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## Airmen supporting Airmen

Col. Christopher Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, signs an Air Force Assistance Fund pledge form for 2nd Lt. Laura Piranio, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, installation project officer. The drive continues through April 24. For a list of unit representatives, see Page 23.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## DOD plans sexual assault prevention campaign

By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Carden

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are working to prevent sexual assault not only in the military, but also throughout the nation, the department's top prevention expert said here March 6.

"It is our goal to develop a sexual assault prevention program that can be a benchmark for the nation," Kaye Whitley, director of the department's sexual assault prevention and response program, told members of the House Armed Services Committee's military personnel subcommittee.

The department's prevention efforts really only began in 2007, and its success will take more than just good ideas, Ms. Whitley said. Through joint efforts with private-sector experts and collaborative studies, the department realized that programs supported by legitimate research

will ensure the best results.

Those experts, Ms. Whitley said, have determined three points from the past year's research they think will improve prevention and response:

**Implementing** lasting prevention measures by using a framework that takes action at all levels of military society;

**Using** social marketing campaigns to link all of its efforts to prevent sexual assault; and

**Focusing** on using bystander intervention techniques to complement its efforts.

"The department believes that prevention can only occur with an organized, comprehensive approach that is based on research," Ms. Whitley said, noting that each of the services used these points to develop their own sexual assault prevention programs.

The department's strategy is built on what officials call the "spectrum of prevention," she said, a nationally recog-

nized framework that has been used in other campaigns throughout the country.

"The spectrum of prevention suggests that social harm can only be prevented by taking multiple actions at every level of society," she said. "The levels range from improving individual skills at the lowest levels to influencing policy at the highest."

The department will launch a marketing campaign featuring two public service announcements in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ms. Whitley said she hopes the campaign will persuade people to "behave in ways that improves their own personal welfare and that of society. The campaign makes it very clear that each military member has a moral duty to step up and take action to prevent sexual assault."

The initial campaign is designed to inform military members about the sexual

Please see **Prevention**, Page 9

## Taking care of our own

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

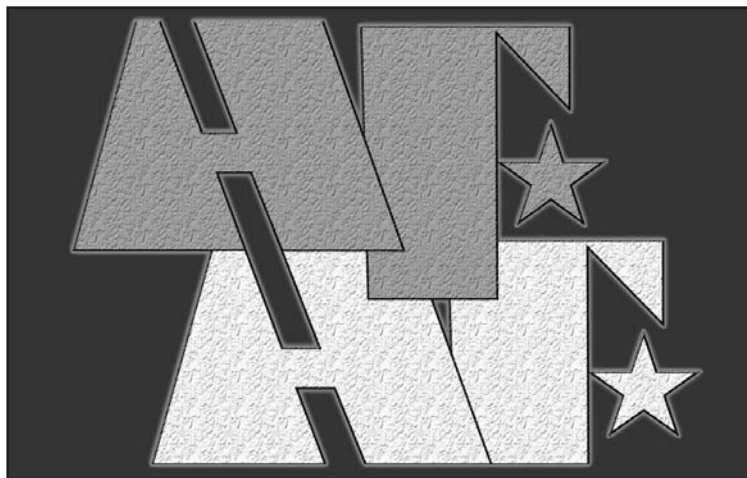
This week marks the start of Keesler's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. This is not to be confused with the fall's Combined Federal Campaign, which does an incredible amount of great things for charities across our community and across our nation. Rather, the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is targeted at Airmen helping Airmen.

The Air Force Assistance Fund was established to provide for an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to the Air Force family (active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and their dependents, including surviving spouses) in need.

These organizations are the the Air Force Village Foundation, the Air Force Aid Society, Inc., the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.

Information is available at <http://www.afassistancefund.org>

These organizations help Air Force people with aid in an emergency, with educa-



tional needs, or to have a secure retirement home for widows or widowers of Air Force members in need of financial assistance.

I urge each Airman to make the time to review the background on these organizations and make an informed decision on how you can help. In these tough economic times, there are many fellow Airmen as well as retirees, widowed spouses and families that need our help. For many, the assistance they receive from the AFAF is the principal source of help they will receive. Every gift ... regardless of how small

... is very significant.

Who benefits from your donation? It could be the indigent widow of a retired Airman who needs your help to stay housed and fed. It could be a fellow Airman who is in the midst of a financial crisis and needs some help. It could even be the victim of a hurricane who needs a cash grant to get back on their feet after the storm. Sound familiar? I'll bet you have heard of or know somebody who falls into one of these categories or who has benefitted from this great program!

## 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.

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).



As an Air Force family, it is important we take care of each other. Great wingmen always do! Big or small, each gift makes a difference to the fellow Airman who needs help. Frankly, I hope that each Airman on this base ... and those who have retired yet still are Airmen ... finds it within their means to contribute during this year's campaign. Yes, you read this right...even retirees can contribute! Retirees can contribute through a one-time gift of cash or check or by

payroll deduction from their retired pay.

You see, we are all part of the Air Force family and families take care of each other!

Keesler has been a huge beneficiary of this program and now's a great time for each Airman to reload the AFAF so it can continue its worthy causes. I challenge each Airman to give something ... no gift is too small ... every dollar is important! On behalf of your fellow wingmen, thanks for the assist!

## Finish strong with clear priorities, plan, fitness

By Lt. Col. Scott Solomon

333rd Training Squadron commander

During our last wing fun-run on the flight line, it was interesting to watch those who already finished the race versus those still running. Those who already finished were checking their watches for time, high-fiving their buddies, and encouraging those about to finish. While watching others finish, I saw that some maintained their pace while others sped up to finish strong. Then you had the ones that slowed down and coasted when the end was near ... they looked tired and defeated.

The need to finish strong has never been greater. As difficult as life has been for Airmen in the past, the changes and challenges we face today are relentless. War, fiscal constraints, tired infrastructure and doing more with less require everyone to finish strong in all they do. There are very few two-word statements in the English language that are so hard to accomplish, yet so simple and con-

cise in meaning. So how do we finish strong as we strive to overcome today's many challenges?

First, evaluate your priorities. It's hard to finish strong when your priorities are out-of-whack. How do you know when you need help? Feedback! Maybe you busted a deadline, blew a test or missed a family event. Your boss, family and friends can be good sources for instant feedback. Bottom line, if your priorities don't help you execute the mission and your plan, they need work.

Second, have a plan. As an executive officer on the air staff, I thought I had a good plan for my 12-month adventure. Work hard, stay late, get everything done. Late one night about a month into the job, my boss came up to me and said, "This job is not a sprint, it's a marathon. If you treat it like a sprint, you're not going to last very long." On his advice, I recalibrated my plan to pace myself for a strong finish. This worked well since the job turned into a 17-month marathon.

Lastly, stay fit. During that same time, one of the other directors who was once my wing commander said, "Whatever you do, carve time out of your day for fitness." I stated, "I don't have time." He said, "Make time." Working long hours, I learned quickly that fitness had to be part of my plan if I wanted to finish strong. The Air Force desires people who are physically, mentally, and spiritually fit. It benefits you and those around you.

Many tasks in life can correlate to running a race. It could be getting qualified, completing a project, working towards retirement or even finishing the big race of life. Regardless what the task is, when you've set the right priorities, execute your plan, and stay fit, you'll set yourself up to run through the finish line and finish strong. Whether you run a 5-kilometer race, a 10-K or full marathon, there's nothing more satisfying than running the second half faster than the first half. Are you ready for the challenge? Ready, set, go!



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photographer

Where do you want to be in your career 10 years from now?



Hopefully I will be an NCO by then excelling in my job.

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Catapano, 332nd Training Squadron student**



I want to be a weather officer and have earned my master's degree in environmental science.

**Airman 1st Class Marianne Reilly, 335th TRS student**



Excelling in my career field, having a family with my wife and going overseas.

**Airman Charlie Hulse, 338th TRS student**

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## He's an Airman forever

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

**Editor's note: Sergeant Marsh is currently deployed to Afghanistan.**

He's in your way at the base exchange when you're in a hurry. He's the one pushing the cart in front of you at the commissary taking up the whole aisle. He's the one driving the Cadillac 30 miles an hour on the highway — in the fast lane — and in front of you with his blinker on the entire time. He's the one wearing the thick, 1970s style glasses and a crisp, meticulously cared for baseball cap with his unit from World War II, Korea or Vietnam proudly displayed on it. He's the one with a smile on his face as you rush past him on your way to nowhere fast.

He's a retiree. He's proud of it. He wears it on his ball cap and on his sleeve; in his heart and in his eyes.

He's in the exchange and the commissary as he has been for who knows how many years because it's what he knows and where he's sur-

rounded by the people he knows and is comfortable with. They're still the same no matter what their ages or service; an Airman will always be an Airman; so will a Soldier, Sailor, Marine and Coast Guardsman.

And he's driving slowly in the fast lane because in his years he's learned that you will eventually get where you need to be when you need to be there. (No excuse for the blinker though.) He's wearing thick glasses because of the strain he put his eyes through while crouching in a foxhole or peering from a watchtower in some strange country far from home staying alert for hours on end as his mind and the shadows play tricks on him.

Most importantly, he's wearing his unit's cap proudly because of the men and women he trained, fought, bled and cried with; many of whom are no longer around to wear their unit's cap.

He's your proud heritage, your tradition of honor and your legacy of valor.

He's you. Can you be him?

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Keesler-trained combat controller awarded Air Force Cross, Purple Heart

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

POPE Air Force Base, N.C. — Tears stood in Sue Rhyner's eyes as she talked about her son, who received the Air Force Cross, the highest military decoration awarded by the service, and a Purple Heart March 10.

Staff Sgt. Zachary Rhyner of the 21st Special Tactics Squadron from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., received the medal for uncommon valor during Operation Enduring Freedom before a crowd of hundreds dotted with combat controllers' red berets.

The decoration is second only to the Medal of Honor, and is awarded by the president.

"This is overwhelming. I couldn't be prouder," Ms. Rhyner said. "Zac is part of an awesome group of individuals who personify teamwork; something he learned early on being one of five children."

Sergeant Rhyner was an Airman when he started his combat control training at Keesler, Dec. 14, 2004 and graduated Feb. 23, 2005, according to Master Sgt. John Wylie, 334th Training Squadron instructor supervisor.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley presented Sergeant Rhyner the Air Force Cross for his actions during an intense 6½-hour battle in Shok Valley, Afghanistan, April 6, 2008. The Air Force has not awarded the decoration in more than six years.

"Your actions are now and forever woven into the rich fabric of service, integrity and excellence that has connected generations of America's Airmen since the very inception of airpower," Secretary Donley said to Sergeant Rhyner.

"Rarely do we present an Airman with the Air Force Cross, let alone a Purple Heart, and with good reason.



Sergeant Rhyner

The Air Force Cross is reserved for those who demonstrate unparalleled valor in the face of insurmountable odds."

Among the millions of Airmen who have served, only 192 Air Force Crosses have been awarded.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, who presented Sergeant Rhyner with the Purple Heart, said special forces Soldiers lived to tell the story of the Shok Valley battle thanks to the courage, tenacity, teamwork, as well as Sergeant Rhyner's invaluable and selfless efforts.

Despite injuries he sustained as the result of persistent insurgent fire, Sergeant Rhyner coordinated more than 50 aerial attacks to continuously repel the enemy during the beleaguering battle that occurred during his first deployment. According to the decoration citation, Sergeant Rhyner "provided suppressive fire with his M-4 rifle against enemy fire while fellow teammates were extracted from the line of fire."

"The team survived this hellish scene ... not by chance, not by luck and not by the failings of a weak or timid foe," General Schwartz said.

"A grateful nation could not be more proud for what you do and no doubt what you will do," the general said.

Lt. Col. Michael Martin, the 21st STS commander, echoed the efforts of Sergeant Rhyner and the aviators from above.

"Zac — systematically with (F-15E) Strike Eagles, A-10 (Thunderbolt IIs) and AH-64 (Apaches) — unleashed hell on the enemy," Colonel Martin said. "The enemy had the proverbial high ground that day on those mountain ridgelines, but it was the aviators in the sky who truly held the highest ground."

Colonel Martin credited the 335th Fighter Squadron from Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and the 81st Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, for providing critical close-air support during the battle.

For the same battle, an unprecedented 10 special forces Soldiers received Silver Stars, the Army's third highest award for valor in combat.

"It all boils down to teamwork," Colonel Martin said to Sergeant Rhyner. "You did exactly what you get paid to do — kill the enemy — and you did a damned good job."

Perhaps Sergeant Rhyner's heroism is bested only by his humility.

"Any other combat controller in the same position would've done just what I did," said the NCO who was a senior airman at the time of the battle.

Sergeant Rhyner's father, Paul Rhyner, said he now has only one expectation for his son and other special forces members in future missions.

"Come home safe; all of you," Mr. Rhyner said.

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

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35 mph  
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## Hallway of support

Brig. Gen. Darrell Jones, left, director of force management policy, and Mark Doboga, director of plans and operations, both at the Air Force Personnel Operations Agency, speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a newly-renovated hallway in Wolfe Hall for the force support officers course March 13. General Jones and Mr. Doboga are deputy chiefs of staff for manpower and personnel at Air Force headquarters in Washington. The new course, which kicked off in October, trains officers in a new Air Force Specialty Code which combines personnel, manpower and services career fields.

Photo by Kemberly Groue





Sergeant Klejmont

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. Ashley Klejmont, an airfield systems instructor in the 338th Training Squadron, has been selected for the Navy's Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I.

Sergeant Klejmont, who hails from Detroit, has been at Keesler for 16 months of more than five years in the Air Force. She earned a bachelor's degree in occupational education from Wayland Baptist University and is working on a master's degree in management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

She'll train to be a surface warfare officer.

"I'm working on the process of separating and having to be sworn into the Navy as a petty officer second class before heading out to Rhode Island in April."

"She's off to a prestigious program which only selects the best to become naval officers," said her squadron commander, Lt. Col. John Thomas. "It's a great day for Sergeant Klejmont, the Navy and the Dark Knights who are sending yet another of our shining stars off to continue serving her country with distinction."

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An American  
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of an attempted  
or completed rape.

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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.

## Pitsenbarger awards

The deadline for spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. April 2.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/pit.asp>.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation. Prior winners aren't eligible.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

## Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs and parades on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

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

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 23 and April 17.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed until noon April 1 for drill practice and evaluation.

In case of inclement weather, the hours may change or the lot will be open.

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

## 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>.

## KSC scholarships

April 10 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock

## Perfect student



**Tech. Sgts. Veronica Mora graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron March 10 with a perfect score. She's assigned to Warfield Air National Guard Base, Md.**

counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members, and Defense Department civilians are eligible.

Applicants must enter an accredited two-year or four-year college or university this fall.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices, Keesler Thrift Shop and online at <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

## Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

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

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

**SAT** — April 24 for May 25.

Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call 376-8708.

## Student health center

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

## Falcon Flight rescues kayakers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A sunny March afternoon took an unexpected turn for Keesler kayakers who capsized in Biloxi's Back Bay. Fortunately for the two students from the 338th Training Squadron, the 81st Security Forces Squadron's Falcon Flight was on patrol.

The kayakers, rented from outdoor recreation at the marina, weren't equipped with spray skirts, which would have made it easier to do an "Eskimo roll," a technique that allows a capsized craft to be flipped upright, according to one of the students, an experienced kayaker.

"It was sunny out and about 70 degrees," the student said. "A wave hit the kayakers and flipped them over, and we couldn't get them upright. We were also trying to retrieve my kayak, which flooded and was submerged."

They tied the submerged vessel to the one that was still floating as one Airman swam alongside in the 53-degree water. Three boats passed the kayakers before 81st SFS members aboard the Falcon Flight vessel spotted them in the bay as they headed toward the I-110 bridge.

The rescue team included Staff Sgt. Christopher Pike, Senior Airman Matthew Hemphill and Airman 1st Class Robert Vogel.

"As soon as we realized they were in distress, we called in to request medical support," said Sergeant Pike. "One Airman had been able to right his kayak and climb back in, but one remained in the water."

"There are some places in Back Bay with sandbars where the water is only 3 feet deep, but the spot where they capsized was 23 feet deep," Airman Vogel reported.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**From left, Chief Master Sgt. Paul Moreau, 2nd Air Force command chief, accompanied by Captain Williams, presents 2nd Air Force coins to Sergeant Pike and Airmen Hemphill and Vogel for their actions in rescuing the student kayakers.**

"We took the one who had been in the water back to shore first — he was in full Air Force (physical training) gear which retains a lot of water," Sergeant Pike stated. "We turned him over to medical personnel, and then headed back to get the second guy."

In the meantime, recreation aides Doug Stiles and Joe Heflen from the marina came out in a pontoon boat and took the second Airman to shore while the Falcon Flight vessel towed the kayakers back to the marina.

Both kayakers were transported by ambulance to Keesler Medical Center where they were treated for hypothermia and released a couple hours later.

Recent water rescue training came in handy during the mishap.

"We practiced as much as possible, but with time constraints, it's not the same as actually dealing with a real-

life situation," Airman Vogel pointed out.

"You can get all the training in the world, but you'd better take it seriously and pay close attention," Airman Hemphill added. "If you do, the right thing to do is second nature."

Keesler's Falcon Flight, established last June, was the Air Force's first unit of its kind, according to Capt. Jason Williams, 81st SFS commander.

"The flight consists of 20 to 30 Airmen, depending on our deployment cycle," Captain Williams explained. "They're trained in boat patrols, all-terrain vehicle patrols, bike patrols and high-visibility foot patrols with the purpose of community problem-solving policing. We strive to be a highly mobile and visible force to everyone around, thus promoting interaction with the base populace and helping to reduce the fear of crime as a whole."

## IN THE NEWS

### Promotion ceremony for chiefs

The Keesler Chiefs Group's annual ceremony recognizing individuals selected for promotion to chief master sergeant is 6 p.m. March 27 in the Dragon's Lair.

They are Chief Master Sgt. James Morrison, 81st Comptroller Squadron; and Senior Master Sgts. Danny Ogas, 2nd Air Force; Joe Watson, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron; and Pamela Manning, 81st Training Wing.

Tickets are \$25 for the formal/semi-formal event and are available from any Keesler chief or Chief Master Sgt. Bob Madigan, 377-5958.

### National Prayer Breakfast April 2

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, is the guest speaker for the National Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. April 2 in the Locker House Dragon's Lair.

Tickets are \$5 and are available through the chapel and first sergeants.

For more information, call 377-2520.

### Air show and open house April 4-5

Keesler hosts the Thunder on the Bay Air Show and Open House April 4-5, with gates opening at 9 a.m.

A performance schedule, which is still subject to change, is posted at <http://www.keesler.schultzairshows.com/> Biloxi's Back Bay, north of the base, is closed to civilian and commercial maritime traffic, 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.

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.

### Farewell parade for General Touhill

A parade and decoration ceremony honoring Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, is 9 a.m. April 6 on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

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.

### No ID cards issued April 6-8

Identification cards won't be issued April 6-8 while hardware for the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System is being replaced.

The Defense Manpower Data Center replaces about one-third of the RAPIDS hardware each year to maintain a viable operating capacity.

The system includes desktop computers, laser printers, smart card printers, monitors and desktop cameras.

### Off-limits establishments

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

# Air Force mourns loss of enlisted icon

By Senior Master Sgt. Sean Cobb

Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

WASHINGTON — Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Airey died March 11 in Panama City, Fla.

“Chief Airey was an Airman’s Airman and one of the true pioneers for our service,” said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff.

“Chief Airey is the most respected enlisted Airmen in the history of the Air Force,” said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney McKinley. “When we speak of today’s Airmen standing upon the shoulders of giants as they reach for the sky

and stars — it was upon Paul Airey’s shoulders they stood.”

At age 18, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Chief Airey quit high school to enlist in the Army Air Forces. He later earned his high school equivalency certificate through off-duty study.

During World War II, Chief Airey flew as a B-24 radio operator and additional duty aerial gunner. He and fellow crewmen were shot down over Austria, captured, and held prisoner by the German air force for 10 months. While a prisoner of war, he worked tirelessly to meet the basic needs of fellow prisoners, even through a 90-day forced march.

Chief Airey held the top enlisted from April 3, 1967 to July 31, 1969.

He worked to change loan establishments charging exorbitant rates outside base gates and to improve low retention during the Vietnam Conflict. Chief Airey also led a team that laid the foundation for the Weighted Airman Promotion System. He also advocated for an Air Force-level Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, which opened in 1973.

Chief Airey retired Aug. 1, 1970. He served on the boards of many Air Force and enlisted professional military organizations and received the Air Force Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.



Chief Airey

## Prevention, 2nd Air Force honors Keesler NCOs

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assault prevention and response programs and to demonstrate key points in the bystander intervention approach.

Ms. Whitley said she hopes the sexual assault prevention strategy will have similarly positive effects as that of campaigns against drunken driving. As the program progresses, she expects the number of reports to increase as bystander intervention improves and culture changes.

“As the comprehensive strategy takes hold over the years, we look forward to the day that those numbers decrease, not because of fear or stigma of reporting, but because sexual assault is being systematically prevented,” she said.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two Keesler noncommissioned officers have been recognized in 2nd Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and First Sergeant awards for 2008.

**Tech. Sgt. Jill Higgins**, 81st Dental Squadron, is 2nd Air Force’s NCO of the year. 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



Sergeant Higgins

and distinguished graduate recognition in her class at Keesler’s Mathies NCO Academy. She was a volunteer for Special Olympics, Hearts from



Sergeant Passman

Home, beach cleanup and Boy Scout Camporee.

**Master Sgt. Scott Passman**, 81st Force Support Squadron, is 2nd Air Force’s first sergeant of

the year. He 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 inprocessing 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.



Sergeant Campbell

## 85th EIS claims two ACC awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two members of the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron received annual awards for 2008 from Air Combat Command.

**Staff Sgt. Adam Campbell** is ACC’s airman of the year.

While deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, Sergeant Campbell repaired 150 radar transmitter cards, enabling continuous control of 6,000 close air support sorties and expedited repair on vital search radar.

He received Airman Leadership School’s John Levitow Award at Airman Leadership

School and was involved with Meals on Wheels, organized a picnic for foster children and an ALS golf tournament, served as a Combined Federal Campaign representative and volunteered at the Biloxi Seafood Festival.

**Master Sgt. David Brown**, who’s now a first sergeant for the 334th Training Squadron, is ACC’s first sergeant of the year.

He counseled 51 deployers, was a unit control center leader during Hurricane Gustav, served as treasurer of the base’s first sergeant council, chaired a local Head Start program and recruited three senior noncommissioned officers for undermanned first sergeant duty.



Sergeant Brown



# Science, engineering jobs for transitioning Airmen

By Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Texas — In today's struggling economy, job opportunities for separating and retiring military members may seem scarce. However, programs exist for veterans interested in post-military careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

STEM initiatives offer to train and educate transitioning Airmen, or directly hire veterans coming from technical career fields and place them into needed federal jobs in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

Historically, the Air Force hires 500 to 600 civilian scientists and engineers per year. The science and technology civil service career field is about 11,000, but is in need of trained and educated applicants, according to Saul Ortigoza, Air Force Personnel Center scientist and engineer career program administrator.

"This number is even bigger if you consider the civil engineering and the

communications and information career fields as well," he added.

Numerous STEM programs assist applicants in higher education leading toward careers in science, technology, engineering and math. If interested in a STEM career in Air Force civil service, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and click on the USA Jobs link under the "AF Civilian Employment" tab.

One newly-created STEM program targets transitioning non-commissioned officers interested in post-military careers in science and technology. The NCO enhanced workforce in science, technology, engineering and math, or NEW-STEM, initiative offers funded education and federal job placement.

Part of a partnership between the Air Force and the Tennessee Valley Authority, NEW-STEM links NCOs leaving military service with federal agency job openings in north Alabama.

"Government leaders have recently identified a shortage of scientists and engineers in the U.S., and with technically trained NCOs leaving military

service, the NEW-STEM initiative hopes to capitalize on their training with further education and job advancement opportunities in federal civil service," said Joseph McDade, Jr., director of force development (A1).

Participating Department of Defense agencies include the Missile Defense Agency and the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"The NEW-STEM program leverages existing skill sets with federal agencies in need of scientists, engineers and mathematicians," said Lt. Col. Charles Arnold, deputy chief of the Air Force learning division and chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

"Overall, any STEM program — be it through the Air Force or other federal agencies — is a win-win situation for veterans trying to find jobs in today's challenging economy and for the governmental agencies in need of experienced, technical leaders," he added.

The NEW-STEM initiative chooses candidates based on pre-screening qualifications set by participating federal agencies, which includes a desire to pursue an engineering degree, acceptance to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, have eligible GI Bill benefits to use, and interviews with federal human resource representatives.

Selected candidates attend a special orientation given by UA Huntsville, take a math placement test and, while working on their degree, participate in a paid co-op program through the participating federal agency. Upon graduation, participants permanently fill the federal job opening for which they were hired.

For more information about NEW-STEM eligibility requirements, how to apply and the program benefits, visit <http://www.tennvalleycorridor.org>. Application deadline for NEW-STEM is April 2. For information about civilian STEM jobs with the Air Force, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) or call the Total Force Contact Center at 1-800-525-0102.

## PERSONNEL NOTES

### Selection boards

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

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

**July 13-24** — senior non-commissioned 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.

### Medical assistance

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

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on "My Health" to complete registration.



**Captain Sheldon**

## Weather officer recognized with AETC award

**By Airman 1st Class  
David Salanitri**

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**Keesler News editor**

Capt. Mark Sheldon is Air Education and Training Command's weather company grade officer of the year for 2008.

"Captain Sheldon's dedication to the mission is extraordinary, and his leadership has been invaluable to the many successes of the 81st Operations Support Flight," said Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander. "He willingly stepped in to lead the flight when the commander deployed for six months, successfully guided the flight through two contract awards totaling \$8 million, led the weather shop during a very active hurricane season and postured the entire weather operation for transition to contract operations during the A-76 process. I am not surprised at all by Captain Sheldon's accomplishment."

The 21½ year Air Force veteran, who's been at Keesler for three years, is the acting 81st OSF director of operations.

Captain Sheldon's next assignment takes him to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., where he'll be the deputy chief of training for the Air Force Weather Agency.

## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Senior Airman Christopher Hill

**Unit** — 81st Force Support Squadron

**Position** — retirements and separations counselor

**Time in the Air Force** — 3½ years

**Time at Keesler** — three years

**Hometown** — Brandenburg, Ky.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** — to pursue my education and travel a bit.

**What are your short- and long-term goals** — I plan on getting my Community College of the Air Force degree, and I'm hoping to make staff sergeant this year.

**What are your hobbies?** I love the outdoors so I like to hunt, fish, and play lots of golf, but my



Photo by Kemberly Groue

favorite thing to do in the world is spend time with my son, Landon.

**What's your favorite**

**quote?** — "There is a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." — Steven Wright

## DIAMOND NOTES

When not wearing ribbons, women will center the badge parallel with the name tag in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Figure 2.17, Note 3.



Master Sgt. Erin Cimenski, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron and 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**March 15, 1987**

Volunteers completed two super-playgrounds on base using the previous year's energy savings plus donations from on- and off-base personnel

Road rage — a recipe for disaster.

# State spelling bee winner hails from Keesler



Josef Jackson

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

How do you spell success?  
J-O-S-E-F J-A-C-K-S-O-N.

Thirteen-year-old Josef Jackson, an eighth grader at St. Patrick High School, outspelled 30 other students to claim the Mississippi Spelling Bee championship March 9 in Jackson.

Josef's parents are Lisa and Col. Jeffrey Jackson, 81st Support Group commander.

The Jacksons moved to Keesler eight months ago from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Josef won his school spelling bee and the Harrison County regional contest before clinching the state title after 14 rounds as he faced off with Bailey Bullock of Crystal Springs.

Josef missed his first word. Bailey spelled her first one correctly, but misspelled her

required second word. Then Josef spelled one right and missed the next. Bailey was back up and missed her word. Finally, Josef spelled "nominative" correctly to win.

Now he'll head to Washington, D.C., May 26-28 to compete at the annual Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee. He'll be accompanied by his parents and his brother, Joshua.

When asked how he pre-

pared for the competition, he replied, "I studied a lot, I guess. My dad told me I knew the study list backwards and forwards."

Josef credits his mother with keeping him motivated and prepared to compete.

"My mom says she thinks I got interested in this type of competition because I was an early reader," Josef explained. "My third grade teacher told me I was a really good speller and that's the first time I was in a spelling bee."

The super speller has other activities to keep him occupied until he heads for Washington. He plays the saxophone in the school band and belongs to the National Junior Honor Society.

"I'm hoping to be on the swim team next year," he said. "I like to swim, read, play the piano and do ceramics at the arts and crafts center."

Josef has "absolutely no idea" what kind of career he'd like to pursue, but science is his favorite subject.

"Winning the state bee has been very exciting and fun — Josef can't wait until the Nationals," his mom added.

## AAFES receives diversity honors

**AAFES Corporate Communications**

DALLAS — For the third consecutive year, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has been honored by DiversityBusiness.com as one of the nation's best for multicultural business opportunities, named No. 5 on the "Top Government Organizations" list.

More than 650,000 diversity business owners had the opportunity to participate in the online election. The resulting "Div25" recognizes agencies that provide the best and most business for diversity-owned companies.

In 2008, AAFES increased its spend with diverse business owners by more than \$58 million from the previous year.

# MARCH IS Women's History Month

## MTL plays role in Obama inauguration

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Women's History Month isn't all about the past. History is still unfolding, and Keesler women are a part of it.

Take Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, for example. For 26 days in January, she played a role in the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama.

"It was an amazing, unforgettable experience," said Sergeant Girley, a military training leader for the 81st Training Group. "Other than giving birth to my daughter 11 years ago, it's one of the most significant events in my life."

Sergeant Girley was the non-commissioned officer in charge of the seven-member formation team for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. It was her job to serve as direct liaison between the Presidential Inaugural Committee and more than 11,000 parade participants, ensuring group readiness, accountability and safety.

She received an e-mail from a friend that works at the Air Force Personnel Center and volunteered for the joint forces operation. Lt. Col. Kevin O'Rourke, 81st Training Support Squadron commander, gave his support to pursue the assignment.

Coast Guard Capt. Scott Decker, AFIC's deputy director for ceremonies, said Sergeant Girley's team expertly controlled pedestrian traffic within the parade formation area.

Sergeant Girley "skillfully mastered the critical events schedule, ensuring synchronization and orderly execution of division timelines," according to Captain Decker's letter of evaluation. "She diligently executed the assembly control communi-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Sergeant Girley, right, conducts drill training to prepare nonprior service Airmen to become student leaders.**

cations plan and articulated accurate information to key staff.

"She ensured timely, sequential formation of 131 parade elements while maintaining outstanding situational awareness," Captain Decker commented. "She executed the contingency action plan in a dynamically secure environment, demonstrating superior critical thinking."

The inauguration was an intensely emotional experience for the 13-year Air Force member.

"We had to remain apolitical and maintain our military bearing at all times," the Detroit native recalled.

As an Airman and an African-American woman, the inauguration of America's first African-American commander-in-chief is something Sergeant Girley will never forget.

"Being there in that atmosphere and part of that historical moment was incredible," she remarked. "I

can't even express all of the emotions I was feeling. It was a sign to all of us that change has come and all of us are being given a fair chance to succeed."

Sergeant Girley is about to wind up her four-year tour at Keesler and awaits her next assignment. Her experiences as an MTL have shaped her ambition to become a first sergeant.

"I want to make a difference and help people," she explained. "Being an MTL is a difficult, demanding job, but it's all about the students. You can't just take an MTL assignment to remain at a particular base — you have to genuinely care about those young Airmen. Over and over again, I hear from former students and know I've had an impact in their lives and in their careers. Being a first sergeant would be a great way to continue to mentor other Airmen and help them to succeed."

## Air Force women mark accomplishments

By Master Sgt. Michael Rieger Jr.

81st Training Wing Equal Opportunity Office

Since 1980, women have not only reached record proportions in all of the military services but have also made important breakthroughs in most of the services and in all of the service academies.

Here are some facts and "firsts" about women in the Air Force.

As of Dec 31, 63,633 women are serving in the Air Force on active duty, which is 19.6 percent of the force, according to statistics from the Air Force Personnel Center.

Currently, 97 percent of the Air Force's jobs are open to women. They are prohibited by statute from serving in the combat control and pararescue career fields, along with aircraft engaged in a combat mission.

Some of Air Force's important "firsts", courtesy of the Women in Military Service for America Foundation:

**1976** — First women enter pilot training.

**1980** — The first 97 women graduate from the Air Force Academy.

**1986** — Air Force women served aboard the KC-10 and KC-135 aircraft involved in the U.S. attack on Libya — four co-pilots, one back-up pilot and a mission planner. Peacekeeper and Titan missile positions were opened to women, as were positions as launch control officers for Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

**1986** — Terrie Ann MacLaughlin was the first woman to graduate at the top of her class at the Air Force Academy.

**1993** — Maj. Susan Helms, flying aboard space shuttle Endeavour, becomes the first U.S. military woman in space.

**1994** — 2nd Lt. Jeannie Flynn, the first female selected for Air Force combat pilot training, completes F-15E training.

**2000** — Betty Mullis became the first female pilot to attain the rank of brigadier general. She retired as a major general.

**2005** — Capt Nicole Malachowski was first woman to be selected to fly as part of the Air Force Thunderbirds.

# Medical genetics lab earns two-year accreditation

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Air Force Medical Genetics Laboratory at Keesler Medical Center has been awarded two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron flight received official notification Feb. 13. The genetics flight commander, Capt. Mona Nelson, was congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." The laboratory is one of more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

Captain Nelson said a three-person team arrived unannounced and inspected the genetics laboratory in early December.

"The summation meeting went extremely well and the whole team had nothing but high praise for the facility and its crew," Capt. Nelson pointed out. "Everyone in genetics worked very hard to make the inspection an overwhelming success. Dr. David Rigdon, our medical director, played a pivotal role in this entire process."

She added, "Securing reaccreditation ensures continuing quality genetic testing services for more than 120 military treatment facilities worldwide. This translates to approximately \$2 million in annual savings for the Department of Defense. This figure will continue to trend upwards given our ongoing service expansion."

Col. (Dr.) Kathleen Elmer, 81st MDOS commander, cred-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Michael Hart uses a pipette to place DNA samples into a microfuge tube as Bridgette Parks prepares reagents for DNA testing. Both are molecular genetics technologists in the medical genetics laboratory.**

its Captain Nelson with the center's aggressive move forward in expanding services.

"It is through her innovative leadership and the hard work of the entire genetics department that we have established Army, Navy and Veterans Affairs agreements for services that have propelled us to the forefront of genetics testing," Colonel Elmer remarked. "We've added a genetic counselor to our staff, which allows us to provide an expanded spectrum of genetics counseling and laboratory testing."

The CAP laboratory accreditation program, begun

in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program. During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, overall management and safety program and record. This stringent inspection program is designed to ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.

## Genetic counseling available again

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Air Force Medical Genetics Center at Keesler Medical Center is again offering a service unavailable since Hurricane Katrina with the addition of genetic counselor Kathleen Bet to the staff.

Ms. Bet, who earned her master's degree in the field from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, recently arrived from Charleston, S.C., where she worked as a pediatric genetic counselor.

"I talk with patients about genetic disorders they may have or that are present in their families," she explained. "We

discuss the chances that they could develop or pass on a disorder. Options available include genetic testing and counseling on any psycho-social aspects that might affect them."

Capt. Mona Nelson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron genetics flight commander, said, "It was quite a challenge to find a qualified candidate for this position and we are very excited to have Ms. Bet join the 'gene team.'"

Ms. Bet sees patients by referral only.

Providers may refer patients to the medical genetics clinic with a known genetic disorder who need more information about the disorder or risks to family members. Genetic counseling also is available to patients with a family history of a specific genetic disorder who want additional information about their risks of inheriting it or passing the disease on to their children.

She also counsels women age 35 or older who are pregnant or desire pregnancy, and pregnant women at any age who have concerns about possible risks to a baby. Patients with cancer and/or a strong family history of cancer (generally defined as more than one first-degree relative with cancer at a young age) who want to learn more about their own cancer risk or the risk to their children may also be referred.

Genetics also welcomes referrals for children with an unexplained combination of developmental delay, birth defects, learning problems and/or distinct physical features to determine if there might be a genetic explanation.

Ms. Bet, a Pennsylvania native, is a member of a relatively small field of about 2,000 professionals in the U.S.



Ms. Bet

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

# KEESLER NOTES

## Art show, auction

The Keesler Spouses Club art show and auction is Saturday at the Katrina Kantina.

Work by Keesler artist Suzan Templin is featured.

The preview is at 5:30 p.m., with the auction at 6:30.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned. Attire is business casual.

Net proceeds benefit the KSC scholarship fund.

To respond, call 257-6842 or e-mail hooligandog@aol.com.

## Kick the habit

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron sponsors a "Kick the Habit" seminar for people addicted to nicotine, 1-2:30 p.m. March 27 in the hematology/oncology clinic.

To register, call 376-3845.

## Commissary closed

The commissary is closed April 12 for Easter.

## Play group

A children's playgroup for ages 5 and younger meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call Andi Hunter, 313-9822.

## 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.

## Periodontal patients

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

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

For more information, call 376-5225.

## Open wide

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Brown, 81st Medical Support Squadron, swabs the inside of 1-year-old Justin Hardiman's cheek for a DNA sample during the Mississippi Child Identification Program's visit to Keesler Saturday. Justin's mom is Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Scott, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. Parents received a disk which is registered with the National Amber Alert System with fingerprints, bite impression, DNA sample, video recording and other information which can help law enforcement agencies search for a missing child. Capt. Gary Thiel, 403rd Wing, is military coordinator and assistant state director for the program.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Air Force, NASCAR team up for recruitment

By Master Sgt. Eric Grill

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

LAS VEGAS — The Air Force was on display at the Shelby 427 race March 1 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway as the Air Force NASCAR was on hand for race fans to see and the Air Force Thunderbirds performed.

NASCAR fans got an upclose look at the Air Force paint-schemed No. 43 car on display during the weekend.

“Advertising and marketing that goes beyond the race track will help us connect with fans and emphasize the speed, power, precision and teamwork that is common to both NASCAR and the Air Force,” said Col. Timothy Hanson, Air Force Recruiting Service strategic communications director.

Racing aligns well with the fans’ interests and the Air Force’s brand of speed, teamwork and technology, inspiring young Americans to consider the Air Force as a career choice.

The Air Force partnered with Richard Petty Motorsports and the No. 43 car, which Richard Petty has driven to 200 wins. Reed Sorenson now drives No. 43.

“Representing the Air Force in itself is a great honor for not only me, but for everyone on the team,” Sorenson said. “Having Richard Petty as part of our team as well is an added bonus. There is a lot of stuff going on and there are a lot of great sponsors like the Air Force to represent, and also having to back up the 200-plus wins that the No. 43 (car) has; we have

a lot of good things going on for our team.”

What parallels the Air Force mission and NASCAR is teamwork and what it takes to get the mission done, he said.

NASCAR and the Air Force are a natural fit, “because of the high-tech industry that you’re dealing with,” said Master Sgt. Jeff Phillips of the 368th Recruiting Squadron.

“NASCAR correlates directly with the Air Force when you’re talking about our airframes, power plants and different things like that even though (they are) completely different with internal combustion engines and a jet engine,” Sergeant Phillips said. “Still, high-tech, very-dedicated individuals — the very people that are committed to what they do with NASCAR — team with the Air Force.”

Having a NASCAR presence in gets Air Force in front of people and “that’s ultimately what we’re looking for,” Sergeant Phillips said. “We have to have the time to interact with young people (and) parents. It’s actually a good event for us to interact with the parents and grandparents and people like that because they’re also the influencers that we have to sell on the Air Force lifestyle as well.”

No. 43 finished the race in 34th place after spinning in turn two of Lap 138.

While the Air Force is the primary sponsor on the No. 43 car for four of the 38 races in the 2009 season, the Air Force has a presence on the car as an associate sponsor the rest of the season.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jack Braden  
Race fans view the new Air Force-sponsored No. 43 Dodge Feb. 28 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Nevada. The Air Force paint scheme will be on the track in 2009 at Dover International Speedway, Del., Talladega Superspeedway, Ala., Daytona International Speedway, Fla., and Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.





# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

### Monday Night Budweiser

(as of March 9)

Team	Won	Lost
New Meat	114	47
Perry's Refrigeration	105	97
DOG Squad	97	64
Robbie's Rejects	95	66
Hit 9 Get 9	93	68
Man On!	85	76
Wrong Foot Forward	84	77
Slater's Shooters	82	79
Pot Luck	78	76
All Screwed Up	81	80
Our Gang	80	81
Sandy's Gang	76	85
403rd Strykers	75.5	85.5
Ricky's Rookies	74.5	86.5
Martini's	74	87
Hoops Gang	67	94
Team 18	64	97
Why Not	62	99
Team 12	57	97
Unpredictables	54	107

### Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of March 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Wild Gang	99	69
Dee's Crew	99	69
Any Takers	91	77
Neighbors Plus 1	89	79
Clyde's Crew	85	83
Ichi Ban	84	84
MUDD	83	85
Team 6	74	94
70s Plus	73	95
Guys and Dolls	63	105

### Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of March 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	101	67
6-Pack	101	67
Team 12	93	75
Team 16	89	79
Team 14	89	79
CHMATO	88	80
TBB Express	86	82
Three's Company	84.5	83.5
Two He's and a She	83	85
Team 13	81	87
Team 11	79	89
Team 8	77	91
Team 5	76	92
2 Kings and A Queen	76	92
3-70s Plus	74	94
Lucky Trio	64.5	103.5

### Friday Night Mixed

(as of Feb. 6)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	104	57
Frustrated	101	60
Sandbaggers	89	72
Mixed Nuts	80	81
The Strikers	72	82
Lady and the Tramps	78	83
We Take Ugly	78	83
3 Guys and a Babe	76	85
Fun Timers	76	85
Pin Busters	73	88
Pin Pals	71	90
Beyond Control	61	100

## Other

**Gaude Lanes** — closed on Sundays effective March 29.

**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.

**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** — boot camp, self-defense, step aerobics, yoga, pilates, cycling and sculpt and tone at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

**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; add \$5 for 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.

**Twilight special** — 2 p.m.

Mondays-Thursdays. Pay the nine-hole fee and play until course closes.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes.

For appointment, call 424-0479.

## Outdoor recreation

**March fish of the month** — weigh in the largest croaker and take home a \$100 savings bond; minimum three participants.

**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 redbfish 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.

**One-day fishing trips** — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

**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** — Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$100 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.

Commissioners and coaches are needed  
for youth sports.

To volunteer, call 377-4116.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Christopher Adams, Joshua Aragon, Max Bachicha, Christopher Basciano, Amanda Benefield, Ryan Benn, Sidney Berthold, Caleb Bohnsack, Paul Boya, Chynarri Brooks, Sean Brooks, Remington Burnette, Sean Carnahan, Richard Carpenter, Zackary Chaussee, Bryan Coffin, Morales Collazo, Kevin Collmar, Evan Corzine, Kurtis Cox, Richard Crumley, Jimmy Dalzell, Matthew Day, Brent Desouza, Shawn Diviney, David Domine, Jacob England, Christopher Farrell, Nicholas Fields, Corey Fowlkes, Joshua Frankum, Brian Galbreath, Daniel Gaudetta, Adam Gerych, Anthony Gilbert, Jamal Golden, Joel Gregory, Robert Harden, Arthur Hatch, Charles Henderson, Jose Hernandez, Ira Hogg, Jake Hysell, James Kata, Burke Kigembe, Leonard King, Adam Koethe, Christopher Kronewetter, Samuel Laird, Jommel Lazaga, Bradley Lehman, Wesley Llanes, Michael Lowe, Andrew Luckey, Stuart Lunsford, Jordan McCubbin, Matthew Mendez, Crystal Mendosa, Zachariah Miniea, Adam Moody, Bradley Mowery, Robert Padgett, Brian Parker, Marc Porter, Bobby Price, Kyle Puls, Aaron Ratcliff, Jordan Reaves, Justin Rhoads, William Roberts, Riley Roy, Andrew Royce, Christopher Rupertus, Stephen Semple, Machek Sherepa, Thomas Sloan, Joshua Snow, Ronald Steinhelfer, Michael Stevenson, Richard Synger, Sunny Syrabouth, Nicholas Taghon, Abel Tuinei, Travis Tyler, Thomas VanEngen, Richard Velez, Christopher Walka, Jeffrey Wiebers, Joshua Wilbourn, Steward Williams and Stephen Yount; Airmen Dominick Alfano, Tyler Carey, Anthony Caruso, Josef Christman, Truth Clark, Nicholas Clementoni, Donovan Daugherty, Cody Feher, Nolan Geiser, Gregg Guranus, Nathanael Guy, Paul Hendrick, Charlie Hulse, Sean Johnson, Matthew Kuhns, Eric Joice, Gregory Miller, Christopher Miscisin, Cassandra Peterson, Aaron Potts, Jared Stevens, Jeffrey Stone, Jared Wineland and Jared Zeiders; Airmen First Class Peder Aarness, Kalo Abban, Joshua Adams, Dustin Anderson, Andrew Armendariz, Richard Barnes, Matthew Belt, Keith Bohn, Kyle Bradford, Jennifer Bui, James Carrigan, Daniel Catapano, Steven Childers, Kelvin Ciprian, David Clarkson, Jason Cordell, Nathan Cox, Donald Crawford, Joseph Dunavant, Nicholas Ervin, Thomas Estes, Darryl Fancher, Jeffery Farmer, Eric Finney, Cory Fox, Joseph Frantz, David Haas, Eric Hagerty, Kyle Heffler, Bradley Higgins, Nathan Jesse, Kevin Johnson, Quyntrell Johnson, Christopher Joren, William Keeley, Richard Kemmy, Alisha Kruger, Adam Lichtenberg, Travis Livingston, Roy Loran, Shantelle Manuel, Annette Martinez, Richardo Melcher, Craig Miller, Hillary Miller, Kevin Monroe, Mark Murray, Michael Niu, Aaron Oliver, Tyler Owens, Devin Peatt, David Petrekovich, Deepak Prasad, Chace Pugh, Jonathan Roche, Antonio Sanchez, Wesley Shirley, Christopher Smith, Michael Spencer, Wesley Sorrill, Stephen Stenseth, Michael Summers, Justin Teixeira, Shawn Thompson, Tyler Vaughn, Kyle Walden, Joshua Watson, Kevin Welch, Jonathan Williams, Paul Williams, Michael Williams, Daniel Wright and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Kevin Brengle, Ronald Coleman, Keith Herdershot, Shad Hines, Scott Hirazumi, Horacio Martinez, Darrick Mitchell, Marvin Moreland, Nicholas Neenan, Taya Schram, Bradley Snyder, Brian Turner and Kory Whitmore; Staff Sgts. Shaikhan AlSubhi, Eldric Bankston, Anthony Bellinger, Terrance Bias, Antonio Butler, Aaron Cooper, Paul DeForge, George Gerner, Jules Guidry, Scott Husler, Donovan Kenney, Patrick McCathy, Jason McDonald, Daniel Perkins, Michael Sistrunk, Stephanie Smith and Jesus Soto; Tech. Sgts. Robert Hoffman, Joshua Jopling, Matthew McCoy, Tyson Scholes, James Warrack, Roy Weaver and David Winston; Master Sgt. Andres Crespo.

**Metrology basic course** — Airman Basic Jose DeJesus; Airman 1st Class Mitchell Forde; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Leuschen.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Heath Deegan and Garrett Rayburn; Airman 1st Class Mackensie Pampuch; Staff Sgt. John White; Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Rich.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Jason Barnes, Benjamin Hardy, Andrew Koski, Darryl Melendez and Clayton Tatum; Airman Joshua Clowers; Airman 1st Class Olivia Duarte.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Garrett Lee and Natalie Untalan; Airman 1st Class Kyle Morales; Staff Sgts. Stuart Aldrich, Matthew Ash, Adam Crogan, Christopher Gallo, Amy Koder, Burke Mills and Shawn Wentz; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Simon; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cummings

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Aaron Coleman, Jessica Dalton, Nancy Ervin, Michael Peak and Joshua Tibbit; Airmen Kristopher Barrientes, Kelsey Buis and Julia Fomina; Airmen 1st Class Precious Akitoye, Vincent Bulatao, Lanita Collins, Carlos Esguerra, Jesse Hughes, Petra Reid, Pete Sanchez, Douglas Vice and April Williams; Senior Airman Ryan Ferguson, Joshua Krueger and Elisabeth Peshek; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Baker, Russell Carr, Rasheem Cephas, Martin Hanley, Erica Harper, Jerry Madriaga, Howard McGriff and Rodney McInnis; Master Sgt. Doris Hagan.

**Weather training flight** — Navy Airmen Recruit Dante Blesoch, Jeremy Killion, James Lawson, Kevin McGee and Avery Ulmer; Airmen Basic Shane Bortz, Ritchie Clemmons, Will Cross, Jesse Hagler, Laura Kent, Heather Nehring, Erick Novella, Anthony O'Brien, Jessica Patton, Laura Pufpaff, Heather Shaw and Jordan Sloan; Marine Pfc. Jon Kuehler, Mario Morales and Timothy Owen; Airmen Omar Bonnet, Christopher Faulkner, Jennifer Harman, Thomas Klein, William Ledbetter, Desaray Lindsay, Amber Maier, Jacqueline Tobin, Justin Turco and Steven Vasko; Navy Airmen Apprentice Michael Beers, Cory Cook, Lee Edwards, Eric Olsen, Michael Rodriguez and Tyler Terrell; Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph Liotino; Navy Airmen Heather Koos, Mathew Minnila, Nicole Phelps, Martin Redditt, Zachary Richardson and Joshua Townsend; Airmen 1st Class Michael Avalar, John Commissaris, Douglas Cuff, Amanda Davidson, Michelle Enderle, Justin Guvhan, Jennifer Hampton, Thomas Heath, Corbyn Jones, Michael Ladakos, Brittany Kincaud, Kiely Meade, Jeffrey Miles, Jessica Morris, Chris Murdock, Megan Poorman, Leah Rhodes, Joseph Stalnaker, John Steigerwald, Kayla Stevens and Shane Thomas; Marine Cpl. Hans Hanner and Jacob Hansel; Senior Airman Anthony Sanders; Marine Sgt. Eric Ash, Ryan Bacon, Lacy Layne, Tony Shaffer and Timothy Thierry; Staff Sgts. Robert Abbott, Gabriel Cardwell, John Dickson, Jeffrey Guenin, Tyler Iteen, Daniel Mickle, Joseph Moran, Jennifer Powell, Johnnie Smith IV, Jason Ratliff and Rudolph Williams; Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Newman; Chief Petty Officer William Stewart; Korean Senior Master Sgt. Jin Hyung Park; Algerian Capt. Chawki Yahiaoui; Moldovian Maj. Alexandru Bitu.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2520.

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.  
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.  
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Weekday Mass

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

### Jewish

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

### Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

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

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen Basic Brian Gardner and Christopher McMahon; Airmen Sean Michaels; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Brewer, Brian Davis, Eric Messer, Benjamin Paddock, Colin Smith, Shawn Spears, Joshua Steward and Ryan Woods; Senior Airmen Jeremy Kaufman and Paul San; Staff Sgts. Mario Chavez-Rivas, Joseph Shinaver, Chad Stanley and Jeffrey Whitaker and Harvey Williams; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Derrico and Stephen Wall; Master Sgts. Allen Faust and Michael Nabholz.

**Communications and information flight** — Airmen Basic Brett Adams, Timothy Baker, Michael Butler, Christopher Cianfrone-Adams, Joshua Goddard, Joshua Perry, Julian Pfister, Austin Proll, Christopher Rushing, Evan Soriano, Brandon Tyler, Gary Williams and Sean Williamson; Airmen Noah Blach and Eric Leyva; Airmen 1st Class Raeann Batz, Matthew Benoit, Richard Cabantak, Michael D'Amico, Brandon Devault, Joshua Deville, David Hickox, Chelsea Kline, Jonathan Martin, Nicholas Morrison, Michael Pazarena, William Randall, Juan Rivera-Puig, Jayme Rodriguez, Jared Silva, Daniel Simmons, Michael Trum, John Valadon and David Whittaker; Senior Airmen Justin Hunnicutt, Corey Ross, Wesley Sobczyk; Staff Sgts. Aaron Copeland, Donna Doyon, Alicia Dunn, Charlie Freeman, Tremaine Joseph, Thomas Knoll and Russell Warren; Master Sgt. Jascha Patton; Senior Master Sgt. David Robles; Chief Master Sgt. James Boswell.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Nick Aaseng and Monte Hall; Airmen Ronald Brandtman and Micheal McHam; Airmen 1st Class Cory Barrett, Benjamin Byers, Jason Clukey, Nathan Grilley, Michael Huss, Andrew Knoll, Melissa Lafollete, Matthew Laftener, Jared Wallace and Jacquelline Wilson; Staff Sgt. Doyle Allen.

**Ground radar** — Airmen Basic Steven Bright, Richard Dale, James Fong and Jeremy Homrich; Airmen 1st Class Mathew Dick, Michael Jaquier and Samuel Lee; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Master Sgt. Kelly Merrell.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Justin Bowden, Lee Cink, Nathaniel Dykstra, Paul Haggerty, Herman Hoffman, Hamzah Khan, Joshua Miller, Theodore Parks, Rafeal Paulino, Zachary Raak, Ryan Rodriguez, Anthony Thornton and Kimberly Walton; Airmen Michael Harrold, Jason Stephan, Bruce Wade and Christopher Wells; Airmen 1st Class Zachary Bergsma, Larry Bigner, Jarod Bierman, Dale Fusiler, Vincent Lowman, Jared Lucci, Bryan North, Adalys Ramirez, Troy Sanders, Pedro Santiago, John Shirah and Eloy Tereyama; Senior Airman Justin Apple, Rachel Chamberland and Charles Daum; Staff Sgt. Anthony Mutchler; Tech. Sgts. Eric Lewis and Greg Mihalko; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Heiser.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Zachary Donelson, James Iowen, Spencer Jett, Samuel Mitchell, Robert Myrick and Collin Osting; Airmen William Elrod and Laura Wittenberg; Airmen 1st Class Kori Bealeu, Jeremy Grant, Lynnrae Grisham, Joseph Hammel, Robert Hollar, Alexander Johnson, KJ Kohl, Jeremy Leblanc, Derek Moran, Richard Roggensac, Thomas Smith and Armondo Villaneda; Staff Sgts. Stephen Pragovich and James Taylor; Tech. Sgts. William Clochessy and Mark Raut; Senior Master Sgts. 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

**Key Spouse training** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26, Room 108B, Sablich Center.

### Arts and crafts center

**Open house** — 4:30-7:30 p.m. March 26. Meet instructors, tour shops, register for door prizes.

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

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. Friday. \$15 including materials.

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20 including materials and tool use.

**Beginning woodworking** — Wednesday. \$15 including shop use and materials. Class certifies you to use the woodworking equipment.

**Powder puff mechanics** — 5:30 p.m. today in the auto hobby shop. \$10 per person.

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

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

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

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

## Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 377-2520.

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

## McBride Library

**Orientations for teens and older** — 6:30 p.m. today, Monday and March 29. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

**Book displays** — Ireland, through Friday; Shakespeare with Ides of March topic, Monday through March 27.

**Overdrive audio online book program** — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

**Rosetta Stone online language learning center** — 30 foreign languages including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

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

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

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

**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.

**UBU party** — 8 p.m. Frodau, nonprior service students only. Prizes and giveaways.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Image makers photo contest** — Tuesday through March 27, ages 5-18. Entries accepted Monday-Thursdays. Judging March 27. For more information, call 377-4116.

**American Red Cross babysitting course** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28, ages 11-15. \$45 payable at registration, no later than March 13. Maximum 10 participants.

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

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

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

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Thursday

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Monday

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

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

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

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

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## 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 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/eff/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 Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

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

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

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

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

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

## 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., Notorious (R, 123 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Paul Blant: Mall Cop (PG, 91 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Taken (PG-13, 91 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13, 129 minutes).

### April weather outlook

A marked warming trend begins in April and near freezing temperatures are rare. Precipitation is primarily in the form of showers or thunderstorms and is usually associated with fronts or squall lines. The major storm track is generally west of Keesler through Louisiana and Arkansas. Fog and stratus can be prevalent during the first part of the month..

<b>Extreme maximum temperature (F).....</b>	93
<b>Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....</b>	75
<b>Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....</b>	61
<b>Extreme minimum temperature (F).....</b>	36
<b>Mean relative humidity (percent).....</b>	71
<b>Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....</b>	4.68
<b>Mean number of days with precipitation.....</b>	7
<b>Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....</b>	5
<b>Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....</b>	7.01
<b>Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:</b>	
<b>2,000 feet.....</b>	12.1
<b>1,000 feet.....</b>	6.9
<b>300 feet.....</b>	1.1
<b>Percentage of observations with visibility less than:</b>	
<b>6 miles .....</b>	18.2
<b>3 miles .....</b>	5.2
<b>1 mile.....</b>	1.7
<b>Percentage of observations with wind:</b>	
<b>0-3 knots.....</b>	39.7
<b>4-10 knots.....</b>	51.5
<b>11-21 knots.....</b>	8.7
<b>22 knots or greater.....</b>	0.1

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

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