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## Chatting with Santa



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charles Marsh

Three-year-old Kale Minervine goes over his Christmas list with Santa at Christmas in the Park, Dec. 10. His mom is Staff Sgt. Jennifer Minervine, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron. More photos, Page 26.

## Involuntary retraining for NCOs begins

By April Rowden

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — To rebalance the non-commissioned officer force, more than 700 Airmen volunteered this fall to retrain through the NCO retraining program. However, more than 300 additional Airmen are needed to retrain to ensure all career fields are equally manned.

Phase II, which identifies non-volunteers for retraining, began Monday. Airmen have until Jan. 22 to submit a completed retraining package for the Air Force specialty code for which they are selected.

Any Airman identified to retrain and who fails to submit the initial retraining application by this date will be determined to have officially declined retraining and will be separated from the Air Force on their current date of separation.

“Airmen selected for retraining who have the necessary retain-

ability cannot decline retraining,” said Master Sgt. Dee Mathis, superintendent of Air Force enlisted retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “Airmen identified as being retraining eligible must retrain or face separation under guidelines established for the retraining program.”

The master retraining listing by AFSC and grade is updated weekly on AFPC's virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Phase II ends when quotas are met, but not later than Feb. 1.

“This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most,” Sergeant Mathis said.

For more information, call 376-8739; visit AFPC's “Ask” Web site and search the keyword “retraining” or call the Air Force Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

## Air Force reinforces tattoo, body alteration policy

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders have taken steps to ensure Air Force dress and personal appearance standards are applied consistently across the service.

“It's about enforcing and maintaining Air Force standards,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. “Our focus is to ensure our Airmen uphold a professional military image no matter the environment; whether at their home-base, basic military training, or in a joint deployed environment.”

Air Force officials recently identified inconsistent application of the tattoo screening process following a review of

more than 6,000 trainees at basic military training. The review revealed more than 80 individuals didn't comply with the Air Force's tattoo policy standards.

“The Air Force tattoo policy remains unchanged since March 1998,” the general said. “Air Force instructions spell out our professional standards and responsibilities. They outline the excellence that defines us as Airmen.”

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance, states “Excessive tattoos and brands will not be exposed or visible while in uniform.” Excessive is defined as any tattoo/brands exceeding one-quarter of the exposed body part and those above the collarbone when

wearing an open collar uniform. The AFI also outlines the current provisions and prohibitions to include standards governing piercings and body alterations.

Failure of Airmen to observe the standards in the AFI is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

“Adherence to Air Force instructions is the responsibility of each Airman and an important element of the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do,” General Newton said. “These core values are essential to the profession of arms and form the basis for Air Force policies and guidance.”

For the complete AFI, visit the Air Force Portal.

## Lorenz on Leadership Jessica's legacy lives on

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

There are certain times in our lives where a single moment or significant event causes us to pause . . . and reflect. These moments can catch us after both happy times and sad – after accomplishments of our own or those of others. Sometimes they catch us off guard, by surprise. More often, though, these moments sit out in front of us . . . and we either run into their embrace or are drawn toward them despite struggles to avoid them.

This holiday season I found myself at one of those moments. I was hosting a tour through the Center for the Intrepid at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. The CFI is an amazing facility that helps rehabilitate military members who have suffered significant injury. I love walking through the CFI — it is a bright, airy building filled with hope. On the top floor of the circular building there is a hallway with windows lined with pictures of those injured Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines whose lives were touched by the CFI team. It was there, looking at the large photos, that a particular pose caught my eye.

The photo took me back to last June, at a memorial service for one of our Airmen who, at 24 years of age, left our ranks far too soon. Senior Airman Jessica Tarver stared from the photo, a smile beaming from ear to ear. Her story is one of perseverance and strength. A rare infection that she contracted during her second tour in Iraq tragically led to two years of challenges that, along the way, took both of her legs and, eventually, her life.

Jessica's memorial ceremony at the CFI had seating for 75, but twice as many stood around the perimeter to attend. Such a crowd is one of the simplest and strongest compliments anyone can receive. She was an inspirational person and I, along with so many others, am better for having known her.

During the ceremony, many people stood to talk and reflect on their special relationship with Jessica. Her squadron commander, Lt. Col. Raymond James, had flown to San Antonio from Hurlburt Field, Fla. Jessica's battle began right after he took command of the 1st Special Operations Helicopter Maintenance Squadron. In fact, he'd only been on the job for two weeks when Jessica first went into the hospital.

His words resonated; someone who had been forced to deal with a challenging situation from the very first days of command. Through Jessica, Colonel James grew into the seasoned, well-respected leader that he is today. All of the members of the 1st and the Air Force at large benefited from Jessica's courage, inner strength and perseverance.

One of her doctors stood to reflect on her memories of Jessica. While most double-amputees work hard to walk in athletic shoes, Jessica told the doctors and physical therapists that she wanted to walk in six-inch heels. A tear fell from the doctor's eye while remembering the moment when Jessica strutted down the hall on four-inch stiletto heels with her prostheses. She had been an inspiration.

The others who flowed past the podium to tell their story and reflect on their relationship with Jessica shared a similar theme. Although their interaction varied, in each case they described a woman who challenged them to be better than before. She made a difference in their lives and they were there to say, "Thank you." Through her example, Jessica left them wiser, stronger and more able to handle future challenges. She was their wingman.

The caregivers from the CFI stood around the ceremony, embracing the sadness. These are selfless heroes who meet the unknown each and every day with a steadfast confidence and compassion. Their approach instills hope and enables otherwise impossible opportunities for their patients. They too make a difference in people's lives.

I could still feel the warmth of that embrace standing in the circular hallway last month, gazing at the portrait of Jessica. She taught everyone so much, challenged all to grow, and strengthened our Air Force family. It is now our duty to pay this forward and push everyone to be better Airmen, teammates and wingmen.

Such a message must never die. Standing in that hallway, I found myself feeling so thankful for having known Jessica Tarver and the way her smile could brighten any room. I also felt thankful for the members of the CFI team and all the good that they do. Lastly, I was then and am forever thankful for each of you, the service you provide our nation, and the difference you make each and every day. May we never forget the positive example and spirit of those Jessica's in our lives.

## ACTION LINE — 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

To be more responsive to your concerns, ideas and issues, we've developed a blog that we hope to use as a "living action line." The Web address is [http://www.intelink.gov/blogs/\\_keeslercorner](http://www.intelink.gov/blogs/_keeslercorner). For more information, call 377-7340.

### Mysterious film damages paint

**Issue** — I've lived at the edge of the new housing construction zone in Bay Ridge for nearly a year now and have noticed a mysterious coating on both of my vehicles that's damaging the paint and making them look unpresentable. This coating creates a haze on the windshield and windows that won't come off no matter what cleaner I've used. The cars also have run-off streaks that turn white similar to the sticky residue found on the windows. I think the problem is coming from the base housing and new events center construction zone. Whatever it is, I want to know what it is, what caused it and a solution for removing the film from my cars. Thank you.

**Response** — Thank you for identifying this issue. Your driveway is adjacent to one of the Bayridge construction areas and the film you describe appears to be a calcium deposit typical of the build-up that normally occurs with bathroom shower doors. The brick mortar used in housing construction usually contains high levels of calcium, and it's possible that the housing contractor mixed brick mortar while your cars were parked in the driveway and some of the powder settled on the cars followed by morning dew, causing the chemicals to bond to the surface of the cars. We suggest calling the base legal office for further guidance for processing a claim. You may need to contact a laboratory to determine the composition of the substance on the vehicles to substantiate the claim.

### Staying dry and warm

**Issue** — We're using our young Airmen at the gates to check identification cards to ease the morning traffic flow, which is a good thing. But, it was cold this morning and this is flu season. None of the Airmen were wearing gloves or jackets like the regular security guards. We're also expecting rain today — they probably don't have rain gear either. Can we make sure these young Airmen are properly prepared to perform their details?

**Response** — We share your concern and are dedicated to ensuring they're adequately equipped and trained for all duties. Our Airmen receive the improved rain suit with parkas with a cold-weather liner the day they arrive for basic military training and gloves during their first week of training. The Airmen performing gate details in the mornings are non-prior service Airmen waiting to start or continue their education. All non-prior service Airmen are required to have their improved rain suit parka in their possession at all times during the duty day while wearing the airman battle uniform and their all-weather coat when wearing the service uniform. This requirement was added to Keesler's supplement to Air Education and Training Command policy due to the unpredictability of south Mississippi's weather. Military training leaders ensure these Airmen have the appropriate cold weather items with them before going out to their detail, but in this instance the Airmen chose not to wear them. Thank you for your concern about the safety and welfare of the young men and women assigned to the 81st Training Group.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What would you choose as your personal theme song?



"I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred

**Senior Airman Cassandra Dameron, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron**



"What's This Life For?" by Creed

**Tech. Sgt. Damian Phillips, 81st Security Forces Squadron**



"Live Life Loud" by Hawk Nelson

**Jamey Foster, 81st Training Wing contractor**

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## Events planned during student exodus

### 81st Training Group

When it comes to holiday time, most Americans enjoy the luxury of heading home to visit family, but not everyone can do that. That's why Keesler has certain duties it performs for Airmen during the Christmas "exodus."

"Exodus is the period of time when technical training stands down," said Master Sgt. Anthony Fisher, military training superintendent for the 81st Training Support Squadron. "This year's exodus period starts Saturday, with students reporting back to Keesler Jan. 2."

Sergeant Fisher said most Airmen depart on leave during the exodus time period to visit families, relatives and friends.

"They depart to all parts of the United States," he said,

"traveling via bus, train, commercial airline and privately owned vehicles. No matter the mode of transportation the Airmen choose, there is extensive planning and documentation to ensure safe travel to and from their destination."

However, some Airmen choose to stay at Keesler for the holidays, whether it's for saving funds or leave time for future use or for other reasons. A single consolidated dorm for these remaining Airmen offers the opportunity to interact with one another and fosters a family/team environment.

"No matter what the reason is for the Airmen choosing to stay at Keesler over the exodus period, the 81st Training Group responds with activities and interaction to keep them busy," Sergeant Fisher said.

"The commanders, first sergeants, instructors, military training leaders and chaplains team up together to provide a positive atmosphere."

The chapel offers its second annual "Home Away From Home" Christmas program this year, where a Keesler host family can sponsor an Airman for Christmas dinner and festivities. The Fishbowl Student Ministry Center is open during exodus to provide a relaxing and hospitable environment, providing popcorn, snacks and movies to enjoy, as well as pool tables, air hockey and foosball to play. Video games, musical instruments and DVD movies are available at no cost to the Airmen.

"Traditionally, the commanders, first sergeants and instructors frequently visit the

consolidated dormitory to call on the Airmen, often dropping off baked goods to provide them with a taste of home," added Sergeant Fisher. The Keesler Spouses Club plans to get in on the action by providing cookies for the dorm's holiday residents.

"The military training leaders have volunteered their time over the holidays to spend with the Airmen, and want to ensure their

health and morale over the holiday period because this is a true team effort."

There'll be a few students arriving Monday from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, but they'll in-process at Keesler to be eligible to depart for exodus Wednesday. They're required to check in, receive Keesler contact information for emergencies, provide leave information and rest before departure.

View holiday greetings from  
service members around the world at  
[www1.dmasa.dma.mil/hometown/  
webpages/holidaygreetings.htm](http://www1.dmasa.dma.mil/hometown/webpages/holidaygreetings.htm)

# From Vietnam to America: Airman fulfilling dream of becoming Air Force officer

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Senior Airman An Phan, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, has been selected for commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps.

Her squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jane Denton, surprised her with the news Nov. 30 in her duty section, Keesler Medical Center Emergency Department.

Airman Phan, who marked four years of Air Force service in August, was among 70 Airmen selected from 150 applicants. She applied for the MSC program in September and now awaits a date to attend commissioned officer training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Following completion of COT, she'll attend health services administration training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, before heading to her first permanent assignment as an MSC officer.

Airman Phan, who works in Keesler Medical Center's emergency department, was born in Vietnam and came to the U.S. with her family in 1990 at age 8. The family settled in Tacoma, Wash., where she was the only girl among six children.

"My dad fought for the South Vietnamese Army with U.S. troops during the Vietnam War and lost his right leg in combat," Airman Phan recalled. "After the war, because of my father's involvement with South Vietnam and U.S. military, we were exiled from our home near Da Nang (in what had been northern South Vietnam) to a village south of Saigon. The local residents taught my parents how to construct a home out of tree limbs and how to grow crops.

"I remember we grew cof-



Airman Phan

fee, papaya, jack fruit, rice, soy beans, corn and cashews. We grew cotton one year but our hands were so torn up from picking it, we decided we wouldn't do it again."

The family's move to America is also a story of its own.

"Before the war, mom and dad were given an abandoned Amerasian baby who had been found by a friend," she explained. "She gave them the baby — my brother — because she already had children. Under The Homecoming Act, any children who were a 'product of the war' and their family could emigrate to America. My parents completed the required paperwork and we were sent to a refugee camp in the Philippines, where we stayed for six months.

"During that time, we underwent physical assessments until we were cleared and sponsored by my father's friends to come to the United States. We arrived in Tacoma speaking no English and knowing very little of the culture. We learned English at the local schools, while my

parents took classes at a nearby community college."

"Because my dad was in the army, our home life was very structured," she continued. "We weren't allowed to watch much TV. Education was very important to them. If we didn't get good grades, we'd be punished. They expected us to get A's. B's were acceptable, but not C's. In fact, we couldn't play sports unless we got A's."

When Airman Phan was 12, the family moved to the Denver area, where she completed high school. She received academic and soccer scholarships to attend Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., where she met college football player Marlon Lauriston, who eventually became her husband.

Although she graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics with a concentration in finance and management, she had a difficult time finding work. Since he had been in the army, her father suggested she join the military.

"I visited the Air Force recruiter who encouraged me to enlist," Airman Phan said. "I went to basic training Aug. 23, 2005, which was my husband's birthday."

She and her husband married in 2006 and have a 3-year-old daughter, Phantasia. Lauriston is a security officer at Keesler, where they reside in base housing.

Airman Phan's advice for other aspiring enlisted commissioning applicants is, "Always be proud of who you are and where you came from. Never lose hope or lose sight of your dreams.

"Being an MSC officer was once a dream and goal, but now it's reality."

# Student dorm on track for February completion

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Weary of the debris and lane changes on Ploesti Drive and Z streets? Good news: Construction of the last of the new permanent student dormitories in the Triangle is on track for its expected February 2010 completion.

“The work is progressing well and should be completed on time,” said Ron Junkin, project manager for Dorm 9. The four-story building boasts 256 rooms for a total occupancy of 512 students.

“During the life of the project two streets have had to be closed,” Mr. Junkin said. “The Parade Lane intersection with Ploesti has been closed permanently and a new troop walk constructed will tie into the existing troop walk north of the dining hall. Also, last year Z Street had to be temporarily closed for about a month, but is back in service now.”



Top, Shawn Green from Yates Construction installs bathroom fixtures.



Right, William Epperson from Sanders Hyland Flooring lays tile in the foyer.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Roberto Frias and Victor Mejorado from Valley Crest trowel the troop walk outside the new dorm.

The precision measurement equipment laboratory lost parking along Parade Lane to allow construction of the troop walk. Additional parking has been constructed north of the building. Although the dormitory site runs along the north side of Ploesti from Z Street to the mini base exchange, two

lanes on Ploesti remained open to traffic throughout the project. Street addresses won't change, and emergency services access plans were revised to allow proper response to all facilities.

Construction began on the \$31.3 million project in January 2008.

## Red Wolves howl for Toys for Tots

Staff Sgts. Edward Lotz, left, and Steven Clinton, military training leaders from the 336th Training Squadron, unload toys their students bought to support the Toys for Tots campaign. The students used their own money to purchase more than 100 toys for the drive. As of Tuesday, Keesler had collected 1,532 toys and \$613 for the drive, according to Cheryl Moore, 81st Communications Squadron, who's spearheaded the effort.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# The Airman's Creed

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

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

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

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

## Turkish team tour

From left, Floyd Parsons, 332nd Training Squadron, shows Turkish Air Force officers Maj. Turan Sahin, Capt. Serkan Bahar, Col. Adnan Basturk and Lt. Col. Huseyin Bolat shows how a sine plate is used to generate precision angles to calibrate angle measuring equipment at Wolfe Hall Dec. 8. The officers toured 81st Training Group facilities last week as part of a Turkish Air Force education and training system improvement program.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

## Education briefings

**Air Force Academy LEAD program** — 10 a.m. Jan. 6, Room 224, Sablich Center.

**Post-9/11 GI Bill** — 11:30 a.m. today in the Sablich Center Auditorium. Starting Jan. 13, briefings are 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the same location.

**Officer Training School** — 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting Jan. 6, Room 224, Sablich Center.

**ROTC** — bi-monthly at 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting Jan. 7, Room 224, Sablich Center.

No briefings are held March 22-26.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

## ACSC options

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

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

For more information, call 376-8472.

## Academic ace



**Senior Airman Jaime Lacy** completed the personnel apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. She's a Reservist assigned to the 94th Aerial Port Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.



## Base focuses on holiday safety

By Senior Airman  
Kimberly Moore

### Keesler Public Affairs

The holidays should be a season of celebration and joy but far too often activities leading to celebrations result in distress.

Air Force-wide, between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, there's an average of 272 safety mishaps, said Staff Sgt. James Yerger, 81st Training Wing ground safety apprentice. Of these, nearly 70 are personal motor vehicle mishaps.

Sergeant Yerger had advice for members to consider while planning a road trip.

"The biggest part of planning for road trips is getting enough sleep," Sergeant Yerger said. "Drowsy driving is just as dangerous as drinking and driving.

"Drowsy driving and driving while fatigued are similar — however, drowsy driving is caused by boredom while driving while fatigued is from sleepiness," he explained. "Drowsy driving is caused by repetitive or boring drives where the driver doesn't experience anything new. There is nothing to stimulate the brain and the body relaxes enough to make the driver drowsy.

"Drowsy drivers put themselves, their passengers, other drivers and bystanders at risk," he explained. "Being awake for 21 hours is the equivalent of having a blood alcohol content of .08."

Sergeant Yerger pointed out things to watch for if you feel like you're becoming a drowsy driver.

"Some warning signs for drowsy driving include heavy eyelids, yawning and restlessness, not remembering driving, lack of concentration and staring without paying attention," Sergeant Yerger warned. "The best cure is to



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Staff Sgt. Benjamin McQuagge, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and Sergeant Yerger conduct seat belt checks on Ploesti Drive near Bay Breeze Golf Course Dec. 10.

stop and rest. Talking to another passenger may be helpful, but don't rely on loud music, cold air or yelling to wake up."

Fatigued and drowsy driving aren't the only considerations for drivers preparing for a journey.

"Do not rely on (a global positioning system) to get you to your destination," Sergeant Yerger said. "Plan a route and have an alternate route in mind as well and check for construction zones.

"Check the weather forecast and make adjustments to your trip as necessary," he continued. "If going to a cold environment, be aware of ice on roadways and the possibility of snow.

"Make sure before you depart that your vehicle maintenance is up to date and have an emergency kit in your vehicle," Sergeant Yerger added. "The kit should include first aid supplies, food, water and blankets."

If your celebration plans include activities that are considered high-risk, there are other preparations to be completed.

"If planning on engaging in high-risk activities such as skydiving, hunting, operating all-terrain vehicles or dirt bikes or scuba diving, Airmen should get with their supervisors to arrange completion of an Air Education and Training Command Form 410," Sergeant Yerger instructed.

In a memorandum for all Air Force personnel, Michael Donley, secretary of the Air Force and Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff wrote, "Each of you should enjoy the season and celebrate in your own special way. However, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly. The Air Force needs you back at work, but more importantly, your friends and family need you in their lives."

## 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 gate to Hercules Street are closed for about eight more weeks for construction of denial barriers.

All traffic entering the base at the Pass Road Gate will be 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.

### Storm water permit review

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon is 11 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Dragon's Lair.

Tickets are available from group representatives:

**Wing staff agencies** — Master Sgt. Michael Rieger, 377-2975.

**81st Medical Group** — Master Sgt. Helen Vandergrinten, 376-4344, or Tech. Sgt. Dakita Bailey, 376-4694.

**81st Training Group** — Master Sgt. Carl Greene, 377-7337.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Tech. Sgt. Pricothye Brown, 377-0630.

### Storm water permit review

Keesler is in the process of 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.

### Off-limits establishments

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

### Avoid construction sites

Do not enter any base construction sites unless authorized.

# Veteran attorney retires

By Senior Airman  
Kimberly Moore

## Keesler Public Affairs

Brent Richardson, 81st Training Wing legal office, retires Jan. 2 after 39 years of service at Keesler.

Mr. Richardson, an attorney-advisor, serves as the base contracts attorney and legal reviewer for command actions.

After serving in the Army from 1966-1969, Mr. Richardson began working at Keesler in 1971.

In 1990, he was named Air Education and Training Command's outstanding civilian attorney. He's earned 35 outstanding superior performance Awards.

As a special assistant U.S. attorney, he prosecutes civilian misdemeanor cases in U.S. Magistrate Court in the federal courthouse in downtown Gulfport and acts as the command liaison with the Department of Justice for prosecution of felonies com-



**Mr. Richardson**

mitted by civilians within Keesler's exclusive federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Richardson has handled more than 200 medical malpractice claims totaling nearly \$2 billion and recovered nearly \$2 million of government-furnished medical costs in more than 6,000 cases.



## Wreaths Across America

Tech. Sgt. Bryan Dochnahl, 81st Force Support Squadron, represented the Air Force at a Wreaths Across America ceremony Saturday at Biloxi National Cemetery sponsored by the Keesler Civil Air Patrol. Among Keesler's other representatives were Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, and Col. Christopher Valle, vice commander, and his wife, Mary. This is the fourth year of the national campaign that brings remembrance wreaths to more than 230 national and state veterans' cemeteries and memorials across the nation. The Keesler Civil Air Patrol received an extra 50 wreaths this year and placed them at all section entrances of the cemetery and at the most recent graves of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ceremonial evergreen wreaths honoring the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and all prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action were also placed. A ceremony was also held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Ocean Springs, with a color guard from Keesler's Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## NCO retraining program under way

Air Force officials have announced Phase II of the fiscal 2010 noncommissioned officer retraining program for retraining from Air Force specialty codes with overages to AFSCs with shortages.

This mandatory phase began Monday and runs through Feb. 1.

For more information and a list of retraining-in and retraining-out AFSCs, check the virtual MPF or call the military personnel section.

## 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.

## Re-enlistment bonus list

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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.

## 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.

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# TSP contributions for 2010 remain at 2009 limits

## Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board announced the 2010 elective deferral limit for regular Thrift Savings Plan contributions remains at \$16,500, unchanged from 2009.

Contributions for the TSP catch-up plan also remain at the \$5,500 limit set in 2009.

“TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan that everyone should consider contributing to,” said Kathryn Iapichino, a human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center. “It’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans.”

The plan gives investors the opportunity to lower their taxes each year they contribute. The taxes are deferred until the employee withdraws funds from the account after retirement.

“Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck; so, you never have to think about it. That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate,” Ms. Iapichino said.

“TSP is not limited to just stocks. Employees can choose safer government securities or invest in the lifecycle funds,” Ms. Iapichino added.

Regular TSP contributions stop when an employee’s contributions reach the annual maximum limit and then automatically resume the next calendar year.

Catch-up contributions are additional tax-deferred contributions and are separate from regular TSP contributions. For those who are eligible, catch-up contributions provide a way for individuals to secure their retirement, especially for those that begin investing later in their careers.

To be eligible for catch-up contributions, civilian and military employees

must be age 50 or older in the year in which the first deduction from pay occurs. They must also be in a pay status and be able to certify they will make, or have made, the maximum “regular” employee contributions of \$16,500 to a TSP or other eligible account by the end of 2010.

Other eligible accounts include uniformed services TSP accounts or other eligible employer plans, such as 401Ks. Employees who have taken a TSP financial hardship in-service withdrawal are not eligible to invest during the six-month, noncontribution period.

Catch-up contributions automatically stop with the last pay date in the calendar year or when the maximum catch-up dollar limit for the year is reached, whichever comes first. Eligible employees must submit a new election for each year they wish to participate.

## Military members

Military members can contribute any whole percentage up to 92 percent of basic pay, as long as the annual total of the tax-deferred investment doesn’t exceed \$16,500 for 2010. If contributing from basic pay, Airmen may also invest all or part of their bonuses, special pay or incentive pay.

Members may enroll and adjust contribution amounts through their Defense Finance and Accounting Service myPay account. TSP elections made after Dec. 6 are effective Jan. 1.

Those serving in tax-free combat zones may contribute up to \$49,000 in annual contributions for 2010. The \$49,000 total includes tax-exempt combat zone contributions and regular deferred contributions. There are limitations regarding the amount military members may contribute per month,

please contact TSP for additional information at 877-968-3778.

Military members who wish to make catch-up contributions must complete and forward TSP-U-1-C, TSP Catch-Up Contribution Election form, to their local finance office.

Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the investment funds) can be made by accessing your TSP account, using your personal identification pin and password at <http://www.tsp.gov>. Contribution allocations can also be made via the Thrift Line, 877-968-3778.

## Civilians

Civilians can contribute any whole percentage of their basic pay or a whole dollar amount each pay period to a regular TSP account. This amount is subject to the \$16,500 annual maximum for 2010.

Air Force-serviced civilians may submit regular TSP enrollment elections or changes at any time. Contributions will automatically continue into 2010 for those already in TSP; so, it isn’t necessary for employees to submit an election unless they wish to change the amount of their bi-weekly contributions. The contribution on pay date Jan. 8 applies toward the 2010 annual maximum.

Employees who are covered by the Federal Employees’ Retirement System must contribute at least 5 percent of their basic pay every pay period in order to receive maximum agency matching contributions throughout the entire year. Once the maximum contribution limit of \$16,500 is reached, employee contributions and agency matching contributions will be suspended for the remainder of the year.

Regular TSP enrollments, changes,

or catch-up contributions submitted through Dec. 19 will be effective Dec. 20, 2009, and will reflect on the LES for pay period ending Jan. 2, 2010. Elections submitted between Dec. 20 and Jan. 2 will be effective Jan. 3 and will reflect on the leave and earnings statement for pay period ending Jan. 16.

When submitting catch-up contribution elections, employees need to designate a whole-dollar amount to contribute each payday rather than the annual maximum of \$5,500. Do not designate an amount that exceeds net pay or payroll will not withhold any TSP contributions. To spread catch-up contributions evenly over the year, divide the total contribution (up to \$5,500) by the number of pay dates remaining in the year. There are 26 pay dates in 2010 for employees who submit their catch-up contribution election through Dec. 19.

Air Force-serviced civilians enroll or submit regular TSP contribution elections, as well as catch-up contribution elections if eligible, by using the Employee Benefits Information System Web application or through the automated phone system. EBIS can be found on the Air Force Portal and on AFPC’s “Ask” Web site by entering “Employee Benefits Information System” in the search function.

More information is available on the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>. See “Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan” under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

Airmen, including civilians, can visit AFPC’s “Ask” Web site and enter “Thrift Savings Plan” in the search function. They can also call the 24-hour Air Force Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.



# Families pull together when parents deploy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Dealing with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is kicked up a notch for the spouses of deployed Keesler members, especially those that have young children.

For Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Cimienski and Lisa Hunte, just two of the spouses left behind with family responsibilities, staying busy seems to be the key to keeping loneliness at bay.

## The Cimienski family

Sergeant Cimienski and his wife, Senior Master Sgt. Erin Cimienski, have been married for 20 years. He's the superintendent of the 338th Training Squadron and she's the first sergeant of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

The Cimienskis arrived at Keesler a year ago with their two children, 12-year-old Jordan and 6-year-old Adam.

Thomas Cimienski is familiar with the challenges of deployment from a different perspective. He's been deployed twice during his 21 years in the Air Force — to Saudi Arabia in 1997 and Iraq in 2007.

Erin Cimienski is deployed to Al Udeid, Qatar, where she's the first sergeant for the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. She deployed in September and is scheduled to return home in February.

"The house is a little messier and the dinners a little less complex since my wife's been gone," Thomas Cimienski admitted. "It's a lot more work for the entire family, but we make a good team. The children have both been through this before and they both seem to really grasp what it's all about. We've asked them to step up and help out more than normal with all the household duties, and I'm very proud to say they have far exceeded our expectations."

The family stays in touch by e-mail, Skype and "good old-fashioned letters," he remarked. "We all look forward to receiving those letters more than any other form of communication.

"My wife sends them a lot of mail and knick-knacks from the deployed location," he continued. "Adam draws pictures nearly every day to send to her, and Jordan and Erin frequently correspond via e-mail. These few things really seem to bring the kids closer to Erin and her situation."

Thomas Cimienski tries to keep his family extremely busy so his children don't miss their mom too much.

"We've taken camping and hunting trips, a vacation and undertaken some labor-intensive yard projects," he said. "The time goes much faster when you're too busy to think about it.

"I took the the kids back home to my family in Minnesota for Thanksgiving, the first time we've been back for the



Photos by Kemberly Groue

**Amber, Austin and Lisa Hunte enjoy playing a board game together in their Woolmarket home.**

holiday in 15 years," Thomas Cimienski said. "We normally stay home for Christmas and New Year's, but this year we may go share it with friends or family. The house is just a little too lonely to stick around for those big days."

Although deployments are always tough when you have children, Thomas Cimienski has been surrounded by support since his wife deployed.

"Our family functions as a great team, but the community and our co-workers are no different," he emphasized. "From the neighbors offering to watch the kids, to co-workers and supervisors taking on a little more of the workload and consistent phone messages from the 81st MSGS Spouses Group and e-mails from the airman and family readiness center — even though I never return those calls or e-mails, it's extremely comforting to know they are there if I need them. I couldn't possibly use even a fraction of the help that has been offered."

## The Hunte Family

Maj. Barry Hunte is back in Iraq after two weeks at home marking the midpoint of his one-year deployment.

At Keesler, he's the flight commander at the 335th Training Squadron's weather schoolhouse. On deployment, he's serving as the weather adviser to the Iraqi Air Force.

"It's been extremely hard on the kids to send him back to Iraq for another five months," said Lisa Hunte, his wife of nearly 25 years. The family, which includes 12-year-old Austin and 6-year-old Amber, has been assigned to Keesler since August 2005.

Mrs. Hunte has become adept at juggling family duties, graduate school and

work responsibilities, but she admits, "Everything falls on my shoulders — keeping the house clean, attempting to fix things if they break or at least knowing who to call if out of my realm, making sure the kids are where they're supposed to be for school or any extracurricular activities."

A registered nurse in Keesler Medical Center's surgical services unit for the past two years, she's expects to complete her master's degree in nursing education in March.

"I'm just trying to have enough hours in the day to complete everything that needs to be done," Mrs. Hunte said.

The family stays in touch with Skype, e-mails, phone calls and packages to and from their home.

"Usually for the holidays, we travel to Illinois to be with Barry's family, but this year we're staying home to enjoy the holidays," Mrs. Hunte remarked. "My dad and stepmother will be visiting us from Florida."

She tries to do something special with their children each month while their dad is away.

"Since he's been gone, we've gone to a concert, traveled out of state over the summer and visited Disney World," Mrs. Hunte said. "Earlier this month, we saw Disney on Ice-Finding Nemo."

To ease the separation from their dad, she tries to "keep the kids in a routine and not waver from it. If I keep them busy, the time goes by faster for all of us."

Being apart from her husband has been difficult for her, too.

"It's been tough, but we're a military family and understand what needs to be done to protect this country and our freedoms," Mrs. Hunte concluded.



**Thomas, Adam and Jordan Cimienski shop for fishing gear at the marina Dec. 10. Fishing is one way they family spends its time while Erin Cimienski is deployed.**

# 2 cops court-martialed for drug offenses; alcohol leads to 21 Article 15 punishments

By Brent Richardson

Legal office

## Courts-martial

Two 81st Security Forces Squadron members received punishments at two separate courts-martial for related offenses.

**In October**, an airman first class pleaded guilty to marijuana use and attempted use of cocaine. The trial judge made a finding of guilt and sentenced the offender to a reduction in rank to airman basic, a forfeiture of \$900 pay for three months and 100 days of confinement.

**In November**, another airman first class pleaded guilty before a special court-martial to marijuana use and attempted use of cocaine and was sentenced to a reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of \$900 pay for three months and confinement for 85 days.

## Articles 15

Article 15 punishments were received by 21 Airmen assigned to Keesler units during October and November for alcohol-related offenses.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Two Airmen received non-judicial punishments. One, a senior airman, was punished by reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$929 for one month and a reprimand for consumption of alcohol when he was below the legal age of 21. The pay forfeiture was suspended for six months pending good behavior. The other, an airman, had \$400 pay forfeited for underage drinking and being publicly drunk on base.

**332nd Training Squadron** — An Airman received a forfeiture of \$699 pay for two months for underage consumption of alcohol at the Vandenburg Recreation Center. One month's forfeiture was suspended for six months.

**334th TRS** — Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received a reduction in grade to airman and forfeiture of \$784 for two months, with one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking as well as driving under the influence. Another airman first class was ordered to forfeit \$824 pay for two months, with one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking. An airman had \$784 pay forfeited for two months, one month suspended, for underage drinking. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$699 pay for two months, one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking.



**335th TRS** — An airman basic received 30 days restriction and forfeiture of \$647 for one month for underage drinking. The subject failed a field sobriety test and the results of a blood test showed 0.05 percent blood alcohol level. The 30-day restriction was suspended for six months.

**336th TRS** — Ten airmen were disciplined for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received a reduction

to airman basic and forfeiture of \$699 for one month for providing alcohol to an underage airman. The reduction in grade was suspended for six months. An airman received 14 extra duty days, reduction to airman basic, and forfeiture of \$699 for one month for buying alcohol for underage airmen. The reduction in rank was suspended for six months. An airman basic received 14 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$699 for two months for underage drinking in the dormitory. The pay forfeiture was suspended for six months. An airman basic received 14 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$699 for two months, suspended six months, for drinking alcohol in the dormitory. Another airman basic also received 14 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$699 for two months, one month suspended for six months, for drinking in the dormitory. An airman basic received forfeiture of \$699 for one month for underage drinking after having an adult member purchase the alcohol. An airman basic received forfeiture of \$699 for two months, one month suspended six months, for being intoxicated on base. An airman basic received forfeiture of \$699 for two months, one month being suspended six months, for underage drinking. An airman basic received \$699 forfeiture for two months, one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking. An airman basic received 14 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$699 for two months, one month suspended six months, for underage drinking.

**338th TRS** — Three Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$824 for two months for being drunk and disorderly on station. One month of the forfeiture was suspended for six months. Another airman first class was reduced to airman and forfeited \$500 for one month for buying alcoholic drinks for underage airmen at the Vandenburg Community Center. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$699 for two months for underage drinking off base and being intoxicated on base, with \$449 of the forfeiture suspended for six months.

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

# A2D2 looking for lifesavers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

With a busy holiday season full of office parties and local nightclub specials, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, also known as A2D2, is seeking volunteers to provide members an alternative for getting home after consuming alcohol.

“This organization is in place for the safety of our coworkers, families and friends as well as for the safety of everyone on the streets, said Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh, A2D2 president. “One more person we can help get home safely without driving after drinking is at least one more life saved.”

“We couldn’t function without volunteers who take time away from their families to make sure others get home safely to theirs,” Sergeant Marsh added.

Those interested fill in a hold-harmless form with information used to build a recall roster of volunteers. Volunteers can sign up for any day each weekend or the Thursday before a compressed work schedule Friday to be the driver dispatcher or a driver.



There is no minimum or maximum to the amount of times a volunteer can help.

Once a call comes in, the dispatcher uses the night’s recall roster to reach a volunteer who can respond and assist the caller back to their residence. Volunteers will respect the anonymity of these persons and can refuse to provide transportation in

situations where they feel threatened. In such cases, the authorities are called immediately without regard to the person’s anonymity.

“There is a dedicated core group of young men and women who continue to go above and beyond, but there is always a need for more help,” said Senior Airman Mary Muhammad-Baker, vice president. “I encourage everyone to get involved even if it’s only one time or one time each weekend, because you could end up being the wingman who saves a life.”

For more information or to volunteer, call Airman Muhammad-Baker, 376-4301; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714; Staff Sgt. Capri Shand, 376-5050 or the A2D2 line, 377-7283.

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.

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# Stick to a plan to avoid holiday stress

By Maj. David Cordry

81st Medical Operations Squadron

The holiday season brings a combination of happiness and stress.

Although most of us look forward to spending time with family and friends, the holidays can also be a source of stress. Between multiple demands for things like shopping, entertaining and traveling, stress and depression can creep into holiday festivities like uninvited guests.

To prepare for a peaceful and relaxing holiday season, it's important to recognize some triggers of holiday stress.

Relationships can be a source of great comfort and support through the holiday season; however, tensions are often heightened. Family misunderstandings and conflicts often resurface during the holidays, especially when several people are crammed into a house when everyone is used to having his or her own space.

Avoid engaging in the traditional "airing of grievances" and spend time focusing on the positive things you enjoy about your family. Keep in mind that for many Airmen you're not the

same person you were before joining the Air Force; this may present challenges to family and friends who have different expectations of you.

If you're not going to be able to spend the holidays with your family or spend time with friends wherever you're going to be, don't isolate yourself. Consider volunteering your time instead of staying home alone. Homeless shelters and nursing homes welcome volunteers anytime. You may also decide to attend a religious or spiritual service offered on base or in the community.

Supervisors, make sure your troops have plans for the holidays or help them find something to do. Specifically ask if they'll be alone and, if so, help them find alternate plans.

Between travel, food, entertainment and fighting through crowds to ensure you are able to buy Junior the limited edition action figure with the kung-fu grip, stretched finances can put a strain on your budget. Overspending to try to ensure everyone is happy for the holidays frequently leads to financial worries as credit card bills come due.

Before you start buying gifts for the holidays, decide how much you can afford and stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts.

The demands of the holiday season frequently require juggling priorities, leading to things like chores and errands taking priority over healthy coping behaviors such as getting adequate rest and exercise. Don't let the holidays become an excuse to overdo it when it comes to eating and consuming alcohol.

Here are additional tips to manage your stress during the holidays:

**Set realistic expectations** for the holidays. Don't try to make the holidays perfect or just like last year.

Traditions often change as families change. **Be flexible** and enjoy things as they are rather than obsessing about how things are supposed to be.

**Set aside old differences** with family members and friends. Don't try to resolve decades-old disagreements with family; just enjoy the time together.

**Stick to a budget.**

**Learn to say "no."**You can't partic-

ipate in every event or activity. Be comfortable knowing your limits and setting them with family and friends.

**Don't abandon healthy habits.** When you drop things like your exercise routine and getting adequate rest, you become more run down and vulnerable to the effects of stress.

**Don't overdo it with alcohol** and become "that guy" who your family and friends will remember as the person who got drunk and ruined the holidays.

**Take some time for yourself.** Spending 15 minutes just relaxing can help recharge your batteries and tackle the tasks you still have to handle.

**Take time out for spirituality.** Celebrate the religious significance of the holidays. This might be a good time to renew your spiritual beliefs and spend more time contemplating spirituality.

**Seek help.** If you begin to feel "stretched thin" emotionally or physically, don't wait until you reach the point of helplessness or hopelessness. Seek help from a supervisor, friend, loved one or chaplain, or speak with someone at the mental health clinic.



# Keesler NCO helps monitor Al Asad airfield

By Senior Airman Alyssa Miles

U.S. Air Forces Central Public Affairs

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Members of the 532nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron assumed senior airfield authority from their Marine and Navy counterparts at Al Asad Nov. 1. SAA responsibilities entail the management of runways, associated taxi ways, parking ramps, land and surrounding facilities.

According to Staff Sgt. Robert Hughes, 532nd EOSS noncommissioned officer in charge of airfield management operations, the Air Force is unique because of its specific mission with airfields.

Tech. Sgt. James Gross, 532nd EOSS deputy airfield manager, said the Air Force took over SAA responsibilities because, “that’s what Airmen do; it’s our core competency.

“Our career field is considered the gold standard for managing airfields,” said Sergeant Gross, deployed from Keesler’s 81st Operations Support Flight and a native of New Bedford, Mass. “When it was decided that the Air Force would take over SAA at Al Asad, airfield management was one of the core functions that had to be brought to the base. We help to ensure that the Air Force could offer the safest possible operating environment for U.S. and coalition aircraft to operate from.”

At Al Asad, Sergeant Hughes’ job taskings are unique, as other airfields he’s worked were completely under control when he arrived on station.

“For my first time to be involved with a team that is taking over or setting up an airfield, I think it’s a great learning experience for me,” he said. “I’m actually putting my training to use instead of going to another base where I already know the job and I’m just working it — I’m actually building it here.”

While the 532nd EOSS may not be front and center in combat, their role is just as crucial.

“Our job doesn’t require us to go outside the wire and fight with the insurgents like the Marines do,” Sergeant Gross said, “but, if we didn’t do our job correctly, when that helicopter comes in that’s taking some of those wounded Marines out of the fight,” it might not be able to land safely.

“One pebble can cause serious damage to an aircraft,” he said. “With our experience, we’re able to contribute to the fight by minimizing potential damage to aircraft by ensuring the airfield continues to maintain a safe flying environment for both fixed and rotary winged aircraft. It’s more of a product of the schooling we go through and the attention to detail that the Air Force expects from us.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Johnny Saldivar  
Sergeants Hughes, left, and Gross photograph damage to a runway.

# Retired chief shares experiences with Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas —When Airmen deploy to places like Iraq and Afghanistan, they accomplish difficult and challenging missions. Unfortunately, some return injured or even having paid the ultimate price for freedom.

The Air Force honors the sacrifices of its wounded Airmen, their families, and the families of the fallen by providing the best medical and professional support throughout the entire recovery process. The Air Force Wounded Warrior Program is part of that commitment to care.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Erik Wineland is one wounded warrior who answered the nation's call. Deployed with the Army and Marine Corps to Afghanistan in 2006, Chief Wineland trained Afghan commandos in the Kunar Province. Chief Wineland injured his back during one of his combat missions with the Afghan and Pakistani Special Forces. Months later, he was medically retired due to the extent of his injuries.

The former Air Education and Training Command supply functional manager said dealing with his separation from the Air Force after 23 years of service was extremely challenging.

"It is very difficult when you have to depart the Air Force on conditions other than your own," Chief Wineland said. "At times I could barely

walk. The pain was unbearable, and the fear and sadness of leaving the Air Force is overwhelming. I am certain there are others like me who are feeling the same way."

Chief Wineland said he entered a severe depression and certainly did not want any help.

"I wouldn't talk to anyone — especially people in the Air Force — even though I was having trouble putting one foot in front of the other," he said.

Things started to change, however, when he received his first of many calls from Sharon Roark, an Air Force Wounded Warrior Program case manager at the Air Force Personnel Center here. Initially, Chief Wineland did not want to work with her and would not tell her he needed assistance. But her persistence and kindness helped him open up to her.

"Sharon Roark kept calling and e-mailing me and would not take no for an answer," the chief said. "Finally, I returned her call and it was the best call I ever made."

Since then, Chief Wineland has worked with Ms. Roark and the AFW2 program to research employment opportunities and learn about programs available to help wounded warriors. He said having a case manager to address issues helped get his life on track, turning his life-altering event into something from which he can build.

"I just want the AFW2 case managers to know that the men and women who



Chief Wineland

don't answer the phone or are hard to reach are the ones who need it the most," he said. "God bless them for what they do."

For Ms. Roark, working with Chief Wineland and other wounded warriors helps the Air Force identify ways it can continue to improve upon the AFW2 program, making it more conducive to their individual needs.

"The Air Force's commitment to these heroes, who've sacrificed so much, is unwavering. It makes me both proud and humbled to be part of their lives," Ms. Roark said.

According to Ms. Roark, each case manager acts as an advocate for the wounded warriors assigned to them, helping sort through challenges, questions and concerns so the wounded warrior can better focus on recovering from his or her injuries.

"As non-medical case managers, we have full access

## Keesler's team

Wounded Warrior support service contacts:

**Active duty wounded warrior care coordinator** — Donna Anderson, 376-3068

**Recovery care coordinator** — Daniel Ransom, 376-3076

**Airman and family readiness center** — works with wounded warriors and their extended families by providing a thorough analysis of opportunities and benefits available to medically-retired and medically-separated combat veterans, 376- 8500

**Transition service officer** — Naomi Kraima, 376-8518

**Referral management center** — 376-0490  
**Health benefits adviser** — 376-4752

**Army liaison** — Staff Sgt. Erick Majano, 376-5112

to all associated agencies that help wounded warriors, such as the personnel, services, medical and finance communities, as well as Social Security and Veterans Affairs," Ms. Roark said.

"We monitor and coordinate the transition our wounded Airmen face during the sensitive and difficult process of recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration, and then attempt to make those

transitions smoother and easier for them and their families."

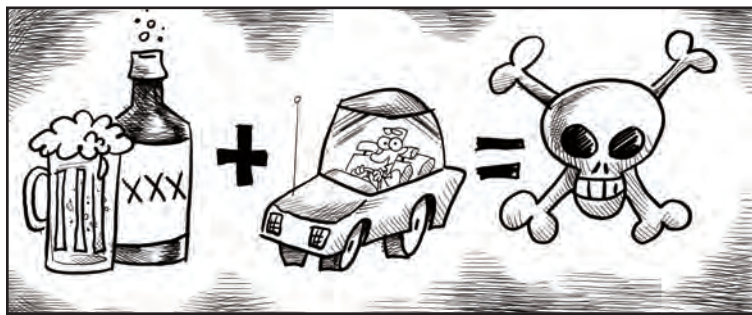
Ms. Roark also added that assisting wounded warriors brings her satisfaction in knowing she's helping them get their lives back on the right track.

"For people who thrive on helping others, there is no better job," she said. "We understand wounded warriors go through this process only one time, so there's always a lot of anxiety and confusion. We want to alleviate that anxiety and confusion as much as possible and act as their navigators through this difficult time to get them back to a stable life."

The Air Force defines a wounded warrior as an Airman who has a combat-related injury or illness requiring long-term care that will require a Medical Evaluation Board and a Physical Evaluation Board to determine fitness for duty. The AFW2 program was developed to provide long-term support and assistance to all those Total Force Airmen and their families as they either return to duty or transition to civilian communities.

Currently, more than 580 wounded Airmen and their families are supported under the umbrella of the Air Force's Warrior and Survivor Care.

For more information, visit <http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil> or call the AFW2 Program office, 1-800-581-9437.



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.

# Air Force chaplains reflect on milestones, warrior needs

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs and Keesler News staff

ORLANDO, Fla. — More than 100 chaplains and chaplain assistants from throughout the Air Force attended the Chaplain Corps Summit here recently, in part to celebrate 60th anniversary of the Air Force Chaplain Corps and the 100th anniversary of the chaplain assistant career field.

The summit began with an interfaith worship service, included a review of Chaplain Corps history and concluded with a Heritage Banquet.

Keesler was represented by Chaplain (Col.) Richard Dunn and Master Sgt. Philip Griffin.

“The objective of the conference was to advise ‘the field’ about (Air Force headquarters chapel) leadership philosophies and objectives and to provide strategic level guidance to be implemented operationally and tactically at the wing level,” said Sergeant Griffin, superintendent of chapel operations. “Overall, this guidance is intended to ensure consistent, professional, high-quality spiritual care be provided to Airmen war-fighters.”

Sergeant Griffin said a side benefit of attendance was the

sharing of experiences and best practices with professional acquaintances. The group also discussed knowledge of trends and issues consistent Air Force-wide.

“We reminisced over years of service and fellowship in our past and looked ahead to the role of the chaplain corps in meeting current and future mission needs,” said Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, chief of chaplains.

Chaplain Richardson related the chaplain corps’ rich and storied history. Chaplain Charles Carpenter, the Army Air Corps’ “air chaplain,” emphasized the need for pastoral identity of chaplains with the people they served. After successfully persuading senior leaders that the Air Force should have its own chaplaincy, Chaplain Carpenter helped ensure the drafting of the transfer order on May 10, 1949.

Predating the Air Force Chaplain Corps, the “chaplain assistant” position was established 40 years earlier on Dec. 28, 1909. Paragraph 1 of the General Order by the War Department stated, “One enlisted man will be detailed on special duty, by the command-

ing officer of any organization to which a chaplain is assigned for duty, for the purpose of assisting the chaplain in the performance of his official duties.”

“Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants continue to support our Airmen in today’s fight as we walk where they walk and go where they go,” Chaplain Richardson said.

“By providing or arranging for religious observances, pastoral care, and advice to leadership, Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants ensure the free exercise of religion for Airmen and their families at every Air Force base,” he added.

The general cited recent chaplain corps achievements that he said demonstrate the organization’s commitment to the total force.

“In 2008, the Air Force Chaplain Corps performed more than 147,000 counselings, provided more than 50,000 worship observances and conducted more than 28,000 religious rites and observances for Airmen and their families,” Chaplain Richardson said.

The general added that warrior care is the chaplain corps’ top priority and will remain so throughout the duration of the war. He pledged every effort to “strengthen families, take care of marriages, and help singles build a foundation of faith to stand upon when called to deploy.”

Currently the Air Force has more than 1,100 active duty, Guard and Reserve chaplains and more than 800 total force chaplain assistants who live and work around the world in service to their fellow Airmen.

“Our mandate is clear, our hearts are united, our mission is exciting and our passion for ministry to the men and women of the United States Air Force has never been stronger,” Chaplain Richardson said.

Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, and Angela Cutrer, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

# Training youth leaders

Right, Tricia Crossman, director of education for Boys and Girls Club of America headquarters in Atlanta, speaks at the youth center Dec. 4 during training for 20 Air Force youth development specialists from four bases. All Air Force youth programs, including Keesler's, are affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club.

Below, Ashley Wilson, a civilian youth program assistant from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., leads a class in a game to demonstrate how teacher-student interaction can be fun.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



# Nellis commander on 'Jeopardy!'

By Airman 1st Class Michael Charles

99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS Air Force Base, Nev. — From the first day Col. Dave Belote walked onto the set of “Jeopardy!” for familiarization to six shows and \$134,801 later, he described the experience as almost surreal.

“If I was writing a script of my life, this part of the movie would be happening in a dream,” said the 99th Air Base Wing commander who represented the Air Force on one of the world’s most famous game shows Dec. 2-9.

Colonel Belote was the face of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during an appearance on the Bravo Television Network show “Top Chef: Las Vegas” and provided President Barack Obama a personal tour of the Nellis solar photovoltaic array field earlier this year. But, despite the years of training and dealing with individuals more influential than any game show host will ever be, nothing quite prepared him to be on stage when the lights came up for the announcement of those iconic words ... “This is Jeopardy!”

With five wins, Colonel Belote showed the aptitude of Air Force commanders by beating some of the nation’s



Courtesy photo

## Trebek visits with the Belotes.

smartest lawyers, college professors and doctors in dramatic fashion. Whether it was the \$39,999 he earned on his first day or the dramatic come-from-behind \$1 victory during his second appearance, the Virginia native dominated the field in categories such as, “ends in ‘itz,” “national anthems” and “women celebrities.”

On the sixth game, which aired Dec. 9, Colonel Belote and Jove Graham of Lewisburg, Pa., exchanged leads repeatedly. Both answered correctly on the final question, but the colonel’s winning streak had come to an end.

“I was extremely grateful to be able to compete and represent

Nellis and the many current and former Airmen in the Air Force,” Colonel Belote said.

The colonel shared his “Jeopardy!” experience with millions watching around the globe, but more meaningful was sharing the spotlight with just one — his 21-year-old autistic son Drew, who flew from Virginia to Los Angeles to cheer for his father during the last games. After the final taping, producers brought Drew, who loves game shows, on stage to meet the show’s host. The colonel couldn’t hold back the tears as Drew took the host’s hand and whispered, “It’s Alex Trebek. I’m inside ‘Jeopardy!’”

“My moment of glory might be over, but I walked away with my head held high for being able to represent Nellis and the U.S. Air Force to the countries who air this show around the world,” Colonel Belote said. “I’ve heard from active and retired military who loved seeing the uniform on ‘America’s favorite game show.’ What a privilege to touch veterans from Korea and Vietnam onward while living out a dream.”

But Colonel Belote’s dream may not be over. His earnings currently are the 12th highest total of all time in “Jeopardy!” history. So far, he’s No. 1 in earnings this season and, with his five consecutive wins, he qualifies to return for the end-of-season “Jeopardy!” Tournament of Champions that pits the season’s top 13 earners and two college champions to see who will win \$250,000 and be crowned the season’s champion.

# LEGAL BRIEFS

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By Capt. Virginia Mack

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## Legal office

An individual retirement arrangement is a great way to save for retirement, and one of the most advantageous IRAs is the Roth IRA.

With a traditional IRA, you don't pay any taxes on the income you put into the IRA upfront, but you do pay taxes when you withdraw the money. Traditional IRAs can have high tax rates, incur penalties for withdrawing your money before age 59½, and require that you withdraw all your money by age 70½.

With Roth IRAs, you're never forced to withdraw your money, don't have to pay tax on the money if you withdraw it after you turn 59½, and there are no penalties for early withdrawal. You pay tax on the money at your current tax rate when you deposit it into the account. Your interest is tax free.

Beginning Jan. 1, anyone with a traditional IRA can convert it to a Roth IRA. You'll have to pay taxes on the money you convert at your current tax rate. If you convert your IRA this coming year and during 2010 only, you can pay taxes on half of the income when you file your taxes in 2011 and half when you file in 2012. This change opens up Roth IRAs to anyone — previously Roth IRAs were only available to households with an income below \$100,000.

Whether or not this conversion is a good idea can depend on what your current tax rate is, what you expect your tax rate to be in the future, and other factors.

For more information, call 376-8601 or stop by the legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

# Base holiday events continue

**Christmas Home Away from Home** — The chapel sponsors the 2nd annual Home Away From Home Christmas dinner program for non-prior service Airmen hosted by active-duty, civilian and retired Keesler families. The program isn't open to the public.

Host families volunteer to invite two or more airmen to their homes for hospitality and a Christmas meal. No gift exchange is required or expected. Airmen benefit by experiencing genuine warmth and hospitality, while hosts get to know some of the Air Force's brightest and best.

Host registration forms are available at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility and Triangle and Larcher Chapels. Forms can also be downloaded from the Keesler Web site, [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil). Forms must be turned in by Monday. Volunteers may also register by e-mail to [charles.mallory.3@us.af.mil](mailto:charles.mallory.3@us.af.mil) or by phone at 377-8256 or 2331.

**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 at the base exchange and commissary to collect donations, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Holiday camp** — 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 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 work after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. To register personnel, commanders call 377-3308 by 5 p.m. Friday with number of bags required. Bags are picked up 2-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Vandenberg

## Chapel services

### Catholic

5 p.m. Dec. 24, Triangle Chapel

9 a.m. Dec. 25, Triangle Chapel

### Protestant

7 p.m. Dec. 24, candle-light service, Triangle Chapel

10 p.m. Dec. 31, watch night service, Triangle Chapel

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, Magnolia and Live Oak Dining Facilities. Retirees and their families 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 free. Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale at the desk.

## KEESLER NOTES

### Missing pets

For missing pets, check with the pest management unit in Building 3907, the civil engineering compound, or call 377-3317 or 348-6370, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

## Fisher House gets holiday makeover



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Jackie Brown, left, and Judy Hoynowski sort Christmas items at Fisher House Dec. 9. Ms. Brown, guest service team leader, and Ms. Hoynowski, human resources executive team leader, are members of a group from Target in D'Iberville that decorated the facility as a community service project.



Team leaders Deighleen Judy, left, and C.J. Gillian adorn the columns on the front porch at Fisher House.



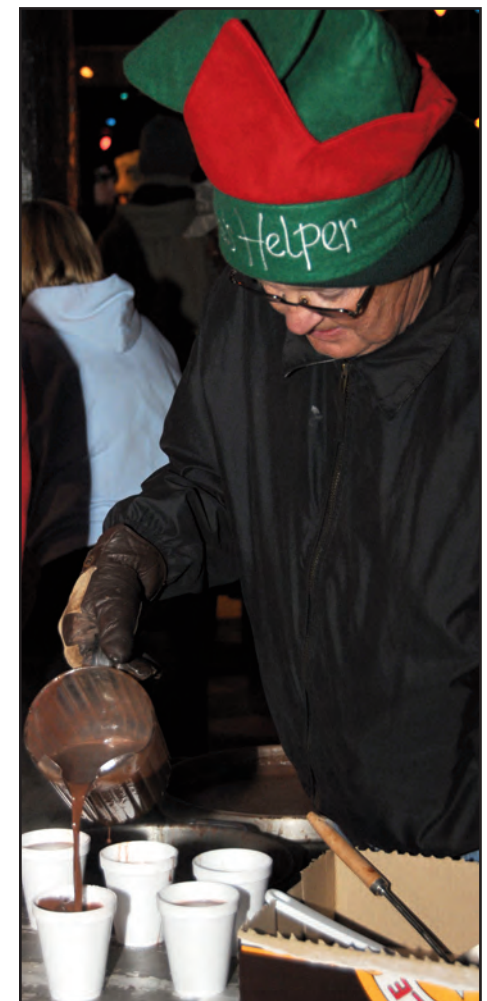
Keesler's gospel service choir director Dennis Thompson leads a group of carolers during the live nativity scene at the annual Christmas in the Park celebration at marina park. Nearly 2,000 people took part in the Dec. 10 event, which also included decorations, hay rides, toy giveaways, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

## Annual celebration attracts Keesler families



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh  
Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff from the airman and family readiness center and her daughter, Bailey, call out ticket numbers for the toy giveaway. Bailey's dad is Tech. Sgt. Fred Woodruff, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

## Year of the Air Force Family



Doug Stiles, a retired senior master sergeant, pours hot cocoa. He and three other volunteers poured 20 gallons of cocoa in the first hour of the festivities.



# Intramural basketball set to return after holiday exodus

By Senior Airman David Salanitri

## Keesler Public Affairs

Though intramural basketball teams in three different leagues completed their second week of play last week, they'll have to wait until next year to play again.

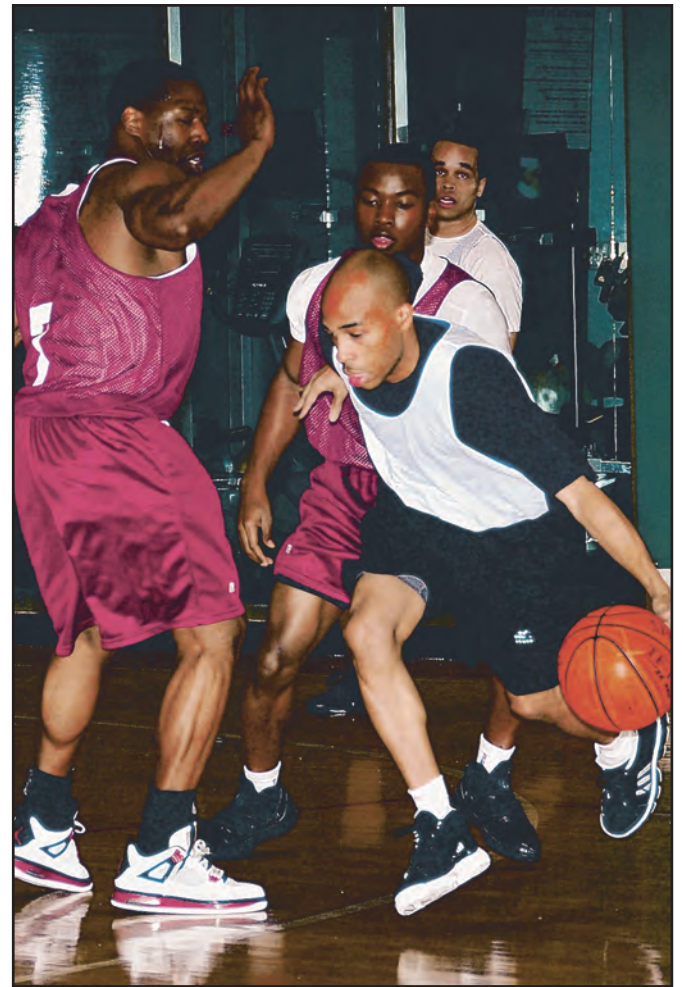
"All games for Dec. 21-30 have been rescheduled due to the student holiday exodus," said Sam Miller, sports director.

Three teams share the lead in the Eastern Conference with 3-0 records — the Eastern Conference, the 81st Force Support Squadron-Comptroller Squadron and the 334th and 338th Training Squadrons.

There aren't any undefeated teams left in the Western Conference. Leading the conference is the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron sporting a 3-1 record.

In the Over 30 League, the 338th Training Squadron is the only remaining undefeated team, but the Dark Knights are also the only team in the league that hasn't played two games.

Right, Gerald Kelley and Brandon Rainford from the 334th TRS, in red, takes on Nathaniel Sheppard, 81st MDSS-A, as Sheppard's teammate, William Thomas, looks on from the background.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Aaron Deletoile, left, 81st MDSS-A, tries to block Michael Simmons, 334th TRS. The 334th TRS went on to win Monday's scramble, 51-28.

# 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

### Intramural Over 30 (as of Dec. 11.)

#### All games played at the Dragon Fitness Center.

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	1	0
335th TRS	1	1
332nd TRS	1	1
81st LRS	1	1
81st FSS-81st CS	1	2
81st SFS	0	0

**Dec. 2** — 332nd TRS 20, 81st LRS 0; 333rd TRS 62, 81st FSS-81st CPTS 53.

**Dec. 7** — 81st SFS vs. 333rd TRS (rescheduled); 81st FSS-81st CPTS 20, 335th TRS 7.

**Dec. 9** — 335th TRS 63, 332nd TRS 39.

#### No make up on these games:

**Dec. 28** — 335th TRS vs. 81st FSS-81st CPTS; 333rd TRS vs. 81st SFS.

**Dec. 30** — 332nd TRS vs. 81st SFS; 333rd TRS vs. 335th TRS.

### Intramural Eastern Division (as of Dec. 11.)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	3	2
334th TRS	3	0
81st FSS-81st CPTS	3	0
338th TRS-A	2	0
336rd TRS	1	2
332nd TRS-B	1	2
81st MDSS-A	0	3
333rd TRS	0	3

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

**Dec. 2** — 81st SFS 39, 336th TRS 35; 338th TRS-A 42, 332nd TRS-B 24; 81st FSS-81CPTS 47, 81st MDSS-A 33.

**Dec. 7** — 334th TRS 46, 336th TRS 42; 332nd TRS-B 50, 333rd TRS 48; 338th TRS-A 43, 81st SFS 30.

**Dec. 9** — 334th TRS 55, 332nd TRS-B 14; 81st SFS 43, 81st MDSS-A 30; 81FSS-81CPTS 60, 333rd TRS 34.

#### Upcoming games

**Dec. 28** — (to be made up Jan. 25 due to exodus) 6 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 338th TRS-A; 7 p.m. 81st SFS vs. 81st FSS-81st CPTS; 8 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 334th TRS.

**Dec. 30** — (to be made up Jan. 27 due to exodus) 6 p.m. 81st FSS-81st CPTS vs. 338th TRS-A; 7 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 334th TRS; 8 p.m. 81st

MDSS-A vs. 336th TRS.

**Jan. 4** — 6:15 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 81st MDSS-A; 7:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 81st FSS-81st CPTS; 8:15 p.m. 336th TRS vs. 333rd TRS.

**Jan. 6** — 6:15 p.m. 81st SFS vs. 333rd TRS; 7:15 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 81st FSS-81st CPTS; 8:15 p.m. 81MDSS-A vs. 334TRs.

**Jan. 11** — 6:15 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 333rd TRS; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-A vs. 81st SFS; 8:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 336th TRS.

**Jan. 13** — 6:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-B vs. 81st SFS; 7:15 p.m. 81st FSS-81st CPTS vs. 336th TRS; 8:15 p.m.; 338th TRS-A vs. 334th TRS.

### Intramural Western Division (Scores as of Dec. 11.)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MSGS	3	1
403rd Wing	2	2
81st MDSS-B	2	2
335th TRS	2	0
81st MSG	1	1
332nd TRS-A	1	2
338th TRS-B	1	3
81st DS	0	2

**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.

**Dec. 8** — 81st MSGS 56, 403rd Wing 53; 81st MSG 45, 338th TRS-B 42; 335th TRS 39, 332nd TRS-A 30.

**Dec. 10** — 335th TRS 57, 403rd Wing 48; 81st MDSS-B 20, 81st DS 0; 338th TRS-B 63, 81st MSGS 45.

#### Upcoming games

**Dec. 28 (will be made up Jan. 26 due to exodus)** — 6:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-A vs. 81st MSGS; 7:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs. 338th TRS-B; 8:15 p.m. 81st MSG vs. 335th TRS.

**Jan. 5** — 6:15 p.m. 81st MSG vs. 403rd Wing; 7:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 332nd TRS-A; 8:15 p.m. 81st MSGS vs. 338th TRS-B.

**Jan. 7** — 6:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 81st MDSS-B; 7:15 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 81st MSGS; 8:15 p.m. 332nd TRS-A vs. 338th TRS-B.

**Jan. 12** — 6:15 p.m. 81st MSGS vs. 403rd Wing; 7:15 p.m. 81st DS vs. 335th TRS; 8:15 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs. 81st MSG.

## 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

**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** — 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, drag-

on 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 Crotwell 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.

**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 the basketball court's water damage, center hours extended for full-court basketball play 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

**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.

## 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.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Raven Adams, Joshua Aikins, Kendrick Alltop, Gia Arruejo, Alexander Avery, Rick Baron, Tyler Bellamy, Corey Blythe, Shante Bolden, Weston Brown, Aimee Burbridge, Michael Carrion, Bradley Combs, Jesse Coronado, Mark Cortez, Avery Crawford, Joshua Duquette, Nelson Fields, Patrick Foster, Andrew Fox, Carl Free, Tai Fuller, Samuel Garcia, Anthony Gordan, Stephen Halbert, Jacob Halstead, Ron Hoefler, Gerald Howk, Lester Josol, Westley Klasen, Lykle Koehler, Craig Kortan, Daniel Kosakowski, Josiah Kuzianik, Byron Leu, Joshua Linares, Matthew Livingston, Edward Lomelin, Stephen Manzanaras, Nathan Martinez, Donald Matney, Kyle Miller, Shawn Murphy, Derek Paterson, Dennis Persinger, Andrew Pihart, Nathan Pritchard, Jordan Outzen, Kevin Rimcoski, Melissa Robshaw, Michael Satterlee, Noah Schuetz, Benjamin Shanklin, Devin Shields, Nicholas Shinault, Carole Silvermail, Kevin Smith, Douglas Strathdee, Percy Ramsden, Zamudio Rivera, Christain Torentno, Thomas Troxte, Taylor Urreta, William Vaughn, Thomas Warda, Michael Whitten, Keenan Wiersma, Christopher Wildes, Adam Williams, Larry Williams, Josef Williamson, Samuel Winkle, Robert Yeakley and Christopher Yi; Airmen Benjamin Belanger, Brock Boren, Troy BrittonCoe, Jacob Burns, Daniel Chandler, Jeffery Chandler, Jordan Coats, Daniel Dodge, Zachary Fitzgerald, Jonathan Hess, Justin Hollister, Christopher Laroche, Randall Margritz, Nicholas Monico, Brandon Morris, Alexander Person, Calvin Peterson, Martin Prather, Steven Rieff, Solomon Rosen, Cody Schillenger, Nathaniel Stabley, Dillion Shail, Christopher Sullivan and Ao Zhang; Airmen 1st Class Dane Adams, Marcus Allenhall, Samuel Anderson, George Bahlke, Benjamin Bauman, Johnathon Baylous, Stephen Bentley, Joshua Betts, Natasha Bianchi, Brandon Blosser, Dajon Brandon, Monique Brooks, William Brown, Andrew Busam, Joseph Cadavos, Steven Carter, Angelique Carver, Cassidy Cervenka, Matthew Colona, Sean Conlan, Alexander Corwin, Jordan Cox, Christopher Craver, Herman Cyrus, Stanley DeJesus, David Demster, Nicholas Eklund, Anthony Fisher, Kelly Ford, Jason Freeman, Matthew Galindo, Brandon Garthwaite, Dustin Gerard, Eugenio Henriquez, Michael Hong, Nathan Jolley, Ben Kaur, Brandon Kelly, Samuel Kelmelis, Michael Lemonine, Casey Lipe, Lee Michael Lleces, Nicholas Loftin, Cynthia Lose, Christian Lozada, Daniel Madden, Jeffrey May, Christopher McDaniel, Brian McKeen, Emily Mitchell, Tyson Nakamura, Andrew Nelson, Kieungyen Nguyen, Chelsea Page, Timothy Parker, Jordan Pflingsten, Jason Prince, Donovan Purcell, Nicholas Resley, Marquez Rodriguez, Michael Rosinski, Tomas Scheel, Timothy Schonfeld, Cody Seago, Voss Shaw, Logan Skrzypczar, Eric Smith, Erik Stauffer, David Storch, Robert Sullivan, Tiffany Thompson, Michael Trinidad, Erik Vanroekel, Scott Vickers, Heather Voorhees, Patrick Waid, James Walsh, Mark Webb, Jerray Wentz, Brandon Wicks and Ethan Winter; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson, Anthony Cintron, Brad Griguhn, Gary Isbell, Jerrard Pinder, Patrick O'Hara and David Welch; Staff Sgts. Simeon Foronda, John Fulgar, Alexander Hishikawa, Justin Johnson, Ingrid Jones, James King, Ashley Klejmont, Troy Pierson, Daniel Rodgers, Jose Torres and Johnathon Valentine; Tech. Sgt. David Warlick; Master Sgts. Bryan Hailey and Richard MacNeal.

**Metrology basic course** — Airman TJ Breazzeal.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Kyle Costlow, Megan Lair, Travis Reith, Morgan Renner, Payton Scott and Shawna Stockton; Airman Kalil Chamma; Airmen 1st Class Daulton Abernathy, Erich Dorow, James Emanuel, William James, Joshua Kirby, William Linsmier, Shawn Riddle, Carson Weir and Joshua White; Senior Airman Brett Collins; Staff Sgts. Daniel Arsenault, Christopher

Campbell, Matthew Greiner, Michael Henderson, William Hunnicut, David Hutson, Jair Matis, Matthew Morris and William Torgerson.

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airman Anthony Chavis; Airman 1st Class Robert Zweber; Staff Sgt. Chad McIlheran.

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Terry Buist, Kayla Chilcoat, Alex Collins, Devon Fleming, Christy Jones, Myranda Krise, Jason Lee, Abiodun Oladiti, Thomas Tarantella and Sara Wilson; Airmen Daniel Harris and Michael Howell; Airmen 1st Class Alfredo Baking, Clarissa Christensen, Austin Delahunt, Jeffrey Fuston, Philip Keaton, Kuma Kumsa and Logan Pendergraft; Senior Airman Mark Kamyk and Jarrod Sanchez; Staff Sgt. Hannah Mosebach; and Tech. Sgt. Chad Lynch.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer flight** — Airmen Basic Craig Dennis, Deandra Gonzales, Andrea Johnson, Latez Jones, William Jones, Tiffany McClendon and Christopher Parks; Airmen Aaron Berkebile, Eric Carrillo, Grandon Heimlichner, Patrick Pichler and Nathan Rivers; Airmen 1st Class Brittini Blair, Ryan Brock, Courtney Burrows, Wendy Kong, Josh McMillan, Brett Schickler, Michael Shultz, Trista Soto, Jeremy Stubbs, Jessica Welch, Brandon Witherspoon and Christopher Zempel; Senior Airmen Michelle Frost, Patricia Grice and Tara Washington; Staff Sgts. Christopher Degeiso, Jodi Fleming, Toni Hampshire, Johnny Escalante and Lydia Hanson; Tech. Sgt. Brian Gilbert, Jeffery Tengociang and Brian Zimmer.

**Communications and information management flight** — Airmen Basic Ryan Davies, Shannon Finley, Jeffrey Gannon, Jordan Moulton and Samuel Roy; Airmen Justin Cornell, Robert Peters and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Driver, Louis Hernandez, Randall Jones, Erin Kuykendall, James Marrone, Logan Michlig, Aaron Ray, Jacob Schettler, Andrew Valdez, Sean Walters, Derrick White, Samuel White, Macon Wright and

## 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.

Jean-Paul Zelaya-Rios; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison and John Cessna; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Eduardo Rivas, Nicholas Shatek and Jason Sizemore; Master Sgt. Dennis Reinhard.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airman 1st Class Amy Leupp.

**Cyber transport systems** — Airmen Basic Cody Edwards, William Marshall and Andreas Shiver; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Copeland, Daniel Feigley, Orlanders Grant and Leighton Marshall.

**Ground radar systems** — Airmen Basic Tyler Schutt, Matthew Tobey and Andrew Tosch; Airmen 1st Class Justin Burnett, Mark Lambert, Jessica Paul, Travis Salter and Brady Techen; Senior Airmen James Bisson, Heather Lecher and Gary Martin; Staff Sgts. Andrew Ksionsk, Louis Martinez and Julie Reinhardt.

**Ground radio systems** — Airmen Basic Matthew Boxer, Derek Brittain, Ronald Carpenter, Chance Compton, Jeff Fullford, Jonathan Graham, Christopher Hufford, Brandon Lopez, Brian Rice, Stephen Sanders, Timothy Saxton and Remo Stewart; Airmen Casey Cason, Hayden Haake, Nathan Johnson, Kimberly Snell and Ian Stevens; Airmen 1st Class Philippe Diaz, Joseph Jepsen, Michael Masiwemai, James Nelson and David Richter.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the December holiday season.**

### Open

**Main exchange** — Dec. 24: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 31: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Shoppette** — Dec. 24: 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 31: 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Furniture store** — Dec. 24: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Dec. 31: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Barber shop, Building 1510** — Dec. 24: 8 a.m.-noon; Dec. 31: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Firestone** — Dec. 24 and Dec. 31: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Enterprise Car Rental** — Dec. 24: 9 a.m.-noon; Dec. 31: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Base car wash** — Open 24 hours.

**Blake Fitness Center** — Dec. 25; Jan. 1, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Fam Camp Park** — Open 24 hours.

**Gaude Bowling Center/11th Fame Cafe** — Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Inns of Keesler** — Open 24 hours.

**Live Oak Dining Facility** — Dec. 25 – 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.; Saturday – Jan. 2; Breakfast 6-8 a.m. Mondays-working Fridays, 7:30-9 a.m. nonworking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Sunday; Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays-Sundays.

**Magnolia Dining Facility** — Dec. 25: 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.; Sunday-Jan. 2: Breakfast 6-8 a.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 7:30-9 a.m. nonworking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Sundays; dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays-Sundays.

**Vandenberg Community Center** — Saturday and Dec. 26: 10 a.m. to midnight, no dance; Sunday and Dec. 27: noon to 7 p.m.; Monday-Dec 23 and Dec. 28-Dec 30: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24: 9 a.m. to midnight; Dec. 31: 10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Jan. 1: noon to 7 p.m.

### Closed

**All AAFES facilities closed Dec. 25.**

**Arts and crafts** — Multicrafts/frame/engraving shops: Sunday-Jan. 4; wood/auto shops – Sunday-Jan. 5.

**Azalea Dining Facility** — Saturday-Jan. 2.

**Bay Breeze Golf Course** — Dec. 25: free play; no club or cart rental; Jan. 1: free play; no club or cart rental.

**Child development center** — Dec. 24-25; Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — Dec. 25; Jan. 1.

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**Family child care** — Monday-Jan. 4.  
**Gaude Lanes Bowling Center/11th Frame Cafe** — Tuesday-Dec. 30; Jan. 1-3.  
**Information, tickets and tours** — Sunday-Jan. 4.  
**Katrina Kantina** — Saturday-Jan. 3.  
**Legends Cafe** — Monday-Jan. 1.  
**McBride Library** — Dec. 25; Jan. 1.  
**Outdoor recreation** — Tuesday-Jan 3.  
**Triangle Fitness Center** — Dec. 25; Jan. 1.  
**Vandenberg Community Center** — Dec. 25.  
**Veterinary treatment facility** — Dec. 24-Jan 3.  
**Youth center** — Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 10-1** — graduation Friday.  
**Class 10-2** — Jan. 5-Feb 11, 2010.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 10-1** — graduation today.  
**Class 10-2** — Jan. 7-Feb. 17, 2010.

### Arts and crafts center

**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.  
**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, 377-2531.

### 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.  
**Chief of Staff professional military reading list** — titles avail-

able 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. Friday 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. Monday-Wednesday 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

## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas, rice, cornbread, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cor-don bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, baked macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish-style beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, garlic toast, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower parmesan, Italian-style beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — crispy baked chicken, beef yakisba, baked ham, rice, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, french-style peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley salad, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — fish almonline, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, vegetables, cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, seafood cocktail sauce, beef manicotti/cannelloni, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — roast turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fried fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, herbed green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and fried chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, summer squash, spinach salad, Waldorf salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese sub and tacos.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, garlic toast, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, Waldorf salad, spinach salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spare ribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, rice, stir-fry vegetables, fried cabbage, gravy, lemon sesame green beans, coleslaw, tomato salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, garlic toast, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, cabbage, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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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 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

**Transition assistance program** — today, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 information, 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, [deesolomon@cableone.net](mailto:deesolomon@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](mailto: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.**

To change information in the Digest,  
call 377-3163 or 4130  
or e-mail [KN@keesler.af.mil](mailto:KN@keesler.af.mil)

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

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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

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

# Wealth of information waiting at McBride Library

By Earlene Smith  
81st Force Support Squadron

To many people the words library and books are synonymous, but in today's world libraries are increasingly entering the world of computers. Keesler's McBride Library is keeping up with the trend.

McBride Library has 40 computer work stations with free access to the internet and web based email for reference and research. Microsoft Office Professional 2007 and Web-based email is loaded on all systems. Customers wishing to use the computers show their military identification and sign in at the front desk.

Wireless Internet service is available 24/7. Users get the network key and password at the circulation desk.

"EBSCO Host is one of the online database services offered on our computers," said Caem Hillman, base librarian. "It has 30-plus databases and several thousand full text searchable magazines. Users can email the information to themselves, print it at a cost of 10 cents a page or download the article to a thumb drive.

"Other database services," she added, "include Petersons, Sirs Knowledge Source and Newsbank."

The Peterson Web site offers online testing including the College Level Examination Program and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test. Online practice tests and test preparation

books for the College Level Examination Program, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, Graduate Record Examinations and many others are also available. To access, log on to [www.petersons.com/airforce](http://www.petersons.com/airforce). The activation key to register to use the tests is FL3010.

Even children have access to a computer located in the children's library according to Mrs. Hillman.

"The educational software is geared to those in kindergarten and first grade and is a fun way for children to learn letters, colors and numbers," she said.

"The TumbleBook library is an excellent program for children," she added. "This is a collection of animated, talking picture books created from existing picture books converted to the TumbleBook format. Military with access to the Air Force Portal may log on to [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil) to explore the site by checking out all the books, games and features. A catalogue is furnished with book descriptions, book reviews and author, illustrator and publisher information."

Library customers are offered an opportunity to register at the front desk for an Overdrive account number that allows them to use their home computers to shop online for audio books. Individ-

ual person/family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. All of the audio books may be downloaded and used for 10 days and some of them can be burned to a compact disk.

Other programs available at the library include the Web-based Rosetta Stone Language Learning Center. Being bilingual is a distinct advantage, especially in today's job market. You can learn one or more of up to 30 languages using Rosetta Stone. Apply at the library to open a free personal account for home use or use one of the library computers. Languages are also featured on audio CDs and Playaway®, the first self-playing digital audio book. Use your library card to check out the latter two items for up to two weeks at a time.

Free library cards are available in a matter of minutes at the circulation desk. You'll need to supply the following information: name, mailing address (your home base if on temporary duty), Social Security number, organization/duty section, duty phone/home phone and military and/or personal email address. If you're TDY, an estimated departure date is required.

"Everyone can view the library's complete holdings by logging on to [www.keeslerservices.us/Library2.html](http://www.keeslerservices.us/Library2.html) and

click on the link under Search Our On-line Catalog," Mrs. Hillman pointed out. "The on-line catalog is available 24/7. Patrons can browse various types of materials by searching such topics as DVDs and audio books. They can also set up and log in to their personal library account to see what they've read, what's currently checked out and more."

The library staff is attuned to the needs and wants of their customers. Back by popular demand are free computer classes. The classes will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m., beginning Jan. 13 for a total of four weeks. See below for more information. Additional classes will be held monthly.

All active duty, retired military members and their families, Department of Defense civilians and students taking classes at Keesler are eligible to use the library. The facility is located on the corner of Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

McBride Library is the place to go to find an almost unlimited supply of materials needed to meet mission, educational, informational and leisure needs, offered in printed form or by computer. For information on all available library services, log on to [www.keeslerservices.us/Library2.html](http://www.keeslerservices.us/Library2.html).

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## FREE ULTRA BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS AT MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Class is 9-11 a.m. Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3. Preregistration is required; call 377-2181. Class is limited to the first 12 to sign up.

**Jan. 13, Starting from scratch** — introduction, basic terms and familiarization with computer components, what's in the box and unpacking and setting up a computer system.

**Jan. 20, Learning to drive** — basic mouse and keyboard skills and basic orientation/navigation in the Windows Operating System.

**Jan. 27, Cruising the information superhighway** — introduction to the World Wide Web.

**Feb. 3, Buying a new computer** — what you need to know and basic computer care.

Not-So-Ultra Beginners Class Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 3. To sign up or for more information, call 377-2181.



# 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** — New Year's Day. Golf carts and rental clubs not available.

**Open play** — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to [www.keeslerservices.us](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** — 1 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.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

**Editor's note:** Located in Locker House, Building 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 Society programs** — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are making a permanent change of station. For eligibility and guidance, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

**Returning home care, expanded duty care and more** — visit [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us) and click on the link for family child care for more information.

**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.

## 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.

**Biggest loser competition** — runs Jan. 18-March 19. Register and weigh-in Jan. 4-15 at any of the three fitness centers. Competitors are encouraged to participate in group fitness classes, intramural sports and other fitness incentive programs. Final weigh-in is on or before the weekend of March 19. The two male and female contestants losing the most weight during the competition receive a T-shirt and Subway gift card.

**Free powerlifting seminar** — 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Learn proper lifting techniques, proper use of lifting gear, approved powerlifting attire and rules and regulations for the "Muscle Mania" powerlifting meet, March 19. Open to all men and women authorized to use Keesler facilities.

**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** — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, 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.

**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** — short sleeve/collared shirt with 81st Training Wing logo, available in red or blue; \$22 in the pro shop.

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

**Hurricane Alley glow bowling** — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. Glow in the dark bowling and rock-n-roll music. Its a party.

**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. Basic party is \$8.95 per child and includes bowling and food. Mid party is \$11.95 per child and includes bowling, food, and table supplies, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that party goes can color and sign. Premium party is \$15.95 per child and includes bowling, food, table supplies, and each child gets a choice of miniature bowling game or goody bag, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that party-goers can color and sign and a decorative bowling party pin. 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** — for a complete list of tickets and prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT.

**Information** — free brochures available on local and out of state attractions.

**Armed Forces Vacation Club** — offers seven nights and eight days in a resort condominium for only \$329 at many great locations around the world. Log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> and start planning your next affordable vacation. For reservation purposes, Keesler's installation number is 121.

## 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. If you will be arriving after 6 p.m., please call with credit card information to hold reservation.

**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; temporary lodging facility, \$41.50 for one- and two-bedroom family units with full kitchen; and pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

**Oversized parking** — for your convenience, an oversized parking lot for large vehicles is available at no charge. Please request a permit upon check-in.

## 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 lunch buffets** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8, includes iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth is free. Jan. 4, lasagna, buttered corn, salad, garlic rolls and chocolate pudding with topping; Jan. 11, fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and apple cobbler; Jan. 25, meat loaf, rice, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and bread pudding.

**Tuesday chili special** — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays. \$1 a bowl for members, \$1.50 for nonmembers.

**Wings and things** — 5-7 p.m. Jan. 27. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

**Valentine dinner for two** — 6 p.m. Feb. 13. Menu includes prime rib or smoke house chicken, baked potato, Capri blend vegetables, salad, tea and dessert. \$30 per couple for members, \$35 per couple for nonmembers. Reservations are required. Seating is limited.

**Need to change your club card membership?** — Stop by the nonappropriated funds accounting office in Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 230, and ask for the Outprocessing Clerk. Office hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work Fridays.

**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.

**"Salad Your Way" salad bar** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Large salad \$4.50, small salad \$2.50. Add ham, turkey, tuna, grilled chicken or chicken salad for \$1.

**Soup and sandwich or salad bar** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get a bowl of soup and your choice of salad bar or a hot or cold, ham or turkey sandwich.

**All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. Jan. 6, Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, rolls and peach cobbler; Jan. 13, beef brisket, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn, rolls and homemade bread pudding; Jan. 20, spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza bar, green beans, garlic bread and chocolate and vanilla pudding with topping; and Jan. 27, chicken a la king, egg noodles, green peas, hot dinner rolls and peach cobbler.

**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.

**Children's story time** — 10 a.m. Jan. 12 for ages 3-5. Sign language will be used along with story teller.

**Free beginning genealogy class** — 10-11 a.m. Jan. 11 and 12.

**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.

**"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 [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us) and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our online 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.

**January special** — 10 percent off all rental equipment.

**Children's wildlife poster contest** — throughout January. Poster content can focus on any type of wildlife including, birds, fish and animals. First place wins a \$100 savings bond, second place wins a \$50 savings bond.

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

**Going camping?** — camping packages for rent with sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents, or tow a rental camper to your destination and enjoy. Campers are \$50 per day.

**Paddleboats for rent** — see the Biloxi Back Bay and get some exercise at the same time. \$5 per hour, minimum two hour rental.

**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.

**Join the Team Keesler sailing team** — compete in the Hobie Nationals, June 4-11. Call for more information.

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

**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.

**"UBU" weekend special** — show your UBU Card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike for \$5 for the weekend.

**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.

**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.

**GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER**  
8 P.M. - 1 A.M.  
Dec. 31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Bowling (shoes included) ~ Music**  
**Prizes ~ Dancing ~ Party favors**  
**Finger foods ~ Nonalcoholic midnight toast**

\$30 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-17.  
Ages 5 and younger are free.  
Ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.  
Get tickets now or at the door.

Alcoholic beverages sold separately.

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## 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

**Holiday closing** — the center will be closed Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**"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.

**Jewelry Making** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 16. \$20 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

**Scrapbooking** — 5:30-7 p.m. Jan 21. \$10 including materials.

**Pottery** — 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 23. \$40.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. Jan. 23. \$25 including a completed painted project.

## Engraving shop

**Custom items** — we can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens for gift giving, special mementos and squadron functions. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

**Gifts to go** — get a décor mug filled with goodies. We have a variety available for \$10 each. Choose one with a picture of a magnolia and the Biloxi lighthouse.

## 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** — 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13, 20 and 27. Make a cutting board. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Jan. 16. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Jan. 30. \$25 includes materials and tool use.

## Frame shop

**Custom orders** — our staff will customize all work according to individual orders. We can also coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories.

**Shadow boxes** — customized, make great retirement gifts.

## Auto hobby shop

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

**Holiday closing** — the center will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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.

## DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

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

## RESALE LOT

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

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive, across from the commissary, between the temporary living facilities and Keesler Federal Credit Union drive-through. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

## VANDBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

**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.

## 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.

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

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

**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.

**Guitar, piano and gymnastics classes** — available, call for more information.

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**Throw Back  
and  
UBU Party  
70s-80s theme**

**6 p.m. Jan 22 at the "V"**

Vandenberg Community Center  
for nonprior service students only.

**\$3 admission, students with  
January birthdays enter free.**

**UBU Specials  
(must have a UBU card)**

**Food and prize giveaways every  
30 minutes until 10 p.m.**

**Special prize giveaways  
to individuals who sign up for an  
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**8 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. DEC. 31**

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