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Doug Lee, 81st Training Support Squadron, edits functions to develop the different virtual training environments called forums for the MyBase training and education prototype being developed at Keesler. The Qwaq software allows the virtual environment to be changed — for instance, the avatar representing the uniform can be in uniform or civilian clothes, male or female, along with a variety of physical characteristics.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler creating virtual training environment

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler is taking the three-dimensional virtual world into the instructional environment as a MyBase training and education prototype takes shape.

Imagine a virtual classroom where an avatar embodying the instructor strides through a doorway, greets the students and sits down to present a lesson to students in Japan, Kuwait and Oklahoma simultaneously. Those students can interact in that virtual classroom by typing or voice, instructor-to-student or student-to-student. Videos, standard classroom presentations,

small group exercises, reading assignments and even virtual chalkboard exercises are part of the package.

Keesler is playing a pivotal role in MyBase, a virtual learning environment designed to enhance Air Force recruiting, training, education, and operations. MyBase represents the Air Force's commitment to transforming its training and education system into a continuous learning culture to meet future Air Force missions.

To explore those training and education possibilities, Keesler developers are collaborating with a team of contractors to construct a persist-

ent 3-D virtual environment to provide distributed learning, including hands-on performance based projects.

"You can be in the desert, you can be anywhere — you log in and you're reaching back to Keesler," said Bob Stage, project manager for the 333rd Training Squadron. "We're creating distance learning in a virtual format that will save time, money and resources."

"Our end goal is to develop true online interactive courses," commented David Carley, 81st Training Support Squadron's project manager. "This is leading edge technology for the Air Force's technical training world.

It has the potential to drastically increase the effectiveness of distance learning courses."

At Keesler, the 333rd and 338th TRS and the 81st TRSS joined forces with Abacus Solutions Group, which was awarded the software license and technical support contract for the project, along with General Dynamics, which is providing computer support for the software, and K-Mar Industries, the base's multimedia contractor, for graphics illustration.

"Industry doesn't really have what we're trying to

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Lorenz on Leadership

We're all equals in the pursuit of excellence

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

If you haven't seen the Air Education and Training Command headquarters building, you're missing out. It is a grand, historic building, nestled under age-old oak trees, that was built in the 1930's. Although initially used as an academic hall for new Air Force aviators, the building has had many uses over the years. Today it, along with sister buildings of the same era, houses members of the Air Education and Training Command headquarters staff. For those in the main building, standing on the red-tiled sidewalk that leads to the front doors every morning is Carmen.

Carmen is an important part of my morning routine. You see, each morning I park my car in front of the headquarters building and walk up that wide, red-tiled sidewalk to the front doors of the building. There she stands, working with a mop in hand, water pail nearby and a bright smile that stretches from ear to ear. I always stop and talk with Carmen — she makes a difference in everything she touches.

Carmen is an unassuming, humble woman with a sparkling, energetic outlook that can make even the darkest day feel brighter. Through the years, she has worked to help support her family and has successfully raised two sons, now grown and on their own.

Although Carmen has held many different positions at military locations around San Antonio, she has made Randolph shine for the last eight years. Today, she isn't just responsible for the Headquarters building. Carmen can be seen all over the base.

You'll find her at the 99th Flying Training Squadron, the chapel, and even at the base fitness center.

Carmen is everywhere, greeting dozens of people every day, and this base is better because of her.

Carmen works to ensure that her labor achieves the right effect — that everyone who drives past, visits or works in the building feels a part of something special. The headquarters building routinely hosts foreign ministers of defense, air chiefs and American civic and military leaders; and represents the nearly 90,000 men and women worldwide that belong to AETC. The building is an integral part of the organization and is everyone's first impression at work every day. It all starts with Carmen's attention to detail.

Carmen's professionalism is evident all over the base and it stems from pride. She never complains about her responsibilities and relishes the opportunity to make a difference. If she sees the flag in the front of the building rolled up by a gust of wind, she unfurls it. Dust on a ledge doesn't stand a chance. She's never idle, always taking the initiative to exceed expectations and set a higher standard. Everything she touches is better as a result.

You must realize that in Carmen's line of work, a job well done is rarely noticed or lauded. We, as a people, don't notice clean, but we do notice dirty. Carmen understands this and quietly creates a positive impact on the headquarters staff. Others instinctively and unknowingly follow her lead in their areas of responsibility and push for the same standard of excellence that Carmen sets daily. Such excellence becomes ingrained in the organization's culture. After all, people are far more likely to pick up a lone piece

of trash on the floor than a floor littered with many. This adage goes for all things, not just trash.

What has impressed me most about Carmen, however, is her positive attitude. There is a lot to be said about someone who sees the world as being a "glass half-full." True, we must guard such optimism with realism, but it is far easier (and more fun) to follow a positive, energetic leader than one who exudes negative gloom. Such a positive attitude is contagious to the entire organization and has a positive impact both up and down the chain of command. It is a key element of any successful team.

The one problem is that Carmen is so effective and efficient that her work begins to blend into the building. After awhile, it can be easy to forget the importance of her labors. I get accustomed to seeing her on the red-tiled walkway and the routine becomes an expectation. I sometimes forget to appreciate her impact.

We must not forget that everyone in the organization makes a difference. No one person or position is of greater value than another; all are equal in the pursuit of excellence and all contribute to the Air Force mission. We cannot afford to take anyone for granted, military, civilian or contractor. The mission and our culture would suffer as a result.

All of us know people like Carmen, those at your base who quietly make a difference in people's lives. Take time to recognize and appreciate everyone. And the next time you find yourself at AETC headquarters, take time to greet Carmen on the red-tiled sidewalk. She's made a difference in my life and I know she'll make a difference in yours.

True leaders never relinquish responsibility

By Lt. Col. Scott Chowning

334th Training Squadron commander

So you want to be a leader. Question is ... can you be followed?

One of the most important leadership lessons cadets at the Air Force Academy learn is how to answer a "Why" question. First-year cadets at all the service academies learn a set of basic responses to use in their interactions with upperclassmen. The basic responses vary from academy to academy but all include, "Yes sir/ma'am", "No sir", "Sir, may I make a statement" and "Sir, I do not know." The most powerful and important of all responses used at every service academy is "No excuse, sir." The answer to any "Why" question is simply, "No excuse."

It takes most first-year cadets a few

months to fully ingrain the answer to "Why didn't you get a haircut?" or "Why are you late to formation?", but once learned, it's perhaps the most fundamental lesson the future leaders learn. The cadets learn they are completely responsible for everything that happens...no matter what. They are not even given the opportunity to make excuses — they must own it.

When we make an excuse, we try to relinquish responsibility, we attempt to remove blame from ourselves — we try to pass the buck. President Truman was famous for the message on his desk in the Oval Office which said simply, "The Buck Stops Here." He had it right.

On a personal, professional, or even corporate Air Force level, we make mistakes. When asked "Why,"

we usually have a host of reasons or excuses to explain the resultant failure. Why did we unknowingly fly six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles across the country? Our reports list a long chain of events and shortcomings. Why have we been unable to acquire badly-needed tankers to ensure the continued global reach of our Air Force? Why do Airmen continue to fail the physical training test? Why was the enlisted performance report turned in late? We even have to write a memo to explain the EPR lateness. How about we start with a simple, "No excuse." That's the real answer. A bunch of excuses about incorrect RIPs, supervisors unavailable due to temporary duty or leave and faulty e-mail won't fix anything.

Is "no excuse" a solution for all

our ills? Certainly not, but if you begin today to listen for the "why" questions and answer first with "No excuse," you will quickly see how often we try to shift responsibility. Do you make excuses, or do you accept responsibility? Do you pass the buck ... even if you have a good reason for the failure? Just own it and move on. You will probably find you have to say "No excuse" less often if you don't allow yourself the luxury of shifting the blame.

If you want to be a successful leader you must be "followable." You can only be followed if you are able to own your failures — if you accept personal responsibility. True leaders make no excuses.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

Have you ever done a random act of kindness? What was it?



A lady fell off her bicycle and I helped her up.

Airman Basic Andrew Kobilsek, 334th Training Squadron student



On more than one occasion, I've pulled over and helped people with car trouble, mostly flat tires.

David Carley, 81st Training Support Squadron



A family from Texas headed to North Carolina to meet their husband/father had car trouble. My wife and I helped them, put them up in a hotel, fixed their vehicle and two days later they were on their way.

Bob Stage, 333rd TRS

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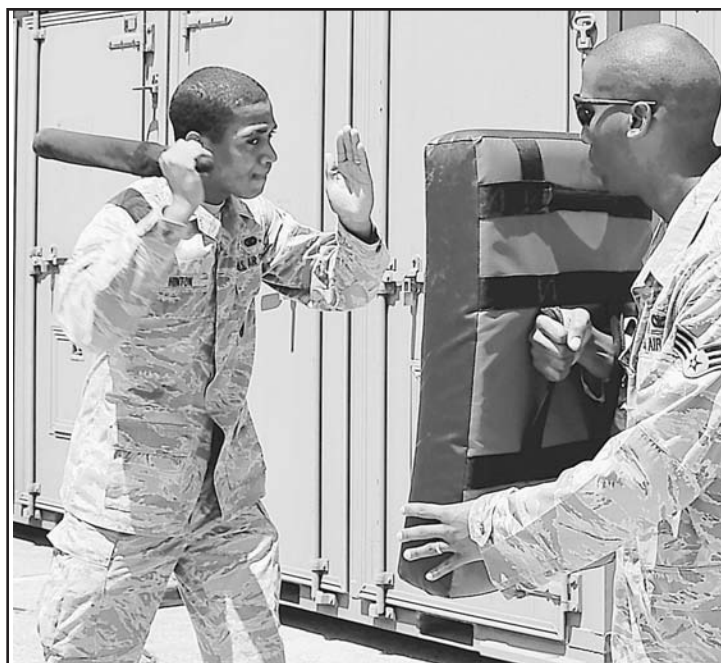
TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Senior Airman Eric Summers

Senior Airman Derik Hoskins practices firing an M4 carbine during training at Keesler's Camp Keller firing range in Woolmarket, April 24.

Security forces team prepares for deployment



Airman 1st Class Anthony Hinton, left, swings an ASP baton toward Senior Airman Jermaine Wilson during deployment training April 24. Both are patrolmen with the 81st SFS.

By Senior Airman Eric Summers
Keesler News staff

Twenty-five members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron have been participating in training in preparation for their upcoming deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Squadron members performed various training activities to strengthen their skills and help them remain vigilant during their deployment.

The members conducted pre-deployment training to include the firing of the M9, M249, and M240 weapons; ASP tactical baton training; convoy training and other combat skills.

“This training ensures that we adequately know how to use the weapons we will be working with just in case a situation appears that may have to use them,” said Senior Airman Timothy Capers, one of the patrolmen who’s deploying.

The team also went through several other trainings to include self-aid buddy care and online modules.

“The training also prepares us to be ready to use the techniques from self aid and buddy care which may save mine or another wingman’s life,” said Airman Capers.

The team departs Sunday for Fort Bliss, Texas, for additional training before deployment.

Center inspires creative learning

By Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

AETC Public Affairs

Officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, opened Air Education and Training Command's Innovation Center April 30.

"The center will accelerate innovation and bring new ideas and technologies for our recruit, educate and train mission," said Maj. Gen. Erwin Lessel III, AETC plans, programs, requirements and assessments director.

Inspiration came from similar centers at leading universities and major corporations, said Larry Clemons, AETC future learning division program manager. It has a \$10,000 "electronic laboratory" for service members and civilians to use in their search for better ways to train and educate Airmen.

The 450 square-foot room has two state-of-the-art high-speed gaming stations with Web cams, less-restrictive Internet connectivity for up to 14 team members, high-performance laptop computers, high-resolution flat-panel displays, informational kiosks, reading materials covering a wide variety of future learning topics, and a 16-foot wide white board for collaboration.

AETC launched MyBase, a virtual world on Second Life, in December, to offer people a way to learn about the Air Force in a simulated three-dimensional environment from their home computers. Air Force officials are also developing a private site in a three-dimensional world for Airmen to virtually "attend" training courses without incurring travel expenses.

For more information about the center, call Mr. Clemons, 1-210-652-3194.

USM summer term

May 15 is the deadline for new students to register for the University of Southern Mississippi's summer term which begins June 1.

Registration is 2-6 p.m. May 27 at USM'S Gulf Park campus

in Long Beach.

For more information, call 376-8479.

WCU summer term

William Carey University's summer trimester starts June 1.

William Carey offers flexible degrees, allowing transfer of many Community College of the Air Force credits. Discounted tuition rates are available for active duty military, dependents, retirees, and Defense Department civilians.

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

Special testing dates

Application deadlines and dates for special testing are:

ACT — May 22 for June 22.

PRAXIS I and II — June 14 for July 13.

Test time is 7 a.m. for all.

For more information, call 376-8708.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of Mathies NCO Academy is closed until noon May 20 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the hours may change or the lot is open.

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

House party

A UBU house party, for non prior service students, is 8-10 p.m., May 29 at the Legends Café in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card, and become eligible for prizes and giveaways including a Sony Playstation 3.

The party is sponsored by AAFES and the Keesler Federal Credit Union.

Drill downs, parades

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

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

Parades — 6 p.m. June 25 and Sept. 17.

Academic ace



Staff Sgt. Richard Frey graduated Tuesday with a perfect score in the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron. He's retraining from the in-flight refueling career field and is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the 13-week electronic warfare apprentice course. He's from Eau Claire, Wis., and is stationed at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Summers, 377-2103. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

New CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF degree requirements.

For more information, call the education center, 376-8708 or 8710.

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.

Air Force first

Enlisted graduate of foreign medical school commissioned, picked for residency training

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

For newly-promoted Capt. (Dr.) Mauricio De Castro, April 24 was the culmination of a long-sought goal. He became an Air Force officer and, perhaps more significant, he will soon begin the internal medicine residency program at Keesler Medical Center.

Col. Stephanie McCann, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron commander, officiated at the ceremony during which Captain De Castro shed his senior airman stripes and pinned on captain bars.

He was proud to have his brothers "do the honors" by pinning his new rank on his uniform. Army 1st Lt. Carlos De Castro, 27, came from Ft. Bragg, N.C., to mark the occasion with Airman 1st Class Miguel De Castro, 23, who traveled to Keesler from the Pentagon.

Until his promotion, then-Senior Airman De Castro served as a medical laboratory journeyman at the medical center.

He was born in Barranquilla, Columbia. He earned his doctor of medicine degree from the Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla in 2004. Then 23 years old, he and his family sought political asylum in the U.S. shortly after graduation.

"Due to the situation in Colombia at the time, we feared political persecution because my family was involved with the government," he explained.

His parents subsequently returned as the nation became more stable. Unfortunately, his medical degree wasn't transferable.

Captain De Castro enlisted in the Air Force in 2006 and in



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Lieutenant De Castro, left, and Airman De Castro, right, simulate "pounding" new captain's bars on Captain De Castro during the promotion ceremony.

"This proves that if you have a dream, you should never give up. Be sure to surround yourself with good people."

— Captain De Castro

December 2008, after years of sacrifice and hard work, was selected for commissioning in the Air Force. This alone was a major achievement, but even more remarkably, he was selected by the Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Board to complete a residency in internal medicine.

According to Capt. Robert Curtis, chief of 81st MDTs transfusion services, "This is the first time in Air Force history that an enlisted member who graduated from a foreign medical school has been selected for residency training."

Captain De Castro thanked everyone responsible for

allowing him to achieve his dream following "a long journey of eight years."

"This was a tremendous group effort, from leadership to the people I worked with in the lab. This proves that if you have a dream, you should never give up. Be sure to surround yourself with good people."

He had special words of thanks for his brothers, noting, "Without them, this would never have been possible."

The new captain will attend the month-long Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell AFB, Ala., and begin his residency at Keesler July 1.

IN THE NEWS

Assumption of command May 26

Col. Ian Dickinson assumes command from Col. Christopher Valle during a ceremony and permanent party formation, 9 a.m. May 26 on the parade grounds.

Colonel Dickinson currently serves as Joint Staff deputy chief information officer at the Pentagon.

New commander's access channel

As of Monday, the commander's access channel is now Channel 14.

Meadows Drive Gate still closed

The Meadows Avenue Gate is closed through May 15 while construction continues to upgrade denial barriers.

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days for inbound and outbound traffic.

For more information, call 376-6623.

Cyberspace symposium in June

Air Force News Service

BARKSDALE Air Force Base, La. — The 2009 Air Force Cyberspace Symposium is June 16-18 at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport, La.

This year's theme is "Collaboration in Cyberspace." Along with the existing Air Force and Department of Defense focus, the event will include exploration into how other governmental agencies approach cyberspace.

The symposium will provide attendees an understanding of the interdependencies created through cyber and its effect on government, industry and academia.

For registration information, log on to <http://www.cyberspacesymposium.com>

Aspirin use in combat not advised

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are directing service members and government civilians deployed in overseas war zones to refrain from taking aspirin unless under a doctor's order.

Military medical authorities also advise troops slated for deployment to combat zones to cease taking aspirin at least 10 days before departure.

Aspirin is a platelet-inhibitor, and low amounts of blood platelets can lead to excessive bleeding. Blood loss is the most common cause of preventable death associated with combat injuries.

Cessation of over-the-counter access to aspirin through Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets or morale, welfare and recreation activities in war zones has been directed.

Over-the-counter non-aspirin-based medications such as Tylenol or Motrin should be substituted for treatment of colds, fever, muscle aches and other maladies.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the May 28 issue of the Keesler News is noon May 21 because of the Memorial Day federal holiday, May 25.

Hurricane briefings set

Hurricane season begins June 1. To prepare, the 81st Training Wing holds town hall meetings next week at Welch Auditorium.

Briefings, mandatory for assigned personnel and highly encouraged for civilians and family members, are 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. May 14.

For more information, call John Thornton, 377-4647.

PREPARING for the storm



403rd Wing leader shares promotion with deployed son



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens

Master Sgt. Rafael Gonzalez, left, 403rd Wing client support administrator, assists Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander, and his wife Nancy with a video teleconference so their son, Marine Cpl. Todd Lawson, could attend the general's May 2 promotion ceremony while deployed to Southwest Asia. In the background is family friend Fred Fletemeyer, honorary commander of the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Site offers flu resources

Air Force News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — With just a few clicks of the mouse, service members, civilians and families interested in learning more about the H1N1 flu outbreak, otherwise known as swine flu, can access a variety of resources on the Web.

Department of Defense officials created and maintain a Pandemic Influenza Watch-

board, available at <http://www.dod.mil/pandemicflu>.

Also used during the H5N1 flu outbreak, otherwise known as avian flu, the watchboard includes flu-related news articles, guidance from DOD leaders and links to information from other government agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Training,

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develop here," Mr. Stage commented. "They have parts of it, and that's why we got this contractor to come in and give us a piece we need — building avatars, developing communication and working together with the virtual software to help us develop the hands-on piece that nobody has yet.

"When this collaboration with the contractor is completed, we hope to have learned enough so that the Air Force then owns the knowledge and doesn't have to rely on other sources," he added.

Two years ago, Mr. Stage's mission was to convert mobile technical training courses to distance learning. The effort would eliminate sending trainers and equipment to offsite locations, instead bringing individual students to a classroom around the world where a whole course could be delivered to a desktop.

Although Keesler secured educational and training technology application funding for the project, an acceptable bid wasn't received, so trainers began to redefine their requirements.

"About the same time, Air Education

and Training Command issued a white paper which challenged the Air Force to capitalize on the new technologies to bring today's Airmen into a comfortable and familiar world in which a 3-D virtual environment plays a huge role," Mr. Stage explained. "AETC provided additional funding to bring us to where we are now."

"Keesler's MyBase prototype training and education project supports AETC's ongoing efforts to transform the Air Force into a learning organization of knowledge-enabled Airmen," explained Suzy Sutton of AETC's technology requirements branch. "The Keesler project implements the white paper's recommendation to initiate the cyberspace pilot project which will convert two courses — network administration messaging and communications and electronics maintenance standards and evaluations procedures — into a virtual 3-D environment.

"Lessons learned from this project will provide valuable data to enhance decision making as AETC continues to transform from today's education and training environment to a culture of learning," Ms. Sutton continued.

The 18-month project kicked off

March 3-5 with AETC officials touring Keesler's Cyber Campus in Stennis Hall before workgroup meetings for those collaborating on the project. Teams from the 81st TRSS and 333rd TRS have set up a computer laboratory with the Qwaq 3-D software platform for developer training, courseware design and development and initial courseware deployment.

Milestones for the project are organized in four increments.

Increment 1 involves prototype design, development and debugging through August. Small-group tryouts and lessons-learned fixes are anticipated in September and October.

Increment 2 involves course offerings provided on a stand-alone Keesler network from October through December.

Increment 3 projects distributed offerings via the Internet and hosted on a ".com" Web site from January through March.

Increment 4 projects distributed offerings via the Web and hosted on a secure military Web site from April-June 2010. In August 2010, AETC's studies and analysis squadron will complete evaluation of the project and

issue a final report.

During this proof of concept phase, developers are dealing with several challenges that could impact the effectiveness of the project.

One is the fact that the courses are conducted live in real time, with students logging in at the same time across widely-varying time zones.

"Keesler will come on at a designated time and right now, students might have to come in at midnight, mid-morning, mid-afternoon," Mr. Stage said.

Security issues are also a concern, he continued.

"Going across the Internet — .com and .edu — is a back door for hackers on an Air Force base," he pointed out.

Mr. Carley said the main challenge for the 81st TRSS instructional technology unit has been to complete its normal mission while allowing five to seven people to work on MyBase each day.

"We still have ongoing projects and many people involved in the MyBase project have to finish up projects that were in progress when this proof of concept started. "The folks are taking on twice the normal workload, but their motivation, devotion to the job and initiative keeps this project moving forward."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Involuntary NCO retraining

81st Force Support Squadron

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2009 noncommissioned officer retraining program for retraining from Air Force Specialty Codes with overages to AFSCs with NCO shortage. This involuntary phase runs through May 31.

For more information and a list of the affected AFSCs, visit the military personnel section or call 376-8739.

2009 selection boards

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

June 8 — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

July 13-24 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 17-28 — command screening.

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

Oct. 13-26 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

The Air Force Discrimination Hotline, 1-888-231-4058, that serves all active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen.

The 24/7 hotline number ensures all unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment concerns are quickly identified and addressed. It streamlines the process by which individuals can speak with an equal opportunity professional at the Air Force Personnel Center to advise and assist with their concerns and issues. Callers can remain anonymous.

Personnel are highly encouraged to use their chain of command and/or local EO office as a first means to address concerns, but the 24/7 hotline is available to those who don't have immediate access to their local EO office.

Medical appointments

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. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately.

For more information, call 376-3101.

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

PCS requirement

All members making a permanent change of station move or to any continental United States location or unaccompanied overseas tour now are required to complete an Air Force Form 4380, Air Force Special Needs Screener.

This requirement helps determine if the new location can meet the required special needs. PCS orders won't be processed prior to completion of the form, or receipt of final determination on exceptional family member program enrollment for any responses that indicate the presence of special needs. Members with PCS to accompanied overseas tours continue to process the Air Force Forms 1466 and 1466D.

For more information, call 376-8739.



Keesler event takes different approach to sexual assault awareness, prevention

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan performed two one-hour shows April 29 as part of Keesler's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month activities. After a 30-minute comedy routine, a serious training message followed targeting alcohol, substance abuse and sexual conduct. Keesler's observance also included two sessions of "target hardening," a women's self-defense class.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGON OF THE WEEK



Photo by Adam Bond

Name — Staff Sgt. Melissa Hall
Unit — 81st Training Wing
Position — command post controller

Time in the Air Force — 5½ years
Time at Keesler — 1½ years
Noteworthy — recently completed six-month deployment to Al Udeid, Qatar, in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Horn of Africa

Hometown — Lake City, Fla.
Why did you join the Air Force? — to serve my country and to make a difference

What are your short- and long-term goals —to finish my Community College of the Air Force degree and get started on a bachelor's degree.

What are your hobbies? reading, cooking, water sports, camping, fishing and skydiving.

What's your favorite quote? — “The only things in life we regret are the risks we didn't take.”

DIAMOND NOTES

A man saw three men digging a ditch and asked them what they were doing.

The first man angrily said,
“What does it look like...I'm digging a ditch.”

The second man simply said,
“I'm making a living so I can provide for my wife and kids.”

The third man proudly said,
“I'm helping to create an irrigation system so this land can grow crops to feed the world's hungry.”
What is your perspective?



Senior Master Sgt. John Geboy, 81st Force Support Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



May 1, 1944

The 3704th
Army Air Forces Base Unit
(technical school
and basic training center)
activated as Keesler's home unit.

Apheresis broadens impact of blood donations

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Rose Weatherly plays a major role in providing life-saving blood products to patients at Keesler Medical Center and, literally, around the world.

Ms. Weatherly, a registered nurse, is the apheresis supervisor with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron's pathology and clinical laboratory services flight transfusion services. She has been with the department conducting apheresis since 1991.

She explained apheresis is the process of separating blood into its major components — red and white cells and platelets — from the plasma, or liquid portion.

"This is done by an automated process," she said. "Our goal and focus for 2009 is to use apheresis to collect plasma from AB donors. AB plasma is universal and can be given to anyone. AB components lack the antibodies that could attack red cells. We're in the process of validating our process with the goal of receiving an FDA (Food and Drug Administration) license to ship plasma across state lines."

Blood products retrieved through apheresis can be used at Keesler Medical Center or sent through the Armed Services Blood Program to medical facilities worldwide. The AB plasma is shared with the Keesler Blood Donor Center to help it meet monthly goals.

A major benefit of using apheresis to collect blood components versus whole-blood donations is the mechanical method provides larger amounts of specific components — for example, up to 600 milliliters of plasma from a single donor. This compares to only 200 ml of plasma from a whole-blood donor.

Ms. Weatherly observed that one apheresis donor can furnish as many blood platelets as six whole-blood donors. These products are wonderful for patients because their exposure to products from multiple donors is limited. In addition, since most of the blood (red cells) is returned to the donors, they are able to donate more frequently — every four weeks compared to eight weeks for blood donors.

The process normally takes 1½ to two hours for first-time apheresis donors and one to 1½ hours for repeat donors. The difference is due to the extra time it takes to complete paperwork and explain the procedure to the "first-timers."



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Ms. Weatherly prepares Airman 1st Class Marthinus Taljaard, 81st MDTs, for platelet donation. This was the second time he had participated in the apheresis process.

"Our donors must meet the same requirements as whole-blood donors," Ms. Weatherly continued. "Anyone deferred from donating whole blood cannot donate through apheresis."

While she is the only one specifically assigned to the department, Ms. Weatherly said she can rely on support from the transfusion services and Keesler Donor Center staffs as needed.

In addition to apheresis, Ms. Weatherly also performs therapeutic phlebotomies under the direction of the blood services medical director. For instance, therapeutic phlebotomy may be called upon to remove a unit of blood from a patient who has too much iron in his or her body. This is similar to a whole blood unit donation.

Ms. Weatherly said, in addition to drawing components, apheresis is used for therapeutic purposes as well. The process selectively removes a cellular (red cells, white cells) or liquid component (plasma) from the patient's blood. Depending on the diagnosis, if it's determined a plasma component is causing a patient medical complications, apheresis may be used to remove the plasma and replace it with other fluids, such as albumin or fresh frozen plasma. A red cell exchange procedure normally performed for sickle cell crisis, replaces the patient's red cells with healthy donor red cells.

Donations are accepted 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays Fridays, but the department is closed compressed work schedule Fridays.

To donate platelets or plasma through apheresis or for more information, call 376-4414.



Courtesy photo

From left, Colonel Johnson, Sergeants Dirickson and Prickett, Airman Rivera, Captain Curtis and Sergeant Collins display a flag signed by fellow deployers at Balad. Captain Curtis rides with the Patriot Guard Riders and brought the flag to Iraq. The riders, mostly motorcyclists, provide respect to fallen service members and send their flags into war zones to show appreciation to the troops.

Keesler medics take apheresis services to Southwest Asia

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Apheresis service is also available in Southwest Asia.

Capt. Robert Curtis, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, served as chief of apheresis during his deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq, from September 2008-January 2009. At Keesler, he's chief of the laboratory pathology flight's transfusion services.

Three Keesler clinical technicians deployed with the captain and served on his team — Staff Sgts. Quintella Collins and Melissa Prickett and Senior Airman Johnalee Rivera.

The team's noncommissioned officer in charge was Tech. Sgt. Nicole Dirickson from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

They were part of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron commanded by Lt. Col. David Johnson, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Because Balad's apheresis equipment differed from Keesler's, Captain Curtis and the three lab techs spent two weeks at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, en route to Iraq.

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Ultrasound course supervisor ends 32-year federal career

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Carolyn Teal was honored for 32 years of federal service at an April 23 retirement ceremony at Keesler Medical Center.

Mrs. Teal ended her career as supervisor of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron diagnostic imaging flight ultrasound Phase II course.

A native of Mobile, Ala., she entered civil service in 1973 as a clerk typist for the Keesler technical training staff. She left in 1974 to earn an associate degree in radiologic technology from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

She returning to federal service in 1977 as a staff sonographer at the medical center and was soon placed in charge of the ultrasound department. That year, she received her national registry in radiologic technology from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and completed the ultrasound program at the University of South Alabama.

In 1979, she received her registry in obstetrics and gynecology ultrasound through the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

In addition to her regular duties, she developed an on-the-job training course for ultrasound technologists and began training military X-ray technologists for ultrasound.



Mrs. Teal

Mrs. Teal has extensive Air Force training and completed the technical training instructor course in 1993.

As demand for ultrasound technologists increased, the military established a Phase II ultrasound program based out of Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Keesler is one of eight bases with the program.

In 1995, Mrs. Teal became the Phase II course supervisor and received her registry in abdomen ultrasound.

She's taught at least 35 Airmen in the Phase II program. Although early in the program her classes had two to three students, there was only one per class for a number of years. Students spent two months in Phase II after completing their Phase I train-

ing at Sheppard. Keesler's program was suspended following Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, resuming in 2007.

Mrs. Teal was the first Department of Defense civilian instructor for the ultrasound career field and was selected by the Air Force functional manager as one of two military liaisons to the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

She received a certificate of achievement in conjunction with an Outstanding Unit Award, was the 81st Medical Operations Squadron Civilian of the Quarter and was nominated as Keesler's Woman of the Year in 2001.

Mrs. Teal, a member of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, has published many articles in the *Journal of Clinical Sonography* and co-authored an article in the *Journal of Computerized Anatomy Technology*.

Mrs. Teal and her husband, Randy, live in Ocean Springs and have a married daughter and two grandsons.

"I plan to take it easy for a while and do things with our grandchildren," she said. "My husband and I also will enjoy our classic car (a 1946 pink, purple and green Plymouth business coupe)." They've had the car for three years and participate in "Cruisin' the Coast" and other car shows.

Aphresis,

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They trained on equipment that Wilford Hall had purchased specifically for this purpose.

"I learned how to manage the apheresis unit and they learned how to use the apheresis equipment and how to collect units of whole blood," the captain explained. "Deployed equipment has to be smaller and sturdier than that used in

stateside labs due to the need for rapid mobility."

The lab team worked 12-hour days, six days a week.

"We collected about 180 units of platelets a month, keeping half for Balad and shipping the other half throughout Iraq," he said. "We saw an average of seven donors daily, making shipments for four days followed by a day off. Although the Army hospital in Baghdad also collected platelets, we collected nearly five times their volume." He added that the

Army also provides apheresis service in Afghanistan, at the Bagram AB hospital.

He said transfusions were down overall at Balad, but that was an indication of the reduction in number of wounded patients seen at the facility. However, they still had to collect platelets "just in case."

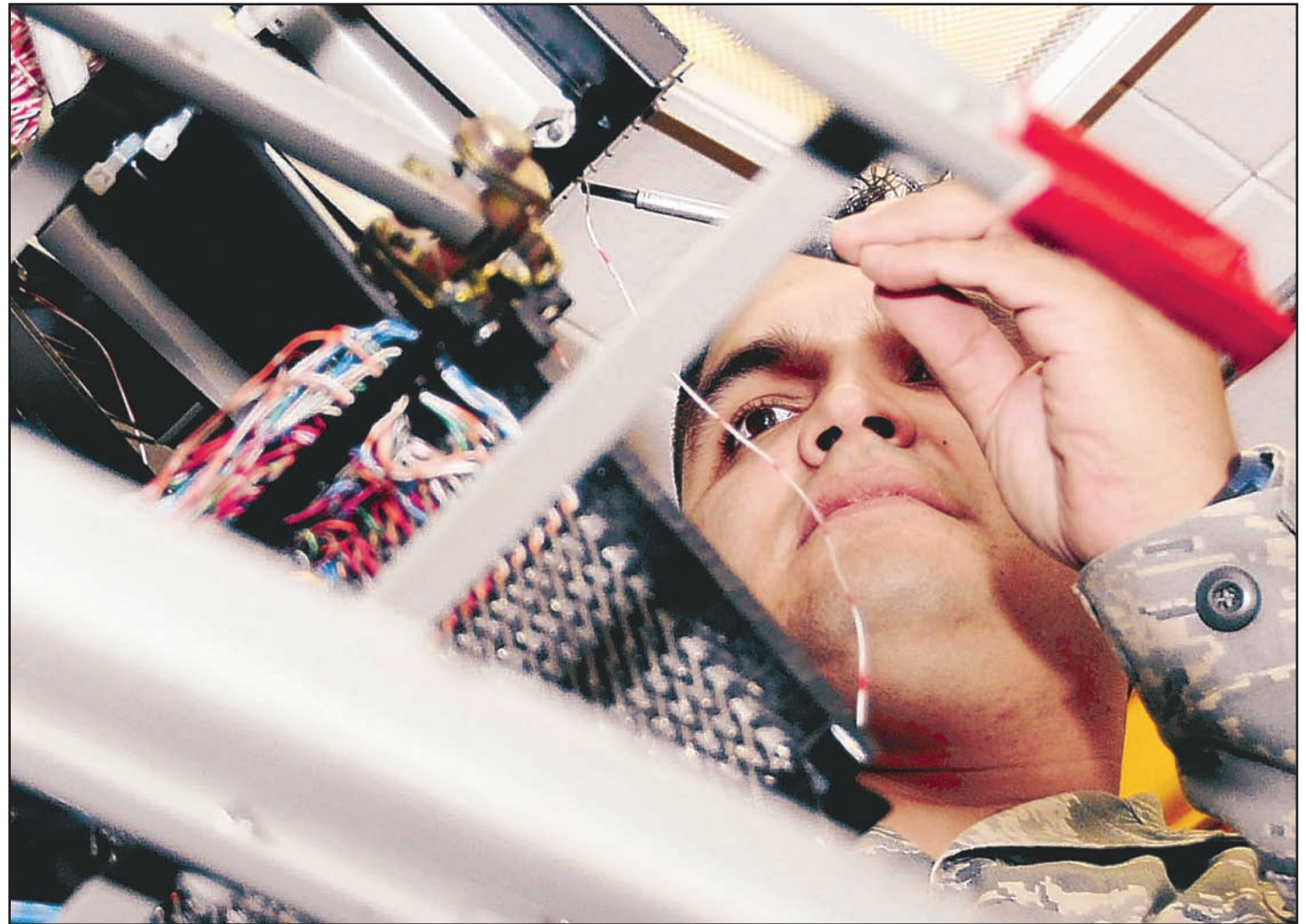
"When I was deployed to Al Udeid (Air Base, Qatar) from January-May 2007, the tempo was much higher. It's dropped off considerably in the last two years."



Bright IDEA

Tech. Sgt. Fernando Duque, network infrastructure assistant non-commissioned officer in charge, replaces attaches modem wiring in the telephone maintenance building for network connections to remote user buildings, April 29. Sergeant Duque was recognized by the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program for his suggestion to replace some old network equipment with new equipment. His IDEA suggestion increases network speed a minimum of 250 percent and saved the Air Force approximately \$250,000.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Mental health moves

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Medical Center mental health clinic moves this weekend from the medical center to the Arnold Annex, next to the arts and crafts center and Meadows Drive tennis courts.

Walk-in and consultation services will be available during duty hours Friday and Monday in the ADAPT clinic in the medical center basement.

The clinic opens Tuesday at the Arnold Annex.

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

Master sergeant promotion list released May 14

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center will post the selection list for master sergeant promotions on the Air Force Portal and AFPC public and military Web sites, 8 a.m. May 14 CDT.

This is the first time in 12 years the master sergeant and technical sergeant promotion lists have not been released simultaneously. The technical sergeant selection list is scheduled to be released June 18.

In addition to the AFPC public Web site, the list will be posted on the AFPC Spotlight and promotions page on the AFPC “Ask” Web site

Airmen can access their score notices via Air Force Portal and virtual Military Personnel Flight.

The complete list of those being promoted from Keesler appears in the May 21 issue.

Nurses observe special week

By Capt. Jennifer Rhoades

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron

The 81st Medical Group marks National Nurses Week through May 12.

The week began with a formal opening ceremony Monday and a 5-kilometer fun run, massage sessions and a night-shift pizza party Tuesday.

Wednesday, there was a lunch time burger burn and another night-shift pizza party.

A burger burn is planned for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 6 and another night-shift pizza party is slated for 7 p.m.

Today, a Nurse/Tech Olympics is held 9-11 a.m. at the Crotwell Track, and root beer floats are delivered to the units from 4-5 p.m.

From 5-7 p.m. Friday, Florence Nightingale's birthday is celebrated, and the winners of the Olympics are announced.

Pampering for spouses

The airman and family readiness center hosts its annual "Pamper Me" event for military spouses, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Dragon's Lair in Locker House.

Plans include massages, facials, manicures, spray-on suntans, craft demonstrations and other activities.

Blu Magic

The dorm council and Blu Magic Productions host a "Black and White Affair," 9 p.m. Friday at the Katrina Kantina in marina park.

The dorm council is trying to provide a safe alternative for Airmen with a friendly atmosphere, music and socializing.

Admission is \$5, or \$3 for people wearing black and white.

Scholarship dinner

The Keesler Spouses Club presents its annual scholarships, 6 p.m. May 12 at the Dragon's Lair in Locker House.

Dinner is \$10 and includes lasagna, salad, broccoli, roll, cherry cobbler and a drink. Alcoholic beverages are extra.

Reply by Friday to Vicki Hamant, 273-4452 or vicki.hamant@hotmail.com.

NAF vehicle sale

Sealed bids for a nonappropriated fund vehicle are accepted Monday through May 22, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays in Room 230, Sablich Center.

The sale is open to all patrons with authorized access to Keesler. The 1997 white Chevy Astro van can be viewed at the auto hobby

shop back lot during regular hours; for information call 377-3872. A vehicle data sheet is posted in the driver's window explaining all known vehicle issues, options, and specifications. This vehicle was driven to this location and is considered operational, although the battery may need charging.

Bids for this vehicle must contain an amount (equal to or exceeds the minimum), name of bidder and a local contact phone number.

Payment is by cash, money order or cashier's check. No personal checks or credit cards are accepted. All sales are final. The vehicle must be removed within 36 hours following sale.

For more information, call 376-8573.

Tax office still open

The tax office remains open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days through May 27 to assist military members, retirees and other Defense Department identification card holders with current or prior year tax returns.

For an appointment, call 376-8141.

NAF property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19-21 and 27-28 in the consolidated warehouse, Building 4514 on M Street, across from main exchange.

The sale is open to all Department of Defense card holders.

Items available include assorted furniture, small appliances, televisions, mattresses and box springs.

Transactions are on a first-come, first-served cash and

carry basis, and all items must be removed immediately.

Customers are responsible for loading their purchases into their vehicles.

Commercial outlet representatives should not expect to make large quantity buys.

For more information, call 377-0056.

Immunization clinic

New hours for the Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic are:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed from noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.



A flight line competition run opened the 81st Training Wing Sports Day, April 30. The day's events logged 971 participants, according to Jeffery Green, project officer.

Unit teams compete for Sports Day supremacy



Photos by Kemberly Groue
James Kinsey, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, takes a swing during the driving range competition. His drive was about 250 yards.



Staci Busse, 81st Force Support Squadron, demonstrates some fancy footwork during the obstacle course contest at Blake Fitness Center.

Top small units

Marine Corps Detachment
229 points

81st Aerospace Medicine
Squadron
86 points

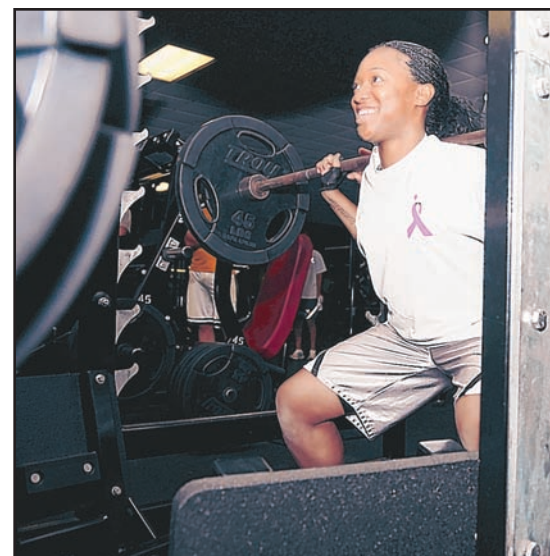
81st Training Wing
85 points

Top large units

81st Force Support
Squadron
350 points

81st Logistics Readiness
Squadron
202 points

81st Medical Support
Squadron
123 points



Ashley Brunson, 81st FSS, squats 155 pounds during the weightlifting event at Triangle Fitness Center. Other events included three-on-three basketball, softball, last man standing and bowling.



Sean Jennings, 336th Training Squadron, dives for the ball during a sand volleyball game.

Volunteer — get connected.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Athlete Janish Washington responds with delight after then-Col. Greg Touhill, former 81st Training Wing commander, presents her bronze medal in the 50-yard dash. She was one of 850 athletes that competed in the 2008 Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games.

Volunteers in demand for Special Olympics

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News editor

Keesler is hosting this year's Mississippi State Special Olympics May 15-17.

The base hosted Special Olympics for the first time in 1982. The event drew 350 participants.

During this year's game, more than 1,000 athletes and coaches are expected to take part in the summer games.

Even though many Team Keesler members are volunteering for the event, the Special Olympics committee still needs help to make this a successful event, according to Tech. Sgt. Keith Trahan, Special Olympics project officer.

"We're doing OK on volunteers, but we still need more," said Sergeant Trahan. "There are a variety of duties available for volunteers."

Founded more than 40 years ago, the Special Olympics was developed to provide people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to compete in athletic events while improving fitness.

"If you've never had the experience of volunteering for Special Olympics and are looking for an excellent event to get involved with, this is it," said the 10-year Special Olympics volunteer veteran. "It will change your life, even if it's just for that weekend."

To volunteer, call 377-7667.



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Bowling

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, 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

No smoking policy — in effect on Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, circuit training, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Certified personal trainers — on staff at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers; free service.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any Keesler fitness center for this ongoing program. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines that record miles, or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Prizes awarded for various milestones.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout

equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

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

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 329-3493.

Golf

Intramural league — Coaches meeting 3 p.m. today, Vandenberg Community Center. Starts Tuesday, Bay Breeze Golf Course. For more information, call 377-2444.

African-American Heritage Committee tournament — May 14. To register, call 377-5315.

Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce tournament — May 29, Sunkist Country Club, Biloxi. Check-in 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Two-person teams using individual handicap, best ball, match play, maximum 30 handicap. Limit 20 teams; deadline to register is May 22, or when limit is reached. The \$50 per person charge covers green fee, cart, food and beverages, prizes and giveaways. For more information, call Tama Manu, 377-3832 or 3827, or Billy Bell, 377-2783 or 7329.

Twilight special — 3 p.m.

Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

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 own clubs.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Outdoor recreation

Mother's Day special — Sunday, 10 percent off boat rentals; mothers must be on board.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Swimming lessons — registration 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through May 14, Building 6734, marina park.

Pools open — May 23.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

May fish of the month — weigh in the largest ground mullet, win \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

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

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

Camping special — 10 percent off No. 1 camping package with four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, ice chest and bow saw.

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 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed. \$100 deposit required.

17-foot Back Bay cruiser for rent — Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Softball

First team listed plays on Triangle Field 4; second team on Field 5.

American League

Monday — 6 p.m., 334th TRS vs. 81st TRSS-B and 81st SFS vs. 81st DS; 7 p.m., 335th TRS vs. MARDET and 403rd Wing vs. CNATTU.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., CNATTU vs. 81st TRSS-B and 335th TRS vs. 403rd Wing; 7 p.m., 338th TRS-B vs. 81st SFS and 334th TRS vs. 81st DS.

National League

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 81st TRSS-A vs. fire department and 81st LRS vs. 81st FSS/CPTS; 7 p.m., 81st CS/85th EIS vs. 81st MDSS and 81st MDTS vs. 336th TRS; 8 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 338th TRS-A.

GRADUATIONS

Community College of the Air Force

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgt. Alucia Davis.

41st Aerial Port Squadron — Staff Sgt. Joel Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Carrie Meyls and Lorenzo Williams.

53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Richard Cumbo.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Ebony Hodges.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airman Michael Fagan; Master Sgt. Robin Sikes.

81st Communications Squadron — Airman 1st Class Thomas Nanoz; Senior Airman Jessie Alcay and Cory Habershaw; Staff Sgts. Michael Hartson, Adam Lesperance, Robert Lewis and Joshua Yocum.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Master Sgts. Heather Bowman and Jimmy Freeman.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airman Katrina Mitchell; Staff Sgt. Anthony Amaker, Danielle Hindel, Crystal Hollars, Damien Williams and Robert Wrentmore; Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Thomas; Master Sgt. Scott Passman.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Seth Stucker.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Kenyatta Curtis, Zakiyyah Mumin, John Sessums and Jennifer White; Staff Sgts. Jessica Aglibut, Cocoa Collins and Wynetta Thomas; Tech. Sgts. Stacy Brancamp and Maria Robles.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Christopher Crist, Diana Macie and Jorge Panama; Tech. Sgt. Siah Driggers and Cedric Fuller; Master Sgts. Fredrick Belford and Crystal Davis.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Staff Sgt. Cecilia Cardenas; Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Davis; Master Sgt. Candace Dais.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgts. Rachael Chiartano, Vanessa Clark, Jade Foster and Derrick Sweat.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Larry Poole; Master Sgt. Roberto Zayas.

81st Training Wing — Staff Sgts. Christopher Kissam and Carlos Rodriguez.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Chauncey Anderson; Staff Sgts. Justin Brown, Adam Campbell, Jonathan Glass, Cody Johnson and Curtis Winfrey; Tech. Sgts. David Jennings, Ryan Robinson and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Zabawa.

255th Air Control Squadron, Air National Guard, Gulfport — Staff Sgt. Rinichiro Burdick.

333rd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Kyle Beshears and Cedric Lynum; Tech. Sgts. Lyanna Pena and Tomeika Washington.

334th TRS — Senior Airmen Robert Penney, Stormi Ramirez and Tiffany Thompson; Staff Sgts. Isaac Barber Mark Bennett, Rachel Keener, Scott Middleton, Ashley Spurlin, Gregory Washington and Christine Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Paterno, David Speed and Jason Webb.

335th TRS — Senior Airman Brandon Harris; Staff Sgt. Danielle Alexander, Michael Baxter, Michael Bliss, John Dickson, Dresden Sloan, Ebony Walker and Aaron Wood ; Tech. Sgts. Jay Cook, Carmaneta Dixon, Todd Gay and Timothy Hastings and Gary Romkey.

336th TRS — Staff Sgts. Sean Jennings, Charles Knowles, Victor Martinez-Ortiz, Jose Ramos, Amanda Saenz and Gene Trafficante.

338th TRS — Staff Sgt. Rayan Cartmel, Geoffrey Gagnon, Jason Mahns and Matthew Speaks; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Henry; Master Sgt. Tina Frame.

366th TRS — Staff Sgt. Ronald Eaves; Tech. Sgts. Wesley Boyd, Michael Klemm and Roderick Moore.

403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron — Staff Sgt. Katherine Eaton; Tech. Sgt. Phillip Kirtland.

403rd Communications Flight — Staff Sgt. James Selig.

403rd Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Steven Connors; Tech. Sgt. James Hudgens, Master Sgt. James Shepherd.

403rd Services Flight — Master Sgt. Wesley Brantley.

403rd Wing — Staff Sgt. Tanya King.

Keesler NCO Academy — Senior Airman Falon Harris.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Joseph Alexander, Jarrod Asfour, Michael Banister, Jahmaal Benford, Dean Berger, Andrew Boeger, Marcus Brembt, David Brown, Dieter Bullard, Curtis Burbank, Timothy Caldwell, Andrew Chadbourn, Abraham Chadsey, James Cherry, Tyler Cofer, Colton Collins, Chris Cook, Charles Cox, Royal Cuevas, Garrett Daugherty, Blake Dixon, Adam Farrington, Timothy Gensure, Ashley Goodenough, Jeanette Guzman, Patrick Holland, Alexander Hollis, Michael Hudicek, Andrew Janssen, Erik Joski, Colin Langston, Stephen Long, Andrew Macklem, Mikhail Nadjkovic, Fara Orellano, Justin Petersen, Robert Pierce, TJ Pollack, Sergey Ponomarev, Joshua Reyes, Ethan Richardson, Joseph Richmond, Jesus Rodriguez, Kevin Romero, Damon Rudish, Eric Sanchez, John Scheiber, Christopher Slade, Matthew Smith, Justin Straughan, Russell Stevens, Brad Thurber, Matthew Trumbly, Casey Tucker, Joshua Weeks, James Wells, Ryan Waterfield, Brandon Wheat, Jared Wiley, Seth Wilkinssen and John Wyatt; Pvt. Matthew Wojtowitz; Airmen Cooper Berglund, Brandon Brooks, Nathan Capley, Cody Christ, Xavier Collazo, Robert Compton, Brandon Conley, Joshua Crawford, Brandon Darby, Matthew Dunn, Khalil Giawashi, Austin Gootee, Christopher Hinten, Rachel Hurst, Johnathan Loftus, Aaron Morgan, Ashleigh Robinson, Jeffrey Sales, James Schiano, Andrew Self, Adam Shaffer, Derek Shrope, Adam Shulte, Christopher Storer, Kyle Wheeler, Karl Wunderlich and Matthew Young; Airmen 1st Class Trevan Albright, William Allen, Kevin Armstrong, Yegnuel Ayala, Anthony Bakos, Casey Barbee, Colin Bates, Jacob Bonasera, Andrew Bonnett, Daniel Bookman, Ian Brand, Ian Brown, Josue Castanersoto, Charrich Charalemagne, Matthis Chenault, Yelitza Conover, Mark Contreras, Gabriel Cruz-LaFontaine, Robert Cyrus, Logan Davis, Thomas Dunlap, Derek Dutra, Bradley Evans, Nicholas Fowler, Adam Gagnon, Max Gee, Michael Gilmore, Daniel Groh, Joseph Guthrie, Kevin Harnett, Justin Hawk, Jeremiah Henry, Charlie Hoang, Jason Jefferson, Nathanael Johnson, Benjamin Kalies, James Kane, Jeremiah Kidder, Sebastian Klama, Joshua Koeppel, Karl Krueger, David Lahneman, Justin Lay, Thomas Lee, Daniel Levin, Matthew McCain, Thomas McGuire, Joseph Mollenkamp, Desmond Morris, Martin Ortiz-Cortez, Joshua Rasch, Carlos Rivera, Keith Robertson, Kareem Samuel, Evan Shippee, Joshua Smith, Michael Solheim, John Sturges, Michael Taunton, Macy Tindel-Sylvan, Dominique Tran, Michael Tran, Benjamin Wholihan, Diana Wickman, Nathan Wilson, Kevin

Wittmann and Justin Wood; Pfc. Christopher Alvarado, John Gordon and Darryl McClellan; Senior Airmen Allan Blain, Ronald Forest, Nolan Foss, Matthew Place, Jeremy Nagy, Robert Rovnak, Joshua Tewmey, William Vandermate and Jeffrey Zuercher; Staff Sgts. Sara Beale, Keven Blackwell, Iam Christian, Jeffrey Dorey, Clifford Eliason, Richard Frey, Jacob Fulton, Derrick Graham, Robert Hipp, Warren Kerrigan, Gerardo Ovalle, Gerald Redmond, Luis Reyes, Stanley Ruth, Carlos Solorio-Herrera, Jeremy Walker and Nicholas Wright; Tech. Sgts. Amie Kimble and Christopher Riddle; Senior Master Sgts. Byong Park and AlSubaie Shlash; 1st Lt. Mohmmad Abuhaimeid; Daniel Mauro.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jonathon Alsum, Rebecca Arnold, Michelle Beach, Amanda Bravo, Cameron Byrd, Kyle Demmons, Eric Golant, Bryan Griswold, Andrew Hume, Mark Jenkins, Keoni Kuapahi, Christina Sprayberry and Jessica Sturgill; Airmen Daniel Frailey, Rochelle Marder, and Robert Mullen; Airmen 1st Class Jimmy Barger, Lewis Hampton, Floyd Harrison-Sowell, Herman Harton, Agatha Mercado and Matthew Ulmer.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Maura Tunney; Airman Alexandro Daviano; Airmen 1st Class Heather Burge and Lynn Fuhrmeister; Senior Airman Joshua Bronson; Staff Sgts. John Borland, Angelo Brightwell, Maggie Kasun, Stephanie Klupenger, Jeannina Outlaw, Christopher Perry and Robert Rein; Tech. Sgts. Jeffery Benenhaley, Daniel Carroll, William Davis, Moira Howerton, Quran Johnson, Kiara Jones and Jason Webb; Master Sgts. Jeffrey Cummings, Richard Fanning and James Rozanski; Senior Master Sgt. Teresita Del Rosario.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Scott Bouley, Nickolas Fisher, Akeydra Hagens, Sharde Hampton, Gina Hayes, Clinton McStott and Luis Pena; Airmen Courtney Bouillon, Andrew Brande, Derek Kirkwood, Nathaniel Kirschman, Shea Townsend and Adam West; Airmen 1st Class David Ansay, Justin Cornish, Matthew Folandore, Stephen Halcomb, April Lemon, Stephen Maroko, John Morin and April Williams; Staff Sgts. Ju Anna Blake, Russell Carr, Dequoia Edwards, Nathan Kraft, Jerry Madriaga and Stanley Mar; Tech. Sgt. Edwin Aguilar; Master Sgts. Doris Hagan and Lamarr Johnson.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Niki Crnolatas and Ryan McLoughlin; Airmen Basic Steven Elliott, David Grier, Michael Green, Scott Hestel, Jason Hill, Michael Lacroix and Cody Morton; Airmen 1st Class Cody Goodman, Danielle Graham, Joshua Hartmann, Matthews Laney, Joseph Mariotti, David Ogg, Danielle Pfeifle, Christina Wentzel and Tylin Wood; Senior Airman Brian Koch; Staff Sgts. Brian Foreman, Brian Gambrell, Munirih Gravelly, Thomas Hopkins and A. J. Krohn; Tech. Sgts. Celeste Armistead, Steven Decker, Pelayo Llanos-Lopez and David Whittaker; Master Sgts. Mark Fisher, Toby Igo, Douglas Stemper and Peter Terry.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Jillian Acevedo, Ursula Askew, Andrew Barnes, Walter Bayne, Spencer Eades, Grace Enriquez, Joseph Goddard, Arthur Greenlee, Nicholas Hoover, Barry Hopkins, Consquala Jackson, David Linden, Nico Melone, Adam Munger, Justin Munzing, Zackery Nuvy, Jeremy Osinski, Christopher Rushing, Zachary Schumacher, Jacob Singleton and Alexander Uschmann; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook, Christopher Church, James Crawley, Christian Hernandez, Nickolas Livingston, Travis Royal and Alan Streeter; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Steven Carpenter, Joseph Donald, Reed Esslinger, Jenne Jones, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Angel Sanchez, Barry Westmoreland, Jerry Williams and Matthew Zeltman; Senior Airmen Karol Bakowski, William Burke, Kenneth Butler, Travis Casey, Jeffrey Hicks, Crystal Gusler, Joshua Konakowitz, Thomas Melvin, Matthew Parker, Corey Ross and Daniel Simmons; Staff Sgts. Daniel Ball, Charles Clayton, Cameron Davis, Alicia Dunn, Charlie Freeman, Corey Hendershot, Leandro Herrera, Ryan Lawrence, Matthew Leisure, Peter Macmillan, Christopher Mcneil, Joseph Michael, Misty Palacios-Ali, Joshua Quattrone, Amie Ressler and Dylan Young; Tech. Sgts. William Hartung, Kevin Hicks, Jason Hill, Gerardo Rodriguez and Eric Turner; Master Sgt. Marnie Jewell; Senior Master Sgt. David Robles.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

Jewish

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

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For

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Airfield systems — Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Aaseng, David Brackett, Robert Downey, Matthew Lafreniere, Cory Martin and Ryan Swiderski; Staff Sgt. Doyle Allen.

Ground radar — Airman Basic Christopher Kenny; Airman Adam Lessel; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Arnold, Mathew Dick, Michael Jaquier, Samuel Lee, Ryan McKee and Peter Sigmund; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Staff Sgt. Greg Brigham.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Jason Deam, Andrew Dickens, Paul Haggerty, Thomas Huerth, Shayne Immen, Heather Iverson, Robert Jones, Edward Kauffman, Jack Kemp, Tyrren Locquiao, Michael Lopez, Ryan Rodriguez, Christopher Schultz, Tyler Starkey and Anthony Wisecup; Airman Dallas Maltby; Airmen 1st Class Lori Dentremont, Derek Dreyfuss, Keith Turner, Roy White and Andrew Wilshire; Senior Airman Keith Hendershot; Staff Sgts. Robert Carlson, Anthony Mutchler, Kareem Pitts and Robert Walker; Tech. Sgts. Terry Calhoun, Michael Capitani, Eric Lewis and Greg Mihalko; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Heiser.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-4 — graduates May 21.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-4 — graduates May 21.

Arts and crafts center

Bob Ross painting — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and May 21. Wet on wet painting technique on 16x20-inch canvas. \$65 including all supplies and light refreshments. Class size is limited.

Scrapbooking — 5-7 p.m. May 28. \$20 including materials.

Mother's Day personalized card making — 5:30-7 p.m. today. \$7 including materials.

Personalized greeting card making — 5:30-7 p.m. May 14. \$7 including materials.

Mosaic art — one class, two sessions, 5:30 p.m. May 14 and 21. \$15 including all materials.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. May 16. \$40 including instruction and supplies.

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. May 14 and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 16. \$25 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and May 20 and 27. \$25 including shop use and materials. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon May 16. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday and May 23. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. May 15. \$30 per person. Bring your favorite photograph or art work, no larger than 11x14 inches. Class size limited.

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.

Auto hobby shop

For open shop use, call 377-3872.

Stalls and lifts — indoor and outdoor available.

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

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

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

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street, north of 81st Security Forces Squadron; register at multi-craft shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreation vehicles and boats.

Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

McBride Library

School and leisure research orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

Bicycle safety program — 10:30 a.m. May 14, presented by representatives of the 81st Security Forces. Bring bikes, tricycles or unicycles and learn proper safety techniques.

Story time — 11 a.m. May 28, ages 3 and older. Learning about physical fitness

Summer reading program — theme is "Art: How It Affects Our Lives." Looking for singers, dancers, artists, magicians and others to share their talents and skills with the children. For more information, call 377-2604.

Book/foyer display — focus on the contributions of Asian-Americans.

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.

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.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Must be in good condition and of same genre.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

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

Katrina Kantina

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

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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2009 America's Armed Forces Kids' Run — 8 a.m. Saturday; ½ mile, 1 mile and 2 mile runs. Sign up at the center by Friday or register online at <http://www.americaskidsrun.org>.

Bike rodeo — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; sign up at youth center.

American Red Cross babysitting course — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 28, ages 11-15. \$45 payable at registration. Sign up by May 14. Class size limited.

School-age and teen camps — begin June 1. Register throughout May.

Operation Hero — May 30. For more information, call 377-4119.

Coed basketball camp — 6-9 p.m. June 1-5, ages 5-14. Registrations continue until camp is full. To register, call 377-4116.

Military home schoolers — meet weekly. For more information, call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays; ages 3 and older. Guitar, ages 6 and older, by appointment only. Both classes are \$50 per month. To register, call 377-4116.

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 pro-

grams including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

Keystone Club — 6 p.m. Mondays for teens.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

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.

TICKETS, TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Disney special continues — Salute to Military program continues. Order tickets now. For more information, call 377-3818.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated preparation 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 separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through May 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 preparation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

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

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

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 Associa-

tion Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOVIES

Movies

Friday — 6:30 p.m., I Love You Man (R, 105 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Monsters vs. Aliens (PG, 94 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Fast and the Furious 2009 (PG-13, 107 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Adventureland (R, 106 minutes).