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International Council of Air Shows Keesler named best military show site

Navy Blue Angels set to headline base's next air show in March 2011

Keesler "Thunder on the Bay" air show has been named the "U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Best Military Show Site 2009."

Lt. Col. Gregory Thomas, Thunderbird commander and leader, presented the award at the annual International Council of Air Shows in Las Vegas.

Thunder on the Bay was held April 4-5 and drew an estimated crowd of 142,000 to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Keesler's next air show will be March 19-20, 2011, showcased with a performance by the Navy Blue Angels.

With this announcement, Keesler will begin efforts to

execute planning for its second air show in just under two years.

"We are ecstatic to be hosting the Blue Angels in 2011," said Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander. "The selection by the Blue Angels to come to Keesler is a testament to the warm reception and great crowds that came from all around the Mississippi Gulf Coast for our Thunder on the Bay performance in April. We are honored to host another air show for the community."

The Blue Angels schedule can be viewed at <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/index.htm>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
The Thunderbirds performed as more than 73 shows during the 2009 season, with 30 hosted by military installations.

Wingman Day stresses team commitment

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler observes Wingman Day Dec. 17 as a reminder to take care of each other as the peak of the holiday season approaches.

"Promoting Resilience" and "Reducing Stigma" are slogans for this year's event, which begins with a 7 a.m. Wingman Run on the flightline. At 9 a.m. there's a senior leaders call for commanders, chiefs and first sergeants at Welch Auditorium. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. squadrons conduct individual activities. The observance ends with a 3 p.m. burger burn at the marina.

"We wanted to have Wingman Day before the student exodus and the peak of the holiday season," said Lt. Col. Sean Gallagher, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, who's heading the event. "Although we should be taking care of our wingman every day, having Wingman Day during this time of year allows us to place emphasis on the well-being of our fellow Airmen.

"It's not unusual that this time of year can be depressing for some of our Airmen, especially when they may not have the usual support system of their own families," he pointed out.

"So Wingman Day gives us that time to get to know our wingman better and provide support from an Air Force family perspective. Additionally, as we take a break during the holiday season, we want to continue to promote safety, not just on-duty, but off duty as well."

A "toolkit" for commanders and supervisors will be available online Monday to provide a wealth of information and exercises for individual units to use in an effort to steer activities away from lectures and slide presentations.

"Squadron leaders won't have to search for information or ideas themselves," Colonel Gallagher explained. "Instead, the 81st Training Wing support agencies are providing a one-stop shop where units can pull the tools that best meet their individual needs."

"These tools include links to team-building exercises to promote teamwork in our duty sections, activities to facilitate discussion and critical thinking, and lists of services available from our support agencies," he continued. "Examples are safety scenarios to facilitate small-group discussion and informative Web sites with topics ranging from running to suicide prevention."

What lessons will you teach today?

By **Capt. Andre Johnson**

81st Communications Squadron commander

“What lessons will you teach today?” You’re probably wondering why I would ask such a question. Well, I share this question with you because it’s a question I ask myself at the start of each and every day. Although I am not a training instructor, I recognize that I will either teach, or be taught, a lesson with each encounter, exchange or interaction with another individual. The lesson taught may be intention or unintentional, but each encounter will have the potential to produce a valuable lesson.

By now you’re probably wondering, “What lessons could I teach?” Simple gestures such as saying “please” and “thank you” to the Airmen in my unit teach respect and

appreciation for their hard work. I personally believe that expressing such simple gestures during a single encounter has the potential to reinforce an Airman’s commitment to the unit and Air Force mission.

Throughout a given day, you and I are both afforded numerous opportunities to teach similar lessons, each with the potential to reinforce individual commitment. Have you given any thought to the lessons you’ve taught recently?

Unfortunately, unintentional lessons prevail because many individuals are unaware that they experience a teaching opportunity.

Remember a couple of weeks ago when you took your unit mock physical training test and only completed two sit-ups because you just didn’t feel up to it that day?

Or do you remember running only

a quarter of a lap before walking the remainder of the 30 minutes allotted for unit PT? You might not remember doing those things, but the Airmen watching you remember. During that teaching opportunity they were taught that giving 100 percent mission preparation is not necessary or important.

Is that the lesson you intended to teach? Again, whether intentional or unintentional, a lesson is taught with every personal encounter.

Fortunately, unintentional lessons don’t always produce negative results.

I recall being deployed to Northern Iraq with Master Sgt. Stephen Bailey from the 3rd Combat Communications Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Even amid the frequent rocket attacks, sirens and uncertainty, Sergeant Bailey always remained positive, focused and involved, and made

time daily to educate and mentor junior noncommissioned officers and Airmen. His professionalism and enthusiasm for getting the job done proved infectious.

Whether intentional or not, lessons taught by Sergeant Bailey were not only accepted by our deployed Airmen, they also benefitted unit and Air Force mission accomplishment.

I know that there are plenty of other Sergeant Baileys out there. I challenge each of you to accept the responsibility to be that leader our young Airmen want to emulate and follow. For those who are already out front and leading, continue to do so. For all others, recognize your potential to impact the Air Force mission with each and every individual encounter.

You, and only you, have control of “what lessons you’ll teach today.”

Discipline — It’s never too early to start

By **Senior Master Sgt. Scott Geboy**

336th Training Squadron first sergeant

I’m sure most of you have heard the briefings and read all the info on our concerns with our young Airmen breaching the law, especially when it comes to underage drinking. Being a first sergeant of a training squadron, I’m dealing with these issues far too often.

Now, in most cases, our Airmen do the right thing and don’t break the rules or laws, and they represent our Air Force in an outstanding manner. So, what about that small percentage who don’t seem to get it? It can’t be that they aren’t aware of the rules because they are all briefed ad nauseam on our policy in regard to underage drinking. So, what can it be?

After talking with most of these Airmen, I have found that they all state they knew it was wrong, and that they were aware of the consequences, but really didn’t give thought to actually being punished if caught. Maybe that is because there were never held accountable by their own parents.

Personally, I have seen this in homes, at the

store, in the mall and at school — children defiantly disobeying their parents and the rules. You can see them disrespecting teachers, not doing their chores or homework, and, in some cases, just acting the fool.

Now, is this the fault of the child? The root of the problem often lies in the parent who doesn’t have the know-how or backbone to make the child toe the line.

Whether parents don’t like confrontation or they just want to be best friends with their kids, they should focus on their parent skills. Parents who don’t follow through on their requests and threats do nothing more than reinforce the negative behavior of their children. The longer a child rules the family roost, the more difficult it is to undo.

If kids don’t listen to their parents and follow the rules, they probably won’t mind their teachers or the rules of society, including the law. The reason I feel so strongly about this topic is that kids who have no boundaries at home usually end up in trouble, or worse, and I feel we owe it our children to teach them what’s right. It’s much easier to let them do what they want, but is that right? I think not.

If you are a parent who struggles with this issue, I encourage you to remember a simple three-step approach:

Explain the rules to your children so they are clear about your expectations.

Explain the consequences for disobeying those rules.

Most importantly, follow through with the consequences. If you fail to follow through on the consequences, the first two steps are moot. For the supervisors out there reading this, sound familiar?

I believe if these principals are instilled early, your children will learn self-discipline and their chances of success in life are great. Personally, I constantly talk with my kids about the importance of self-discipline. If they aren’t being self-disciplined, I help them out by giving them my discipline. When this happens, they seem to get the message rather quickly.

This is quite similar to what we do with our Airmen and Phase program. The bottom line is that you can’t start teaching discipline too early — eventually someone will hold your children accountable for their lack of discipline.

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DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What kind of Christmas shopping strategy do you have?



Buy things that are on sale and not at full price.
Senior Airman An Phan, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



I wait until late on Dec. 23.
Staff Sgt. Suge Wilson, 81st Security Forces Squadron



All of my kids are bad so they are getting coal.
Staff Sgt. James Clark, 81st MDOS

Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit:
15 mph in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces;
10 mph in close proximity to marching formations and when waved through base gates;
5 mph in parking lots;
35 mph in some sections of perimeter roads.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

First cyber graduates

From left, Airman Basic Brenan Duffy, Airman Matthew Belanger and Airmen Basic Devin Andrade and Alex Anderson listen as Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Cummings, the Air Force's cyberspace support career field manager, addresses the 13 graduates of the 336th Training Squadron's first cyber surety apprentice course Dec. 2 at Thomson Hall.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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lost and found
items,
call the
81st
Security
Forces
Squadron
investigations
office,
377-4500,
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
weekdays.

Marine Corps triplets

From left, Lance Cpls. Andrew and Elizabeth Foltz were at Keesler Dec. 2 for the graduation of their brother, Lance Cpl. Samuel Foltz, an aviation basic calibration pipeline student in Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment. The 19-year-old triplets hail from Michigan. Andrew, a student at West Michigan University, serves as a water purification specialist in the Marine Corps Reserves and plans to attend Officer Candidate School this summer. Elizabeth is a motor transportation operator at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sam is headed to Cherry Point, N.C., where he'll be calibrating aircraft tools. Their parents, Denise Vaughan and Tom Foltz, and 4-year-old sister, Jacquelyn, came from Michigan for the graduation ceremony.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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.

Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits transfer easier with virtual module

By 1st Lt. Gina Vaccaro McKeen

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — A new module in the virtual Military Personnel Flight simplifies the process of transferring Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to dependents.

It checks an Airman's eligibility and allow him or her to fill out, sign and virtually send the required statement of understanding to the Automated Records Management System.

Airmen continue to use the Department of Defense Transfer Education Benefits Web site to complete their application. The vMPF module simplifies the process by allowing Airmen to see if they're eligible to apply and to complete their statement of understanding form online.

Airmen who already have submitted their applications using the former process don't need to take any additional action. The new module applies to Airmen who have not yet submitted their statements of understanding.

Eligible Airmen who access the vMPF module will see an introductory page that provides general guidance and direction for transferring education benefits using the DOD TEB site. The introduction page links to additional Post-9/11 G.I. Bill information as well as to the statement-of-understanding page.

An ineligible Airman who accesses the module will see one of several notifications explaining why he or she is ineligible to transfer his or her education benefits. One reason is that an Airman has not completed the required six years of service to apply.

For more information, go to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill page on AFPC's secure "Ask" Web site or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

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

Popps Ferry students tour Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. LaTonya Carter, 334th Training Squadron, shows a class of gifted students from Popps Ferry Elementary School in Biloxi the air traffic control tower simulator in Cody Hall during a Dec. 2 base tour.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Post-9/11 GI Bill

A Post-9/11 GI Bill briefing is 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Parking lot closed

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

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

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-3944.

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Friday 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.



Academic ace

Airman 1st Class Emmaily Holloway recently graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Holloway, who previously worked in the 81st Force Support Squadron, is from Biloxi. She's stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Her mother, Tech. Sgt. Lisa Jackson, is an instructor at Airman Leadership School.

Be a physician assistant

The next board for Physician Assistant Phase I training classes is March 16-17. Completed applications must be submitted by Jan. 25.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708/8710.

NECP deadlines

Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program deadlines are Feb. 26, notification of intent to apply; March 26, academic

evaluation; and April 23, applications due.

For more information, call the education office, 377-8708, or 8710.

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.

AETC recognizes 81st FSS for exceptional performance



Sergeant Dochnahl



Mrs. Brewster



Mrs. Steed

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Air Education and Training Command recently recognized the 81st Force Support Squadron, under Lt. Col. Richard Cole's command, with four annual awards for outstanding performance.

The awards included the manpower and organization program of the year; Tech. Sgt. Bryan Dochnahl, manpower craftsman, manpower noncommissioned officer of the year; Edythe Brewster, human resources specialist, manpower and personnel flight specialist of the year; and Carmen Steed, sustainment services support flight chief, sustainment services flight manager of the year.

The A1 "A-Staff" designator includes personnel in the manpower, personnel and services career fields. The awards honor "A1 professionals (who) are the most critical weapon (of our) Air Force," said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Airman — active duty, Reserve and Guard; both military and civilian — and our Air Force A1 community maintains and sustains that powerful weapon. The A1 community is ready, engaged and constantly leaning forward to support Airmen and take care of their families," General Newton said.

The manpower and organization program of the year accolades included expertly building and managing 526 single-point standards; training more than 26,000 students in 63 Air Force Specialty Codes; providing professional management engineering services for the 2nd Air Force, 81st Training Wing and 381st Training Group valued at \$282 million; developing 68 cyber command course standards, posturing the Air Force for 100 percent cyber protection; and serving as the architect of the 81st Communications Squadron reorganization initiative.

Sergeant Dochnahl's recognition stemmed partly from his supervising the team responsible for advising leadership on utilization of 1,167 manpower resources valued at \$70 million; overseeing the analysis of eight new courses for cyberspace conversion, validating 70 instructors and transforming 3,000 student AFSCs; and being sought out as a first sergeant stand-in, working two quality-of-life issues.

Mrs. Brewster's accomplishments included leading as a primary trainer of new specialists, saving 300 manhours and \$20,000 in temporary duty cost; coordinating team-building sessions using in-house resources; serving as a key player during an in-compliance case management inspection; and offering thoroughness and exceptional advice to commanders on complicated cases.

Mrs. Steed was honored for creating an average sales increase of \$5,000 a month; increasing the customer base by 50 percent by working with a prime vendor for menu variety; developing a five-year plan for food service, key to the purchase of \$273,000 in new food equipment; innovating a "signature sandwich" program that offers hot deli sandwiches on speciality breads, as well as a "breakfast grab and go" program that added hot wrapped breakfast sandwiches; and leadership leading to the selection of Keesler's dining operation as one of two bases representing AETC in the Air Force's Hennessy Award competition.

IN THE NEWS

Days off for the holidays noted

Since the Christmas federal holiday falls on a compressed work schedule Friday, civilians may take off Dec. 24 instead with the consent of their supervisor. Military members must take a day of leave.

Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 have been declared "family days" for military members by Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander. For civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use previously earned compensatory time or use already approved time-off awards. Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by Air Force Instruction 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program.

Pass Road Gate update

The southbound lanes of Ploesti Drive from the Pass Road Gate to Hercules Street are closed for about nine more weeks for construction of denial barriers.

Traffic entering the gate is detoured north on Ploesti around Bay Breeze Golf Course and marina park.

The Rodenberg Gate is now open daily except Sundays and holidays, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Base reviews storm water permit

Keesler is reviewing and updating its storm water permit as required by environmental regulations and public law.

For more information or to participate in program development, call Terry James, 377-8255.

Future HIV/AIDS vaccine possible

Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Through combined military research programs and medical cooperation, the Department of Defense has been able to accomplish significant promise in a future vaccine development for HIV and AIDS.

"The U.S. Army has sponsored a vaccine program which has now, for the first time ever, shown efficacy in being able to protect individuals from infection with HIV," said Dr. Rick Shaffer, DOD's HIV and AIDS prevention program director.

The program was established in an effort to minimize and prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS through the uniformed services, and to provide support to various countries in the fight for prevention, Doctor Shaffer said.

Comprehensive prevention programs that include policies and priorities from the highest leadership levels on down work better than individual activities and efforts, Doctor Shaffer noted, citing an interagency program called the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a program launched to help combat global HIV and AIDS.

"We were able to expand the opportunities for security cooperation through PEPFAR," Doctor Shaffer said, adding that PEPFAR enabled department officials to broaden support to additional countries and within the countries they're already helping.

Dr. Shaffer says the program still has obstacles to overcome when it comes to prevention and treatment.

"There's still a long way to go to make sure the treatment is accessible and comprehensive for individuals," he said. "We have a lot to learn about how to enable individuals to get the skill to change their behavior."

15 medics selected for promotion

81st Force Support Squadron

Fifteen officers assigned to the 81st Medical Group have been selected for promotion.

To colonel

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Marcus Cranston.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Jay Stone.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — William Moore.

To lieutenant colonel

81st Dental Squadron — James Kiser.
81st Medical Support Squadron — Geoffrey Sasaki.

To major

81st MDG student — Jered King.
81st MDOS — Michael Arocho, Joseph Baber, Kathryn Oubre, Jeremy Owens and Andrew Peterson.

81st MDSS — Brad Wheeler.
81st MSGS — Jonathan Ellis, Christopher Medina and Peter Sabatini.

Fire department offers safety tips for holiday season

Base fire department

Christmas trees, decorations, lights and other items add a joyous and festive mood to the holiday season. But when these decorations aren't used properly, they can put a damper on the festivities.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 12,500 people for falls, cuts, shocks and burns due to incidents involving faulty Christmas lights, dried-out Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

Christmas trees are involved in about 300 fires annually, resulting in injuries, death and millions of dollars in property damage and loss. Christmas lights are beautiful, but can cause problems if not used properly. Christmas lights can get hot enough to burn or ignite other decorations. The cords can fray, leading to a short.

The Keesler Fire Department's fire prevention section recommends the following guidelines when decorating for the Christmas holidays:

All decorations used in base facilities must be fire resistant or fire retardant.

Christmas trees in base facilities must be fire resistant or fire retardant and bear the Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual Research Corporation label on the product, which indicates the tree is more resistant to burning.

In base housing, live trees are highly discouraged. If used, a tree must be freshly cut from the bottom. Place the tree in water and add a couple of sugar to keep it as green as possible. The tree needs to be watered daily to make sure it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard.

Live trees are prohibited in base dormitories. If metal trees are used, don't place any lights on the trees; use indirect lighting. Trees can become charged with electric-



Fire.gov photo

A tiny spark can cause a Christmas tree to burst into flames.

ity from faulty lights and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

Christmas lights must also bear the UL or FM label. Discard strings of lights that are frayed or broken.

Unplug all Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed; don't leave lit trees unattended.

Use only noncombustible or flame-resistant materials to decorate a Christmas tree.

Don't use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Lighted candles are prohibited in base dormitories and facilities and are highly discouraged in base housing.

Before using lights outdoors, check labels to make sure they've been certified for outdoor use and UL or FM approved.

For more information about Christmas decorations, call the fire department's fire prevention section, 377-3330.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Health benefits open season

81st Force Support Squadron

The health benefits open season runs through Monday.

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>.

Re-enlistment bonus list

Air Force News Service

For a complete selective re-enlistment bonus list, type “SRB” in the search box on the Air Force Personnel Center’s secure “Ask” site, <https://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

For more information, call the re-enlistment office, 376-8378, 8385 or 8387 or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 565-5000.

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

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

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

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

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.

2010 selection boards

Jan. 11, June 7, Sept. 27 — special selection boards.

Feb. 1 — senior master sergeant evaluation.

March 8 — lieutenant colonel line of the Air Force and medical service corps; major MSC.

June 21 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 12 — colonel LAF-judge advocate/chaplain/ biomedical services corps; lieutenant colonel and major LAF-judge advocate and chaplain.

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

Sept. 13 — colonel MSC/medical corps/dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Nov. 8 — colonel LAF; lieutenant colonel and major BSC.

Dec. 6 — colonel and lieutenant colonel nurse corps; major LAF/nurse corps.

Retired first sergeant leaves special legacy

I am an Airman

Commentary by
Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
Posted on Air Force Link Jan. 11, 2007

We, the Air Force, have an identity crisis.

I vividly remember my first day as a professional military education instructor. On that day, everyone stood up and introduced themselves to their classmates with the typical, "Hi, my name is Bob and I'm a crew chief." Each student stated his or her first name and Air Force occupation.

Then came the final student, an Army staff sergeant. He quickly arose and stated, "I'm Staff Sergeant Coleman. I am an American Soldier. I am a warrior and a member of a team ... I will never accept defeat. I will never quit ... I am disciplined ... I stand ready to destroy the enemies of the United States ... I am a guardian of freedom ... I am an American Soldier." After proudly stating the Army Creed, he sat down.

Then a long 15 seconds of stillness passed before Technical Sergeant Jones broke the silence. He stood back up and proudly responded, "I'm Sergeant Jones and I'm an Airman." He hesitated for a few awkward seconds and then concluded, "And I guess I really don't know what that means." Then he sat down.

If you are on an Army post and shout, "Hey Soldier" you're likely to have everyone turn around in response. The same thing will happen if you shout "Hey Marine" or "Hey Sailor" on a Marine camp or naval station. However, on an Air Force base, if you try the similar "Hey Airman" your only responders will likely be our youngest troops.

Why is that? Are we not all Airmen? Or is it because we "really don't know what that means?" If you are asking yourself those questions, let me offer you a few suggestions.

I am an Airman. I act with truthfulness and honesty. As Airmen, we are entrusted with the greatest calling — protecting our country and our way of life.

Because of our unique profession, we can't pencil-whip training reports, or cover up tech data violations, or falsify documents. We simply can't afford to live dishonestly.

Dishonesty breeds mistrust, and mistrust erodes our ability to perform the mission. In everything we do, we must intentionally do it in truthfulness and honesty.

I am an Airman. I willingly sacrifice myself for the benefit of the team. Being part of a team requires self-sacrifice and self-sacrifice must happen at all levels. Performing as a team requires a "less of me and more of us" mindset. We have to give more than what is expected. It's amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit. Being part of a successful team requires sacrifice.

I am an Airman. I care passionately about my fellow Airmen. No other profession calls for compassion than that of a military warrior. As warriors, we underestimate the power of a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. We must promote a culture of reliance on each other in order to accomplish the mission. Without compassion, we will lose trust in our teammates, and the mission will fail. We must care passionately for each other.

I am an Airman. I am accountable for my actions. Individually, we are responsible for upholding the standards. We must live by the concept, "I am responsible." Although we may not be able to prevent the worst from happening, we are responsible for our attitudes and actions. We must reject the idea that every time a standard is broken, someone else is to blame. We must live by the precept that each individual is accountable for their actions.

So I challenge you. Define who you are by your Airmanship. The next time someone calls out, "Hey Airman," stop, turn around and respond. We are all Airmen. Together, let's solve this identity crisis.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

When Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French was honored at his Nov. 20 retirement ceremony, most of the guests in attendance learned the 81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant would leave a significant legacy to the service to which he devoted more than 28 years of his life: Sergeant French had written a base newspaper commentary that became the inspiration for "The Airman's Creed."

Recounting Sergeant French's career, Lt. Col. Jane Denton, 81st MDOS commander, told the guests Sergeant French had already completed college and was married when he visited the Air Force recruiter.

"His father had been in the Air Force in the 1950s, so Sergeant French decided to join," she said. "He was a few years older than his peers and that maturity garnered him supervisory responsibilities immediately, starting with dorm chief at basic training."

He went to technical school at Keesler to become an inertial navigation and radar system specialist.

His first assignment was at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., where he spent 12 years before an assignment at Howard AFB, Panama. By then he had finished his master's degree in education and decided he wanted to use it to teach. So he put in to be a professional military education instructor at the Keesler NCO Academy, again at Keesler AFB. He had only taught two classes before getting his diamond and becoming a first sergeant.

During his next assignment as a first sergeant at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., Sergeant French wrote the article that evolved into "The Airman's Creed."

Colonel Denton explained, "While at Seymour Johnson, he was deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. When he returned to Seymour Johnson, he wrote an article for the base paper that



Sergeant French

inspired many and made it to the desk of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. This article, 'I Am an Airman,' was the catalyst for a very significant event that will have a lasting effect on the Air Force."

A week or so after his ceremony, Sergeant French recalled the genesis of "The Airman's Creed."

"Although written for my base paper, it soon circulated Air Force-wide. (General Moseley had read it at his staff meeting.) I didn't know it was happening until I came back from leave and my e-mail account had been down because my inbox had exceeded the size limit by 50 times. General Moseley did contact me stating that my words put him 'on fire to create a single Air Force — one that we can be proud of.' Shortly afterward, I was invited to be on the small team that created 'The Airman's Creed.'

"The whole process was done via e-mail and much of it is shrouded with mystery; a whole lot of e-mailing back and forth asking, 'What do you think of this?', etc., and then one day it was completed without a final, 'What do you think?'

"I've never been able to write about the experience because every time I tried, it sounded so self-serving. I've always been very uncomfortable being in the spotlight."



Deployed teacher from 403rd Wing stays in touch with students back home

By Senior Airman David Dobrydney

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Master Sgt. Linda Adams has been an elementary school teacher for the past four years.

After just one day on the job in the current school year, however, she departed on a four-month deployment to Southwest Asia from the 403rd Wing at Keesler.

“I was able to say ‘hi’ to my new class and then I was off,” said Sergeant Adams, 746th Aircraft Maintenance Unit support section noncommissioned officer in charge.

But this teacher has bridged the distance by keeping up with her students online. Sergeant Adams’ school, Kate Shepard Elementary in Mobile, Ala., maintains a blog site where students can write to and speak with local officials.

“They talk to different people like congressmen or school superintendents,” Sergeant Adams said. “It’s a good way for them to learn writing skills and work on their communication skills.”

When Sergeant Adams left for her deployment, the school invited her to join the site.

“We are so excited that Ms. Adams is sharing her experiences with our students,” said school principal Michelle Dumas. “Communicating through the blog allows students to utilize technology and expand their global awareness.”

Since her arrival in Southwest Asia, Sergeant Adams said students have been sending her e-mails, pictures and letters.

“I try my best to answer all of them,” she said.

Some students have told her about relatives that serve in the armed forces. For those who don’t have military family members, Sergeant Adams has taken the opportunity to not only help with academic questions, but also to educate her students about the Air Force and its mission.

“The boys will ask questions like, ‘What kind of gun do you have?’ or ‘Do you drive a tank?’,” she said.

“They think of the Air Force and they think of planes, so I’m always asked if I’m a pilot. I tell the kids not everyone is a pilot, and I talk to them about my job as an aircraft mechanic along with other careers in the Air Force.”

Sergeant Adams said her students also often ask about life in Southwest Asia.

“They’ve asked about the country, what it looks like, and what they have here,” she said. “I tell them there are malls, sports and music here just like at home. I sent a picture of me riding a camel and they were really excited about that.”

Previously, Sergeant Adams taught fifth-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jason Edwards
Sergeant Adams updates her blog Nov. 24. An aircraft mechanic with the 403rd Wing at Keesler, she also teaches at Kate Shepard Elementary School in Mobile, Ala. She’s deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

grade students. This year, she was assigned to a kindergarten class and only had a brief time with her new pupils before deploying.

“Knowing I had to deploy, I didn’t even tell them I was their teacher because I didn’t want to worry them,” she said. “They had more important things to think about than their teacher being gone for four months.”

However, she recently sent her new class a video of herself reading a storybook to them.

“The school’s principal asked me to interact with them while here because when I come home, they won’t be new students anymore,” she said. “I don’t want them to wonder who I am when I walk in.”

In the meantime, her former and other students are enjoying the opportunity to communicate with Sergeant Adams.

“We have learned a lot about Ms. Adams’ job in the Air Force by talking to her on the blog,” said Rueben, a fourth grade student. “I have learned that not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot and carries a gun.”

“We love to keep in touch with Ms. Adams on the blog because we really miss her,” said Ebony, another fourth grader. “Our entire school is proud of her defending our country, but we can’t wait for her to come back home to teaching.”



Lots of little lights

David Solomon, 4, son of Lt. Col. Scott and Devalynn Solomon, watches Tech. Sgt. Charissa Rotundo and her 5-year-old son, Vinny, put a donation in the Toys for Tots collection box at the Solomon home Friday. Colonel Solomon commands the 333rd Training Squadron and Sergeant Rotundo is an instructor in the 336th TRS. The musical light display and toy collection at the Solomon home, 717 Vandenberg Drive in Bay Ridge housing area, is from dark until 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Former Keesler Club comes tumbling down

Demolition of the former Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard began last week. The building, which is located in a flood plain, was heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The cleared area will be retained as green space.

Photo by Senior Airman David Salantri



Personal weapons on Keesler — what's allowed

By Staff Sgt. Phillip Belle

81st Security Forces Squadron

In the aftermath of the Fort Hood shooting incident, military installations are reviewing their procedures associated with the control of firearms and ammunition. Here is information to help clarify Keesler procedures.

Federal law prohibits the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons in federal facilities, to include the confines of Keesler, by all persons not specifically authorized by 18 U.S. Code 930. A firearm is defined as any weapon designed to expel a projectile through a barrel by the action of a propellant or one that can be readily converted for this purpose, such as airsoft, BB, paintball guns and similar devices.

All personnel residing in billeting and dormitories must store their privately owned firearms and a maximum of 500 rounds in the 81st Security Forces Squadron Armory in Building 3501 on Larcher Boulevard. Those residing in base housing are authorized to store firearms and ammunition in their household, yet must register firearms with the armory.

Personnel entering or leaving the installation with a firearm must take the most direct route to and from the armory or on-base housing residence. At no time are privately owned firearms author-

ized to be unattended in a vehicle on base. Violators are subject to legal action of up to five years of imprisonment. To avoid any confusion, declare all firearms as you enter the installation.

The armory only stores traditional firearms and ammunition. Commanders and first sergeants are responsible for ensuring the proper storage of other projectile weapons such as airsoft, BB, paintball guns

and similar devices. Only traditional firearms require registration with the armory.

For more information, call the armory, 377-2406, or the base defense operations center, 377-3040.

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Keep safety in mind as you hit the highways during the holiday season.

NORAD tracks Santa's flight

Air Force News Service

PETERSON Air Force Base, Colo. — The North American Aerospace Defense Command is preparing to track Santa Claus.

The Web site, www.norad.santa.org, has holiday games and activities. Dec. 24, the site will stream videos from NORAD Santa Cams, from cities along Santa's journey.

Santa can be tracked through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr and TroopTube.mil. Type in [@noradsanta](#) into the search engine to start tracking.

Christmas Eve, OnStar subscribers can push the blue OnStar button for status reports on Santa's location. There'll also be Google Maps and Google Earth reports.

Santa trackers start answering phones and replying to e-mail at 5 a.m. CST Christmas Eve. Children can call 1-877-446-6723 toll free or send an email to noradtrackssanta@gmail.com.

KEESLER NOTES

Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends.

Housing maintenance

Phone numbers for family housing maintenance service are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

Supply source

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

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

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.

Magical moments at Christmas in the Park tonight

Christmas in marina park — today. Hay rides begin at 4 p.m. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. followed by a visit with Santa. Photo opportunities with Santa; bring your camera. Festivities include live nativity scene, horse and buggy rides, balloon artist, arts and craft booths, free food, hot chocolate, cookies and holiday music. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and Budweiser. For more information, call 377-3160.

Toys for Tots — campaign continues through Dec. 14. Donation boxes are set up across the base for new unwrapped toys.

For more information on, call Cheryl Moore, 377-3900.

Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 333rd Training Squadron commander, plans a musical light display at his residence, 717 Vandenberg Drive in Bay Ridge housing area as another opportunity to donate to the toy drive, from dark until 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Toys for Tots shows last about 20 minutes. Admission is one toy.

Christmas story time pajama party

— 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, McBride Library, ages 3 and older. Children are invited to wear their pajamas aboard the "library story-train" and listen to Van Allsburg's The Polar Express. Arts and crafts fun, hot chocolate and brownies. For more information, call 377-2181.

Jingle bell 5-kilometer run — noon Wednesday, Blake Fitness Center; registration begins at 11 a.m. Prizes awarded to the first place male and female winners. Safe holiday running attire encouraged. For more information, call 377-4385.

Project Cheer — a charitable initiative coordinated and sponsored by the first sergeants council to help permanent party Airmen with families who are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance during the holidays.

First sergeants are in front of the base exchange and commissary to collect donations, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 20.

Magic Christmas in Lights — trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala., 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday. \$20 for transportation and admission ticket. Tickets only, \$10 adults, \$5.75 ages 5-12. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office at 377-3818.

Holiday camp — 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30 at the youth center, ages 6-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

Project Elf Vandy — provides goodie bags for Keesler personnel who must work after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To register personnel, commanders call 377-3308 by 5 p.m. Dec. 18 with the number of bags required. Goodie bags are picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

Free golf — Christmas Day and New Year's Day at Bay Breeze Golf Course. Golf carts and rental clubs not available. For more information, call 377-3832.

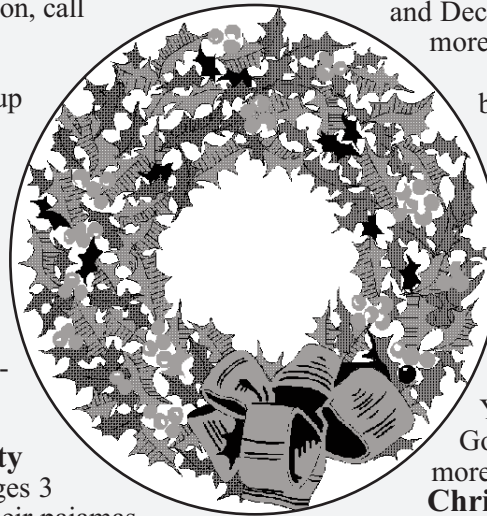
Christmas dinner — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 25 in the Magnolia and Live Oak Dining Facilities. Retirees and their families are welcome at Live Oak.

Holiday lodging — Inns of Keesler accepting reservations for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. For reservations or more information, call 374-0088.

New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center for nonprior service students only. Free admission, party favors and entertainment. Sponsored by National Productions and Rex Distributing.

New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at Gaude Lanes. Bowling, dancing, music, party favors, finger foods, prizes, nonalcoholic midnight toast. Alcoholic beverages sold separately. \$30 adults, \$25 ages 6-17. Ages 5 and younger admitted free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale at the desk.



SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Deon Williams, white shirt, goes after Jerray Wents, right, to try to get the ball as Wents' teammates from the 332nd TRS-A, Wayne Whahley, left, and Shawn Menssen, No. 15, try to keep them apart. Williams plays for the 338th TRS. The 332nd TRS-A won the Dec. 3 game, 35-33.

Intramural basketball tips off

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The intramural basketball season tipped off last week in three leagues.

In the Eastern Conference, the combined team from the 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadrons tops the standings with the 336th Training Squadron, both 2-0.

Nov. 30, 81st FSS-CPTS overwhelmed the 333rd TRS, 74-32, and the 336th TRS outpaced the 81st Medical Support Squadron's A-team, 40-34.

Dec. 2, the 336th TRS defeated the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 35-29, while the 81st FSS-CPTS handed the 81st MDSS-A another loss, 47-33.

In the Western Conference, the 403rd Wing, the 332nd TRS-A and the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron won both of their games during the first week of play.

Dec. 1, the 403rd Wing beat the 338th TRS-B, 47-38; the 81st MSGS outplayed the 81st Mission Support Group, 53-45; and the 332nd TRS-A downed the 81st MDSS-B, 63-53.

Dec. 3, the 403rd Wing blanked the 81st Dental Squadron, 20-0; the 332nd TRS-A slipped past the 338th TRS-B, 35-33; and the 81st MSGS trounced the 81st MDSS-B, 61-41.

In the Over-30 league, only two games were played Dec. 2. The 332nd TRS shut out the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 20-0, and the 333rd TRS won over the combined 81st FSS-CPTS team, 62-53.

For standings, scores and schedules, see Page 20.



Deon Williams, left, 338th TRS, and Derrean Stallings, 332nd TRS-A, battle for the ball in a Dec. 3 Western Conference game.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

SEMAC varsity men

(as of Nov. 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Hurlburt	4	0
Maxwell	3	1
Mayport	2	2
Tyndall	1	1
Robins	1	1
Eglin	1	1
Keesler	0	3
Moody	0	3

Nov. 21 — Hurlburt, 83, Mayport, 64; Maxwell, 79, Tyndall, 77 (overtime); Eglin, 84, Keesler, 45; Robins at Moody (postponed).

Intramural

All games played at the Dragon Fitness Center while renovations are underway at Blake Fitness Center.

Over 30

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	1	0
332nd TRS	1	0
81st FSS-81st CPTS	0	1
81st SFS	0	0
335th TRS	0	0
81st LRS	0	1

Dec. 2 — 332nd TRS 20, 81st LRS 0; 333rd TRS, 63, 81st FSS-81st CPTS, 53.

Monday — 11:15 a.m. 335th TRS vs. 333rd TRS; 12:15 p.m. 81st FSS-81st CPTS vs. 81st SFS.

Wednesday — 11:15 a.m. 333rd TRS vs. 81st LRS; 12:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 81st SFS.

Eastern Division

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS-81st CPTS	2	0
336th TRS	2	0
334th TRS	1	0
338th TRS-A	1	0
81st MDSS-A	0	2
81st SFS	0	2
333rd TRS	0	1
332nd TRS-B	0	1

Nov. 30 — 81st FSS-81st CPTS, 74, 333rd TRS, 32; 334th TRS, 43, 81st SFS, 19; 336rd TRS, 40, 81st MDSS-A, 34.

Dec. 2 — 336th TRS, 35, 81st SFS, 29; 338th TRS-A, 42, 332nd TRS-B, 24; 81st FSS-81CPTS, 47, 81st MDSS-A, 33.

Upcoming games:

Dec. 7 — 6:15 p.m. 334th TRS vs. 336th TRS; 7:15 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 332nd TRS-B; 8:15 p.m. 81SFS vs. 338th TRS-A.

Dec. 9 — 6:15 p.m. 334th TRS vs. 332nd TRS-B; 7:15 p.m.; 81st SFS vs. 81st MDSS-A; 8:15 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 81FSS-81CPTS.

Dec. 14 — 6:15 p.m. 334th TRS vs. 81st MDSS-A; 7:15 p.m. 336th TRS vs. 338th TRS-A; 8:15 p.m. 81st SFS vs. 332nd TRS-B.

Dec. 16 — 6:15 p.m. 336th TRS vs. 332nd TRS-B; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-A vs. 333rd TRS; 8:15 p.m. 334th TRS vs. 81st FSS-81st CPTS.

Western Division

Team	Won	Lost
81st MSGS	2	0
332nd TRS-A	2	0
403rd Wing	2	0
81st MDSS-B	0	2

338th TRS-B	0	2
81st MSG	0	1
335th TRS	0	0
81st DS	0	1

Dec. 1 — 403rd Wing, 47, 338th TRS-B 38; 81st MSGS, 53, 81st MSG, 45; 332nd TRS-A, 63, 81st MDSS-B, 53.

Dec. 3 — 403rd Wing, 20, 81st DS, 0; 332nd TRS-A, 35, 338th TRS-B, 33; 81st MSGS, 61, 81st MDSS-B, 41.

Upcoming games:

Dec. 8 — 6:15 p.m. 403rd Wing vs. 81st MSGS; 7:15 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 81st MSG; 8:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 332nd TRS-A.

Dec. 10 — 6:15 p.m. 403rd Wing vs. 335th TRS; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs 81st DS; 8:15 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 81st MSGS.

Dec. 15 — 6:15 p.m. 403rd Wing vs. 81st MDSS-B; 7:15 p.m. 81st MSG vs. 332nd TRS-A; 8:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 81st DS.

Bowling

Gaude Bowling Center New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. Bowling, dancing, music, favors, finger foods, prizes and non-alcoholic midnight toast. Alcoholic beverages sold separately. \$30 for adults, \$25 ages 6-17; 5 and younger admitted free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale at the desk.

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

Jingle bell 5-kilometer run — join Santa Claus at Blake Fitness Center, noon, Wednesday. 11 a.m. registration. Prizes awarded to first place male and female winners. Safe holiday running attire is encouraged. For more information, call 377-4385.

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

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training

Floors and more

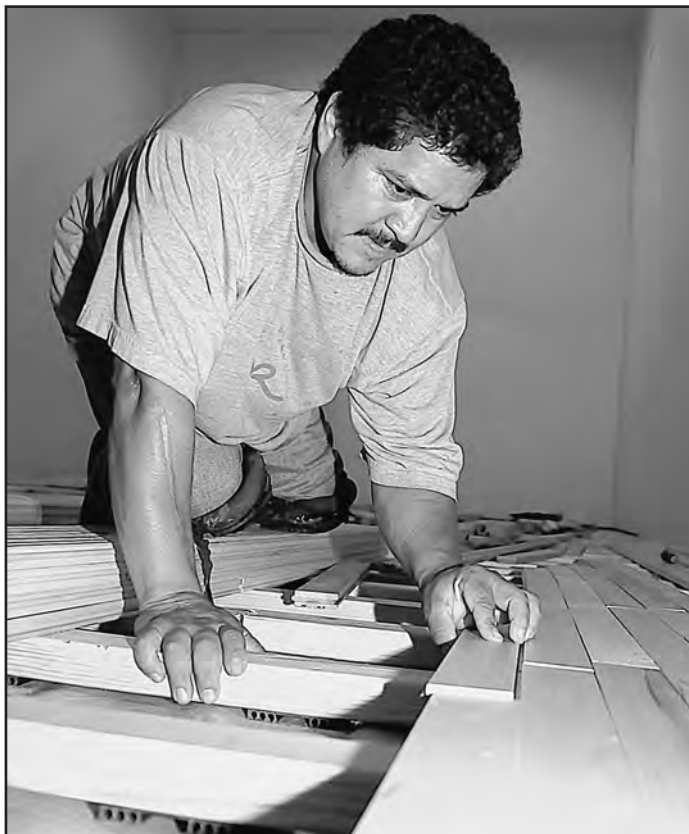


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Martin Hernandez from Browning Brothers Flooring installs new floors in one of the racquetball rooms at Blake Fitness Center Monday. The women's locker rooms are being redone and floors in two of the racquetball courts are being replaced. When that work is done, the other two courts and the men's locker rooms will be renovated.

— at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. For more information, call for appointment.

Free blood pressure machines — available 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 free 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. For more information, 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. For more information, call 377-3056.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. 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.

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

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed; \$100 deposit.

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. For more information and to reserve, 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 a week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils and bedding. Louisiana license needed to fish. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

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

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat islands; pick date for charter trip to Delacroix and Reggio, La., with professional guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Paddle boats for rent — two-person or four-person for \$5 per hour for minimum of two hours. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Golf

Free golf — Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Golf carts and rental clubs not available. For more information, call 377-3832.

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

Twilight special — 1 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; play unlimited golf until closing. Fees: E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4-up, \$22, guests \$22.

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

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic David Abreu, Brent Admire, Michael Alarcon, Kendrick Alltop, Donte Arrivas Bedford, John Aubuchon, Alexander Avery, Rick Baron, Heinz Bartnick, Michael Bath, Kenneth Bectell, James Bender, Corey Blythe, Aimee Burbridge, Leu Byron, Michael Cabigting, Michael Carrion, Daniel Clarke, Mark Cortez, Travis Cox, Richard Cross, Taylor Dakin, Gregory Daugherty, Jonathan Davis, Trent Deason, Joseph Diaz, Bryan Dotson, Joshua Duquette, Nicholas Eddy, Michael Eid, Derrick Ellis, Charles Fletcher, Patrick Foster, Joseph Fowlkes, Andrew Fox, Carl Free, Danielle Fulgham, Tais Fuller, Dustin Gerard, Jeffrey Good, Craig Hamilton, Roberto Herman, Ron Hoefler, Christopher Holden, Cody Honeycutt, Tyler Howard, Liam Johnson, Shelby Jordan, Lester Josol, Andrew Kegley, William Kelley, Justin Kemp, Javon Kirkland, Westly Klasen, Lyle Koehler, Craig Kortan, Daniel Kosakowski, Nicholas Krug, Jonathan Kuhlman, John Kuhn, Sean Kulbeth, Josiah Kuzianik, Matthew LaCasse, Jermaine Lewis, Quale Lewis, Joshua Lindke, Erik Madden, Dominique Manipol, Christian Manning, Stephen Manzanara, Corey McDowell, Kirk Mendive, Joshua Miles, Nicholas Millard, Kyle Miller, Shawn Murphy, Jordan Nash, Ian Nichols, Robert Oberle, Stephanie Olmos, Nathaniel Osborne, Jordan Outzen, Daniel Peterson, Nicholas Podjasek, Percy Ramsden, Thomas Ratchford, Cameron Rhodes, Joshua Richardson, Kevin Rimcoski, Melissa Robshaw, Erik Roice, Brandon Roop, Noah Schuetz, Devin Shields, David Smith, Kevin Smith, Michael Springer, Matthew Stacy, Taylor Taitague, Christian Tolentino, Taylor Urreta, Phillip VanWyk, Matthew Vile, Keenana Wiersma, Christopher Wildes, Adam Williams, Josef Williamson, Timothy Wilson, Samuel Winkle, Johnathan Wright, Robert Yeakley and Christopher Yi; Pvt. Ryan Boening; Airmen John Allen, Damon Bitter, Jacob Burns, Michael Capekketti, Jeffery Chandler, Gregory Collins, Daniel Dodge, Randy Feltman, Zachary Fitzgerald, Kevin Flakes, Blade Francis, Ronaldo Hernandez, Jonathan Hess, Justin Hollister, Christopher Hubby, Matthew LawsonHorton, Randall Margritz, Jeffrey Mayberry, Nicholas Monico, Brandon Morris, Elizabeth Nunnally, Calvin Peterson, Steven Rieff, Cody Schillenger, Nathaniel Stabley, Edward Thompson and Stephen Virbitsky; Airmen 1st Class Adrian Acosta, William Acosta, Ryan Alexander, Jeremie Andrews, Geroqe Bahlke, Mark Batten, Johnathon Baylous, Stephen Bentley, Gabriel Bjorkman, Michael Bosshard, Monique Brooks, William Brown, Andre Brue, Andrew Busam, Joseph Cadavos, Mitchel Carroll, Cassidy Cervenka, Justin Coleman, Anthony Collier, Sean Conlan, Alexander Corwin, Jordan Cox, Samuel Cox, Reginald Cummings, Lana Cupelli, Stanley DeJesus, Manuel DeLeon, Eric Dettling, Nouri Dkhili, Andres Duran Vargas, Cynthia Espinosa, Kelly Ford, Justin Gaddis, Andrew Greb, Gabriel Grohowsky, Kurt Haley, Alicia Hamme, Eugenio Henriquez, Michael Hong, Rachel Hough, Parker Imrie, Joshua Johnson, Nathan Jolley, Mikhiel Kabbabe, Samuel Kelmelis, Taylor Kirby, Seth Knight, Michael Lemoine, Nicholas Loftin, Cynthia Lose, Christian Lozada, Nathaniel MacKay, Kevin MacNeill, Daniel Madden, Timothy Matteson, Jeffrey May, Michael Minitier, Sean Morris, Tyson Nakamura, Jamie Noyes, Kieungyen Nguyen, Chelsea Page, Timothy Parker, Philip Post, Jason Prince, Donavan Purcell, Gage Ricks, Marquez Rodriguez, Joshua Ryan, Tomas Scheel, Cody Seago, Jarrod Sealey, Voss Shaw, Kristofer Sirks, Darren Stebbins, Brent Stewart, Samuel Sullivan, Alan Tanner, Freeman Tate, Joseph Taubner, David Torres, Michael Trinidad, Angel Vasquez, Michael Vickers, Scott Vickers, Heather Voorhees, Terrance Warner, Mark Webb, Brandon Wicks, John Wildey, Jared Witmer and Rorrie Yeisley; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson, Michael Meneses, David Welch and Earl Wright; Staff Sgts. David Barrett, Simeon Foronda, Clifton Frye, Justin James, Justin Johnson, Jessie Morgan, Alexander Nishikawa, Troy Pierson and Daniel Rodgers; Tech. Sgts. Saif Salim Al Shibli and Dennis Klinger; Latoya Greene.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Russell Elliot and Gregory Koch; Airmen 1st Class Jared Burrows and Paul Chadwick.

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Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Auld, Timothy Baldwin, Dustin Hoiten, Joshua Hoover, Daniel Lamers, Bruce Marshall, John Mullen, Scott Payton, Nickolas Sanquist, Raul Valdez and Katie Weyer; Airmen Khalil Chamma and Michael Van Dyke; Airmen 1st Class Daulton Abernathy, Marshall Alsip, Manuel Bowden, Michael Carrol, Philip Elisara, Gene Ross, Ryan Scheeres and James Williams; Senior Airmen Brett Collins and Bethany Lanier; Staff Sgts. Daniel Arsenault, Matthew Greiner, Matthew Morris, Kevin Robinson, Christopher Silas, Joel Stover and William Torgerson.

Command post apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Ross Vipperman; Senior Airmen John Bermudez, Gregory Gay, Michael Johnson, Theresa Kupsky, Julius Priester and Jonathan Sullivan; Staff Sgts. John Basinger, Kevin Nichols and Robert O'Loughlin; Tech. Sgts. Justin Jones and Sandra O'Fallon; Master Sgt. Brian Parr; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Cartossa.

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Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Jennifer Garrison and Phillip Higgins; Airmen Basic Jasmine Bell, Wesley Cook, Lyndlee Crawford, Rachel Davis, Cody Newcomer, George Trosper, Nikita Windham; Pfc. James Jessen and Abner Sotocosme; Navy Airmen Apprentice Angela Lundy, William Stripling and Peter Vogel; Airman Christopher Liukkonen; Navy Airman Daniel Hicks; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Buckley, Jesse Collins, Maximilian Conteras, Anthony Eaton, Yza-Julia Jones, Joseph Layton and Meghan Tebow; Staff Sgt. Steve Holloway, Matthew Hui, David Perry, Karolien Thornton, Christopher Whitfield and Michele Street; Master Sgt. Dick Limbaugh;

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Terry Buist, Alex Collins, Devon Fleming, Joshua Ingram, Christy Jones, Myranda Krise, Abiodun Oladiti, Jason Pfeiffer and Thomas Tarantella, Airmen Brandi Blea and Brandon Gibbs; Airmen 1st Class Alfredo Baking, Clarissa Christensen, Austin Delahunt, Melissa Fatz, Erik Huss, Lloyd Morris, Logan Pendergraft and Sarah Wurm; Senior

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-Jumma 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.

Airmen Christopher Brosseau, Gustavo Reyes and Jarrod Sanchez; Staff Sgt. Hannah Mosebach; Master Sgt. Marla Suter.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Rey Phillip Ballucanag, Craig Dennis, Lawrence Doresey III, Kimberly Fitzpatrick, Semaj Griffin, William Jones, Juan Mora, Colin Murphy and Evan Pickard; Airmen Christopher Clark, Anthony Cruz, Curtis Housley, Scott Ranostay, Scott Schmidt and Richard Westbrook; Airmen 1st Class Keith Apperson, James Bradley, Ross Clemens, Ottis Dirickson, Radames Lopez, Adam McDaniel, John Stanley, Lindsay Stephenson and Tanner Williams; Senior Airmen Matthew Yore; Staff Sgts. Jerome Dunn, Tina Kalar and Ray Perkins; Tech Sgt. Joseph Alonzo; Master Sgt. Travis Snyder.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Shannon Finley, Jordan Moulton, Casey Plumlee and Andrew Whelchel; Airmen Alexander Barr, Ryan Davies, Jeffery Gannon, Robert Peters, Samuel Roy and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Louis Hernandez, Erin Kuykendall, James Marrone, Logan Michlig, Aaron Ray, Jacob Schettler, Andrew Valdez, Sean Walters, Derrick White, Samuel White and Macon Wright; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkinson and John Cessna; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Roshan Patel, Eduardo Rivas, Nicholas Shatek and Jason Sizemore; Master Sgt. Dennis Reinhard.

338th TRS

Cyber transport systems — Airmen Basic Cody Edwards, Devon Lavoy, Conelius Mixon, William Muller, Andreas Shiver and Jesse Suffran; Airmen Kristopher Sewell and Thomas Stoiber; Airmen 1st Class Troy Conkle and Dezire Renfro.

Ground radar systems — Airman Basic Matthew Tobey; Airmen Lorenzo Gaskins and Tyler Schutt; Airmen 1st Class Nathaniel Bohach, Justin Burnett, Mark Lambert, Simon Martin, Jessica Paul, Travis Salter, Brady Techen and Ryan Waterfield; Staff Sgts. Andrew Ksionsk, Louis Martinez and Julie Reinhardt; Master Sgt. Sean Rice.

Ground radio systems — Airmen Basic Jett Bryant, Ronald Carpenter, Drew Glaister, Babak Kermanshahi, Joshua Lathan, Brandon Lopez, Matthew Marvin, Alexander McFarland, Alexander Ramirez, Brian Rice, Remo Stewart and Jonathan Summa; Airmen Casey Cason, Egan Dales, Shawn Duda, Hayden Haake, Nathan Johnson, Jennifer Reichert and Kimberly Snell; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Froehlich, Joshua Jepsen, Jonathan Price and David Richter.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-1 — graduation Dec. 18.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-1 — graduation Dec. 17.

Arts and crafts center

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Make a cutting board to give as a gift. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future. For more information, call 377-2821.

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.

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.

Chapel

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

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

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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 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of 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.

Lodging

Need room for your holiday visitors? — the Inns of Keesler accepting reservations for Christmas and New Year's holidays. For reservations or more information, call 374-0088.

McBride Library

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

Christmas story time pajama party — 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at McBride Library for ages 3 and older. Children are invited to wear their pajamas aboard the "library story-train" and listen to Van Allsburg's The Polar Express. Arts and crafts fun. Hot chocolate and brownies. For more information, call 377-2181.

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

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

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

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

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.

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.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas.

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

Tours/orientations — for more information, call 377-2604.

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, 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.

Project Elf Vandy — each year the elves at Vandenberg Community Center put together goody bags for Keesler personnel who must work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Commanders and first sergeants should sign up personnel who will be working after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. Call 377-3308 through 5 p.m. Dec. 18 with the number of bags required. Goodie bags may be picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg Community Center. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union and National Productions.

New Year's Eve party — 8 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 31 for non-prior service students only. Free admission, party favors, entertainment. Sponsored by National Productions and Rex Distributing.

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

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. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers. Menu changes weekly.

Youth center

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

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. For more information, call 377-4116.

Holiday camp — 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30 at the youth center. Ages 6-18. For more information, 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. For more information, call 377-4116.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for more 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.

Magic Christmas in Lights tours — to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala. 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday. \$20 for transportation and admission ticket. For more information, call the information, tickets and tours office at 377-3818.

Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens (ticket only) — \$10 adults, \$5.75 ages 5-12. For more information, call the information, tickets, and tours office at 377-3818.

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

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

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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, classic chili, cream of broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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

Friday

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

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, crispy 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, corn, asparagus, squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, 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, classic 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, classic 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 with mushrooms, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, 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, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, 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 tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, coleslaw, 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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2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Dec. 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. For more information, call 376-8728.

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

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, 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. For more information, 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. For more information, 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. For more information, 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 Katrina Kantina at the marina. For more informa-

tion, call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779.

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

Keesler 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 Mondays at Locker House. Enter courtyard near Second Street. Enter door marked "T flight" and go straight ahead to sign saying "K5TYP."

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, decsolomon@cableone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 5:30 p.m. second Thursdays, 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. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, 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.

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To report sexual assaults,
call Keesler's sexual assault
response coordinator hotline,
377-7278.

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