittenberg; Airmen 1st Class Justin Adams, John Ainsworth, Andrew Anderson, Edward Anderson, Mark Babjak, Kellen Barnes, Joseph Barnett, James Barnhart, Christopher Barrera, William Barton, Luke Beckwith, Brian Bernal, Travis Burke, Benjamin Byers, Marcone Cangussu, Joseph Carrigan, Jason Clukey, Reginald Collins, Rudy Corpus, Tomas Correa-Crespo, Shawn Cummins, Tyson Curran, Courtney Deckard, Benjamin Dellheim, Theodore Ehrhorn, Michael Fetterly, Dale Fusilier, Tyler Glass, Jared Glyshaw, Jeremy Grant, David Hammett, Zachary Hand, Matthew Harbin, Justin Henrichs, Michael Jaqueer, April Jasso, Alexander Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Shanan Kellems, Jennifer Kuehn, Steven Lafollette, Matthew Lafreniere, John Landers, Samuel Lee, Seth Lindo, Eric Livesay, Derek Lopez, Vincent Lowman, Julia Massi, Robert Mattix, Jacob McDonald, Asa McQueen, Jeremy McReynolds, Patricia Mead, Christopher Miles, Shane Mommerency, Bryan North, Sirivixay Oparavong, Cory Paden, James Pennigton, Steven Piper, Amador Ramirez, Brett Reeve, Joel Rodriguez, Landon Rother, Thomas Sanchez, Tyler Sancho, Troy Sanders, Pedro Santiago, Bradford Schroeder, John Shirah, Nolan Short, Jason Skelton, Terrence Spencer, Michael St. John, Matthew Struble, Bryan Summy, Ryan Tanner, Armando Villaneda, James Wilkinson and David Wolff; Senior Airmen Narada Adams, Rachael Chamberland, Chad Colvin, Charles Daum, Ryan David, Brian Houck, Matthew Lee, Charles Minatrea, Kristen Montano, Collin Osslander, Arel Radciff, Alex Szwet, Damion White and James Wittenberg; Staff Sgts. Ramon Bortle, Glenn Brackin, Mark Brizzi, David Jacobson, Christopher Porraro, Robert Quinn, Courtland Scales, Badif Sheffey, James Taylor, Gabriel Vela, Jonathan Westberg and Forrest Wyble; Tech. Sgts. Jason Altig, Jonathan Mefford and BarbaraJean Nesbitt; Master Sgt Paul Gunnoe; Senior Master Sgts Donald Miller and Edward Williams.

**Metrology basic course** — Airmen Basic Jason Bain, Chad Honeycutt and Michael Magnotta; Airman Ryan Fox.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Justin Brooks, Kenton Grych, Jordan Kennedy, Marcus Krieg, Christopher Mooney and Brett Smith; Airmen Jesse Flythe and Aaron Wright; Airmen 1st Class Megan Hendren, Matthew Winkleler and Kyle Wright; Staff Sgts. Raymond Dempsey and Curtis Krenzke; Tech. Sgt. Jason Lane.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Erik Krausen; Airman 1st Class Joshua Carandang and Jennifer Jones;

Senior Airman Victoria Hascall and Angela Hines; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Blunt, Katelyn Langerman, Jaime Montano, Creston Saul, Michael Schutte, Terrence Spann and William Willey; Tech. Sgts. Matthew Hartweg, Spencer Johnson and Elwin Weeks.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Jon Candelario, Richard Cruz, Nathaniel Harris, James Hill, Zachariah Lowe, Sarat Luewongopas, Jedidiah Morris, Thomas Morris, Scott Proefrock, Williams Uriniuk and Aaron Wanzer; Airman Jonathon Tovey; Airmen 1st Class Akshay Botre, Joshua Cedeno, Yaohue Chen, Benjamin Debacco, Mercedes Fleming, Zachary Herrera and Katherine Smith; Staff Sgts. Latrell Ball, Edgardo Garcia, Anthony Pistella, Clifford Robison and Ryan Tovar; Tech. Sgt. Michael Herrell; Master Sgt. Diana Aragon.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic John Belcher, Nicole Corcoran, Will Cross, Brandon Larson, Robert Kirby, Melissa Nelson and Anthony O'Brien; Navy Airmen Apprentice Neville Lee and Tyler Shipley; Airman Nicholas Ochoa; Navy Airman Ethan Wright; Airmen 1st Class Jeffery Carlson, John Commissaris, Dillon Curtis, Christina Hough, MaryJo Laumbach, Syrille Manacop, Sheronda McGee-Bailey, Michael Lanzetta, Christopher Murdock, Aaron Reeves, Jessica Rivait, Leah Rhodes, Wendell Spell, Jonathan Steigerwald, Andre Thomas and Justin Worrell; Marine Cpls. Rene Mello and Joshua Whittaker; Staff Sgts. Robert Abbott, Vondee Martin, Aaron Stein and Rudolph Williams; Marine Sgts. Patrick Kinsella and Harry Polenyhko; Tech. Sgt. Andrea Sheeran; Senior Master Sgt. Loay Rajeh.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen Basic James Kulikowski, John Marchetti and Jordan Moore; Airman Justin Hayes; Airmen 1st Class Zach Cahill, Christopher Marcelli and Michael Massey; Senior Airman Paul Hite; Staff Sgts. Christopher Carder, Terry Gordnier and Stephen Lambert; Master Sgt. Keith Brooks.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Amanda Behunin, Wilmer Rivera Bruno, Michael Butler, Simthchai Chutchainon, Christopher Cianfrone-Adams, Fernando Diaz, Patrick Elliot, Quintin Gilmore, Kenneth Greene,

Holly Holland, Mary Humpherys, Tiffany Journey, Brianna Larkee, Eranisha Madison, Mark Oliver, Zarah Padilla, Joshua Perry, Christopher Pettiford, Julian Pfister, Justin Platt, Evan Soriano, Deloriane Smith, Mark Steinert, Brandon Tyler, Gary Williams, Sean Williamson and Adrian Wyche; Airmen Eric Byrne, Randall Ciardetti, Eric Leyva and Amos Xavier; Airmen 1st Class Raeann Batz, Matthew Benoit, Austin Carroll, Michael D'Amico, John Delarma, Joshua Deville, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Richard Owens, Juan Rivera-Puig, Jared Silva, Aldwin Speziale, Michael Trum, John Valadon and Ergis Ziu; Senior Airmen Deborah Donahue, Mark McArdle and Charles Wentworth; Staff Sgts. Aaron Copeland, Donna Doyon, Tremaine Joseph and Russell Warren; Tech. Sgts. Jay Goodman, Felix Rodriguez and Herry Stallings; Master Sgt. Jascha Patton.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radar** — Airman Anthony Martin; Airmen 1st Class Casey Raynes, Khalid Rodriguez and Michael White.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Tyler Coleman, Patrick Cox, Kristofer Lee and Derek Powell; Airman Christina Johnson; Airmen 1st Class Justin Garay, Joshua Huckstep, Joshua Kessinger, Christopher Oshell and John Ward; Senior Airman Tom Kwiczor; Tech. Sgt. Jason Krueengel; Master Sgt. David Miller.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

Class 09-1 — graduation Tuesday.

### Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-1 — graduation Dec. 18

### Arts and crafts center

#### Specials

**Holiday bread making** — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday; \$15. Bring a mixing bowl.

**Project Elf Vandy** — commanders and first sergeants sign up people working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to receive goody bags. To register, call 377-2821 or e-mail 81SVS.SVYR@keesler.af.mil through Dec. 19. Bags may be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24.

#### Multicraft shop

**Candle dove ceramic project** — 6-7 p.m. today. Make dove with gold trim; call for price.

#### Wood hobby shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Friday. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20 including all materials and tool use. New project each month.

#### Frame shop

**Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design** — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

#### Engraving shop

**Perfect gifts** — personalized mugs and coasters, laser-engraved pen and desk sets and prints by local artists.

**Holiday order deadlines** — picture framing, order by Dec. 11 afor stocked molding. Engraving, order by today for items in stock, pick up by Dec. 19. Ceramic firing, last day to leave items is Saturday; pick up by Dec. 19.

#### Auto hobby shop

**Open shop use.**

**Vehicle storage lot** — for a secure place to store your vehicle, call 377-3872.

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

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## 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

#### Holiday worship

Triangle Chapel candlelight service.....7 p.m. Dec. 24

Triangle Chapel watch night service.....10 p.m. Dec. 31

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Weekday Mass

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

#### Holiday worship

Triangle Chapel, Christmas Eve Mass.....5 p.m. Dec. 24

Triangle Chapel, Christmas Mass.....9 a.m. Dec. 25

### Jewish

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.

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## Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays; \$10 per month per vehicle per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for RVs and boats. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821. No registration Dec. 20-Jan. 5.

## 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 pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

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

## Health and wellness center

**Tobacco cessation program** — the next four-week session of the American Cancer Society's Fresh Start program begins Jan. 7, with one-hour sessions at noon or 5 p.m. Prescription medications are available. To sign up or for more information, call 376-3170.

## Keesler Medical Center

### 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. Romeatrus 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

**How to select a personal computer orientation** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Christmas book display** — last two weeks in December.

**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.

**Free New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to midnight for non-prior service students only; entertainment, party favors.

**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.

**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. Dec. 11.

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

## Youth center

**Editor's note:** All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

**Free basketball camp** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Maximum 30 players; 15 ages 5-8, 15 ages 9-14. Basketball drills include dribbling, passing, footwork, attitude, hustle, defend and rebound.

**Christmas camp** — Dec. 22-23, ages 6-12. Daily fees range from \$17-\$29 depending on total family income. An application must be completed for each child attending. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Holiday celebration** — 5-9 p.m. Dec. 20, ages 6 and older. \$5 per child.

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

**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, karate and guitar. For more information, call 377-4116.

**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

**Editor's note:** Now located in arts and crafts center.

**Trips to Saints games at New Orleans Superdome** — Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers, game time noon. \$60 per person including admission; limit two tickets per trip. 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. Starting in January, the briefings move to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. The briefing is held in

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Thursday

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Monday

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

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — 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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Sablich Center, Room 111. If someone is separating/retiring under special circumstances, they can schedule an appointment by calling 376-8728.

**Transition assistance program** — briefings for 2009 are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 12-15, Feb. 9-12, March 9-12, April 13-16, May 11-14, June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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 pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. 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.

## 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.

**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.

## Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.bluetogray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://>

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

[www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm); for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

# 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.afsa652.org>.

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

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — 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.KeeslerSpousesClub.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., Role Models (R, 99 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., W (PG-13, 129 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Saw Vy (R, 929 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Chaneling (R, 142 minutes).