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Dragons deployed — 220



### Tops in Blue visits Biloxi

Airman Basic Kimberly Braud, a student in the 334th Training Squadron, is serenaded by Tech. Sgt. Octavious Hill who sang "Forever and Ever Amen" by Randy Travis at Sunday's Tops in Blue performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Sergeant Hill is from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. For more photos, see Page 17.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## 'Giant Voice' makes itself heard on base

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Since it's that spooky time of season, go ahead and plan on hearing voices in your head — no, not from ghosts, but from the new Giant Voice Emergency Management System that's being installed on base.

Giant Voice is a "comprehensive, flexible emergency system that provides easily understandable information," its Web site said. "Each siren can be selected from a map and then an action can be chosen from one of the onscreen menus. Predefined sequences are also available for the system by assigning sequences to the programmable activation keys."

So, why does Keesler need to go from five speakers to the 17 towers of Giant Voice? It's so you're sure to hear those voices in your head, especially in times of trouble.

"These 17 towers will provide complete base coverage, including the base housing," said Staff Sgt. Cheyenne Youngbird, 81st Communications Squadron project manager. "That means better clarity, less echo and complete synchronicity to provide 100 percent clear notification for the base populace."

McClain Contracting is in the process of installing the new Giant Voice System on 17 towers being mounted on the main base and in the housing areas. The Giant Voice System will then cover areas in previously silent spots.

The two-week testing segment begins Nov. 9.

"The contractor will check hardware and physical installation, making sure there is sufficient power to them," said Sergeant Youngbird. "So, until Nov. 6, the base can expect power outages in

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### Tower locations

Thrower Park housing  
East Falcon housing  
West Falcon housing  
Bayridge housing  
South of Keesler Events Center construction area  
Marina park  
Former Oak Park housing area  
Former Harrison Court housing area  
Former North Pinehaven housing area  
East of child development center  
South side of Blake Fitness Center  
South of Wolfe Hall parking lot  
West of 81st Security Forces Squadron building  
In front of Jones Hall  
East of temporary main exchange  
East of vehicle operations building  
Center of Triangle training area

## Lorenz on Leadership

# Cherishing your spouse keeps wheel of life in balance

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

Just last week, while walking past the base chapel, I witnessed a scene that caused me to pause and reflect. I turned and watched as people, dressed in their Sunday best, flowed from the chapel doors, smiling and casually chatting. They slowly split into two lines, creating a path that led to a waiting limousine. The crowd stood and waited, fueling my anticipation. Suddenly, a photographer burst from the doors, then turned to capture a bride and groom as they ran outside. The crowd erupted with cheers. The bride, white gown flowing as she ran, paused to hug a friend. The groom immediately tugged at her hand, pulling her toward the waiting limousine. Without pause, they hopped in the limousine and the crowd again cheered as they sped away. I couldn't help but smile as I watched the newly-married military couple start their new life together. It made me think about our spouses and our military families.

The secretary of the Air Force and our chief of staff named this the "Year of the Air Force Family." In doing so, they hoped to bring more attention to the sacrifices our families endure and the service they provide. I couldn't agree with them more — our families, especially our spouses, are the foundation that enable each of us to serve in the world's greatest Air Force.

I don't think anyone would argue the importance of having such a foundation. Our lives need balance and our spouses help provide that stability. I like to use the analogy that such balance is similar to the spokes of a bicycle wheel. You see, a bicycle needs balanced spokes in order to provide a smooth ride. Our lives are no different. I think of the spokes as the different priorities in our lives. If one of the spokes, like the relationship with your spouse, the needs of your children or the responsibilities at work, gets slighted, the wheel no

longer rolls the way it should. It might even get to the point where it stops rolling altogether.

We must balance each of our life's spokes very deliberately and carefully. When we are balancing shortfalls and managing a limited amount of time, money and manpower, our spouses often are the ones who get short-changed. We can't afford to let that happen and should always make time to tell our spouses how much we appreciate them. When you're tired from the challenges at work, take a deep breath, walk in the door with a smile and tap your energy reserve to make a difference with the time you have. It only takes a minute to let them know how much you care — a simple squeeze of the hand, rub on the shoulder or a call during the day. Think about the things that make you feel appreciated and loved. Do those things for them in return. Always strive to give more than you receive.

This isn't an easy thing to do. Maintaining the friendship, trust and energy in a relationship is a full-time job. It's up to you to make it a fun job — for both you and your spouse. In a recent article I talked about the danger of complacency in our professional lives. The same goes for our personal lives, too. Many people confuse complacency with comfort. Although comfort can help build stability in a relationship, complacency can cause a relationship to drift apart. Never, ever take your spouse for granted.

Our spouses make significant sacrifices each and every day. There are countless stories of spouses who go above and beyond — stories of men and women who volunteer in the local community and pursue their own successful careers despite long days and deployments by their military spouses. There are even more untold stories about spouses who quietly make a difference every day. The story of the wife who, after a long swing shift, returned home to wake her family, cook

everyone breakfast and send them all out the door before collapsing herself; the story of the husband who stayed up all night taking care of sick children so that his wife could go to work rested and ready. Resist the temptation to become accustomed to such acts of sacrifice and kindness.

These tremendous examples are often interrupted by the "other" stories. We've all done "boneheaded" things — forgotten important occasions, not paid enough attention to our spouse's concerns, tried to solve their challenges for them (instead of just listening sympathetically). Work hard to avoid these thoughtless acts in the first place. Be critical of yourself and the things you do. Your standard of excellence at work should be no different when at home. Lastly, when you feel your spouse has neglected you in some manner, it is best to forgive without pretense. Put past grudges aside so that you can move forward together. After all, forgiveness is what you hope for after apologizing for those "boneheaded" things I just discussed.

As I turned to leave, the crowd had already forgiven the couple's hasty departure and started to dissipate from the front steps of the chapel. The couple was starting their life together as a military team. I thought of my spouse, Leslie. We made a commitment to each other more than 34 years ago. We knew that our lives would be better if spent together and have learned through the years to depend on each other to accomplish our goals.

For me, Leslie has been the key to keeping my wheel balanced. I've worked hard through the years to make each day with her better than the one before; to keep my wheel rolling smoothly. Our individual strength comes from the foundation our spouses provide at home. By cherishing yours and making sure they know how much you appreciate them, your wheel can continue to cruise happily through life as well.

## Women must arm themselves against the threat of breast cancer

By Tech. Sgt. Chrissy Turnipseed

81st Medical Support Squadron

and Capt. Shawnice Shankle

81st Medical Operations Squadron

**Editor's note:** The authors are currently deployed with the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group in Southwest Asia.

Deployments can be a time of great stress. Family separation, mission requirements, maintaining fitness, being far away from home can leave us feeling like we're stuck in a whirlwind.

The military lifestyle requires that we take care of ourselves both physically and mentally. Getting enough sleep, exercising regularly and maintaining healthy eating habits ensure fitness.

For women in the military, taking

care of ourselves also means taking the time to perform monthly breast self-exams. Breast self-exams familiarize a woman with how her breasts look and feel so that over time it becomes easier to identify changes that are not the normal variations due to menstrual cycles, pregnancy, menopause, taking birth control pills and weight fluctuations. Abnormal changes, which should be immediately reported to your doctor, include dimpling or "orange peel" appearance of the skin, new inversion of a nipple, pus or discharge from a nipple or continuous pain in one breast.

Women should also have a medical provider perform clinical breast exams at least every three years. Besides prac-

ticing good prevention strategies, we can also increase our chances of detecting the disease early by knowing our personal risk factors. Risk factors indicate we are more likely to develop a certain disease. High alcohol use, obesity and physical activity levels are controllable; gender, age, race, family history and previous cancer in one breast are not. Although some women who develop the disease never have any risk factors, leading an active lifestyle and maintaining a healthy weight can help.

Breast cancer is a complex disease diagnosed in almost 200,000 women every year. It is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women in this country. Despite all the grim statistics, breast

cancer can be defeated. As women in the military, we have learned to fight many different enemies, both on and off the battlefield. The battle against breast cancer may be the biggest fight of our lives, but we can be ready for that fight. By arming ourselves with knowledge, prevention strategies and a healthy lifestyle, we stand ready to defeat this enemy, too!

Our military medical services place high value on patient education, disease prevention, early detection and maintenance of a healthy fighting force. So, if you have any concerns, don't be afraid to talk to your health-care provider. Take control. Stay in the fight so you can live your life.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## 336th Training Squadron

# Red Wolves unveil new cyber training courses

### 336th Training Squadron

Keesler's cyber training community is playing a key role in the largest Air Force specialty code transformation in its 62-year history. In total, Keesler is on tap to produce 5,316 graduated and AFSC-awarded cyber Airmen annually, according to 81st Training Group projections.

"Transformation" means something different to each of the career fields — some are transforming more than others, and others will change in name or title only.

All of the communications community's traditional AFSCs will now fall under the 3DXXX cyberspace support construct, yielding from the 3AXXX information management, 3CXXX communication-computer systems and some of the 2EXXX communication-electronics/wire systems maintenance specialty codes.

The 336th Training Squadron is in the middle of this transformation storm with its cyber surety course which began training students Oct. 20.

This transformation presents significant challenges, said Lt. Col. Russell Voce, 336th TRS commander.

"First, all development must be finalized before Airmen are enrolled, and the 81st Training Group is anticipating the need to fine-tune courses along the way," Colonel Voce explained. "Much like the initial release of a new automobile model or piece of electronic equipment, certain 'bugs' or nuances will arise to command the attention of course instructors. At that point, the training squadrons will have the opportunity to continuously hone training for greater realism and accuracy."

The Airmen enrolled in most of the 336th TRS cyber courses will participate in a triple-tiered training system.

First, the Airmen will attend the 40-day information technology fundamentals taught by the 332th TRS instructors for either 10 or 40 days, depending on their AFSC. Then they'll proceed to one of five follow-on courses taught in the 336th TRS — programming, cyber systems operations, knowledge operations, cyber surety or client systems.

The programming course and knowledge operations course are nearly direct conversions with very little



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
**Master Sgt. Joseph Harkleroad goes over course materials with Airman Basic Devin Andrade Oct. 20 during the first cyber surety class. Sergeant Harkleroad, 333rd Training Squadron, is a subject matter expert who's serving in the 338th TRS during the course start-up. In addition to nonprior service students, Sergeant Harkleroad also has 336th TRS instructors in his class.**

new course development, but students are now required to take the IT fundamentals course.

**The programming course** consists of software system design, development and maintenance.

**The knowledge operations course**, essentially the former information management course, trains students to comprehensively manage organizational data and information assets.

**The cyber systems operations course** centers on the configuration and management of servers, data storage devices and software applications.

Cyber surety and client systems are brand-new courses.

**Cyber surety** students learn to protect clients, networks, data/voice systems and databases from unauthorized activity. The course covers communications security, emissions security and computer security principles. These Airmen will ensure the integrity, availability, confidentiality and authentication of IT resources by installing, monitoring and directing

proactive and reactive information protection measures. They'll manage information assurance programs by identifying potential threats and managing resolution of security violations.

**Client systems** is an even larger conglomerate of information systems technologies mission sets involving the management and administration of essentially every piece of end-user equipment from the wall to the desktop in every office space. Students are trained to deploy, sustain, troubleshoot and repairs standard voice, data, video network and cryptographic client devices in fixed and deployed environments. They'll eventually possess the skills to tie the equipment into the base IT infrastructure, ensuring fully networked systems. Instructors must maintain an active secret clearance to teach this 50-academic-day course.

Five other cyber courses are taught in the 338th TRS — cyber transport, radio frequency transmission, radar, airfield systems or cable/antenna.

Airmen who complete cyber sys-

tems operations, client systems, cyber transport, or cyber surety training then attend the AFSC-awarding portion of their courses — what's called 8570 training — for 10 training days. This 8570 training is composed of either "A+" or "Security+" certifications depending on the AFSC.

"These certifications are recognized as industry standards upon which people are deemed 'hirable' or not — essentially business resume discriminators," Colonel Voce pointed out. "They're put in place and intended to round out knowledge of cyber-centric tactics, techniques and procedures for Air Force cyber professionals. For the first six months, the 8570 certifications will be taught by contractors until active-duty instructors are certified and authorized to teach. Combined, the 8570 courses will produce 2,150 graduates annually.

"This is particularly challenging because this certification needs to be accomplished to industry standards in aggressive timelines while avoiding high washout rates," the colonel said. "Many of these Airmen will now possess skills desirable by many companies and government agencies outside of active military service. Pending the resurgence of America's economy, it may be increasingly difficult to retain these trained professionals in blue uniforms.

"Additionally, instructors only have 10 days in which to impart the proper skills and knowledge for Airmen to successfully complete the certification process. This timeline may prove aggressive and the squadrons may experience higher washback or washout rates than initially expected.

Colonel Voce is convinced that the challenges can be overcome.

"Keesler continues to make all communicators proud — from the newest Airman Basic fresh out of technical training to the most senior cyber officer, Lt. Gen. William Lord, former 81st Training Wing commander who now serves as chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force," the colonel remarked.

Maj. Ryan Robinson, 338th director of operations, and Terrance Owens, 338th TRS communications and information management flight chief, contributed to this report.

# Law enforcers train to conduct sobriety testing



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Samuel Foster Jr., left, son of Sam Foster, 81st Training Wing, watches as Senior Airman Ryan Steelman, 81st SFS, conducts a sobriety training test called a horizontal gaze nystagmus. Foster was one of 10 intoxicated volunteers who gave the law enforcers an opportunity to practice field sobriety tests.

## 81st Security Forces Squadron

Law enforcers came to Keesler Oct. 20-22 to participate in a standardized field sobriety test course.

The course is designed to train and certify law enforcement officials in driving-under-the-influence detection techniques and national standardized field sobriety tests.

The course, certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, was sponsored by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Liaison Office.

Students were from the 81st Security Forces Squadron, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Bay St. Louis, Picayune, Long Beach, Lucedale and Gautier.

Instructors included master instructors Tammy Moore, Petal Police Department, and Mike Hemerick, Meridian Police Department, and instructors James Burch, Bay St. Louis Police Department, and Tech. Sgt. James Boyd, 81st SFS.



From left, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Christian, 81st Training Group, does the “walk and turn” sobriety test Oct. 21 observed by Jim Cazzell, Gautier Police Department traffic officer; Capt. Jim Clark, 81st SFS commander; Phillip Carden, Long Beach Police Department patrolman; and Regina McLendon, Lucedale Police Department DUI officer.

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.





Airman Edgecomb



Sergeant Taylor

## Firefighters top scorers on career development tests

Senior Airman Shawn Edgecomb and Staff Sgt. John Taylor from the fire department scored 97 on their career development course tests.

Other high scorers are:

**Fire department** — Senior Airmen Kyle Lively, 96, and Roberto Rivera, 93.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Breann Lee, 92.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Senior Airman Chhouen Prach, 90.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman

Tina McGrath, 94.

**81st Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Shawn Masserang, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Eban Mull, 93.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Kory McNutt, 96, and Chaz Hudson, 92.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Isidro Saldana, 93.

**81st Training Wing** — Staff Sgt. Burke Mills, 90.

Base shuttle schedules are found at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

# TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

## House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. today at the Legends Cafe 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.

The party is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings are 11:30 a.m. Nov. 10 and 23, and Dec. 17 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

## MGCCC registration

Registration for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center begins Nov. 2 for winter session classes, Nov. 16-Feb. 19.

For more information, visit the MGCCC office in Sablich Center, call 432-7198 or e-mail [alrie.poillion@mgccc.edu](mailto:alrie.poillion@mgccc.edu).

## Commissioning

Commissioning briefings are 10-10:30 a.m. in Room 224, Sablich Center:

**Officer Training School** — second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

**ROTC** — first and third Tuesdays of the month.

## Drill downs, parades

**Drill downs** — 8 a.m. Feb. 19, April 16 and Oct. 15; 7 a.m. June 11 and Aug. 20.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. March 18, July 22 and Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2737. For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-9527.

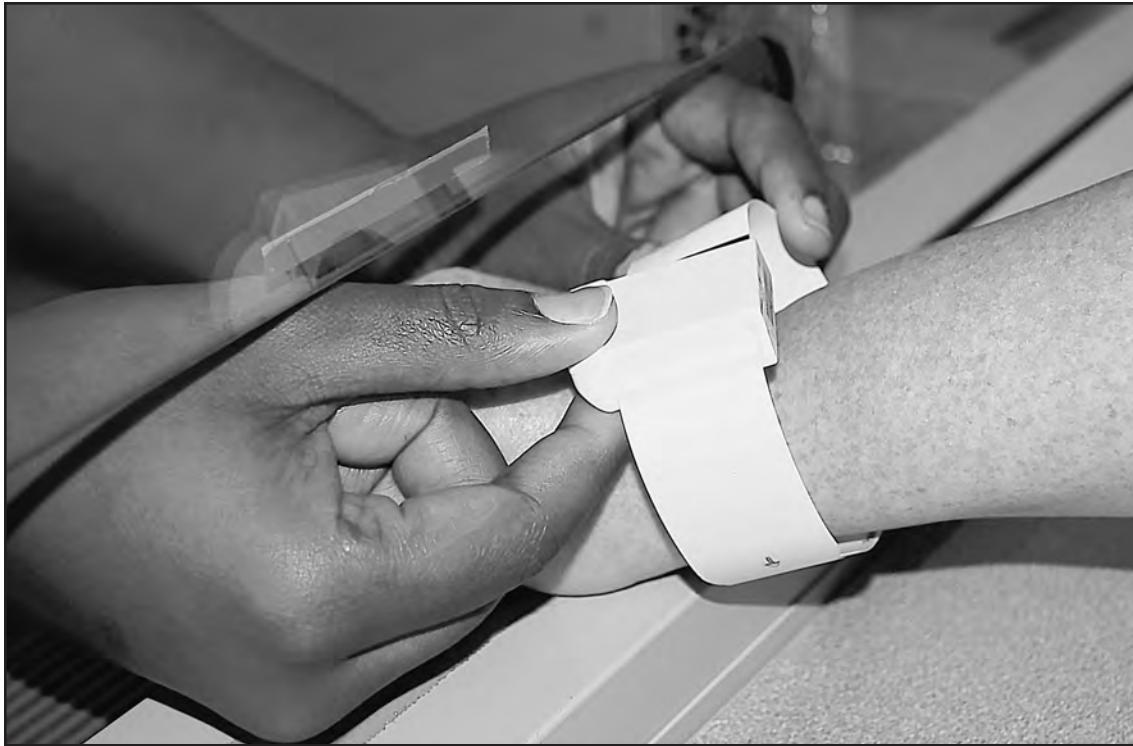


Photo by Steve Pivnick

A member of Keesler's emergency services staff places an RFID device on a patient's wrist during check in.

## Medical Center tests RFID system

### 81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center will test a state-of-the-art tracking system during six-week pilot programs that began this week.

The 81st Medical Group will review the potential uses of radio frequency identification technology across the Air Force Medical Service and then pilot RFID systems to improve clinical operations at Keesler Medical Center. The medical group will implement the first two of their pilot programs that will provide real-time tracking for patients and medical equipment.

Proof of concept for each pilot will run six weeks, then the 81st MDG executive team decides whether to continue into production, discontinue or expand the proof of concept further.

Keesler's emergency room will be the first patient-care location using the unique RFID system. When a patient checks into the ER, he or she will be provided with a small RFID device attached to the patient ID wristband. When the patient is discharged from the hospital, the device is returned to the ER staff.

RFID technology is used for identifying cars using a toll road, preventing theft of expensive items in stores and locating lost pets.

Keesler's RFID tags wirelessly transmit information, enabling the ER staff to locate a patient throughout the medical center and dental clinic. This technology can also provide vital feedback on how long patients are waiting or how long they are in a treatment room.

The information collected will enable 81st MDG personnel to identify patient workflow bottlenecks and improve ER patient care.

In addition to patients, tagging medical equipment will allow equipment custodians, biomedical equipment technicians and clinicians to instantly view the real-time location of all their medical equipment. This technology is expected to have a huge impact on the time previously spent trying to locate and track critical medical equipment for maintenance, inventory or patient-care activities.

Shipcom Wireless Inc. of Houston is the contractor directing the RFID pilots.

## 3 events launch Keesler observance

Three events next week start Keesler's celebration of the Year of the Air Force Family.

**Nov. 6** — 5 p.m., youth center, Family Pride Night spaghetti dinner and family and teen talent show.

**Nov. 6** — 5-9 p.m., beach bonfire at foot of White Avenue for single permanent-party Airmen; food, drinks, games.

**Nov. 7** — 4-7 p.m., Keesler Wipeout on parade field; flight competition, individual and team events, trophies awarded.

## IN THE NEWS

### CFC at nearly 94 percent of goal

As of Friday, Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign has raised \$125,727 of the base's \$134,000 goal.

The drive continues through Saturday.

For more information, contact your unit representative or Capt. Kelly Levens, 377-7209.

### Partial gate closure continues

The outbound lanes on the north side of the Pass Road Gate are closed for about four more weeks for construction of denial barriers.

The closure includes Ploesti Drive from Pass Road north to the walk-through gate near Jeff Davis Elementary School. Traffic exiting Bay Ridge housing via Curtis Drive, other than cars dropping children off for school, should turn left (north) at Ploesti to access the base.

Inbound and outbound travel is maintained at the Pass Road Gate by dividing the two inbound lanes. Outbound traffic is routed to the inbound lane closest to the gate house, and inbound traffic uses the right turn lane at the gate.

Once the lanes on the north side are completed, they'll be reopened for inbound and outbound traffic and the lanes on the south side will be closed, including Ploesti south from Pass Road to Hercules Street, for about 10 weeks.

The Rodenberg Gate is open daily, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Phones, seatbelt, car seat rules

**Cell phones** — It's a primary offense to drive on base while using a cell phone 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.

**Seatbelts** must be used by driver and passengers. Children at least 4-7 years old or less than 65 pounds or under 4 feet 9 inches tall must be in a booster/child seat of vehicles in operation on the installation. For violations, driving privileges can be suspended seven days for the first offense, 30 days for the second offense, 90 days for the third offense and one year for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

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

### Wing calendar event-planning must

The 81st Training Wing events calendar at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/events/index.asp> is designed to help organizers avoid conflicts with other events.

Once an official date has been set, event planners should send details to the public affairs organizational box, 81trw.pa@keesler.af.mil. Most items are posted within one business day.

Items that must be included are the name of event, date, time, location and a point of contact.

Events should be coordinated and approved through respective chains of command and be mission-relevant to a wide audience. All inputs are subject to review and editing by the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs office.

Year of the Air Force  
Family





# Giant voice,

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specific areas around each tower site. Base civil engineering will notify affected housing and other facilities across the base.”

Nov. 16 is when sound will begin, and that will last for about a week. The contractor will be checking to make sure the decibel levels will be appropriate and synchronizing properly and in a manageable fashion.

Nov. 23, the old towers will be taken down and stored at Keesler, and that signifies when the new towers will permanently replace the old ones.

Sergeant Youngbird said that though the contractor's contractual end date is Dec. 15, they're attempting to get everything done before Thanksgiving.

For more information, call 377-2277 or e-mail cheyenne.youngbird@us.af.mil.



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call 377-7340.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**  
Keesler News photojournalist



My daughter, Melanie.

**Senior Airman Rose**

**Mabe, chapel**



My wingman, Airman  
Basic Melissa Holmes.

**Airman Basic Nicole  
Keane (both 334th Train-  
ing Squadron students)**



My kids, Melanie and  
Emily.

**Eric Nelson, CSC**

# Obama signs veterans health care legislation

By **Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Harden**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signed new legislation Oct. 22 that creates predictable funding for veterans' health care.

The Veterans Healthcare Reform and Transparency Act fundamentally changes how Department of Veterans Affairs receives health care funding. The reform calls for appropriations a year in advance after more than two decades of regular budget delays, President Obama said.

“Over the past two decades, the VA budget has been late almost every year, often by months,” the president said. “At this very moment, the VA is operating without a budget, making it harder for VA medical centers and clinics to deliver the care our vets need.”

President Obama said that because of budget shortfalls, new doctors, nurses and critical staff aren't hired on time. New health care facilities and programs often are put on hold, leaving veterans to pay the price for the government's neglect, he said.

“This is inexcusable. It's unacceptable. It's time for it to stop,” he said. “And that's just what we'll do with this landmark legislation.”

The law gives VA more funding predictability so officials can better budget their needs, recruit better-trained professionals and upgrade equipment.

Mostly, President Obama said, the law gives veterans better access to quality care.

What's the best gift you've ever received?



My wingman, Airman  
Basic Melissa Holmes.

**Airman Basic Nicole  
Keane (both 334th Train-  
ing Squadron students)**



My kids, Melanie and  
Emily.

**Eric Nelson, CSC**

“In short, this is common-sense reform,” he said. “It promotes accountability at the VA. It ensures oversight by Congress. It is fiscally responsible by not adding a dime to the deficit, and it ensures that veterans' health care will no longer be held hostage to the annual budget battles in Washington.”

“Keeping faith with our veterans is work that is never truly done,” he continued. “Today's veterans expect and deserve the highest quality care, as will tomorrow's veterans, especially our men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

President Obama pledged his administration would continue in efforts to build a 21st-century VA. Since he's taken office, the White House, VA and Pentagon have been working to “cut the red tape and backlogs,” he said.

He noted the administration has invested in mobile clinics to give veterans in rural areas better access, and cited the VA and Pentagon's work to develop a single health care record for servicemembers to make their transition out of the military a simpler process.

President Obama also vowed to end homelessness among veterans and praised the success of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which offers qualified veterans better opportunities to attain higher education and training.

“All told, we have made the biggest commitment to veterans, the largest percentage increase in the VA budget in more than 30 years,” he said. “As a nation, we'll pledge to fulfill our responsibilities to our veterans, because our commitment to our veterans is a sacred trust, and upholding that trust is a moral obligation.”



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ends this week.  
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your contribution  
to caring.**



# PERSONNEL NOTES

## Health benefits open season

### 81st Force Support Squadron

The health benefits open season runs from Nov. 9 through Dec. 14.

A health fair is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19 in Room 108A, Sablich Center. The fair features representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mail Handler Benefit Plan, Government Employees Hospital Association and other dental and vision providers to answer questions and provide information and materials on their different plans.

For more information, call 376-8326. For a copy of the 2010 federal employee health benefits guide, log on to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/guides/index.asp>.

## Retroactive stop loss special pay

### 81st Force Support Squadron

Current and former Air Force members who had an approved date of separation or retirement date between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, and were involuntarily retained on active duty past their DOS or retirement date as a result of stop loss may be eligible to receive a retroactive stop loss payment of \$500 per month.

Legally designated representatives of deceased or incapacitated claimants may file on behalf of the claimant.

Applications are accepted through Oct. 21, 2010.

For more information, call the total force service center, 1-800-525-0102. Active-duty members log on to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss>. Reserve and Guard members log on to <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/>

## Post 9/11 GI bill for dual military couples

### 81st Force Support Squadron

All military members who are married to another military members who recently visited the military personnel customer support section to change dependent information to take advantage of the new Post 9/11 GI Bill are asked to contact the office to ensure family medical and dental entitlements are correctly updated in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Louise Kelso, 376-8340, or e-mail [louise.kelso@us.af.mil](mailto:louise.kelso@us.af.mil).

## Customer flow management system

The military personnel section's customer service element recently installed a customer flow management system that establishes a controlled waiting process to ensure customers are served in a fair and timely manner.

MPS customers no longer sign in via a paper log. They'll select a button that correlates with the reason for their visit, receive a number and wait for it to be called.

Although customers visit for a variety of services, the CFM system tracks each customer based on the order they sign in, not the reason for their visit. The reason for a visit is used for internal statistic purposes only.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, including compressed work schedule Fridays.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mike Stephenson, 376-8339.

## Identification card requirements

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call 376-8339.

## DOD civilians considered for positions with Air Force

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Department of Defense civilian employees will now be referred to the hiring official along with current Air Force civilians for all permanent Air Force civilian positions.

Former Air Force employees who were realigned under the Army or Navy because of Base Realignment and Closure or joint basing initiatives will have an avenue to return to the Air Force with the policy change, said Deborah Keating, the Air Force Personnel Center's program oversight manager for civilian hiring.

"Making all Air Force jobs available to DOD civilian employees will give them greater opportunities for joint experience and interagency assignments," Ms. Keating said.

The change comes as the Air Force is increasing the number of available civilian jobs. Air Force civilian jobs are expected to increase by approximately 4,500 civilian positions in fiscal 2010, including about 900 acquisition personnel.

For more information on Air Force civilian jobs, go online to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afcivilianjobs>.

Base  
construction  
sites  
are off-limits  
without  
authorization.

# Base says 'thank you' to retirees



Photo by Steve Pivnick  
Master Sgt. Kelly Randolph, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, gives Alice Hill a massage. Her husband, Billy, is a retired master sergeant.



Retired Tech. Sgt. Miguel Saavedra gets a seasonal flu shot from Staff Sgt. James Bowden, 81st MDOS, during Friday's Retiree Appreciation Day. Representatives from the 81st Medical Group, legal office, MyPay, personnel, finance, the commissary and the base exchange were on hand for the annual event at the Dragon's Lair.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Maj. Stacey Van Orden, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, serves a plate of food to Francisco Archibeque at the retiree fish fry. Mr. Archibeque, a retired master sergeant, lives in Bay St. Louis.

Photo by Adam Bond



Photo by Adam Bond  
Army retiree Henry Russell of Gautier shows some of the 2,600 items on display at the GI Museum in Gautier.



## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Lindsey Connors  
**Unit** — 81st Contracting Squadron

**Position** — contract specialist

**Time at Keesler** — almost eight years

**Hometown** — Biloxi

**Noteworthy** — graduated with master of business administration degree in May

**Why did you become an Air Force employee?** It started as a summer job and turned into a desire to follow the footsteps of a person who is extremely dedicated and devoted to her Air Force career and the people around her — my mother, Sherry McGrath., who works in the 81st Force Support Squadron.

**What are your goals?** I'd like to progress in the contracting career field and to be a leader and help others progress. I also have aspirations to be a business owner.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**What's your favorite quote?** "The difference between the impossible and possible lies in a person's determination." — Harry Truman

**What are your hobbies?** I love photography and visiting new places. I also love anything dealing with physical fitness, whether it's exercising or playing sports.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, states that long hair should be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending upward on the head.

For example, when using the claw clip or hairpins, hair won't present the appearance of a "rooster tail."

When hair is in a pony tail, it must be pulled all the way through the elastic band and may hang naturally downward, not extending below the bottom of the collar.



Master Sgt. Temekia Clinkscales, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron first sergeant

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**1941**

New academic buildings were still under construction when Keesler's

Airplane and Engine Mechanics School opened. Basic branch students were trained in five barracks, and instructor branch students were assigned to temporary classrooms set up in commandeered circus tents. Completion of the last of six academic buildings made these temporary measures unnecessary after October 1941.



# Survivors share stories during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

It could be your wife, your mom, your sister, your girlfriend, your best friend, your coworker ... breast cancer knows no boundaries.

Aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Breast cancer is the No. 1 cause of cancer death in Hispanic women, and the second most common cause of cancer death in white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

No one knows how many Keesler women ... military, civilian, family members, retirees ... are battling this disease. These survivors are working hard to accomplish the mission while restoring their health. As Breast Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, several share their stories.

## Marsha Baronich

Marsha Baronich, 335th Training Squadron, is one of the 194,280 people who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Of that estimate from the National Cancer Institute, 192,370 are women and 1,910 are men.

Mrs. Baronich, who's spent her entire 31-year federal career at Keesler, was diagnosed with breast cancer in May after a routine mammogram.

"The diagnosis was, without a doubt, the most frightening thing I've ever had to face," she said. "My initial reaction was shock, but I've tried to have a good attitude about it because I realized I'm not alone in this diagnosis.

"I prayed a lot for myself, and God replaced my fear with peace — that's when I knew everything would be OK," she continued. "Decisions have to be made fairly quickly, but everyone was very supportive in giving me the time to make the right decisions for me."

Mrs. Baronich opted to have a single mastectomy. Since the cancer had not moved into the lymph nodes, chemotherapy and radiation weren't required. She'll take oral medication for five years and see her oncologist every three months for the next two years, then every six months after that.

"Cancer affects not just the person diagnosed, but her family and friends as well," she pointed out. "My husband and children were very concerned, but very supportive. We value the times we spend together and realize how important it is to have loving family support. My friends and coworkers added their prayers and support, and for that I feel very fortunate."

Mrs. Baronich says her doctors can't prove what caused her cancer, but she's read many articles since her diagnosis that indicate the three most important things in battling cancer are exercising regularly, eating healthy foods and getting regular checkups and mammograms.

Saturday, she joined squadron members for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Biloxi.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mrs. Baronich is secretary to the 335th TRS commander, Maj. Tabetha Clark.

## Lana Smith

After 11 years as a personnel officer, Lana Smith joined the civilian work force in 1995 and has spent all but four of the last 14 years at Keesler. She's a community readiness consultant at the airman and family readiness center.

In 2005, 20 years after her oldest sister died of breast cancer, Ms. Smith was diagnosed with the same disease.

Her reactions were, "What now? I have my daughter and mom and grandchildren counting on me ... I don't want to die ... this sucks."

Ms. Smith initially had a single mastectomy to remove the cancer, and later had her other breast removed for cosmetic reasons and because of her family history of breast cancer. Eight chemotherapy sessions followed, two weeks apart, with an injection to stimulate blood cell replenishment after each treatment. She takes an oral anti-cancer drug daily and has checkups with her oncologist every six months.

"Local friends were sympathetic and supportive — one coworker came and mowed my lawn, others gave chocolates and a gift certificate to a bookstore and church choir friends brought meals," she recalled.

Since her diagnosis, Ms. Smith has conducted a personal crusade to heighten breast cancer awareness. She's participated in the ACS Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk and has a "Survivor" pink ribbon magnet on her car. She visits Web sites to keep tabs on breast cancer research and assistance, and even distributed "feel your boobies" postcards to stress the importance of self-examination in detecting tumors.

"Just because mammograms don't catch 100 percent of breast cancers doesn't mean you shouldn't have them," she observed. "And some cancers are fast growing and can best be found by monthly self-exams."

Her emphatic advice is summed up in two words — ask questions. "If something doesn't feel right, ask questions," Ms. Smith urged. "Don't be afraid of making your doctor mad — it's your body, your life, your health we're talking about! You're paying him or her — if you don't like them, switch providers.

"Let your family and friends help out, even if you feel OK doing your own housework, yard work and driving — it makes them feel better and keep you from becoming over-tired," she recommended. "If married, have your husband talk with other spouses — they can feel helpless, angry, afraid, but may not be able to talk to you about it."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ms. Smith briefs her co-workers, Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia and John Lowe, on employment and education programs for military spouses.



Courtesy photo

Ms. Singleton joined Sergeant Luster at the 81st Training Group's annual awards banquet in February.

## Jessie Singleton

Tech. Sgt. LaKeitha Luster feels blessed to have been with her mom, Jessie Singleton, every step of the way since her mom's breast cancer diagnosis in September 2008.

"I was at every appointment that led up to the surgery and every appointment after the surgery," said Sergeant Luster, a weather instructor in the 335th TRS since March 2006. A native of Natchez, Miss., she's been in the Air Force for 16 years.

Ms. Singleton, now a licensed master social worker in Biloxi, felt two lumps during a self-exam in March 2008 and her gynecologist found three lumps during a subsequent physical. A mammogram, ultrasound and biopsy diagnosed breast cancer.

"Shock and disbelief" was Sergeant Luster's reaction to her mother's diagnosis. "I was numb for a very long time — I wouldn't allow myself to feel anything. I think I was in denial until her first chemo treatment."

Ms. Singleton had a lumpectomy and some of her lymph nodes were removed. She began chemotherapy two weeks before last Thanksgiving and concluded in May, followed by seven weeks of radiation therapy Monday through Friday that ended in July. She recently had follow-up blood work, a bone scan and a CT scan.

"I come from an emotional family — they were frightened and didn't know what to say — I think they had a hard time seeing the 'strong sister' sick," she remembered. "They had a difficult time seeing me without any hair, but one of my nieces cut her hair short to show her solidarity with me. I didn't realize that one of my sisters was afraid to go to the doctor because of what I was going through."

Ms. Singleton moved to Gautier to be with her daughter while she completed radiation treatment at Singing River Hospital.

"My mother is very independent and it took some prodding, but I convinced her to move in with me and made her my dependent," Sergeant Luster explained. "She stayed with me for 10 months before she moved to Biloxi.

"I work with the best group of people at Keesler — or the entire Air Force, for that matter," she stressed. "I never had to fight for a single day off to take my mother to any appointment, and my co-workers immediately stepped in to cover for me when needed, no questions asked.

"They helped me move her from Hattiesburg," she continued. "Master Sgt. Sharon Utsey, my flight superintendent, works long hours and has a husband and kids at home, but she still drove all the way to my house to walk my dogs and make sure they were OK."

Just a year ago, two weeks after her lumpectomy, Ms. Singleton joined her daughter and others by walking three miles at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Biloxi's Town Green. She also wrote two newsletters during her treatment to bring others into her journey.

"I've learned that since my mom has breast cancer, my likelihood of being diagnosed goes way up, so I take my self-exams much more seriously," Sergeant Luster pointed out. "I also talk with my students, both male and female, to help them understand how important it is to take care of themselves.

She wishes she had joined a support group for family members of survivors.

"People underestimate what a person goes through when supporting a family member," Sergeant Luster commented. "No one knows what it's like to see your mom's bald head for the first time or to listen to her throw up because of chemo side effects. They don't know what it's like to watch her sleep for days on end because the chemo wears her out. No one understands this but another family member of a survivor. I think talking to someone who understood what I was going through would have helped me tremendously."

## Senior Airman Alonda West

The incidence of breast cancer increases steadily as a woman ages.

However, even younger women have to take the threat of breast cancer seriously.

Senior Airman Alonda West, 81st Mission Support Group, had a breast cancer scare when she was only 15 years old.

"I noticed a lump in my left breast every time I showered that kept growing larger and larger," recalled Airman West, who's been at Keesler since 2006. "Our family physician sent my mother and me to a specialist. He diagnosed it as a tumor — since it was solid and not liquid-filled, it had to be removed."

The mass was the size of a golf ball. After it was removed, the tissue was sent off for testing to determine if it was malignant. Fortunately, it was benign.

"I still have a scar that reminds me of the 'what-ifs,'" Airman West admitted. "I examine myself frequently, but I still live with the fear that one day I'll find something that wasn't there before."

Airman West emphasized that breast cancer doesn't discriminate against age.

"So many people hear about breast cancer and automatically think of older or middle-aged women," she remarked. "Just because a woman's breast isn't quite fully developed, it doesn't mean that she can't be a victim of this disease."

## Nancy Holliday

CSC purchasing manager Nancy Holliday transferred here from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., three months ago.

She owes her breast cancer diagnosis to a mistake by an inexperienced mammogram technician when Ms. Holliday had her first mammogram at age 40 in 2007.

"The new technician was still learning the 'quirks' of the machinery," Ms. Holliday remembered. "A mammogram consists of many different views, or 'slices,' and she took a slice that was much lower than the normal range. Not knowing what she did,

she sent all 'slices' to the radiologist to be read and the lump was found in the slice that wasn't supposed to be taken. The radiologist said if the 'mistake' hadn't happened, it would have been very difficult to find with self examination. God blessed me that day."

Ms. Holliday described her diagnosis as "pure shock."

"I'm a single mother of four and the sole source of income," she said. "I was scared to death I wouldn't have been able to take care of my children. The word 'cancer' has always been associated with death. It terrified me that I might be there to see my children grow up.

"I tried very hard not to allow my sickness to affect my children — they didn't know the extent of my illness until my surgery," Ms. Holliday said. "They had already lost one parent and I didn't want them to feel like they were going to lose another."

After nine weeks of intravenous chemotherapy, the tumor and two adjacent lymph nodes were removed. Then she went through nine more weeks of intravenous chemo and four weeks follow-up on a chemo pill. After a mammogram every three months the first year, she now has one every six months. At the end of the third year of recovery, she'll return to annual mammograms.

Ms. Holliday's managers and co-workers supported her when she decided to work during chemotherapy.

"The busiest time for purchasing is September, the end of the year for the government," she remembered. "I was in full blown chemo, but I didn't miss one day. I kept a garbage can close by just in case. My co-workers hounded me regularly to eat."

Ms. Holliday is involved with the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and participated in Saturday's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

"My children all painted their fingernails pink to honor me and other survivors," she remarked. "My sons say if someone tries to make fun of them, they just say, 'It's for my Mom — this reminds me how close I was to losing her and I'm proud to be pink!'"

"Without yearly mammograms, monthly self-exams and the proper education, breast cancer can go undetected until sometimes it's too late to do anything about it," Ms. Holliday emphasized. "Breast cancer is curable — I'm living proof."

Susan Griggs, Keesler News editor, was diagnosed with abnormal precancerous breast tissue nearly seven years ago and chose to have a double mastectomy as a preventive measure. She took tamoxifen, an anti-cancer drug, for five years and has a checkup with her oncologist annually as a precaution.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ms. Holliday is a single mom of three sons and a daughter.



# Keeping Halloween safe

81st Security Forces Squadron,  
safety office, fire department  
and housing office

Here are tips to make Halloween safe and enjoyable:

**Use** common sense.

**Carry** a flashlight.

**Walk**, don't run.

**Cross** at corners, not between parked cars.

**Stay** on sidewalks; don't cut across yards or driveways.

**Walk** facing oncoming traffic if there's no sidewalk.

**Watch** for cars turning into or backing out of driveways.

**Plan** your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.

**Stay** in familiar neighborhoods.

**Visit** only houses with lights on.

**Accept** treats only in the doorway — don't enter a stranger's house.

**Wait** until your parents check your treats before you eat them.

**Know** the route your children are taking and make sure they know the homes or areas that are off-limits.

**Know** other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.

**Set** time limits on when children should return home.

**Explain** to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.

**Teach** children to stop, drop and roll if their costumes catch on fire.

**Tell** children not to eat treats until they return home and their treats have been inspected. Look at wrappings and toss out suspicious items.



Trick-or-treating is 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday for base housing areas.

The speed limit is reduced to 10 mph during that period, and the 81st Security Forces Squadron "Pumpkin Patrol" will be active to ensure a safe and secure environment.

Adults must accompany children under age 10, and it's illegal to ride in the beds of pickup trucks.

In case of a lost child, injury or other emergency, if you're unable to find an 81st SFS patrol, call 911 or the 81st SFS, 377-3040.

**Costumes** should be made of bright, flame-retardant materials with reflector strips.

**Don't** wear loose costumes or high-heeled shoes that can cause a child to trip.

**Bulky** bags can also trip a child.

**Don't** allow children to carry sharp or pointed toy weapons.

**Masks** can interfere with vision, so consider using makeup instead.

**Make sure** your yard is free of tripping hazards.

**Have** a well-lighted home to hamper vandalism and prevent injuries.

## Cops host haunted house

The 81st Security Forces Squadron continues "Quarantined," a Halloween haunted attraction, through Saturday.

The location is the former Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard, just north of 81st SFS headquarters and across the street from the base exchange and commissary construction site.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. tonight and 6 p.m. "until" Friday and Saturday. The 6-7 p.m. hour is reserved for "light scares" for younger visitors.

For more information and ticket prices, call 377-4658.







Photos by Kemberly Groue

Top, Airman Basic Matthew Adair, 334th Training Squadron, enjoys Staff Sgt. Aisha Smith's rendition of Mariah Carey's "Dreamlover" at Sunday's Tops in Blue show at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Sergeant Smith is from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. The theme for the current Tops in Blue world tour is "To Dream."

Left, Airman Basic Jonathan Randall, 334th TRS, dances with Senior Airman Jennifer Frost, Robins AFB, Ga. to "Chicken Fried."

## Tops in Blue helps Biloxi audience 'to dream'



Sergeant Ancog, left, and Airman 1st Class Shane Jones, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, team up on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



Senior Airman Joannell Jackson takes the spotlight for "You're Gonna Love Me." She's assigned to Detachment 1, 20th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Polk, La.

From left, Senior Airman Jeffrey Collins, McGuire AFB, N.J.; Staff Sgt. Timothy Womble, Charleston AFB, S.C.; and Master Sgt. Herbert Ancog, Lackland AFB, Texas, belt out a medley of country tunes.



## Home away from home

The chapel's annual "Home Away from Home" program for non-prior service Airmen gives host families an opportunity to invite two or more Airmen to their homes for a Thanksgiving Day meal.

Host families must be active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired or civil service with access to base services.

Host sign-up forms are available which must be turned in at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or the Triangle Chapel by Nov. 23. Host families may also register via the Keesler public Web site home page, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>, by email to [eric.whitmore@keesler.af.mil](mailto:eric.whitmore@keesler.af.mil) or by phone, 377-2331.

Student sign-up forms are available only in the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

## KSC bingo night

The Keesler Spouses Club plans a bingo night, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Dragon's Lair.

## Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations now has a wheelchair-accessible minivan available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

## Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

## Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

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

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

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of

each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

## Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

All authorized beneficiaries including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired are eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in

the general dentistry program.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

## Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION



Alex Tremble, left, and Reginald Brooks, foreground, 338th TRS, try to stop Brandon Brown, right, 332nd TRS, as he stretches over teammate Michael Babbitt to get the football over the goal line for the Mad Dogs' first touchdown of Monday's playoff game.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

## Football champ decided today



Sean Server, 332nd TRS, intercepts the ball as Jamel McCargo, 338th TRS, pulls his flag during one of Monday's playoff games. The 332nd TRS took the victory, 13-0.

By Senior Airman  
David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Post-season intramural flag football play is coming to an end, with only two games left to be played as of the Monday noon Keesler News deadline.

The championship game was set to be played at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, barring weather delays.

There were two shutouts in the American Football Conference Oct. 21 — the 335th Training Squadron over the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 32-0, and the 332nd TRS over the 81st Dental Squadron, 25-0.

Monday, the 332nd TRS blanked the 338th TRS, 13-0, and the 81st Medical Support Squadron slipped past the 335th TRS, 21-20.

In the National Football Conference, the 81st Medical Group narrowly defeated the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 7-6, and the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron-334th TRS combined team outscored Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment, 26-19.

The 81st MDG and 85th EIS-334th TRS were scheduled to play Tuesday.



# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

**Varsity men's and women's teams** — tryouts to be announced. Teams play in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference. Season starts in November. Coaches needed. Call 377-2444 or 3056 for information

**Military night at the hive** — discounted tickets for military members and their friends and family members, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the New Orleans Arena for New Orleans Hornets vs. Toronto Raptors. Log on to <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=hornets&o=215&g=319>, click on "find tickets," enter the special offer code "military" and proceed. Pre-game "buzz fest" at 5:30 p.m. includes live music, food and entertainment. For more information, call Stefanie Sandy, (504) 593-4745.

## Bowling

### Intramural league

Team	Won	Lost
81st DS	36.0	12.0
81st LRS	35.0	13.0
81st MDSS	30.0	18.0
81st FSS	30.0	18.0
336rd TRS	28.0	20.0
332nd TRS	27.0	21.0
403rd MXS	26.0	22.0
Dough Boys	26.0	22.0
81st SFS	26.0	22.0
338th TRS-A	24.0	24.0
338th TRS-B	24.0	24.0
334th TRS	18.0	30.0
81st TRSS	12.0	36.0
333rd TRS	12.0	36.0
335th TRS	10.0	38.0

### Other

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

**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** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. 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

**Intramural basketball registration** — Regular division and 30 and over division. Letters of intent due Nov. 5. Coaches meeting 3:30 p.m., Nov. 11, at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2444.

**Free fitness classes** — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. Call 377-2907.

**Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training** — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

**Free blood pressure machines** — available for use at all fitness centers.

**Boxing room** — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

**Fit to fight incentive program** — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available at no cost at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

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

**Massage appointments** — at Triangle Fitness Center. Call 348-6698.

**No smoking** — on Crowell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. Call 377-3056.

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

**Dragon Fitness Center** — Due to water damage to the basketball court, the center's hours have been

extended to accommodate customers who wish to play full-court basketball: 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays-working Friday; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. nonworking Friday and Saturdays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. For more information, call 377-4385.

## Golf

**9-hole Dragon fun golf** — Shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person team, two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week; limited to first 36 golfers.

**Twilight special** — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

**Nonprior service student special** — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

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

## Outdoor recreation

**Air Force Blue Streak bicycle streak program** — knowledgeable volunteer needed to assist in planning, organization and implementation of noncompetitive bicycle rides for all ages and abilities. Call Dave Bowers, 377-0002.

**Paddle boats for rent** — two-person and four-person paddle boats for \$5 per hour for a minimum of two hours; first hour free through November. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Catamaran sailboat for rent** — \$10 per hour, minimum 2 hours, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take-off site \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

**Water skiing** — on front beach or Biloxi Back Bay. \$50 per hour; up to six skiers, including boat, driver, skis. Two-hour minimum. Call 377-3160.

**Camping packages** — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

**Canoes, kayaks** — for rent.

**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, fishing equipment; 15 passengers minimum. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

**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.

**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** — Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper, sleeps four, \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Friday noon to Monday noon) or \$300/week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils, and sleeping bag or bedding. Louisiana license is needed for fishing. Call 377-3160.

**Pontoon boat training** — test to

become certified to rent a pontoon. Call 377-3160.

**Nonprior service student special** — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, 32 feet plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — Nonworking 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. To reserve, 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 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

**RV, boat and trailer storage** — \$20 per month.

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

## ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Christopher Acosta, Jose Alvarado, Shaun Anastasio, Aaron Anderson, Casey Anderson, Jeffrey Anderson, Laurence Barkley, Dillion Barnhart, Andrew Bates, Michael Bath, Kenneth Bectell, Alexander Bijkerk, Billy Blair, Cyrus Bloxham, Allan Bohlen, Jacob Borel, Seth Brandon, Gabriel Brooks, Christopher Brown, Jamal Browne, Timothy Burgett, Adam Burr, Blake Campbell, Lyron Clark, Christopher Cortez, Arthur Cowles, Casey Cresap, Marquis Cromety, Timothy Cunningham, Jessica Daniel, Ivory Dantzler, Waylon Davault, Jeffery Davis, Trent Deason, Seth DeLong, Craig Dennis, Andy Dillon, Joshua Domke, Edward Duke, Randy Duncan, Zachary Dunphy, Cody Edwards, Steve Elmore, Tavone Epps, Keici Faith, Matthew Faulkner, Bradley Finnigan, Anthony Fisher, Michael Fortin, Huston Foster, Zachary Foster, Sebrina Fratto, Richard Gettis, Jeffrey Good, Phillip Gorney, Taylor Gravett, Pablo Gutierrez, Arin Hackman, Paul Harrington, Joshua Harris, Brandon Harvey, Jordan Hatton, Zachary Haugen, Roberto Herman, Brandon Hertler, Christopher Holloman, Stephen Horner, Trevor Howard, Christopher Hubby, Joshua Hutchings, Andrew Jankowski, Matthew Jeffers, Tyler Jones, William Jones, Nicholas Kamansky, Kyle Keeton, Tristan Keltner, Jason Kephart, Gregory Keys, Nicholas Nichols, Sean Kulbeth, Matthew LaCasse, Amy Leupp, Peter Loyd Vuolo, Joshua Mahkvtz, Michael Maloney, Nicholas Marple, Kourtne Martin, Matthew McGuire, Deven McKay, Kirk Mendive, Devin Miller, Herschell Miller, Martin Mohr, Jeremy Moore, Jordan Nash, Thomas Nguyen, Michael Nichols, Jeremy Olson, Richard Parron, Derek Paterson, Jose Petthyng, Jessica Poe, Alexander Powell, David Price, Nicholas Puckett, Nicholas Rasay, Toddhenri Rath, Thomas Rathford, Adam Remes, David Richter, Gage Ricks, Nathaniel Rushing, David Sebastian, Tracy Short, Raymond Sickles, Alexander Skalski, Andre Smith, Shawn Smith, Quinton Snyder, Joseph Sterns, Taylor Sterrett, Kevin Stuart, Stephen Switzer, Jonathon Tatum, Matthew Torres, Joseph Uptegrove, Ryan Uribe, Phillip VanWyk, Joshua Verhoff, Lito Villanueva, Kaitlin Vollmer, Dillon Waggerman, Bryan Washington, Partrick Williams, Justin Williford, Timothy Wilson, Nicholas Wypasek and Robert Yeakley; Airmen John Allen, Garland Armstrong, Aaron Berkebile, Damon Bitter, Kristen Bjork, William Bowles, David Brambley, Micahel Cappelletti, Eric Carrillo, Aaron Dowdy, Chad Eckles, Javier Garcia, Alexander Grillo, Steven Harris, Brandon Heimbichner, Jonathan Hess, Dylan Jenkins, Nathan Jones, Nicholas Lombardi, Asia McLain, Justin Mock, Michael Orvieto, Alexander Person, Raymond Quiles, William Roe, Kristopher Sewell, David Shinn, Nathaniel Stabley, Thomas Stoiber, Kameron Stroyk, Jenisa Tavares, Charles Wilson, Christopher Wright and Andrew Zeringue; Airmen 1st Class Cameron Akil, Ryan Alexander, Sam Bessinger, Danny Black, Nathaniel Bohach, Michael Bosshard, Jesse Bowman, Courtney Burrows, Alec Callahan, Renato Carvallo, Ron Catap, Jacob Christensen, Brett Citrowske, Douglas Clark, Justin Coleman, James Condikey, Troy Conkle, Benjamin Cunningham, Emilio Dominguez, Daniel Feigley, Maloney Ferguson, Sean Filer, Randall Forsythe, Lauren Goodhue, Orlanders Grant, Jerry Hare, Justin Harwell, Michael Harwood, Nathan Hedstrom, Naarvaez Hoogluiter, Kyle Jenkins, Joshua Johnson, Anthony Jones, Evan Jones, Joshua Kehr, Bryan Knapp, Mary Kueckelhan, Alex Lanphere, Steven LaRue, Kevin MacNeill, David Mayfield, Charles McCall, Christopher McDaniel, Brian McKeen, Alex Mendez, Matthew Messina, Edward Middleton, Donovan Murphy, Jonathan Nickel, Jeffrey Olson, David Perkins, Brian Porter, Philip Post, Matthew Purvis, Justin Quintero, Kellen Rice, Shawn Riches, Gregory Rivas, Zachary Rosenberg, Justin Ross, Joshua Ryan, Brett Schickler, James Sercu, Dustin Sickle, Cameron Someliana, Jeremy Stubbs, Alan Tanner, Teroo Tauraa, Andrew Therrel, Aiyana Thompson, David Torres Veguilla, Angel Vasquez, Patrick Waid, Jessica

Welch, Dalton Williams, Jennafer Williams, Jared Witmer, Mitchell Wolfarth and Derrick Wyatt; Senior Airmen Yahya Mohammed AlBakri, Tyrel Babb, James Bisson, Ryan Dirnberg, Jose Espinoza, Christopher Fuller, Patricia Grice, Gary Martin, Manuel Navarro, Daniel Olszta and David Wilson; Staff Sgts. Ryan Dirnberg, Johnny Escalante, Edwin Hunter, Josua Mason, Michael Orso, Christopher Pena, Troy Person, Gregory Quinn, Timothy Robinson, Michael Santos, Jerry Sisemore and Christopher Weiss; Tech. Sgts. SaifSalim AlShibli, Dennis Klinger and Brian Zimmer; Master Sgts. Michael Shipman and Tony Yarbrough; Johnathan Adams.

**Metrology basic course** — Airman Christopher Guhl; Airman 1st Class Jared Burrows; Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airman Basic Eric Wojcik; Airman Gavin Lowery; Airmen 1st Class Kellie Barnes, Phillip Landry, Erika Melendez-Torres and Scott Polley; Staff Sgts. Thomas Caracane and Alfonso Brooks; Master Sgt. Bohdan Pywowarczuk.

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Kyle Apholz, Adrianna Cunningham, Sampson Graham, Micheal Gilchrist, John Lane, Joshua Lofrano, Cody Newcomer, Robert Pratt, Tyler Smith, Keither Taylor and George Trosper; Pvt. Edward Liston; Pfc. Nicole Reavis; Airmen Steven Gaines and Stephen White; Airmen 1st Class Kenneth Dooley, Benjamin Reeves, Derrick Richards, Amanda Roberts and Sarah Silva; Navy Airman Kyle Nobles; Staff Sgts. Matthew Hui, Justin Reidhead, Davida Perry, Joseph Thompson and Troy Vickers.

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Frederick Anglin, Michael Bae, Brittany Carlisle, Steven Clapper, Matthew Flores, Terrique Handy, Jose Luna Robert Marotti, Natasha Sundar, Courtney Taylor, Styles Vancleave and Amber Young; Airmen Adelumola Ajibola, Brandi Blea, Dylan Brown, Brandon Gibbs and Ryan Hendricks; Airmen 1st Class Agapito Barriga-Perales, Timothy Byrd, Cristian Cseh, David De Milt, Mikel Fair, Tyler

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

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

### Roman Catholic

**Sunday Mass**, Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

Jewish services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

### Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Magnolia dining facility. 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. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

### Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

Freenev, Marvell Granville, Haley Hall, Erik Huss, Matthew Holguin, Alexander Johnson, Malcolm McNair, Lloyd Morris, Joseph Senteno, Ruby Scharon, Torika Thompson, Robert Vineyard, Steven Williams, Amy Wyatt and Sarah Wurm; Senior Airmen Tahasa Brixton, Marquette Jones, Douglas Miner and Gustavo Reyes; Staff Sgts. Mary Ballesteros, Ana Bojorquez, William Gusoski and Ryan Christmann; Tech. Sgts. Catrina Odenweller Haas and Katherine Jones; Master Sgts. Marla Suter.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Ryan Davies, Shannon Finley, Jeffrey Gannon, Michael Gray, Caleb Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Jordon Moulton, Casey Plumlee, Sean Queen, Alexander Rhodes, Damon Schmidt, Andrew Whelchel and Jonathon Woehler; Airmen Riley Curtis, Zachary Kerns, Robert Peters and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class James Anson, Matthew Devine, Robert Greynolds, Jess Hammond, Louis Hernandez, Adam Hillyer, Randall Jones, Erin Kuykendall, James Marrone, Logan Michlig, Aaron Ray, Jacob Schettler, Andrew Valdez, Sean Walters, Derrick White, Samuel White, Macon Wright and Jean-Paul Zelaya-Rios; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison, John Cessna and Joseph Metelko; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Jeremy Duncan, Roshan Patel, Eduardo Rivas, Nicholas Shatek, Alan Shultz, Jason Sizemore, Adam Sneed and Michael Zimmerman; Tech. Sgts. Tyler Harding and Junar Mabunay; Master Sgt. Dennis Reinhard.

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airman Basic Semaj Griffin; Airman 1st Class Adam McDaniel.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radar** — Airman Basic Andrew Tosch; Airmen Joshua Buzzard, Robert Compton, Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi, Brandon Godwin and Benjamin Nason; Airmen 1st Class Robert Brown, Andrew Dahn, Mark Lambert and Travis Salter; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq, Andrew Ksionsk, Louis Martinez and Eliud Martinez-Franco; Master Sgts. Audean Garcialopez and Sean Rice.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Ronald Carpenter, Trevor Edmundson, Joshua Lathan, Zachary Mantyla, Timothy McKinny, Brian Mowry, Alexander Ramirez, Daniel Reese, Glenarven Robbins, Ericka Sadler, Jeremy Vance and Tyler Weyhung; Airmen Simon Alejandro, Casey Casem, Stephen Lipton, Robert Miller and Matthew Provolone; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Bianconi, Sean Howard, Jamie McCargo, Cassidy Parker and Adam Wesner.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Victor Blazevic and Adam Grimsley; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Green, James McKell, Brandon Rogers and John Smith; Staff Sgts. Paul Motycka and David Stivers; Tech. Sgt. Fredric Johnson.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 09-7** — graduation Tuesday

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 09-7** — graduation today

**Class 10-1** — Nov. 5-Dec. 17

### Arts and crafts center

**Beginning framing** — Friday. \$30 including materials. Bring photo or artwork no larger than 11x14 inches.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 includes shop use and materials. For time, call 377-2821. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

**Engraving shop** — squadron, office and individual orders.

**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.

**Pumpkin decorating contest** — Winners announced 6:30 p.m. today.

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

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## Chapel

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

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study series** — "It's Tough Being A Woman," 10-week study on Esther. Continues through Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m., Triangle Annex, upstairs. For more information, call Mary Just, 806-4562, or send an e-mail to marye-just@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

**Grief Share support group** — meets each month in the Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships, work difficulties, loss of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, health-related issues or grief from other situations. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095, or Grief Share leaders Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2523.

## Keesler Medical Center

### 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

**Research databases** — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas.

**Playaway** — first self-playing digital audio books now available. Audio content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

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

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

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

**Online catalog** — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

**Available** — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

**Free wireless Internet** — check at circulation desk.

**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2604.

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

**Volunteers needed** — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. Call 377-2181.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

**Legends Café** — Buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pool tournaments** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Vandy's twilight terrorfest Halloween party** — 6 p.m. to midnight today. Nonprior service students only. Live band, DJ, dancing,

pumpkin carving and decorating, costume contests, games, entertainment, food and prizes. \$3 admission.

## Katrina Kantina

**All ranks invited** — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music; \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

**Catering** — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

**Lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Pot roast Monday, lasagna Monday and meatloaf Monday. \$6 for club members, \$8 for non-members.

**Tuesday special** — 5-7 p.m., tacos two for \$1 for members, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

## Youth center

**Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.**

**Dance classes** — Tap, ballet and aerobic classes available. Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 6-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ages 9 and older; Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

**TRAIL** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

**Classes** — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. To register, call 377-4116.

**Open recreation** — 3-5:45 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 front desk.

**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. Call 377-4116.

## 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. For more information, call 377-3818.

**Tour bus** — available for group rental, seats 23.

**Tours to New Orleans Saints home football games** — Tours to New Orleans Saints home football games - \$60 per person including admission and transportation. Tickets limited to two per family, per game. For more information, call 377-3818 or view the 2009 schedule at <http://www.neworleanssaints.com>.

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

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

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

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

### Friday

**Lunch** — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, pasta salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, summer-squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, onion gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

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

**Dinner** — stir fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, orange-and honey-glazed ham, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, cucumber/onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupa, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, califlower combo, Mexican corn, simmered broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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

## MEETINGS

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. Call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. Call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.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.

**Airman's Council** — meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, call Senior Airman Alonda West, 377-2994.

**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. Call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

**Company grade officers council** — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Keesler Marina inside of the Kantina. For more information, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779.

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

**Keesler Amateur Radio Club** — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Monday of the month at Locker House facility. Enter courtyard on left side of building as you face the front of it. Enter the door marked "T flight" and proceed straight ahead until you see a sign saying "K5TYP."

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. E-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cableone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 5:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

**Top III** — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month; location varies. Call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

**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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies shown in Welch Auditorium; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For upcoming features, call 377-6627.**

## November weather outlook

The pleasant fall weather that normally characterizes the early part of November usually deteriorates toward the end of the month. Frontal systems come into the local area and bring an increase in cloudiness, fog and rain. The mean daily temperature is 10 degrees colder than in October and the first freezing temperatures of the winter season frequently occur in November.

<b>Extreme maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	86
<b>Mean daily maximum temperature (F)</b> .....	70
<b>Mean daily minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	55
<b>Extreme minimum temperature (F)</b> .....	25
<b>Mean relative humidity (percent)</b> .....	72
<b>Mean monthly precipitation (inches)</b> .....	3.98
<b>Mean number of days with precipitation</b> .....	8
<b>Mean number of days with thunderstorm</b> .....	3
<b>Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)</b> .....	5.02
<b>Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:</b>	
<b>2,000 feet</b> .....	12.9
<b>1,000 feet</b> .....	7.6
<b>300 feet</b> .....	2.0
<b>Percentage of observations with visibility less than:</b>	
<b>6 miles</b> .....	21.3
<b>3 miles</b> .....	6.3
<b>1 mile</b> .....	2.9
<b>Percentage of observations with wind:</b>	
<b>0-3 knot</b> .....	34.0
<b>4-10 knots</b> .....	60.2
<b>11-21 knots</b> .....	5.7
<b>22 knots or greater</b> .....	0.1

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



# Check out youth center for fun, skills, friends

November 2009

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

More than 200 children a day find the youth center a perfect place to go to share new, different and exciting experiences, improve their skills, make new friends and just have fun. The activities, events and programs are geared to meet the special needs of all youth in kindergarten through high school.

## Weekdays

The center opens early as part of the before and after school program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Parents can drop off their children at 5:45 a.m. and pick them up by 8 a.m. to take them to school.

While the children are at the center, they're served breakfast and have the option of selecting something to do from a list of activities including games, arts and crafts projects, science and physical fitness activities, video games, help with their homework; or they can catch up on their sleep.

These same activities are available from 3-5:45 p.m. with the addition of a nutritious snack, 4-H Club activities and community projects.

Open recreation is also available for older children after school and encourages participation in Boys and Girls Club programs focusing on youth development, leadership and education.

Friday night is fun night for ages 6-12 with skating, sports and fitness activities, crafts, electronic games including Wii and karaoke, and watching favorite shows on a big screen television.

Fun is multiplied as volunteers from the 334th Training Squadron challenge the kids in pool, ping-pong, Guitar Heroes and board games.

## Classes

Tap, ballet and acrobatics class is available for ages 3 and older, for \$50 per month.

Guitar, piano and gymnastics are also available.

Registrations are being



Photo by LaShawnda Reynolds

**Children in the after-school program challenge each other to a game of Connect 4. From left, they are Steven Alatalo, 9, son of Airman 1st Class Stephanie Alatalo, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron; Carson Wohlwend, 9, son of Staff Sgt. Kyle and Natalie Wohlwend, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Center; Jazmyne Davis, 9, daughter of Staff Sgt. Norman and Angalique Davis, 334th Training Squadron; and Jillian Iten, 10, daughter of 2nd Lt. Patricia and John Iten, 81st Medical Group.**

accepted for Taekwondo for ages 6-12 for \$50 per month. Call to register.

## Sports

The sports program is being rebuilt with special emphasis now on basketball season. Basketball registration is ongoing through the end of November for boys and girls ages 5-14. The registration fee is \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child, including a uniform, presentation award, and two practices weekly. Games are played on Saturdays with certified coaches and officials.

Look for upcoming individual sports such as archery and tennis.

## Special camps

When school is out during the year, a variety of special camps are offered, and parents may leave their children at the center for up to 10 hours a day. First priority is given to those already enrolled in the youth center programs. Open slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For five days a week starting in June, children in kindergarten through sixth grade enjoy sports, trips and

various organized programs designed to keep them safe, busy and having fun until school is back in session. Enrollment for summer camp begins in March and space is limited. Active duty military are given priority.

## Other programs

**FitFactor** is for children of all ages. The children earn points by actively participating in a variety of physical activities, and the points are applied to earn prizes. Progress can be tracked on a home computer or on a computer at the center.

**Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership/Keystone Club** — focuses on leadership and character development for teens.

**4H Club** meets weekly. This free program offers children an opportunity to develop skills in speech, arts, and sciences; and hone their talents. Special visitors are welcome throughout the year.

**Youth employment skills program** — for active-duty Air Force dependents. High school freshmen to seniors are allowed to "bank" \$4 in grant funding to be used to further their education, for every hour volunteered in an on-base function, for a maximum of

\$1,000 for four years. Students can also receive training, learn valuable work skills and have a positive impact on the base. This program is underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society. Applications are available at the center.

**Boys and Girls Club** — Because of their affiliation with this club, the center is able to provide specialty programs that include arts and crafts, youth development, leadership and education.

## Special activities

The center hosts or co-hosts many popular activities throughout the year. The list includes Child Pride Day, family pride night, the worldwide day of play, space and aviation camps, a family and youth talent show, Bowl by Mail, lights on after school and the one page at a time literary program.

The center also works with Air Force, Air Education Training Command, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and 4-H to provide opportunities for youth to participate in state, regional and national programs including youth of the year, teen aviation camp and space camp.

Home schoolers, playgroups and special events are and can be held at the center.

## Staff

A new addition to the highly-trained staff of professionals at the youth center are Air Force contracted military family life consultants. Their many duties include helping families, children and staff relieve anxieties and stress, conducting staff training, monitoring the children at the center, parent intervention and working with children with behavioral problems. Their services are not confined to the center. They're available to meet with people needing their assistance, at a destination of their choice.

The youth center is in Building 6801 on J Street. For hours and more information on programs and events, call 377-4116.



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

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

**Breakfast** — 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

**Kingpin daily specials \$6.95** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

**Lunch punch card** — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

**Free golf** — Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Golf carts and rental clubs not available.

**Open play** — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

**Driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.

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

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

**Twilight golf special** — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing. E1-E4,\$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

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

## DINING FACILITIES

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

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

**Monthly birthday celebration** — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

## DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

**Seats 300** — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

## FITNESS

**Editor's note:** Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience, Blake Fitness Center 377-4385, Dragon Fitness Center 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center 377-3056.

**Intramural basketball registration** — for regular division and ages 30 and older. Letters of intent due Nov. 5. Coaches' meeting 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at Vandenberg Community Center. Games held at Dragon and Blake Fitness Centers.

**Fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training** — available free of charge at all three fitness centers. Call individual centers for an appointment.

**Boxing room** — at Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Gloves available.

**Free fitness incentive programs** — available at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Awards presented.

**Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center** — For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.

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

**Massage therapist** — To schedule, call (228) 348-6698.

**Free blood pressure checks** — available at all fitness centers.

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

**New Year's Eve party** — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Make plans now to attend. \$30 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and younger. Price includes bowling, shoes, music, dancing, prizes, party favors, finger foods and nonalcoholic midnight toast. Tickets go on sale Nov. 30. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

**Bowl at lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.

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

**Team building** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

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

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

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

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

**"UBU" special** — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

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

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

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

**New Orleans Saints home game trips** — \$60 per person, includes transportation and admission. Limited to two per family; only 20 seats per trip. Customers can purchase up to two tickets to any five games, available on a first come, first served basis.

## INNS OF KEESLER

**Editor's note:** For reservations and lodging information, call 374-0088.

**Check-in/out** — now at Tyer House located on Fisher Street.

**Rooms available** — "Space-Available" reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$39 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility (TLF) \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

**Need room for your holiday visitors?** — Now accepting reservations for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. Rooms include VAQ, VQ and TLF (see above for room descriptions). A limited number of pet TLFs are available.

## KATRINA KANTINA

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

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

**Club member discounts** — must show club card to receive.

**Monday madness lunch buffets** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8. Buffets includes entree, salad, bread, cobbler and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth buffet is free. Monday, baked and fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn; Nov. 9, wings (hot and barbecue) and macaroni-and-cheese; Nov. 16, spaghetti with meat sauce and corn; Nov. 23, beef taco bar with all the trimmings, Mexican rice and chips; and Nov. 30, stuffed chicken, cornbread dressing and green beans

**Taco Tuesdays** — 5-7 p.m. members get two tacos for \$1, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

**Wings and things** — 5-7 p.m. Nov 25. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

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

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

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

**All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. Wednesday, home style meat loaf, roasted new potatoes, buttered green peas, beef gravy, hot dinner rolls, salad bar and Dutch apple cobbler; and Nov. 18, beef brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, buttered corn, hot dinner rolls, salad bar, and homemade bread pudding.

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

**Rotisserie chicken** — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.

**All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.

**"UBU" special** — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

**Free wireless internet** — ask front desk staff for log-in access. **Chief of Staff professional military reading list** — titles available for check-out from the special book collection.

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Nov. 17 for ages 3-5.

**"Playaway"** — self-playing digital audio book, half the size of a deck of cards. Gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters, alter the speed of a narrator's voice, and bookmark where you left off. Pop in a AAA battery, plug in almost any type of headphones, and enjoy.

**Research databases** — comprehensive research capabilities. Specialty areas include counter-terrorism, international security, home improvement, auto repair, small engine repair, Student Research Center for high school and middle school students, Kids Search for middle school and elementary school students, Business Searching Interface, and more.

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

**Overdrive audio on-line book program** — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Ask staff for assistance.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160.

**Paddleboats for rent** — see the Biloxi Back Bay and get some exercise at the same time. Four paddleboats are available, two 2-person and two 4-person. \$5 per hour, minimum two hour rental. November special - get your first hour free.

**Catamaran sailboat for rent** — \$10 per hour, two hour minimum, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take off site for \$100 per day or \$175 per weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

**Water skiing** — \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, includes boat, driver and skis. Minimum two hour rental. Call to schedule.

**Horn Island trips** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30, bring food, drinks, sun screen and fishing equipment. We'll provide a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available.

**Boats and recreational equipment rental** — for price list, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the outdoor recreation link.

**Back bay fishing trips** — \$20, call for date and time.

**"UBU" special** — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get 10 percent off all rental equipment.

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

**Rental campers** — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 day.

**Fam-camp** — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 594-0543.

**Birding anyone?** — Stop by and check-out a pair of binoculars (adult and child sizes available) and a bird identification book to use free of charge. The marina and park offer some great birding opportunities. Birding is great, free family fun!

**Rental campers** — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 per day; two available: one sleeps six, one sleeps eight.



**Bay Breeze Golf Course Membership Drive**

**Become a member now through Nov. 18.**

Receive a dozen golf balls of your choice (Bridgestone, Pro VI or Taylormade) and become eligible to win a Two Nights Stay for Two with Dinner at the Beau Rivage!

Members receive full reciprocal green fees at other Air Force golf courses when on official TDY orders, and MAY be eligible for a 25% discount on green fees when on leave. For information, call 377-3832, stop by for a visit or log on to [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us) and click on the link for Bay Breeze Golf Course.



**Holiday Crafts Bazaar**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20-21 at the Arts & Crafts Center

Get a jump on your holiday shopping! Art contest for children and adults. Craft Demos! Door Prizes!

Tables are \$10 each, call now to reserve. Maximum two tables per vendor.

377-2821



## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

### Specials

**Kid's costume contest** — 5:30 p.m. tonight.

**Gifts to go** — get a décor mug filled with goodies; \$10 each.

**"UBU" special** — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

### Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Nov. 7 and 21. \$25.

**Wreath making** — 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 19. Call for price.

**Card making** — 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 19. \$7 including instruction and materials.

**Beginners pottery** — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Nov. 21. \$40 including instruction and supplies.

### Frame shop

**Custom orders** — individual, customized orders available. Coordinate awards with shop accessories.

### Engraving shop

**Looking for a great going away gift?** — We can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

### Wood shop

Editor's note: Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 18 and 25. \$25 includes instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 7. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 28. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

### Auto hobby shop

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

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

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

**Vehicle storage lot** — store your vehicle with us when going on temporary duty.

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

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: Located in Locker House, Bldg. 3101 on C Street. For more information, call 377-3189.

**Child care slots** — available now. Call for assistance in locating a provider.

**Air Force Aid programs** — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing. For eligibility and guidance, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center, 377-2179.

**\$3 admission**  
Full Moon  
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Cemetery  
bones  
Howling  
Ghoul  
Zombies  
Black Cat  
scream  
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Magic  
Graveyard  
pumpkins  
Creatures  
raven  
Halloween Eve  
MUMMY

**Returning home care** — for children ages 12 and younger. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to members, returning after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and relaxation leave.

**Be your own boss** — we're recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

**Expanded duty care** — assists families in obtaining child care from licensed or affiliated providers when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours, exceed the standard 50 hours of care a week that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base.

## RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

**We've moved** — now located on Meadows Drive, across from the commissary, between the temporary living facilities and Keesler Federal Credit Union drive-through.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

**Dance contest** — 9 p.m. Nov. 6. Prizes and giveaways. \$3 per person.

**Free pool tournaments** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, 7 p.m. Wednesdays 8-ball.

**Free movie night** — Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

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

**Birthday dance** — 6:30-midnight Nov. 20. Nonprior service students with November birthdays enter the dance free.

**"UBU" house party** — for nonprior service students only 6 p.m. tonight in conjunction with Twilight Terrorfest. NPS students pick up a UBU card, or show your current UBU card, and become eligible for food and prize giveaways. Those joining the Keesler Club become eligible for additional giveaways. UBU card is required.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

**Sick call and vaccines** — by appointment only, call to schedule.

**Health certificates** — available for interstate and overseas travel.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

**Family pride night and "U Got Talent" family/teen talent show** — 5-9 p.m. Nov. 6. Free spaghetti supper courtesy of airman and family readiness center along with entertainment. Talent categories, requirements, and show details are available at the center.

**Thanksgiving camp** — Nov. 23-25 for school age children. "Bowl by Mail" available for children attending the camp.

**Youth basketball registration** — Continues throughout November for boys and girls ages 5-14.

**TRAIL/Keystone Club** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays for ages 13-18.

**Tap, ballet, and acrobatics class** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for ages 3 and older. \$50 per month, call to enroll.

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

**Taekwondo classes** — for ages 6-12. Students will attend two classes weekly, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. \$50 monthly fee.

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