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## Base prepares for financial management transformation

81st Comptroller Squadron  
and Keesler News staff

The 81st Comptroller Squadron's back office processing begins its move to the Air Force Financial Services Center Jan. 23 as part of the largest financial management transformation in Air Force history.

The transition is designed to be nearly seamless to customers. Bases that have already migrated their processing to the AFFSC haven't seen a significant impact to operations, according to finance representatives.

Officials say the changes will help to provide more effective and efficient finance operations by consolidating routine pay and travel transactions at 93 separate active-duty and reserve base finance offices around the world at one location.

The AFFSC "is a significant investment for the Air Force," said John Vonglis, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management. "It will save the Air Force \$210 million and return approximately 600 positions back to the warfighter."

In the transformation's first phase, the AFFSC at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., opened its modern 72,600-square foot facility 16 months ago to ultimately serve as a one-stop shop for Airmen's financial matters and concerns at its central processing center.

The initial Phase I effort to consolidate the workload is designed to be nearly seamless to the customer, primarily changing the way finance does business internally.

"Customers may initially experience delays of a few days to a week longer in processing travel and military pay documents," according to Maj. Bob Paleo, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander. "Customers can improve processing timeliness by submitting typed documents, since legibility of handwritten documents has been one of the main reasons for documents to be rejected at the AFFSC."

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## Welder at work

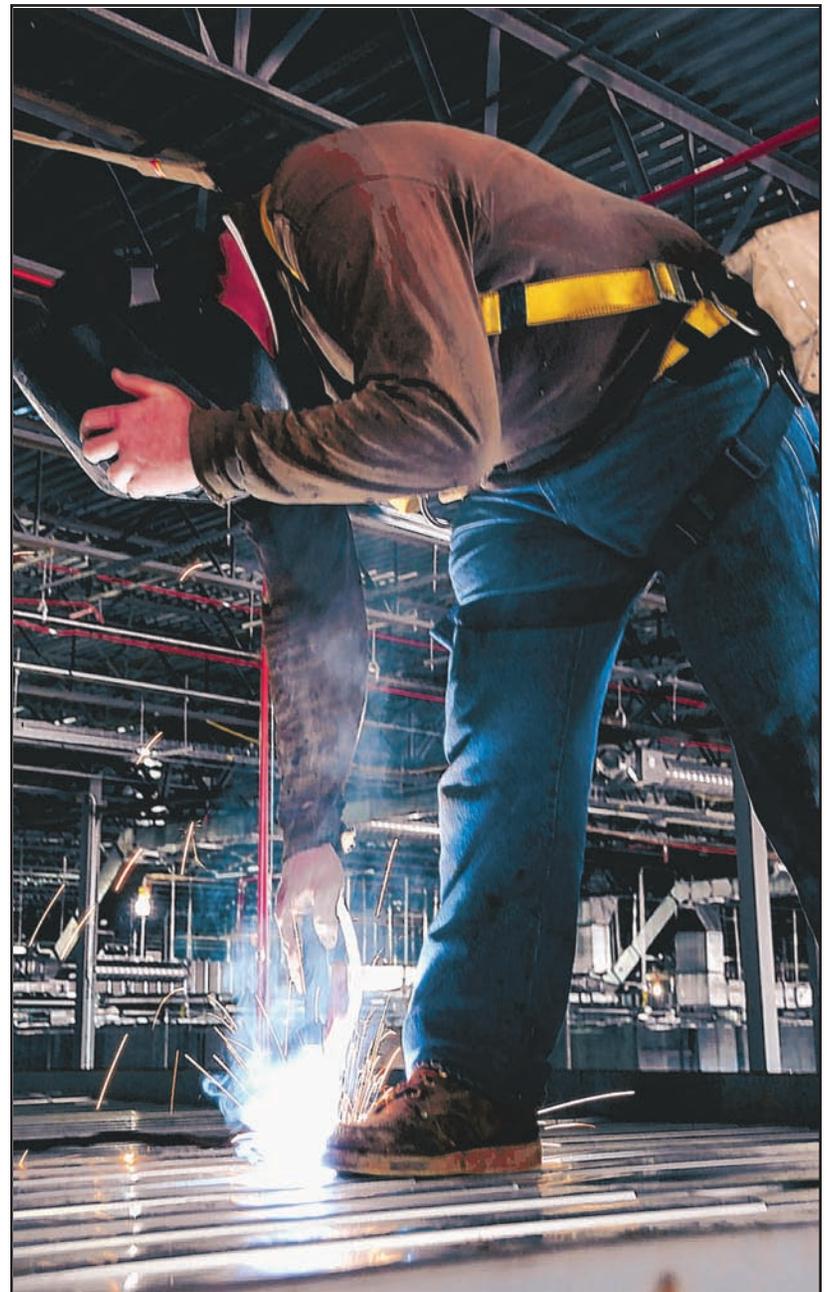


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Dakota Walker from High Tower Steel welds a deck Jan. 8 that will hold mechanical equipment inside the new base exchange. Construction of a new \$61.9 million shopping complex, which will also house a new commissary, will replace facilities flooded by Hurricane Katrina with structures designed for improved survivability. For story and more photos, see Page 15.

## Embracing King's legacy as new president takes charge

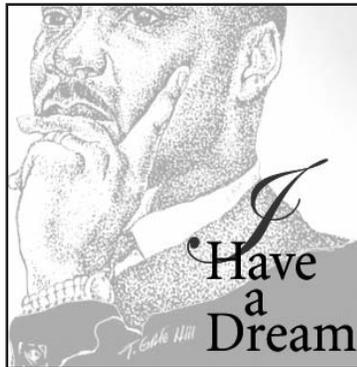
By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Today marks the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of America's most inspiring leaders. All across America, we will reflect on his legacy this Monday, the third Monday in January, as we observe the Dr. Martin Luther King federal holiday.

Rather than just another day for federal workers to sleep in, go shopping or just goof off, let's make this Monday a day of sober reflection on where our country has been and where it is going.

When Dr. King was growing up, in many regards America was a divided nation. Forced segregation between races caused turmoil and friction throughout society. Prejudice and discrimination limited individuals of all colors. Some people reacted violently to changes



in the status quo and some reacted violently to change things. Dr. King, an ordained minister, relied on his Christian beliefs to advocate a nonviolent approach to force positive change and erase injustice. The youngest Nobel Prize winner at 35 years of age, he was arrested numerous times, threatened, even had his home fire-bombed and yet he persevered. He had a dream that we all can share and work

toward; where all men are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

While we continue to climb that mountain, I'm sure Dr. King would be exceptionally proud on Inauguration Day. In some regards, America has many divides. We all hear about red states and blue states, yet now is the time for us to be United States. On Tuesday, America once again peacefully transitions power and inaugurates its newest president. This time, however, the people have elected a man of African-American descent. America did not elect Barack Obama based on the color of his skin, but on the dreams and vision he presents for America; on the content of his character. Regardless who you voted for, now is the time for all Americans to rally together to make our nation great, to

### 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, 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](mailto:commanders.line@keesler.af.mil) (off-base).



conquer the problems we face, and to erase the divides between us. Please be safe this weekend and, as you enjoy the Martin Luther King Day observance, I hope you will set aside some time to reflect on his message of peace, hope, equality and love.

**Information  
dominance  
wins wars  
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## Leader's job is to unlock the drive to succeed

By Lt. Col. Brian Casleton

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander

We are a nation at war. The strain is taking a toll on our people and our equipment, yet we persevere, going above and beyond every day. Winning can only be accomplished through continued professionalism and leadership.

How we maintain the winning edge is the real challenge. We all want to be successful in everything we do and our job as leaders is to unlock this drive to succeed in others. How we do this is the difference between success and failure as a leader. I believe the key to being a good leader is to develop a positive work environment; an environment that enables and encourages people to succeed.

It sounds easy, but it is not. Making people do things is not leading. If you simply make them do it, it may only happen right that one time.

Leadership is about influence. It is about creating an environment and culture where people want to do the right thing, the right way, at the right time, all the time. You create this environment

through your mannerisms, your attitude and how you are with people. If you are confused, disorganized, angry, stressed or frustrated, then that is the environment you are creating and that is how people will respond. If you are joyful, clear about purpose, caring and confident then that, too, would be an environment that you create. A smile, a kind word, noticing something good that someone has done, listening, helping solve a problem, collaborating and direct, honest feedback are all ways that we can be responsive to other people in a positive way.

A book called "Whale Done — The Power of Positive Relationships" highlights the premise of creating a positive work environment. It centers on motivation through positive reinforcement versus negative reinforcement. The author uses the analogy of training killer whales. The book points out that when training a five-ton killer whale, an animal at the top of its food chain, if it doesn't like your methods, then feedback is swift and you will likely be eaten. On the other hand, with proper rewards and positive reinforcement, the whale is trained to perform astounding feats.

While our Airmen may not be at the top of the food chain, the goal is the same; we want them to perform astounding feats. The analogy above is just to stress the importance of creating a positive environment and how it can lead to the accomplishment of goals and the mission using positive reinforcement.

The book uses the phrase, "accentuate the positive." This very principle can be applied to leadership in the Air Force at all levels. Whether you are at home or at work, you are a center of influence. You are a leader. How you use that influence is the key to success and the difference between a successful happy work environment and family life or an antagonistic, frustrating way of living. What makes a great leader in a workplace also makes a great leader at home with family. The more confident and caring you are, the more trust and loyalty you will build with others. Take a moment at home and at work to look for and accentuate the positives. The rewards and accomplishments of others will make it worth your while.

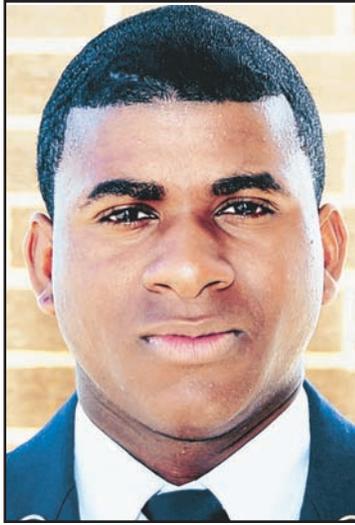


## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photographer

What are you doing to economize during this economic crisis?



I use other modes of transportation besides vehicular.

**Airman Basic Wendell Williams, 332nd Training Squadron student**



I purchased an electric scooter so my short trips around the neighborhood wouldn't use any gas.

**Johnny Michael, Parsons Engineering and Construction Management technical inspector**



I don't go shopping as often unless I'm already in the area, and I recycle.

**Tiffany Cook, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron**

# Drunken driving — an Airman's story

By **Airman Anthony Jennings**

96th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN Air Force Base, Fla. — Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his or her choices.

No sane individual wants to live with the blood of another human being on his or her hands. I certainly don't. But on Oct. 19, I made a choice that could've resulted in injury or death. I got behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol.

I've heard countless stories of people who have had loved ones taken from them because someone chose to drink and drive. I recalled thinking, "How could someone make the choice to do something that; not only put their life at risk, but the lives of others?"

It was a normal Sunday morning, waking up with a headache the size of Texas and a nauseating discomfort in my belly, a hangover that will live in infamy.

"I had a few more drinks than I should have," I thought. In the movies, you see people treating hangovers with coffee or Tylenol. I didn't have either and wasn't in the mood to get any.

There's the ridiculous hangover cure of another alcoholic beverage. If you've indulged too freely, take a drink the next morning to soothe the nerves.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so I decided to give it a "shot."

One third of a bottle of Jack Daniels later, I didn't feel the hangover as much, but the sour feeling in my stomach didn't disappear. While under the influence, the

ability to make logical decisions dissipates rapidly, so getting into the car and fill my stomach didn't sound like a bad idea.

About halfway to Waffle House, I realized just how drunk I was, because the white lines which are supposed to help you stay within your lane were moving.

After eating, I felt much better, but I concluded that I simply replaced a hangover with drunkenness and a full belly.

The drive home was a long, constant struggle between alertness and consciousness. I made it through the gate, across the base and back to the dorm parking lot.

I saw a friend on the second floor, and for some reason, I thought it would be a good idea to rev up my engine, show them how cool I really am. Another example of the effects of alcohol on a drunk: ego.

Engine roars, tires squeal, I pass out.

Boom, I crash. I jump the curb and hit a tree but I don't stop, no... I have to park the car. Two of my tires on the driver side are flattened in the crash. I smash into a parked car while attempting to pull into an empty spot. Reverse, try it again. I hit the same car, again.

I finally come to rest six inches from the car I hit. Within minutes, security forces are on the scene. I'm off to jail.

The choice to drink in the first place led to more impaired decisions and subsequently landed me with an Article 15, a reprimand, more than \$3,500 in car damages, loss of rank, six months of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team meetings, and suspended \$100

pay for the next two months.

Worse than any punishment is the thought that I could have killed someone or myself, by choosing to drive while under the influence.

I've covered stories and taken countless photos of safety briefings and events like the "Save a Life" tour, educating Airmen about the risks of irresponsible drinking and driving while intoxicated.

We can get numb to the leadership barrage about the responsibility we have to drink responsibly, because we've heard it time and time again. We think things like, "Oh, it can't or won't happen to me."

This is my call to Airmen: Use common sense, plan ahead, designate a driver if drinking is part of the night's activities, or simply stay put until the alcohol is filtered out of your system.

To leaders and supervisors: Make sure your troops know all the outlets at their disposal, like Airmen Against Drunk Driving. They may have heard it millions of times before, but tell them again and remind them of the possible consequences.

I've made decisions I regret, but I've learned from them. Sometimes leaders try to drive home the severity of the consequences a decision to drink and drive will have on your life. As someone who's living with those consequences, those scare tactics don't come close to the horror you experience in the aftermath of a DUI.

I'm not an idiot, but you don't have to be dumb to make a dumb decision.

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Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Airmen Basic Jeremy Smith, left, Warren Kluttz and Megan Dean demonstrate the Gators' free-style skills in September's drill down.

## Gators garner top honors for honor flight, drill team

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron is the 81st Training Group's honor flight and drill team of the year for 2008.

The Gators, winning top honors for the third consecutive year for honor flight, earned 1,523 points, followed by the 335th TRS Bulls, 1,491; 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, 1,433.45; 336th TRS Red Wolves, 1,428; and 338th TRS Dark Knights, 1,336.

The honor flight program recognizes teamwork and individual demonstration of the Air Force's core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

The annual winner is based on monthly scores in eight categories — uniform inspection, knowledge of the Airman's Manual, procedure compliance of retreat ceremonies, marching, room inspections, charge of quarters, physical readiness training and merit or demerit points assigned by the 81st TRG commander.

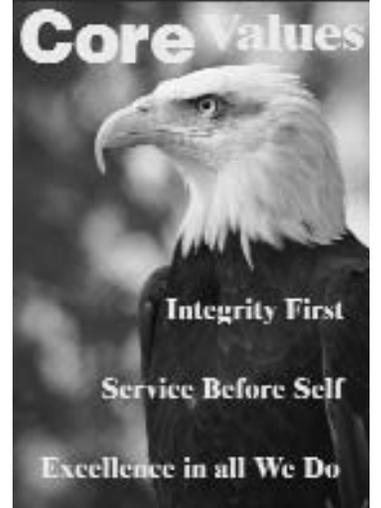
Some of the 334th TRS volunteer efforts

include more than 1,800 hours working with Habitat for Humanity, devoting time every weekend at the humane society and more than 600 hours assisting at Biloxi swim meets.

"Commitment to the community means a lot to us," said Master Sgt. Craig Pogue, 334th TRS military training flight chief. "Our MTF was recognized by Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway and the Biloxi Main Street District for our volunteer work."

The Gators took home the annual drill down championship with 46 points, followed by the 338th TRS Dark Knights with 41 points. The 336th TRS Red Wolves and the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs tied for third place with 38 points.

"These are incredible wins for our squadron," said Lt. Col. Doug Chowning, 334th TRS commander. "They show not only the dedication of the newest Airmen in the Air Force, but also of the dedication of the instructors, staff and military training leaders in the squadron who hold our Airmen to the highest standards."



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Exceptions to  
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25 mph  
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in housing areas,  
Ploesti Drive  
construction site,  
flight line and  
unpaved surfaces;

**10 mph**

in close proximity to  
marching formations  
and when waved  
through base gates;

**5 mph**

in parking lots;

**35 mph**

in some sections of  
perimeter roads.

## Partners in class, partners in life

A husband-and-wife team, Airmen 1st Class Steven and Melissa LaFollette, are recent honor graduates of the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron. They're assigned to the 101st Mission Support Flight, Maine National Guard, and remain at Keesler for meteorological navigational training. In addition to their technical training, Steven is pursuing a law degree at the University of Maine, and Melissa is working on a master's degree in international relations from American Military University.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## New weekend shuttle serves Triangle students

Saturday, a new shuttle route is available primarily to serve students in the Triangle on weekends.

The bus runs at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with additional times of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on nonworking Fridays depending on the number of riders.

The bus departs on the hour from the 332nd Student Squadron with stops at Welch

Auditorium, White Avenue Gate, McBride Library, Keesler Medical Center and Tyer House, marina park, Bay Breeze Golf Course and Pass Road Gate, before heading back to Welch Auditorium and the 332nd TRS.

Physically-challenged passengers or those having excess baggage, call 377-2432 for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430 or 4587.

## Academy ranks high in annual review

Air Force Print News

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy has been recognized as one of the nation's top 100 best value colleges for 2009.

The Best Values College List in the Jan. 9 Princeton Review features 50 public and 50 private colleges.

The Princeton Review selected these institutions as its "best value" choices for 2009 based on its surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities. The selection criteria covered more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance and financial aid using the most recently reported data from each institution for its 2007 through 2008 academic year.

**An American is sexually assaulted every 2½ minutes.**

**One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.**

**About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.**

**At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.**

**44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.**

## Top scorers



**Bryant Morenzoni, left, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Janice Negranza, 81st Medical Group, earned the base's top scores on career development course tests for November and December, respectively. Both scored 96 on their tests. Other high scores for November are Tech. Sgt. Tisha Hargrove, 81st MDG, 94; Daniel Fish, 81st CES, 92; Airman 1st Class Tera Burk, 81st SFS, 91, and Staff Sgt. Katherine Escalante, 81st MDG, 90. December's other top scores are Senior Airman Michelle Johnson, 81st MDG, 95; Staff Sgt. Lewis Squires, 81st CES; and Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Studivant, 81st Comptroller Squadron, 91.**

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group's awards ceremony for the fourth quarter is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Welch Auditorium.

Awards are given in military, civilian and training instructor categories.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Draper, 377-4136.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Mathies NCO Academy is closed until 2 p.m. Jan. 22 and noon Feb. 12 for drill practice and evaluations.

Hours may change due to inclement weather.

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.

## Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

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

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

**SAT** — April 24 for May 25

Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

## ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call Joyce James, 376-8472.

## 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.

## GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call 376-8708.

## CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, in order 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.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk. Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members. If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

## First baby of 2009

First-time parents Rebecca and Staff Sgt. Granville Smith hold son Granville Arden Jan. 7 in Keesler Medical Center's neonatal intensive care unit. Granville, born at 7:29 p.m. Jan. 4, was Keesler's first baby of 2009. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. The 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron maternal child flight presented the family a basket of baby items. Sergeant Smith is a member of the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



## Keesler's Wingman Day is Jan. 22

### Keesler Public Affairs

Jan. 22 is Wingman Day at Keesler.

In addition to unit activities designed to strengthen camaraderie and cohesion, a fun run/walk is 7 a.m. Jan. 22 around the flight line on I-81. Runners and walkers meet at the marina to stretch out and warm up.

For more information about the run, call Liz Waters, 377-7278, or Maggie Landry, 376-3170.

Being a wingman was originally a term referring to the aircraft flying beside and slightly behind the lead aircraft in a formation.

"Having a wingman with you on a mission makes the flight more capable by increasing firepower and improving situational awareness. Today's Airmen need good wingmen to tackle the daily challenges we all face," explained Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander.

The Air Force extends the idea the aspect of mutual support in aerial combat to include wingman culture, which broadens the concept to include Airmen helping Airmen.

The wingman culture concept was born in October 2004, when Gen. John Jumper, former Air Force chief of staff, ordered

**"The commitment to being a good wingman is a promise, a pledge, a covenant between comrades that we take care of each other."**

— General Touhill

an ongoing Air Force-wide Wingman Day program for bases around the globe.

"Wingman Day allows Airmen to refocus their attention toward effective risk management and taking care of one another," said General Touhill. "It is a day-to-day objective for the Air Force.

"Through these daily measures, you work hard to keep yourself and your fellow Airmen safe, healthy and mission-ready," he continued. "It's a special day for building strong relationships within your unit so when you face

life challenges, you feel comfortable seeking assistance from a trusted wingman."

"When you have people who are part of the community focused on helping others, it benefits everyone," the general said. "Wingman Day is just such an opportunity. It's an Air Force-wide endeavor to reduce the residual effects of stress and anxiety and to rejuvenate Airmen.

"Being a wingman isn't hard," the general added. "You just have to care. We are members of the greatest air, space and cyberspace force in the world, but we can't do it all by ourselves. We work as a team and have to continually keep our heads up to look for opportunities to partner with and protect our fellow Airmen.

"When each of us asks ourselves 'Who's my wingman?', the answer should be readily apparent: your co-worker, the people who share your work day, your family and your friends.

"All of us in the Air Force family are Airmen: military and civilians alike. The commitment to being a good wingman is a promise, a pledge, a covenant between comrades that we take care of each other," the general concluded.

## IN THE NEWS

### Project reroutes gate traffic

The Meadows Avenue Gate's south exit lane is closed for about five more weeks for security upgrades.

This project, which will eventually include the White Avenue and Pass Road gates, involves demolition of existing curb work and placement of new curbs, relocating and replacing existing pop-up barriers, and additional signage, traffic control lights and other heightened security measures. Traffic, one or two lanes, may have to be rerouted at times.

### Martin Luther King Jr. parade

Keesler is represented by the honor guard and state flag team at the 23rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 11 a.m. Monday in downtown Biloxi.

The parade runs from the post office on Main Street north to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Reynoir Street, north to Esters Boulevard, east to Main Street, north to Division Street and east to Lee Street, ending at Yankee Stadium.

For more information, call James Crowell, 432-0206.

### Services customer survey

Today's the deadline to complete the annual Air Force Services customer feedback survey while visiting an activity or at <http://www.usafservue.com>.

Base activities being surveyed are the airmen and family readiness center, dining facilities, arts and crafts, auto hobby shop, Gaude Lanes, child development center, civilian personnel section, Katrina Kantina, Vandenberg Community Center, education center, fitness centers and sports programs, Bay Breeze Golf Course, services human resource office, McBride Library, military personnel section, outdoor recreation, youth programs and information and tickets and tours.

### Storm water permit review

Keesler is 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.

### 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.

### Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Jan. 22 issue of the Keesler News is noon today because of Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

# Finance,

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“As Air Force financial management continues to make modifications to improve systems and processes, expect financial services operations to continue to evolve into a more responsive, customer-focused environment,” Major Paleo continued.

An Air Force team visited Keesler in September 2007 to brief the 81st CPTS and 81st Training Wing leadership on the transformation initiatives, and to discuss processes and groundbreaking information management systems with the base finance team.

In Phase II, which kicks off as Phase I nears completion later this year, the AFFSC activates a 24/7 contact center and a more robust MyPay Web-based self-service function.



The walk-in customer service in the base finance office in Sablich Center remains available for some services, but customers will be encouraged to use the new service options.

For more information, visit the AFFSC Web site on the Air Force Portal by highlighting the “life and career” tab, then clicking on “money — finance central,” the selected the AFFSC link.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Photo by Adam Bond

Senior Airman Kwadwo Agyen-Frempong, 81st CPTS, briefs other finance team members during a Jan. 8 training session.

Exceptions to Keesler's **25 mph** speed limit are:

- 15 mph** in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces;
- 10 mph** in close proximity to marching formations and when waved through base gates;
- 5 mph** in parking lots, and
- 35 mph** in some sections of perimeter roads.

# PERSONNEL NOTES

## NCOs asked to complete survey

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Noncommissioned officers are encouraged to share feedback with the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron through the online military knowledge and testing standard survey through March 6.

The survey, intended to give noncommissioned officers a voice their own career advancements, is used in the professional development guide in 2011 and to develop future promotion fitness and supervisory examinations.

The survey is posted at <https://surveys.afoms.randolph.af.mil/survey124> until March 6. Participation requires the use of a common access card. Results are released in July.

## 2009 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.

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

**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.

## New policy expedites civilian hiring

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Selecting officials now have 45 days instead of 90 to choose the best-qualified candidate to fill civilian vacancies.

Under the previous policy, managers had 90 days to make a selection once they receive a list of candidates. The 90-day rule was put in place in June 2007 to ease the transition into the National Security Personnel System. A policy review showed managers were more comfortable with the system and could make the decision in 45 days or less.

## Retroactive VA survivor payments

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has identified nearly 11,000 surviving spouses of deceased veterans who'll receive a lump-sum payment to correct an error in their VA benefits.

Most likely to have been affected are surviving spouses who never applied for VA survivors' benefits following the death of a veteran. Surviving spouses of veterans who died after Dec. 31, 1996, are eligible. The VA doesn't have current addresses for many of them, making contact difficult.

A survivor call center, 1-800-749-8387, is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST. Inquiries also may be submitted at <http://www.vba.va.gov/survivorsbenefit.htm>.

## Expanded eligibility for medal

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Department of Defense officials recently expanded the areas of eligibility for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

The approved additions are two countries — Morocco and Burkina Faso — and Operation Nomad Shadow, with an initial area of eligibility of Turkey and Northern Iraq.

To report sexual assaults at Keesler,  
call 377-7278.



## Don't call — drive

According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists on an Air Force installation and operators of government owned, leased or rented vehicles on or off an Air Force installation aren't permitted to use cell phones while the vehicle is in operation except with a hands-free device. Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, has directed increased enforcement of the policy due to safety concerns. For military members, offenses are subject to citation for points, and for civilian employees, dependents, retirees and contractors, citations carry a fine. For all offenders, driving privileges can be suspended for seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for a third offense. For more information, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 376-6600, or the wing safety office, 377-2007.

# DRAGON OF THE WEEK



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Name** — Staff Adrienne Russell-George  
**Unit** — 81st Training Wing equal opportunity office

**Position** — equal opportunity adviser

**Time in Air Force** — more than five years

**Time at Keesler** — 14 months

**Hometown** — Houston

**Noteworthy** — attended a full honors wreath and arrival ceremony at the Air Force Memorial where Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presented a Meritorious Service Medal to Gen. Aydogan Babaoglu, commander of the Turkish Air Forces.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — I liked what the military stands for, and I wanted to be a part of something where I could make a greater impact on people than I could alone.

**What are your goals?** My short-term goal is to earn my master's degree by the end of 2010. My long term goal is to open a non-profit recreational center for inner-city kids.

**What's your favorite quote?** "It's in moments of crisis when true character is revealed."

**What are your hobbies?** shoe shopping, reading, taking pictures, watching movies and cooking — and yes, I'm a good cook!

## DIAMOND NOTES

Air Force members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge on all uniform combinations.

A maximum of two occupational badges may be worn.

When wearing two occupational badges, wear the one representing the current career field (regardless of level earned) in the top position centered 1/2 inch above the first one.



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

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Jan. 15, 1948

Keesler Field

was officially redesignated

as an Air Force base.

# VA assists veterans with cost of health care

## **Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — For veterans struggling financially due to a job loss or decreased income, Department of Veterans Affairs officials offer an assortment of programs that can relieve the costs of health care or provide care at no cost.

Veterans whose previous income was ruled too high for VA health care may be able to enter the VA system based upon a hardship if their current year's income is projected to fall below federal income thresholds due to a job loss, separation from service or some other financial setback.

Veterans determined eligible due to hardship can avoid co-pays applied to higher-income veterans. Qualifying veterans may be eligible for enrollment and receive health care at no cost.

“With the downturn in the economy, VA recognizes that many veterans will feel the effects,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James Peake. “Therefore, it is important that eligible veterans learn of the many ways VA has to help them afford the health care they have earned.”

Also eligible for no-cost VA care are most veterans who recently returned from a combat zone. They are entitled to five years of free VA care. The five-year “clock” begins with their discharge from the military, not their departure from the combat zone.

Each VA medical center across the country has an enrollment coordinator available to provide veterans information about these programs.

Veterans may also contact VA's Health Benefits Service Center at 1-877-222-8387 or visit the VA health eligibility Web site at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility).

## Training Afghan medics

Master Sgt. David Boggs, diagnostic imaging program director for the Allied Health Profession Institute at Camp Eggers, Afghanistan, instructs a class in radiobiology. Sergeant Boggs, who's been deployed from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron since December 2007, just completed two blocks of instruction on radiology and is halfway through the third block. According to Maj. Franklin Espinal, AHPI administrator, "One thing is very apparent — the future of Afghanistan is bright. All the stereotypes that we've heard about Afghans being uneducated were quickly washed away as the students confidently cruised through basic atomic theory, radiobiology, radiation protection, anatomy and physiology and radiologic exposure and positioning while maintaining a 93 percent class average. The students are motivated and eager to make an impact on their country." The 13-member class is a mixture of Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police. They completed Phase 1 of their training Jan. 8. Phase 2, which is the meat of the course, starts March 1. It consists of positioning with a phantom and clinicals at the National Military Hospital and Poly Clinic radiology department. The class is scheduled to be completed by October. Sergeant Boggs is expected to return to Keesler next month.

Courtesy photo





Left, the entrances to the base exchange and commissary are being erected.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

# New shopping complex taking shape



Plumber James Conner installs a water line that runs behind the meat cases in the commissary.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Construction of Keesler's new \$61.9 million shopping complex has passed the midway point.

The new structure, which will house a new base exchange, commissary and mall area, will replace facilities flooded by Hurricane Katrina.

The project began in May 2007, and building completion is anticipated late this year or early in 2010.

"Progress on the base exchange has been dramatic in the last month," Johnny Michael, technical inspector for Parsons Engineering and Construction Management, reported Friday. "The building now has all the major steel structure erected and the exterior walls and roof decking is in place."

Mr. Michael said most of the rooftop heating and air conditioning equipment has been installed and integration with the interior ductwork is moving forward. Ventilation, electrical and fire alarm systems are being assembled, as well as the water and drain piping.

The base coat is being applied for the exterior walls that will be painted, and masons are building the block walls of the outdoor living area.

"Installation of the membrane roofing system should begin shortly," Mr. Michael pointed out. "That will be a major step in sealing the building for the interior finish work to begin."

Technical inspector Jose Riojas said the commissary's exterior walls have been installed, the roof has been completed and interior and exterior painting is under way.

"The interior sales area open ceiling has been painted and the installation of electrical conduit, wiring, lighting, ductwork, walk-in coolers, refrigeration piping, restrooms, and interior walls furring and soffits are in progress," Mr. Riojas commented.

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.

For lost and found items, call 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

# Supply training manager ends federal career



Mrs. Powell

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Paulette Powell, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, retires Jan. 31 with more than 39 years of federal service.

A Detroit native, Mrs. Powell began her federal career in 1968 as a data keypunch operator with the Internal Revenue Service. She moved to the Veterans Administration regional center as a clerical typist and later transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers as a clerk typist.

In 1979, she moved to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., with her husband, an active-duty recruiter, and rejoined federal service in 1980 as a clerk typist with an investigation team regarding an aircraft crash which she witnessed. Later that year, she became

a supply technician in the research section and records maintenance.

Mrs. Powell went to work in the mailroom when the family moved to McClellan AFB, Calif., in 1981, and became the secretary to the commander of the data processing section.

When the Powells were transferred to Keesler in 1982, Mrs. Powell initially went to work in the 81st Services Squadron before returning to the supply career field where she worked in customer service, reached section and expedite section. She was promoted in 1986 to work in equipment management, followed by another promotion in 1996 to work leader in stock control. In 1998, she was promoted into an upward mobility program as supply training manager.

Mrs. Powell earned an associate's degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and a bachelor's degree from William Carey University.

She was Keesler's Woman of the Year and Civilian of the Year in 2000. She's received numerous outstanding superior performance awards, sustained superior performance awards, a suggestion award and letters of appreciation throughout her career.

Mrs. Powell served as Keesler's special emphasis program manager and headed the African-American Heritage Committee for 12 years.

She and her husband, Joseph, a retired master sergeant who works in the 81st Contracting Squadron, have five children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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

# Pilot program streamlines disability evaluations

## **Air Force Print News**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are working to expand a pilot program that simplifies the current disability evaluation process for wounded, injured and ill service members.

The Disability Evaluation System pilot program is aimed at assisting wounded service members obtain faster access to Tricare and other health care and VA benefits by developing a single source disability evaluation done by VA and accepted by DOD.

The pilot, implemented in November 2007 in the National Capitol Region, expands to 19 additional installations through June 1.

Currently, a wounded warrior's branch of service evaluates the member for conditions that may make him or her unfit for duty. This evaluation initiates the medical examination board process. Following separation or retirement from service, the member is again evaluated by the VA for disability and compensation. The pilot process streamlines and makes more transparent both processes through concurrent rather than sequential processing, more information for the member during the process and comprehensive information regarding entitlements from both agencies at the time of the separation.

Under the pilot, only one evaluation is necessary after a member is referred for a service medical evaluation board. The single evaluation also helps service members get comprehensive information about their benefits, including Tricare.

For more information about Tricare for medically retired service members, visit <http://www.tricare.mil>.

For more information about VA benefits, visit <http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA>.

# Chairman ready to carry out new president's military decisions

By Samantha Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Whatever decisions President-elect Barack Obama makes about Iraq and Afghanistan, the military is ready to execute them, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a 60 Minutes interview Sunday on CBS.

“When President-elect Obama gets in and says, ‘Here’s the decision,’ the United States military, led by me, is going to march off and execute that decision,” said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen.

Should that decision be to withdraw troops from Iraq, as Mr. Obama stated he would in campaign addresses, it’s up to Admiral Mullen to tell the new president what it will take. Before Christmas, the chairman visited the front lines in Iraq to determine for himself what it will take to get 140,000 troops out of the country gracefully.

“I don’t think it’s ‘Mission Impossible,’” Mullen said.

Admiral Mullen also made his way to Afghanistan and stands by his belief that “we are not winning” the war there.

The relationship between the new president and the military he’ll command also is critical, the admiral said. He met with Obama in Chicago shortly after the election at the president-elect’s request.

“Making that connection as early as possible and as solid as possible is a huge deal,” Admiral Mullen stressed.

He doesn’t sense any hesitancy from the military over the incoming president.

“What’s really important about us in the military is that we stay neutral and remain apolitical,” he said. “We work for whoever the president is. All of us in the military will do that faithfully to support President Bush until the 20th of January, and we’ll do the same thing for President-elect Obama once he gets into the position.”

## Help for assault victims

Today is 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.

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

Sweat pants, T-shirts, flip flops, sports bras ranging in size 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.

## Spouses club lunch

Friday is the deadline to make a reservation for the

## Spouse orientation program planned



Heart Link, an orientation program for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation, is Feb. 19 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

Heart Link increases awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocols and base and community resources and services.

Lunch and giveaways are provided. Limited child care is available.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Keesler Spouses Club Mardi Gras lunch.

The event is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Katrina Kantina. The cost is \$11.

To sign up, e-mail vickihamant@hotmail.com.

## Lost and found

For lost and found proper-

ty, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Airman's Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with

free basic household supplies.

Airman's Attic, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays when enough volunteers are available.

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist

with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

## Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call 377-2793 or 4636.

## Housing maintenance

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

## Thrift shop hours

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 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

**News tip? Call the Keesler News, 377-8734, 3837, 4130 or 9966.**

# Foreign policy 'soft power' focus urged

By John Kruzel

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, advocated a “whole-of-government approach” to foreign policy, urging more funding for the roles of nonmilitary departments overseas.

“I believe we should be more willing to break this cycle, and say when armed forces may not always be the best choice to take the lead,” he told a Nixon Center audience Monday.

Admiral Mullen said “soft power” civilian agencies — the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce and Agriculture — deserve more money and support than they currently receive, and should play a larger role internationally.

His remarks align with those made by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who’s warned against a “creeping militarization” of U.S. foreign policy. In a speech in June, the secretary said diplomacy and development should lead American efforts abroad.

The Defense Department’s fiscal 2009 budget was about \$650 billion, compared to the State Department’s reported budget of about \$11.5 billion.

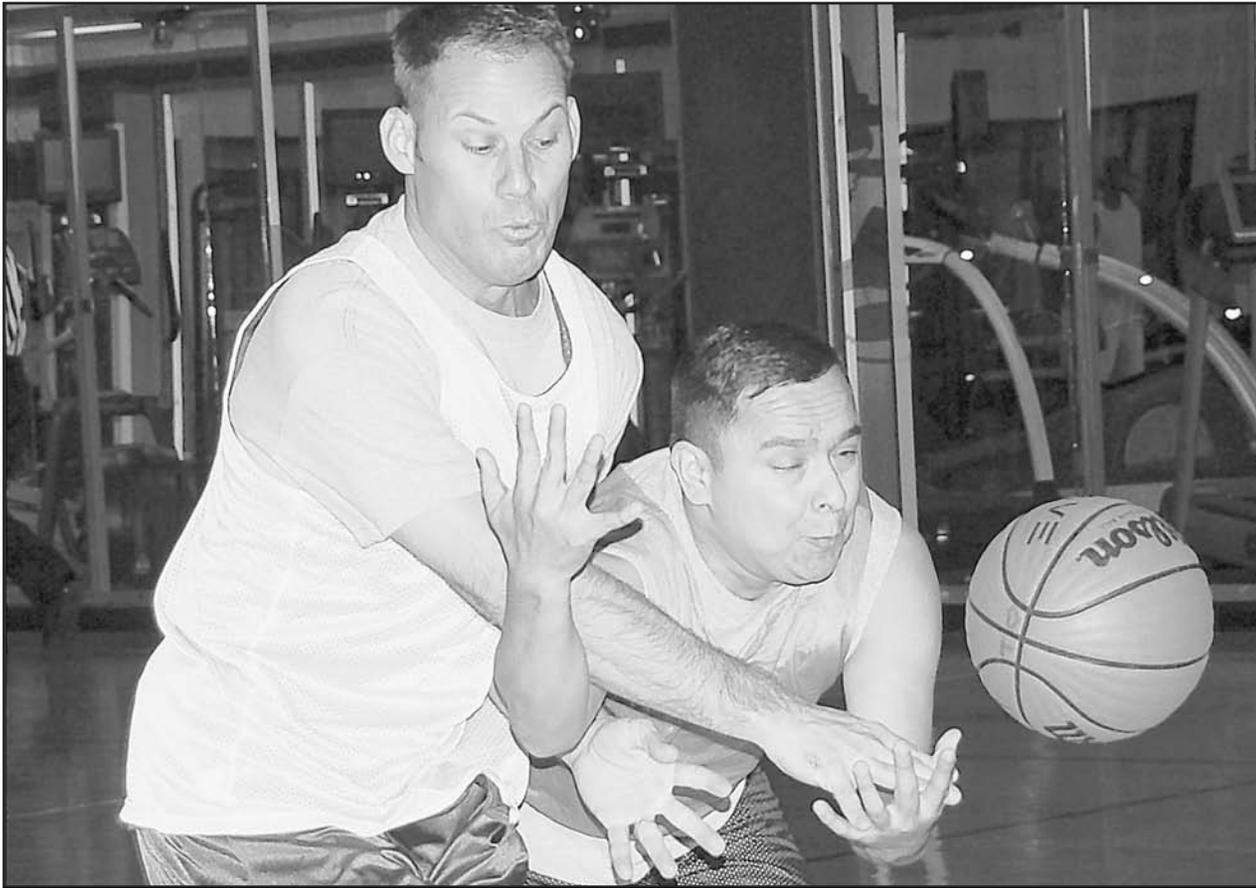
“As an equal partner in government, I want to be able to transfer resources to my other partners when they need them,” Admiral Mullen said. “We need to reallocate roles and resources in a way that places our military as an equal among many in government, as an enabler, a true partner.”

The chairman said the military has effectively served the role of ambassador when called upon to do so.

“But our most effective ambassadors of peace in the future will not be those who wear uniforms or bear arms,” he said. “They will be our civilians.”

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

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## Eyes on the prize

Charles Seligman, left, 81st Force Support Squadron, battles for the ball with Jesus Gelacio, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, during one of Monday's Over-30 League games at Dragon Fitness Center. The 81st FSS won, 67-44.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

# SCORES AND MORE

## Intramural Eastern Division

Games at Blake Fitness Center.

**Monday** — Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; no games.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m., 81st FSS vs. 85th EIS; 7 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 81st DS; 8 p.m., 335th TRS vs. 403rd Wing.

## Intramural Western Division

Games at Blake Fitness Center.

**Today** — 6 p.m., MARDET vs. 81st SFS; 7 p.m., Truxtun vs. 332nd TRS; 8 p.m., 336th TRS vs. MK Island.

**Tuesday** — 6 p.m., 81st CES vs. 81st CS; 7 p.m., 81st LRS vs. 332nd TRS; 8 p.m., 336th TRS vs. 81st SFS.

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser (as of Dec. 15)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	69	29
New Meat	62	36
DOG Squad	61	37
Slater's Shooters	54	44
Hit 9 Get 9	54	44
Our Gang	53	45
Man On!	52	46
Sandy's Gang	51	47
Pot Luck	50	48
All Screwed Up	49	49
403rd Strykers	49	49
Wrong Foot Forward	47	51
Robbie's Rejects	47	51
Why Not	47	51
Martini's	46	52
Hang Chucky	46	52
Ricky's Rookies	45	53
Team 18	39	59
Hoops Gang	33	65
Unpredictables	26	72

### Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Dec. 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	59	39
Clyde's Crew	55	43
Wild Gang	55	43
Any Takers	54	44
Neighbors Plus 1	50	48
MUDD	49	49
Team 6	46	52
Ichi Ban	42	56
Guys and Dolls	42	56
70s Plus	38	60

### Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Jan. 8)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	71	34
Kitty and Kats	66	39
Team 12	60	45
Team 14	57	48
Team 13	56	49
TBB Express	56	49
Two He's and a She	53	52
Team 8	52	53
Team 5	50	55
Team 16	49	56
CHMATO	48	57
Three's Company	45.5	59.5
2 Kings and A Queen	45	53
3-70s Plus	44	61
Team 11	43	62
Lucky Trio	42.5	62.5

## Friday Night Mixed (as of Dec. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Fun Timers	63	35
Rose and Her Thorns	58	40
We Take Ugly	56	42
Frustrated	54	44
Mixed Nuts	51	47
Sandbaggers	49	49
The Strikers	49	49
3 Guys and a Babe	48	50
Pin Busters	43	55
Lady and the Tramps	42	56
Beyond Control	38	60
Pin Pals	37	61

## Other

**Open Sundays** — 1-6 p.m.

**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. For reservations, call 377-2817.

**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.

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

**Boxing room** — Triangle Fitness Center. Three speed bags and two heavy bags. Sign out gloves at the counter.

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

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

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

## Golf

**Active-duty military/spouse special** — couples playing golf together pay one regular fee; second fee is half price. Special is good through January.

**Nonprior service student special** — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes,

\$10 for nine holes. Greens fee, cart and rental clubs, \$20 for 18 holes, \$15 for nine holes.

**Free golf clinics for nonprior service students** — noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 17, 23 and 24. Sign up at pro shop, 377-3832. Maximum 10 people per session.

**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.

**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

**10 percent discount** — on all rental equipment.

**Children's wildlife poster contest** — submit original poster by the end of January depicting any kind of wildlife. First place wins \$100 savings bond, second place \$50 bond.

**Rental campers** — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

**Fish of the month** — weigh in the largest catfish during January 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.

## Softball

**Women's varsity team** — coaches needed. For more information, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

## Sports council

**Meeting** — 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Vandenberg Community Center.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Aaseng, Leonardo Alviz, David Anderson, Daniela Barahona-Rojas, Jarriott Bennett, David Brackett, Ronald Brandtman, Kurt Breckenberg, Steven Bright, Phillip Burnette, Kyle Cantrell, Seth Chestosky, David Chupak, Michael Conley, Alexander Constance, Jareth Courtney, Colby Creed, Brian Cummings, Richard Dale, Jon Delgado, Michael Dormeier, Kyle Dougherty, Andreon Downs, Richard Egan, Nathaniel Ernst, Derek Fackler, Matthew Fitzgerald, Dustin Franklin, Taylor Fuller, Benjamin Gaisford, Jordan Ghunaym, Charles Giordano, Stephen Gregory, Matthew Grove, Christopher Haley, Kenneth Hammons, David Hartford, Brian Heslor, Jordan Howell, Brad Jacobs, Andrew Jennings, Tyler Johnson, Scott Kababik, Gregory Kelloff, Jack Kemp, Christopher Kugler, Michael Lopez, Steven Lunte, Cory Martin, Jorge Martinez-Salinas, Travis Mason, Ian Matson, Michael McNeill, Albert Menocal, Brandon Morgan, Steven Mox, Timothy Murphy, Jarrad Myers, Yancy Nunez, Collin Osting, Christopher Padgett, Marcell Pemberton, Daniel Peters, Steven Phillips, Don Price, Jeremy Quillen, Branden Randall, Justin Raymer, Thomas Reed, Victoria Rhyner, Amanda Robb, Brandon Robert, Ronald Rouse, Kenneth Sanders, Patrick Sebay, Michael Spencer, Marcos Tapia, Raymond Taylor, Jumaane Thompson, Garrett Tolley, Harry Weiss, Riley Wendt and Joshua Williams; Airmen Aubrey Able, Scott Blankenship, Stephanie Brown, Lori Dentrement, Joseph Downey, Andrew Emmons, Diana Garcia-Sanchez, Devon Hoffman, Jeffrey Hughes, Jamie Jamison, Jeffrey Kemp, Westley Latina, Phillip Lozano, Timothy Manuel, Justin McCormick, Ryan McKee, Henry Orr, Joseph Pena, Colin Rainey, Christopher Sisney, Larry Washington and Laura Wittenberg; Airmen 1st Class Scott Bailey, Victor Baillif, David Blake, Matthew Bowen, David Briest, Matthew Bryson, Marcone Cangussu, Cody Chase, Javier Clintron-Rodriguez, Jason Clukey, Nicolas Craven, John Derby, Mathew Dick, Theodore Ehrhorn, Vanesa Escobar, Mitchell Forde, Caleb Frisbie, Nicholas Garrison, Kyle Giunta, Kyle Greene, Monte Hall, James Hamilton, Michael Jaquier, Zachary Hand, Cody Hard, Michael Harrigan, Robert Hockenhull, Michael Ingram, Zachary Knott, Melissa Lafollette, Steven Lafollette, Matthew Lafreniere, Crystal Lathrop, Samuel Lee, Christopher Mancini, Justin Martin, John McConnell, Patricia Mead, Aron Mooney, Christopher Murphy, Robert Myrick, Jose Negron-Hernandez, Daniel Nicholas, Brandon Novenario, Denitra Parcell, Kelsey Parker, Allan Ramirez, Oswald Reagan, Nathan Reese, Richard Roggensack, Tory Rose, Kenny Ruiz, David Salinas, Octavious Sams, Robert Schroeder, David Sharp, Raymond Shaw, Jared Wallace, Whitney Warfield, Claude Watson, Sarah Watson, Darren West, Nicholas Wilt and Randall Winchester; Pfc. Robert Zuber; Senior Airmen Justin Apple, Chad Colvin, Carey Davis, Cornelius Edwards, Kevin Fowler, Kenneth Hallmark, Kristen Montano, Irving Ruiz-Lopez, Clayton Shiver, Alex Szwet, Alvaro Torrez, Kenneth Wagner and Shawn Whitney; Staff Sgts. Doyle Allen, Mark Brizzi, Raleigh Carlson, Blake Haynes, Joshua Johnson, Deron Moore, Christopher Porraro, Samuel Rodriguez, Jason Wagner, Robert Walker and Jonathan Westberg; Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Smith; Master Sgts. Daryl Kaeka, Christopher Randall and Kirk Winslow; Senior Master Sgt Donald Miller; 1st Lt. Abdullah AlMakrad.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Donavar Armstrong, Steven Franco, Sharde Jones, Dexter Mayo, Angel Nelson, Christopher Olivo and Megan Pencoock; Senior Airman Mandy Weidig; Staff Sgt. Nikolas McWhirter; Tech. Sgt. Shannon McDonald

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Jon Bryant, James Guitard and Burt Lazaro; Airmen John Tullos and Jessica Hobson; Airmen 1st Class Kip Guidry, Lamar

Martin, Ryan Miller, Jeremiah Storey and Riley Walton; Staff Sgts. Ramsey Gonzalez and Carl Suero.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Erik Krausen; Airman 1st Class Joshua Carandang; Staff Sgts Jaime Montano and William Willey; Tech. Sgts Matthew Hartweg and Elwin Weeks.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Jedidiah Morris, Thomas Morris, William Uriniuk and Aaron Wanzer; Airman Cherrelle Collins; Airmen 1st Class Akshay Botre, Joshua Cedeno, Zachary Herrera and Sheldon Hines; Senior Airman Jolynn Howse; Staff Sgts. Latrell Ball, Edgardo Garcia, Bradford Myers, Anthony Pistella, Clifford Robison and Ryan Tovar; Tech. Sgt. Michael Herrell; Master Sgt. Diana Aragon.

#### 336th TRS

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

## 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

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

#### Weekday Mass

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

### 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.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-2** — graduation Feb. 12.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-2** — graduation Feb. 13.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Credit history seminar** — 9-10 a.m. Friday, Room 108A, Sablich Center, conducted by Keesler Federal Credit Union. To register, call 376-8728.

**First-term officer financial seminar** — 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 27, Room 108A, Sablich Center. To register, call 376-8728.

### Arts and crafts center

**Thursday crafting** — 5-7:30 p.m. crafting pleasure, painting, pottery, scrapbooking.

**Scrapbook Christmas page design** — 5-7:30 p.m. today. Bring your Christmas pictures and make a keepsake. \$20 includes materials for four pages.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 24, Learn wire wrapping and tooling. \$30 including materials.

**Beginners pottery wheel** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 includes clay, instruction and firing.

### Wood shop

**Beginners woodworking** — 5:15-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25 including shop use, materials and certification for equipment use. Pre-registration required.

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

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Jan. 24. \$20 including all materials and tool use; new project each month.

### Framing

**Beginners framing** — one class, three sessions, today and Jan. 22 and 29. \$60 including materials, shop use, instruction and shop use card. Call for time. Pre-registration required.

### Auto hobby shop

#### Open shop use.

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

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

### 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. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreational vehicles and boats.

### Tickets and trips

**Mardi Gras parades** — call for pricing and schedule of tours to upcoming parades in New Orleans and Mobile, Ala. Space limited.

### 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.

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## 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

**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.

**Online catalog** — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

**Available** — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library available.

**Wireless Internet** — information available at the front desk.

**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 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** — 5 p.m., red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

**Karaoke** — 6-9 p.m. Jan. 22; DJ Wayne, drink specials.

**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.

**Open recreation** — free and supervised, 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

**Operation Night Hoops for teens** — 7-10 p.m. Saturday.

**Friday night fun** — 7-9 p.m. for ages 9 and older. Free skating music, games and more. \$5 cover charge for meals.

**Youth of the Year packets** — teens can pick up a packet now to participate in a lifetime achievement program. For more information, contact the youth center director.

**Youth center action council** — meets monthly. If you're interested in military youth programs and have a child age 6-18, call and join this focus group.

**Military home schoolers** — meet monthly at the youth center. 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. Monday and Jan. 26; leadership club for teens with games, snacks and fun.

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

**Classes** — dance, gymnastics, karate, children's theater and guitar; \$50 month. Classes meet Saturday mornings; evening classes begin in March. 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.

## 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 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 376-8728.

**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.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Monday

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

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country

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**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.afjrota.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>.

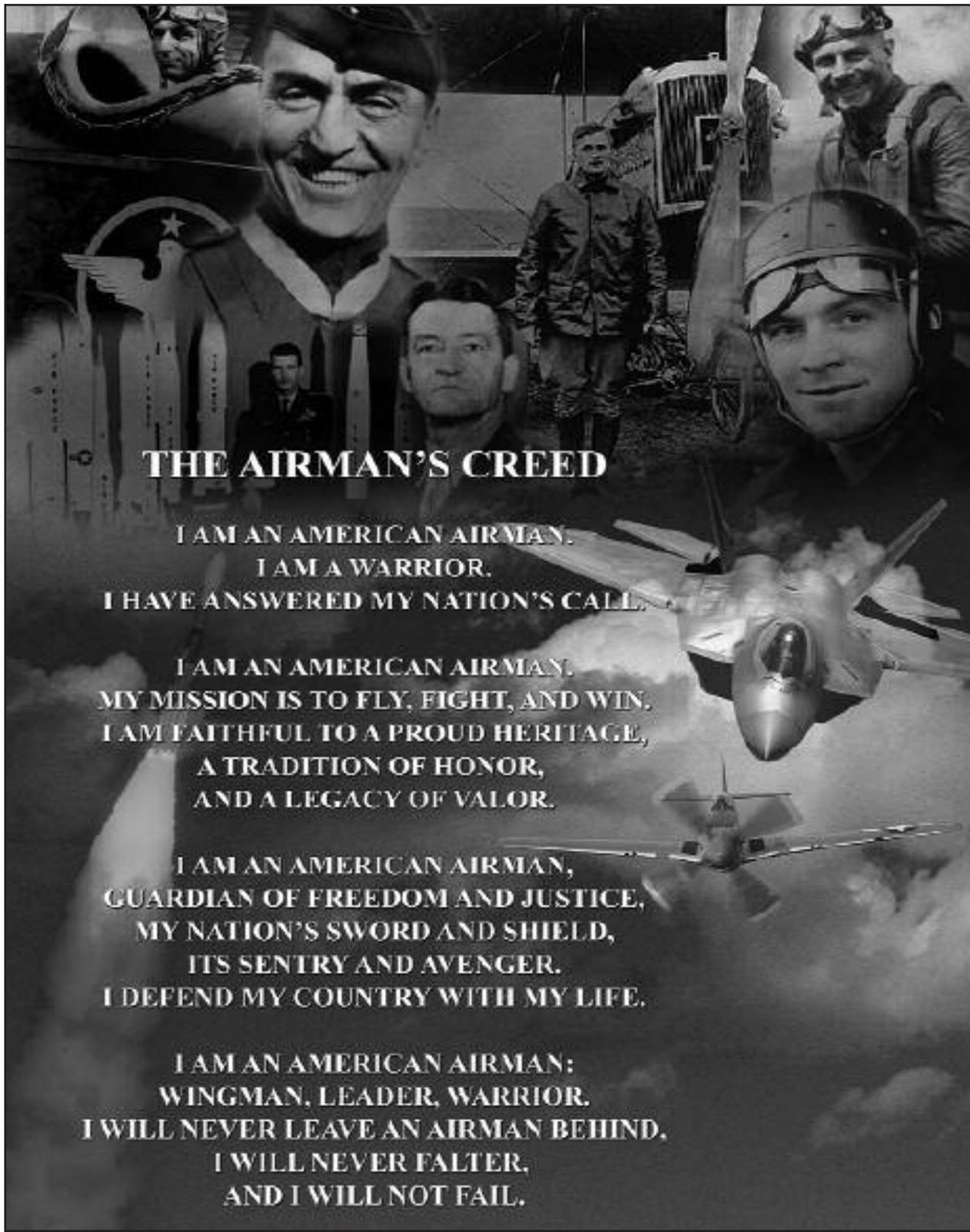
**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**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](mailto: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>.



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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.

# MEETINGS

## Upcoming

**Keesler 5/6** — 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sablich Center auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

## Recurring

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638.

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**Keesler 5.6** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

**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](mailto: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. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

**Friday** — 6:30 p.m., Australia (PG-13).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Twilight (PG-13); 6:30 p.m., Four Christmases (PG-13).

**Sunday** — Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13).