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## Sunrise start to Wingman Day



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Team Keesler kicked off Wingman Day with a morning run on the flight line, Jan. 22. More photos, Page 19.

## Bronze Star for safety chief

By Airman 1st Class  
David Salanitri

Keesler News editor

Lt. Col. David Poage, 81st Training Wing safety office chief, was awarded the Bronze Star Jan. 21 for his work as commander of Laghman Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As commander of the PRT from January to November 2008, Colonel Poage provided security, governance and post-conflict reconstruction to the people of the province.

While deployed, Colonel Poage helped rebuild more than 50 infrastructures, led over 300 combat support missions in a hostile area and had oversight of 86 troops.

The 21-year Air Force



Colonel Poage

veteran has served at Keesler for nearly 2½ years. Among many duties here, his section conducts an over-all accident prevention program for the welfare of every member of the Keesler community.

“Getting the Bronze Star is

great, but is only the icing on the cake,” said Colonel Poage. “I told the troops I was deployed with that awards will be written up and not everyone will receive the Medal of Honor, but we all know what we did here.”

The Bronze Star is the fourth highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces and 9th highest award among U.S. military decorations. The award recognizes single acts of merit and meritorious service accomplished with distinction.

Colonel Poage has been deployed around the world, including duty in the United Arab Emirates, Southwest Asia, Israel and Kuwait.

Colonel Poage leaves Keesler in February to join the Air and Space Operation Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

## Obama directs military to plan ‘responsible’ Iraq drawdown

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama directed key defense and military officials he met with Jan. 21 to come up with plans for “a responsible military drawdown in Iraq.”

President Obama declared Jan. 21’s meeting on Iraq productive and valuable.

Participants in the late-afternoon session during his first day in office included Defense Secretary Robert Gates; Navy Adm.

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## Lorenz on Leadership

# Preparation, execution, doing the right thing

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Earlier this month, our nation was inspired by the actions of a brave pilot — an everyday American who reminded us of who we are and who we can be.

It just so happens that the pilot of US Airways Flight 1549, Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, is a classmate of mine. We both graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1973. When I saw his picture on the news, I immediately looked him up in our 1973 yearbook, and there he was, looking sharp in his cadet uniform.

Sullenberger learned how to fly in our Air Force, and he served out his seven-year commitment as an officer and pilot. He then began a 29-year career as an airline pilot and safety expert. When you throw in his time as a cadet, he had more than 40 years of training, education and experience to prepare him for the challenge he would face last week.

He prepared himself well. Like all Air Force pilots, Sullenberger spent hundreds of hours studying emergency procedures and practicing them in simulators. He obviously continued this practice as he transitioned to the airlines. One definition of integrity is doing the right thing when no one else

is looking, and Sullenberger made himself a better pilot by studying and practicing when no one else was paying a lot of attention. His foundation of knowledge and skill was strong because he put in the time and effort required to build it.

But preparation wasn't enough. When faced with a crisis, Sullenberger had to execute. He didn't panic. Instead he focused on what he had to do to save his plane and his passengers. Ditching a large aircraft is an incredibly difficult thing to do, and Sullenberger was able to do it safely. He executed his responsibilities with excellence.

Once the aircraft stopped in the cold waters of the Hudson, Sullenberger continued to care for his passengers and crew. New York Mayor Bloomberg described how Sullenberger walked the aisle of the airplane twice to make sure everyone was out. In doing so, he put service to others before his own personal safety. In the middle of incredible stress and strain, Sully chose to do the right thing.

In media parlance, the story of Flight 1549 had “legs.” Even as the historic inauguration approached, people remained fascinated with the incident, hanging on every detail as recounted by the passengers, ferryman and rescue specialists. Perhaps this can be explained by the sheer drama of the crash and the fact that it happened in our largest city.

I think there is something deeper here, however. I believe that, in the face of all the negative news we have endured in recent months, we are looking for a hero — or in this case, a “Sully” — who will do the right thing in the face of adversity. Americans love heroes, especially “ordinary” people who do extraordinary things, because one of our core ideals is that everyday people can make a difference.

On a very cold day in New York, Sully made a difference. He did it by living according to our core values of integrity, service and excellence.

We didn't invent the core values in the Air Force. They came from the American people that we serve. Although the headlines may be filled with stories of fraud, greed and waste, it is important to remember that there are millions of Americans who choose to live by these values. Whether it is the teacher who chooses to stay after class to help a troubled student or the policeman who chases the thief into the dark alley, many Americans choose to live according to integrity, service and excellence.

The story of Sully Sullenberger reminds us of this. In these challenging times, it's good to remember what makes our country great.

To Sully, my old classmate: Thanks for landing Flight 1549, walking down the aisle twice and setting an example for us all.

## Chiefs vs. Eagles — more than just a softball game

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

As you read this commentary, you're probably wondering why you have seen Keesler's chief master sergeants limping around the base all week. Some may even note a sense of fatigue, sore muscles or stiff backs. Please go easy on them as they are merely recovering from playing in the Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game on Wingman Day. Yup, those Chiefs are likely to be mighty sore after belting the ball over the fence so many times and running around the bases so often. We want a rematch!

Activities like the Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game are important parts of fusing the team together and are a part of our heritage. During recreation and competition, you can see a side of your colleagues you've never seen before. For example, who would have known that Col. Prince Gilliard, commander of the 81st Training Group, is a diving and throwing machine at shortstop? For a couple of innings, you would have

thought Ozzie Smith was playing out there! The Eagles were also reminded of the power of those young Chiefs as Chief Master Sgt. (select) Kyle Watkins from the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron was pounding shots over the left field fence. Even the older Chiefs were pounding them over the fence! The game was a reminder of key Air Force attributes including preparation, team work, strength, humility and humor — attributes you can use for your personal success every day.

Why did the Chiefs win? Was it because they are younger and stronger than the Eagles? I think they won because they invested in their preparation. They practiced! Are you prepared for success? Do you make the investment to prepare and be ready for the task at hand as well as the task that is coming? Remember what Knute Rockne, the famous Notre Dame football coach said, “Practice makes perfect!” To accomplish any task successfully, you need to invest the time to prepare and practice.

Did the Chiefs win because of one guy? Nope. Lots of them hit the ball over the fence, but many of them didn't. They worked as a team to get on base and advance each other through timely hits and on-target coaching. You can learn from them. Do you work as a team? Do you and your co-workers complement each other to leverage everyone's strengths and compensate for weaknesses? Not everyone can be a home-run hitter, yet the singles hitters are just as important. As long as the whole team is scoring runs, your team will win. A good wingman works for the whole team, not himself!

Did the Chiefs win because they were stronger than the Eagles? Perhaps they did use their relative youth to their advantage, yet they demonstrated the strength and stamina to eradicate the Eagles' early lead and triumph. Do you demonstrate the strength and stamina for the rigors of the day? Do you train for your physical fitness? Do you eat right and take care of yourself? Are you caring for your spiritual self as well

as you are your physical self?

Do you think the Eagles learned something about humility by getting shellacked by the Chiefs? You're darn right we did! Nonetheless, we're not giving up. You can't win everytime, yet that doesn't mean you stop trying. The noted American philosopher, Rocky Balboa said, “It isn't how hard you hit. It is how hard you get hit and get back up that makes you a champion.”

Did everyone learn something about humor during the game? You betcha. Great teams take time to laugh and smile together. As you execute your duties with precision, make sure you give others reason to smile. Thank great performers for their efforts. Coach folks who need help. Hand out smiles like they are free ... because they are. I'm sure you'll find they multiply quickly.

Folks, it is your season to shine. Make sure you are prepared, you work as a team, you stay fit, never take yourself too seriously and treat everyone with dignity and respect. If you do, you'll be a winner!



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

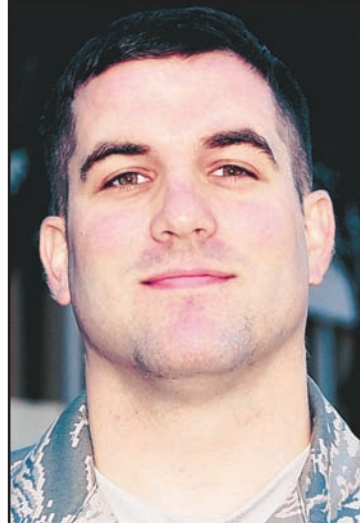
Keesler News photographer

Who was your most influential teacher and why?



My substitute history teacher in high school. I still remember her because she cared. She even checked up on us when she wasn't substituting.

**Tech. Sgt. Shanita Rankin,**  
Mathies NCO Academy



My son, because he teaches me that every day can be even more exciting than the last.

**Staff Sgt. Ben Smith, 81st**  
Comptroller Squadron



Mrs. Brown, because she always took the time to listen.

**Jessica Green, 81st Force**  
Support Squadron

## Being a wingman can mean making tough choices

By **Lt. Col. William Hamant**

332nd Training Squadron commander

One of the most amazing things about our Air Force is its diversity. I'm not just talking about ethnicity ... that's an enormous strength in its own right...but about the wide range of economic backgrounds, family environments, and value systems each of us brings to the fight.

It's magnified here in Air Education and Training Command, where many students are still adapting to the Air Force family and its core values. I marvel daily at the differing skills and techniques we have for dealing with people on professional and social levels. Although the Air Force provides us with definitions for the concepts of loyalty and wingman, each Airman applies his or her own experiences to his or her applications.

We hear over and over throughout our careers about what a loyal wingman is, says and does. But we also bring into the Air Force our own concepts of how best to take care of each other. (Outside the Air Force, "wingman" means something completely different at a club on Saturday night!) Of course we always look out for our wingman's well-being, even when his own choices have put him at risk. We know never to let our wingman risk injury, death or life-changing legal penalties by driving — or doing other risky things — after drinking.

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We act quickly to take care of a wingman in emotional distress, but what about one who regularly takes small steps along a treacherous path?

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But what would you do when faced with a wingman who makes poor choices that might not seem as dangerous or destructive? Would you correct a friend who's not wearing the uniform properly, gaining too much weight, staying out past curfew or cheating on his travel vouchers? We act quickly to take care of a wingman in emotional distress, but what about one who regularly takes small steps along a treacherous path?

No one wants to be the snitch; our reputations depend on it. When my squadron's first sergeant asked an Airman why he didn't let someone know about destructive behavior he witnessed, he told her, "I wasn't raised that way." What he meant, of course, is that his parents warned him to avoid being a rat. That's pretty good advice, but it's never that simple. "Mind your own business" sounds good, too. But in the profession of arms, it's a mistake to isolate ourselves from each other.

Can you imagine a situation in which the most loyal thing you can do for your wingman is to get him to stop making choices you consider wrong? It might be possible to do so without anyone else knowing. Tell him you won't let him self-destruct or bring you, your unit or our Air Force down with him. But if that doesn't work, your loyalty to him might drive you to get someone else involved. You'll have to decide whether protecting your wingman from the consequence of his behavior outweighs your loyalty to him as a professional, to yourself and to our uniform. No one ever said being a good wingman is easy!

But here's the real challenge: Think about it now. Know where you stand. Know where your wingmen stand. Know what's important to you and what you expect from yourself and from those around you.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Air Force names trainer finance educator of year

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Master Sgt. Mandy Williams, 335th Training Squadron, is the Air Force's 2008 Finance Educator of the Year.

Sergeant Williams' accomplishments include leading 15 instructors and 738 students to a 99 percent graduation rate and instructed 502 hours of 7-level courses to 72 students for a 93 percent average.

"It was an hour just to be nominated by my supervisor for the award," said Sergeant Williams. "I wouldn't be receiving this award if it weren't for the amazing people I work with."

Sergeant Williams, who has been at Keesler for 2 ½ years and in the Air Force for 17, says her main source of inspiration are Airmen who want to learn.

"I am motivated by the enthusiasm of the Airmen who are eager to learn and excel in our Air Force. I want to ensure they are provided the best training to accomplish the mission," said Sergeant Williams.



Sergeant Williams

Exceptions to Keesler's

**25 mph**  
speed limit:

**15 mph**

in housing areas,

Ploesti Drive construction site,  
flight line and unpaved surfaces;

**10 mph**

in close proximity

to marching formations and  
when waved through base gates;

**5 mph**

in parking lots;

**35 mph**

in some sections of perimeter roads.

# Instructor retires with 53 years of service

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Howard Knotts, an airfield systems instructor in the 338th Training Squadron's special training and technologies flight, retires Tuesday with more than 53 years of federal service.

He assumed his current position almost 27 years ago, after 27 years of active duty in the Air Force.

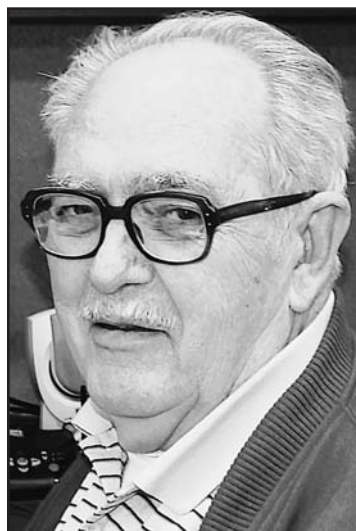
A native of West Virginia, Mr. Knotts joined the Air Force in 1952. He spent 11 years in the aircraft maintenance field and the remainder in communications/engineering stateside and overseas assignments including Keesler, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Geiger Field, Wash.; Williams AFB, Ariz.; Pope AFB, N.C.; Robins AFB, Ga. His final military assign-

ment was maintenance superintendent at Karamasel, Turkey.

He also served two special duty assignments as adviser to the Moroccan Air Force at Kenitra, Morocco, and to the Vietnamese Air Force at Danang AFB, Vietnam.

When he came to Keesler as a civilian employee in 1982, Mr. Knotts was initially assigned to assist in writing and teaching the long range air navigation course.

In 1987, he was assigned to the special training flight. After attending the Cardion factory school at Long Island, N.Y., he assisted in writing the course to teach the VOR-TAC system, which includes the VHF omni range and the tactical air navigation system. After all course documents were prepared, he prepared several other instructors to teach the VOR system course.



Mr. Knotts

Also in 1987, Mr. Knotts attended Bell factory training for the microwave instrument landing system. He was assigned as Air Training Command's representative for system validation and completed the training evaluation por-

tion of the validation.

In 1990, he was assigned to the basic navigational aids course and became qualified to teach six of the 12 blocks. He's been instrumental in the upgrade of the navigational aids course to the METNAV course when the meteorological equipment was added and later upgraded to the airfield systems course when the ground radio course was added.

Mr. Knotts earned associate degrees in radio technology and occupational instructing from the Community College of the Air Force and two associate degrees in operating engineering and air conditioning and refrigeration from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He also holds refrigerant transition and recovery certification from Ferris State University.

While on active duty, he

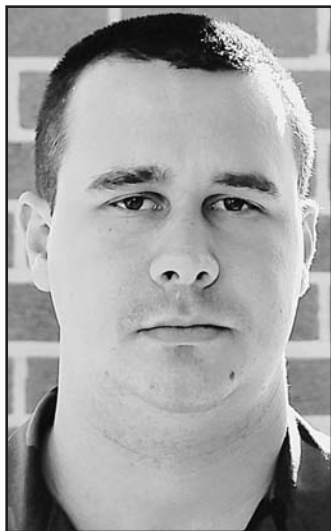
was an NCO Academy honor graduate and earned numerous NCO of the quarter and NCO of the year awards. He received his master instructor certification in 1975 and graduated with honors from Keesler's ground radio systems supervisor/technician 9-level school.

He earned the Joint Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with multiple devices, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with devices, Overseas Campaign Medals and National Defense Service Medals.

As a civilian, Mr. Knotts has earned sustained superior performance awards, letters of commendation and civilian of the quarter awards.

Mr. Knotts and his wife, Fay, live in Biloxi. They have two children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Academic aces



**Airman 1st Class Nolan Short, left, and Senior Airman Brian Houck graduated Monday from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores. Both are headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for additional training. Airman Short is from Detroit and will train in the avionics attack control systems apprentice course. Airman Houck, an active-duty cross-trainee from Russell, Kan., will take the avionics sensor system apprentice course.**

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Technology expo

The 14th annual Information Technology Products and Services Expo is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the IP Casino Resort in Biloxi.

The 81st Training Support Squadron and Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association host the free event. More than 20 vendors are expected.

To register in advance, visit <http://www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=48>

## Annual banquet

The 81st Training Group's annual award banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Locker House Dragon's Lair.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and suit and tie or comparable dress for civilians.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Tech. Sgt. Martha Curley, 377-5456, or Master Sgt. Timothy Sheldon, 377-1576.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot southeast of the Mathies NCO Academy is closed until noon on Feb. 12 for drill evaluations.

Hours may change due to inclement weather.

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

## CCAF graduation

Feb. 27 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring graduating class.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including the nomination action request.

For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

## William Carey

Registration is under way for William Carey University's spring trimester.

Flexible bachelor degree programs allow for the transfer of Community College of the Air Force credits.

Discounted tuition is available for active-duty military, dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

For more information, visit Room 219, Sablich Center, or call 376-8480.

## GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

## 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 376-8708.

## Community collaboration enhances medical care



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Second Lt. Candy Davis, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, shows one of the family birthing center rooms to guests at the recent "Evening of Medical Collaboration" jointly hosted by Humana Military Healthcare Services and Keesler Medical Center. About 175 members of the community, including legislative staff, sister service representatives, hospital executives and private practice physicians, spent more than three hours at the medical center. Following a social hour, Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Daniel Wyman, 81st Medical Group commander, provided a presentation, "Premiere Healthcare through Community Collaboration." Participants toured the medical center's state-of-the-art capabilities such as magnetic resonance imaging, refractive surgery center, genetics center, simulation laboratory and family birthing center. General Wyman said the program "left a huge, very positive impression on the community and will pay dividends well into the future."

## Base prepares for LSET inspection

By Airman 1st Class David Salantri

Keesler News editor

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron undergoes a Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection Feb. 23-27.

The 30-person team from Air Education and Training Command will be inspecting the squadron along with other maintenance functions on base to observe how well each unit tracks technical training of its Airmen, how well each Airman can perform shop duties in accordance with his or her skill level, accountability of equipment and munitions and the units value on environmental safety through a proper hazardous material program.

"The LSET is similar to the Operational Readiness Inspection the base went through August 2007, but the LSET is more interested

in knowing how we do the job rather than can we do the job," said Capt. Tyrone Hill, 81st LRS operations officer.

"The transportation squadron earned an 'excellent' during the 2007 ORI, and we'd like to think we've only gotten better," said Capt. Hill.

"We encourage our Airmen to embrace responsibility at their appropriate skill level and make themselves indispensable to the success of their elements and flights," said Capt. Hill. "This type of personal responsibility yields dividends at both the squadron and wing levels."

"Though the LSET is an 'over the shoulder' evaluation, customers will receive the same excellent service," said Capt. Hill.

"The LSET is graded on a pass/fail basis; it goes without saying that we look forward to passing."

## IN THE NEWS

### 3 promoted to lieutenant colonel

Three Keesler majors promoted to lieutenant colonel are:  
**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Clarence Lee.  
**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Sam Silverthorne Jr. and Brenda Yi.

### Wing awards ceremony Feb. 19

"Honoring Keesler's Wingmen, Leaders and Warriors" is the theme of the 81st Training Wing's annual awards ceremony Feb. 19.

The off-base location hasn't been finalized, but the social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and ceremony at 7.

The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Sullens, Air Combat Command's command chief.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and equivalent for civilians.

To respond, call Master Sgt. Bridgette Hopkins, 81st Medical Group, 376-3053; Master Sgt. Mandy Williams, 81st Training Group, 377-7481; Senior Master Sgt. Tavia Whitley, 81st TRW staff agencies, 377-8145; Master Sgt. Robin Sikes, 81st Mission Support Group, 377-6611, or the protocol office, 377-5566.

### Biloxi Back Bay closes for air show

Biloxi's Back Bay, north of the base, is closed to civilian and commercial maritime traffic in preparation for and during Keesler's Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House, 12:30 to 5 p.m. April 2-5.

The Federal Aviation Administration directs closure of the waterway to "sterilize the show box" during performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds and other aircraft.

The event is April 4-5, with gates opening at 9 a.m.

For more information, visit Keesler's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>, and click on the Thunder on the Bay icon in the upper right portion of the screen.

### Cell phone restrictions for drivers

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

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.

### Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Feb. 19 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 12 because of the Feb. 16 Presidents Day federal holiday.

# Military secretaries stay on to ensure smooth transition

By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Carden

## American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Each U.S. military service secretary has agreed to Defense Secretary Robert Gates' request to stay in office for at least several weeks to help ensure the Defense Department's smooth transition under the President Barack Obama administration, Pentagon officials here said recently.

"They have been asked and have agreed to serve for some time as the new administration works on identifying individuals to fill those positions," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman.

Navy Capt. Beci Brento, a spokeswoman for Navy Secretary Donald Winter, said "he will not stay on for any duration of time after March 13." Before swearing into office in January 2006, Secretary Winter was a corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems sector.

Army Secretary Pete Geren and Air Force Secretary Michael Donley have not announced a timeline for their stay, but Army and Air Force officials confirmed Jan. 23 both secretaries' willingness to continue serving in their positions until their successors are named and confirmed by Senate.

## Iraq,

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Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Army Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. Central Command.

Army Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of Multi-national Force Iraq, also participated by teleconference.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, key Cabinet members and senior national security officials also were included, collectively providing what President Obama called "a full update on the situation in Iraq."

"The meeting was productive, and I very much appreciated receiving assessments from these experienced and dedicated individuals," the president said in a statement released after the session.

"During the discussion, I asked the military leadership to engage in additional planning necessary to execute a responsible military drawdown from Iraq," he said.

President Obama said he plans to meet with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to discuss operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the broader Middle East.

"In the coming days and weeks, I will also visit the

(Defense Department) to consult with the Joint Chiefs on these issues, and we will undertake a full review of the situation in Afghanistan in order to develop a comprehensive policy for the entire region," he said.

# Officials narrow down headquarters possibilities

## Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Jan. 21, Air Force officials released possible locations for the eventual permanent headquarters for both Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Force Cyber Command.

The Air Force intends to make final selection by the end of June.

Earlier this month, Air Force officials announced the formal stand-up of the Air Force Global Strike Command (Provisional) at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Candidate bases for the permanent AFGSC, in alphabetical order, are Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Minot AFB, N.D.; Offutt AFB, Neb.; and Whiteman AFB, Mo.

The six possible locations for the headquarters of 24th Air Force, a new numbered Air Force focused on the cyber mission, are Barksdale; Lackland AFB, Texas; Langley AFB, Va.; Offutt; Peterson AFB, Colo.; and Scott AFB, Ill. Keesler was on an earlier list, but didn't make the final cut.

Kevin Billings, acting secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, said that every basing deci-

## Crest creation



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Jason Davis, James Helton and Thomas Davis from H&W Tile prepare to install the 81st Medical Group crest in Keeler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance lobby Jan. 22. The project was expected to be completed the following day. The Mobile, Ala., firm has installed several other crests in Keesler facilities, including the 81st Training Wing crest in the main entrance to wing headquarters.

sion is made using a measured and deliberate process to ensure that the final decision is the best possible outcome for national defense and is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Officials now evaluate the six bases on each list against the same set of criteria.

For selection of the site for AFGSC headquarters, current performance of a significant operational function associated with strategic nuclear forces is an overarching requirement due to the uniqueness of the nuclear operations culture and the significant time required to develop personnel, processes and systems to create an operational environment which safely and reliably meets the extraordinary levels of precision engendered by such operations.

The criteria include synergy with the AFGSC nuclear mission including availability of requisite expertise, facilities and infrastructure, support capacity, transportation and access, communications and bandwidth, and security to support the AFGSC headquarters.

"The principal focus of the new command will be on our nuclear deterrence mission and ensuring the day-to-day excellence demanded by this mission," said Maj. Gen.

C. Donald Alston, assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration. "Co-locating the headquarters on an installation where there are significant operational functions associated with nuclear forces will provide positive synergies for this new command."

To select a base for 24th Air Force, Air Force officials will consider cyber numbered Air Force mission synergy, including proximity to other cyber operational missions and access to scientific and technical expertise, and communication/bandwidth capabilities.

Other evaluation criteria include facilities and infrastructure, support capacity, security and transportation access. Officials applied the two most important evaluation criteria — cyber numbered Air Force mission synergy and communication/bandwidth capabilities — to provide the final candidate basing list.

"In basing 24th Air Force, we recognize the tremendous preparatory work several states have already done, and we intend to use much of that information, but the mission will ultimately define the final location," said Brig. Gen. Mark Schissler, Air Force Cyber Operations director.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

## Total Force Service Center

Air Force Personnel Center

Effective at 5 p.m. Feb. 22, a new 1-800 number will be available for regular Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve military and civilian Airmen when calling the Total Force Service Center to inquire about all centralized personnel actions.

The new number will be 1-800-525-0102; the commercial phone number 210-565-5000 and DSN 665-5000 will remain the same. This Total Force Service Center number will replace the current Air Force Customer Service Center phone number, 1-800-616-3775.

The new Total Force Service Center will connect, virtually, the contact centers for the Air Force Personnel Center in San Antonio and Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. This will provide Airmen seamless access to personnel information, services, and tools — anytime, from any location — via the internet, telephone, or e-mail. This effort is part of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation commitment to providing Airmen and their families reliable, secure customer service that is easy to access.

## 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 in 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

**Monday through Feb. 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.

# Feb. 20 is application deadline for financial leadership program

Air Force Personnel Center

Feb. 20 is the deadline for nominations to be submitted for the 2009 Financial Management Leadership Program.

Selection is expected to take place in March.

FMLP is a four-year program designed to develop future Air Force leaders by providing those officers who aren't in the financial management career field to gain leadership experience as comptroller squadron commanders.

Officials said financial management is a valuable skill pairing for future strategic leaders as recognized by Air Force senior leader management under the force development construct.

The program has three phases:

**In Phase 1**, selected officers attend the 4½ week financial management staff officer course at Keesler this summer.

**In Phase 2**, officers make a permanent change of station to a major command financial management staff for a two-year internship working finance and budget. They'll rotate

through the staff to gain a broad understanding of financial services, budget analysis and planning and programming.

During this phase, participants also attend the four-week Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. for professional development education for mid-career and senior financial managers within the Department of Defense.

**In Phase 3**, officers PCS to command a comptroller squadron, usually within the same major command. They'll command 35-75 personnel, serve as the chief financial officer to the wing commander and management an annual operating budget of more than \$100 million. After about two years, officers are released back to their original core career field.

For more information, contact the comptroller officer assignment team at [afpc.dpasa@afpc.randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.dpasa@afpc.randolph.af.mil) or call DSN 665-2304, extension 2 or 3.

## AFPC begins health records transfer to VA

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Starting Sunday, Air Force Personnel Center officials here begin to transfer health treatment records of retired and separated active, Guard and Reserve Airmen to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

AFPC will become the central transfer gateway to improve the flow of Air Force health treatment records aiding in the timely handling of any disability claims.

The center's effort applies to the records of Airmen who retired or separated on Jan. 1 or later.

In 2007, the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense directed all branches of service to transfer health treatment records of retiring and separating military personnel to the VA from a "centralized personnel outprocessing location." The nature of AFPC made it the Air Force solution.

"The personnel community has the experience in records management required to meet the OSD directive," said Sharon

Hogue, AFPC master personnel records branch chief. "The records branch already had the infrastructure in place for the accountability and maintenance of centralizing Air Force personnel records. We offered to help the medical community streamline this process."

Last October, AFPC officials started testing this new process as the transfer point for Air Force health treatment records sent to the VA using Randolph, Lackland and Laughlin Air Force bases, all in Texas, as test bases.

Center officials collected the records from the base medical treatment facilities, performed an accountability audit, verified all components were included and researched those that were missing. They then transferred the records to the servicing VA location of retired and separated Airmen who left the Air Force between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1, 2008.

The field test allowed AFPC officials to evaluate the transfer process and see if it could accommodate the additional workload that would be generated by taking on the total force mission.

"The AFPC Centralized Processing Center took in the records and processed them according to the new directive," Ms. Hogue said. "Based on the findings of the field test, AFPC decided to bring on the entire Air Force at one time, rather than in stages, resulting in one-stop processing and streamlining the Air Force method."

Airmen do not have to wait until separation or retirement to file a disability claim with the VA. They can file up to six months in advance, providing they can be available for any requested VA medical appointments. In these cases, Airmen can request a copy of their records from their servicing medical treatment facility to provide to the VA.

Following the new guidelines, the Airman's medical treatment facility holds the original record until 30 days after separation or retirement to ensure all documentation from medical or dental appointments and procedures toward the end of an Airman's service is captured, and then sends the record to the AFPC Centralized Processing Center.

# Shredding documents can protect personal data

## 81st Communications Squadron

It's important to shred or tear documents containing personal data such as Social Security Numbers and home phone number and address so personal data can't be reconstructed when documents are placed in recycling bins or trash cans.

Air Force Instruction 33-332, Privacy Act Program, paragraph 10.3.1, instructs employees to "destroy by any method that prevents compromise, such as tearing, burning, or shredding, so long as the personal data is not recognizable and beyond reconstruction."

An individual can be fined up to \$5,000 for violating someone's personal privacy.

For organizations wanting to shred documents, the 81st Communications Squadron's records management section has a shredder for base use. To make an appointment to use the shredder, call 377-2571.

In addition, the base privacy act manager directs investigations of complaints and violations of the regulations.

If you think a violation has occurred, call 377-2286.

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# Keesler vocalist wins top honors at Air Force talent competition

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Rick Rosales, a dental technician with the 81st Dental Squadron, has been named the Air Force Worldwide Talent Competition's best male vocalist for a second time.

Sergeant Rosales participated in the event, held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 11-19. He also garnered the honor in 2006.

"I was actually shocked to win," he said. "The competition was phenomenal! It was a very humbling experience."

More than 70 singers, dancers, instrumentalists and technicians participated in the grueling event.

"It's definitely no vacation," Sergeant Rosales explained. "Our days were long, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., followed by personal rehearsal time. We got to bed about 2 or 3 a.m. I didn't even have time to call my mom, who I usually talk to daily.

"People say to me, 'And you volunteered for this?' It's something I'm passionate about. The base is counting on you to win so you don't want to put on a mediocre performance. No matter whether you win, you always come back a better person, wingman, leader and Airman from the experience."

Sergeant Rosales' award-winning song was Donna Summer's "My Life" which contains the prophetic lyric, "This is my life. Standing out here, out on this stage, is where I belong."

He said both parents were excited to learn of his accomplishment.

"My mom is especially happy. She has my first trophy and is looking forward to receiving this one — she calls them her bookends!"

He mentioned the first-place trophy, which resembles an "Oscar," is called the "Roger" and the second-place trophy is "Wilco." The top winner also receives a plaque containing a certificate and a



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small version of the "Roger."

"This was my third 'Worldwide,'" Sergeant Rosales said. "The first time was in 2002. I was selected for the 2003 cast of 'Tops in Blue.' I was on the 2007 'Tops in Blue'

tour following the 2006 'Worldwide,' but had to leave after I broke my back. We had to move more than 56,000 pounds of equipment and I ruptured three disks during our Keesler performance. In fact, I was seen in the Keesler Medical Center emergency room. I traveled to England, but had to leave the show upon returning stateside, where I had surgery in September 2007."

Sergeant Rosales, who's been singing since he was 5 years old, has participated in the Langley AFB, Va., talent show and was a finalist in the Tidewater Karaoke competition at Virginia Beach, Va.

"I also auditioned for 'American Idol' twice, in Washington, D.C. in 2004 and Jacksonville, Fla., last year," he pointed out

In addition, he entered the recent Biloxi Beau Rivage "Coasting to Fame" event sponsored by five local radio stations and WLOX-TV. The grand prize was a recording contract and trip to Las Vegas.

"The best thing about not winning was the Las Vegas trip was scheduled at the same time as the Air Force 'Worldwide,'" Sergeant Rosales observed.

"I want to thank my squadron leadership for allowing me to go (to the "Worldwide") and my coworkers for picking up the slack while I was gone."

An Air Force "brat," Sergeant Rosales calls Palmer, Alaska, home.

"My mother separated as a 'buck sergeant (E-4)' and my dad retired as a chief master sergeant," he pointed out.

The youngest of five children, his brother Michael is an Air Force technical sergeant who was assigned to Keesler as a meteorology instructor. His sister is married to a Marine, while two siblings have no military connection.

Sergeant Rosales has been in the Air Force for seven years. He's been assigned to Keesler since March 2008 following a two-year stint in Korea.

# Former political refugee becomes Air Force doctor

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The doctor is IN!

Senior Airman Mauricio De Castro Pretelt has achieved his long-sought goal of becoming a physician in the U.S., and more specifically, the U.S. Air Force.

Currently a laboratory technician with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, the native of Colombia and recent U.S. citizen will soon be commissioned as a captain and enter Keesler Medical Center's internal medicine residency program.

He enlisted in the Air Force for the opportunity it offers him and to serve his country, noting that, "The U.S. has been so great to me and my family; I want to repay the country I love and also become an Air Force physician.

"I'm ecstatic! I feel a mixture of pride in my achievement and gratitude to all the people who helped me along the way," he said.

He added, "When I tell people about it, a lot of them focus on the commissioning part. Don't get me wrong; I think that's great, but for me it's more about being able to practice medicine. The Air Force gave me a shot and I took it. It goes to show that perseverance goes a long way."

Airman De Castro Pretelt received a medical degree in general practice from University del Norte in Barranquilla, Columbia, in July 2004, but it wasn't transferable to the U.S. Then 23 years old, he and his family sought political asylum in the U.S. shortly after graduation.

"Due to the situation in Colombia at the time, we feared political persecution because my family was involved with the government," he explained. His parents subsequently returned as the nation became more stable.

He began the process of acquiring his U.S. medical



**Airman De Castro Pretelt screens a patient's plasma in the Keesler Medical Center blood bank. May 26, he'll be commissioned a captain and July 1 he begins the internal medicine residency program.**

Photo by Steve Pivnick

license in July 2005. The long and demanding process started looking up when he was stationed at Keesler.

"I spoke with Colonel (Dr. Kathleen) Elmer (81st Medical Operations Squadron commander), my commander at that time, I explained my situation to her and she was very receptive. She got the ball rolling for me; she was a big help! Colonel (Stephanie) McCann (81st MDTs commander), my current commander, has also been a major supporter. I am very lucky to have had such magnificent leadership. A lot of people got involved and helped. It's been amazing!"

Soon-to-be Captain (Dr.) De Castro Pretelt took four required exams to acquire his license. He received official acceptance into the internal medicine residency program from the Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Selection Board Dec. 17.

"I start at beautiful Keesler July 1," he said. He'll be commissioned May 26 and complete Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., June 26.

He chose Keesler's internal medicine program, although he had the option of programs at Lackland AFB, Texas, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, or even a civilian residency.

"I know the program here. The program director is great,

the attending physicians are great and the residents are great. It's an excellent program and I am certain I will receive superb training," he explained. "I like the weather, too."

His family shares his joy.

"They are happy for me — this has been four years in the making," he remarked. "They know I have worked very hard to get to this point. It's a dream come true for them and me."

"I want to thank everyone who helped me," he continued. "This was a joint effort. A lot of people got involved. It wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Colonels Elmer and McCann and Capt. (Dr.) Nathan Evans, (81st MDOS and former internal medicine chief resident). The people in my section were very supportive, especially Sharon Love (81st MDTs) who helped me study for the exams. She would even sit with me and pretend to be a patient."

To prepare for his new role as a medical officer, Airman De Castro Pretelt recently left his Keesler dormitory and moved to D'Iberville.

His two brothers also are in the U.S. military. Carlos, 26, also a U.S. citizen, is an Army first lieutenant at Fort Bragg, N.C. Miguel, 22, is an airman first class assigned to Bolling AFB, D.C. Both of them will pin on Mauricio's captain bars at his commissioning ceremony.

## AETC medical leaders visit Keesler Medical Center



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Lambing, chief of the enlisted medical force at Air Education and Training Command, and Col. (Dr.) Margaret Matarese, AETC's surgeon general, listen as Kendra Helo demonstrates how the radiation oncology department's 2100IX linear accelerator operates, Jan. 21. Ms. Helo, chief radiation therapist with the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, used a box to simulate a patient. Colonel Matarese was making her first visit to Keesler Medical Center since assuming her post. For Chief Lambing, it was a "homecoming" of sorts — he'd been assigned to the medical center from 1989-1999.

## DIAMOND NOTES

What color gym bags  
can you carry while in uniform?  
Air Force Instruction 36-2903  
specifies black and dark blue.

Master Sgt. Kimberley Alvarez,  
acting 81st Contracting Squadron first sergeant



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



### January-June 1953

Airmen began occupying  
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# President's defense budget submission delayed

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama's 2010 defense budget request will be delayed, possibly until April, White House and Defense Department officials said.

The president's annual budget request usually is submitted to Congress the first Monday in February.

However, with only a week in office, the new administration will need more time for a substantial review of the submission, officials said.

Office of Management and Budget officials projected the delay in April and sent a memorandum delaying the budget submission.

Civilian and military financial experts have prepared a draft budget for review by administration officials. They will issue budget guidance via the Office of Management and Budget, which will guide the department.

Officials said they expect this guidance to come to the Pentagon "shortly," and Defense Department finance officials are prepared to move quickly to apply the guidance to the submission.

It is possible that the total Defense Department request, known as the "topline" number, may be released earlier than April, but that must wait on the more detailed submission, officials said.

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steady tone  
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# Gum problems? Dental residents training to help

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Dental Clinic's periodontics department is looking for patients with gum problems for treatment in their dental residency program.

According to Col. (Dr.) Bryan Ellis, 81st Dental Squadron support flight commander and chief of periodontics, the warning signs of periodontal disease include red, swollen or tender gums or other pain in the mouth; bleeding while brushing, flossing or eating hard food; receding gums or gums that pull away from the teeth; loose or separating teeth; pus between gums and teeth; sores in the mouth; persistent bad breath; or a change in the way teeth fit together when you bite.

Eligible beneficiaries accepted as teaching cases in the residency program can receive their periodontal care at Keesler at no charge. Limited numbers of patients will be accepted as teaching cases.

"We're not looking for patients with extensive restorative needs, such as those who need many fillings, crowns,

bridges or dentures," Colonel Ellis stressed. "Patients accepted for periodontal care will be treated by our Air Force general

dentistry residents under specialty supervision. Patients need to be readily available for appointments (generally Mon-day after-

noons and Tuesday mornings)."

For more information or to schedule a screening exam, call 376-5225.

# Housekeeper ends 41 years of service to Keesler

## 81st Force Support Squadron

Annette Jackson retires Friday after more than 41 years of service with the Inns of Keesler.

Ms. Jackson, who recently celebrated her 70th birthday, was raised on a farm where she began helping to cook for the farmhands when she was only 5 years old. She developed a strong work ethic and still enjoys cooking, developing a reputation among her coworkers for her potato salad and lemon meringue pie.

She performed private-custodial work before joining the Inns of Keesler in 1967 with starting pay of \$1.25 an hour. At that time, guests were housed in barracks that were located in the area occupied by the former officers club that closed after

Hurricane Katrina. Each barracks had 13 rooms and each housekeeper had two barracks to clean.

Ms. Jackson was later assigned on the transient floor at Muse Manor, an area that frequently saw 23 checkouts a day. Her speed and work ethic ability to work quickly paid off as she was the only housekeeper who could consistently finish all of her rooms by herself.

After working to maintain the rooms occupied by NCO Academy students at Muse Manor, Ms. Jackson became responsible for Muse Manor's distinguished visitors suites, a position she volunteered for even though it's more demanding and exacting than caring for standard rooms.

"Ms. Jackson personified the Air Force core values of



**Ms. Jackson**

'Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do' during her entire career with the Inns of Keesler," said housekeeping manager Karen Ray. "She's consistently set an example of

professionalism, dedication, and loyalty. In her 41 years of employment at Keesler, she's never been late for work or received any type of disciplinary action."

Over the years, Ms. Jackson has received frequent cash awards, sustained superior performance awards and recognition from both supervisors and guests.

"One of her favorite stories about her customers is about a man who lost his wedding ring," Ms. Ray commented. "He searched all over the base trying to find it, and Ms. Jackson found it stuck behind the bed. The happy and grateful guest told Ms. Jackson that she had not only saved him \$3,500, but she had saved him his wife, too!"

According to Ms. Jackson, the biggest change she's seen

during her years at Keesler has been the new buildings on base. Of the almost 20 buildings that currently belong to the Inns of Keesler, the only one still in existence that was here when Ms. Jackson started is Tyer House.

Ms. Jackson said she's remained at the Inns of Keesler because "the work is good and I like to work." She said she'd miss working in the DV suites because she enjoys keeping them looking nice.

When asked if she has any advice for newer employees, Ms. Jackson remarked, "Stay away from the gossip and just focus on the job. If you do your job right, you'll always be busy and you'll never be bored."

Ms. Jackson lives in Ocean Springs and has four children, 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**News tip? Call the Keesler News, 377-4130, 3937 or 9966.**



# Symposium welcomes record crowd

**By Capt. John Severns**

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## **AETC Public Affairs**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — More than 3,300 people attended the 2009 Air Education and Training Command Symposium in San Antonio earlier this month, an increase of more than 1,000 from the previous year.

The symposium featured nearly 100 academic seminars on a variety of Air Force topics, a technology exposition hosted by the Alamo chapter of the Air Force Association, and a formal ball.

“Many of our seminars were filled to capacity and then some,” said Col. Brett Morris, seminar director for the Symposium.

“The response from Airmen to these seminars was overwhelmingly positive,” he said. “The wounded warrior seminar was filled to capacity, and more than 100 people attended a video replay of the seminar afterward.”

Airmen were able to view and interact with more than 100 vendor and unit demonstrations at the AFA Exposition.

Capt. Matthew Butler, expeditionary training flight commander for the 342nd Training Squadron at Camp Bullis, was at the expo to show off parts of the Air Force’s new expeditionary training courses.

“Airmen need to be able to survive on the ground in hostile areas,” Captain Butler said. “Being out here is a chance for us to raise awareness of the ground capabilities our Airmen are being trained in.”

After the seminars wrapped up and the exhibition shut down Jan. 16, more than 1,100 people attended the AETC Ball, the command’s largest formal event of the year.

Next year’s symposium is set for Jan. 14-15, and a call for symposium papers will go out soon.

# Wingman Day emphasizes camaraderie, unit cohesiveness



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Senior Airmen Carlina Moreland, Ebony Hodges and Ambree Evans and Tech. Sgt. Kristal Dennis participate in stationary cross-country skiing at a Biloxi fitness center during the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Wingman Day. The unit's observance included fitness activities, podcasts, multimedia presentations, briefings and discussions about relationships, suicide risk identification and intervention, responsible alcohol use and wise money management.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Kirby, commandant of the Mathies NCO Academy, stretches for an out at first base during the Wingman Day Eagles vs. Chiefs softball game, Jan. 22. The Chiefs won, 19-6. For more photos and a video of the Wingman Day run that kicked off the day's activities, log on to the base's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

## Spouses club event

The Keesler Spouses Club plans lunch and a movie, 11 a.m. Feb. 10 in the Vandenberg Community Center ballroom.

The movie is “While You Were Sleeping.” The menu includes meat and cheese stromboli; chicken kabobs; strawberry spinach salad; bacon, lettuce and tomato bruschetta; artichoke dip with crackers and tea.

The cost is \$10.

Respond by Tuesday to [vickihamant@hotmail.com](mailto:vickihamant@hotmail.com).

For more information, log on to [keeslerspousesclub.com](http://keeslerspousesclub.com).

## Heart Link

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.

## Travel clinic

People planning international travel for pleasure or business should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is located in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

## 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.

## Intramural basketball teams face off for league playoffs

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It's playoff time for intramural basketball at Blake Fitness Center.

The six-member Over-30 League began its double-elimination playoff this week with 11 a.m. and noon games Monday and Wednesday. The 81st Force Support Squadron team led the league at 7-1 at the end of the regular season.

Lunchtime games are slated for Monday, Wednesday and Feb. 9, with the title game set for 11 a.m. Feb. 11. If the winner's bracket team loses Feb. 11, another game follows at noon to determine the champion.

Undefeated teams claimed the top spots in the intramural Eastern and Western Divisions at the end of regular season competition.

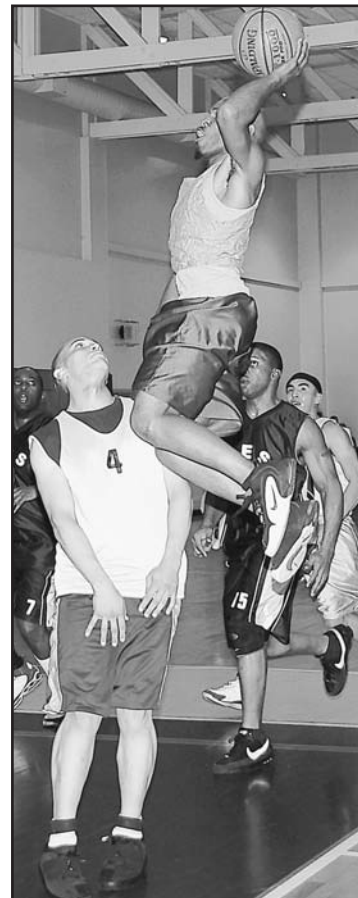
The 81st Communications Squadron, 6-0, topped the Eastern Division. Playoffs began

Tuesday and continue tonight at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Next week's games are Tuesday and Feb. 5 at the same times. The division title is decided Feb. 9, with games at 6 and 7 p.m. If the winner's bracket team loses in the 7 p.m. game, another game follows to decide the division's winner.

The 81st Medical Group, 7-0, leads the Western Division. Playoff games were played at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, with more games slated at the same times next week on Monday and Wednesday. If the winner's bracket team loses the 8 p.m. game Wednesday, another game follows to determine the division champion.

The intramural championship is tentatively scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 9.

For scores and standings, see Scores and More, Page 23.



**Shawn "PeeWee" Morgan, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron is airborne as he takes a shot in the Jan. 22 Eastern Division game against Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment. The 81st CES won, 54-49.**

Photo by Kemberly Groue

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

### Intramural Western Division (as of Jan. 22)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	7	0
403rd Wing	7	2
335th TRS	4	2
81st MDSS	4	3
338th TRS	4	4
81st FSS	3	4
81st DS	1	7

**Playoff games** — 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

### Intramural Eastern Division (as of Jan. 22)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	6	0
81st CES	6	1
81st SFS	4	1
81st LRS	3	2
MK Island	3	3
336th TRS	2	2
MARDET	2	2
332nd TRS	1	5

**Playoff games** — 6, 7 and 8 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Feb. 5 and 9.

### Intramural Over-30 League (as of Jan. 22)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	7	1
81st CES	6	1
81st SFS	4	1
81st TRSS	3	2
335th TRS	1	6
81st LRS	1	7

**Playoff games** — 11 a.m. and noon Monday, Wednesday, Feb. 9 and 11.

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser (as of Jan. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	76	36
Perry's Refrigeration	72	40
DOG Squad	70	42
Hit 9 Get 9	65	47
Wrong Foot Forward	61	51
Slater's Shooters	59	53
Our Gang	58	54
Martini's	58	54
Man On!	57	55
Sandy's Gang	57	55
Robbie's Rejects	55	57
Pot Luck	54	51
All Screwed Up	53	52
403rd Strykers	52	60
Ricky's Rookies	49	63
Why Not	49	63
Team 12	46	66
Team 18	44	81
Hoops Gang	43	69
Unpredictables	35	77

### Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Jan. 21)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	78	41
Wild Gang	71	48
Clyde's Crew	62	57
Neighbors Plus 1	62	57
Any Takers	61	58
MUDD	58	61
Ichi Ban	55	64
Team 6	55	64
Guys and Dolls	48	71
70s Plus	45	74

### Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Jan. 22)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	78	41
Kitty and Kats	75	44
Team 12	66	53
TBB Express	56	49
Team 5	62	57
Team 13	61	58
Team 14	59	60
Team 16	58	61
Three's Company	57.5	61.5
Team 8	56	63
3-70s Plus	54	65
2 Kings and A Queen	54	65
Two He's and a She	53	66
Team 11	53	66
Lucky Trio	51.5	67.5
CHMATO	48	71

### Friday Night Mixed (as of Jan. 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	75	44
Frustrated	75	44
Fun Timers	65	54
We Take Ugly	63	56
Sandbaggers	61	58
The Strikers	61	58
Mixed Nuts	57	62
Lady and the Tramps	56	63
3 Guys and a Babe	56	63
Pin Busters	53	66
Beyond Control	47	72
Pin Pals	45	74

## 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.

**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 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.

**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

**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. Friday and Saturday and Jan. 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.

## Soccer

**Varsity coaches needed** — for play beginning in February. For more information, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

## Softball

**Men's and women's varsity teams** — coaches needed for play beginning in March. For more information, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

## HONORS

### Quarterly awards, October-December

#### 81st Training Wing staff agencies

**Airman** — Senior Airman Leroy Simmons, 81st Operations Support Flight.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh, public affairs.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Jerry McBride, 81st OSF.

**Company grade officer** — Capt. Elizabeth Hernandez, legal office.

**Civilian category 1** — Renee Collins, 81st OSF.

**Civilian supervisor** — Elizabeth Harper, 81st OSF.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Aaseng, Joshua Ainslie, Christian Avila, Benjamin Bain, James Barber, Austin Bass, Jarriot Bennett, Peter Benskotarsitano, Price Blair, Shermaine Bowdry, David Brackett, Ronald Brandman, Kurt Breckenridge, Steven Bright, Phillip Burnette, John Burns, Kyle Cantrell, Arthur Cardenas, Terrell Cheeks, Jason Cherry, Seth Chestosky, Lance Chunn, Gale Clary, Matthew Conkey, Bradley Cradic, Dylan Crowell, Kevin Crowell, Richard Dale, Kyle Davis, Jason Deam, Troy Debolt, Jose DeJesus, Andrew Dickens, Derek Dreyfuss, Jason Dunlap, Nathaniel Ernst, Corey Farnam, Joshua Farrally, Matthew Fitzgerald, Steven Fox, Jason Freeman, Derek Fulton, Joseph Fusco, Benjamin Gaisford, George Garza, Jordan Ghunaym, Aaron Gibbs, Nicholas Goldsmith, Zachary Golla, Stephen Gregory, Matthew Grove, Paul Haggerty, Christopher Haley, Kenneth Hammons, Christopher Hanson, Robert Hardin, Paul Harrington, David Hartford, Adam Hassan, Darold Hatcher, Jordan Howell, Thomas Huerth, Brad Jacobs, Scott Kababik, Jack Kemp, Edward Kauffman, Gregory Kelloff, Antonio Labella, Jeremy Leblanc, Nathaniel Lee, Donald Lehman, Benjamin Lockwood, Tyreen Locquia, Michael Lopez, Steven Lunte, Nicholas MacMaster, Anthony Martinez, James Mautz, Meghan McDonald, Christopher McDowell, Kristen McKibben, Matthew McKinney, Crystal Mendoza, Darrien Moody, Brandon Morgan, Marcus Moss, Timothy Murphy, Terry O'Grady, Collin Osting, Jeffrey Peek, Steven Phillips, Don Price, Jerome Punderson, Branden Randall, Victoria Rhyner, Brandon Robert, Chelsea Root, Ronald Rouse, Stephen Sanchez, Kenneth Sanders, Christopher Schultz, Dupaul Scott, Charles Shape, Ryan Shumaker, Peter Sigmund, Gerald Sorsen, Micahel Spencer, Tyler Starkey, Tyler Swanson, Seth Taborbellaud, Raymond Taylor, Ian Trusedell, Thomas VanEngan, Christopher Vaughn, Harry Weiss, William Welsh, Riley Wendt, Joshua Williams, Anthony Wisecup and Stephen Yount; Airmen Aubrey Able, Jared Bennett, Scott Blankenship, Roman DeLaGarza, Lori D'Entremont, Joseph Downey, Matthew Dry, Diana Garcia-Sanchez, Nicholas Holpuch, Jamie Jamison, James Lee, Reginald Lesane, Phillip Lozano, Timothy Manuel, Justin McCormick, Michael McHam, Gregory Miller, Kristofferson Nunez, Henry Orr, Joseph Pena, Colin Rainey, Christopher Sisney, Sarah Stewart, Dennis Viloria, Joshua Waggoner, Laura Wittenberg and Jacob Zajac; Airmen 1st Class Keith Ammons, Zachary Annas, Victor Baillif, Matthew Belt, Jarod Bierman, Jeffrey Birchenough, Erik Borgeson, Jeremy Branham, Javier Clintron-Rodriguez, Cody Chase, Jason Clukey, Gunder Coaty, Nicolas Craven, Christopher Delude, John Derby, Mitchell Forde, Dale Fusilier, Jackie Hamersley, Joseph Hammel, Zachary Hand, Michael Harrigan, Nathaniel Hayden, Robert Hockenhill, Devon Hoffman, Jeffrey Hughes, Jonathan Hurst, Michael Jaquier, Ncharallah Jasper, Autumn Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Shanan Kellems, Cody Keller, Zachary Knott, Melissa Lafollette, Steven Lafollette, Matthew Lafreniere, Crystal Lathrop, Thomas Lee, Christopher Mancini, Annette Martinez, Julia Massi, Horacio Maysonet, Patricia Mead, Robert Myrick, Jose Negron-Hernandez, Nicholas Norris, Denitra Parcell, Alex Parker, Kelsey Parker, Cody Perna, Rachel Phillips, Rafe Pierce, Allan Ramirez, Seth Roberts,

Richard Roggensack, David Salinas, Octavious Sams, Eric Sanborn, David Sharp, Raymond Shaw, Nicholas Shelley, Derrick Sherwood, Levi Sorenson, Keith Turner, Andrew Vang, Whitney Warfield, Matthew Warnock, Sarah Watson, Ramsey Wiltherite and Randall Winchester; Pfc. Justin McCord; Senior Airmen Justin Apple, Daniel Carboneau, Chad Colvin, Charles Daum, Carey Davis, Kevin Fowler, Michael Lewis, Richard Marsteller, Cory Martin, Kristen Montano, Arel Radcliff, Irving Ruiz-Lopez, Steven Salina, Clayton Shiver, Alvarado Torrez, Kenneth Wagner, Clarence Washington, Shawn Whitney and Michael Williams; Staff Sgts. Alfredo Arvizu, Mark Brizzi, Raleigh Carlson, Rob Fiscus, Daniel Hayden, Joshua Johnson, Roger Jones, Keith Kinsey, Nicholas Leuschen, Daniel Perkins, Kareem Pitts, Christopher Porraro, Allen Reaves, David Ritsema, Samuel Rodriguez, Thai Ton, Robert Walker and Brandon Wall; Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey Denotter, Joshua Jopling, Benjamin Smith, Michael Tate and Eric Wiley; Master Sgts. Anres Crespo, Daryl Kaeka, Kelly Merrell and Christopher Randall; Senior Master Sgt. Donald Miller.

**Metrology basic course** — Airmen Basic Patrick Forbes and Garrick Sliney; Airman 1st Class Matthew Struble.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Donavar Armstrong, John Fulbright, Christopher Olivo and Brian Park; Airmen Holly Maze; Airman 1st Class Christopher Keogan; Staff Sgts. Nikolas McWhirter and Marc Whitman; Tech. Sgt. Michael Lopez; Master Sgt. Robert Gentry.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Colleen Brown, Andrew Chadbourn, Jeff Chen, Michael Leroy, Tyler Ludwig, Houston Madlin, Mark Mangasarian, Ryan McEuen, Samuel Nabakowski, Richard Neuharth, Adam Palmer, Andrew Pederson, Bryan Reece, Lindsey Seaton, Blake Shoen, Markita Smith and Matthew Smith; Airmen Rebeka Ferguson, Erin Hawk, Nathan Settles and William Wright; Airmen 1st Class Sean Ball, Elijah Chamberlin, Tyler Dierickx, Amanda Fairbanks, Nicholas Goering, Courtney Johns, Marcus Knight, Thomas Robinson, Jeremy Sawyer, Douglas Sponsky, Ronald Westlake and Joseph Yahnian.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Khattar and Mitchell Smith; Senior Airmen Heather Johnson and Samantha Paige; Staff Sgts Timothy Daley and Marisol Rodriguez-Velez.

## 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-Jumma 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.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Michael Giammo and William Uriniuk; Airman Cherrelle Collins; Airman 1st Class Michael Millar; Senior Airman Jolynn Howse and Patrick Salmon; Staff Sgt Edgardo Garcia, Bradford Myers and Clifford Robison; Technical Sgt Michael Herrell and Tamesha Rayes; Master Sgt Amanda L. Colvin

**Weather training flight** — Navy Airmen Recruit Shelby Koval, David Smith, Joshua Townsend; Airmen Basic Ritchie Clemmons, Jesse Hagler, Desaray Lindsay, Steven Phillips, Keith Roger, Heather Shaw, Christopher Smith, Dejuana Todd and William Weaver; Navy Airmen Apprentice Nicolas Prez, Stefanie Price and Trent St. Michel; Pfc. Jon Kuehler, Levi Simmons and Anwar Sheridan; Airmen Molly Ahmann, William Ledbetter, Amanda Sivard and Douglas Young; Lance Cpl. Brad Escobar; Navy Airman Terra Kern and Max Schoolmaster; Airmen 1st Class Mitchell Beckner, Michelle Enderle, Theodore Keppley, Thomas LaPeer, Julian McAlister, James Miller, Nathan Morga, Sean Roth, Shane Thomas, Hailey Trueblood, Craig Vohnholtm, Garrick West and Bryan Wilson; Senior Airman Christopher Price; Marine Sgt. John King; Staff Sgts. Tristan Carden, Joshua Glattfelt, Kirk Joyce and Vondee Martin; Tech. Sgt. Andrea Sheeran; Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Jeff Wenciker.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Nathan Grilley; Airmen Benjamin Byers and Joshua Udem; Airmen 1st Class Michael McKenna, Andrew Knoll and Todd Newlin.

**Ground radar** — Airmen 1st Class Ryan Frankland and Michael White; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett.

**Ground radio** — Airman Basic Hamzah Khan; Airman 1st Class Jared Lucci.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Justin James and James Owen; Airman Dorthy Litoff; Airmen 1st Class Steven Chapman, Andrew Heckerman, Asia McQueen, Jeremy McReynolds, Peter Mendenhall, Alan Schumacher and Benjamin Spaulding; Senior Airmen Scott Howel and Gary Thornhill; Staff Sgt. James Raines; Tech. Sgt. Michael Paquette; Michael Butler, Coakley William, Steven Hall, Rickey Slone and Stephen Mathewes.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-2** — graduation Feb. 12.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-2** — graduation Feb. 13.

### Arts and crafts center

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

### 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.

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## Tickets and trips

**Mardi Gras parades** — call for pricing and schedule of tours to upcoming parades in 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.

## 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. 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.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, 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, combread 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** — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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**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 376-8728.

**Junior ROTC** — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and non-commissioned 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.

**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.

## 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>.

## 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 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

[Camoprincess92@gmail.com](mailto:Camoprincess92@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.

**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

### 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., Cadillac Records (R).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Tale of Despereaux (G); 6:30 a.m., Yes Man (PG-13).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Bedtime Stories (PG).

### Weather outlook

February is usually the worst month of the year at Keesler for flying. The main problems are fog and stratus. Migratory frontal systems will continue to affect the local area, bringing rain showers, gusty winds, isolated thunderstorms and in rare cases, snow showers.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....81

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....62

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....48

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....15

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....76

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....4.64

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....8

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....3

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....4.34

**Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:**

**2,000 feet**.....19.0

**1,000 feet**.....12.0

**300 feet**.....3.3

**Percentage of observations with visibility less than:**

**6 miles** .....28.1

**3 miles** .....10.7

**1 mile**.....4.3

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

**0-3 knots**.....27.5

**4-10 knots**.....61.5

**11-21 knots**.....10.9

**22 knots or greater**.....0.1

Radar, satellite and a general forecast is available on the local area network in the public folder under 81 OSF Weather.

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

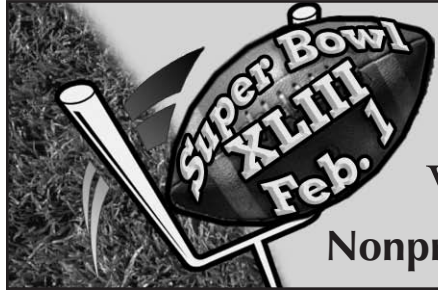
One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

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.





# Super Bowl Party

5-10 p.m. Sunday

Vandenberg Community Center

Nonprior service students only

377-3308

## ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

**Space available accommodations** — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts worldwide.

**Affordable price** — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$329.

**To reserve** — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

### Multi-crafts shop

**February classes** — ceramics, card making, jewelry making, baking, pottery Mardi Gras mask decorating. Call for prices, dates and times.

**Open late** — Feb. 5 and 12 until 8 p.m. for completing your projects.

### Frame shop

**Valentine's special** — Feb. 1-14, get 10 percent off framing when you bring in a picture of your sweetheart to be framed.

**Self-help** — available weekdays and Saturdays.

### Engraving shop

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

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

### Wood shop

**Supplies** — hard woods and plywood in stock.

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

**Project Help** — woodcrafter assistance and an on-site library of plans available.

**Learn the art of intarsia** — \$15, includes materials. Call for date and time.

### Auto hobby shop

**Editor's note:** Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

**Qualified mechanics** — on hand to help with car care needs.

**Collection site** — for privately-owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids; no tires or batteries.

**Tire service/air machine** — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

**Vehicle storage lot** — store your vehicle with us when going on temporary duty.

**24-hour coin-operated car care** — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

**Give parents a break** — 4-10 p.m. Feb. 7. Air Force Aid program offers free child care for Air Force families referred by base helping agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

**Child care slots** — available now. Call today for assistance in locating a provider, it's like having extended family.

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

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

## HELP WANTED

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

**Nonappropriated fund jobs** — apply 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays at the human resource office, Room 211, Sablich Center. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055, or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on human resource office.

## RESALE LOT

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Ave. north of Security Forces building.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required. Register at the Arts and Crafts Center's Multi-Craft Shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

**Free movie night** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free popcorn.

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

**Birthday dance** — 6:30-midnight Feb. 20. Nonprior service students with February birthdays show identification and enter the dance free.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

**Editor's note:** located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

**Eligible patrons** — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the clinic.

**Heartworm prevention** — to purchase, pets must have current negative heartworm check and have been seen by the base vet in the past 12 months.

**Sick call** — please call for an appointment.

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

**Flea and tick control** — buy one or stock up.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

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**Commissioners/coaches needed** — for all youth sports.

**Keystone Club** — for teens meets 6 p.m. Mondays. Games, snacks and fun.

**Open recreation (free and supervised)** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Exciting Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance, sports and recreation activities. Youths sign themselves in at the front desk.

**Free Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Music, games and supervised activities.

**Military home schoolers** — meet monthly.

**Shuttle service** — sign up today if you're interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older from Biloxi area schools or base housing to the youth center.

**Classes** — register for gymnastics, karate, theatre and guitar. All classes are \$50 per month. Classes meet every Saturday. Call for schedule.

**American Red Cross babysitting course** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 28, ages 11-15. Fee is \$45, due at registration; sign up by Feb. 13. Bring a sack lunch. Students are shuttled to and from Red Cross building for class.

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# Special programs keep vacations affordable

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By Earlene Smith  
CSC Marketing

If you're thinking of tabling your vacation plans this year because of the economy, you may want to think again. Here are some money saving suggestions that can make your trip affordable.

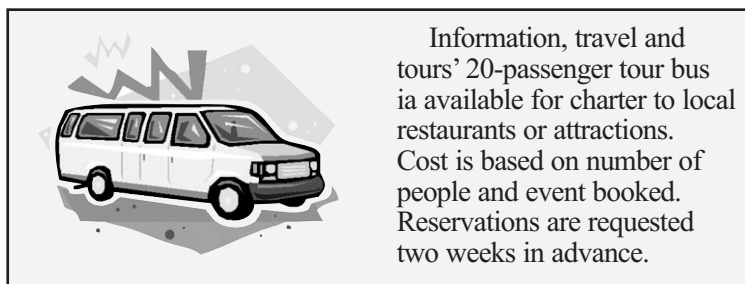
## Disney's Armed Force Salute

With the "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" offer, active and retired U.S. military personnel, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reservists, can enjoy complimentary, multi-day admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, great rates at select Walt Disney World and Disneyland Resort hotels, and additional special ticket offers for family members and friends.

## California's Disneyland Resort

Through June 12, each active or retired U.S. military member can receive one complimentary three-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket valid for admission to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks. During the offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel also may make a one-time purchase of an adult or child three-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" ticket for up to five family members, including spouse or friends, for the price of an adult one-day park hopper ticket.

Disneyland Resort hotels are also offering special room rates for active or retired military personnel. For example, at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel, active or retired members of the military and their families may find hotel rooms starting at \$119 per night during value season, with great savings during other times of the offer period. This offer is available through June 12, and the number of rooms available at these special rates is limited.



Information, travel and tours' 20-passenger tour bus is available for charter to local restaurants or attractions. Cost is based on number of people and event booked. Reservations are requested two weeks in advance.

For information regarding "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" at the Disneyland Resort, or to make reservations, military personnel may call 714-956-6424.

## Florida's Walt Disney World

Now through December 23, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest indoor interactive theme park or certain other attractions.

During this offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel may also make a one-time purchase of up to a maximum of five, five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets, good for the Magic Kingdom theme park, for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members, including spouse or friends.

For an additional \$25 plus tax, the ticket for family members and friends may be upgraded to include the Disney MGM Studio area, EPCOT and the Animal Kingdom Theme Park. Pay \$149 per ticket, plus tax, and include the new Blizzard Beach water park.

With this promotion, two adults and two children pay only \$447 for a five-day hopper, a savings of \$538 over the regular price. Tickets may be ordered now, in person by the military member, at the information, ticket and travel office located in the arts and crafts center. All

tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by the Dec. 23 deadline.

While you're at ITT, ask about the great rates that may be available at select Walt Disney World or Disneyland Resort hotels for active or retired U.S. military personnel during this offer period.

For more information on the "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" offer at the Walt Disney World or Disneyland Resort, or to make reservations, active and retired U.S. military personnel may call the ITT office, 377-3818, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays or log on to <http://www.disneyworld.com/military>.

## Armed Forces Vacation Club

Instead of a visit to Disney World, maybe you see yourself touring Europe, basking on the beach in Cancun or whooping it up at Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. The Armed Forces Vacation Club is an excellent way to save money on accommodations.

AFVC's space-available program offers Department of Defense affiliated personnel over the age of 21 an opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at any of 3500 resorts around the world for only \$329 per unit per week. The AFVC makes this possible by using condominium units at timeshare resorts that owners do not use, which generally means off-season activities in popular locations without the hassle of high-season prices, crowds, and lines.

The space made available to AFVC comes in one-week, seven-day increments. This doesn't mean you have to stay the entire seven days, but if you check in late, or check out

early, you pay the full \$329.

Condominium units typically include a full kitchen stocked with everything from a refrigerator and stove to coffee pot and soap for the dishwasher. Many include washers and dryers. Most resorts provide amenities you aren't likely to get with a hotel room.

Guests have access to on-site recreational facilities, swimming pools, fitness centers, game rooms, gift shops, restaurants and organized activities. Golf and skiing are available onsite at some resorts or nearby.

Add area attractions and you have an exceptional vacation for far less than you would normally expect to pay.

You may reserve as many units as you want based on availability, and travel alone or with friends and family, up to the maximum occupancy of the unit you reserve.

Accommodations aren't normally available during most U.S. holiday, spring break weeks and peak demand summer weeks.

There are no membership applications to fill out, fees or dues to pay, or timeshare presentations to attend.

When calling to make a reservation have the following information at hand: your name, how many people are traveling with you, branch of service, where and when you want to take your vacation, and your credit card number.

You'll be asked for an account number and installation number. The account number for Keesler is 7033-00000. The installation number is 121. It's important to use the installation number because the Keesler information, ticket and travel office receives a rebate with every confirmed reservation, benefiting base programs offered through Services.

For more information, call the ITT office, 377-3818, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays; log on to <http://www.afvclub.com>, or call the AFVC reservation center, 1-800-724-9988.

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# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

**Breakfast** — now available 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

**Daily specials \$6.95** — 10:30 a.m. to close Mondays-work Fridays. Different menu daily. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m.

**Punch card** — pick one up next time you visit. Purchase nine combos or kingpin daily specials and your tenth is free.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

**Open play** — play our new, challenging 18 hole, par 71 course. Call for tee time. For fees list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

**New driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk; \$2 for bucket of 40 balls. Yardage markers are accurate and measured from the hitting mats.

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

**"UBU" specials for nonprior service students** — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs; free golf clinics noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 7, 21 and 28. Call to sign up, limit 10 per session.

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

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

## DINING FACILITIES

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

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

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

## FITNESS

**Free sweetheart 5K run/walk** — 11 a.m. Feb. 12; start and finish at Blake Fitness Center. Sign up individually or a male-female pair. Prizes awarded to top three finishing couples. Couples must cross finish line together.

**Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center** — boot camp, self-defense, yoga, step aerobics, "Karobics," pilates, sculpt and tone, and cycling. For class descriptions and schedule, call 377-2907 or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers.

**Computerized fitness assessments and counseling** — available by appointment only at the Dragon Fitness Center by calling 377-2907 or 4409.

**Parent/child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 month to 7 years. Children must be supervised at all times.

**Massage therapist now available** — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For massage descriptions and price information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers. To schedule an appointment, call 263-5515.

## INNS OF KEESLER

**Editor's note:** For reservations and more information, call 377-4900 or 9986.

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

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

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

**Now open Sundays** — 1-6 p.m. stop in to bowl and enjoy some good food in our 11th Fame Café.

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

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

**Bowl at lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 per game; \$1 for shoes. Tuesdays feature glow bowling.

**Club member special** — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

**Team building** — 1-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call to reserve.

**Open bowling** — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted for groups of 20 or more.

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

**Birthday parties** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

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

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

## KATRINA KANTINA

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

**All ranks invited** — snacks, beverages and music.

**Monday madness lunch buffets** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 for members, nonmembers add \$2. Lunch specials include dessert and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth lunch special is free. Feb. 2, lasagna, corn, tossed salad, and garlic bread; Feb. 9, fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls; Feb. 23, taco bar, chicken fajitas, rice, nachos, cheese sauce and the trimmings.

**Red beans and rice** — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 a bowl.

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

**Karaoke with DJ Wayne** — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 27. Drink specials.

**Catering** — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership not required.

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

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

**Lunch special punch card** — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.

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

**Lunch buffets** — Wednesdays \$7 includes iced tea; call for menu. Work Fridays feature fried catfish, \$8 includes iced tea.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

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

**Valentine story time** — Feb. 12; 11 a.m. ages 3-5; 6 p.m. ages 6-12. Each group is read a Valentine story. Children are asked to bring a picture of themselves, a loved one or a friend to be placed on a decorated heart.

**President's Day story time** — Feb. 26; 11 a.m. ages 3-5, 6 p.m. ages 6-12. Read a story. Younger children make a book of pretend coins featuring faces of presidents. Older children can paint a flag rock.

**Volunteers needed** — dancers, singers, musicians, artists who would like to share their talent with the children during the summer reading program, call 377-2604.

**Commanders, first sergeants, instructors orientations** — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Tutoring** — 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays for students in middle school and higher.

**African-American history month** — book and poster displays.

**Paperback swap** — bring in your used paperbacks and swap one for one. Books must be in good condition and of same genre.

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

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

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

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160.

**Marina slips** — wet slip fees: boats in excess of 32 feet are charged \$3.75 per foot. Boats 32 feet and below are charged \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

**February special** — 10 percent off camping package No. 1, includes tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, ice chest and bow saw.

**Rent a bicycle** — 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike, \$3 a day, \$15 a week or \$35 a month.

**"UBU" weekend special** — show your UBU Card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike, \$5 for the weekend, Friday-Sunday.

**President's Day special** — Feb. 16-20, free rod-and-reel use with every boat rental.

**Fishing camp in Delacroix, La.** — 10 percent off rental of self-contained travel trailer. Regularly \$50 a night, fish all day.

**Charter the Dolphin II for special occasions** — weddings, receptions, proposals, wine and cheese cruises, team building trips, overnight camping trips, family gatherings, sightseeing cruises. Use your imagination and give us a call for pricing.

**Fish of the month contest** — largest redfish in February wins a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

**Retail store** — cold drinks, snacks, fishing equipment, bait, sun screen, Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses, and more.

**Rental campers** — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 per day. Two available: one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. Call for more information and towing requirements.

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

**Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage** — monthly fee, \$20. Call for more information.

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

**Paintball course** — reservations only, call to schedule play.

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

**Air Education and Training Command outdoor recreation facilities** — visit recreation areas throughout the command at <http://ourtaetoutdoors.us/>.



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Feb. 6 ~ Friday ~ Conde Cavalier Parade  
Feb. 7 ~ Saturday ~ Pharoah's Mystic Society Parade  
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Feb. 14 ~ Saturday ~ Maids of Mirth Parade  
Feb. 17 ~ Tuesday ~ Order of LaShe Parade  
Feb. 19 ~ Thursday ~ Mystic Striper Parade  
Feb. 20 ~ Friday ~ Crewe of Columbus Parade  
Feb. 21 ~ Saturday ~ Mystics of Time Parade

Tours leave the arts and crafts center at 4 p.m. ITT is now located inside the arts and crafts center, north of the Meadows Drive tennis courts. Times and parades are subject to change without notice. For more information or to sign up, call 377-3818. Space is limited, sign up early.



**Valentine's Prime Rib Dinner for Two**  
6-8 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Katrina Kantina

**\$30 per couple for members**

*Nonmembers \$35 per couple*

Choose 10 oz. prime rib or 7 oz. smokehouse chicken served with garlic mashed potatoes, peas with pearl onions, apple walnut salad, rolls, dessert and iced tea.

Reservations required by Feb. 10 ~ 377-2219.



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