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**36 days until**  
**Thunder on the Bay**  
**Air Show**  
**and Open House**

Dragons deployed — 213

## Combat control instructor earns Bronze Star

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. Ashley Spurlin, a combat control instructor in the 334th Training Squadron, was presented the Bronze Star during Friday's drill down.

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

The seven-year Air Force veteran was recognized for meritorious service as the joint terminal air controller with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His duties involved pursuing al-Qaida and Taliban operatives on capture/kill missions along the Afghanistan and Pakistan border from August 2007 to February 2008.

Sergeant Spurlin, who joined Keesler's combat control training team eight months ago, was previously deployed to Romania, Philippines, Borneo, Indonesia, Malaysia and Uzbekistan. He says his deployment experiences have enhanced the abilities he brings to the Keesler classroom.

"It allows me to relate deployed experiences in every aspect to what we strive to teach our students while they are here learning the basic fundamentals of both rigorous physical training and air traffic control fundamentals," said Sergeant Spurlin, who hails from Monterrey, Calif.

"Having the ability to relate every event a student performs while here at Keesler to a real world scenario allows the students to understand the 'why' and 'how' of what it is they'll be doing once they are actual 5-level combat controllers as opposed to just doing something but not understanding the implications of that

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## Let the good times roll



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, and his wife, Charlene, ride on a float in Sunday's North Bay Carnival Association's Mardi Gras parade in D'Iberville. The honor guard and the 336th Training Squadron's state flag team also participated.**

## Change of command set for April 6

Leadership of the 81st Training Wing changes hands April 6 when Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill turns over command to Col. Ian Dickinson.

Colonel Dickinson is headed to Keesler from the Pentagon, where he currently serves as Joint Staff deputy chief information officer. He is expected to report by March 31.

General Touhill, who's served as wing commander since October 2007, has a new assignment as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, Kuwait.



## Give a hoot, Team Keesler!

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Mardi Gras is over and evidence of the fun is everywhere. Unfortunately, the evidence includes trash littering our base and community. It is time to do some spring cleaning!

When I was a kid, the Department of the Interior introduced us to Woodsy the Owl, a peer of Smokey the Bear. Woodsy would make personal appearances and appear on television on Saturday mornings reminding us to "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute." We were encouraged to pick up trash and to never litter.

We were taught to respect our environment and properly dispose of our waste products and to recycle whenever we could.

As I walked around the base this weekend, I was dismayed to see trash laying around. Careless and rude people had thrown their empty fast food bags along the sidewalks leading to the Triangle dormitory area.

My wife and I picked it up



and threw them away in one of the many trash bins located in the Triangle. As we continued our walk, we picked up empty plastic beverage bottles strewn along the road and put them in a recycling bin. Then, as we made our way around the flight line, we found some cans that some other rude people had abandoned along the running path.

Littering is unacceptable and I need your help to stop it here on the base and outside the gates throughout our community. Don't be seduced by the dark side and think it is okay to pass by that litter

because someone else will pick up the trash. Each of us are stewards of the environment. Being a good citizen includes showing respect to each other and our shared environment. Carelessly throwing your empty bottles, cans, fast foods products and cigarette butts wherever you want is unacceptable.

When someone litters, it tells me they don't have pride. I'm going to assume they are smart enough to know that littering is wrong. When they litter, I can draw the conclusion that they don't have pride in their own professionalism,

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

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



their citizenship and their community. They don't have pride in themselves!

Airmen have pride and are proud to show their professionalism, citizenship and service before self. We are faithful to a proud heritage and a tradition of honor. Let's rally ourselves and our wingmen to do the right thing and keep our home clean. When

you see trash, don't pass it by; pick it up! Place refuse in the right containers and recycle every chance you get. When you encounter a trash can that needs to be emptied, don't ignore it! Take ownership for those things you can control and partner with those who are responsible for their areas to keep our base and community clean.

## Military leadership in a civilianized force

By Col. John Embry

81st Dental Squadron commander

Thirty or even 20 years ago when our Airmen reported to duty, more than likely, in most assignments, they worked side by side, day in and day out, night in and night out next to another Airman, soldier or sailor. Except for encounters at the base exchange, gas station or club, most of their daily interactions were with other service members. That is most definitely not the case today.

The civilianization of most military installations for whatever reason — long-term cost savings, freeing of deployment assets, acquisition of technical expertise — has continued to increase. Unit commanders and noncommissioned officers are facing daily challenges in managing these mixed blessings.

In no way do I want to disparage our civilian work force. In my unit, I have many dedicated, hard-working civilian professionals who come to work every day and perform outstanding service to their country. Without them, the mission would suffer. Many of these civilian employees are prior active duty.

At the end of the work day, however, they go home to family and life in their local communities. They are subject to the local ordinances, laws and community standards. These communities do not impose fitness standards. Military members on the other hand, when they leave the military installation, remain subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We don't stop being Airmen at the front gate.

Peer pressure and co-worker influence on our younger Airmen are different than what we felt at the same stage of our careers. So how do we as mili-

tary officers and NCOs instill in the Airmen under us a pride in being "different" from civilians? We do it by setting the example, by conducting ourselves as if we are always in uniform and always under scrutiny, as we are.

We voluntarily raise our hands and take an oath to hold ourselves to a higher standard. That standard includes proper wear of the uniform, a proper military bearing, meeting fitness standards and being subject to the UCMJ. As leaders, we're required to instill and teach professional ethics, mentor those we can and, unfortunately, punish those who require it. We need to remind ourselves that while for some it's a job, for us it's a duty. We need to continue to teach military traditions, require professional military education, enforce customs and courtesies, and remember our fallen brothers and sis-

ters who died wearing this uniform to protect a nation of civilians.

There are definite perks for military members. In the last few years, I've been pleasantly surprised and frankly blown away by civilians who have approached me while in uniform and thanked me for my service to this country. I have been humbled by these experiences and am reminded how much we are under public scrutiny. We serve civilians and they serve us. What may be appropriate in civilian society may not be appropriate in the military environment.

As military leaders, we must take the time to thank our civilian employees for their service and find ways to reward them, but must also continue to hold our military members to a different and more stringent standard: "I am an American Airman....."



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

What is one project you've been procrastinating about?



Procrastination used to be a problem for me, but lately I've been working very hard to avoid putting off onerous tasks.

**Walt Brehm, 81st Medical Support Squadron**



Finishing my degree — after you have a child, it tends to go on the back burner.

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



Putting up a privacy fence around my house.

**Staff Sgt. Stephen Townsend, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron**

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



The 335th TRS was tops in freestyle drill and came in second place overall.

## Dark Knights claim victory

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 338th Training Squadron Dark Knights charged to a victory in the 81st Training Group's first drill down of the season, Friday.

The 335th TRS placed in regulation drill and open ranks to win first place overall.

The Bulls from the 335th TRS placed in all three categories to take second place overall — first in freestyle drill, second in regulation drill and third in open ranks.

The 334 TRS Gators, the 2008 overall champion, came in third with second place in open ranks and third place in freestyle drill.

The Red Wolves from the 336th TRS placed second in freestyle drill, and the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs placed third in regulation drill.

Members of the winning Dark Knights team are Airmen Basic Nicholas Aaseng, Andrew O'Malley and William Welsh; Airmen Michael Reyes, Matthew Sharp and Joshua Udem; and Airmen 1st Class Justin Bowden, Helena Frye, Bryan Kelley, Vincent Lowman, Julian Perez, Julian Pierre, Adalys Ramirez and Kimberly Walton.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airmen 1st Class Bryan Kelley, front, and Julian Perez perform with the Dark Knights drill team during the freestyle competition.



## Exercise focuses on crash recovery

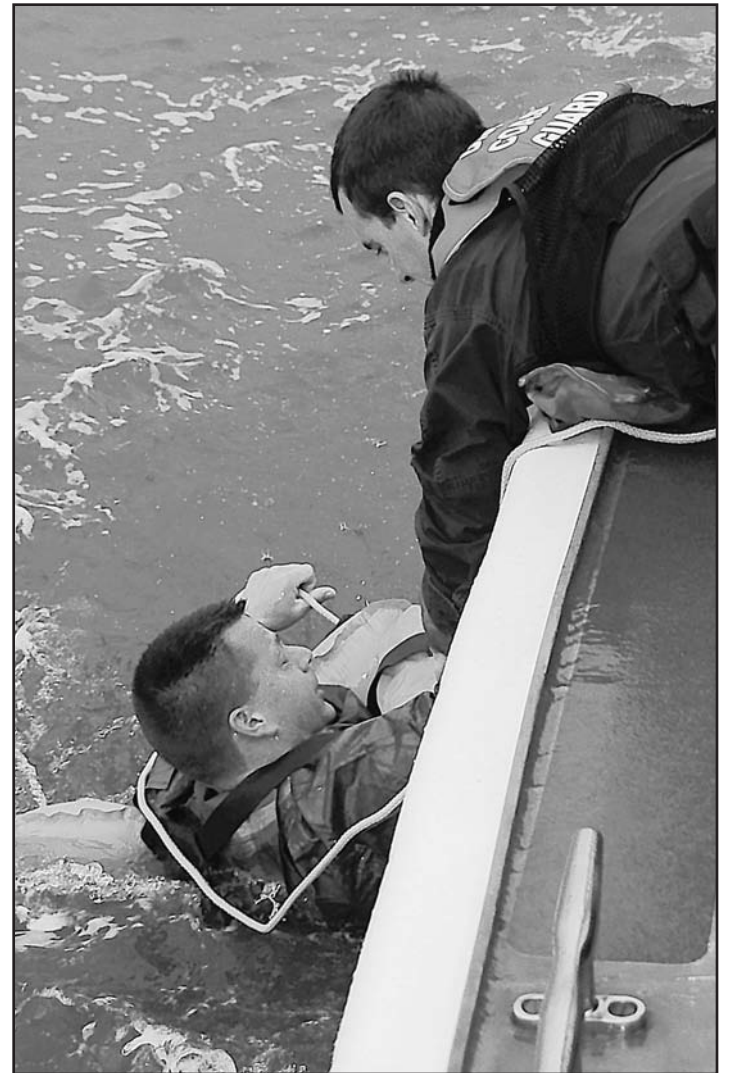


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Monty Everett, 81st Training Support Squadron, is pulled from the Gulf of Mexico by Seaman Harley Watts, U.S. Coast Guard, during a plane crash exercise Feb. 18. Sergeant Everett portrays one of the four pilots who ejected when two planes collided in the scenario. The Department of Marine Resources also participated in the exercise, part of the preparation for Keesler's Air Show and Open House, April 4-5.





# Wounded weatherman focuses on new battle

By Chief Master Sgt. Ty Foster

**Air Force Special Operations Command**

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — In an instant, Senior Airman Alex Eudy went from battling the enemies of Afghanistan to battling for his life.

It was just after 1 a.m. Jan. 24. He was only two months into his first deployment after graduating from advanced-skills training here in September 2008. The special operations weather team journeyman and the Marines he served with were on patrol about 30 miles from their fire-base in the western province of Farah.

Behind the wheel of the fourth of four Humvees, Airman Eudy and the five others in his vehicle kept their eyes peeled for variations in the road surface, exposed wires, freshly dug soil. “Scab left” or “scab right” they called out. The driver adjusted his path of travel accordingly to mitigate the threat to the special operations patrol.

Then the roadway erupted.

Two 155-mm mortars and a Soviet anti-tank mine were command-detonated under the front of the vehicle. The engine flew 30 feet away as the six-ton rig somersaulted three times. The concussion of the blast rendered Airman Eudy unconscious.

His personal protective gear did its job. There were no puncture wounds or lacerations from flying debris. However, his helmet chinstrap had sawed through the skin on his lower jaw. Everything else seemed fine, except his legs.

When he came to, he said he was lying nearby, outside the vehicle. He thought he’d been thrown out.

“My Marines told me when they pulled me out of the vehicle, they could hear the bones crunching,” the 22-year-old warrior said. “Of the six of us in that vehicle, I was one of two who were non-ambulatory.”

So Airman Eudy became the casualty collection point as the Marine special ops team set a defensive perimeter and requested med-evac airlift. He didn’t just lie there, Airman Eudy said. He checked his buddies and put his combat lifesaver first aid training to work. He checked his weapon. The 9-mm pistol was still in its holster, but his M-4 rifle had been lost in the explosion.

In the hours and days after the explosion, Airman Eudy’s parents, Dale and Kathy Eudy of Highlands Ranch, Colo., spoke with their son and others involved in the convoy, medical evacuation, treatment and travel back to the states.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Ty Foster

**General Wurster pins the Air Force Combat Action Medal on Airman Eudy’s shirt during an informal hospital ceremony at Eglin Air Force Base, Feb. 3. Airman Eudy, a special operations weatherman in the 10th Combat Weather Squadron at Hurlburt Field, also received the Purple Heart.**

Despite dozens of fractures from both knees down, the special ops weatherman kept his mission focus, Mr. Eudy said. With a medical evacuation helicopter, Airman Eudy’s special operations weather team mission was paramount.

“When the medevac was inbound, Alex was telling his Marines how to use his instruments to pass critical weather data for the helicopter landing zone,” Mr. Eudy said.

“That’s what we do, generate high-fidelity, localized, mission-tailored forecast to for ingress, employment and egress of air, land and sea forces,” Airman Eudy said.

His training and discipline had earned him his gray beret, fulfilling a dream he’d held as a 17-year-old. Now it would bolster him for survival and recovery.

“When the med-evac helicopter touched down, the flight medical technician knelt down to Alex who was strapped down on the stretcher,” Mr. Eudy said. “‘We’re gonna take care of you,’ he said. ‘You’re going to be OK.’”

In triage later that morning, Airman Eudy said he heard the doctor say, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of

evil is for good men to do nothing.” The quote by Sir Edmund Burke is tattooed on Airman Eudy’s back.

“That’s why we’re here,” Airman Eudy said. “That’s why special tactics is so important. We can’t sit around and let evil triumph.”

Less than 10 days after the explosion, the Airman was lying in a waiting room in the hospital at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., swaddled from the knees down in bandages, bones pinned, screwed and grafted. He was surrounded by family and friends, “and everyone is Alex’s friend,” Mrs. Eudy said.

Lt. Gen. Donny Wurster, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, presented the bedridden, post-op Airman with the Purple Heart and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

The only time Airman Eudy’s “eyes leaked,” as he put it, was when he offered tribute to his fellows who were wounded with him and to the Marines who had adopted him as one of their own.

They adopted him, as they do all special operations battlefield Airmen, because despite their high-operations tempo, these Airmen seamlessly integrate with their sister service brothers.

## Keesler roots

Senior Airman Alex Eudy’s combat weather training began at Keesler, home of the Department of Defense’s only weather training schoolhouse.

Airman Eudy was enrolled in the weather forecaster apprentice course from Sept. 27, 2004, to May 4, 2005.

He returned for the combat weather team operations course, Sept. 24 to Nov. 14, 2007.

“We’re in the field in direct contact with enemy fighters and friendly air assets, keeping them abreast of real-time conditions on the target,” said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Gilbert, 10th Combat Weather Squadron operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

Despite the months of painful healing, rehabilitation and reliance on others, he is not dissuaded.

“Wallowing in sorrows doesn’t do anybody any good,” Airman Eudy said. “I’m not out of the fight. This is just a different kind of fight.”

He approaches his recovery just like any other mission.

“Just like we pack our gear for a mission, I know what’s going on with my treatment,” he said. “I’m packing my tools for a different battlefield. As a patient, I’ll never be uneducated. I’ll know my treatment options and medications.”

He hopes his recovery leads him to the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Airman Eudy said there is a chance he won’t return to duty as a fully functioning and deployable special operations weather team member. Regardless, his special tactics brethren offer unflinching support to Airman Eudy and his family. That camaraderie, seemingly forged in the DNA of special tactics Airmen, will carry Airman Eudy down the road to recovery, he said.

“They become your family and families intertwine,” Airman Eudy said. “In special tactics, you’re held to a higher calling. It’s something more that protects you, not only on the battlefield, but on the home front as well.”

Time will tell whether Airman Eudy wins his battle to regain his former mobility. Vast challenges lay ahead, but Alex Eudy — Airman, warrior, friend — is keeping his eyes forward to win the next battle.

# **TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES**

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## **MGCCC registration**

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center is conducting online pre-registration for its spring semester which begins Monday.

Late registration continues through March 5.

Current students may preregister at <http://www.mgccc.edu>.

All new students planning to register must have a scheduled appointment time.

For assistance or to schedule an appointment, call 376-8477.

## **CCAF graduation**

Friday 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 AFir Force Base, Ala., including the nomination action request.

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

## **William Carey**

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

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](mailto: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>.



# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Open wide

Staff Sgt. Jason Ware, 81st Dental Squadron dental technician, helps Adeline Streeter brush "Bugsy Malone's" teeth Monday at McBride Library in observance of National Children's Dental Health Month. The 1-year-old's parents are 2nd Lt. John and Emily Streeter, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron. Tech. Sgt. Caroline Bunce, a registered dental hygienist, brought the puppet to demonstrate healthy dental habits, and special story times and projects emphasized dental health.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Sergeant Higgins



Sergeant Boggs



Colonel Taylor

## Medics earn 5 Air Force awards

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group recently earned five Air Force Medical Service awards for 2008.

The **81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron Pharmacy Flight** was named the top team in the pharmacy awards.

**Tech. Sgt. Jill Higgins**, 81st Dental Squadron, won the non-commissioned officer dental award.

**Master Sgt. David Boggs**, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, was selected in the NCO category as global health person of the year.

**Lt. Col. Christine Taylor**, 81st MDOS, was selected for the field grade nursing service award.

**Capt. Robert Colella**, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, was chosen in the perioperative nurse category.



Captain Colella

## IN THE NEWS

### Death notification

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, regrets to announce the death of Tech. Sgt Brenda Gibbs, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Any person or persons with claims for or against her estate, call 2nd Lt. Yvonne Sparks, summary court officer, 377-5549.

### DOD identifies Air Force casualty

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials here announced the name of an Airman who died supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis, 28, of Aberdeen, Wash., died Friday near Bagram, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device.

He was assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

### African-American History Month

Keesler's remaining African-American History Month events are:

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

**Saturday** — gospel concert, 6-9 p.m., Triangle Chapel.

### 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.



# Bronze Star,

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skill or event," he pointed out.

Rather than just having the students perform an action or event, "our instructors give them an actual combat situation in which they will be using the mental and physical strength gained while here at Keesler to keep them and their teammates alive, when their real world mission doesn't go according to plan, machine gun fire and (rocket propelled grenades) are going off around them and the enemy is starting to surround them," Sergeant Spurlin explained.

Sergeant Spurlin served with Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha 3313, Special Operations Task Force 33, from August 2007 to February 2008. The detachment routinely deployed through the Kunar Province to conduct missions intended to capture or kill ene-



Courtesy photo

**Sergeant Spurlin wore traditional Afghan garb as a special forces operative.**

mies of the government.

Sergeant Spurlin deployed on more than 50 combat missions and served as the subject matter expert on all aircraft



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Col. Prince Gilliard, left, 81st Training Group commander, presents Sergeant Spurlin's Bronze Star at Friday's drill down.**

and close air support capabilities.

He was recognized for countering the improvised explosive device threat to the detachment by coordinating

electronic warfare burns along main approach avenues. He also served as an MK-19 ear gunner for detachment operations and was the primary conduit for all fire support for preplanned and emergency close air support.

During the Waturpor Valley operation, where the enemy was closing in on the assault element, he used the AC-130 gunship to neutralize the enemy threat, allowing the assault element to block access to the objective out of contact. He also controlled close air support as the detachment engaged enemy attacking of a second objective. The ordnance dropped by the close air support under his control destroyed 10 to 15 enemy elements engaging coalition forces.

During Operation Stalking Wolf, he identified and destroyed a cave complex that was used by enemy surveillance operatives that observed and attacked coalition forces.

# Keesler Chapel claims command recognition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Keesler Chapel has been honored as the most outstanding large chapel in Air



**Senior Airman Rudolph Richards and other chapel staff teamed up with 81st Training Group "white ropes" to paint a house damaged during Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi.**

Education and Training Command for 2008.

The chapel staff, led by Chaplain (Col.) Richard Dunn, 81st Training Wing chaplain, consists of 23 chapel staff members, 300 volunteers and 11 contractors who serve 88,650 personnel. Seven of the chapel's military members were deployed during the year.

In addition to 520 annual worship gatherings and 21 community-building events, the chapel hosted 220 activities at two airman ministry centers — the Fishbowl Student Center and The Haven for permanent-party Airmen.

Through reorganization of the two centers, 10 new weekly events were introduced and six new small groups were formed with a 500 percent attendance increase. The chapel even conducted three worship services while students and permanent party members were sheltered during Hurricane Gustav.

More than 7,000 nonprior service Airmen were trained on religious respect and accommodation with increased understanding of constitutional rights.

The religious support team doubled participation in the "white rope" student leader



**Retiree Valerie Boswell and the gospel choir perform last July at the 37th anniversary celebration of Keesler's gospel service.**

Photos by Kemberly Groue

program to 221. The chapel's SafeTALK program rescued three from suicide and trained more than 400 students in suicide intervention.

The chapel initiated leadership lunches which bolstered student interaction with base leaders and reached out with Thanksgiving and Christmas programs that matched 152 Airmen with 55 host families for the holidays.

Revamped religious education programs increased Protestant attendance 30 percent and Catholic participation 100 percent. Beyond the chapel's

Christian communities, Keesler hosted 200 Jewish worshippers during the High Holy Days, provided a 24-hour Muslim prayer room and accommodated three Buddhist members and 24 Wiccan members.

The chapel reached out into the surrounding community by beautifying two Biloxi elementary schools during Make a Difference Day, contributing \$12,000 to local organizations and restoring three storm-damaged homes.

Other ministries and programs offered included the National Breakfast, luncheons

for military training leaders and chaplains, ecumenical worship, pie socials and pancake suppers, Super Bowl Sunday and March Madness gatherings, Fall Festival and Vacation Bible School for children, Christian summer festival concert, Patriot Day memorial service, Stephen Ministry, Catholics Seeking Christ and Latter Day Saints home evenings.

The chapel also supported Special Olympics, Boy Scout Jamboree, Christmas in the Park, Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade and Gulf Coast Cleanup.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

## AFPC team gives briefings Friday

Air Force Personnel Center "Spread the Word" briefings are 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday at Welch Auditorium.

The briefing provides information on personnel issues and delivery transformation and allows 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 and deployment experts, who are available for questions after the briefings.

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

## 2009 selection boards

**March 9** — 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** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

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

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

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

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

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

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

## 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.

The survey gives NCOs a voice in their own career advancements. It's used in the professional development guide in 2011 and to develop 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.

## Deployment data deleted

### Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Deployment history data is now deleted from duty qualification briefs for officer selection and preselection and from senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs.

This total-force initiative applies to all active-duty members, Reserve and Guard personnel for management level reviews and officer and enlisted central selection boards. For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

## New policy expedites civilian hiring

### Air Force Personnel Center

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

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

# Total Force Service Center offers one number for personnel needs

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Members of the total force — regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and retired Airmen — now have one central phone number for personnel questions.

Air Force members can call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

This number is already familiar to Airmen who call the Air Reserve Personnel Center Contact Center in Denver — it's a change for Airmen who call the toll-free number currently assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center in San Antonio.

The single number is a first

step toward the TFSC concept. This concept provides Airmen seamless access to personnel information and services regardless of the organization or system actually providing it. With this single number, the ARPC and AFPC contact centers become virtually connected, making it easier for all Airmen to reach their needed personnel services.

Airmen dialing in are routed to either San Antonio or Denver, depending on the selections they make from the updated menu options.

"This is just one more example of how we are providing smarter and better personnel services to our total force," said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, AFPC commander. "Technology is allowing us to interface with our Airmen or commanders when they want to work personnel actions,

without the Airmen ever leaving their homes or offices."

When calling from outside the U.S., dial the toll-free AT&T direct access number for the country they are located, then dial 1-800-525-0102. Direct access numbers are found at [http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial\\_guide.jsp](http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp).

There's no change for individuals with hearing impairments. They can still reach the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and AFPC's Personnel Systems Operations Control Center and ask employment questions, by calling the Telephone Device for the Deaf number, 1-800-382-0893 or 1-210-565-2276.

For answers to many personnel questions, log on to <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

**Volunteer — get connected.**

# Kyrgyzstan finalizes decision to close Manas

Air Force News Service

MANAS Air Base, Kyrgyzstan — Friday, the government of the Kyrgyz Republic finalized the decision to close Manas Air Base, after seven years of support to operations in Afghanistan.

Following a vote Feb. 19 by the Kyrgyz Parliament to close the base, the president signed the law and the formal diplomatic notification was delivered to the U.S. Ambassador

Friday. Coalition forces now have 180 days to vacate and close the base.

“We have always recognized that Manas Air Base operates only with the express permission of the sovereign government of the Kyrgyz Republic,” said Col. Christopher Bence, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. “We will comply and move our operations within the prescribed timeline. It has

been an honor and privilege for all coalition personnel to serve in Kyrgyzstan over the past seven years. We will dearly miss the friends we have made and cherish the opportunities in which we have been able to help our neighbors.”

Since it stood up in December 2001, shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, Manas has served as the premier air mobility hub for the International

Security Assistance Force and coalition military forces operating in Afghanistan. The around-the-clock missions include aerial refueling, airlift and airdrop, aeromedical evacuation and support for coalition personnel and cargo transiting in and out of Afghanistan.

“(Manas Air Base) is an important base for operations in Afghanistan, but it’s not irreplaceable,” Pentagon spokes-

man Bryan Whitman told reporters here Feb. 19. “If it’s not available to us, we’ll find other means.”

The United States pays \$17.4 million a year to use the base. The United States and Kyrgyzstan signed a “protocol of intentions” in 2006 that allowed the United States to renew the arrangement in one-year increments through July 2011.

About 15,000 people and 500 tons of cargo transit through Manas each month. About 1,000 troops, most of them American, but some from France and Spain, are assigned to the base.

President Barack Obama authorized 17,000 more troops this week to reinforce international forces in Afghanistan, and Mr. Whitman said there will be no disruption in current or future operations there.

“The announcements we made are going to go forward with no disruption,” he said.

Maj. Damien Pickart, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs, and Army Staff Sgt. Michael Carden, American Forces Press Service, contributed to this report

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keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil)



## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Senior Airman Alexandro Meza

**Unit** — 81st Medical Operations Squadron

**Position** — health service management, pediatric flight

**Time in Air Force** — two years, eight months

**Time at Keesler** — two years, four months

**Hometown** — El Paso, Texas

**Noteworthy** — made 107 kills in one online game session, playing Headquarters on Call of Duty-World at War.

**What are your short- and long-term goals** — short-term, to make staff sergeant on my first attempt; long-term, graduate from college.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — This country



Photo by Steve Pivnick

offers various opportunities to better myself. Serving in the Air Force was the top choice.

**What's your favorite quote?** — "Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it." – Benjamin Franklin

## DIAMOND NOTES

Inappropriate cell phone usage while operating a vehicle on the installation will result in a 7-day, 30-day, or 1-year loss of base driving privileges for military members and civilians.



Chief Master Sgt. Charles Gallaher, 81st Comptroller Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Feb. 27, 1942

Keesler's first airplane mechanics class graduated.

## Shredding documents can protect personal data.

For an appointment to use a shredder,  
call the 81st Communications Squadron records management section, 377-2571.  
The base privacy act manager investigates complaints and violations  
of the Air Force Privacy Act, Air Force Instruction 33-332.  
If you think a violation has occurred, call 377-2286.

# 29 medics chosen for promotion

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Twenty-nine Keesler medical and dental officers are among the 84 lieutenant colonels, 164 majors, and 326 captains in the Air Force on the promotion list announced Feb. 19.

The boards considered 531 lieutenant colonels, 568 majors and 335 captains for promotion.

### To major

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Edith Cullen and Albert Yu.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Aaron White.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Christopher Gerlach.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Rhodora Beckinger, Kirk Hinkley IV, Karin Kemp, Kimberly Kross, Douglas Martin, James Mitchell, Suzie Nelson, Lee Ozaeta and James Steen.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — James Hartley, Ryan Hill, Kraig Kristof, Ryan McHugh and Michael Saccocci.

### To lieutenant colonel

**81st DS** — Stephanie Stouder.

**81st MDOS** — Rajesh Tuli.

**81st MSGS** — Keri Baacke, Eric Burdge, Chad Hamilton, Charles Leath III and Michael Morris.

### To colonel

**81st MSGS** — Anthony Propst.

**81st Medical Group** — David Bowers.



# Key Spouses

## New program bolsters support, communication

By Airman 1st Class David Salantri

Keesler News editor

Getting through difficult times has just become a little easier at Keesler.

Jan. 14, Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, signed the order starting the Key Spouse program on base. With this program, family members now have a place to turn for support.

“The Key Spouse program establishes an open, efficient communication link between the commander, first sergeant and families in the unit, and promotes family readiness,” said Jackie Pope, 81st Force Support Squadron

community readiness consultant.

Added Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, 81st TRW command chief, “As more and more Airmen from Keesler deploy, each unit that has a Key Spouse program will ensure regular and open communication between unit leaders and Airmen and their families.”

Once a spouse is appointed by the squadron commander and attends the training, that “key spouse” becomes the link between families and leadership. A key spouse does many things to support squadron families, such as welcoming incoming members and their families. Responsibilities include maintaining a family readiness roster

and offering assistance to families during times of crisis or difficulty.

Key spouses will also meet with and provide feedback to leadership.

“Air Force families sometimes face challenges while their loved ones are deployed,” said Chief Perry. “As families get to know each other, they can often share in supporting each other. Getting to know another spouse who has been around the Air Force and has been through more than one deployment helps our younger families see the positive examples of how our more experienced spouses and families cope with deployments.”



Those interested in becoming a key spouse should contact their squadron's first sergeant.

The next training date is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26 in Room 108B, Sablich Center.

An American is sexually assaulted every 2½ minutes.

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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

# Demographics report gives civilian overview

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center has published a demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's civilian force as of Dec. 31. Statistics are rounded to the nearest tenth.

## Total civilian strength

- There are 141,602 civilian employees — 77.6 percent are “white collar” and 22.4 percent are “blue collar”

## Citizenship

- 132,404 are U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals (10,187 are Air Force Reserve technicians)
- 9,196 are foreign nationals
- Two are other non-U.S. employees in the U.S. or a U.S. territory

## Age

- The average age is 46.7 years

## Length of service

- Average is 15.3 years

## Retirement eligibility

- 25 percent are eligible in more than 20 years
- 29.4 percent are eligible in 11 to 20 years

- 17.7 percent are eligible in six to 10 years
- 17.3 percent are eligible in one to five years
- 8.7 percent are eligible zero to five years ago
- 1.9 percent are eligible more than five years ago

## Gender

- 33 percent are female and 67 percent are male

## Race

- 1.1 percent reported their race to be American Indian or native Alaskan
- 5 percent reported their race as Asian
- 11.9 percent reported their race to be black or African American
- 0.3 percent reported their race to be native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- 70.3 percent reported their race as white
- 0.6 percent reported their race to be more than one of the categories
- 10.7 percent declined to report their race

## Ethnicity

“Hispanic or Latino” is considered an ethnic category registered separately and

in addition to the racial categories.

- 7 percent call themselves “Hispanic/Latino”
- 93 percent “not Hispanic/Latino”

## Overseas

- 10.9 percent is assigned overseas
- 40.5 percent are U.S. citizens including U.S. Nationals.
- 59.5 percent are local nationals

## Military service

- 3.1 percent are retired officers
- 16.4 percent are retired enlisted
- 29.5 percent have some military service (not retired)
- 50.9 percent have no military service

## Education (white collar)

- 25.3 percent have a bachelor's degree
- 18.2 percent have a master's degree and 2.1 percent have a doctorate or professional degree
- 22.7 percent have an associate's degree or have accumulated hours toward a bachelor's degree
- 28.5 percent have at least a high school education
- 1.4 percent have less than a high school diploma

## Education (blue collar)

- 3.9 percent have a bachelor's degree
- 0.3 percent have a master's degree
- 26.2 percent have associate's degree or hours toward a bachelor's degree
- 68.1 percent have at least a high school education or equivalent
- 1.3 percent have less than a high school diploma

## Developmental education

- 6,752 civilian employees have completed one or more military schools
- 3,779 have completed Squadron Officer School
- 3,542 have completed intermediate developmental education
- 2,125 have completed senior developmental education

## Executive-level training

- 312 employees have completed executive-level training
- 25 Congressional fellowship programs
- 259 executive and senior executive leadership
- 24 public administration graduate school
- 10 management graduate school





Airman Turknett



Sergeant Higgins



Sergeant Boggs



Sergeant Passman



Captain Stone

# Keesler honors top military, civilian performers of 2008

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing honored its top performers for 2008 at the annual awards banquet Feb. 19.

Winners are:

**Airman — Senior Airmen Christopher Turknett, 81st Security Forces Squadron.** Airman Turknett's job is noncommissioned officer in charge of police services, although he's still a three-striper. He also serves as desk sergeant, certified quality assurance evaluator for Keesler's gate guard contract and a member of Keesler's special weapons and tactics team. He was deployed as fire team leader to Camp Bucca, Iraq. He won the John Levitow Award for his Airman Leadership School class and was a distinguished graduate from the Air Force combat leaders course.

Airman Turknett organized the 2008 Law Enforcement Officer Association conference and served as Keesler's leader for Mississippi Blitz Weekend, a initiative targeting seatbelt use and drunken driving.

He was the unit's contact for Operation Hero, KaBOOM playground volunteer and Special Olympics security leader.

**Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Jill Higgins, 81st Dental Squadron.** Sergeant Higgins is the Air Force's Outstanding Dental NCO for 2008 and was instrumental in her unit earning Air Education and Training Command's top large dental clinic of the year honors. She managed a \$3 million National Institutes of Health project and published an article in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

Sergeant Higgins earned the academic achievement award and distinguished graduated recognition in her class at the Mathies NCO Academy. She organized a 12-member team for the Biloxi beach cleanup and was a volunteer for Special Olympics, Hearts from Home and Boy Scout Camporee.

**Senior NCO — Master Sgt. David Boggs, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.** Sergeant Boggs, a nuclear medicine technician, is in Afghanistan for a year as radiology program director to create an X-ray course. He's the Air Force's 2008 global health NCO of the year. At combat skills training, he served as team first sergeant and saved the life of a choking team member. He served as convoy commander for 200 missions and serves as the Air Force representative for the multi-service honor guard.

While deployed, he's completed 32 credit hours to full his bachelor's degree requirements through Touro University. He leads monthly enlisted calls and a 13-member community relations team that's assisted in distribution of toys and clothes to Afghan children.

**Company grade officer — Capt. Michael Stone, 335th Training Squadron.** As flight commander for force support training, Captain Stone also serves as an instructor and instructor supervisor for more than 300 personnel. He directed his squadron's highest student load — 130 classes and 2,000 students — while achieving a 99-percent graduation rate. The captain crafted a 49-day course in three months while 28-percent manned and graduated 57 officers ahead of schedule.

Captain Stone directed the nerve center for Special Olympics and the command center for the Boy Scout Camporee. He led a squadron/local business team effort to deliver two meals a day for three months at a senior center with an inoperable elevator and served as project officer for a community drive that supplied free baby products for new moms.

**First sergeant — Master Sgt. Scott Passman, 81st Force Support Squadron.** Sergeant Passman served as the medical task force first sergeant for more than 1,100 forces at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. He oversaw a revamped process that cut in-processing time in half and bolstered a 98 percent survival rate.

He mentored an Airman Leadership School class on leadership principles and techniques. During Hurricane Gustav, he ensured



returning evacuees had a place to stay, supplied shelter support and maintained accountability.

Sergeant Passman is president of Keesler's first sergeant council and established a similar organization at Bagram, serving as vice president. He led an annual golf fundraiser for Project Cheer and assisted a local school with a campus beautification project.

**Honor guard airman — Airman 1st Class Rupert Laco, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.** During his six-month honor guard rotation, Airman Laco performed more than 60 funerals and

20 color guard details and helped train more than 30 new honor guard members. He helped organize and train for the successful alpha rotation graduation.

**Honor guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Jose Ramos, 338th Training Squadron.** In his 90-day honor guard rotation, Sergeant Ramos performed in more than 35 funerals and 15 color guard detail. He helped train new honor guard members and developed and implemented a new honor guard database that tracks every detail, man hours, miles traveled and price of detail for every HG member, saving more than 200 man hours a month for data entry.

**Civilian category 1 — Trudy Davis, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.** As a tumor registrar, Ms. Davis led a flawless 81st Medical Group cancer program accreditation and coordinated an American College of Surgeons inspection visit. She wrote a memorandum of understanding between the 81st MDG and the 14th MDG at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., for which she serves as the primary technical consultant for more than 120 cases. She updated operation instructions and educated pathologists on new regulations and briefed more than 20 health care providers on the tumor registry's standards of care. She spearheaded more than a hundred urgent requests from 15 other facilities, expediting critical diagnosis validations.

Ms. Davis planned two squadron farewells and volunteers with the Purvis Unity Youth Group, Girl Scouts and Gulfport Job Corps.

**Civilian category 2 — Steven Walls, 338th Training Squadron.** Mr. Walls was promoted to a training specialist position in the ground radar flight after being recognized as a premier instructor in the network infrastructure systems training flight. He taught 1,035 hours with no failures and 61 of 179 students on the honor roll. He served as lead data base manager and developed a resource estimate to acquire training equipment valued at \$300,000 which was vital to cyber transformation. He merged two

texts into one to create an easy-to-use study guide. He created an orientation lesson with real-world photos of deployed Airmen to motivate more than 600 students annually.

Mr. Walls is a Boy Scout leader, Special Olympics volunteer and a key supporter and fundraiser for high school and community college bands.

**Civilian supervisor category 1 — Jamey Simmons, 81st Force Support Squadron.** As student assignments chief, Ms. Simmons managed 6,433 new assignments and 5,380 permanent change of station departures. She provided monthly training to military training leaders on personnel changes and developed an automated assignment management tool to streamline processes that was lauded by Air Education and Training Command.

Ms. Simmons is a commentator and Eucharistic minister at her church and has been actively involved with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Cadet Point Senior Village, Hearts from Home, Homes of Grace and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Civilian supervisor category 2 — Kimberly Adams, 81st Training Support Squadron.** Ms. Adams was referred to as a "force multiplier" for performing the jobs performed by several people at other bases — training development element chief, training manager and training requestor quota identifier. She revamped quotas, added 40 instructors, cut waiting time for training and booster the number of graduates, moving the 81st Training Group to the best "students awaiting training status" of seven technical training bases. Director of 13 courses, she was named the squadron's outstanding performer during the 2008 standards/evaluations inspection.

Ms. Adams led an 11-member breast cancer fundraising team, helped to raise \$30,000 for Parent Teacher Association, tutored elementary school students and co-chaired a school's fall fun day. She also completed her first walking marathon.



Airman Laco



Sergeant Ramos



Ms. Davis



Mr. Walls



Ms. Simmons



Ms. Adams



# Be a quitter — help to kick the tobacco habit

By Maj. (Dr.) Colleen Kersgard

81st Medical Operations Squadron

You know you should quit. You want to quit. But you don't know how or you need help.

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron's hematology/oncology clinic is sponsoring a "Kick the Habit" seminar targeting individuals who want to quit their addiction to nicotine, either smoking or smokeless tobacco, 1-2:30 p.m. March 27 in the clinic.

Quitting tobacco can be very difficult, especially when it is part of an upbringing, part of a culture, part of daily habits or part of stress relief. It takes most people many attempts to quit, but it's possible to succeed. There are more than 45 million adults in the United States who used to smoke. The goal of this seminar is to educate participants on the benefits of quitting and provide them with the tools needed to succeed.

Why should you quit? Tobacco use in any form such as cigarettes, chew, pipes and cigars is harmful to your health. Tobacco use is the most preventable cause of death in the United States and is responsible for more than 440,000 deaths per year.

Most people know tobacco use causes lung cancer, but it is also a significant risk factor for cancer of the esophagus, kidney, stomach, pancreas, larynx, mouth, nose, sinuses, bladder and blood. Smoking doesn't just cause cancer — it also causes heart disease, stroke, bronchitis and emphysema. The single most important thing people can do for their health is to quit tobacco use.



Many people ask what it will take to quit. It takes a plan, support and lots of hard work. You should spend about a week identifying when, where and why you use tobacco. Write it down, then figure out what to do during that time instead, such as go for a walk, chew gum, call a friend or write in a journal.

Have a plan in place so that when the craving hits and you'll know what to do until it passes. You may have to change your daily activities, routines or even your acquaintances in order to succeed.

To attend the "Kick the Habit" seminar, call 376-3845.



# Help NASA name next space station module



## Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — NASA is asking the public to help name the International Space Station's next module — a control tower for robotics in space and the world's ultimate observation deck.

Eight refrigerator-sized racks in the Node 3 module will

provide room for many of the station's life support systems. Attached to the node is the cupola, a one-of-a-kind workstation with six windows around the sides and one on top. The cupola will offer astronauts a spectacular view of their home planet and their home in space. In addition to

providing a perfect location to observe and photograph Earth, the cupola also will contain a robotics workstation from which astronauts will be able to control the station's 57-foot robotic arm.

Individuals can vote for the module's name online, choosing one of four NASA sugges-

tions — Earthrise, Legacy, Serenity or Venture — or writing in a name. Submissions are accepted through March 20.

The name should reflect the spirit of exploration and cooperation embodied by the space station and follow in the tradition set by Node 1, named "Unity," and Node 2, named "Harmony."

The winning name is announced at the Node 3 unveiling April 28 at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The node is scheduled to arrive at Kennedy April 20 and is targeted for launch in late 2009.

For more information, to submit a name and to view pictures of the node and cupola, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/namenode3>.

For additional information about the International Space Station, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/station>.

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

## Periodontal patients

The dental clinic 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, 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.

## Airman's Attic

The Top III needs volunteers to support Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with free basic household supplies.

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

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

## Lost and found

For lost and found property, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



**Got a news tip for the Keesler News?**

**Call 377-4130, 3837 or 9966.**

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 numbers,  
bank account number  
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.

## Experts share tips for boating safety

### Safety office

Each year, many Team Keesler members and their families take to the water for pleasure boating, sailing, fishing, water skiing or just cruising.

Operating a boat requires concentrated skill and a keen sense of awareness in the boat and on the water.

A clear head and a responsible outlook are necessary to make a day on the water smooth and safe.

Here are tips to ensure your fun:

**Take** a boating safety course.

**Talk** to the boat dealer and read your owner's manual to learn as much as you can before operating your boat.

**Understand** the safe operation of your craft, including throttle control and handling.

**Start slowly** and get comfortable operating your boat. When trying new maneuvers or learning a new skill, operate at half-throttle or less.

**Know** how to swim, and make sure everyone on the boat wears a life jacket or personal floatation device.

**The captain** is responsible for the safety of passengers, water skiers, swimmers, anglers and others in nearby boats who may be affected by his boat and its wake.

**The captain** should be the designated driver and abstain from alcohol in order to safely drive the boat and its passengers to shore. He's also responsible for

assuring that the crew and passengers follow the rules of the sea and drink responsibly.

**Alcohol's effects** are increased on the water. Studies show it takes just one-third of the alcohol a person would consume on land to make them intoxicated on a boat. Passengers should consume only one drink or less per hour and shouldn't drink on an empty stomach or when taking medication.

**Carry** safety equipment, such as floatation devices, flares, a foghorn or whistle, a strong flashlight, a first aid kit and a bailing bucket.

**Carry** extra fuel in an approved, safe container.

**Obey** waterway laws, speed limits and wake restrictions. Use defensive driving techniques and slow down in crowded waters.

**Be aware** that weather can change rapidly over water; wind and waves can kick up quickly.

**Don't exceed** a boat's maximum passenger or load capacity. Distribute the load evenly.

**On a small boat**, insist that passengers stay seated.

**If the boat** capsizes, have passengers stay with it.

**Don't jump** boat wakes or cross the paths of oncoming boats.

**Let someone know** the destination and estimated time of return. In case of an emergency, they'll know where to send help.

### Boater education

In Mississippi, anyone born after June 30, 1980 must complete a boating safety course to operate a boat. Persons under 12 years old must be accompanied by a person 21 or older on board to operate the boat.

A six-hour instructor taught course is available for groups which is accepted nationwide. Home-study or Internet courses are available for persons who are unable to attend this course. Most insurance companies honor these courses by offering reductions in insurance premiums.

These Internet boating courses are approved and accepted by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Operators of boats or personal water craft must have proof of successful course completion to operate a boat or PWC in state public waters. Other states may not accept these courses.

**Boat-Ed** — [http://www.boated.com/ms/ms\\_internet.htm](http://www.boated.com/ms/ms_internet.htm)

**Boater Exam** — <http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/mississippi/>

**PWC Safety School** — <http://www.pwcsafety.school.com/mississippi/index.html>

**Boat US** — [http://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/states/ed\\_requirements\\_map.asp?State=MS](http://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/states/ed_requirements_map.asp?State=MS)

For more information, call 1-601-432-2181 or log on to <http://www.mdwfp.com>



# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser

(as of Feb. 16)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	100	40
Perry's Refrigeration	98	42
DOG Squad	91	49
Slater's Shooters	78	62
Hit 9 Get 9	77	63
Robbie's Rejects	76	64
Wrong Foot Forward	72	68
Our Gang	72	68
Sandy's Gang	70	70
Man On!	70	70
All Screwed Up	67	73
Martini's	67	73
Pot Luck	66	74
Ricky's Rookies	64.5	75.5
Team 18	57	83
Hoops Gang	57	83
Team 12	57	83
Why Not	54	86
Unpredictables	45	95

### Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of Feb. 11)

Team	Won	Lost
Dee's Crew	87	53
Wild Gang	84	56
Any Takers	71	69
Clyde's Crew	71	69
Neighbors Plus 1	71	69
Ichi Ban	70	70
Team 6	67	73
MUDD	65	75
70s Plus	59	81
Guys and Dolls	55	85

### Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of Feb. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	88	52
Kitty and Kats	87	53
Team 12	82	58
Team 16	77	63
TBB Express	71	69
Three's Company	70.5	69.5
Team 14	70	70
Team 13	69	71
Team 5	67	73
Two He's and a She	67	73
Team 8	66	74
2 Kings and A Queen	63	77
Team 11	63	77
CHMATO	62	78
3-70s Plus	60	80
Lucky Trio	55.5	84.5

### Friday Night Mixed

(as of Feb. 13)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	92	48
Frustrated	89	51
Sandbaggers	75	65
We Take Ugly	71	69
Lady and the Tramps	70	70
The Strikers	70	70
Fun Timers	69	71
Mixed Nuts	66	74
3 Guys and a Babe	65	75
Pin Busters	60	80
Pin Pals	59	81
Beyond Control	54	86

## Other

**Open Sundays** — 1-6 p.m.

**Registration** — continues for Keesler Youth Bowling Association at Gaudé Lanes. Any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible. League meets 9:30 a.m.

Saturdays. Instruction available. For more information, including fees, call 377-2817.

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

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

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

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

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

**Birthday party package** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

## Fitness centers

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

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

**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.

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

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

**Wall of Fame** — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each month, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes for men, 10 for women. Set record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

## Golf

**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.

**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

**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.

## GRADUATIONS

### Mathies NCO Academy Class 09-2

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Scott Andersen (distinguished graduate).

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Casey Morris.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Joseph Gadson and Christopher Yarbrough.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Mayisha Johnson.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Mario Cooper.

**81st Training Group** — Tech. Sgt. Florida Knowles.

**334th Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. John Burgess (distinguished graduate), Ishasia Love-Murphy and Jonas Paterno.

**336th TRS** — Tech. Sgts. Matthew Land and Felix Rodriguez (distinguished graduate and academic achievement).

### Airman Leadership School Class 09-2

**81st Dental Squadron** — Senior Airman Ashly Woody.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Senior Airmen Naicema Colon, Pamela Rose, Kimberly Sylvester (distinguished graduate), Zachary Derringer, Naronksuk (Levitow Award) and Joshua Whicker.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Brian Greer.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Johnathan Clark, Valerie O'Keefe, Kristopher Iovieno (class first sergeant and leadership award) and Jennifer White.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Nicole Allums, Tony Hannah, Joshua Henderson and Aimee Winters.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airmen Joseph Gee; Staff Sgt. Jose Orama-Natal (class commander).

**81st Supply Squadron** — Senior Airman Aaron Jenkins.

**334th Training Squadron** — Senior Airmen Brandon Smith, Mindy Fisher and Justine Killian (academic award).

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Christopher Adams, Joshua Ainslie, Kenneth Argenbright, Andrew Avery, May Azcarraga, Daniel Barahona-Rojas, Christopher Basciano, Paul Borja, Phillip Burnette, Remington Burnette, John Burns, Arthur Cardenas, Zackary Chaussee, Terrell Cheeks, Bryan Coffin, Trent Cole, John Conafay, Evan Corzine, Richard Crumley, Christopher Culver, Jimmy Dalzell, Duane Davis, Matthew Day, Jon DelGado, Jose DeJesus, Brent Desouza, Ryan Downey, Peirce Duffey, Mark Eicher, Corey Farnam, Joshua Farrally, Joel Fitzgerald, Corey Fowlkes, Steven Fox, Derek Fulton, Allen Garlock, Aaron Gibbs, Anthony Gilbert, Alexis Gonzalez, Solomon Green, Adam Hassan, Arthur Hatch, Jake Hysell, Dallas Johnson, Aaron Kempf, Rajab Kigembe, Christopher Kronmewetter, Benjamin Lockwood, Jonathan Lovell, Stuart Lunsford, Ian Matson, James Mautz, Devin McMillen, Crystal Mendoza, David Montroy, Bradley Mowery, Kenneth Noel, Ronald Osborn, Robert Padgett, Lisa Perez, Cheylene Pollard, Bobby Price, Jerome Punderson, Thomas Purtell, Michael Ramirez, Aaron Ratcliff, Thomas Reed, Justin Rhoads, Ronald Rouse, Riley Roy, Stephen Sanchez, Joshua Schickedanz, Stephen Semple, Machek Sherepa, Joshua Snow, Gerald Sornsen, Jose Soto, Tyler Swanson, Richard Synger, Clayton Taylor, Nicholas Wellenbrock and William Welsh; Airmen Jared Bennett, Douglas Bohl, Adam Bushman, Truth Clark, Timothy Clingan, Roman DeLaGarza, Cody Fehrer, Nolan Geiser, Austin Gordon, Nathanael Guy, Paul Hendrick, Nicholas Holpuch, Woodrow Keith, James Lee, Gregory Miller, Christopher Miscisin, Charles Potter, Jacob Rutter, Larry Washington, Matthew Wilson and Jared Zeiders; Airmen 1st Class Peder Aarness, Christopher Adams, Joshua Adams, Zachary Annas, Joncristofer Boam, Justin Boggess, Kyle Bradford, Douglas Brummund, Maresa Chearsamran, Javier

Cintron-Rodriguez, Kelvin Ciprian, David Clarkson, Darryl Fancher, Curtis Floyd, Reginald Graves, Keith Green, Daniel Guy, Andre Harmon, Kool Havis, Nathaniel Hayden, Zachary Holten, Christopher Howell, Autumn Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Nickolas Jones, William Keeley, Cody Keller, Alexander Lane, Jeremy Letsche, Michael Lewis, Adam Lichtenberg, Eric Litteken, Richard Marsteller, Justin Martin, Annette Martinez, Andrew Mathes, Thomas Mayotte, Hillary Miller, Joshua Mitchell, Ryan Mowen, Thorval Munksgaard, Matthew Murphy, Jose Negron-Hernandez, Michael Niu, Aaron Oliver, Cory Paya, Rachel Phillips, Rafe Pierce, William Prothro, Jonathan Quezada, Fernando Raffucci, Eric Sanborn, John Saringo, Herson Segovia, Nicholas Shelley, Stephen Stenseth, George Tarifa, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Walden, Darren West, Michael Williams, Paul Williams and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Dwyndol Dagner, Jason Geeo, Keith Hendershot, Shad Hines, Delandon Jackson, Marvin Moreland, Joshua Reid, Casey Robinson, Brian Turner and Shawn Whitney; Staff Sgts. Shaikhan AlSubhi, Charles Barkheimer, Antonio Butler, Paul Deforge, Rob Fiscus, Joel Geddings, Jules Guidry, Kristin Layton, Nicholas Leuschen, Allen Reaves, David Ritsema, Cirilo Silva, Michael Sistrunk, Thai Ton, Elijah Vo and Brandon Wall; Tech. Sgts. George Chi, Jeffrey DeNotter, Matthew McCoy, Tyson Scholes and Eric Wiley; Master Sgts. Michael O'Connor, and Kirk Winslow.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Mason Poll and Cody Samuels; Airman John Tullus. Airmen 1st Class Justin Condon, Lawrence Morris, Willie Rouse and Kenneth Schulze.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Sarah Coressel, Garrett Lee and Natalie Untalan; 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.

## 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 Chapel .....11:15 a.m.

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Weekday Mass

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

#### Ash Wednesday

Triangle Chapel .....11:15 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.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Jeremy Convery, Ricardo Diaz-DeLeon, Sean Evans, Michael Giammo, Michael Peak, Gary Richard and David Shaw; Airmen Kristopher Barrientes, Kelsey Buis, Cherrelle Collins and Julia Fomina; Airmen 1st Class Carlos Esguerra, Gregory Hamlin, Alfred Lee, Michael Millar, Petra Reid and Douglas Vice; Senior Airmen Ryan Ferguson, Joshua Krueger, Austrie Martinez, Elisabeth Peshek and Patrick Salmon; Staff Sgts. Rasheem Cephas, Martin Hanley, Jolynn Howse, Jose Martinez, Howard McGriff, Bradford Myers and Larry Salmon; Tech. Sgt. Tamesha Rayes; Master Sgt. Amanda Colvin.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airman Basic Chayne Vandezande; Airman Justin Hayes; Airman 1st Class Michael Wray.

**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 Raeann 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 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

**Airfield systems** — Airmen Basic Mark Babjak, David Brackett, Robert Mitchell and Jaqueline Willson; Airman Dennis Kim; Airman 1st Class Caleb Toney.

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

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Herman Hoffman and Anthony Thornton; Airmen 1st Class Larry Bigner, Bryan North and Troy Sanders; Staff Sgt. Anthony Mutchler.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Zachary Donelson, Justin James, Spencer Jett and James Owen; Airman Joshua Waggoner; Airman 1st Class KJ Kohl; Staff Sgts. Keith Melvin and Stephen Pragovich; Senior Master Sgt. James Hunter; Donald Miller and Edward Williams.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-3** — graduation April 1.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-3** — graduation 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.

**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.

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**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.

## 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 preschool, 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.

## 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.

**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

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# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

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

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

## Friday

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

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

## Saturday

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

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

## Sunday

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

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

## Monday

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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

## Wednesday

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

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

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 not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in

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

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](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

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

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

## MEETINGS

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

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

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

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

**Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail [Camoprincess92@gmail.com](mailto:Camoprincess92@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

**Company grade officers council** — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638.

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

**Keesler Christian Home Edu-cators Association** — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

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

**Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter** — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.net), or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

# 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 Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., My Bloody Valentine (R); 6:30 p.m., Gran Torino (R)

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Frost Nixon (R).

## March weather outlook

March, the first month of spring, is one of the wettest non-summer months of the year. A change in the type of frontal systems affecting Keesler usually occurs; those originating in the Pacific Ocean will increase, and the cold polar outbreaks and waves on fronts in the Gulf of Mexico will decrease in number. Squall lines and thunderstorms are common. Fog and stratus are less frequent and temperatures are warmer than in February.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....90

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....69

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....55

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....24

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....73

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....6.33

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....9

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....6

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....5.68

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

2,000 feet.....17.4

1,000 feet.....10.9

300 feet.....3.5

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

6 miles .....25.9

3 miles .....9.8

1 mile.....4.2

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

0-3 knots.....27.0

4-10 knots.....60.8

11-21 knots.....12.0

22 knots or greater.....0.2

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

## 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.



# If you like kids, earn \$ while serving base

By Earlene Smith  
81st Force Support Squadron

If you like children, are interested in supplementing your income and want to supply a much needed service for the Keesler community, becoming a family child care provider is right for you.

Family child care providers are in the business of providing care in their homes on or off-base, for children 2 weeks to 12 years of age. They're their own boss, choose their own working hours, set their own fees based on established guidelines and create their own personal contracts.

Their services are available to active duty military, guard or reservists on active duty and Department of Defense civilian employees and contractors.

Based on the large number of children needing care, and the shortage of child care facilities in the local area, family child care providers are in great demand.



Photo by Lisa Campbell

Mary Pleasant, center, family child care coordinator, conducts a training class for new family child care providers.

Becoming a family child care provider requires minimal out-of-pocket expenses.

Providers receive free training in safety, health, environment, physical development, cognitive development, communication, creativity, self-esteem social development, guidance, families and program management.

They also complete free training in subjects such as child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, record keeping, business management, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

All training is transferable from base to base, and has the

added advantage of enhancing the provider's own parenting skills.

Meals served to the children through the family child care program are reimbursed through the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program.

A free lending library is available with toys and equipment to set up the day care area.

There's no expense for advertising, as parents are referred to the licensed providers by the family child care staff. The professional staff also offers their support and guidance.

Where else can you stay at home with your own children, establish your own business with guaranteed results, receive free training that will benefit you the rest of your life, and have an opportunity to support the military mission?

For more information on how to become a provider, call 377-3189.

# H A P P E N I N G S

## ST. PATTY'S PARTY

### MARCH 17

Katrina Kantina  
opens at 3:30 p.m.

Green Beer!  
Door Prizes!

Free food starts  
at 5 p.m. for members,  
\$3 for nonmembers.

Karaoke  
with DJ Wayne!

377-2219



### Free 5K Run/Walk

3 p.m. at the Marina Park.

Sign up at 2 p.m. 377-4385



## 6th Annual Cruisin' Keesler



Cars ~ Trucks  
Bikes ~ Street Rods

Coming Sept. 26  
to marina park.

Enter your ride.  
Prizes awarded.

Sign up early at  
outdoor recreation.

For more information,  
call 377-3160.





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

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

**Breakfast** — now available 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.  
**Daily specials \$6.95** — 10:30 a.m. to close Mondays-work Fridays. Different menu daily. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m.  
**Punch card** — pick one up next time you visit. Purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth is free.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

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

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

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

**"UBU" specials for non prior service students** — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

**Free golf lessons for nonprior service students** — 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session. Bring your own clubs.

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

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

## DINING FACILITIES

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

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

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

## FITNESS

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

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

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

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

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

**Information on local and out of state attractions** — free brochures available.

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

**Free Disney World tickets** — stop by, call or log on for more information.

## INNS OF KEESLER

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

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

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

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## KATRINA KANTINA

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

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

**Monday madness lunch buffets** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$6 for members, nonmembers add \$2. Lunch specials include dessert and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth lunch special is free. March 2, fried catfish, corn on the cob, hushpuppies, and salad; March 9, pot roast, rice, gravy, green beans, salad, and rolls; March 16, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, and rolls; March 23, cabbage casserole, green beans, salad, and rolls; and March 30, stuffed chicken

breast, cornbread dressing, corn, salad, and rolls.

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

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

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

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

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

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

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

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

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

**Orientations for teens and older** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and March 10, 19, 23 and 29. Great for school research. Basic information about how to access, search, locate and save/use information in the Ebsco and Gale Group online databases.

**Story time** — 10:30 a.m. Monday for ages 3 and older. Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss. Children will make foot drawings and receive cookies to take home.

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

**Book displays** — March 16-20, books on Ireland in observance of St. Patrick's Day; March 23-27, Shakespeare display with topic Ides of March.

**Overdrive audio on-line book program** — individual person/family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. They work for 10 days. Some can be burned to a compact disk. Check with the library staff to get an account and instructions to access Overdrive.

**Rosetta stone online language learning center** — learn any of 30 foreign languages including Spanish. Check with the staff for information on how to log into an access account on a personal computer on Internet.

**Chief of staff professional military reading list** — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

**Library tours and orientations** — to schedule a tour of the library, call 377-2604.

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

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

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

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

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Note:** For more information, call 377-3160.

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

**St. Patrick's Day special** — March 17 wear green and receive a 10 percent discount on rental equipment.

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

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

**Back Bay fishing trips** — \$20 per person. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum six participants. Call for date and time.

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

**Dolphin II available for special occasions** — weddings, receptions, proposals, wine and cheese cruises, team building, overnight trips, sightseeing. Use your imagination; call for pricing.

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

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

**Rental campers** — one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. \$50 per day. Tow to your destination. Call for towing requirements.

**Recreational vehicle, boat, trailer storage** — \$20 monthly.

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

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

# ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

## OPEN HOUSE

4:30-7:30 P.M.  
MARCH 12 & 26

# DOOR PRIZES!

**MEET THE INSTRUCTORS**

Cooking Scrapbooking Mosaic Art  
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**TOUR THE SHOPS**

Multi-crafts Shop Frame Shop Wood Shop  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 377-2821.

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

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

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

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

### Specials

**St. Patrick's Day special** — Beginning Tuesday, customers can register to guess the number of jelly beans in our pot of gold, and register to guess the weight of our Blarney Stone. Pot of gold winner receives the pot of jelly beans. Blarney Stone winner receives a \$20 gift certificate to the arts & crafts center. Winners announced March 17.

**National write a letter of appreciation week** — Sunday-March 7. Stop by and write a letter of appreciation for your favorite staff member or take time to log on to ICE, the on-line Interactive Customer Evaluation application available at <http://www.keesler.services.us> and write appreciative comments.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Mosaic art** — one class, two sessions, 5:30 p.m. March 5 and 12. \$15 including all materials.

**Jewelry making** — 10:30 a.m. to noon March 28. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

### Frame shop

**Beginning framing** — one class, three sessions, 5:30 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26. \$60 per person. All classes should be attended for completion of your project. Please bring your favorite photograph or art work, no larger than 11 inches by 14 inches.

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

### Engraving shop

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

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

### Auto hobby shop

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

**Powder puff mechanics** — 5:30 p.m. March 12. \$10 per person. Mothers and daughters welcome.

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

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

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

**Vehicle storage lot** — store your vehicle with us when going TDY.

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

## Wood shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. March 6 and 20. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. March 7 and 21. \$20 including materials and tool use.

**Beginning woodworking** — March 11 and 25. \$25 including shop use and materials. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

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

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

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

## HELP WANTED

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

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

## RESALE LOT

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

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

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

**Free chess tournament** — Sunday-March 7. Active duty military only sign up by 5 p.m. today. Call for complete information.

**"UBU" house party** — 8 p.m. March 20. Nonprior service students pick up a UBU card, or show your current UBU card, and become eligible for prizes and giveaways. Those joining the Keesler Club become eligible for additional giveaways.

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

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

**Late night dances** — 6:30-midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. Non prior service students only.

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

**Nonprior service students webpage** — visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on Leon the chameleon for the "UBU" link to Services programs tailored especially for you.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

**Ms Chips** — youth identification program co-hosted with the airman and family readiness center.

**Image makers photo contest** — March 24-27, ages 5-18. Entries accepted through March 26. Judging March 27.

**American Red Cross babysitting course** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28, ages 11-15. \$45 payable at registration, by March 13. Maximum 10 participants. Bring a sack lunch. Children will be transported to and from the Red Cross facility in Gulfport.

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

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

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

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

**Military home schoolers** — meet monthly.

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

**Instructional classes** — 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Ages 3 and older for gymnastics, karate and children's theater. Guitar for ages 6 and older. All classes are \$50 per month. Call to register.

**Teen aviation camp** — applications available now. Call for more information.

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