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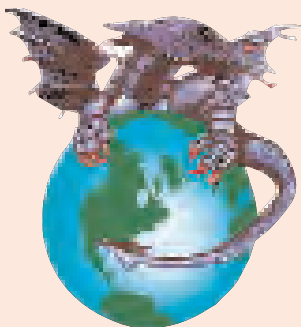
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Keesler's commander receives new assignment

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, has been selected for a new assignment as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, Kuwait.

"Headquarters Air Force is working with U.S. Central Command for my report date," General Touhill said. "I expect the change of command will be soon, yet I intend to run hard through the finish line here at Keesler."

General Touhill came to Keesler in October 2007 and pinned on the rank of brigadier general in September.

He commands 12,000 Airmen and civilians, providing technical training for officers, enlisted and civilians of the Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and other Defense Department agencies.

Announcement of General Touhill's replacement is expected soon.



Brig. Gen. Touhill

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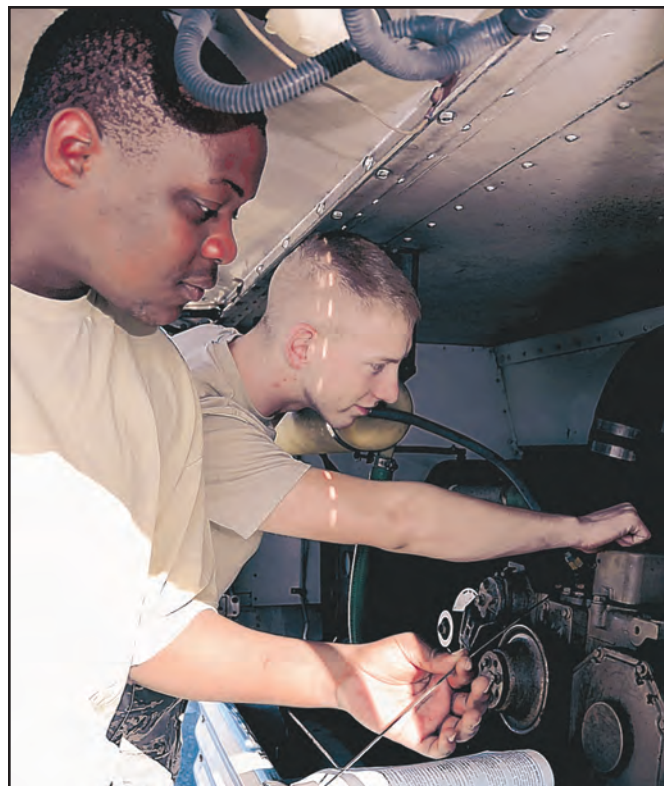


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airmen Daniel McLaurin, left, and Clyde Hale, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron do a fluid check on a bus in preparation for next week's visit by Air Education and Training Command's Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team.

Keesler's best honored tonight

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing honors its most outstanding military and civilian members tonight at its annual awards banquet at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort in Biloxi.

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

Nominees are:

Airman — Senior Airmen Kwadwo Agyen-Frempong, 81st Comptroller Squadron; Brandon Harris, 335th Training Squadron; Thomas Sandoz, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and Christopher Turknett, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgts. Freda Burks, 81st CPTS; Jill Higgins, 81st Dental Squadron; Carlos Hurtado, 81st Training Support Squadron; and James Parker, 81st Force Support Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgts. Michael Babbitt, 332nd TRS; David Boggs, 81st MDOS; Reynaldo Garza, 81st Communications Squadron; and Jerry

McBride, 81st Operations Support Flight.

First sergeant — Master Sgts. Gordon Comerford, 338th TRS; Scott Passman, 81st FSS; and Rogers Trahan, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Company grade officer — Capts. Robert Colella, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron; Chaplain Winston Jones, chapel; Shanna McCoy, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron; and Michael Stone, 335th TRS.

Civilian category 1 — Lindsey Conners, 81st Contracting Squadron; Trudy Davis, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; and Kristin Trujillo, 81st TRSS.

Civilian supervisor category 1 — Jamey Simmons, 81st FSS, and Len Van Sittert, 81st MDSS.

Civilian category 2 — Brandie Saucier, 81st MDTs; Karen Teague, 81st CPTS; and Steven Walls, 338th TRS.

Civilian supervisor category 2 — Kimberly Adams, 81st TRSS; Justin Cooper, 81st OSF; Alfred Watkins, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron; and Nancy White, 81st MDSS.

Faithful to a proud heritage

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

February is celebrated as African-American Heritage Month, and Keesler's highlight event for the observance was Tuesday's luncheon at the Dragon's Lair.

I've been asked by junior Airmen why, in this time of war and very busy schedules, we pause to reflect on our heritage. Why do we celebrate our Asian-Pacific heritage, Hispanic heritage and African-American heritage? Why celebrate any heritage of any entity? When I'm asked, I pull my Airman's Creed card from my wallet and show them the photos on the front. The images of pioneer Airmen like Billy Mitchell, Eddie Rickenbacker, the Women's Air Force members, and the Tuskegee Airmen leap from the page. We celebrate because we are faithful to a proud heritage!

As Airmen, it is important to know where we've been so we can properly chart our flight plan forward.

Americans of African descent have played a hugely important role in shaping our nation and all Airmen celebrate their achievements.

For example, a few years before the heroic Jackie Robinson blazed the trail of desegregation on the baseball diamond, the Tuskegee Airmen blazed the trail in the sky. Aviators, maintainers, and support personnel teamed to produce one of the most impressive operational performances of the second world war. Called "The Red-Tailed Devils" by their German foes, the Tuskegee Airmen never lost a bomber they escorted as they wreaked havoc on the Luftwaffe. Importantly, they shattered misconceptions, inspired an incalculable number of future generations, and gave hope for a better future.

Great aviators like Gens. Benjamin Davis Jr. and Daniel "Chappie" James were among those who led the way for Airmen in the 1950s and 1960s. Davis, son of the U.S. Army's first African-American general, became the first Tuskegee Airman and the group's commander. After World War II, General Davis led Airmen in combat in Korea and served as a senior leader in our Air Force. Want to read a great book? I suggest you read his autobiography, "Benjamin O.

Davis, Jr.: American."

Ever swing by the 81st Training Wing headquarters? Wonder who Chappie James was? Did you know that at one point in his career, he was the deputy commander of operations of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing? He was an 81st Dragon ... just like you! I encourage you to read about General James' career experience in the Vietnam war where, as a World War II and Korean era-veteran, he distinguished himself as a senior combat leader. Due to his great leadership ability, General James became the nation's first four-star African-American general and is an important part of our proud heritage.

What about the 1970s and 1980s? I encourage you to read up on the career and exploits of now retired Col. Guion Bluford, the first African-American astronaut. I had the honor to meet Colonel Bluford while I was a cadet at Penn State, and I don't think I've met a more impressive man. An ROTC graduate of Penn State himself, Colonel Bluford is an Eagle Scout, a Vietnam combat pilot, and an outstanding engineer and

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, call the commander's action line for assistance.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line, 377-4357; write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603; e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).



scholar. He made four space flights and logged over 688 hours in space. After his retirement, he has enjoyed a successful business career punctuated by meaningful community service. As an Airman, I challenge you to find a better role model!

How about the 1990s and current decade? You're surrounded every day by great examples of how African-American Airmen contribute to our Air Force and our nation.

America draws its strength

from its diversity and we have terrific examples in our leaders of African-American heritage throughout our civilian and military leadership.

Now is a time to renew ourselves with the contributions of African-Americans to our nation and our Air Force's culture. We stand on the shoulders of giants who provided us a proud heritage rich with a legacy of valor and a tradition of honor. Please join me in celebrating African-American Heritage month!

Joint service experience molds young Airman

By Airman 1st Class David Salantri

Keesler News editor

Since my first day of technical school, I have loved working in a joint service environment.

My tech school had students from every single branch of service. Training in a joint environment was a very positive thing which molded me into a better Airman. I was able to see the pros and cons to each service, and tried my best to incorporate all the positives into my conduct so that I could be the very best troop possible.

I told my first supervisor that deploying was something I wanted to do. When I was given the opportunity to deploy, I didn't think twice. But when I was actually tasked to deploy, I thought to myself, "Dang, this is the

real deal." It's no more talk; time to back my words up with action.

I wouldn't be working at an air base with Air Force members, but instead, I was tasked to work for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq's Joint Operations Center in Baghdad, Iraq.

Soon I was working in a huge stadium-shaped room with dozens of people, with just 10 percent Air Force. I worried about how people would perceive me. I wanted to do my service proud and to show that the Air Force isn't made up of a bunch of slackers who do physical training once or twice a month and call each other by their first names, but rather a service whose troops are motivated and dedicated to the mission and whose PT standards aren't something to take lightly.

During my deployment, I served with Ft. Bragg's 18th Airborne Corps, whose motto is "Airborne ... All the way." That got me thinking — since just about every service and almost every unit in the Army have their own mottos, I found myself saying things I hadn't said since basic training. I started saying, "Air Power." It was something a lot of the Airmen would sound off to each other — and why not? We were just as proud to be Airmen as a Soldier was to be in the Army.

With the help of a few good NCOs, officers and a chief back home, I learned to adapt to the different way things were done, and I learned that every obstacle is just another opportunity to learn. As I continually adapted, overcame and put out quality

guidance and documents, the more respect I got from among all the different service folks in the JOC.

By the time my tour was over, I had been coined on behalf of the MNC-I commanding general, Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, as the Warrior of the Week. I also received a joint service achievement medal and the respect of NCOs, senior NCOs and officers with whom I worked.

I started my Air Force career in a joint environment and went to war in a joint environment. I've now spent about a third of my Air Force career in a joint environment. I'm extremely proud to say I've served with the best Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines this world has ever seen.

Air Power!



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photographer

Of which accomplishment are you proudest?



My family.

Tech. Sgt. Keith Trahan,

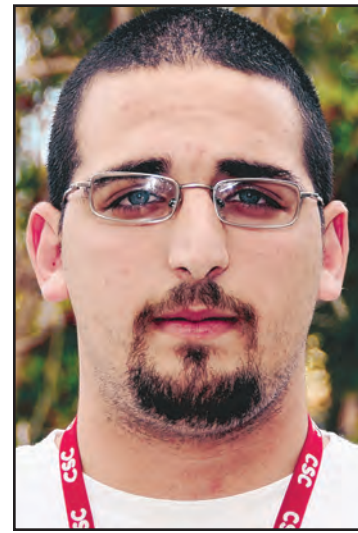
81st Civil Engineer Squadron



My Air Force career and being selected as a board examiner for the American Board of General Dentistry.

Maj. Karyn Young, 81st

Dental Squadron



My 9-month-old daughter and soon-to-be son.

Theodore Meczywor,

CSC.

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Free tax preparation — best deal around

By **Richard Brock**

Civil law chief

The best deal going for Keesler personnel is free tax preparation with a direct deposit to your checking or savings account.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is designed to provide Keesler taxpayers with trained tax preparers who know the new changes in the law and who can maximize your tax refund in both federal and state returns.

The taxpayer should have all of the

relevant documents needed such as Social Security cards or numbers for all family members; W-2's, 1099 and 1098 forms; backup information for deductions such as tax receipts, charitable contributions, documents to reflect IRA contribution, and anything you feel is relevant to prepare the return. It's always a good idea to have a copy of last year's return.

Return preparation is available at your squadron and the base tax office, Room 229, Sablich Center. Office manager is Rich Ess, 376-4141.

For a list of unit VITA representatives, see Digest, Page 23.

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Air Force Association award for weather school

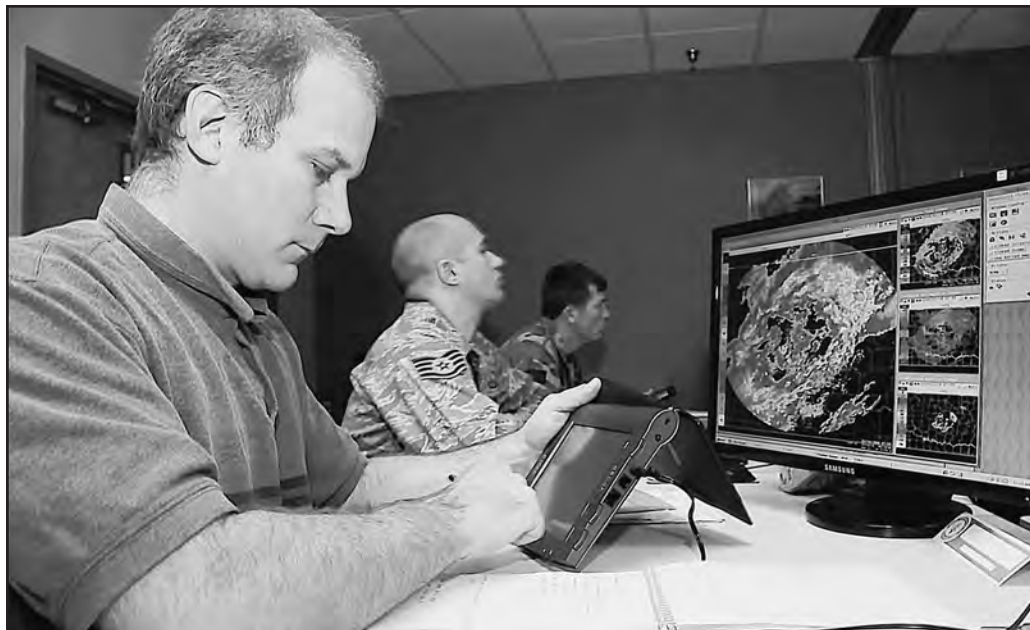


Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Matthew Albertson and Staff Sgts. Brandon Healy and Jeffrey Hunter, students in the 335th TRS, use e-Books in the WSR-88D doppler weather operator manager's course in the weather training complex Friday.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron's weather training flight has been selected to receive the Air Force Association's Theodore Von Karman Award for 2008.

The annual award honors the most outstanding contribution to national defense in the field of science and engineering.

It's named for the renowned Hungarian-American aerodynamicist and visionary strategic planner, who, together with Gen Henry "Hap" Arnold, forged modern Air Force research and development.

As the Department of Defense's only weather training schoolhouse, the flight conducted nine major course rewrites

and validations using the latest tools and concepts in weather forecasting technology.

In addition, Keesler's weather training team incorporated Joint Environmental Toolkit technology into all aspects of weather forecasting, greatly enhancing student training.

The flight, commanded by Maj. Barry Hunte, researched, proposed and developed a plan to incorporate e-Book technology into two courses, eliminating more than 20,000 pages of documents and saving the Air Force \$10,000 dollars each year in printing costs.

Additionally, the flight was handpicked to serve as experts and played a vital role in the success of six major Air Force weather forecasting projects.

More news, videos and photos on the Web at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

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

81st Training Group recognizes top trainers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Group has nine of its best military and civilian members competing tonight for 81st Training Wing recognition, but another 10 top technical training personnel were honored Feb. 5 at the group's annual awards banquet at the Locker House Dragon's Lair.

Technical training annual award winners are:

Airman instructor — Senior Airman Brandon Harris, 335th Training Squadron. Airman Harris is also competing as the 81st TRG's nominee for 81st TRW airman of the year.

Noncommissioned officer instructor — Staff Sgt. Marsheila Baker, 336th TRS.

Senior NCO instructor — Master Sgt. George Thompson, 333rd TRS.

Officer instructor — Capt. Peter Smith, 335th TRS.

Civilian instructor — Samuel Raleigh, 338th TRS,

Flight commander — Capt. Robert Curran, 333rd TRS.

Junior military training leader — Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington Jr., 334th TRS.

Senior MTL — Master Sgt. Craig Pogue, 334th TRS.

Support civilian — Melissa Dodson, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Support NCO or Airman — Staff Sgt. Robert Walker, 333rd TRS.

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.

I am a Warrior:

I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight and win.

I am faithful to a proud heritage,

A tradition of honor,

And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman,

guardian of freedom and justice,

My nation's sword and shield,

Its sentry and avenger.

I defend my country with my life.

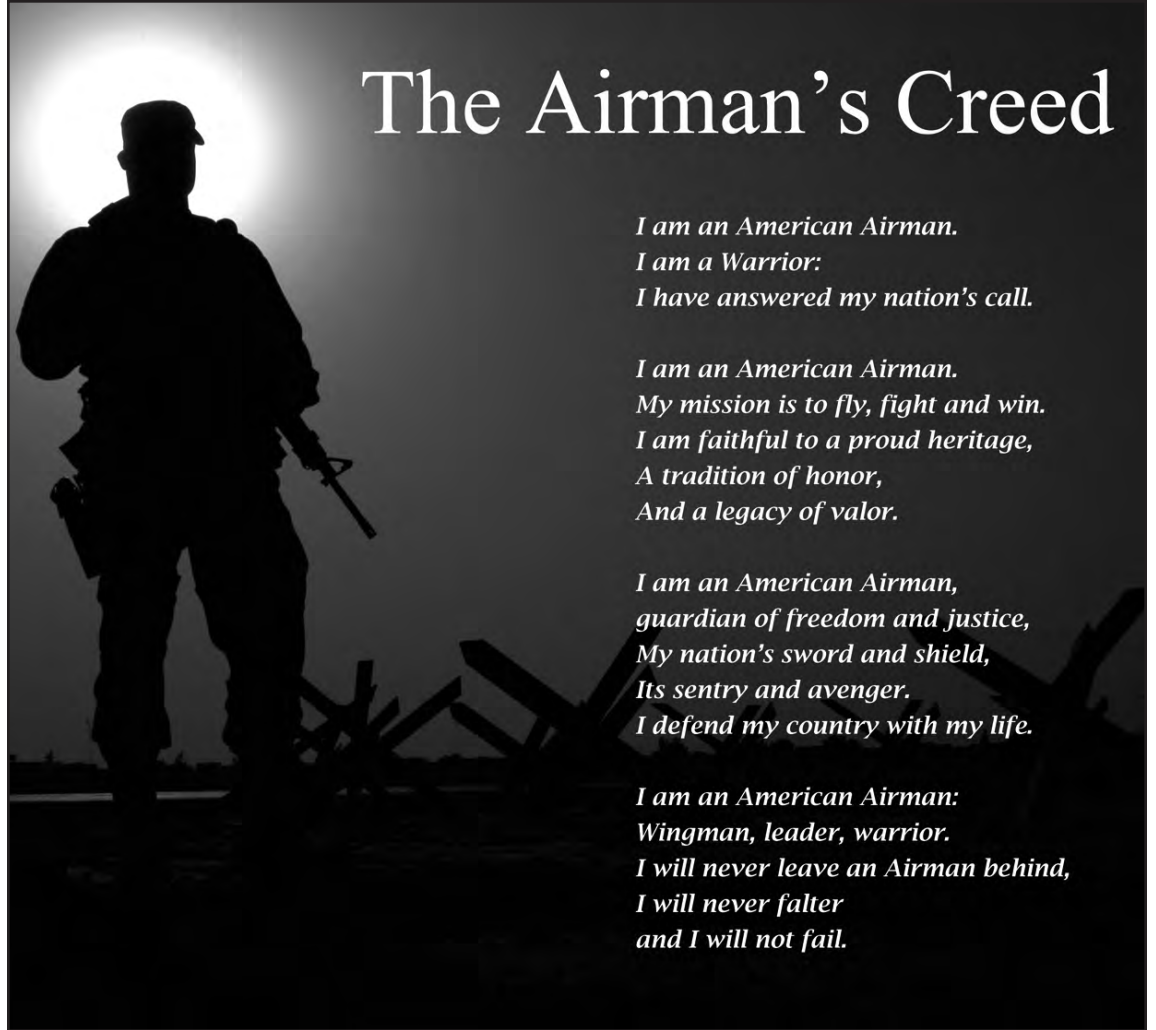
I am an American Airman:

Wingman, leader, warrior.

I will never leave an Airman behind,

I will never falter

and I will not fail.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's first drill down of the season is 8 a.m. today on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The other drill downs and parades for 2009 are:

Drill downs — 8 a.m. April 17; 7 a.m. June 12 and Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Parades — 6 p.m. March 5, July 23 and April 17.

Drill downs and parades are conducted on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade infor-

mation, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

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 Univer-

sity's spring trimester.

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

Commissioning brief

Capt. Peter Beck from the University of Southern Mississippi's Air Force ROTC program gives a commissioning brief, 2-3 p.m. March 13 in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Register by March 11 by e-mailing 81FSS.education@keesler.af.mil with "commissioning — Capt. Beck" as the subject line.

Scholarship available

Applications are accepted through March 31 for the 2009 Hurricane Hunters Association Swan 38 Memorial Scholarship.

For eligibility requirements, instructions and application forms, log on to <http://www.hurricanehunters.com>.

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.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.



**Every member
of Team Keesler
is important —
Be safe,
not a statistic.**

Public affairs wins 2 AETC awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing earned recognition in the Air Education and Training Command's public affairs awards for communication excellence competition for 2008.

Airman 1st Class David Salanitri was recognized as the command's outstanding public affairs airman, and the wing's public affairs staff was honored for best crisis communication performance in an unplanned event requiring immediate response for its actions related to Hurricane Gustav.

Airman Salanitri, who's served as editor of the Keesler News since December, won first-place awards for sports photography and news series in the command's 2007 media contest. He authored 30 stories and took 26 photos for publication.

During a four-month deployment with the Multi National Corps-Iraq, Airman Salanitri drafted more than 1,300 press releases and escorted international media representatives to ensure maximum press coverage for top coalition leaders.

Airman Salanitri briefed more than 240 new arrivals at Keesler's First Term Airmen Center, was an alternate representative for the Combined



Airman Salanitri

Federal Campaign and served as a wing physical training leader. He performed at 46 funerals and four color guard details as a member of the Keesler Honor Guard.

The wing's public affairs staff benefited from lessons learned during Hurricane Katrina when it responded to the threat of Hurricane Gustav last August.

As Keesler sheltered more than 3,600 students, instructors, security forces, civil engineers and ready-force teams to ride out the storm, the public affairs staff took its spot across the hall from the command post to help ensure rapid acquisition and dissemination of

vital safety and security information to those sheltered and evacuated members via Keesler's public Web site.

Before the storm, the staff ensured proper public affairs manning levels and equipment, documented storm preparations, maintained constant media contact and ensured that personnel were aware of necessary items for sheltering and financial requirements, distance ranges and contact numbers for those who evacuated.

During Gustav, the public affairs team used photography, videography and stories loaded to the Web site to document sheltering and emergency response and maintain 24/7 contact with the media. The Web site became a vital channel for key messages, news releases and safety, storm, financial and contact information.

After the hurricane, public affairs continued to inform evacuated personnel of financial responsibilities and travel reimbursement procedures. The staff documented damage to base assets and return to pre-storm conditions via photos, videos, Web updates and Keesler News stories, and invited local media to interview base leadership on Keesler's status and the success of sheltering and evacuation.

Air Force reinstates Good Conduct Medal

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced Feb. 11 the reinstatement of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal for enlisted members, effective immediately and retroactive to Feb. 6, 2006, when the medal was discontinued. Eligible Airmen should see an automatic update in their records on the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site.

The medal's return comes after the secretary of the Air Force approved a recommendation from a January 2008 awards summit co-hosted by representatives of the office of the secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs and the directorate for manpower and personnel.

Both directorates contended that the AFGCM,

one of the oldest military decorations dating back to World War II, has a long-standing tradition in the Air Force and links Airmen with those who served throughout the history of the service. Officials also solicited input from the field regarding the Good Conduct Medal.

"All services present the Good Conduct Medal to those who distinguish themselves by exemplary behavior, so Airmen will now have the same opportunity for recognition as Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen," said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

For questions about updates to personnel records, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

IN THE NEWS

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.

Performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights, Trojan Phlyers team, Air Force Wings of Blue parachute team, T-33 vintage thunderbird and others are planned.

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.

Medical center parking reduced

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Ongoing construction projects will impact about 200 parking spaces on the north, east and west sides of Keesler Medical Center at least through April.

Except for about 15 parking spaces on the north side of J Street adjacent to the emergency department, parking won't be permitted on J Street north side of the medical center from 3rd Street to the medical logistics loading docks on 5th Street, including all parking on the south side of J Street from the generator courtyard east to 5th Street. Parking isn't allowed in the current emergency room parking lot or some spaces in front of the new EPC for safety reasons.

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.

Off-limits establishments

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

Early deadlines for Keesler News

The deadline for the Feb. 26 issue is noon today because of the Mardi Gras holiday observed by The Sun Herald, the base newspaper's contract publisher

Suicide prevention hotline provides help for veterans

By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Carden

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Help is only a phone call away for military veterans considering suicide.

Nearly 100,000 veterans, family members or friends of veterans have reached out for help by calling the Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention hotline, 1-800-273-TALK. The hotline was launched July 2007.

The VA initiative is part of a collaborative effort with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a nationwide network of 133 crisis centers. Calls automatically are routed to the nearest center based on the caller's area code.

The 24/7 hotline is staffed by trained mental health professionals prepared to deal with an immediate crisis. Although the lifeline isn't restricted to military veterans only, callers are prompted to "please press 1 now" if they are a U.S. military veteran or are calling about a veteran. Callers who press 1 are transferred to the nearest VA call center.

More than 2,600 veterans have been "rescued" through the hotline, according to a recent VA statement.

"I urge veterans and their loved ones to take advantage of our suicide-prevention program," VA Secretary Eric Shinseki said. "Help for these heroes is a phone call away."

An estimated 5,000 veterans commit suicide annually, with Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans 35 percent more likely to commit suicide than the general population. VA statistics show that between 2002 and 2006, more than 250 veterans who left the military after Sept. 11, 2001, committed suicide.

The trend has grown within the active-duty military ranks, too. A steady increase in suicides among veterans and active-duty members has been persistent in recent years.

"We have got to be able to support those individuals in ways that, in some cases, we haven't quite figured out yet," said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Admiral Mullen routinely advocates for solutions to increase the amount of rest and time at home troops have in between deployments. Officials recognize the high tempo of deployment rotations as being a likely factor for the increased suicide rates.

VA and active-duty military officials are working with outside research organizations to improve their programs and lower the numbers. Officials at the Army and National Institute of Mental Health recently launched a five-year research initiative to gain a better understanding in the hope of preventing suicides in the military and nation.

To identify and treat at-risk patients, prevention efforts and initiatives are in place in each of VA's 153 medical centers and more than 750 outpatient clinics across the nation. Also, suicide prevention coordinators are on hand at each facility.

Troubled veterans, whether they call the suicide prevention hotline or walk in, receive follow-up care almost immediately. Preliminary evaluations occur within 24 hours of requests, and referrals are given for mental health appointments. Comprehensive evaluations are conducted within 14 days, with emergency cases handled immediately.



Surveillance cameras at the main exchange allow AAFES personnel to monitor activity throughout the facility.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

High-tech loss prevention safeguards base exchange

Air Force News Service

DALLAS — To provide quality merchandise and services at competitive prices while generating earnings to support morale, welfare and recreation programs, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is enlisting the support of the latest in loss prevention technology to protect the exchange benefit of military families.

Electronic article surveillance systems are on the front lines of AAFES' efforts to deter shoplifting and prevent unpaid merchandise from leaving the store.

Exchange management, based on local conditions and experience, in conjunction with supporting loss prevention personnel, identify specific items to be "tagged" with electronic article surveillance devices. These tags are deactivated at the cash register when the merchandise is purchased. Manufacturers have joined other businesses by placing tags inside the packaging of many items to further reduce shoplifting. New tags have also been deployed that sound an alarm if someone attempts to remove it without the proper device.

Prior to reaching the checkout, products are monitored by advanced closed circuit television systems that can coordinate the movement of 10, 20 or even 100 unblinking "eyes in the sky." This network of strategically positioned, microprocessor-driven, closed-circuit cameras is controlled by a central console that allows loss prevention associates to pan side-to-side, tilt up and down or even zoom in to examine activity.

"Every loss prevention method we use has the common goal of discouraging theft before it even happens," said Gerald Danish, AAFES vice president of loss prevention. "Of course, visible reminders like security tags and camera systems not only deter criminal behavior, but

AT KEESLER

Keesler shoplifting figures for 2008 aren't available yet, but for 2007, AAFES reports local losses of \$69,630, compared to \$156,420 in 2006, according to Frank Moss, regional loss prevention manager.

"It's important to note that these are post-Katrina numbers which aren't indicative of normal sales and losses," Mr. Moss pointed out.

The median shoplifting age is 18, with the most common ages of suspects between 14-15 years old.

Mr. Moss said 17 percent of shoplifters are detected on Sunday, and 10 percent of shoplifting incidents occur between 1-5 p.m.

The merchandise stolen most frequently include stationery items (writing instruments, flags, decals and souvenirs), cosmetics, recorded sound and video items, photography and optical equipment, and women's items such as lingerie, hosiery and handbags.

also identify and document it. So even if the equipment's presence doesn't prevent a crime, the resulting video and/or alarm are valuable in the resulting prosecution."

If shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act of 2002 allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the civil recovery program, depending on the condition stolen merchandise.

2009 selection boards

Through Friday — 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.

Friday deadline for FMLP packages

Air Force Personnel Center

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

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.

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

Total Force Service Center

Air Force Personnel Center

Effective at 5 p.m. Sunday, a new 1-800 number is 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.

Air Force Personnel Center

An Air Force Personnel Center “Spread the Word” briefing team arrives at Keesler Feb. 27.

All Call briefings are 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Welch Auditorium.

The briefing provides information on personnel issues and delivery transformation, as well as allows all Air Force members direct, face-to-face contact with AFPC personnel to address concerns and provide feedback.

Specific topics include, 365-day deployment options, the global air expeditionary force tempo-banding system, civilian hiring procedures, and assignment processes.

The teams also include military and civilian assignments experts, as well as deployment experts, who will be available for questions after each Spread the Word briefing session.

For more information, call Gary Schafer, military personnel section chief, 376-8649.

Voluntary retired recall program initiated

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The rapid expansion of unmanned aircraft systems and other emerging missions as well as rated officer requirements has created an Air Force demand for experienced rated officers.

To meet these critical shortages, the secretary of the Air Force has initiated a Voluntary Retired Rated Recall Program.

Pilots, navigators and air battle managers who retired as lieutenant colonels or below, and who are younger than 60, may apply for the program.

Officers recalled under this program will be used in myriad positions including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; rated staff; and other rated functions. Officers will be recalled for between 24 and 48 months depending upon the requirement.

Officers recalled won't be eligible for aviator continuation pay. Also, by volunteering for recall, officers will become eligible for deployment. Retired regular and retired Reserve officers are eligible to apply, and officers who retired via a selective early retirement

board also may apply. Officers permanently retired for a physical disability are ineligible.

The application period runs through Dec. 31.

For more information, go to the Air Force Personnel Center's “Ask” Web site and enter “Retired Rated Recall Program” in the search function or call the Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775.

After Sunday, call 1-800-525-0102, commercial 1-210-565-5000, and DSN 665-5000, or e-mail afpc.recall@randolph.af.mil.

To report sexual assaults at Keesler,
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90-year-old retiree saw Air Force history unfold

By Airman 1st Class
David Salantri

Keesler News editor

When retired Master Sgt. Dave Costine recalls the historic moment when the Army Air Corps. became the United States Air Force in 1947, one could only hope that their memory would be as sharp as his at 90 years old.

The Keesler Retiree Activities Office specialist witnessed something truly historical — being in the Army Air Corps as it became the Air Force after the signing of the National Defense Act of 1947.

“I was part of the aircrew that flew the orders of the National Defense Act to be signed by Truman. We flew there as Army Air Corps. and flew back as Air Force,” said Mr. Costine.

Mr. Costine joined the Army Air Corps. in 1937 at the age of 19. He started his

journey in the military when he signed up in the civilian military training corps. He trained during the summer months and went to high school the rest of the year.

After high school Mr. Costine decided he wanted to pursue a military career and joined the service.

“I talked to our company major at Ft. Meade, where I was training during the summer, about joining the Army and becoming an infantry man, but he wouldn’t let me join that career field,” said Mr. Costine. “I was enlisting during the depression and was one of the few who got the chance to complete high school, so he pushed me to the Air Corps.”

Mr. Costine started his military career as a company clerk doing administrative duties, but he cross-trained after two years to become an aerial mechanic, which is now known as a flight engineer.

“Back then, the term cross-



Mr. Costine

training carried a different meaning then it does today,” explained the Syracuse, N.Y. native. There was no schooling; the career field would be learned on the job.”

Mr. Costine worked on the B-17 and B-24 bombers during his first assignment as an aerial mechanic in Panama.

During World War II, Mr. Costine found himself supporting the flying mission in China, Burma and India.

“I would do everything from starting the engine, maintaining the power to the engines and repairing the instrument panel,” said Mr. Costine.

After the war, Mr Costine separated from the Army Air Corps and went to work for TWA aircraft in Delaware where he created the flight engineer career field. Mr. Costine enjoyed what he was doing, but missed the military.

“The longer I was working as a civilian, the less money I was making,” he recalled. “Everyone was returning from the war, and many folks had seniority over me. A friend of mine that I served with in New York suggested that I go to the other side of the airport and talk to the Air Corps guys.”

That’s all it took for Mr. Costine to rejoin the military. He went back to the same career field, but his squadron now had a special mission. Mr. Costine was the flight engineer for President Truman, President Roosevelt and many other distinguished visitors.

“It was a great job getting to be part of that,” said the veteran as he quoted off the plane’s tail number and model.

After 21½ years of military service, Mr. Costine retired as a master sergeant, but wasn’t done with the military quite yet. He’s been volunteering with the base’s retiree activities office for the past two years.

“I felt like I was away from the military too long, and I missed being around it. It was a pain having to learn the new terms and phrases, but I like what I do,” he concluded.

DIAMOND NOTES

While in uniform,
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for either men or women
in accordance with
Air Force Instruction 36-2903.



Master Sgt. Sherman Miller, 81st Dental Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Feb. 16, 1993

Fisher House was dedicated to provide temporary lodging for families of seriously-ill patients at Keesler Medical Center.

To save \$, Airmen leave guns at deployed sites

By 1st Lt. Lisa Spilinek

U.S. Air Forces Central Public Affairs

SHAW Air Force Base, S.C. — A new U.S. Air Forces Central logistics program is set to save the Air Force about \$1.2 million every four months.

More than 3,000 Airmen who departed Iraq, Afghanistan and other U.S. Central Command-area nations in January or will depart in February were directed not to bring their M-16s or M-9s back with them to their home stations, and instead signed their weapons over to the Airmen replacing them.

Previously, almost all deploying Airmen flew back and forth to their deployments with their weapons, which would cost the Air Force an average of \$106 per person round trip, said Maj. John McGuire, U.S. Air Forces Central logistics readiness chief.

Keeping approximately 4,000 weapons at deployed locations saves the Air Force airline baggage fees and makes travel a bit easier for Airmen already toting numerous bags and gear.

“It’s a win-win for the Air Force and the individual,” said Senior Master Sgt. Darlington Cookey-Gam, AFCENT logistics superintendent of deployed equipment.

Airmen assigned weapons upon arrival in the area of responsibility are responsible for their accountability and safeguarding them throughout the duration of their deployment, as well as properly turning them

over to their replacements at the end of the deployment cycle, Major McGuire said.

However, not all deployed Airmen are eligible to participate in the weapons repositioning program. Those serving in security forces, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, explosive ordnance disposal, RED HORSE and battlefield weather career fields are excluded, along with Airmen serving in joint expeditionary tasking assignments. The exclusions are due to career and duty-specific requirements.

January and February 2009 are designated as the beginning of air and space expeditionary force cycle 7/8, during which new Airmen replace those who arrived in theater in September and October 2008 under AEF 5/6. January also marked the first time the weapons repositioning initiative was implemented throughout the area of responsibility. A test phase was conducted during the AEF 3/4 to AEF 5/6 changeover at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, that involved 1,000 M-16A2s, Major McGuire said.

The program’s biggest hurdle was documenting the serial numbers of each weapon that was left in the theater and keeping track of transactions between members, Sergeant Cookey-Gam said. This duty was accomplished by using standardized supply procedures by deployed logistics readiness squadron personnel with oversight by AFCENT logistics leaders and the Air Force Logistics Management Agency.

Accountability information was passed on to the Air

Force bases that originally supplied the weapons as well. Airmen who deployed with a weapon but were directed to leave it for their successor were issued a letter to provide to their home station armory.

Not every weapon in the area of responsibility is assigned to an arriving member. Logisticians have set aside a “safety stock” in case more weapons are needed.

“We’re putting a safety stock in there in case people we expected to show up with weapons show up without. Also, if new missions or units are stood up or move around the AOR, we’ll have weapons available,” Major McGuire said.

All M-9s and M-16s prepositioned in the area of responsibility are checked to ensure functionality.

Additionally, deployed Airmen who are assigned M-16s will personally sight their weapons using a laser boresight, which allows sighting to be accomplished without firing, Sergeant Cookey-Gam said. These tools take less than a minute to use and are distributed throughout the area of responsibility. Some AOR locations can also support live-fire sighting.

The weapons repositioning initiative is a result of feedback received by AFCENT logistics personnel from deployed Airmen, Major McGuire said. The initiative was implemented using Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century principles, which call for Airmen to streamline processes and procedures and identify ways to reduce waste and redundancies.

African-American History Month

1st African-American commander in chief adds significance to this year's observance

Air Force News Service

SAN ANTONIO — Each February, the country recognizes African-American History Month to highlight the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens during some of the most devastating obstacles in the nation's history. — slavery, prejudice, poverty — and looks at their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life.

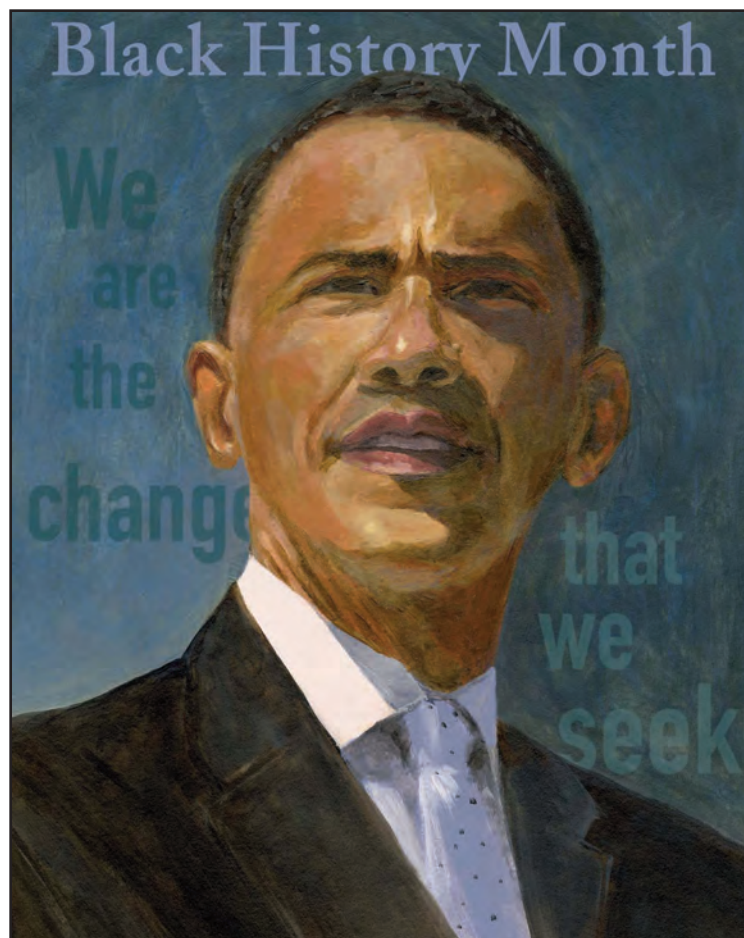
This has particular interest for those in the American military — for the first time in history, the U.S. armed forces are led by an African-American commander in chief, President Barack Obama.

On June 1, 1949, the Air Force published regulations ending segregation, becoming the first of all U.S. military service branches to complete integration of African-American personnel into all-white units.

The first celebration to commemorate the contributions to the nation made by people of African descent occurred Feb. 12, 1926.

For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist and editor Frederick Douglas and President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Since then, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.



As part of this month's observance, President Obama is recognized by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute in this original artwork that can be downloaded at <http://www.deomi.org>.

Upcoming events at Keesler

Today — fish fry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., marina park. Tickets are \$8 and are available from Kurt Higgins 377-5250; Byron Bryant, 377-4198, and Sharon Floyd, 377-2220.

Feb. 26 — free soul food sampling, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Larcher Chapel Annex; donations accepted.

Feb 28 — gospel concert, 6-9 p.m., Triangle Chapel.

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Catalog offers home furnishings

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Home Décor for Spring 2009 includes furniture, coordinating rugs, lighting, wall décor and accessories.

The 68-page catalog includes living, dining, bedroom and entertainment pieces, in addition to Broyhill Furniture, available for the first time in an Exchange catalog. Large and small appliances, fans, air puri-

fiers, baby beds, nursery accessories and other household items are also featured.

The 2009 Home Décor Spring Exchange Catalog is available at all main stores and online at <http://www.aafes.com>.

Prices are valid through April 28 for any authorized exchange customer. Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. Toll-free orders can be placed from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam at 1-800-527-2345. The Exchange Catalog center is open 24/7.

Magazine supplier goes out of business

DALLAS — Anderson News, magazine and book supplier for most U.S. Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities, has ceased operations.

Availability of many magazines at stateside exchanges is impacted.

Delivery of books and magazines to overseas exchanges isn't affected.

Exchange shoppers can win car in contest

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS – Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppers can take a chance at winning a 2009 Pontiac Solstice.

One AAFES shopper will win the car or, if overseas, the cash equivalent of the vehicle valued at about \$24,800.

The cash option is only available to shoppers outside of the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

The sweepstakes, sponsored by AXE Hair Care, is open to all authorized exchange shoppers through March 26. Entry forms are available at exchanges worldwide, including deployed locations.

The drawing takes place on or about April 30.

Colonel Taylor is front and center with Afghan soldiers in the advanced medical technician program she launched. Ultimately, this one-year course could produce enough AMTs to increase support staff by 60 percent.

Courtesy photo



Nurse plays role in enhancing medical care for Afghan troops

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Christine Taylor is proud of the role she played in enhancing the future of health care for Afghanistan's national army, police force and their families.

Colonel Taylor, flight commander of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron family health care clinic, recently returned from more than six months in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She served as chief nurse for the Command Surgeon General Office under the Combined Security Transition Command, a U.S. Army-led organization located at Kabul's Camp Eggers.

She left on her deployment in March 2008 following four weeks of pre-deployment combat skills training at Fort McCoy, Wisc. She returned in November.

"I worked in a joint operational environment," she said. "I was deeply involved in helping rebuild health-care infrastructure programs and management reform for the Afghanistan National Security Forces' nation-building operations.

"This country has suffered with three decades of warfare, so it was no surprise to me that nursing practice was standard due to an array of reasons. However, I found their biggest challenges were lack of nursing education and staff development programs. So my highest priority was to focus on those areas. Fortunately, what made all the difference in standing up new initiatives was how the Afghans embraced my mentorship and help."

The Afghanistan National Army force structure consisted of about 245 nursing personnel, insufficient to care for 68,000 troops.

"The current nursing force structure would be woefully inadequate as the Afghan army expands in the next two years to 120,000," she

said. "To stimulate progress before this surge occurred, I stood up the first ANA advanced medical technician course. The primary goal of this program is to bridge the nursing gap by training noncommissioned officer medics to become highly-skilled functional nurses, the equivalent of licensed vocational nurses in the U.S. Ultimately, this one-year course could possibly produce enough AMTs to increase support staff by 60 percent."

Colonel Taylor explained the curriculum offers a broad field of clinical nursing and leadership subjects to train medics also as future leaders.

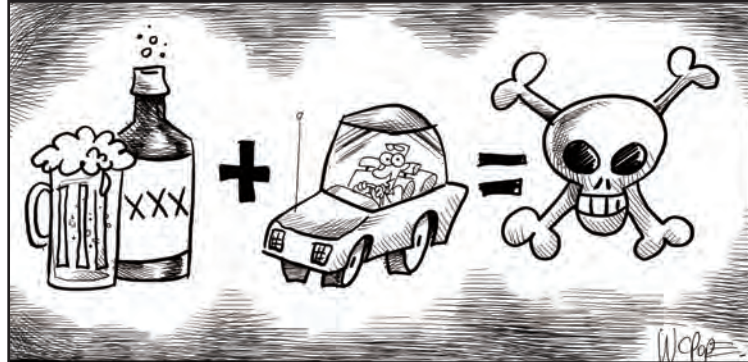
"After months of planning, the first class kicked off Oct. 12 with 38 students from various regions of Afghanistan," she continued. "Of the 38 students, three females were enrolled, which was a significant milestone based on Afghan cultural belief regarding women being members of the ANA military force."

The colonel also organized the first ANA nursing symposium, held in conjunction with the ANA medical leadership conference.

"Historically, this conference is primarily attended by senior leaders and physicians, so having each regional ANA chief nurse showcase their nursing processes and future goals to this audience were a huge step for ANA nurses."

She added, "I worked very closely with the embedded transition team nurses located at forward operating bases. One initiative implemented to standardize training and nursing practice throughout the five regional FOBs was a nursing training module program. This made a significant impact on standardizing nursing care and training."

She mentioned the command surgeon staff frequently deployed to FOBs with regional hospitals "in full battle gear" to ensure embedded



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The Keesler Honor Guard needs new members.
For more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

Deployment,

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transition team members had supplies and equipment they needed to support their mission as well as to perform staff assistance visits.

In addition to medical duties, the colonel served as convoy commander in armed vehicles on more than 90 convoys, traveling routes potentially targeted by insurgents.

Reflecting on her deployment, Colonel Taylor stated, "It was an absolutely wonderful experience! I am very privileged and honored to have been able to play a role in improving medical care in this nation. I was struck by the way the Afghan people embraced us; they were very appreciative of our presence."

While deployed, Colonel Taylor pinned on her silver lieutenant colonel leave, and before leaving the AOR, she received a NATO medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

She also found the relationships forged with members of the other U.S. military services extremely rewarding.

"I was able to experience how different services uniquely contributed to the mission, yet we all worked together as one team," she pointed out. "In my opinion, that's what joint operations are all about.

"I'd go back in a heartbeat — I honestly wish I had had more time," she remarked. "The rewards far outweighed the challenges and I have certainly left a piece of my heart behind in Afghanistan. To have the opportunity to incorporate my nursing experience and skills to help rebuild a health-care system from the ashes of 30 years of warfare and to witness small victories of history unfold before my eyes are memories I will cherish forever."

Colonel Taylor, a 15-year Air Force veteran, marks two years at Keesler in June. She departs the same month for Yokota Air Base, Japan, where she'll command the 374th Surgical Operations Support Squadron.

Pancake dinner

The chapel hosts a pancake dinner, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Triangle Chapel Annex in observance of Shrove Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday, Lent

The Ash Wednesday Protestant service is 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Larcher Chapel.

Catholic services are 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Triangle Chapel.

Stations of the Cross are 5 p.m. Fridays during Lent at Triangle Chapel.

Periodontal patients

The dental clinic's periodontics department is looking for patients with gum problems for treatment in their dental residency program.

A limited number of eligible beneficiaries accepted as teaching cases receive their periodontal care at Keesler at no charge. Patients should be readily available for appointments, usually Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

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

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.

Travel clinic

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

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

For more information, call 376-3550.

Multimedia services

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

Department of Defense

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—In a month-long initiative to promote today's Great American Spit Out and this week's "Through With Chew Week," the Department of Defense and Tricare are deploying all the weapons in their arsenals.

The target of the attack is the smokeless, but far from harmless, spit or chewing tobacco, often simply referred to as "dip."

The operation kicks off at the DOD tobacco cessation Web site, <http://www.ucanquit2.org>, the online headquarters of the multi-year campaign, "Quit Tobacco — Make Everyone Proud."

The Web site offers an innovative array of high-tech mechanisms and interactive



tools to help service members follow through with their plans to quit. In the newly-launched My QuitSpace, registered users can create a blog, either public or private, to document their journey and share their experiences.

They may also download a customizable quit plan and quit calendar, adding personalized information, goals, tips and dates.

Many service members trying to quit tobacco have ques-

tions. The Web site has responded to this need by introducing an Ask the Expert feature. Capt. Larry Williams, Navy tobacco clinical cessation advocate, is this month's guest expert. He'll answer questions from smokeless tobacco users and those who support their intention to quit, including health promotion and health care professionals on military installations.

The Web site's multifaceted resources are designed to arm

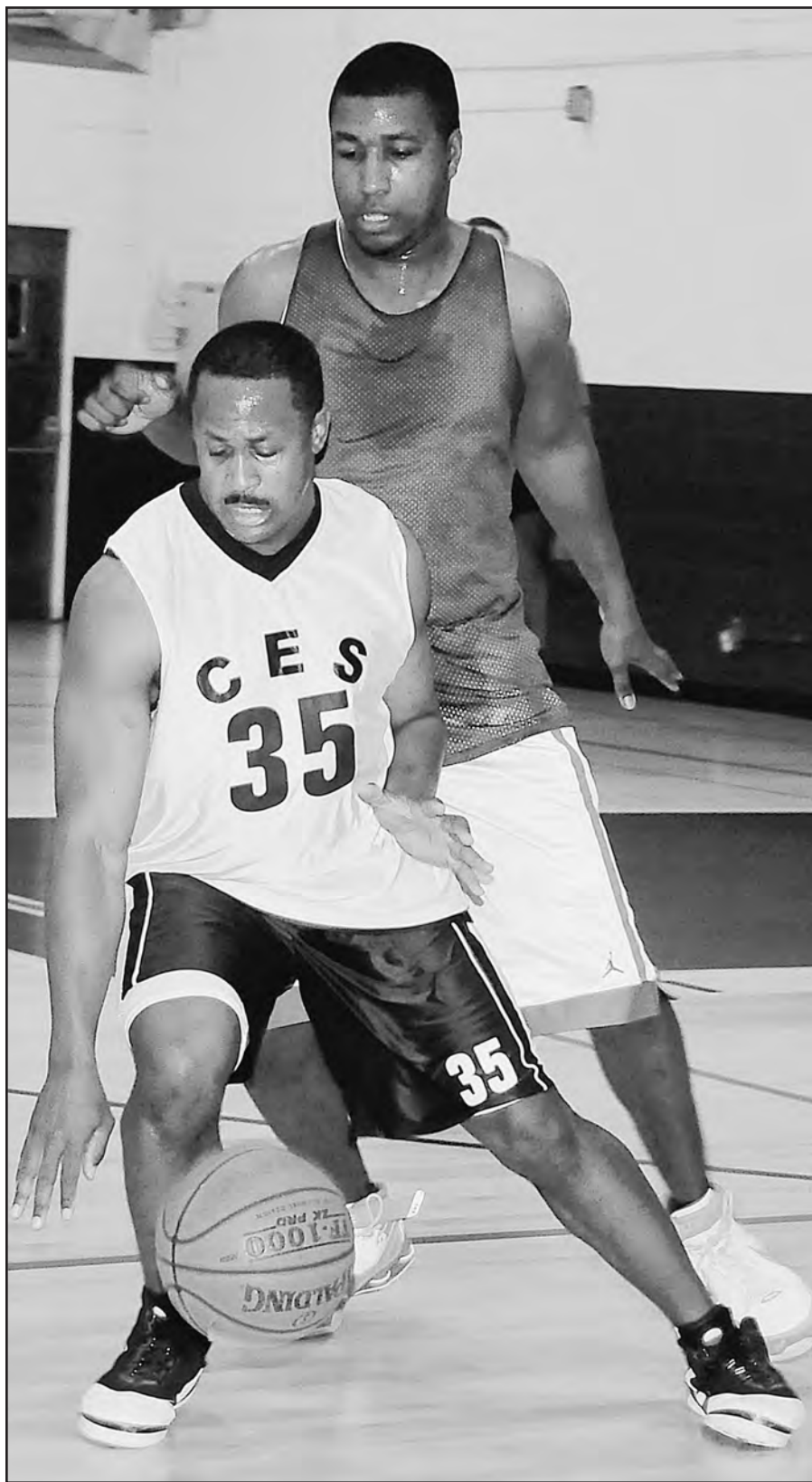
service men and women with the tools they need to win the battle against tobacco. It also allows service members to get support from family and friends to quit as well as professional counseling.

Through Live Chat, a unique online service, users get immediate real-time help from trained tobacco cessation coaches, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST.

Visitors can also take part in the discussion boards, read a new online article debunking the myths surrounding smokeless tobacco and play games, such as Texas Hold 'Em, which deals out informative and motivational messages with the cards.

For more information, visit <http://www.ucanquit2.org>.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Robin Sikes, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, is shadowed by Thomas Love, 81st Force Support Squadron, as works his way around the court toward the goal in the Feb. 11 championship game for the Over-30 basketball league at Blake Fitness Center. In their first meeting in the double-elimination playoff, the 81st FSS dropped the 81st CES into the losers' bracket, 54-52, but the 81st FSS forged ahead with a 10-point victory in the title game, 54-44.

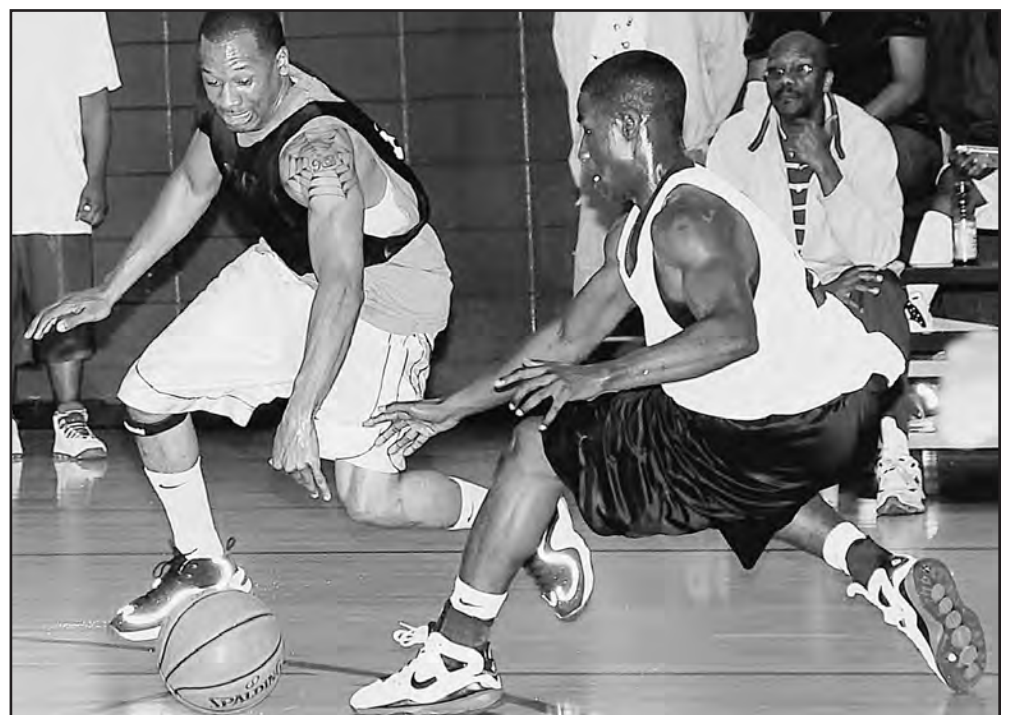


Force supporters take Over-30 title; 81st CS grabs intramural crown from medics



Tavares Simpson powers down the court at Blake Fitness Center for the 81st Communications Squadron during the Feb. 12 intramural finals against the 81st Medical Group. The 81st CS was Eastern Division champ at 6-0 during the regular season, and the medics were the Western Division's top team during the regular season at 6-0. The 81st CS won the intramural championship, 31-28.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Kenneth Dukes, 81st CS, and Kwamina Boyd, 81st MDG, battle for a loose ball during the final game of the intramural playoffs, Feb. 12.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser (as of Feb. 9)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	93	40
Perry's Refrigeration	91	42
DOG Squad	84	49
Robbie's Rejects	74	59
Slater's Shooters	73	60
Wrong Foot Forward	72	61
Hit 9 Get 9	70	63
Sandy's Gang	68	65
All Screwed Up	67	66
Our Gang	67	66
Pot Luck	66	67
Man On!	65	68
Martini's	65	68
Ricky's Rookies	62.5	70.5
403rd Strykers	56.5	76.5
Team 18	56	77
Team 12	55	78
Hoops Gang	51	82
Why Not	49	84
Unpredictables	45	88

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of Feb. 4)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	82	51
Wild Gang	80	53
Clyde's Crew	69	64
Neighbors Plus 1	69	64
Any Takers	68	65
MUDD	65	68
Ichi Ban	65	68
Team 6	62	71
Guys and Dolls	53	80
70s Plus	52	81

Thursday Retired Seniors (as of Feb. 5)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	84	49
6-Pack	83	50
Team 12	75	58
Team 16	70	63
Team 14	68	65
Team 5	67	66
Three's Company	66.5	66.5
Team 8	66	67
TBB Express	66	67
Two He's and a She	65	68
Team 13	64	69
CHMATO	59	74
2 Kings and A Queen	59	74
3-70s Plus	58	75
Team 11	58	75
Lucky Trio	53.5	79.5

Friday Night Mixed (as of Feb. 6)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	85	48
Frustrated	82	51
We Take Ugly	71	62
Fun Timers	69	64
Sandbaggers	68	65
The Strikers	67	66
Lady and the Tramps	66	67
Mixed Nuts	66	67
3 Guys and a Babe	58	75
Pin Busters	58	75
Pin Pals	54	79
Beyond Control	54	79

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.

Sweetheart Run



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Matthew Benton, 81st Medical Group, and Michelle Sprague, wife of Anthony Sprague, 336th Training Squadron, are the winners of the Sweetheart Run, Feb. 12. The first male and female couple to cross the finish line of the 5-kilometer race wins the annual event which starts and finishes at Blake Fitness Center.

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.

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

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.

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

Golf

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 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 and 28. 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.

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 — No. 1 camping package.

President's Day weekly special — Through Friday, free rod and use with boat rental.

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 redfish during February and win \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. Mississippi fishing license required; minimum four, maximum five people. For date and time, call 377-3160.

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.

Nonprior service student special — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

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.

March Madness promotion starts

Air Force Services Agency

March Madness is a free online bracket tournament game offered in conjunction with the 2009 Division 1 men's national college basketball championship. Coca Cola is the commercial sponsor.

Individuals at least 18 years old who are eligible to use the Keesler Katrina Kantina, Legends Café and 11th Frame Café can pick up a game piece each time they visit the facility. Game pieces are offered with each purchase, but customers may request a game piece without making a purchase.

To enter, register online using the code on the game piece to create your tournament bracket. Ten scratch-offs are needed to enter all 10 brackets. You may enter your online ID starting Friday, but brackets can't be filled in until games are announced March 15.

Picks can be made and changed, but final picks for all rounds must be submitted by 5 a.m. CST March 19.

The object is to accumulate as many points as possible by correctly picking the winning team in each game of the single-elimination NCAA men's basketball tournament. The competition begins with 64 teams, with half eliminated during each round.

The first place prize is a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four games for three days and two nights, hotel, air travel, car rental, game tickets and \$1,000 spending money. Second place wins \$5,000, third place \$2,500, fourth place \$1,000 and five subsequent winners get a Coca Cola NCAA Pop-A-Shot arcade homestyle basketball game.

For more information, call 377-3181.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Nicholas Aaseng, Kenneth Argenbright, James Barber, Joshua Beach, Amanda Benefield, Jarriott Bennett, Paul Borja, Phillip Burnette, Remington Burnette, John Burns, Antwan Clark, Trent Cole, Matthew Conkey, Evan Corzine, Christopher Culver, Kyle Davis, Jose DeJesus, Jon Delgado, Brent Desouza, Ryan Downey, Kevin Duffy, Mark Eicher, Anthony Fagalde, Corey Farnam, Joel Fitzgerald, Joshua Frankum, Adam Gerych, Aaron Gibbs, Jamal Golden, Nicholas Goldsmith, Alexis Gonzalez, Christopher Hanson, Robert Harden, Malcolm Harris, David Hartford, Adam Hassan, Joshua Hayes, Ira Hogg, Craig House, Jordan Howell, Christopher Kenny, Travis Lange, Nathaniel Lee, Benjamin Lockwood, Jonathan Lovell, Anthony Martinez, James Mautz, Christopher McDowell, Devin McMillen, Crystal Mendoza, Edward Mitchell, Brandon Morgan, Timothy Murphy, Matthew Nicely, Lisa Perez, Michael Peters, Robert Pickenpugh, Jerome Punderson, Thomas Purtell, Marisol Reyes, Chelsea Root, Ronald Rouse, Stephen Sanchez, Christopher Schultz, Dupaul Scott, Patrick Sebay, Stephen Semple, Charles Sharpe, Ryan Shumaker, Joshua Snow, Richard Synger, Nicholas Taghon, Clayton Taylor, Raymond Taylor, Daryl Treadwell, Ian Trusedell, Richard Valez, Thomas VanEngan, Christopher Vaughn, Christopher Walka, William Welsh, Jeffrey Wiebers, Ian Yoshimoto, Christopher Young and Stephen Yount; Airmen Dominick Alfano, Nicholas Clementoni, Donovan Daugherty, Robert DeBone, Edward Digiorgi, Cody Fehrer, Nathanel Guy, Nicholas Holpuch, Charlie Hulse, James Lee, Timothy Manuel, Michael McHam, Ryan McKee, Gregory Miller, Christopher Miscisin, Lecola Mungo, Jon O’Hearne, Jonathon Pendleton, Charles Potter, Aaron Potts, Jacob Rutter, Sarah Stewart, Jessica Suske, and Dennis Viloria; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Adams, Zachary Annas, Victor Baillif, Matthew Belt, Jarod Bierman, Jeffrey Birchenough, Joncristofer Boam, Keith Bohn, Erik Borgeson, Kyle Bradford, Douglas Brummund, Matthew Bryson, Kelvin Ciprian, Nicolas Craven, John Derby, Nicholas Ervin, Darryl Fancher, Jeffery Farmer, Tony Foster, Reginald Graves, Keith Green, Rosie Gumbs, Monte Hall, Joseph Hammel, Kool Havis, Nathaniel Hayden, Bradley Higgins, Robert Hockenull, Michael Horridge, Jonathan Hurst, Autumn Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Nickolas Jones, William Keeley, Cody Keller, Justin King, Sharal Klaenesh, Zachary Knott, Alexander Lane, Crystal Lathrop, Jeremy Letsche, Adam Lichtenberg, Daniel Logan, Annette Martinez, Joahua Mitchell, Kevin Monroe, Ryan Mowen, Thorval Munksgaard, Matthew Murphy, Robert Myrick, Jose Negron-Hernandez, Daniel Nichols, Nicholas Norris, Aaron Oliver, Alex Parker, Kelsey Parker, Cory Paya, Rachel Phillips, William Prothro, Jonathan Quezada, Allan Ramirez, David Salinas, Eric Sanborn, Antonino Sanchez, John Saringo, Herson Segovia, David Sharp, Derrick Sherwood, Wesley Shirley, Ryan Slabaugh, Dustin Smisson, Raymond Shaw, Nicholas Shelley, Peter Sigmund, Justin Teixeira, Kyle Walden and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Justin Apple, Kevin Fowler, Jason Geoo, Keith Hendershot, Shad Hines, Willie Jinks, Damien Lange, Horacio Martinez, Joshua Reid, Casey Robison, Shawn Whitney, Michael Williams, Perry Wilson and Reginald Woods; Staff Sgts. Charles Barkheimer, Rocco Scaccia, Joel Geddings, Daniel Hayden, Scott Husler, Keith Kinsey, Kristin Layton, Nicholas Leuschen, Derek Owens, Daniel Perkins, Patricia Quigley, Allen Reaves, David Ritsema, Cirilo Silva, Levi Tovar, Elijah Vo and Brandon Wall; Tech. Sgts. Adam Blair, George Chi, Joshua Jobling, Patrick Meehan, Michael Tate and James Warrack; Master Sgts. Kelly Merrell, Michael O’Conner and Kirk Winslow.

Metrology basic course — Airman 1st Class Mitchell Forde.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jarrett McKinney, Mason Poll, Cody Samuels, Samantha Saucedo and Thomas Robinson; Airmen Jamaal Baker, Benjamin De Boer, Kyle Latino and Ismael Quijano; Airmen 1st Class Elijah Chamberlin, Justin Condon, Amanda Fairbanks, Ryan Kasbohm, Willie Rouse and Kenneth Schulze; Senior Airman Christopher Shaub.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Sarah Coressel and Garrett Lee; Airman William Lott; Airmen 1st Class

Joseph Cardamone, Kristabel Elam, Jonathan Khattar, Kyle Morales, Gregory Nakamura and Mitchell Smith; Senior Airmen Heather Johnson and Samantha Paige; Staff Sgts. Stuart Aldrich, Matthew Ash, Timothy Daley, Christopher Gallo, Amy Kodera, Dusty Littleford, Burke Mills and Marisol Rodriguez Velez; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Simon.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Jacob Corbett, Ricardo Diaz De Leon, Sean Evans, Michael Giammo, Vanessa Lewis, Michael Peak, Veronica Rivera, David Shaw and Joshua Tibbit; Airmen Kristopher Barrientes and Cherrelle Collins; Airmen 1st Class Precious Akitoye, Vincent Bulatao, Lanita Collins, Carlos Esguerra, Michael Millar and Douglas Vice; Senior Airmae Austrie Martinez, Elisabeth Peshek and Patrick Salmon; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Baker, Rasheem Cephas, Jolynn Howse, Jose Martinez, Bradford Myers and Larry Salmon; Tech. Sgt. Tamesha Rayes; Master Sgt. Amanda Colvin.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Richard Coler, Sean Hofstadter and Justin Perez; Airmen Aimee Elkins and Steven Jakus; Airmen 1st Class Michael Anderton, Jillian Cawthon, Jarrett Chestnut, Jared Christian, Michael Massey, Randall Summers, Alfred Theriot and William Tschudin; Senior Airman Paul San; Staff Sgt. Mario Chavez; Tech. Sgts. Adrienne Schulz and Stephen Wall; Master Sgts. Allen Faust and Herbert Ward.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Brett Adams, Timothy Baker, Grace Enriquez, James Glime, Joseph Goddard, Barry Hopkins, Andrew McLain, Joshua Perry, Julian Pfister, Brandon Tyler, Blaze West and Sean Williamson; Airman Noah Blach; Airmen 1st Class Racann Batz, Ryan Briggs, Michael D’Amico, Jacquelyn Delauder, Brandon Devault, Joshua Deville, Joseph Donald, David Foeller, Brian Haddad, David Hickox, William Randall, Jayme Rodriguez, Joseph Rudy, Jared Silva and Aaron Vonderharr; Senior Airmen Kenneth Butler, Travis Casey, Justin Hunnicutt, Claude Jackson, Daryl Keith and Daniel Marshall; Staff Sgts. Daniel

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

Ash Wednesday

Larcher Chapel11:15 a.m.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Ash Wednesday

Triangle Chapel11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Jewish

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

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 801-787-1990.

Ball, Aaron Copeland, Alicia Dunn, Charlie Freeman, Thomas Knoll, Nathan Langston and Russell Warren; Senior Master Sgt. Robert Tice; Chief Master Sgt. James Boswell.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airmen 1st Class Richard Ataman, Travis Bates and Michael White; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Staff Sgt. Greg Brigham.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-3 — Feb. 24 to April 1.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-3 — Feb. 24 to April 2.

Airman and family readiness center

Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers briefing — for people interested in becoming a school teacher in Mississippi or another state, 4 p.m. March 5, Room 108A, Sablich Center. To register, call 376-8728.

Arts and crafts center

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

February classes — ceramics, card making, jewelry making, baking, pottery and intarsia woodworking.

Mardi Gras mask decorating — open until 8 p.m. today. For more information, call 377-2821.

Multi-crafts center — potter’s wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders are our business.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginners and advanced woodworking classes.

Tickets and trips

Mardi Gras parades — in Mobile, \$15 per person, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday.. For reservations, call 377-3818.

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.

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.

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

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Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

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

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

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

Homework help — 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays for middle school and up.

National Children's Dental Health Month — Monday, cohosted with dental clinic staff. Special dental programs and projects. Happy smiles, 10 a.m., ages 3-5; how to have a model's beautiful smile, 4 p.m., ages 6-12.

President's Day story time — today; 11 a.m. ages 3-5, 6 p.m. ages 6-12. All children complete an appropriate craft project.

February display — for African-American History Month.

Volunteers needed — dancers, singers, musicians, artists to share their talent with the children during the summer reading program. For more information, call 377-2604.

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 377-2604.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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.

Movie nights — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

Katrina Kantina

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

Karaoke — 6-8 p.m. Feb. 27; DJ Wayne and drink specials.

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 — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m.

Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, 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 — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

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.

Classes — gymnastics, karate, children's theater and guitar; \$50 month. Classes meet Saturday mornings. 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.

Commissioners and coaches needed — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

Shuttle service — parents interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older for Biloxi area schools and base housing to youth center, sign up at the center as soon as possible.

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. March 9-12, April 13-16, May 11-14, June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

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

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

Employment opportunities

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

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afaots.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

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DINING HALL MENUS

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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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.afpcrandolph.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.

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.

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 the month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail 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, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

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., The Unborn (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., The Spirit (PG-13); 6:30 p.m., The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Not Easily Broken (PG-13).

Mardi Gras parades

Saturday — Krewe of Diamondhead, noon; 255-6922.

City of Biloxi children's walking parade, 1 p.m., 435-6339. Jackson County Carnival Association, Pascagoula, 1 p.m.; 497-3269.

Krewe of Gemini day parade, Gulfport, 2 p.m.; 297-0377; honor guard and 335th TRS state flag team are marching. Chief Master Sgt. Alex and Eileen Perry, 81st Training Wing command chief, ride one of the floats.

Sunday — St. Paul Carnival Association, Pass Christian, 1 p.m.; 547-4873.

North Bay Mardi Gras Association, D'Iberville, 1:30 p.m.; 875-4538; Brig. Gen. Greg and Charlene Touhill, 81st TRW commander, ride on one of the floats, and the honor guard and 336th TRS state flag team participate.

Tuesday — Gulf Coast Carnival Association, 1 p.m., Biloxi; 432-8806; honor guard participates.

Volunteer income tax assistance

Tax office manager — Rich Ess, 376-4141.

2nd Air Force — Howard Antoine, 377-1341.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Clinton Anderson, 377-6161.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Susie Cagle, 377-8209.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Tammy Pfeifer, 376-5064; Evangeline Villanueva, 377-9281.

81st Force Support Squadron — Ian Johnson, 376-8362; Matt Stapley, 243-1336.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Larico Brownlee, 377-2430.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Shane McDonald, 376-0438; Jacqueline Scott, 376-0438.

81st Training Group — Vickie Simants, 377-2108.

81st Training Support Squadron — Jerold Strauss, 377-9401.

81st Training Wing — Sheila Alexander, 377-2975; John Smith, 376-8123; Wanda Tisdale, 377-4349.

332nd Training Squadron — Enrico Fiorentino, 377-0186.

333rd TRS — Michael Chappell, 377-0186; Cedric Lynam, 377-1871.

334th TRS — Shiree Holder, 377-3456; Deanna Pylant, 377-3275; Erica Stokes, 377-2002.

335th TRS — Kerry Bartels, 377-0342; Veronica Bird, 377-0216; Gloria Lewis, 377-0153.

336th TRS — Karla Proper, 377-5160.

338th TRS — Robert Blaze, 373-3474; Sharon Floyd, 377-2220; Eve Redd, 377-3371.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — Kristine Ingle, 377-3080; Jonathan Pickett, 377-0547.

Keesler Marine Corps Detachment — 377-1489.

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