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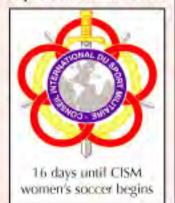
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#### Let the games begin



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Area 8 athlete Luke Robinson, left, and Senior Airman Caleb Foy, 81st Security Forces Squadron, light the flame to open the 2009 Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games at Keesler Friday. The base hosted more than 1,300 athletes and coaches during the weekend. The base has been the site for the state games since 1982. About 3,000 volunteers helped to make the event a success. More photos, Pages 20-21.

## Keesler welcomes new commander Tuesday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Col. Ian Dickinson assumes command of the 81st Training Wing during a ceremony and permanent party formation, 9 a.m. Tuesday on the parade grounds.

He accepts command from Col. Christopher Valle, who's led the base since the April 6 departure of Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, who served as wing commander since October 2007. General Touhill is now Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command, Kuwait.

Colonel Dickinson, who was selected for promotion to brigadier general earlier this month, comes to Keesler from the Pentagon, where he's served as the deputy chief information officer for the joint staff. In that position, he shared responsibility for programming, planning, engineering and executing information technology enterprise architecture.

He's commanded three times at the squadron/base and group level and has held a variety of positions at base, center, major command, air staff, joint task force staff, and joint staff levels in communications and information requirements, acquisition, operations, and maintenance.

Colonel Dickinson, an honor graduate of the Air Force Academy, holds a master of public policy degree from Harvard University and a master's degree in computer science from the University of Lowell, Mass. He's a graduate of Air War College and a distinguished graduate of Air Command and Staff College. He was also a distinguished graduate of advanced communication officer training at Keesler in 1994.



Colonel Dickinson

## COMMENTARY

## Memorial Day honors our nation's fallen heroes

By Lt. Col. Mitchell Culp

379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Contrary to popular belief, Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day has a history stretching all the way back to the Civil War and is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

The story of Memorial Day begins almost 150 years ago, in the summer of 1865. A local druggist, Henry Welles, mentioned to some of his friends at a gathering that while praising the living veterans of the Civil War, "it would be well to remember

the patriotic dead by placing flowers on their graves." Nothing became of this suggestion until he renewed the idea the following spring to Army Gen. John Murray.

General Murray himself was a Civil War hero and intensely patriotic. He supported the idea completely and marshaled veterans' support. Plans were developed for a more complete celebration by a local citizens' committee headed by Mr. Welles and General Murray.

On May 5, 1866, the village was decorated with flags at half staff, draped with evergreens and mourning black. Veterans, civic societies and residents, led by General Murray, marched to the strains of music to the three village cemeteries. One year later, on



May 5, 1867, the ceremonies were repeated.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War Soldiers. Army Gen. John Logan, the commander in chief of the veterans' organization, Grand Army of the

Republic, proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day by General Order 11 on May 5, 1868. This was two years after the 1866 commemoration in Waterloo, N.Y. By Congressional proclamation in 1966, Waterloo was cited as the birthplace, also in 1866, of the observance in the North.

After World War I, the day came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all U.S. wars, it was renamed. Since 1971, Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May. A number of Southern states have continued also to observe a separate day to honor the Confederate dead.

Memorial Day is observed with the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, and by religious services, parades and speeches nationwide. Flags, insignia and flowers are placed on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries.

For many, this day carries no special meaning except perhaps an extra day off from work and school, a barbecue, the start of the summer holiday season, and for stores, the opportunity to hold their annual Memorial Day weekend sale.

In reality, the holiday is observed in honor of our nation's armed service personnel who were killed in wartime. It is tradition to mark the holiday by flying the national flag at half staff until noon and numerous memorial ceremonies held throughout the U.S.

## Without a doubt — details matter

By Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French

81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant

Whether you're a medic, a loggie, a cop or mechanic, this fact I know — details matter.

As a young aircraft mechanic, I remember very clearly my first supervisor telling me, "Before you leave the jet, you must inventory your tool box ... When you get back on the truck, you must inventory your tool box ... When you get back to the shop, you must inventory your tool box ...." Get the picture? It was a discipline that was instilled from the first time they issued me a tool box; you must always be able to account for your tools. Why? A tool lost on an airplane could jeopardize both the plane and aircrew. That small detail really mattered.

Just a few years ago, I deployed as the first sergeant for an aircraft maintenance squadron. I was responsible for tanker, cargo and fighter aircraft personnel. The pace was frantic; we were fighting a war. Then one day we got the intelligence, we had eyes on a very prized target. So in the wee hours of the morning, our mission was spelled out, jets were prepped, bombs were loaded and we launched our attack. Excitement was in the air and we were closely monitoring our formation's movement, awaiting the attack. Then it happened; two hours into the mission, one of our crew chiefs told his supervisor, "Boss, I'm missing a tool."

It was quickly confirmed that technician had worked one of those jets that morning and there was an excellent chance that the missing tool was rolling around in a very sensitive portion of that jet. So just 30 minutes from engaging the target, the attack had to be called off; our formation had to smoothly and gingerly return back to the base. We failed the mission and the "prized target" got away.

Why? It happened because a technician either got distracted or complacent. He failed to perform the simplest of tasks; he did not inventory his tool box. His inattention to detail jeopardized both a series of multi-million dollar aircraft and the priceless lives of the aircrew. All because he didn't spend 30 seconds to ensure everything was in place in his tool box. Just 30 seconds ....

I've often wondered what might have happened if my guy had paid attention to detail and inventoried his box. Would we have taken out that prized target? And if we had been successful neutralizing the target, would we have hampered our enemy's ability to strike at us? Would more of our Soldiers, Marines and Airmen returned to their families – unharmed? I still wonder.

Details matter! If you dispense medications, details matter. If you take vital signs, details matter. If you file records, details matter. No matter where you work in our Air Force, details matter. And if you are the patient, you'll understand — details matter!

## **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).





#### **DRAGON ON** THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your favorite thing about yourself?



My ability to bounce back from anything.

Chitra Clark, Southeastern Protective Services contract gate guard



My sense of humor.

Cara Shirvani, office rely on me.

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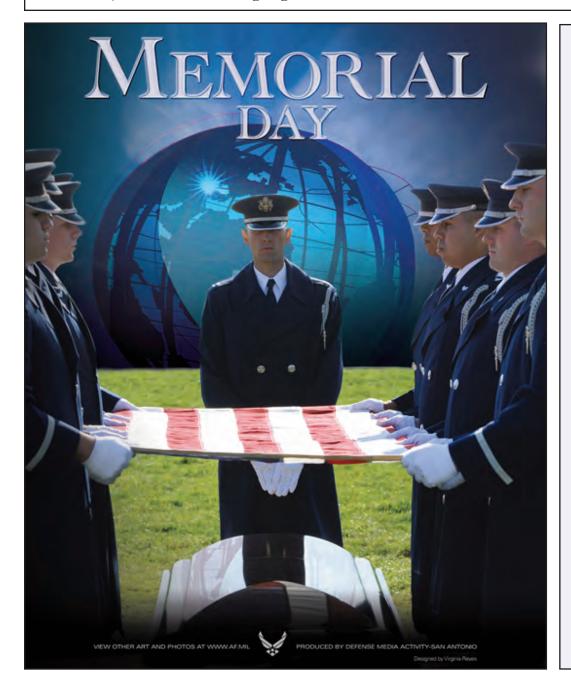
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People feel like they can

Luke Twardowski, 333rd

**Training Squadron contractor** 



An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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

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### TRAINING AND EDUCATION



**Miss Pace** 



Mrs. Browning



Mrs. Orslene



**Miss Sanders** 



Miss Jones



**Miss Greer** 



Mr. Groves



**Miss Olsson** 



**Miss Davis** 



Miss Wallace



Mr. Portillo



Mr. Brown

## Keesler Spouses Club awards 12 scholarships

By Susan Griggs

**Keesler News editor** 

Ten 2009 high school graduates and two spouses received scholarships from the Keesler Spouses Club May 12.

The scholarships are made possible by the proceeds from the Keesler Thrift Shop and other club fundraisers.

The recipient of the \$1,000 top scholarship award from First Command is **Rachel Pace**, daughter of David and Virginia Pace. She'll graduate from Ocean Springs High School and plans to major in forensic biology at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Other winners of \$1,000 scholarships are:

**Katrina Browning,** spouse of Capt. Roy Browning, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health care administration from the University of Phoenix.

Lori Orslene, a retired senior master sergeant, is the spouse of Chief Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 81st Force Support Squadron. She previously attended USM and is studying travel and tourism management at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Samantha Sanders, daughter of retiree Errol and Victoria Sanders, is graduating from Biloxi High School and plans to major in international business at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Amber Jones is the daughter of Chaplain (Capt.) Winston and Kimberly Jones. She's graduating from Biloxi High School and wants to major in public relations at Howard University.

**Cobren Greer** is the daughter of Curtis and Angela Greer. Her father is a retiree who works at 2nd Air Force headquarters. She's graduating from Biloxi High School and will be a pre-medicine major at Wellesley College.

**Caleb Groves,** son of Chaplain (Maj.) Randall and Sharon Groves, is graduating from St. Martin High School and plans to study communications and medicine at the University of Oklahoma.

Meredith Olsson, daughter of Maj. Bradley and

Nikki Olsson, 81st Medical Group, is graduating from Ocean Springs High School. She plans to major in pre-medicine and biology at USM.

Gabrielle Davis, daughter of Master Sgt. John and Jennifer Davis, 81st MDOS, will graduate from St. Martin High School and plans to major in industrial engineering at Mississippi State University.

**Eryka Wallace** is the daughter of Gary Wallace, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, and YoLanda Wal-lace, 81st Training Wing public affairs office. Eryka plans to major in marketing and public affairs at USM.

Recipients of \$500 scholarships are:

**Bo Portillo** is the son of Tech. Sgt. Jon and Kelly Portillo, 338th Training Squad-ron. He'll graduate from Biloxi High School and study chemical engineering at MSU.

**Levi Brown** is the son of Mary Brown and the late Levi Brown, who was a civilian in the 334th TRS. He's graduating from Ocean Springs High School and plans to study computer engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

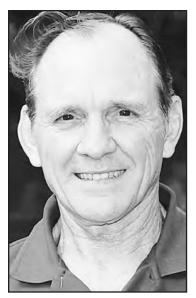
Call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, for lost amd found items.

## Mad Ducks unveil mascot sculpture

Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, left, 333rd Training Squadron commander, and Christina Christoph, an art student at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis campus, unveil the Mad Ducks mascot sculpture Ms. Christoph created for the squadron. The new mascot, unveiled May 13 at McClelland Hall, will be displayed in the lobby of Garrard Hall, headquarters of the 81st Training Group.



## Trainer retires with 41 years of federal service



Mr. Cable

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Danny Cable, 334th Training Squadron, retires May 31 with more than 41 years of federal service.

Mr. Cable, training development element chief for the air traffic control and command and control flights, served on active duty for more than 21 years, retiring in 1986 as a senior master sergeant.

While on active duty, the Ohio native had three different Air Force specialty codes— administrative specialist, management analyst and aviation resource management.

He was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Tachikawa and Yokota ABs, Japan; McConnell AFB, Kan., and Offutt AFB, Neb. He finished up his military career with seven years of duty at Keesler.

After three years as a computer specialist in the commercial sector, he became a civil service employee at Keesler 20 years ago and served a number of positions throughout the 81st Training Group.

In the 333rd TRS, Mr. Cable taught mobile commu-

nications and was the training specialist for computer operations courses and the training manager for National Security Agency courses. He served as a resource advisor in the 332nd TRS and a training evaluator and policy administrator for the 81st TRG before assuming his current position.

Mr. Cable's retirement plans are "to spend more time with my wife, Grace, and our grandchildren, travel and play as much tennis as my body will allow."

His retirement ceremony is at 11 a.m. today in Room 259, Cody Hall.



Don't drink and drive.

Call 377-SAVE

for a safe ride home.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

#### 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 — Friday 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.

#### **House party**

A UBU house party, for nonprior 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.

#### **USM** graduate degree

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast now offers the adult education master's program at Keesler.

Four core courses, one per semester, are taught at Keesler starting this summer term, June 1-July 31. The degree can be completed with online electives.

For more information, call 214-3444.

#### 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.



## Dark Knights rally for safety

Lt. Col. John Thomas, 338th Training Squadron commander, briefs students from his squadron in front of Winters Manor May 13 after a motorcycle safety ride down the troop walk. Colonel Thomas, squadron motorcycle safety representatives, instructors, military training leaders and other members of the training staff rode a variety of motorcycles to share biking experiences and to increase awareness of motorcycle training requirements and safety gear. The message conveyed was that motorcycling is fun, enjoyable and economical, but comes with its own unique set of risks, said Don Lindsey, one of the squadron's cycling enthusiasts.

## 59 Keesler names on promotion list

Air Force Personnel Center and Keesler News staff

Fifty-nine Keesler technical sergeant were among the 5,604 names on the May 14 master sergeant promotion list.

There were 22,748 technical sergeants eligible for promotion for a selection rate of 24.64 percent.

Those selected are **2nd Air Force** —

Douglas James.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Mary Anne Jamison.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Emmanuel Lopez.

81st Communications
Squadron — William Byrd,
Dwight Elmore, Russell
Griswold and Raymond
Hudman.

81st Force Support Squadron — Kendra Freeman, Ezra Khan and Estrada Santiago.

81st Inpatient
Operations Squadron —
Wendell Wingfall.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Robert Clements, Yolanda Jerry, Patrick Morgan, Jadirra Walle and Charles Welty.

81st Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Squadron — Terri Marrshall, Curtis Thomas and Tasha Thomas.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Phillip Sharpe Jr. and Brian Shaw.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Dakita Bailey, Shane Fountain, Nikki Klinger, James Tew and Jermaine Thomas.

81st Operations Support Flight — Stephen Carter.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Lukus Hancock, George Koehler Jr., Shannon Ray and Fred Woodruff.

81st Training Support Squadron — Robert Denton Jr., Heidi Gygi and John Long.



81st Training Wing — Michael Emmens, Tonisha Layne and Melissa Mitchell-Cropper.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Steven Haro.

332nd Training Squadron — Joel Desjardin.

333rd TRS — Allen Banks, Robert Leblanc, Manuel Matute and Jason Motte.

334th TRS — Matthew Calvert, Jacob Chandler, Tonya Jones, Ishasia Love-Murphy, James McAnelly, Curtis Robertson and Tameka Smalls.

335th TRS — Jerome Adams, Carmaneta Dixon and Timothy Verville.

336th TRS — Mathew Cook, Melinda Fletcher and Torry Hickson.

338th TRS — Keneth Collings.

Mathies NCO Academy
— Karen Anderson and
John Mitchell.

The average score for those selected was 340.41, with an average time in grade and time in service of 4.45 and 16.40 years respectively.

The average score was based on the following point averages: 134.30 for enlisted performance reports, 70.20 for the promotion fitness exam, 63.60 for the specialty knowledge test, 33.69 for time in grade, 34.55 for time in service and 11.59 for decorations.

Senior Airman Eric Summers, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

### 81st Training Wing quarterly award winners

Airman — Airman 1st Class TranishaBrown, 81st Force Support Squadron

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Ezra Khan, 81st FSS.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. James Musgrove, 81st Training Group.

Company grade officer — Capt. Kelly Levens, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Civilian category 1 — Faith Lee, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Civilian category 2 — Susic Cagle, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

**Civlian category 2 supervisor** — Desirae McIntyre, 334th Training Squadron.

**Honor guard airman** — Airman 1st Class Kayla Spiel, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

**Honor guard NCO** — Staff Sgt. Vincent Struglinski, 338th TRS.



Airman Brown



Sergeant Khan



Sergeant Musgrove



Captain Levens



Ms. Lee



Ms. Cagle



Ms. McIntyre



Airman Spiel



Sergeant Struglinski

## NEWS AND FEATURES

## Housing assistance program expands as market struggles

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Carden

**Armed Forces Press Service** 

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden announced the Defense Department's plan to expand its housing assistance program with \$555 million devoted to service members forced to sell their homes at a loss due to the country's struggling housing market.

The financial support comes from President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to supplement the department's Homeowner's Assistance Program, Biden said aboard the USS Ronald Reagan during a May 14 visit with sailors and their families at Naval Base Coronado in San Diego.

The funds are allocated to provide benefits to military and civilian employees, according to a specific priority order, who suffered housing financial losses since 2006.

"The sacrifices military families make for our country, in terms of deployments but also moving several times in their career, are immense," he said. "They often don't get to choose when they move and may be forced to sell their homes when they don't want to."

Several times during the average military career, military members may be ordered to change duty stations to meet the mission requirements for their respective branch of service. Duty calls on service members and their families to relocate and establish a new home as frequently as every two to three years. Many have moved because of base closures under the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act.

Some families have been forced to sell their homes despite the possibility of losing thousands of dollars amid the country's struggling economy and housing market. Many military members can't afford to own a home near Fort Bragg, N.C., and rent or buy another near Scott Air Force Base, Ill., for example.

"We are in the middle of a credit and housing crises, and we recognize that military families cannot generally choose when to move," the vice president said, "so we've used the recovery act to dramatically expand what was once a fairly small program, assisting families forced to relocate due to base closures or normal assignment rotations."

The initiative isn't entirely new, however. The Pentagon has offered and provided similar financial assistance to military and civilian employees for more than 40 years, defense officials said. Until now, the program's primary support has focused on those who owned homes and lost money near closed or soon-to-be-closed down military installations under BRAC.

With the expansion, the Pentagon can now provide partial reimbursement for home-sale losses to other groups. The priority order for the benefits are:

Wounded service members relocating for treatment or medical retirement, and for the surviving family members of those who have died while on deployment.

Military and Defense Department civilian employees affected by BRAC without the need to prove whether the base closure or the general housing market decline caused the loss.

Normal permanent change of station moves, but only on a retroactive basis that covers PCS moves between July 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009.

All active and former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as DOD civilians who have sold a home since 2006, may visit the Homeowners Assistance Program Website to learn specific program criteria and eligibility.



#### Summer campaign kicks off

The 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign begins Friday and runs through Sept. 8.

Theme of the joint service campaign is "Live to Play, Play to Live." The Air Force Safety Center's theme, "We Are Saving Lives This Summer," focuses on four mishap prevention areas — alcohol-related mishaps, two- and four-wheeled personal motor vehicle mishaps, fatigue-related mishaps and sports and recreation mishaps, primarily water-related.

Col. Christopher Valle, 81st Training Wing commander, directed base leaders to hold half-day safety programs for their units before the official start of the campaign.

#### In the News

#### White Avenue Gate closed

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

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.

Once vetted through the VCC, visitors are directed to one of the open gates. Commercial vehicles will continue to use the commercial gate on the north side of the installation next to Keesler Medical Center.

#### Mental health clinic relocates

The mental health clinic has moved from the medical center to Arnold Annex next to the arts and crafts center and Meadows Drive tennis courts.

#### **Obstacle course off limits**

The 334th Training Squadron combat control training obstacle course is fenced with a single point of entry and is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

#### **Early deadline for Keesler News**

The deadline for the May 28 issue of the Keesler News is noon today because of Monday's Memorial Day federal holiday.

#### **Cell phone restrictions for drivers**

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

For military members, offenses are subject to citation for points, and for civilian employees, dependents, retirees and contractors, citations carry a fine. For all offenders, driving privileges can be suspended for seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for a third offense.

For more information, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 376-6600, or the wing safety office, 377-2007.

#### **Off-limits establishments**

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





#### Deactivation ceremony marks end of chapter of base history

By Susan Griggs

**Keesler News editor** 

The deactivation ceremony for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron is 1 p.m. Friday in Welch Auditorium.

A reception follows in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

Most of the squadron's functions have been assumed by CSC. The functions that weren't contracted, including the fire department, housing office and Katrina recovery project management office have been transferred to the 81st Infrastructure Support Division headed by Brian Drake, who assumes the duties of base fire marshal when the deactivation takes place.

"Most civilians retired or were moved to other jobs by the end of January," said Maj. Patrick Breaux, 81st CES commander, who's headed to Air Force Space Command headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. "Most of the military have moved to new assignments, and the remaining ones will make permanent changes of station or retire in the next few weeks."

Road rage — a recipe for disaster.

#### Personnel Notes

#### **Involuntary NCO retraining**

81st Force Support Squadron

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

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

#### 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.

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

#### 2009 selection boards

**Through Friday, 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.

#### **Medical appointments**

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

Log on to http://www.tricareonline.com and click on "My Health" to complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

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

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

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

Family members must be registered separately.

For more information, call 376-3101.

#### Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

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

#### **D**RAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech Sgt. Manuel Matute Unit — 333rd Training Squadron Position — Global Command and Control System-Joint instructor supervisor

Time in the Air Force — 15 years Time at Keesler — 2½ years

Noteworthy — I was coined by Gen. Henry Viccellio, then commander of Air Force Materiel Command, for winning an award. As an airman first class, he was larger than life to me... not to mention, he really was humongous so shaking his hand was like shaking a bear paw.

**Hometown** — Manchester, Conn.

Why did you join the Air Force? — I initially joined for the education benefits and because my friends went into other services (I wanted to be different.) I had no intentions of enjoying this as much as I do and planned on only serving four years. I stayed in because I can see the positive impact we have on our nation and the world as a whole ... I enjoy being a part of that.

What are your short- and long-term goals —short-term, to make master sergeant; long-term, to earn my master's degree.

What are your hobbies? building things, camping and spending time with my family.



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

What's your favorite quote? I have two. "Thinking is the hardest work there is ... which is why so few engage in it." — Henry Ford. Also, "In the face of adversity lies opportunity." — Albert Einstein.

#### **DIAMOND NOTES**

Personnel in uniform must wear proper headgear while outdoors.
Covered or open entryways, porches, bus stops and overhead cover such as the base service station are considered outdoors, so grab your hat before you go out.



Master Sgt. Gordon Comerford, 338th Training Squadron first sergeant

#### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**



May 4, 1982

The new medical food inspection facility,
which also housed
the base's new veterinary clinic,
began operation.

## Air Force leaders chart way forward for service

#### By Jim Garamone

**American Forces Press Service** 

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has made tough choices and some prudent trade-offs to balance the service across the spectrum of capabilities needed for the future, Air Force leaders said.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz discussed the service's efforts to balance between today's operations and tomorrow's needs. The two spoke to a group of reporters in the Pentagon Friday.

The service is working to balance the missions from irregular warfare on one end of the spectrum of conflict to nuclear deterrent operations on the other.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates agreed with an Air Force recommendation to retire 250 older aircraft early, to allow the service to reprogram money to other areas.

"(The decision) allows us to take some additional strategic risk over the next six to seven years, which we think, given the threat environment and the current strategic interests, is a good time to take this risk," Secretary Gates said.

The service will reinvest the money into modifying the remaining aircraft, improving munitions and moving manpower into new high-demand requirements.

These requirements include unmanned aerial vehicles, the nuclear enterprise and in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

"At the same time, we also focused on the future of the tactical air force structure and on fifth generation solutions," Secretary Donley said. "Our interest is in getting on with the (F-35 Lightning II) Joint Strike Fighter program."

The service ultimately will buy more than 1,700 of these aircraft. The fiscal 2010 budget request looks to increase testing of the aircraft and buying 30.

Air Force officials also intend to go ahead with F-22 Raptor modifications, budgeting more than \$1 billion for it in fiscal 2010, Secretary Donley said.

"We think this is a good

package for the Air Force and that it makes good strategic sense," he said.

The secretary also highlighted the Air Force acquisition improvement plan, which began after the General Accountability Office found the service erred in its contract for the new tanker.

The first component of the plan is to strengthen and improve the acquisition workforce.

The Air Force is to hire about 2,000 employees over the next year; provide additional training to all acquisition personnel; and beef up systems engineering and cost analysis capabilities.

## Keesler Medical Center's chief nurse retires

By Steve Pivnick

**81st Medical Group Public Affairs** 

Col. Elizabeth Bowers-Klaine, chief nurse for the 81st Medical Group, will be honored for her 30-year Air Force career during a formal retirement ceremony May 22 in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

Officiating at the ceremony is Maj. Gen. Kimberly Siniscalchi, assistant Air Force surgeon general for medical force development and assistant Air Force surgeon general for nursing services.

As a member of the exec-

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utive team, Colonel Bowers-Klaine has been responsible for strategic planning and providing guidance and direction for organizational functions that oversee the measurement and improvement of health delivery operations for the medical center, a 78-bed, tertiary-care facility.

She is responsible for the nursing practice provided by more than 280 nurses and over 320 paraprofessional personnel on six inpatient units, 20 ambulatory areas, and a Level III emergency room. She directs the medical center's staff education and training flight, encompassing nine Phase II medical technician programs and the Nurse Transition Program.

The colonel entered the Air Force via a direct commission into the nurse corps in July 1979. She served two tours as a nurse-midwife before being tapped to be a nurse-midwifery



**Colonel Bowers-Klaine** 

instructor with a faculty appointment at Georgetown University. She maintains a second nursing certification as a women's health-care nurse practitioner.

She served as the chief nurse executive and Air Force Special Operations Command consultant for nursing at Hurlburt Field, Fla., before assuming command of the 78th Medical Operations Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.

The colonel came to Keesler from Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., where she commanded the 61st Medical Squadron.

Colonel Bowers-Klaine is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, American College of Healthcare Executives, American College of Nurse Midwives, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Federal Healthcare Executives Interagency Institute Alumni Association and the Society of Air Force Nurses.

Named the Air Force surgeon general's consultant for nurse-midwifery from 1998-2003, she has attended more than 1,200 births.

The colonel was nominated for Field Grade Command Nurse of the Year in 1990 and 1997. She was awarded fellowship status by the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2008.

Colonel Bowers-Klaine said, "I joined the Air Force as many others do, to see more of the world and further my education. Although it wasn't my plan to stay for a full career, the exceptional opportunities kept me growing professionally and the people I've been honored to serve with made the years pass quickly. The challenges posed by Hurricane Katrina in the rebuilding of the facility and reconstituting the nursing staff have been a highlight of my career. I'm proud to step down knowing that the recovery is now complete."

The colonel plans to continue her career as a health-care leader. She and her husband Tom, a retired Air Force pilot, are relocating to Cincinnati. They have three daughters.



**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 May 11. 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 gave senior enlisted leaders from partner nations a cradle-to-grave look at the careers of U.S. Air Force enlisted members.

Military 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 May 9. The next day was set aside to tour New Orleans, play golf or relax.

May 11, 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.

May 12, 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.

May 14, the group visited Lackland AFB and Camp Bullis, Texas, for demonstrations of military operations in urban terrain, common battle-field airmen training and basic combat convoy instruction. They received a basic military training brief and tour, basic expeditionary airman skills and training presentation, and visited an Air Force Reserve Command unit and a Texas Air National Guard unit.

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

A 3- to 5-minute steady tone on the base siren is a TORNADO WARNING — take cover. To advertise in the Keesler News, call 896-2380 (Classifieds) 896-2499 (Display)

### Informal uniforms standardized Air Force News Service WASHINGTON — As a result of the 96th Air Force

Uniform Board, a standardized informal uniform is now authorized for wear.

The informal uniform will be mandatory for wear by all applicable Air Force personnel Jan. 1, 2011.

The Air Force Chief of Staff directed review of the informal uniform to help standardize it across all career fields currently authorized to wear it.

The now-standardized informal uniform includes a dark blue, short or long-sleeved shirt with an Air Force logo on the front, upper left chest and a white functional identification monogram on the left sleeve above the elbow.

Examples of approved monograms include 'USAF Honor Guard,' 'USAF Band,' 'USAF Chaplain,' and 'Fitness Center Staff.' Enlisted aides won't have a functional monogram on their shirts,.

Brushed silver name tags with rank and last name will be worn. Occupational badges are optional for wear. If worn, the badge should be centered a half inch above the name tag.

An white undershirt with a V-neck collar must be worn.

Trousers will be pleated, khaki slacks without cuffs and worn with a black belt with a silver clasp. Shorts aren't authorized.

Shoes will be plain, black business casual low quarters or plain black athletic shoes with black socks.

A dark blue watch cap or baseball cap with the Air Force logo may be worn outdoors only. A dark blue jacket with removable fleece liner and small Air Force logo on the front upper left chest is authorized.

Informal uniform items will be bought through the local purchase program.

For more information, contact the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

## Medics return from Costa Rican training mission



Photo by Maj. (Dr.) Justin Cummings Major Vargas examines a child during the medical readiness training exercise in Costa Rica.

#### By Steve Pivnick

#### **81st Medical Group Public Affairs**

Seven 81st Medical Group medics recently returned from a nine-day medical readiness training exercise in Costa Rica.

During the mission to Puerto Quepos, Costa Rica, from April 19-27, the Keesler personnel joined New Mexico Army National Guard members visiting nine sites and seeing more than 1,500 patients over five days.

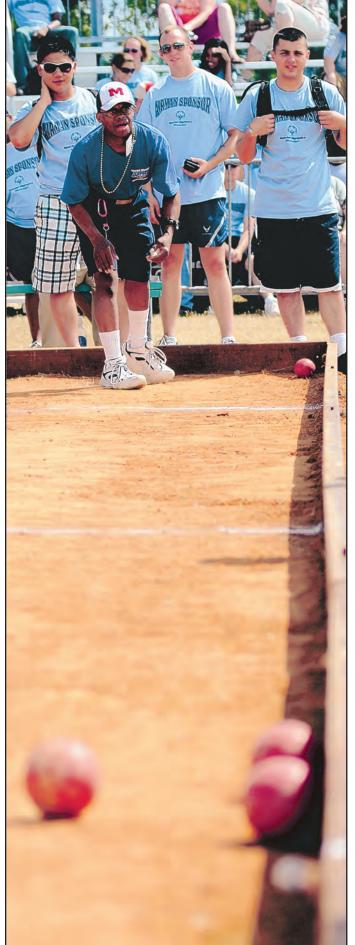
"We split into two teams," explained Maj. (Dr.) Alfonso Vargas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. "Many of the sites were accessed by Black Hawk helicopters."

The other six Dragon medics were Col. Elizabeth Bowers-Klaine, 81st Medical Group chief nurse; Lt. Col. (Dr.) Nicola Choate, Maj. (Dr.) Justin Cummings and Capt. (Dr.) Clint Hoangquocgia, 81st MDOS; Tech. Sgt. Tasha Thomas, 81st Medical Support Squadron; and Senior Airman Rebecca Escajeda, 81st Dental Squadron.



Photo by Maj. (Dr.) Alfonso Vargas Major Cummings treats a patient. He was one of seven Keesler medics to participate in the humanitarian mission. They joined New Mexico Army National Guard members to visit nine sites in five days.

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



Area 4 athlete Perry Taylor is cheered on at Saturday's bocce competition by Airmen Basic Han Park, left, Chris Farrell and Curran Fouch. Airmen Park and Fouch, Mr.



Saturday's stormy skies don't dampen the spirits of Area 2 athlete Leon Nelson after he was Airmen Basic Blake Schneider, left, and Jared Carter, 338th TRS stuawarded a bronze medal in the 50-meter assisted walk by Brig. Gen. Daniel Wyman, 81st dents, escort Area 2 athlete Earlene Smith to safety when lightning Medical Group commander, during the track and field events.



was reported near Keesler over the weekend.



Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, left, 81st Training Wing command chief, and members of the 81st Security **Forces Squadron** bring the Special Olympics torch through the gate at White Avenue Friday.

## Special memories from Special Olympics



Squadron. Airman Farrell is a student in the 338th TRS. track backwards in the 25-meter wheelchair race with the Garcia and David Trott, 334th TRS.

Taylor's sponsors, are students in the 336th Training Area 12 athlete David Beckham takes off down the Triangle encouragement of his sponsors, Airmen Basic Joseph



Airman Johnny Sears, left, "breaks it down" with Area 17 athlete Nathan Wallace at the victory dance on the parade grounds in the Triangle after Saturday's closing ceremonies. Airman Sears, 332nd TRS, was Mr. Wallace's sponsor.

At right, Area 17 athlete Donna Husband and her sponsor, Airman Basic Natalie Ricketts, 332nd TRS, decorate hats at the Olympic Village Saturday.





**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

Sheila Alexander, equal opportunity office, arranges a display in the Airman Leadership School building for Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Today there's a celebration hosted by Keesler's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Committee with food tasting and entertainment, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the youth center.

## Air Force spotlights achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans

**Air Force News Service** 

SAN ANTONIO — In May, Airmen around the Air Force are celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with events, speeches and other activities to highlight the culture and achievements of Americans of Asian and Pacific Island descent.

The observance is part of several diversity programs supported by the federal government, Department of Defense and Air Force.

In May, Airmen are encouraged to take time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated service and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans, both past and present, to the country and the Air Force.

Some of those Asian-Pacific Americans who've made contributions to the Air Force were:

Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, who became the first Japanese-American astronaut in 1987 when he flew on a secret mission aboard the shuttle Discovery. On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after

lift off, killing Colonel Onizuka and the other six astronauts aboard.

Colonel Onizuka was born and raised in Hawaii. He received a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1968 and a master's degree in 1969 from the University of Colorado. The following year, he joined the Air Force and became a flight engineer. Colonel Onizuka later attended the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. In 1978, was selected by NASA for the astronaut program.

**Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda**, a Nisei pediatrician, was a Air Force captain who served from 1951-1953 in Korea as a medical doctor. He's now a prominent figure in the medical and education arena and a well-known peace activist in the United States.

**Hoang Nhu Tran,** a former boat person, graduated as valedictorian of the Air Force Academy's Class of 1987. He was a Rhodes Scholar and Time Magazine's recipient of the 1986 College Achievement Award.

# Financial management program for kids at youth center

The airman and family readiness center sponsors a visit by Sam Renick, also known as "Sam, Sam the Money Man," at 4:30 p.m. today at the youth center.

Mr. Renick is a children's author, song writer, speaker and trainer whose program aims to teach children ages 4-12 good financial management practices, especially saving money.

# Video contest highlights exchange benefits

#### **AAFES Corporate Communication**

DALLAS — Exchange shoppers still have time to showcase their creative skills in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service "It's My Benefit 2" video contest.

The video competition focuses on 30-second to one-minute commercials that demonstrate what the AAFES benefit means to the filmmaker.

Video submissions, vying for one of three shopping sprees valued at \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, can be uploaded through the Patriot Family Link at http://www.aafes.com before June 20.

Contest rules and subject matter ideas are available online at the AAFES Community Connection.

The first round of judging will be conducted around June 30, when 10 semifinalists will be identified based on creativity, accuracy of information and promotion of the value AAFES offers.

Final judging and winners of the AAFES video contest are expected to be announced around July 20, 2009.

#### **AAFES observes National Moment of Remembrance**

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service participates in the "National Moment of Remembrance," 3 p.m. Mondayas an act of national unity to honor those who died for the nation's freedom.

Lt. Col. William Thurmond, AAFES chief of corporate communications, said, "The 'Moment of Remembrance' is an opportunity for Americans to observe a brief period of respect and reflection for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

At 3 p.m., an announcement will be made asking all AAFES shoppers worldwide to pause for one minute to honor those who have given their lives in the defense of the country.

#### **CORRECTION**

Capt. Erik Vacarelli, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, assisted Majs. David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron Robert Holmes, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, in organizing the children's bike rodeo at the youth center May 9.

#### Keesler Notes

#### **Housing office closes**

The housing office closes at noon Friday for an official function.

The office is also closed May 25 for Memorial Day.

#### Free for military

The Lynn Meadows Dis-covery Center in Gulfport offers free admission to military families, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

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

For more information, call 897-6039.

#### NAF vehicle sale

Sealed bids for a nonappropriated fund vehicle are accepted through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

#### Tax office still open

The tax office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days through Wednesday 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. today and May 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.

#### Heartlink

Heartlink, a spouse information and orientation program funded by the Air Force Aid Society, is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. June 18 at the airman and family readiness center.

Some child care is provided. June 11 is the registration deadline.

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

#### **Supply source**

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment

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

#### **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.

#### Amateur radio club

Ham radio enthusiasts are trying to revive the Keesler Amateur Radio Club.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Keneth Collings, 377-9545.

## For customer feedback, put comments on ICE

#### By Senior Airman Eric Summers

**Keesler News staff** 

Interested in voicing an opinion about how to improve services and facilities on base? The interactive customer evaluation system can help get that opinion heard.

ICE is a Web-based tool that collects feedback on service provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.

"It's designed to improve customer service by allowing managers to monitor the satisfaction levels of services provided through reports and customer comments," said Cynthia Milford from the CSC Services marketing staff. "ICE allows Department of Defense customers to quickly and easily provide feedback to service provider managers and give leadership timely data on service quality.

"When customers submit a comment card online, it's sent directly to the organization where the service provider manager will see and address the comment," she added.

The evaluation is open to anybody who's been provided a DOD service and is anonymous, unless the customer provides contact information. The only way a service provider can gain access to information on a comment is by a court order.

ICE is also convenient to use. Since it's an online service, it's accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The customer can log on at any time and submit their comments. It's anonymous and worldwide. If a customer visits a DOD organization while traveling, they can fill out a comment upon their return home," Mrs. Milford explained.

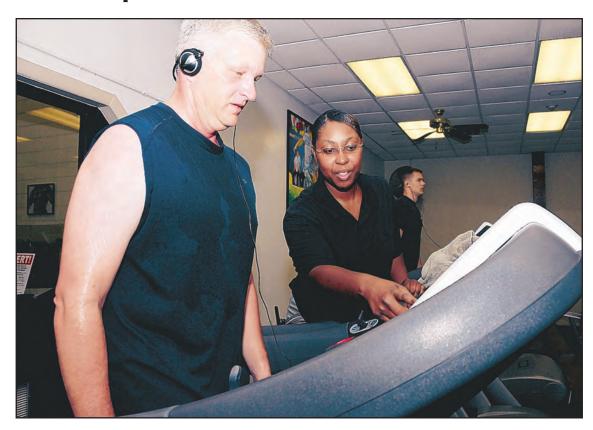
"Customer feedback is crucial to a business — it lets the organization know when they are performing at the top of their game or when and where there's room for improvement," Mrs. Milford said.

There are two ways to access the program.

The easiest way to access a complete list of Keesler's service providers with ICE comment card is to log onto the 81st Force Support Squadron Services Web site, http://www.keeslerservices.us, and click on the ICE icon in the right-hand column.

The other way is to log on to http://ice.disa.mil and follow the prompts.

At right, Darryl Rink gets some assistance from Angelique Davis during a workout session at Blake Fitness Center May 11 at Blake Fitness Center. Both are CSC employees — Mr. Rink is a retired master sergeant who works in the education office, and Ms. Davis works in the BENE-FIT program.



## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

## Nwaelele drives Air Force to Armed Forces gold

#### By Petty Officer 1st Class John Collins

American Forces Press Service special

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — The Air Force men's team team took top honors in the 22nd annual Armed Forces Basketball Championship, May 12-17 at the Naval Support Activity Mid-South, Millington, Tenn.

Air Force shut out the competition with a record of 6-0, clinching their fourth consecutive title.

Keesler's Danny Nwaelele from the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron was Air Force's top scorer in the tournament with 24 points in five games.

Air Force forward Jammar Major, Hurlburt Field, Fla., led the team to the title with 61 points, 30 rebounds, and a free throw average of 75 percent. He credits the team's superior conditioning as the main factor for the Air Force's success.

"The last game was a heartfilled game, because the Marines came to play," Major said. "They were all that stood between us and another gold medal, but we finished them off for the gold. I think we are the best conditioned team out here, and that was a huge factor in our win."

The Air Force men's team racked up 377 points and grabbed 180 rebounds during the championship series. Head coach John Bailey has been part of the Air Force team for more than a decade and knew the games would be tough.

"I played on this team for 10 consecutive years, and now I'm coaching," Bailey said. "It's an incredible feat for me. The wins this week were hard fought. Every team came out here and challenged because we had a target on our backs with three-in-a-row gold medals.

"My guys refused to lose," the coach added. "We stayed with our game plan and prevailed. It's so sweet to win the gold; we left no doubt with our fourth consecutive championship."



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class John Collins

Nwaelele, right, dribbles the ball past a Marine defender during Saturday's gold medal game. The Air Force took the gold with a 69-65 win.

### Softball season heating up

#### By Senior Airman Eric Summers

**Keesler News staff** 

Nineteen teams are competing for Keesler's 2009 intramural softball title.

"The season has gotten off to a great start," said Sam Miller, Keesler's sports director. "The competition is far greater than I expected.

The program has two leagues.

The National League contains the traditional power-houses to encourage a more balanced competition among more experienced teams.

"The American League competition level isn't equal to the National League, but the American league teams play hard and are sure to give the National League a run for their money when the base

championship is decided," said Miller.

As of Friday, the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron/fire department flight leads the National League at 5-0.

The 334th and 335th Training Squadrons are tied for first in the American League at 3-0.

There have also been changes made to the rules this season. The major rule that has been changes is the number of home runs allowed each game.

"A limit of five home runs has been set per game, per team, with each home run over resulting in an out, not a single as it has been in past years," Mr. Miller said. "This rule benefits the less experience players and teams and encourages slugging teams to adjust to a short field.



#### **Sizzling soccer**

Katie McCummins, left, Gulf Coast United Football Club, is in place to block a kick by Army's Delaney Brown during a scrimmage game Monday at Biloxi High School's soccer fields. The teams battled to a 2-2 tie. This week, Brown and 44 other military women's soccer player's are vying for 25 positions on the U.S. team that competes in the Conseil **International du Sport** Militaire tournament that is hosted at Keesler starting June 6. The team is coached by Army's Augguie Mendez and Air Force's Roy Deitzman.

#### **Pools open Saturday**

Base lifeguards Eric Lambes, left, Miguel Rivera-Ainhea and Sera Chereskin review cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques on "victim" Logan DeLuke May

13. The Triangle and main base pools open Saturday. The main pool is open daily except Mondays from noon to 5:30 p.m. with lap swimming available. A new parking lot off Meadows Drive replaces the old parking area where the new post office is being built. The Triangle pool is open daily except Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m., with adult lap swimming 11 a.m. to noon and for all patrons during normal hours. The cost is \$1.50 daily. Season passes are sold at outdoor recreation and both pools. An individual season pass is \$20, wotj a \$60 charge for a pass for three or more family members. Ages 5 and younger swim free. For more information, log on to http://www. keeslerservices.us and click on the link for pools.



#### Scores and More

#### **Bowling**

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

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, call 377-2817.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Fitness centers

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

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

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

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

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

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

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

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

For more information, call 377-

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Blake Fitness Center — open

#### **AETC** seeks runners for Air Force Marathon

**By Terry Prudhomme** 

Air Education and Training Command Services

The 13th annual Air Force Marathon takes place Sept. 19 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,

Events include the marathon, half marathon, individual 10kilometer and 5-K runs.

AETC is selecting four female and four male to run the 10-K and two men and two women to represent the command in the full marathon.

Individuals are selected based on past performance. AETC-sponsored competitors must be active-duty Air Force members assigned to AETC.

Members participating in the marathon are authorized permissive temporary duty in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3003, Military Leave Program. AETC will provide a personal maintenance allowance for the individuals selected for the command's team and pays for race entry fees, transportation, lodging, warm-up suits and running shirts.

Submit individual nomination on Air Force Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to your base fitness center by June 2. Each fitness center director submits the most qualified individuals for each category. Include the correct category and athletic uniform sizes on the form. A selection board meets in late June to select the runners to represent AETC.

For more information, log on to http://www.usafmarathon.com.

4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondaysworking Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

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

#### Golf

#### **Intramural league**

(as of May 12)	
Team	Poi nts
81st LRS-A	8
81st FSS	8
81st LRS	8
333rd TRS	7
334th TRS-B	7
81st SFS	4
MARDET-B	4
81st TRSS	1
MARDET-A	1
81st CS	0
81st MDSS	0
335th TRS	0
336th TRS	0

2 p.m. Tuesday — 81st SFS vs. 81st MDSS, 334th TRS-B vs. 333rd TRS, 81st CS vs. 81st TRSS, 335th TRS vs. 81st LRS, 336th TRS vs. 81st FSS amd 334th TRS-A vs. MARDET-B.

For more information and schedule, call Sam Miller, 377-

#### Other

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

STATES AIR FORCE

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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 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 spe-- 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 serv-

ice 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 — Saturday.

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 perrcent off No. 1 camping package with fourperson tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, ice chest and bow saw.

RV, boat and trailer storage —

**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

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.

Paintball course — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

Disk golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

#### Softball

338th TRS-B

403rd Wing

American Le	ague	
(as of May 14)		
Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS	3	0
334th TRS	3	0
81st SFS	2	1
81st TRSS-B	1	1
MARDET	1	1
CNATTU	1	2
81st DS	1	2

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

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Monday — no games.

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

May 11 — 334 TRS 14, 81st TRSS-B 4; 81st DS 14, 81st SFS 10; 335th TRS 7, MARDET 5; CNATTU 13, 403rd Wing 8.

May 13 — 81st TRSS-B 11, CNATTU 10; 335th TRS 14, 403rd Wing 3; 81st SFS 19, 338th TRS-B 1; 334th TRS 13, 81st DS 2.

#### **National League**

(as of May 14)	
Team	
81st CES-CEF	
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ream	won	Lost
81st CES-CEF	5	0
81st CS-85th EIS	5	1
336th TRS	5	1
81st MDSS	4	2
81st MDTS	3	3
81st FSS-81st CPTS	2	4
338th TRS-A	2	4
332nd TRS	2	4
81st TRSS-A	1	5
81st LRS	0	5

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

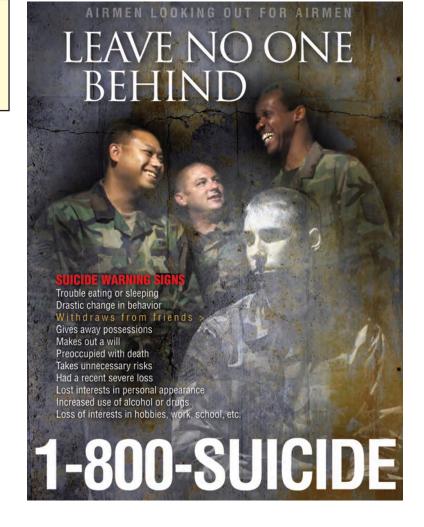
Today — 6 p.m., 81st MDTS vs. 332nd TRS and 81st MDSS vs. 81st LRS; 7 p.m., 81st CES-fire department vs. 81st CS/85th EIS and 336th TRS vs. 332nd TRS; 8 p.m., 81st FSS/CPTS vs. 338th TRS-A.

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

May 12 — 81st CS-85th EIS 22, 81st TRSS-A 10; 332nd TRS 12, 81st LRS 9; 338th TRS-A 13, 81st MDTS 3; 81st FSS-CPTS 10, 81st MDSS 6; 81st CES-CEF 19, 336th TRS 15.

May 14 — 81st MDSS 9, 338th TRS-A 6; 81st CS-85th EIS 11, 81st FSS-CPTS 7; 81st MDTS 6, 332nd TRS 2; 336th TRS 11, 81st TRSS-A 7.

The White Avenue Gate is closed through Aug. 10. The Meadows Drive and Pass Road Gates are open around the clock.



## **DIGEST**

#### **Honors**

#### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Bradley Arthur, Jarrod Asfour, Daniel Barahona, Anthony Bakos, Kyle Bedard, Jahmaal Benford, Dean Berger, Matthew Brewer, David Brown, Curtis Burbank, Logan Burchett, Joshua Buzzard, Timothy Caldwell, Nathan Capley, Jean Philippe Caudrillier, James Cherry, Matthew Clark, Colton Collins, Kevin Dangelo, Alexander Doyle, Joshua Donahue, Christopher Edwards, Adam Emberson, Jeffrey Evans, David Floyd, Kalief Foster-Davis, Daniel Foust, Kristopher Gantenbein, Collin Gronning, Adam Hamilton, Patrick Holland, Andrew Horton, Andrew Janssen, Adam Keehan, Eric Klusman, Robert Kusina, Hayley Lambert, Jarrod Lewis, Gerald Lint, Robert Lonack, Stephen Long, Raymond Maglunog, David McDaniel, Raymundo Mendoza, David Miller, David Murphy, Mikhail Nadjkovic, Benjamin Nason, Mason Olah, Brock PadillaSouza, Adam Parker, Cody Perschbacker, Joshua Peters, Justin Petersen, TJ Pollack, Ronald Press, Joseph Prince, Alexandra Rector, Nathaniel Reddick, Zachary Rocha, John Scheiber, Adam Shaffer, Peter Slafkosky, Mario Soto, Russell Stevens, Robert Stewart, Justin Straughan, Jonathan Trude, Austen True, Matthew Trumbly, Ryan Waterfield, Trevor Watts, Kevin Wesley, Jared Wiley, Seth Wilkinson and Cody Wiseman; Airmen Michael Alexander, Robert Compton, Brandon Brooks, Nicholas Cotler, Donald Fitch, Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi, Caleb Hall, Vance Hanson, Christopher Hinten, Rachel Hurst, Kyle Jamieson, Nicholas Lee, Ryan Leuenberger, Anthony McDowel, Jeffrey Sales, Andrew Self, Tanya Shaw, Derek Shrope, Richard Walker, Jason Warren, Shane Williams and Karl Wunderlich; Airmen 1st Class William Allen, Christina Anable, Kelcy Anderson, Yegnuel Ayala, Caleb Bagwell, James Bailey, Casey Barbee, Andrew Bonnett, Daniel Bookman, Ian Brand, Kevin Briggs, Andrew Burgess, Josue Castanersoto, Matthis Chenault, Kyle Clark, Mark Contreras, Andrew Dahn, Jeremy Derby, Colin Dunaj, Zachary Eastland, Bradley Evans, Colin Fagan, Nicholas Feuerborn, Jarred Fix, Gregory Frank, Max Gee, Brett Gutherie, Jessica Hannah, Kevin Harnett, Joshua Haydon, Dustin Hughes, Kyle Kirchem, Mark Hill, Keith Homstad, Jason Jefferson, Joshua Johnson, Sean Johnson, James Kane, John Kotorman, David Lahneman, Jonathan Lankford, Justin Lay, Thomas Lee, Adam Martin, Jose Martinez-Hernandez, Nathaniel McGill, Monica Mendenhall, Nicholas Olson, Zachariah Olson, Seth Paul, Leif Paulin, Alexas Pickron, Joshua Rasch, Carlos Rivera, Luis Rosario, Michael Saucier, Evan Shippee, William Simmons, Cordell Sneed, Robert Spaulding, Michael Spitler, Jacob Stafford, Sean Surber, Demetrius Taylor, Graham Ward, Shana Watson, Timothy White, Benjamin Wholihan, Nathan Wilson, Dallas Wray and Justin Wood; Senior Airmen Daniel Boger, Clayton Creamer, Cedric Hall, Robert Osborne, Adam Peyrouse and Robert Rovnak; Staff Sgts. Ryan Baker, Jonathan Carlson, Joseph Cutcher, Jeffrey Dorey, Clifford Eliason, Jeffrey Fredell, Derrick Graham, Robert Hipp, Warren Kerrigan, Chyman Lao, Robert Murphy, Mark Pauldine, Genelle Rainville, Timothy Shockley, Carlos SolorioHerrrera and Jeremy Walker; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Riddle; Master Sgts. Hussain Mohammed Aquili and Michael Weaver; Warrant Officer Omar Al Ramadneh.

#### **334th TRS**

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Robert Mize, Deirdre Ramirez and Tera Roberts; Airmen 1st Class Haylee Barthol and Nichole LeBlanc; Senior Airman David Cox; Tech. Sgt. Robert Johnson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Michelle Beach, Kyle Demmons, Jasmine Grove, Mark Jenkins, David Kellums, Kyle Land, Natalie Ricketts, Kara Rogers, Sheldon Streets, Christina Sprayberry, Kiana Wabol and David Warner; Airman Jeremy Massey; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Dylhoff, Kevin Garoutte, Bryan Griswold, Jannel

Hamilton, Herman Harton, Phillip Roybal, Jason Turner, Matthew Ulmer and Thomas Williams; Staff Sgts. Jesse Howell and Jason Morton; 2nd Lt. Jana Ondova.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Jon Petry; Airman Alexjandro Daviano; Airmen 1st Class Lynn Fuhrmeister and Aimee Plotz; Senior Airmen Rochelle Arcega, Joshua Bronson and Triston Evans; Staff Sgts John Borland, Kimberly Cote, Andrew Johnson, Stephanie Klupenger, Richard Molly, Christopher Perry 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 — Airmen Basic David Acevedo, Alex Baldwin, Christopher Cole, Megan Fredrickson, Jesse Hagler, Lewis Hanft, Lee Ingle, Rachelle Lininger, Luther Ray, Jeffery Sadler and Jeremy Trowbridge; Navy Airmen Apprentice Tanea Andrews, Monica Dean, Dara Lewis, Erik Novela and Phillip Poole; Marine Pfcs. Class Casey Byrams and Scott Smith; Airmen Shane Cunningham, Taylor Desell, Heather Loyd, Clarissa Mouw, Ryan Pierce and Sarah Scofield; Navy Airmen Mathew Chesko, Adrienne Coffey, Lee Edwards, Casey Mahoney, Matthew Mannila and Wesley Saffomilla; Airmen 1st Class Christina Capehart, Dillion Curtis, Michelle Enderle, Daniel Hicks, Skye Kinder, Justin Kruger, Friedrich Martin, Julian McAlister, Nathan Morga, Heather Nerhing, Crystal Nunez, Steven Phillips, Marianne Reilly, Joshua Riggleman, Kevin Sargent, Christopher Smith, Derek Whatley and Destin Yates; Marine Cpl. Xavier Foster, Dustin Jones, Rene Mello, William Munroe and Benjamin Patterson; Senior Airman Thomas Deady; Marine Sgts. Edgar Casasola, Mark

#### **CHAPEL SERVICES**

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

#### **Protestant**

Sunday worship	
Larcher Chapel traditional with	children
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Triangle Chapel	contemporary	service	.10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel	gospel service		Noon

#### **Roman Catholic**

Sunday Mass	
Triangle Chapel9	a.m
Weekday Mass	
Medical Center chapel11:15	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.

Clausen and Daniel Hammonds; Staff Sgts. De'Erick Gray, Daniel Gruber, Kirk Joyce, Gabriel Light, Vondee Martin, Andrew Munns and Shawn Nelson; Tech. Sgt. Andrea Sheeran; Senior Master Sgt. William McManus; Lt.. Col. Nguyen Bang.

#### **336th TRS**

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Shannon Carleson, Niki Crnolatas and Joshua Delacruz; Airmen Basic David Grier, Scott Hester, Brandon Smith and Jason Hill; 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, David Linden, Nico Melone, Adam Munger, Justin Munzing, Zackery Nuvy, Jeremy Osinski, Christopher Rushing, Zachary Schumacher, Jacob Singleton and Alexander Uschmann; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook, Christopher Church, James Crawley, Christian Hernandez, Nickolas Livingston, Travis Royal and Alan Streeter; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Shinika Chelcher, Jamie Denner, Joseph Donald, Reed Esslinger, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Angel Sanchez, Julio Santos, Barry Westmoreland, Daylyn Whitley, 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, 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.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radar** — Airmen 1st Class Mathew Dick, Jona Green, Michael Jaquier, Samuel Lee, Ryan McKee and Peter Sigmund; Senior Airman Christopher Bartlett; Staff Sgt. Greg Brigham; Master Sgt. Kelley Merrell.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Zachary Cate, Lavi Chanthavong, Jason Deam, Andrew Dickens, Tyrren Locquiao, Jeremy Mixer, Christopher Schultz, Marcus Sharpe and Joseph Thurber; Airmen 1st Class Jarod Bierman, Derek Dreyfuss, Christopher Joren and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Keith Hendershot, Brenda Mitchell, Nicholas Neenan and Reginald Woods; Staff Sgt. Terrance Bias; Technical Sgts. Terry Calhoun, Robert Hoffman and Greg Mihalko.

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Memorial Day federal holiday, Monday.

Keesler Commissary — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Inns of Keesler** — open 24 hours.

Base car wash — open 24 hours.

**Fam camp** — open 24 hours.

Mini mart — open 24 hours.

**Magnolia Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Live Oak Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Outdoor recreation** — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Vandenberg Community Center** — noon to 7 p.m.

**Bay Breeze Golf Course, driving range and pro shop** — 7 a.m. to dusk.

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Arts and craft center — closed. Auto hobby shop — closed. Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

Katrina Kantina — closed. McBride Library — closed.

**Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers** — closed.

**Information, ticket and tours office** — closed.

**Legends Café** — closed.

Youth center — closed.

**Child development center** — closed.

Family child care — closed.

Gaude Lanes — closed.

11th Frame Café — closed.

**Veterinary services** — closed.

**Main exchange** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Shoppette and Class Six** — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Car care center — closed.

Military clothing sales — closed Sunday and Monday.

**Furniture store** — closed.

**Subway** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mobile units — closed.

Charley's Steakery — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anthony's Pizza — closed.

Optical shop — closed.

Nail shop — closed.

Welch Theater — closed.

General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Beauty shop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mini-mall barber shop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Shoppette/car care center barber shop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Medical center barber shop** — closed.

Laundry/dry cleaners — closed.

U-Haul — closed.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

#### CLASSES

#### Airman Leadership School

Class 09-4 — graduates today. Class 09-5 — June 1-July 9.

#### **Mathies NCO Academy**

Class 09-4 — graduates today. Class 09-5 — June 1-July 9.

#### Arts and crafts center

Bob Ross painting – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. 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.

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

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday. \$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

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

#### Auto hobby shop

For open shop use, call 377-3872. **Stalls and lifts** — indoor and outdoor available.

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

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

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

#### Vehicle resale lot

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

#### Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. **Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Satur-

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

#### **Keesler Medical Center**

#### **Pediatric subspecialty clinic**

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

#### Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays. **Healthy thinking** — 2 p.m. Tuesdays. Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays. **Relaxation techniques** — 9 a.m. Mondays. To register, call 376-0385

#### McBride Library

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

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-

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

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.

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#### **DINING HALL MENUS**

#### **Today**

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

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

#### Friday

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

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

#### Saturday

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

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

#### Sunday

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

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

#### Monday

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

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

#### Tuesday

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

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

#### Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza. **Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak,

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

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**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.

**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.

**Volunteers needed** — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

#### TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

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

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

#### **TRANSITIONS**

#### Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated 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 preseparation 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. afoats.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.

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@military advantage.com.

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at http://www.military.connection.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.Keesler SpousesClub.com.

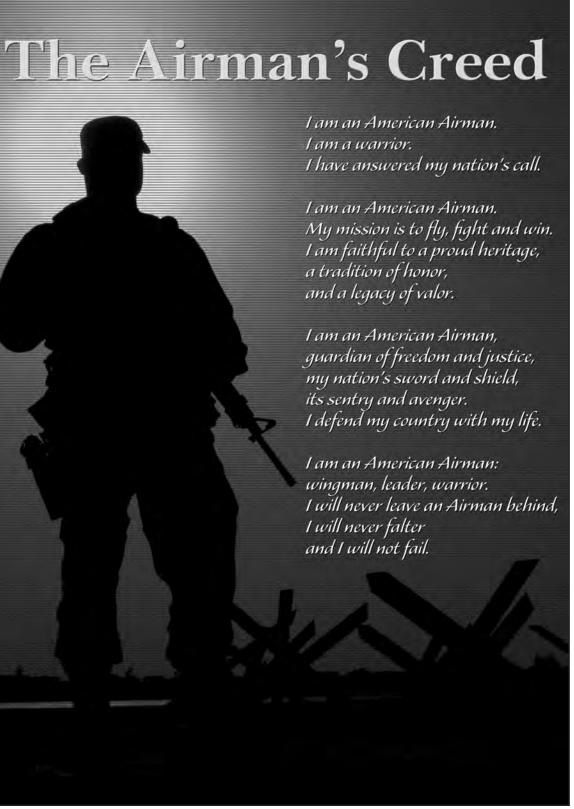
Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

**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.

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