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Keesler welcomes athletes, supporters for Special Olympics Summer Games

By Airman 1st Class David Salantri

Keesler Public Affairs

Friday kicks off the 2009 Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, held at Keesler since 1982.

The torch run is expected to arrive at the White Avenue Gate at noon.

The event is expected to draw more than 1,300 athletes and coaches and about 3,000 volunteers, the largest participation in the history of the state games.

"Once you've participated in the weekend, you're hooked," said Jackie Pope, project officer. "The excitement from the athletes is what keeps me coming back year after year."

After five months of planning, the Keesler Special Olympics committee is in execution mode.

"We're down to crunch time, making sure all aspects of the preparations and execution of the games is on schedule down to the smallest detail," said Ms. Pope, an 11-year Special Olympics volunteer. "It takes a com-



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mittee of approximately 40 people to plan and execute the games and demonstrates how well Keesler and the local community work as a team."

To volunteer, call 376-7667.

"I invite everyone to come and volunteer or cheer on our athletes," Ms. Pope added. "For the majority of the athletes, this is their only activity where they are away from their home or center, and they look forward to the games every year."

Denial barrier construction — White Avenue Gate closes, Meadows Drive Gate reopens

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The White Avenue Gate, Keesler's main entrance from U.S. Highway 90, is closed starting Monday until about Aug. 10 for denial barriers upgrades.

The Meadows Drive Gate reopens Monday. The Meadows Drive and Pass Road Gates are open 24/7 until the White Avenue upgrade is completed.

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days.

The visitor control center at the

White Avenue Gate remains open.

"The visitor control center is located outside the base perimeter and won't be affected by the closure of the White Avenue Gate," said Capt. Jason Williams, 81st Security Forces Squadron commander. "Visitors will still have access, and once vetted through the VCC, they'll be directed to one of the other open gates. Commercial vehicles will continue to use the commercial gate on the north side of the installation next to Keesler Medical Center."

Schedule of events

Friday

9-10 a.m. — dorm decoration judging

Noon-1 p.m. — torch run (Veterans Boulevard, U.S. Highway 90, Larcher Boulevard, Meadows Drive, Triangle to Welch Auditorium)

6:30-8 p.m. — reception, Dragon's Lair

8:30-10:30 p.m. — opening ceremonies, Levitow Training Support Facility

Saturday

8-9 a.m. — parent breakfast, Dragon's Lair

9-10 a.m. — wheelchair races, Triangle Track

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — track, Triangle Track

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — bocce, Triangle Track

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — golf, Bay Breeze Golf Course; volleyball, soccer field

9:30 a.m. to noon — roller skating, In the Zone, Ocean Springs; tennis, base courts

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium; sailing, Ocean Springs Yacht Club

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Olympic Village, Levitow Training Support Facility

1:30-4 p.m. — running long jump, standing long jump and high jump, Triangle Track; shot put, behind Field 4; softball throw, Field 4; tennis ball throw, Field 5.

7:30-8 p.m. — closing ceremonies, Levitow Training Support Facility

8-10 p.m. — victory dance, Levitow Training Support Facility

8-9:45 p.m. — movie, Welch Auditorium

Sunday

8 a.m. to noon — athletes depart

Discipline — back to the basics

By Chief Master Sgt. Billy Abbott

81st Training Group chief enlisted manager

Think back to basic military training where we were trained to be disciplined, dedicate, and physically-fit warriors ready to serve in the Air Force.

Why do you think some of us maintained that discipline while others seemed to falter? After all, we were all taught the same information in BMT — core values, customs and courtesies and basic policies and procedures; the building blocks used to build a solid foundation for our future Air Force leaders.

Are you as disciplined an Airman as you were in BMT? If not, why not?

One of the things I have noticed in my 27 years of service is that some Airmen seem to get complacent in regards to discipline once they arrive at their first duty station and subsequent assignments.

Our job as supervisors and leaders in today's Air Force is to exemplify the

highest of standards in maintaining self-discipline and to correct those who fail to uphold the standards of discipline. As disciplined service members, we must remember where we came from and get "back to the basics of discipline."

As supervisors, leaders and managers, we must set the example by exhibiting professional behavior, military bearing, respect for authority, and the highest standards of dress and appearance.

As the junior ranking member, we must stand when a senior noncommissioned officer or officer enters the room. We must always give the senior person, enlisted or commissioned, the position of honor when walking, riding or sitting.

We must ensure that we use the proper terms of address when addressing superiors. We must ensure all of our relationships are professional. As supervisors and leaders, we must ensure we are fit to fight, that we epitomize excellence and serve as a role model for Airmen to emulate.

We must stand proudly and render the proper salute during reveille and retreat instead of running for cover. All of these things demonstrate that we are disciplined Airmen.

As an Airman in today's Air Force, our actions are always on parade. People, both military and civilian, are watching our every move. Their perceptions of the Air Force are based on our actions, so our actions must reflect a disciplined Airman. The strength of the military depends on disciplined service members ready to fight and win our nation's wars. When discipline ceases to exist, the mission will fail. Failure is not an option.

Be proud of who you are, what you do and who you represent. You are a disciplined Airman! You are an enabler to "Air Power." You represent not only your unit, but the wing, Team Keesler, and the Air Force. It is indeed an honor to serve our country in the greatest Air Force on earth.

Don't let drug abuse end your career

Editor's note: This commentary was written by Col. Jeffrey Snyder, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., with Keesler-specific information from the base legal office included by Maj. Stephanie Stichert, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

I read in the newspaper recently that American cities and counties are grappling with methamphetamine abuse. Meth addiction in some parts of our country is so prevalent that the community fabric is being ripped apart, socially and economically.

Parents and children are being consumed by the power of drug addiction, and ultimately, its consequences — leaving behind broken families. Backyard and kitchen "meth labs" are especially prevalent in the United States. The chemicals required to make it are contaminating the local environment while the illicit drug is trapping many addicts.

As our American society wrestles with drug abuse, the military has smartly instituted

policies and procedures to control, if not eliminate, inappropriate use and abuse of drugs. Still the facts are not encouraging; the number of Air Force drug cases reported by the Office of Special Investigations has remained steady, but there has been an increase in cases involving controlled prescription drugs at Keesler.

In 2008, 10 drug-related Articles 15 were administered at Keesler, with 70 percent of these for misuse of controlled prescription drugs. All of these cases involved young Airmen with the rank of airman first class or lower, resulting in reduction of grade and discharge from the Air Force.

These drug cases included illegal drugs like marijuana, as well as the controlled prescription drugs Vicodin, Ambien and Oxycontin. Controlled prescription drugs require strict management by the pharmaceutical industry including exact daily inventory counts by Air Force phar-

macies and hospitals.

Additionally, prescription vials have a bright red or yellow auxiliary label that reads, "Caution: Federal law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any person other than the patient for whom it was prescribed." This label alerts the patient and others that if someone else takes their prescription, they have violated federal law and are subject to prosecution.

If you as an Air Force member take a controlled prescription like Vicodin for anything other than what it was originally prescribed for, then you're subject to punishment under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and may be discharged.

For example — a service member is prescribed Vicodin for dental pain. After a few days, they have no more pain, but keep the leftover prescription for later use. If they take it for an undiagnosed symptom — or even a new dental pain — they have violated federal

law. If an individual tests positive during the Air Force's random drug screening program, they are now subject to the UCMJ and may suffer career-ending consequences.

In my 25 years of pharmacy practice — both in the civilian sector and in the Air Force — I have identified numerous drug cases and provided testimony at several others. Violators ranged from first-term Airmen to career and retired Air Force members. Be mindful that loss of all retirement benefits, confinement and discharge with a federal conviction can result. Piecing one's life back together after facing the consequences is difficult.

Simply stated, don't take illicit drugs. Take only your prescription exactly as prescribed and toss the remainder when done. We can't — and we won't — let drug abuse go unchecked in our Air Force. The impact upon our mission and members is untenable.

ACTION LINE 377-4357

By Col. Christopher Valle

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

The Airman's Creed

*I am an
American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered
my nation's call.*

*I am an
American Airman.
My mission is to fly,
fight, and win.
I am faithful
to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an
American Airman,
Guardian of freedom
and justice,
My nation's
sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country
with my life.*

*I am an
American Airman:
Wingman,
leader, warrior.
I will never leave
an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.*



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your favorite movie?



“Legally Blonde”

Veronica Boyou, spouse of Senior Airman Joseph Boyou, 81st Force Support Squadron



“Casino Royale”

Maj. Elan Krishnamurthy, Indian Air Force, air traffic control student, 334th Training Squadron



“Braveheart”

Gary Fulton, Keesler Federal Credit Union Larcher Branch manager

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Top tactical communications team demonstrates skills at Keesler

By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

The 54th Combat Communications Squadron from the 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., was at Keesler April 25 through Friday to demonstrate its tactical communication capabilities.

The Air Force's Best Large Communications and Information Unit for 2008, the 5th CCG's mission is to set up and provide tactical communications in a bare base environment.

With more than 200 personnel currently deployed, 2nd Lt Matthew Kahley 54th CBCS, explained, "We can deploy forces within 24 hours and have required communications up within 72 hours of arrival. On this exercise, it took less than 32 hours to get our systems up."

The 5th CCG, commonly referred to as the 5th MOB, set up a deployed site behind the Vosler Academic Development Center

"Whenever we go into the field, we take the necessary equipment so we can be self-sufficient for three days," said Capt. Robert Engelmann, 54th CBCS commander. "Coming here, we conduct our operations the same as an actual deployment which helps us when it's time to deploy to the (area of responsibility.) We'll be ready to fight today's and



Photo by Adam Bond

Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Bellin, left, 54th CBCS, explains the communications equipment used in the deployment exercise to Col. Christopher Valle, 81st Training Wing commander.

tomorrow's wars as well as help with humanitarian relief efforts worldwide."

Keesler conducts training for most Air Force communications specialties. During the exercise, students and permanent party members had an opportunity to tour the site.

"We hope to promote awareness of the services we provide and demonstrate our capabilities," said Captain Engelmann. "It's always great to showcase what we do, but my main goal is to take care of my Airmen and ensure that they are prepared for future challenges."

Proposed Post-9/11 GI Bill transferability rules

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With Department of Veterans Affairs representatives now accepting signups for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Defense Department officials are working to get word out on the proposed policy regarding the bill's transferability provisions to help service members decide if the new benefit is right for them.

Bob Clark, the Pentagon's assistant director for accessions policy, called the Post-9/11 GI Bill that takes effect Aug. 1 an important new benefit. In addition to providing broader educational benefits, it includes a provision that enables enrollees to transfer their benefits to immediate family members.

This long-sought-after provision is expected to be a boon for the military, Mr. Clark said, attracting and retaining the skilled force it needs.

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill is going to be an extremely good benefit to attract bright, young Americans to serve in the military," he said.

"The transferability is going to be a tool that will allow us to retain members who have earned that great benefit and share it with their family members and continue to serve," Mr. Clark said. "This gives them the opportunity to share those benefits that they have earned with those they love."

The rules for Post-9/11 GI Bill transferability are in the final stages, and Mr. Clark said Defense Department officials expect few changes, if any.

In a nutshell, any enlisted or commissioned member of the armed forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1 will be eligible to transfer his or her benefits as long as he or she qualifies for the Post-9/11 GI Bill in the first place and meets specific service requirements, Mr. Clark explained.

He emphasized that, by law, anyone who has retired or separated from the service before that date, even if it's

Yellow Ribbon Program opens new college choices

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members and veterans who enroll in the new Post-9/11 GI Bill will be able to attend some of the country's most prestigious, and high-cost, universities, thanks to a new program that's gaining momentum in academic circles.

Keith Wilson, director of education service for the Veterans Benefits Administration, reported growing interest in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Participating colleges and universities enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses above the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. That rate, the maximum the Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay by law, varies from state to state.

Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, the school waives up to 50 percent of the higher costs, and VA matches that same amount.

If, for example, the tuition bill at a participating university is \$20,000 and the Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay only \$15,000, the university and VA will split the \$5,000 difference, explained Tammy Duckworth, who was confirmed last week as VA's assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs.

Washington's George Washington University became the latest institution to sign on to the program this week. GW's commitment provides for 360 veteran students to benefit during the 2009-2010 academic year, which university officials expect to cover all eligible undergraduate and graduate students.

Under the agreement, qualified service members and veterans attending GW as undergraduates will receive free tuition, and those attending as graduate students will receive a significantly discounted rate.

GW President Steven Knapp called the school's estimated \$2.5 million investment in the program during the upcoming school year a way of giving back.

"This is a significant investment in those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf," he said. "This commitment will enable veterans who attend GW to have the kind of educational opportunity the original GI Bill envisioned."

July 31, won't be entitled to transfer his or her benefits. Also excluded will be members of the Individual Ready Reserve and Fleet Reserve.

Most service members who have at least six years of military service as of Aug. 1 and agree to serve an additional four years qualify, he said. But Defense Department offi-

cial have proposed measures to cover several categories of service members whose circumstances don't fit neatly into this formula.

For example, those with at least 10 years of service but who can't serve an additional four years because of a service or Defense Department policy also would qualify, Mr. Clark

Public relations director Karrie Heartlein at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., said, "Veterans deserve the best our country has to offer, and that includes the opportunity to attend the college of their choice."

"We're honored to play a role in helping our veterans reach their education and career goals," said Hope Schiffgens, director of the Office of Graduate Studies and Adult Education at La Roche College, McCandless, Pa. "This is a time in our nation's history when education and retraining is vitally important."

Jerry Jackson, dean of enrollment management at Union College, Barbourville, Ky., said, "We're eager to get this program started and to make sure our veterans know they're welcome as students at Union."

"I am so pleased that we'll be able to provide this benefit," echoed Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, acting president of Centenary College, Hackettstown, N.J. "We look forward to benefiting from their global experiences in the classroom based on their military service."

Mari Ditzler, president of Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., said, "The residential liberal arts experience at colleges like Monmouth has been described as uniquely American," he said. "We are pleased that the Yellow Ribbon Program will enable our veterans to experience this special approach to learning and living."

Joel Bauman, vice president of enrollment services at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, said, "This program allows us to offer educational opportunities to those who have made tremendous sacrifices, and this is one way we can give back and thank them for their service."

Barbara Hinkle, vice president for enrollment services at Seton Hill University, Pittsburgh, said, "We're very excited about the possibilities — for our current students whose families may qualify, but also for future students as they come back from being deployed or their family members who are here."

Mr. Wilson said he expects more schools to join their ranks as Yellow Ribbon Program participants.

said. They must, however, serve the maximum time allowed before separating from the military, he said.

"What we did not want to do was to penalize those people who had a service policy or statute that would not permit them to commit for the full four years," Mr. Clark explained.

Another Pentagon proposal

would cover service members who will reach the 20-year service mark, making them retirement-eligible, between Aug. 1, 2009, and Aug. 1, 2013.

Mr. Clark explained the breakdown, which basically enables those affected to transfer benefits as long as they complete 20 years of service:

Those eligible for retirement on Aug. 1 would be eligible to transfer their benefits with no additional service requirement.

Those with an approved retirement date after Aug. 1 and before July 1, 2010, would qualify with no additional service.

Those eligible for retirement after Aug. 1 but before Aug. 1, 2010, would qualify with one additional year of service after approval to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Those eligible for retirement between Aug. 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011, would qualify with two additional years of service after approval to transfer.

Those eligible to retire between Aug. 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012, would qualify with three additional years of service after approval to transfer.

The service member's 36 months of benefits, the equivalent of four nine-month academic years, could be transferred to a spouse, one or more children or any combination, Mr. Clark said. The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System to receive the benefits.

Service members also have the option to use some benefits themselves and transfer what they haven't used to one or more family members.

Even after transferring the benefits, they remain the "property" of the service member who earned them, who can revoke them or redesignate who receives them at any time.

More details about the Post-9/11 GI Bill are posted on the Defense Department and Department of Veterans Affairs Web sites, and the Pentagon's proposed transferability policy is on the Defense Department site.



Sergeant Aglibut



Airman Harris



Sergeant Washington

Awards presented at CCAF graduation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Community College of the Air Force presented 129 associate degrees to 118 students at the spring commencement ceremony, April 28 at Welch Auditorium.

Six graduates and one current student received awards, including \$400 Air Force Association Pitsenbarger Awards, \$100 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Excellence Awards, \$150 William Carey University Excellence Award and \$150 Keesler Chiefs Group Book Scholarship.

Staff Sgt. Jessica Aglibut, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, received a Pitsenbarger Award and an Embry-Riddle Award. She's pursuing a physician's assistant degree from the University of South Carolina.

Senior Airman Falon Harris, Mathies NCO Academy, received a Pitsenbarger Award and an Embry-Riddle Award. She's working toward a degree in human resource management from Southwestern College.

Tech. Sgt. Tomeika Washington, 333rd Training Squadron, received a Pitsenbarger Award and an Embry-Riddle Award. She's a student at St. Leo University majoring in criminal justice.

Staff Sgt. Mark Bennett, 334th TRS, received an Embry-Riddle Award and the William Carey Award. He's majoring in nursing at William Carey.

Staff Sgt. Crystal Hollars, 81st Force Support Squadron,



Sergeant Bennett



Sergeant Hollars



Airman Mitchell

received an Embry-Riddle Award. She's majoring in human resource development at Southwestern College.

Senior Airman Kristina Mitchell, 81st FSS, received an Embry-Riddle Award. She's a human resource man-



Airman Harris

agement major at Columbia Southern University.

Senior Airman Quincy Harris, 81st Communications Squadron, won the Chiefs Group Award. He's working toward his first CCAF degree in information management.

USM summer term

Friday is the deadline for new students to register for the University of Southern Mississippi'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 Wednesday 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.

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.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call 376-8472.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Fisher at Fisher House

Audrey Fisher, vice chairman of the Fisher House board of directors, watches Larry Vetter, Keesler's Fisher House director, open one of the gifts she brought for the Keesler facility during a recent visit. She was accompanied by James Weiskopf, Fisher House executive vice president for communications, and her mother, Laura Randall, for her visit with base officials. Keesler's Fisher House provides a home away from home for family members of people hospitalized or undergoing extended treatment at Keesler Medical Center or the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



AETC to automate entry control

By Capt. John Severns

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Drivers pulling up at gates on Air Education and Training Command bases will have something new to greet them later this year — the Defense Biometric Identification System.

The most visible part of DBIDS, which has already been introduced at Air Force bases around the world, is the hand-held wireless scanner. Gate guards can use the scanner to read the bar codes on Common Access Cards and instantly tell who the person is and whether or not they're allowed on the base, said Derrick Austin, the AETC Security Forces planner charged with implementing the DBIDS system across the command.

The hand-held scanners provide gate guards with an instant, always-on connection to a Department of Defense database. The DBIDS database interfaces with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System which provides an initial data dump of active duty, civilians, retired and dependents within the base's ZIP code area. However, additional information must be added locally, such as unit, access rights during higher force protection conditions or phone numbers.

The most significant gain from using the new system will be to installation security. DBIDS allows guards to develop a standard, interoperable network command-wide, said Col. Gerard Jolivette, AETC Security Forces chief.

Other instances in which DBIDS will be superior to the current system include notifying

guards about lost or stolen identification cards, individuals barred from base or persons sought by their commander for an emergency or key response notification, the colonel said. The moment ID cards are reported stolen, or when people are expected to enter gates who require notification or detention, the information can be flagged in the system, instantly alerting guards.

"DBIDS will result in a significant improvement in force protection," Colonel Jolivette said. "By adding a degree of automation to our entry control process, we reduce the chance of an unauthorized individual gaining access to the base, and more importantly, we will add a significant measure of deterrence that is critical in our reaching the command's antiterrorism and force protection objectives."

DBIDS is not a new system, the colonel emphasized. The database itself has existed since 2001, and the wireless scanners were first used at installation gates in Korea in 2002. Army installations in Europe and Central Command installations started using the system in 2003, and the system first started appearing in the U.S. in 2005.

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is the first AETC base scheduled to start using the system. Registration begins in September and is scheduled to continue until February because of the large retiree and military population in San Antonio. The goal is to make registration convenient for the Lackland community by offering registration at locations such as the fitness center, base exchange, commissary and pharmacy, Mr. Austin said.

Randolph is slated to begin use of the scanners near the end of the year.

IN THE NEWS

Hurricane briefings end today

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

The last two briefings are 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. today. It's mandatory for assigned personnel and highly encouraged for civilians and family members to attend one of the briefings.

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

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.

Clinics move

Monday, the chiropractic clinic reopens in its new location in Arnold Annex adjacent to the arts and crafts center and Meadows Drive tennis courts.

The clinic's phone number is 376-3412.

Tuesday, the occupational therapy clinic moves to Arnold Annex.

There will be no lapse in service due to the move.

The clinic's phone number is 376-3379.

Census preparations at Keesler

Next week, U.S. Census Bureau employees visit Keesler to perform address canvassing. A military member escorts them while on base.

The address canvassing process involves verification of 145 million addresses across the country to ensure a correct list for delivery of questionnaires to be delivered next spring for the 2010 census.

Hydroxycut off exchange shelves

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration warning to consumers has prompted military exchanges to remove the diet supplement Hydroxycut from store shelves.

May 1, the FDA warned consumers to immediately stop using Hydroxycut products because they've been linked to serious liver injuries.

The FDA said the maker of Hydroxycut agreed to pull the diet supplement off the market. The FDA release lists a number of products subject to the consumer warning.

Off-limits establishments

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

Early 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.

AFNet

Keesler first base to migrate to new network

81st Communications Squadron

The day is coming when Air Force personnel will no longer need to pack up their e-mail, contacts, tasks, calendars and files every time they move from one base to another.

Keesler is the first base to migrate from its current network into the new Air Force Network.

"This migration is a part of the Air Force communications community's effort to improve all active duty, reserve and guard members' access to information," said Lt. Col. Ray "Skip" Adams, 81st Communications Squadron commander. "We're exploiting previously underused enterprise techs and processes to get the most from our limited resources."

The Keesler migration begins May 26 and is estimated to take 45 days.

The migration brings individual and corporate benefits, squadron officials noted.

"New Airmen will leave basic military training with an Air Force account they'll own and use for their entire career," explained Chief Master Sgt. Christina Kurt, network operations section chief. "Air Force personnel will begin to use their standardized first.last.#@us.af.mil e-mail address created a few years ago. They'll access their information

from any Air Force location that has completed the migration. Members who go on temporary duty, make a permanent change of station or deploy will no longer wait for an account to be created."

Chief Kurt said mailbox limits will increase based upon user category:

Category 1 (1GB) — senior decision makers and corresponding organizational mailboxes.

Category 2 (500MB) — essential support personnel and corresponding organizational mailboxes.

Category 3 (100MB) — standard users and corresponding organizational mailboxes.

Keesler will continue to use the consolidated client system administrator concept as the first line of user support until a new Air Force Enterprise IT Service Desk is fully operational. The ESD will eventually assist users with all their communication issues.

"Corporately, the Air Force will be able to centrally manage and secure the network with the latest technologies," Capt. Ciera Carson, network operations officer in charge, pointed out. "Previous cost-prohibitive tools will be available to improve information availability as well as reduce the time required to patch computer systems and eliminate

potential vulnerabilities."

"Every unit will be notified prior to its migration and will be asked to follow a few simple steps to help ensure success," said Julie Noakley, the squadron's network operations engineer. "The migration won't be pain free, particularly because Keesler is leading the way in the Air Force with this exciting migration, but every effort will be made to reduce operation impacts.

"Individually, users may drop from the global address list for up to seven days," Ms. Noakley continued. "This allows accounts to replicate across the Air Force, but it should not affect the functionality of your e-mail. You'll still be able to send and receive e-mail with your current e-mail address.

"There'll be notification sent out Air Force-wide announcing the migration, so users on other bases will be made aware of the situation and still be able to reach you, even though they might not be able to see your name in the global address list," she added.

"Although there are challenges, the benefits are great," Colonel Adams stressed. "The AFNet will provide improved information availability, greater flexibility and ease of management of the network enterprise."

Chief McKinley's successor named



Chief Roy

Air Force News Service and Keesler Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant James Roy becomes the 16th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force June 30 when Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley retires.

Chief Roy, who joined the Air Force in 1982, served at Keesler from August 1997 to September 2000 in three different positions — 81st Civil Engineer Squadron facilities management chief, 81st Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight superintendent and 81st Support Group superintendent.

Chief Roy is the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the U.S. Pacific Command combatant commander at Camp Smith, Hawaii

Chief Roy's career includes assignments as a heavy equipment operator

in the civil engineer career field and leadership positions at the squadron, group, and numbered air force levels.

He's served as the command chief master sergeant at wings in Air Education and Training Command, Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command. He was also deployed as the command chief master sergeant of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia.

Prior to assuming his current position he was the command chief master sergeant for U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Chief McKinley will retire next month after serving for 30 years. He has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006.

Yolanda Wallace, Keesler Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

Power line work closes medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center is closed through Saturday as power lines are severed to a portion of the building slated for demolition.

The demolition will make way for a new \$68 million inpatient tower.

Officials expect the facility to be "up and running" by 6 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call "911" or go to the closest civilian emergency room.

If patients arrive at the emergency room during the outage, they'll be taken by ambulance to an off-base hospital.

The medical center has contacted area hospitals about the outage and asked for their support to care for Keesler patients.

Expectant mothers have been given copies of their medical records and telephone numbers of civilian hospitals.

All outpatient medical appointments will be completed by 6 p.m. today.

The student health center in the Triangle is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to provide student medical care.

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

New reenlistment bonus list

Air Force News Service

Pentagon officials have released the latest selective re-enlistment bonus list which contains 82 Air Force specialties.

The revised listing increased bonuses for one Air Force specialty code — contracting. Seventeen AFSCs receive lower SRBs than previously offered and seven AFSCs were removed from the program.

Air Force officials use SRBs as an effective retention tool to shape the force and address shortages in skill sets considered necessary to support the joint coalition fight, emerging missions and the nuclear enterprise.

All increases and additions became effective May 1 and all decreases and deletions go into effect May 31. Any re-enlistments or extensions of any length that have been conducted prior to the official message release remain valid.

This release doesn't apply to Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard personnel.

For a complete SRB listing, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and click on the "military" tab. Select "active duty enlisted," then "reenlistments" and click on "Selective Reenlistment Bonus."

For more information, call the reenlistment office, 376-8378, 8385 or 8387

Master sergeant list released today

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. today.

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.

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

Monday through May 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.

By Lt. Col Tadd Sholtis

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz received Senate confirmation Friday to become commander of the Air Force's newest major command, Air Force Global Strike Command.

General Klotz, who serves as assistant vice chief of staff and Air Force staff director, takes charge of the new command upon formal activation.

Since Jan. 12, Maj. Gen. James Kowalski has commanded the provisional AFGSC headquarters at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

On April 2, Air Force officials identified Barksdale AFB, La., as the preferred location for



General Klotz

the AFGSC headquarters.

The general is a career space and missile officer and has commanded a Minuteman

missile squadron, a missile launch task force, an operations group, a missile wing and a numbered air force. He taught at the Air Force Academy and served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; as a White House Fellow at the State Department; and as the director for nuclear policy and arms control with the National Security Council.

General Klotz was the chief nuclear policy planner at the U.S. Mission to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, and the defense attaché at the American Embassy in Moscow.

Prior to assuming his current position, he was vice commander of Air Force Space Command.

Plan fine-tunes acquisition procedures

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Friday, Air Force leaders announced their plan for improving acquisition, which will have far-reaching impacts on the way the service develops and buys defense capabilities for the nation.

The Air Force's acquisition improvement plan "will serve as our strategic framework for the critical work of modernizing and recapitalizing our air, space and cyber systems," Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

The plan addresses acquisition process shortcomings identified during protests by contractors on major programs and subsequent reviews of key acquisition processes.

The plan outlines five initiatives intended to "ensure rigor, reliability and transparency across the Air Force acquisition enterprise," said Secretary Donley and General Schwartz. The initiatives are designed to:

Revitalize the Air Force acquisition workforce

Improve the requirements generation process

Instill budget and financial discipline

Improve Air Force major source selections

Establish clear lines of authority and accountability within acquisition organizations

Perhaps the most significant action proposed is to increase the size and improve the training and experience of the Air Force's professional acquisition corps, which has been cut by 41 percent over the past 20 years.

The plan calls for action to increase the workforce by 258 military and 1,804 civilian personnel and an improvement in the hiring, recruiting, retention and training programs essential to maintaining a quality professional corps.

"Recapturing acquisition excellence requires an experienced, skilled, empowered and accountable workforce and begins with proper requirements and adequate, stable funding," said Lt. Gen.

Mark D. Shackelford, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. "We will continue to shape and size our workforce and ensure professional development for our personnel."

Acquisition officials said regardless of workforce and process improvements, financial discipline must remain a critical focus. In this regard, the plan calls for more realistic budgeting and tighter cost control at all acquisition phases with the flexibility to adjust or cancel programs whose costs grow beyond acceptable levels.

"We are committed to being responsible stewards of the taxpayers' money and a provider of winning capabilities for our nation's warfighters," General Shackelford said.

Air Force budget reflects rebalanced priorities

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials here May 7 announced that its portion of the president's fiscal 2010 budget reflects a balanced strategy to prevail in today's joint fight and sustain air, space and cyberspace dominance.

The two overarching principles guiding next year's budget are rebalancing the Air Force's capabilities and financing the service's "All In" commitment to joint warfighting, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

"We've focused on our people and proven technologies, and put heavy emphasis on supporting combatant commanders in a way that complements the joint team," the general said.

Budget breakdown

The Air Force's total budget is \$160.5 billion. Of that, the budget over which the Air Force has management discretion in fiscal 2010 — including allowances for people, readiness, infrastructure and modernization — is \$115.6 billion.

An additional \$16 billion requested for overseas contingency operations supports ongoing operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Another \$28.9 billion submitted in the request but not managed by the Air Force includes funding for medical personnel, special operations personnel and national intelligence requirements.

"Our balanced approach is in line with the Department of Defense's emphasis on prevailing in today's operations while investing in new capabilities, force structure, skills and technologies that meet tomorrow's needs," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

Funding priorities

Secretary Donley emphasized that the funding decisions are consistent with the five priorities Air Force leaders adopted in October 2008:

Reinvigorate the Air Force nuclear enterprise.

Develop and care for Airmen and their families.

Partner with the joint and coalition team to win today's fight.

Modernize air and space inventories, organizations and training. And

Recapture acquisition excellence

The fiscal 2010 budget protects funds that help the Air Force recruit, train, educate, sustain and retain the right number and mix of people, according to service officials. This



includes selective re-enlistment bonuses and quality of service enhancements that are among the Air Force's most useful tools for developing and retaining Airmen with key skills.

Despite an uncertain economy, Airmen can expect to see pay and benefits increases across the board, said Maj. Gen. Larry Spencer, deputy assistant secretary for budget. Increases of 2.9 percent in basic military pay, 2 percent in civilian pay, 5.6 percent in housing allowance and 5 percent in subsistence allowance are on the books.

Quality-of-life projects

Air Force officials also will invest \$313 million in quality of service projects that specifically benefit Airmen, such as military construction, family housing, child development centers, dormitories and a new basic military training facility.

Personnel funding in fiscal 2010 will play an active role in shaping the force, as the Air Force directs approximately \$641 million toward recruiting and retaining critical wartime skills such as explosive ordnance disposal, medical, intelligence, contracting and special operations.

In terms of force structure, the budget also heralds the unprecedented undertaking of converting contractor positions to about 4,200 civil service jobs.

"The cost reduction from the contractor conversion will be significant, and if Congress approves the budget, there will be a lot of civilian hiring in 2010 and beyond," General Spencer said, especially in areas of emphasis such as acquisition.

Reflecting on the budget's emphasis on personnel programs, General Schwartz observed that "beyond the

platforms we operate or the technologies we employ, Airmen are the true strength of America's Air Force. Peak combat capability begins and ends with talented, healthy, motivated, trained and well-equipped Airmen."

The fiscal 2010 budget also provides an opportunity to balance traditional Air Force investment in capabilities useful across the spectrum of conflict with much-needed capabilities that have special relevance at the ends of the spectrum.

"This budget really tells a story of balance between today's fight and tomorrow's needs," General Spencer said. "We're investing in combatant command support, including fifth generation planes, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, space assets and preferred munitions such as AIM 9X, AIM-120 and joint direct attack munitions."

Support for combat

The chief of staff noted that the budget pays special attention to ensuring that there is a sufficient support "tail" behind the Air Force's significant combat "tooth."

"The budget not only supports the joint fight, but funds the communications, munitions, build-up, logistics, maintenance and weapons sustainment so that we can contribute to the overall defense plan of delivering global vigilance, reach and power in support of national objectives," General Schwartz said.

Among the major force modernization initiatives built into the budget, the Air Force plans to accelerate the retirement of about 250 legacy fighter aircraft. This will enable a rebalancing of funds to upgrade F-15 Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt

IIs, procure preferred munitions and enhance critical enablers. Additionally, the retirements enable the Air Force to realign approximately 4,000 military positions to support manpower needs in key focus areas such as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and the nuclear enterprise.

Strike fighter acquisition

The budget proposes to enhance the lethality of combat forces with the purchase of 10 F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighters in fiscal 2010.

"These fifth-generation strike aircraft will deliver complementary capability to the air superiority provided by 183 F-22 Raptors funded in previous fiscal years and four additional F-22s pending in the fiscal 2009 overseas contingency operations supplemental request," General Spencer said.

Air mobility and personnel recovery requirements are supported in the budget with \$400 million for the development of the KC-X tanker, \$1.4 billion for M/H/C-130Js and \$90 million to acquire HH-60M helicopters.

All told, more than \$1 billion will go to modernizing the fighter, bomber and mobility fleet with software, radar and other modifications.

Critical fleet upgrades

"These critical upgrades will make our current force more lethal and effective," General Spencer said.

With an eye on nuclear deterrence, the Air Force budget will support the stand-up of Air Force Global Strike Command and enhancements to the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center. Funding will support a centralized inspection process that ensures responsible handling of nuclear material. In addition, the service plans to increase the nuclear enterprise workforce by about 2,500 personnel.

Tying execution of the budget together is the Air Force's upcoming Acquisition Improvement Plan. The service's top leaders have noted repeatedly that acquisition excellence remains essential to both long-term modernization and short-term technological innovation to meet demand for irregular warfare and ISR capabilities.

"This is a unique point in our history," Secretary Donley said. "We can look at what we've learned from the wars we're in and apply real-time lessons to adjust to our environment, while ensuring the money we're given is spent in the most effective and efficient way possible."

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Anthony Hinton

Unit — 81st Security Forces Squadron

Position — Falcon patrolman

Time in the Air Force — 14 months

Time at Keesler — eight months

Noteworthy — attended the electronic security systems course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

Hometown — Richton, Miss.

Why did you join the Air Force? — to better myself and serve my country proudly.

What are your short- and long-term goals — short-term, begin taking classes in an effort to obtain my bachelor's degree in criminal justice; long-term, have a great Air Force career and retire as a chief master sergeant.

What are your hobbies? physical training, eating, video games and Bible studies

What's your favorite quote? "A man who can't make a mistake can't make anything."
— Abraham Lincoln



Photo by Senior Airman Eric Summers

DIAMOND NOTES

As a rule, address civil service employees properly — "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Miss" or "Ms." and their last name, unless requested to do otherwise. A little politeness goes a long way.



Master Sgt. Kevin Scharwath, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



May 20, 1959

The SM-65 Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile ground training courses began at Keesler.

Deployed medic directs in-theater care program

By Tech. Sgt. Shad Eidson

379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The 379th Expeditionary Medical Group nurses and technicians join forces with base volunteers to help sick and injured service members fully recover and get back in the fight.

The In-Theater Care Program here was established to treat patients with non-debilitating injuries, non-urgent surgical needs or illnesses so the service members can return to their forward operating bases and join their fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors or Marines.

“The In-Theater Care Program helps to decompress downrange medical facilities by treating non-urgent surgical and medical cases including occasional minor battle-injuries,” said Maj. Treesa Salter, ITCP director.

Major Salter is deployed from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron at Keesler.

“The goal is to treat the patients and rapidly return them to duty without sending them out of the deployed theater,” she explained.

Most patients are able to return to duty within 30 days, the major said. If the condition requires more extensive treatment, they will be air evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany or back to the U.S. Patients in the program are generally not severely injured, but some may have experienced direct injuries in battle.

“All of our patients are screened and assessed for post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury symptoms, in addition to receiving treatment

for their current condition” said Major Salter. “We use the whole person concept realizing they may have just evacuated a hot combat zone on the front lines and the transition may be difficult.”

Treating the patients locally is also more cost effective than sending them to Germany or returning them early to their home station, and minimizes the effects of leaving a shortfall at the deployed unit.

“All of our deployed personnel within the theater are eligible for treatment here if injured and the capabilities or capacity is exceeded in other locations,” Major Salter said. “We see patients from many forward operating bases out of Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.”

Since January, the ITCP helped around 35 outpatients per month with an average stay of 21 days per patient. The length of stay varies on a case-by-case basis and is dependent on the patient’s recovery. New patients arrive nearly every other day. This puts each patient at a different phase in the recovery and treatment spectrum, which the ITCP supports through the diverse skills of its medical staff.

Registered nurses, on a weekly-rotational basis, provide the variety of medical services needed to accommodate the diverse patient population.

These services are provided at the 379th EMDG, which moved to a new building at Blatchford-Preston Complex in September 2008. Between medical treatments in the program, patients live in billeting in Coalition Compound where they are close to the “warrior day room” and its daytime activities. The medical group has oversight of the day room with airman readiness center staff and volunteers conducting

activities for the patients. Since October, the volunteer force grew to more than 65 active volunteers.

Volunteers sponsor many daily activities to engage patients in pre- and post-operative phases of recovery, the major said. The activity room opens at 8 a.m. daily with volunteers ready to assist any patient whether it is helping with equipment items or providing simple social interaction.

Volunteers help the airmen readiness center greatly with the program as the center’s staff, made up of two civilians and one noncommissioned officer, maintain several other base programs while also supporting patients within the ITCP.

“Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for their professionalism and their can-do attitude,” said Kehinde Oshikoya-Pamphille, airmen readiness center community readiness consultant. “Whenever we call on them, there are at least 20 volunteers ready to get the task done.”

Volunteers recently painted and reorganized the ITCP warrior day room. More improvements are in the planning stages to enhance the activity room for patients. Units have also volunteered by sponsoring a barbecue and other activities.

“The airmen readiness center staff has been an outstanding supporter of what we are trying to do for the patients,” said Major Salter. “My kudos to the center and the volunteers.”

Volunteers are not the program’s only source of support. Many U.S. organizations, churches, veterans and others from the United States have made generous donations to support the injured service members during their recovery, Major Salter said.



Breathe in ...

Capt. (Dr.) Kathryn Oubre, 81st Medical Operations Squadron pediatrician, examines Hayden Adelman, 12, May 1 in the pediatric clinic. Hayden was one of 55 students the clinic staff saw for their school, sports or camp physicals during the afternoon set aside for this purpose. Hayden’s parents are retired Master Sgt. Darin Adelman and Tech. Sgt. Felicia Muniz, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Base launches observance

Keesler kicks off Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a drawing and coloring contest that ends Friday at the youth center and child development center.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21, a event featuring food sampling and entertainment is held at the youth center.

A cultural display is in place at Airman Leadership School, and a book display focusing on the contributions of Asian-Americans is provided in the McBride Library foyer.

For more information, call Shelia Alexander, 377-7289.

Deployed Airmen work hard to be 'fit to fight'

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Airmen at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, are constantly working to maintain the "Fit to Fight" concept, ensuring combat readiness and mission accomplishment.

Maj. Jeff Queen, who arrived in Iraq in January, is deployed from Keesler. He's been in the Air Force nearly 12 years and has been at Keesler for almost four years. He served in the 45th Airlift Squadron for two years before moving to the 81st Training Support Squadron, where he's the unit's director of operations.

He's currently the director of operations for the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron and is scheduled to return to Keesler in May.

"Daily, here at JBB and around the rest of the area of responsibility, Airmen are putting themselves in harm's way, whether that's outside the wire, in an aircraft overhead, or even monitoring the network from the communications squadron," said Major Queen, who's a volunteer fitness instructor at the base. "Remaining physically fit allows us to fulfill our duties to the base and Air Force."

"Fitness is a vital part of effective mission accomplishment," said Staff Sgt. Mister Raby, who's deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "Being physically fit promotes



Photo by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

Major Queen, deployed from Keesler, leads a fitness class in doing lunges.

health, vitality, well-being, vigor, endurance, and strength, which ultimately helps you physically and mentally focus on the tasks at hand while in a deployed environment.

"Being in tip-top shape while being deployed gives me the extra energy to work 12 hours a day, six days a week," Sergeant Raby pointed out. "It also lowers my stress level in this high-stress, high-tempo environment."

In an effort to aid Airmen in maintaining their "Fit to Fight" lifestyle and de-stress when needed, JBB's fitness and recreation centers offer a variety of classes and fitness equipment for service members of all fitness levels and

interests, from step aerobics and yoga to CrossFit and spin.

"There are numerous classes at the various fitness centers with different approaches to one central focus — being physically fit," said Major Queen. "Airmen should take the time to find a class that interests them and make a commitment to consistent attendance."

Senior Airman Carl Christian, deployed from Travis AFB, Calif., attended the CrossFit class.

"I've really enjoyed this class because the instructor really does a good job of pushing you to try and obtain the highest level of fitness that you are capable of," Airman

Christian commented.

"Maintaining a 'Fit to Fight' lifestyle is extremely important while you are deployed," he added. "Working in the AOR can cause a lot of stress, both mentally and physically; keeping a good workout plan and diet can really help prevent a lot of those stresses."

Some Airmen choose to exceed the standard by setting personal fitness goals beyond the Air Force fitness requirements while they're deployed.

"The biggest goal that I have during this deployment is to get rid of the bulk that I have put on over the last few years," said Sergeant Raby. "When I came here, I weighed 217 pounds.

My desire is to weigh 185 pounds before I leave the AOR. Right now, I am at 198 pounds, with 2½ months to go, so there's no reason why I can't reach this goal."

Major Queen's goal is to do 20 legitimate pull-ups, work out five days a week and do a handstand with no help.

Whether Airmen here work out to simply fulfill their required fitness standard, relieve stress, or achieve a specific fitness goal, all agree that being physically fit is a personal responsibility.

"The significance of a 'Fit-to-Fight' lifestyle varies with each individual," said Sergeant Raby. "Just because we're in a deployed location doesn't mean that we can let our fitness slip. Being physically fit is part of effective mission accomplishment; therefore it's each individual's responsibility to make sure that they are doing something to stay in shape."

"Everyone has a personal responsibility to maintain or increase their physical fitness while deployed," said Major Queen. "They should also look to motivate those around them, whether it's their subordinates or supervisors. Anyone can motivate others to achieve and maintain a healthy and fit lifestyle. Achieving and maintaining a 'Fit to Fight' lifestyle is vitally important for every Airman, especially those of us here in the AOR."





Photos by Kemberly Groue

Sheila Quave, a student at Chris' Beauty College in Gulfport, gives Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff a manicure during Pamper Me Day at the Dragon's Lair in Locker House. Sergeant Woodruff, who's married to Tech. Sgt. Fred Woodruff, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, is assigned to the airman and family readiness center, sponsors of the annual event. The spouse appreciation program included massages, makeovers, craft demonstrations, vendors and other activities.

Pamper me!

Spouses showered with appreciation



Tracey Wolfe from the base exchange gives Starleigh Beal a makeover. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Donald Beal, is a Marine Corps recruiter in Ocean Springs.



Rachel Jones admires jewelry made by Aubrey Bouck, owner of Brandavir Jewelry. Mrs. Bouck, wife of Airman 1st Class Andrew Bouck, 81st Medical Support Squadron, holds their 6½-month old son, Alex. Mrs. Jones is married to Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jones, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

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Heartlink

Quarterly program is June 18

Heartlink, a quarterly information and orientation program funded by the Air Force Aid Society, is being held 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 18 at the airman and family readiness center.

"Heartlink is for Air Force spouses new to the 'family,' particularly those who have been married to their military husband or wife for five years or less," explained Lana Smith, community readiness consultant. Spouses of any length of affiliation are invited, too."

Unit key spouses are being challenged to bring as many first-time attendees as possible. The group with the most guests wins a prize.

Some child care is provided.

June 11 is the registration deadline.

For more information or to register, call Ms. Smith, 376-8728, or email Lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.



Lifesaver 2009 exercise offers preparation for disaster

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler joined with local, state and federal agencies to conduct a successful Lifesaver 2009 exercise, May 5-7.

With an estimated 2,000 participants, this year's major Federal Coordinating Center and National Disaster Medical System exercise was the largest Lifesaver event since May 2005.

Lifesaver 2009 involved six states and more than 1,500 local, state and federal government personnel and first responders plus more than 400 "casualties."

According to Lt. Col. Chris Morgan, Keesler Medical Center's FCC director, the exercise "trained and validated the Region IV NDMS patient reception areas and patient tracking system; created an integrated community response that tested local, state and federal plans; and solidified patient surge capabilities and procedures relating to FCC responsibilities.

"All participants did extremely well in carrying out their parts of the NDMS plan," Colonel Morgan said. "The leadership from the state, federal and Department of Defense teams was top notch and knew how to successfully complete their parts of the plan."

"I was pleased to see how seamlessly the patients were transferred between all the participating organizations," Colonel Morgan continued. "I'm confident that we are ready and capable to respond to any NDMS event."

Colonel Morgan and FCC coordinator Tech. Sgt. Shane Fountain planned Lifesaver 2009 for more than a year, gaining the support of many state and federal partners.

Lifesaver 2009 involved a simulated terrorist attack involving a chemical weapon and included an anhydrous ammonia spill. The scenario incorporated simulated attacks in Pensacola, Fla., Mobile, Ala., and Gulfport, Miss.

Sergeant Fountain incorporated six 35-member disaster



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Maj. Kerry Hesselrode, right, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, secures a "patient" aboard an 815th Airlift Squadron C-130J Hercules on the Keesler flight line May 7 during the Lifesaver 2009 exercise.

medical assistance teams from Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Arkansas. Harrison and Mobile County emergency management agencies as well as Naval Air Station Pensacola and 20 personnel from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Veterinary Response Team also responded to the attacks. In addition, 24 participating NDMS-affiliated hospitals — including Keesler Medical Center — activated their emergency response procedures and plans to handle casualties.

Fifteen members of the 81st Medical Group established the Keesler FCC. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in Houston and Little Rock, Ark., received "victims" airlifted to each city.

Participating Mississippi agencies include the Mississippi Department of Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Mississippi Hospital Association, National Nurse Response Team, Department of Veterans Affairs in Biloxi and Health Education and Research Foundation and Mississippi Med-1.

First responders from the Gulfport Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance Service participated in a hazardous material exercise near Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

Keesler's FCC is one of 65 nationwide — and one of four in the Air Force — located in a U.S. metropolitan area responsible for day-to-day coordination of planning and operations in one or more

assigned geographic NDMS patient reception areas.

Keesler's area of responsibility stretches from the Louisiana border east to Defuniak Springs, Fla., and north to Hattiesburg. There are 24 NDMS hospitals, including Keesler Medical Center, in this region, with an average bed availability totaling 520 beds.

The exercise began May 5 with a simulated presidential disaster declaration based on the exercise scenario's train derailment involving toxic material. Once local and state responders were overwhelmed, the NDMS activated the Keesler FCC which alerted its network of hospitals and began planning to aid in evacuating casualties.

May 6, 400 victims transported by bus to participating hospi-

tals where they were processed prior to being taken to patient reception areas established by Keesler Medical Center military patient administration teams and DMATS.

Patient reception areas stood up at Keesler, the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Mobile's Brookley Field and NAS Pensacola. Each PRA handled up to 140 patients.

Two C-130J aircraft operated by the Air Force Reserve Command's 815th Airlift Squadron and the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Keesler landed at the Mobile and NAS Pensacola PRAs to allow PRA personnel to train on aircraft safety and patient loading and unloading procedures.

The final day of the exercise, PRA personnel at Gulfport, Keesler, Mobile and Pensacola each processed 100 patients. Sixty patients were loaded on two C-130 aircraft — one flew 30 patients to Houston and another flew 30 to Little Rock where they were transferred to the respective VA medical center's PRA. The VA medical center's DMAT teams and VA personnel processed the patients to test several electronic patient tracking systems.

In addition to Keesler Medical Center and Naval Hospital Pensacola, seven Mississippi and eight Alabama medical facilities participated.

In addition to the 403rd Wing and 81st MDG, Keesler participants included 81st Training Group students and members of 81st Training Wing staff agencies and the 81st Mission Support Group.

Keesler kids on the move by foot, by bike

Young Keesler runners participated in the 2009 Armed Forces Kids Run Saturday along I-81. Children in various age groups could run in half-mile, 1-mile and 2-mile runs. America's Kids Run, recognized as the world's largest children's running event, is in its 24th year. The event is part of Armed Forces Day activities at military bases around the world.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Capt. Erik Vacarelli, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, guides 4-year-old Natalee Cole through a bike safety obstacle course at the youth center Saturday. Captain Vacarelli organized the bike rodeo. Natalee's dad is Tech. Sgt. Dirik Cole, 81st Operations Support Flight.

Program points out protocol particulars

2nd Air Force

Second Air Force hosted a protocol seminar May 4-5 with Maggie Bonner from the Air Force Services Agency.

Mrs. Bonner, the Air Force's protocol authority, provides protocol guidance, management and oversight for executive and senior leadership events.

"It's time to get back to basics — the basics of doing things the right way," said Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, in welcoming nearly 50 Keesler personnel and spouses to the event.

Mrs. Bonner's simple definition of protocol is "doing the right things, at the right time, for the right people, for the right reasons." She covered a variety of topics, including the importance of a professional image, basic communications and event planning.

"This was not only for those currently in protocol positions — this seminar had something for everyone," explained Tech. Sgt. Melissa Gallaher, 2nd Air Force's noncommissioned officer in charge of protocol. "It was beneficial for current and future executive officers, administrative assistants, project officers, escort officers and members planning committee members."



Photo by Senior Airman Eric Summers
Mrs. Bonner demonstrates proper place settings for formal events.

KEESLER NOTES

Housing office closes

The housing office closes at noon May 22 for an official function.

The office is also closed May 25 for Memorial Day.

NAF vehicle sale

Sealed bids for a nonappropriated fund vehicle are accepted 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 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.

Free for military

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport offers free admission to military families, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 25.

All active duty, retired and reserve families are eligible for free admission.

For more information, call 897-6039.

Supply issues

For supply issues or concerns, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Tax office still open

The tax office is 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. Tuesday through May 21 and 27-28 in 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.

For more information, call 377-0056.

Publication rules

Permanent visual aids must be coordinated and approved through the base publications office. They require official numbers from the base publications manager, who keeps a record of it. Unofficial signs on bulletin boards can result in write-ups during an operational readiness inspection.

Temporary visual aids such as posters must have an expiration date on them not to exceed 180 days, if there's not a time frame listed on poster.

Local operating instructions must be coordinated with the base publications manager to ensure proper guidelines and new formatting are enforced. Forward a draft copy of all group, squadron, flight and other OIs, instructions and supplements, regardless of scope of applicability, to the base publications manager for prepublication review.

For more information, call Micki VanderMeer, 377-3580.



That's the ticket

Five-year-old Jonah Canlas and his dad, Lt. Col. Jimmy Canlas, 45th Airlift Squadron commander, play "That's the Ticket" Saturday at the youth center. Jonah's mother, Joy, and his sister Malea, 4, also participated at the program sponsored by family advocacy. The program, presented by Kevin McMahan, is intended to help parents bring solid order and structure to family life, while inspiring children to set new goals, master positive habits and earn the things they want.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

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sexual assaults
at Keesler,
call 377-7278.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Staff Sgt. Joshua Lowe, 81st Medical Group education and training flight, explains the operation of a patient simulator in the flight's simulation and skills laboratory to a group of senior enlisted leaders from several foreign military services, Air Force major commands and numbered air forces Monday. The group visited Keesler Medical Center to learn how the medical group administers Phase II training.

Base hosts foreign enlisted leaders

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler was one stop on a two-week tour that's giving senior enlisted leaders from partner nations a cradle-to-grave look at the careers of U.S. Air Force enlisted members.

Enlisted leaders from Australia, Bulgaria, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Singapore and Malaysia participated in the familiarization trip sponsored by Pacific Air Force and U.S. Air Force-Europe.

At Keesler, the group was hosted by Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Moreau, command chief, 2nd Air Force, and Col. Christopher Valle, commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, 81st Training Wing.

The trip began April 30 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, with briefings and discussions. May 3, the group arrived at Maxwell AFB, Ala., for a week-long summit before arriving at Keesler Saturday. Sunday was set aside to tour New Orleans, play golf or relax.

Monday, the foreign enlisted leaders had breakfast with 81st Training Group instructors

before a series of briefings by 2nd Air Force, 81st TRW and 81st TRG leaders. They toured Keesler Medical Center, observed air traffic control training in the 334th Training Squadron and visited one of the student dormitories.

Wednesday, the visiting military leaders were at Randolph AFB, Texas, for talks with Air Education and Training Command officials and an overview of international training.

Representatives of the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, Air Force Recruiting Service, Air Force Personnel Center and Air Expeditionary Force Center also gave briefings.

Today, the group visits Lackland AFB and Camp Bullis, Texas, for demonstrations of military operations in urban terrain, common battlefield airmen training and basic combat convoy instruction. They'll receive a basic military training brief and tour, basic expeditionary airman skills and training presentation, and visit an Air Force Reserve Command unit and a Texas Air National Guard unit.

Before departing Friday, the foreign leaders attend a basic military training graduation.

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Gators pluck Mad Ducks for volleyball crown

By Senior Airman Eric Summers

Keesler News staff

The 333rd and 334th Training Squadrons faced off May 7 for the base's intramural volleyball championship.

The 334th TRS Gators defeated the 333rd TRS Mad Ducks, 23-21 and 24-22, in a three-game series.

"Though we lost, our team did great," said Scott Solomon, 333rd TRS commander. "We were consistent and close all the way to the end. It was a great team effort. It was great to get a team together to fight on a different front."

Gators captain Ashley Spurlin helped lead the team to the championship, in spite of a 4-5 regular season record.

"I think we have progressed a lot through the season, and you could actually see the camaraderie develop and come

together in the team," Spurlin said.

Spurlin explained how intramural sports are similar to the Air Force. People of all different skill levels work together to accomplish the same goal in sports, and this translates to today's Air Force, where deployed people from all different fields work together to accomplish the mission.

"I think it cool to play intramural sports," said Spurlin. "I like playing because I don't get to meet a lot of people outside my squadron, and this makes the base feel like a small community and makes it more personal."

"Intramural sports like these help raise morale and foster teamwork," said Solomon. "It's good to bring everybody together whether civilian, officer or enlisted, to fight for the same goal."



Stephen Carrington returns a shot for the Gators during the championship series, May 6.

**Photo by
Kemberly Groue**

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser

(final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	146	64
New Meat	138	72
Robbie's Rejects	125	85
Hit 9 Get 9	123	87
Wrong Foot Forward	121	89
DOG Squad	120	90
Ricky's Rookies	113.5	96.5
Slater's Shooters	111	99
Man On!	110	100
All Screwed Up	107	103
Pot Luck	106	104
Our Gang	98	112
403rd Strykers	97.5	112.5
Sandy's Gang	96	114
Hoop's Gang	92	118
Martini's	91	119
Team 18	85	125
Why Not	82	128
Team 12	73	137
Unpredictables	65	145

High average — Gino Rauch, men, 213; Gwen Gavin, women, 196.

Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of April 22)

Team	Won	Lost
Wild Gang	127	83
Dee's Crew	122	88
Any Takers	115	95
Ichi Ban	114	96
Neighbors Plus 1	110.5	99.5
Clyde's Crew	104	106
MUDD	93	117
Team 6	93	117
70s Plus	89	121
Guys and Dolls	82.5	127.5

High average — Robbie Speer, men, 207; Terry Aichele, women, 165.

Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of April 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	135	75
6-Pack	129	81
Team 12	118	92
Team 16	117	93
TBB Express	112	98
Team 13	110	100
Team 5	102.5	107.5
CHMATO	102	108
Two He's and a She	101	99
Three's Company	100.5	109.5
Team 14	100	110
Team 8	98	112
2 Kings and A Queen	95	115
Team 11	90	120
3-70s Plus	86	124
Lucky Trio	82.5	128.5

Friday Night Mixed

(final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
Rose and Her Thorns	142	68
Frustrated	116	94
The Strikers	115	95
Mixed Nuts	108	102
Sandbaggers	108	102
We Take Ugly	106	104
Pin Pals	100	110
3 Guys and a Babe	99	111
Lady and the Tramps	98	112
Fun Timers	97	113
Pin Busters	96	114
Beyond Control	75	135

High average — Terry King, men, 204; Dianne Whittle, women, 173.

Other

Bowling fund raisers — for

International women's soccer coming to Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Project officer Brian Mooers speaks during the May 7 kickoff ceremony for the 2009 CISM event begins June 6. Teams from Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the Republic of South Korea and United States compete for the championship. The tournament also serves as a chance to showcase Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast on an international level.

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.

Golf

334th Training Squadron Gators Booster Club fundraiser tournament — May 28 at Bay Breeze Golf Course; 11 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start. Four-

person teams (scramble). Cost \$45 for green fee, cart, prizes and food. Register by May 22. For more information, call Jim Smith, 377-7354; Kevin Powell, 377-7350, or Pete Martinez, 377-0067.

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

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

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. State 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.

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 a day, \$15 weekly, \$35 monthly.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, hunting and fishing licenses.

Running

African-American Heritage Committee 9th annual Sickle Cell Anemia 5-kilometer run/walk — May 14, Blake Fitness Center; 6:4;5-7:15 a.m. registration, 7:30 a.m. start. \$10 registration fee benefits Jackson/George Counties Association for Sickle Cell Disease. For more information, call Tyron Deckard, 376-6619; Ashley Brunson, 376-8174; or Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

Softball

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

American League

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

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

National League

Today — 6 p.m., 335th TRS-A vs. 81st Medical Support Squadron and 81st FSS/CPTS vs. 81st CS/85th EIS; 7 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 81st MDTs and 81st LRS vs. 81st CES/fire department; 8 p.m., 81st TRSS-a vs. 336th TRS.

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

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Joseph Alexander, Matthew Alexander-Busbice, Brittany Armstrong, Daniel Barahona, Ivey Beddingfield, Jahmaal Benford, Dean Berger, Dieter Bullard, Joshua Buzzard, Daniel Cantres, Nathan Capley, Christopher Christian, Colton Collins, Chris Cook, Royal Cuevas, Kevin Dangelo, Victoria Dietz, Joseph Diprimeo, Alexander Doyle, Robby Dunsing, Adam Emberson, Jeffrey Evans, Christopher Farrell, Adam Farrington, Dennis Fernandez, Clifford Ferry, David Floyd, Daniel Foust, Kristopher Gantenbein, Mark Gauthier, Austin Gootee, Anton Granger, Collin Gronning, Jeanette Guzman, Adam Hamilton, Andrew Janssen, Erik Joski, Landon Ketchersid, Eric Klusman, Robert Kusina, Colin Langston, Jarrod Lewis, Gerald Lint, Jonathan Loftus, Andrew Macklem, Antoine McClellan, Raymundo Mendoza, David Murphy, Benjamin Nason, Mason Olah, Brock Padilla-Souza, Adam Parker, David Pereira, Justin Petersen, Matthew Pitts, TJ Pollack, Joseph Prince, Joseph Richmond, Daniel Rigglemen, Jesus Rodriguez, Eric Sanchez, Adam Shaffer, Michael Sobecki, Justin Straughan, Russell Stevens, Jonathan Trude, Matthew Trumbly, Ryan Waterfield, Joshua Weeks, James Wells, Seth Wilkinson, Cody Wiseman and John Wyatt; Pvt. Matthew Wojtowicz; Airmen Brandon Brooks, Franco Cazares, Cody Christ, Xavier Collazo, Robert Compton, Nicholas Cotter, Brian Darnall, Anthony Dinius, Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi, Bradley Grubbs, Christopher Hinten, Cody Hopkins, Rachel Hurst, David Jeong, Charles Manbeck, Aaron Morgan, Jeffrey Sales, Tanya Shaw, Richard Walker, Kyle Wheeler, Bond Williams, Shane Williams and Matthew Young; Airmen 1st Class William Allen, Christina Anable, Kevin Armstrong, Michael Aspinwall, Casey Barbee, Daniel Bookman, Ian Brown, Matthis Chenault, Colin Clause, Mark Contreras, Anthony Cosgrove, Joshua Craig, Gabriel Cruz-LaFontaine, Robert Cyrus, Andrew Dahn, Jonathan Day, Colin Dunaj, Thomas Dunlap, Zachary Eastland, Bradley Evans, Colin Fagon, Roger Fitch, Jarred Fix, Gregory Frank, Adam Gagnon, Max Gee, Daniel Groh, Brett Guthrie, Christopher Halubka, Kevin Harnett, Justin Hawk, Joshua Haydon, Russell Henning, Mark Hill, Travis Jackson, Joshua Johnson, Sean Johnson, James Kane, Sebastain Klama, Joshua Koeppel, John Kotorman, Jonathan Lankford, Justin Lay, Thomas Lee, Justin Lightfoot, Adam Martin, Matthew McCain, Monica Mendenhall, Nicholas Napolitano, Zachariah Olson, Alex Paavel, Seth Paul, Leif Paulin, Joshua Phillips, Joshua Rasch, Carlos Rivera, Keith Robertson, Brandy Robinson, Luis Rosario, Kareem Samuel, Michael Saucier, Michael Solheim, Robert Spaulding, Sean Surber, Michael Taunton, Demetrius Taylor, Macy Tindel-Sylvan, Jason Uranga, Graham Ward, Benjamin Wholthan, Diana Wickman, Nathan Wilson, Kevin Wittmann and Justin Wood; Pfc. Christopher Alvarado, John Gordon and Darryl McClellan; Senior Airmen Sivisko Agbemedi, Daniel Boger, Clayton Creamer, Robert Halloway, Chad McNeal, Jeremy Nagy, Robert Osborne, Robert Rovnak, John Tewmeyer and William VanderMate; Staff Sgts. Ryan Baker, Gerald Barq, Keven Blackwell, Jonathan Carlson, Glen Carrington, Jeffrey Dorey, Clifford Eliason, Christopher Farnsworth, Jacob Fulton, Derrick Graham, Cedric Hall, Robert Hipp, Warren Kerrigan, Dexter Miller, David Morrison, Mark Pauldine, Genelle Rainville, Gerald Redmond, Luis Reyes, Clint Ross, Stanley Ruth, Timothy Shockley, Carlos Solorio-Herrera, Jeremy Walker, Nicholas Wright and Jeffrey Zuercher; Tech. Sgts. Jonathan Eusebio and Christopher Riddle; Master Sgt. Saad Abishi; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park; Chief Master Sgt. Rayyan Flemban; 1st Lt. Mohammad AbuHaimed; Daniel Mauro and Catalino Salosa.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Paul Pearson and Eric Robles; Airman Jeffrey Tracy; Airman First Class Mitchell Forde.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Deron Arnold, Robert Mize, Justin Parag, Deirdre Ramirez and Kimberly Sampson; Airmen David Wilken and Eden Winterman; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Groom; Senior Airman David Cox; Staff Sgt. Shanelle Snyder; Tech. Sgt. Robert Johnson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Michelle Beach, Kyle Demmons, Alexis Drayton, Sarah Gilbertson, Keoni Kuapahi, John Mchann, Jeffrey Palmer, Sheldon Streets and David Warner; Airmen Daniel Frailey and Jeremy Massey; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Dylhoff, Bryan Griswold, Lewis Hampton, Herman Harton, Matthew Ulmer

and Thomas Williams; Staff Sgts. Jesse Howell, Sean McDermott and Jason Morton; 2nd Lt. Jana Ondova.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Jon Petry; Airman Alexandro Daviano; Airmen 1st Class Lynn Fuhmeister and Aimee Plotz; Senior Airmen Rochelle Arcega and Joshua Bronson; Staff Sgts. John Borland, Kimberly Cote, Andrew Johnson, Stephanie Klupenger, Richard Molly, Christopher Petry and Robert Rein; Tech. Sgts. Gregory Block, Daniel Carroll, William Davis, Quran Johnson and Kiara Jones; Master Sgts 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, Hillary Karry, Clinton McStott, Allen Orozco-Castaneda, Luis Pena and Jared Vanwey; Airmen Courtney Bouillon, Andrew Brande, Derek Kirkwood, Nathaniel Kirschman, Brett Steffen, Shea Townsend and Adam West; Airmen 1st Class David Ansay, Jhesye Bundy, Justin Cornish, Matthew Folendore, Stephen Halcomb, April Lemon, Stephen Maroko, John Morin and Keith Patti; Staff Sgts. Brian Allen, Ju Anna Blake, Dequoia Edwards, Nathan Kraft, Stanley Mar and Elena White; Tech. Sgt. Edwin Aguilar; Master Sgts. William Box and Lamarr Johnson.

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Howard Bigby, Lee Edwards, Casey Mahoney and Adam Williams; Airmen Basic David Acevedo, Gregorio Gomez, Lewis Hanft, Lee Ingle, Sean Johnson, Rachelle Lininger, Jessica Patton, Marissa Rojas, Cason Verhaeren, Emily Weber and Jessica Weeks; Marine Pvt. Ryan Laign; Navy Airmen Apprentice Sean Degroff, Anthony Gryniewicz, Casey Mahoney, Tiffany McCall and Phillip Poole; Airmen Taylor Desell, Amy Lipira, Kastyopia Orr, Steven Vasko, William Weaver and Douglas Young; Marine Pfc. Lukah Chang, Joseph Garner, Levi Simmons, Jordon Singleton and Scott Smith; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Brantner, Jennifer Bowlden, Tyreese Clark, John Commissaris, Will Cross, Douglas Cuff, Heather Emerson, Daniel Hicks, Jennifer Hampton, Daniel Hicks, Justin Kruger, Zachary Matuscin, Jeffrey Miles, Jessica Morris, Jeffrey Mohr, Jeffrey Mohr, Christopher Murdock, Crystal Nunez, Leah Rhodes, Joshua Scanlan, Jonathan Steigerwald and Bradford West; Navy Airmen Lee Edwards, Michelle Matias, Cameron Schuckert and Wesley Saffomilla; Marine Lance Cpl. Bradley Escobar, Timothy Foresman and Joseph Liotino; Marine Cpl. Justin Jones, David Roberts and William Munroe; Staff Sgts. Robert Abbott, Damon Brindle, Tristan Carden, John Dickson, Joshua Glattfeld, De'Erick Gray, Daniel Gruber, Tyler Iteen, Kent McCoy, Joseph Moran, Andrew Munns, Shawn Nelson, Johnie Smith and Isabelle

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.

Vyaersi; Marine Sgts. Edgar Casasola, Mark Clausen, Russell Oubina, David Randolph, Samuel Petry and Timothy Thierry.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic David Grier, Scott Hester, Brandon Smith and Jason Hill; Airmen Shannon Carleson, Niki Crmolatas and Joshua Delacruz; Airmen 1st Class Cody Goodman, Matthews Laney, Angela Mueller, David Ogg, Danielle Pfeifle, Catherine Price and Kyle Thayer; Staff Sgts. Brian Gambrell, Munirih Gravelly, John Groboske and Karl Knighton; Master Sgts. Toby Igo, Christy Meier and Peter Terry.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic 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, Timothy Purnell, Christopher Rushing, Zachary Schumacher, Jacob Singleton and Alexander Uschmann; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook, Christopher Church, James Crawley, Christian Hernandez, Nickolas Livingston, Bobby Prioleau, Travis Royal and Alan Streeter; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Jamie Denner, Joseph Donald, Reed Esslinger, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Angel Sanchez, Corby Washburn, 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, Matthew Leisure, Peter Macmillan, Christopher McNeil, Joseph Michael, Cassie Osborn, 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; Maj. Ibrahim Shatnawi.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Trevin Brecheisen; Airmen 1st Class Mark Babjak, Kelvin Ciprian, Michael Gonzales, Michael Huss and Bryan Kelley; Staff Sgt. Stephanie Smith.

Ground radar — Airmen 1st Class Mathew Dick, Michael Jaquier, Samuel Lee, Ryan McKee, Peter Sigmund and Edward Willocks; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Staff Sgt. Greg Brigham.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Austin Bass, Kevin Crowley, Jason Deam, Andrew Dickens, Adam Gerych, Heather Iverson, Christopher McDowell, Joshua Miller, Marcus Moss and Tyler Starkey; Airman Gregory Miller; Airmen 1st Class Edward Anderson, Derek Dreyfuss, Jackie Hamersley, Julia Massi, Aaron Oliver, Jonathan Roche, Hart Weber, Roy White and Andrew Wilshire; Senior Airmen Justin Apple and Charles Daum; Staff Sgts. Patrick McCorkell, Allen Reaves and Brandon Wall; Tech. Sgts. Eric Lewis, Greg Mihalko and David Winston.

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. 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.

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

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

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

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

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Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and May 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 Saturday. \$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.

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 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.

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

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

Mental health clinic

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

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385

McBride Library

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

Bicycle safety program — 10:30 a.m. today, 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.

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 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.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Friday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Saturday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Sunday

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

Dinner — 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.

Monday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Tuesday

Dinner — 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.

Lunch — 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 — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, garlic toast, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupa, 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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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 separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

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

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

Employment opportunities

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

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from

retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afjrotc.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/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

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

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.

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., Observe and Report (R, 86 minutes).
Saturday — 2 p.m., Fast and the Furious 2009 (PG-13, 107 minutes); Knowing (PG-13, 108 minutes).
Sunday — 1 p.m., Adventureland (R, 106 minutes).

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