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New shopping complex opens April 6



Photo by Kemberly Groue

MMI employee Johnny Spears installs the vinyl base around cabinets and cubicles at the new satellite pharmacy Jan. 29.

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

The April 6 grand opening for the new \$60 million base exchange and commissary is sure to interest plenty of local shoppers, and for good reason: It's been a long time coming, thanks to the uninvited appearance of an infamous lady named Katrina. It took almost five years to sweep out her mess, but now the time has come to get ready for the new and improved shopping experience at Keesler.

The new exchange will have a 95,250 square-foot sales area and 35,756 square-foot office and warehouse area, said Penny Madison, general manager of Keesler's Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities.

The area will also have a 11,000 square-foot food court, as well as a new satellite pharmacy, said Johnny Michael, Parsons Construction, technical inspector for the exchange portion of the job.

"The new facilities are larger and more modern and will feel more open and airy," Mr. Michael said.

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High year of tenure limits revert to pre-2003 levels

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force manpower and personnel officials here announced Jan. 27 a return of enlisted high year of tenure limits to their pre-2003 levels.

"We've considered returning HYT limits to their normal levels for several years. Now that our Air Force end strength is stabilizing, it is an appropriate time to return back to the pre-2003 levels," said Tom Voegtle, chief of the retirements and separations policy branch at the Pentagon.

High year of tenure is the maximum years of service a member may remain on active duty in relation to his or her enlisted grade.

The HYT for senior master sergeant, master sergeant, technical sergeant and senior airman will return to 26, 24, 22 and 10 years, respectively. The HYT limits for both chief master sergeant (30 years) and staff sergeant (20 years) remain the same since they weren't raised in 2003, Mr. Voegtle said.

The change will initially affect about 2,500 Airmen;

500 senior airmen, 400 technical sergeants, 1,200 master sergeants and 400 senior master sergeants.

The new HYT effective date for master sergeant is April 1, 2011; for technical sergeant is Aug. 1, 2011; and, for senior airman is Sept. 1, 2011. The effective date for senior master sergeant is Jan. 1, 2012. This timeline provides Airmen more opportunities to compete for promotion or plan for separation or retirement from active duty.

All Airmen who separate

due to HYT will receive involuntary separation pay. Technical, master and senior master sergeants may apply for full retirement if leaving active duty due to reaching their HYT just as they would under existing policy.

While the new HYT is applicable now, Airmen who will be "over" their HYT as the policy is normalized will be allowed to remain on active duty until no later than the effective date for their

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What is real cost of freedom?

By Cathy Francis

Military spouse

Editor's note: Cathy Francis, spouse of retired Master Sgt. Mitchell Francis, was recently awarded one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships offered through the Air Force's Club Membership Scholarship Program for this winning essay. Mrs. Francis is currently attending Metropolitan Community College, where she hopes to earn an associate degree in medical billing and coding.

OFFUTT Air Force Base, Neb. — The cost of freedom cannot and should not be measured in mere dollars, or even in millions or billions of dollars.

Today's large military budgets are spent on equipment, buildings, airframes, maintenance, personnel and training. These are the items that are most commonly thought of when people consider the cost of the freedoms we enjoy.

These costs are also paid by countries that have large military forces, but little or no freedom. The true costs of freedom are not found in a balance sheet or in the pages of a budget document.

The hidden costs of freedom include the birth of a child missed by a deployed father. Also included are the birthdays and anniversaries missed by a parent or spouse on temporary duty, and even the simplest things we take for granted, such as missing a child's first steps, first words, first day of kindergarten or their last day of high school.

The costs can be high for many military families who support their active-duty spouses and parents. These professional warriors often struggle to maintain their ties with their families while working to ensure that everyone has the rights and freedoms we all expect.

Sadly, the cost of freedom is sometimes counted by the num-

ber of flag-draped caskets returning from overseas. These are the men and women for whom the ultimate cost of freedom was their lives, and the impact on the lives of their families.

This ultimate cost is one that is not fully measured by the cold, sterile numbers of casualty reports. It is measured in the amount of unheard advice, unshared joys, unshared sorrows and in the hearts of children who only know their parents through stories and photos.

These hidden costs of freedom began in the War of Independence. They continued through the War of 1812 and the Mexican-American War. The costs were very high during the

Civil War when freedom was extended to some for the first time. The costs then included brother fighting against brother and friend against friend.

Still the costs rose, through the Spanish-American War, two world wars, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the long Cold War. The cost continues to build as we fight today's war, both at home and abroad.

However, with this cost, we have paid for freedom for ourselves and for others who may have never known freedom. Even though we have paid a high price for freedom, we are among the few who have given freedom to others regardless of the cost we bear.



Year of the Air Force Family

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>. For more information, call 377-7340.

Aiding a stranger

Issue — I want to thank two women who went above and beyond to help a stranger.

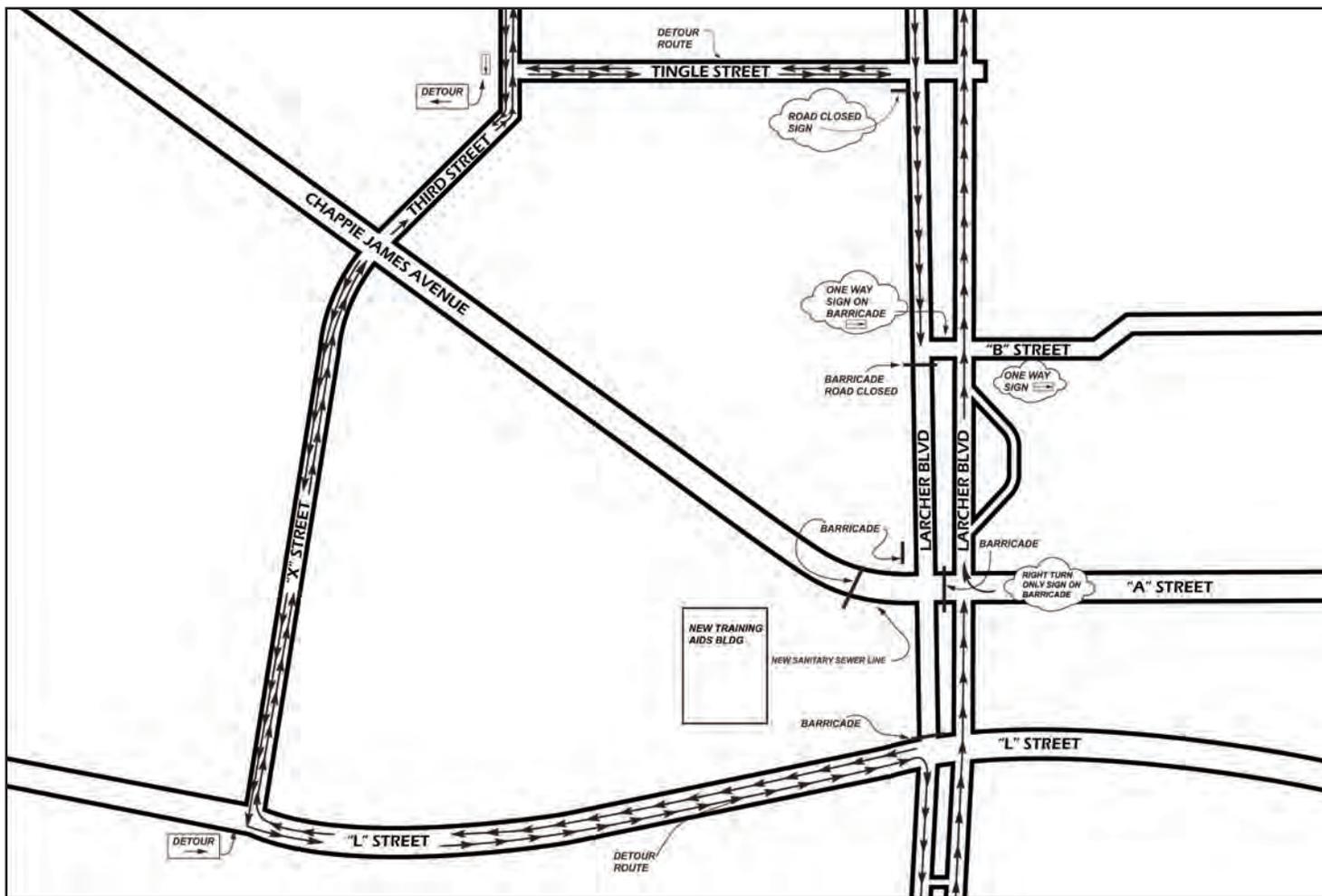
Jan. 25, I experienced a full-blown anxiety attack in the parking lot of the Keesler Medical Center. I've experienced these attacks before, but never to this extreme and never while driving. A woman in uniform came to my car and asked if I needed help. She explained she was a chaplain and would assist me inside. Another woman drove by asking if she could help. Before I knew it, we were in the emergency room and I was receiving the medical assistance I needed.

Both ladies were busy, but stopped to help me and I am most grateful. The lady who drove us around to the emergency room told me her name was June and came back to see if she needed to call anyone for me or could help in any other way. I didn't get the chaplain's name. She had an adolescent son with her and I'm pleased he could see his mother lend a hand to someone in need.

My husband has been retired from the military six years now and I had forgotten the bond military women have during troubling times. Thanks to the lovely women who carried me along. Your kindness is appreciated and won't be forgotten.

Response — Thank you for taking the time to recognize the seemingly small, but very significant contributions by members of Team Keesler. These women showed the compassion and professionalism that runs through the core of the Air Force. It's always nice to be reminded that despite the busy, hectic pace our service members are accustomed to, small acts of caring and kindness still permeate our day-to-day life. "Integrity, teamwork and caring" is a motto for all of us and I'm proud to see it in action!

Detours start Monday on Larcher, Chappie James



Segments of Larcher Boulevard and Chappie James Boulevard near the new training aids facility are closed Monday through Feb. 22 to complete sewer connections. Southbound Larcher is closed from L Street north to the crossover at B Street. Traffic is detoured west at intersection of Tingle (C) Street to Third Street, then south on Third and X Streets to L Street; then east on L Street back to Larcher. Chappie James is closed from Larcher to Larcher Chapel's east parking lot entrance, but the parking lot remains accessible during construction.

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DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

Who is your pick to win the Super Bowl?



"The Saints!"

Gwen Mitchell, Valley Crest contractor



"The Colts!"

Tech. Sgt. James Desgrange, 336th Training Squadron



"The Saints!"

Capt. Shari Crenshaw, 403rd Wing

Tech controllers bid farewell to AFSC

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News

On Jan. 26, Snoopy finally retired. He was 50 years old and boasted a long, successful career.

Snoopy went down fighting, of course — he was a good, brave Airman. He served a long time as the mascot for tech controllers, but now he has to let go of his career field because it has evolved into a different, pioneering embodiment of what education is now and what it will be soon.

All of this change meant that this month marked the last for the 3C2X1 Air Force Specialty Code, network integration, previously known as communications-computer systems control class. The course was taught in the 336th Training Squadron.

The first class graduated from tech school at Keesler on Dec. 13, 1960. Previously an officer field, many of its transplants hailed from the 293X0 ground radio operations career field. The first class of the 16-week course graduated at the old Thomson Hall and 5,579 Airmen graduated since 1999.

But now, that is all no more. Jan. 26, a “memorial” ceremony was conducted in front of Thomson Hall, complete with a time capsule filled with mementos and a dedication plaque in honor of the career field.

On the memorial marker can be found these words: “In memory of the spirit of the Water Walkers, 3C2X1-Tech Control-336 TRS, 1960-2010, We Were The Chosen Ones.”

The final graduation ceremony in front of the hall featured Chief Master Sgt. Brian Sale from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., who began his career in 1992 as a communication-computer systems control apprentice student at Keesler. Chief Sale is now the 3D0XX functional manager for Air Force Global Strike Command. He oversees training, manpower utilization, assignments



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Tom, 336th TRS, buries the time capsule containing mementos from the tech control course as Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander; Lt. Col. Russell Voce, 336th TRS commander, and Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander, and others observe.

and related actions involving more than 400 active duty, guard and reserve personnel across five bases.

Tech controllers called themselves “jack of all trades, master of none,” with the basic duty description of “operates, monitors, secures, and controls the physical, data link, network, and transport layers of garrison and tactical communications-computer systems, encompassing local and wide area networks, end-to-end telecommunications and circuit switching

systems, long-haul transmission, and the global information grid; performs, coordinates, and supervises their design, configuration, operation, restoration and improvements; analyzes their capabilities and performance, identifies problems and takes corrective action; operates cryptographic equipment; fabricates cable assemblies; performs C-CS control facility quality assurance evaluation; (and) directs and makes operational adjustments to C-CS equipment.”



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Jones, 336th TRS, places “Snoopy” in the time capsule.

So how did Snoopy get involved, you ask? According to legend, it all started when a maintenance officer seemed to sense that tech controllers had difficulty admitting they could make a mistake, emphasizing his thoughts with the comment, “Do you guys think you walk on water?”

Following the image of the cool, hip characters of the day, the mascot involving Charles Shultz’s Snoopy was born, eventually evolving into the famous dog pictured walking on a wave made popular by Japanese artist Hokusai, a 310 patch cord in his hand.

In 2009, 365 tech controllers graduated, but the future now is that 27,000 enlisted Airmen are transitioning from 16 communications AFSCs (2EXXX, 3A0XX, 3CXXX) to 11 new cyberspace support specialties (3DXXX).

It is supposed that new mascots may be needed. Perhaps Snoopy can get another job?

Last graduation marks cyber transformation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Jan. 26 marked the last graduation for the visual imagery and intrusion detection systems class in the 338th Training Squadron.

This particular Air Force Specialty Code ended Nov. 1, and jobs included in this career field have been converted to the 3D cyberspace support career field.

The new AFSCs, which are also being taught at Keesler, include client systems, cyber transport and radio frequency transmission systems.

Students took the five-week VIIDS course after completing the electronic principles course in the 332nd TRS.

Graduates of the course were responsible for installing and checking operation of television, imagery and intrusion detection systems and equipment; measuring, adjusting and testing the operation of equipment and systems; performing preventive maintenance and ensuring performance standards; monitoring and directing performance checks of TV and intrusion detection systems and insuring continuous acceptable performance; and managing TV, imagery or intrusion detection system facilities.

A precursor course, base installation security systems, was previously taught at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. The course moved to Keesler in 1998.

More than 60 students went through the course annually and about 450 Airmen were included in the VIIDS career field.

Keesler captain wins annual award at Little Rock



Captain Eddy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Capt. Jason Eddy may be assigned to Keesler, but he's made himself known at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., as the 314th Airlift Wing's company grade officer of the year.

In addition, his Keesler unit, the 45th Airlift Squadron, captured the 2009 Air Education and Training Command's flying safety plaque for outstanding achievements and contributions to flight safety, flight education/mishap prevention programs, operational risk management integration and bird aircraft strike hazard program.

"This is the second year in a row the 45th AS won at the major command level," said Lt. Col. Jimmy Canlas, 45th

AS commander. "Last year, we also won at the Air Force level, and we're competing again at the Air Force level for this prestigious award."

Captain Eddy is safety officer and C-21 evaluator for the squadron, a tenant unit at Keesler.

"We are a geographically separated unit and part of the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock," Colonel Canlas explained. "Captain Eddy first was honored as the 314th Operations Group CGO of the year, then went on to capture the wing's CGO of the year by beating out other Little Rock competitors."

Captain Eddy, co-director of Keesler's 2009 Thunder on the Bay air show, instructed more than 130 hours of academic and ground training for 22 pilot initial qualification and instructor pilot

classes with a 100 percent on-time graduation.

He recently completed his master's degree from Touro University and led his squadron in the Department of Defense fitness challenge, finishing in the top 3 percent.

His volunteer work includes Urban Life Missions and Habitat for Humanity efforts to aid local residents still recovering from Hurricane Katrina and serving at a local soup kitchen, mentoring at a juvenile detention center, assisting with the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign as a unit representative and working with Special Olympics.

Captain Eddy, who was recognized at Team Little Rock's annual awards banquet Jan. 22, now competes for 19th Air Force honors.

Weapons of mass destruction Developmental opportunities open for civilians, officers

By 1st Lt. Gina Vaccaro McKeen

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Officials are requesting nominations for a professional military education course in the study of weapons of mass destruction.

The Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction at the National Defense University announced recently the call for nominations to the 2010 program for emerging leaders.

This professional development opportunity is intended to foster an interagency community of next generation leaders with a better appreciation of the role of WMD in U.S. national security by providing a forum for members to learn from today's leaders on related issues, NDU officials said.

Members are selected on their leadership potential and interest in WMD-related issues. Current WMD experience isn't required.

Major commanders and equivalent field operating agency and direct reporting unit commanders may each nominate up to three offi-

cers in the rank of captain or major or civilians in grades GS-09 through GS-13 or Pay Band 2.

Nominations are due to NDU by Feb. 19.

A senior panel at NDU reviews nomination packages in March and announces selections for the program in April.

Membership is limited to about 25 individuals from across the services and federal agencies. The qualification criteria for this competitive program include at least three years of post-baccalaureate experience, secret-level security clearance, current responsibilities related to national security, leadership potential and demonstrated interest in WMD issues.

Nomination packages must be mailed to Program for Emerging Leaders, Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Defense University, C/O NDU Mailroom, 300 5th Avenue SW, Marshall Hall, Washington, D.C. 20319-5066

For more information, log on to www.ndu.edu/wmdcenter/ or call the 24/7 Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

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

Lost & Found

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

Instructor earns AETC safety award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Tech. Sgt. Christina Burkett, safety representative for the 336th Training Squadron, is Air Education and Training Command's ground safety award winner for the July-September quarter of 2009.

Sergeant Burkett, a knowledge operations management instructor, authored pre- and post-hurricane briefings for personnel involved in a hurricane exercise and revamped eight section safety books with no inspection write-ups.

Sergeant Burkett processed and expedited three reportable mishap reports and sent out 15 safety notices to unit personnel. She crafted holiday and school bus safety presentations and conducted random facility and seatbelt safety checks.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Annual awards

The 81st Training Group annual awards banquet is today in the Dragon's Lair.

The 6 p.m. social hour is followed by dinner at 7.

KSC scholarships

The Keesler Spouses Club scholarship competition is open to members of the Keesler family, including dependents and spouses of active duty, active Guard and/or Reserve, retired or deceased members and Department of Defense civilians.

Scholarships are awarded to eligible high school and home-schooled seniors who plan to enter a college, university or vocational school this fall. Spouses pursuing a degree or vocational studies are also eligible.

To request applications or more information, e-mail JLMPatricuin@aol.com; log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.org, or visit area school guidance counselors or the Keesler Thrift Shop.

Applications must be post-marked on or before April 1. Mail applications to JerriLynn Patriquin, KSC Scholarship Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 5218, Keesler AFB, MS 39534.

Drill downs, parades

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

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

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

UBU house party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

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

Academic aces



Airman Alexander Avery, left, and Airman Basic Lester Josol graduated Jan. 27 from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores. Airman Avery, from Newark, N.Y., and Airman Josol, from Kailua Kona, Hawaii, continue their training in the communication/navigation/mission systems apprentice school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

CCAF deadline

Feb. 26 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring graduating class.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file with CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including your nomination action request.

For more information, visit the education office, Room 376-8708 or 8710.

NECP deadlines

Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program deadlines are Feb. 26, notification of intent to apply; March 26, academic evaluation; and April 23, applications due.

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

Education briefings

Post-9/11 GI Bill — Briefings are 1p.m. Wednesdays in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Officer Training School — 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Room 224, Sablich Center.

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

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Hap Arnold grants

Applications are available online for the Air Force Aid Society's Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program at <http://www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm>.

The \$2,000 grants are given for undergraduate studies to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Active Guard/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased members.

The application deadline is March 12.

For more information, call 376-8517.

Swan 38 scholarship

Deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters Swan 38 \$1,000 scholarship is May 31.

The competition is open to active-duty and retired 403rd Wing members and their dependents.

For applications, log on to www.hurricanehunters.com.

Keesler Navy instructor on hand for State of the Union address

By Ed Barker

Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — At the invitation of a congressman from Mississippi's 4th District, an instructor from the Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit attended the State of the Union address given by President Barak Obama to members of Congress Jan. 27 in Washington.

Petty Officer 1st Class Clarence Hartenstine, an aviation electronics technician, received the invitation Oct. 13 from Rep. Gene Taylor when Hartenstine received the 2009 Thomas V. Fredian Award for outstanding community service at the annual Salute to the Military at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum, Biloxi.

"It was kind of a shock when the congressman approached me and invited me to the State of the Union address," Petty Officer Hartenstine said. "I was still focused on winning the Fredian Award, and the invite to Capitol Hill was icing on the cake. I was extremely honored that Rep. Taylor would recognize my community service in that way."

"I was honored to have Petty Officer Hartenstine as my guest for the State of the Union," said Representative Taylor. "I truly appreciate his service as well as all of the work he has done for our community."

This was the first visit to Capitol Hill for Petty Officer Hartenstine, who's spent much of his career keeping the Navy's frontline fighter aircraft flying.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime, eye-opening experience — to see the President in person and experience how Congress does business in D.C.," he said.

Petty Officer Hartenstine provides technical training and



Navy photo

From left, Rebecca and Petty Officer Hartenstine were guests of Mississippi congressman Gene Taylor on Capitol Hill for the Jan. 27 State of the Union address.

administrative management support for Navy and Marine Corps service members attending Navy schools and consolidated courses located at Keesler. As the general calibration and maintenance school's leading petty officer, he's responsible for 12 joint-service instructors and 78 joint-service and international students at the entry level in matters of military requirements, scholastic achievement and community service.

As CNATTU's community service coordinator, Hartenstine advises 218 military and civilian personnel on volunteer opportunities. His commitment to community service resulted in more than 50 events totaling nearly 1,700 hours of volunteer contributions in 2009. He was also selected as the department Sailor of the Quarter for the

first quarter of 2009.

Hartenstine spends his off-duty hours working with numerous agencies, including supporting Nichols Elementary School, Special Olympics, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, the DeSoto National Forest River Cleanup, YMCA and D'Iberville Youth Soccer.

"Petty Officer Hartenstine was an outstanding representative for our command and for the Navy during his trip to Capitol Hill," said Lt. Cmdr. Sad Carino, executive officer for CNATTU-Keesler.

"We are exceptionally proud of what he's done; he's been able to instill in the staff and students that community service is extremely important to becoming a member of the community, and this recognition was richly deserved."

IN THE NEWS

Pass Road Gate reopens Feb. 15

The Pass Road Gate reopens 6 a.m. Feb. 15.

While final work on construction of denial barriers is completed, traffic entering the base at the Pass Road Gate is detoured north on Ploesti around Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Environmental restoration meeting

Keesler's environmental restoration technical review committee meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the West Biloxi Public Library, 2047 Pass Road.

The meeting is a forum for exchange of information and partnership among citizens, the installation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state regarding environmental restoration activities on Defense Department installations.

Wing annual awards banquet

The 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility. Attire is mess dress/semi-formal for military and the equivalent for civilians.

Tickets are \$27 and are available from the following:

Wing staff agencies — Tech. Sgt. Lana Pray, 376-8232.

81st Training Group — Senior Master Sgt. Endsley, 377-0167; Master Sgt. Larry Bakel, 377-7642, and Tech. Sgt. Noah Vaughan, 377-0231.

81st Mission Support Group — Staff Sgt. Crystal Hollars, 377-9160; Senior Airman Ashley Leduc, 376-8181, and Senior Airman Ian Johnson, 376-8362.

81st Medical Group — 2nd Lt. Jason Garcia, 376-4421; Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Brass, 376-4303, or Master Sgt. Natascha Jones-Williams 376-3081.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are Guitars & Cadillacs in D'Iberville; 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.

Wing calendar event-planning must

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

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

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

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

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Feb. 19 issue of the Keesler News is noon Feb. 11 due to the Presidents Day federal holiday, Feb. 15.

corresponding grades.

An Airman's total active federal military service date will determine whether he or she is under the old or new HYT limit. For example, a senior airman whose TAFMSD is Aug. 31, 2001, or earlier would separate under his or her original HYT date or Sept. 1, 2011, whichever comes first. If the senior airman's TAFMSD date is after Aug. 31, 2001, that Airman's date would be adjusted to the new 10-year limit. In other words, the Airman will now be required to separate at the 10-year point rather than the 12-year point if he or she is not promoted to staff sergeant.

Airmen overseas who will reach HYT before they are scheduled to return will receive new dates in accordance with the revised policy, Mr. Voegtle said. Also, deployed Airmen and those soon to deploy who are affected by the policy change will return no later than 30 days prior to their new HYT date.

The new HYT requirements will not affect the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Airmen opting to transfer their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to family members will still be able to transfer these benefits even if their new HYT dates prevent them from completing the required active-duty service commitments.

Extensions of HYT are still applicable under existing guidelines. These include reasons such as extreme personal hardship or when an extension is clearly in the best interest of the Air Force, Mr. Voegtle said.

This policy change doesn't affect Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

"There will be no change in retirement or separation pay benefits, and the Air Force is committed to providing our Airmen and their families with an open and transparent process," Mr. Voegtle added.

For more information, call the 24/7 Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Hennessy Award team visits base next week

81st Force Support Squadron

Keesler is this year's Air Education and Training Command nominee for the John L. Hennessy Award as the top food service operation in the Air Force in the multiple facility category.

The Hennessy Award is based on the entire scope of the food service program. Keesler has won the award five times, most recently in 2004.

An evaluation team representing the Air Force Services Agency and the food service industry arrives at Keesler Wednesday. The evaluation begins with a 7:30 a.m. in-briefing Feb. 11 at the Roberts Building and wraps up Feb. 12.

The team leader is Capt. Anquetta Blount; Air Force Services Agency services strategic plans chief. Team members are Master Sgt. Guadalupe Rodriguez-Valdez, AFSVA food and beverage manager; Roy Watson, National Restaurant Association, and Stanley Gibson, International Food Service Executives Association.

"Feed Them Right...Fit to Fight," focusing on building a mentally and physically strong Air Force through nutrition, is the theme for the evaluation team's site visit," said Lt. Col. Richard Cole, 81st Force Support Squadron commander. "Our promise has always been to meet, if not exceed, our customers' expectations in providing the best service possible."

The dining facilities serve about 2 million meals annually — about 6,500 a day.

The three facilities — Azalea, Live Oak, and Magnolia — offer daily snack



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Rosetta Thomas grills chicken at the Azalea Dining Facility.

specials, world cuisine lunches, "grab-and-go" meals, signature sandwiches and vegetarian items.

Azalea opened in 2001 in the Triangle Area for non-prior service students and can feed 1,500 people per meal. The facility houses the flight kitchen which prepares more than 250 meals per month and the central preparation kitchen where over 350,000 pounds of produce and 125,000 servings of various meat items are processed and prepared annually.

Magnolia opened in 1995 and hosts the monthly birthday celebrations for junior enlisted people and serves a mid-

night meal Monday-Friday. This facility can serve 1,500 customers per meal.

Live Oak opened in 1986 and has a rated capacity of 800 customers per meal. It supports permanent party personnel, temporary duty personnel and nonprior service personnel attending classes on base. The facility also serves personnel of the 403rd Wing and is the training facility for the wing during unit training assembly weekends.

Keesler's dining facilities play a vital role within the Keesler community providing essential mission support on a daily basis as well as special community events.

In 2009, Keesler fed athletes from seven countries during the 5th Annual Conseil International Du Sport Militaire Women's Soccer Championship; served over 1,500 athletes, coaches and volunteers during the Mississippi Special Olympics and provided more than 1,200 flight and ground support meals during the Keesler Thunder on the Bay Air Show.

Food service has an active recognition program offering monthly dining facility, customer service and employee awards.

Menus are published weekly in the Keesler News, featured on a daily menu hotline at 377-3463 and at the Services Web site, www.keeslerservices.us.

Customers can rate the dining facilities by completing comment cards at the cashier's station or by logging on to the Services Web site and clicking on the interactive customer evaluation icon.

Shopping, from Page 1

The exchange's main sales floor will contain a Power Zone and a complete garden shop, along with sales areas for shoes, clothing, furniture, household items, bicycles, jewelry, toys, fragrances, books and magazines.

The new exchange includes an enclosed mall with 20-foot ceilings and skylights, with concessionaires around the mall hallway.

The main sales area can be reached via the mall area or outdoor living area. The food court is located at the west end of mall, with food concessionaires curving in an arc around the seating area. There's a seating area south of the food court inside an enclosed passageway. There are two entrances:

through the food court and the main entrance at the high tower.

Mall services include a barber shop, beauty shop, nail salon, optician, optical shop, military clothing store and alteration shop. The concessionaires include GNC, Asian shop, sports memorabilia, art gallery, flower shop and GameStop.

The food court, which opens March 18, features Charlie's Steakery (which will serve breakfast), Manchu Wok, Anthony's Pizza and Subs, Taco Bell, Baskin Robbins and Starbucks.

The new Defense Commissary Agency store will have 54,000 square feet of sales area, 10,000 square feet of offices and 32,000 square feet of warehouse space. It has an open ceiling with exposed roof joints.

"The commissary, which will feature a full-service deli and a sushi bar, will offer

rotisserie chicken, produce, fresh meat, fresh produce, frozen foods, dairy products, health and beauty items, regular groceries and household goods," said store director Gordy Harris.

The commissary entrances will be at the flat top tower; shoppers will enter from either the outside or from the exchange mall.

The new commissary sales floor will be 25 percent larger — that's 10,000 square feet more sales floor — than the pre-Katrina commissary.

"It will have an open-air concept with wider aisles and eight self-serve checkouts," said Tom McCall, Parsons' technical inspector. "The biggest plus for this new commissary is the 1,300 parking spots in front of the complex as opposed to the 197 spots for the (temporary) commissary."

Main exchange hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The commissary will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

The satellite pharmacy, scheduled to open March 22, "includes a double drive-through service area and expanded space to provide direct patient care," said Lt. Col. Larry Taylor, pharmacy flight commander. "The new location will greatly improve parking and the patient lobby area."

The new pharmacy will house state-of-the-art robotics and automated prescription dispensing equipment that will enhance patient safety and processing time.

The new shopping complex is located at 506 Larcher Blvd. The general contractor is Caddell Construction Co. of Montgomery, Ala.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Most W-2 forms now available

81st Comptroller Squadron

The anticipated date for posting travel and miscellaneous W-2 forms was originally Feb. 22, but now the date is pending. Continue to monitor the W-2 status on the myPay Web site, <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Other 2009 tax statements now available through myPay include retiree, annuitant and savings deposit program 1099 forms and active duty, reserve, civilian and student loan repayment program W-2 forms.

Finance updates

81st Comptroller Squadron

The annual military pay raise that went into effect Jan. 1 is 3.4 percent. To view the updated pay tables, log on to <http://www.dfas.mil/militarypay/militarypaytables.html>.

For updated basic allowance for housing rates, log on to <http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>

Monthly basic allowance for subsistence rates remain the same for 2010 — \$223.04 for officers and \$323.87 for enlisted.

The Thrift Savings Plan contribution limit of \$16,500 remains in place for 2010. For questions about the TSP program, log on to <http://www.tsp.gov/curinfo/qsas-limits.html>.

W-2 forms are now available on the myPay Web site.

For more financial information, visit “Money-Finance Central” on the Air Force Portal.

Finance office hours

Finance customer service hours are:

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

8 a.m. to noon compressed work schedule Fridays.

8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, cashier hours; closed CWS Fridays.

For more information, call 376-8225.

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.

Security changes for myPay

Changes to myPay security now require users to create a login identification and password for future access. Due to complications with this process, many members have been locked out of myPay.

Here's how to alleviate some of these problems:

The new instructions to change your login ID and PIN/password are found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/StepByStep.pdf>

The frequently-asked questions tab of the myPay home page can also assist in changing the login ID and PIN/password. It's found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/FAQ.htm>

If difficulties continue, members may call the centralized customer support unit toll free, 1-888-332-7411, and press 5 for myPay. Hours are 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST weekdays. Due to increased volume of calls, there may be a long wait before speaking with a customer service representative.

Base-of-preference updates

Members may update base of preference online through the virtual MPF.

For more information, call 376-8739.

CSC conducts customer satisfaction survey

CSC is conducting an independent survey on customer satisfaction.

If you've used any of the base operating support services at Keesler, such as McBride Library, fitness centers, supply, civil engineering or weather since Feb. 1, 2009, CSC would like your feedback.

The survey is available online through Feb. 12. The corrected address is <http://shaarp.inquisiteasp.com/cgi-bin/qwebcorporate.dll?idx=ZFTDXH>.

Survey responses are confidential.

The survey is part of CSC's commitment to serving Keesler customers better.

For more information, call 377-5213.



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Free online tutoring available for military family members

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON

Defense Department officials here launched a free, online tutoring service for service members and their families.

The site — <http://www.tutor.com/military> — offers round-the-clock professional tutors who can assist with homework, studying, test preparation, resume writing and more.

Marine Corps and Army families have had access to the program for more than a year. Seeing the value, DOD officials decided to expand the service to encompass all service members and their families, officials said.

“Providing 24/7 academic and career support for military families during a time when so many parents have a deployed spouse has been an important and well-received benefit for Marine Corps and Army families,” said Tommy Thomas, deputy undersecretary of defense for military



community and family policy.

“We are pleased to expand this program to all U.S. military families and provide peace of mind that their children are never alone when it comes to learning — there is always a certified, professional tutor available to help,” he said.

Active-duty service members, Guard and Reserve members on active duty in a deployed status, DOD civilians in a deployed status and their dependents are eligible to participate, officials said. Along with

test preparation, the site is open to students of any age, from kindergartners to high school seniors, for one-on-one help in math, science, social studies and English.

Many of these students, officials said, are making the most of the live, one-on-one help.

“Thanks for having this service when our family is separated at this time due to deployments and training,” a sixth grader of a Marine commented. “My father is unable to help one-on-one.”

“I really appreciate this,” a ninth grader said. “It really helps me understand my schoolwork. It’s going to really help me ace my exams coming up. I am definitely going to use this very often.”

Tutor.com’s network includes more than 1,800 professional tutors and career specialists who have delivered more than 5 million one-on-one tutoring sessions since 2001, officials said. Each tutor is certified through the site, and all sessions are recorded for quality control.

Contest determines group coin design

81st Training Group

A new 81st Training Group challenge coin is unveiled April 30 at the group’s formal dining out at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

The winner of the coin design contest, which runs through Feb. 26, is recognized during the coin’s unveiling at the dining out.

Varying stories detail the history of the military coin.

One dating back to World War I recounts the story of a lieutenant who issued bronze medallions to his unit. One of his comrades placed the coin in a pouch around his neck prior to a flying mission. Forced to land his damaged plane behind enemy lines, he was captured by the Germans who took all of his belongings except the pouch around his neck. He was taken to a small French town where he escaped, eventually ending up at a



French outpost. With no other identification, his would-be killers delayed his death when one of them recognized the coin around his neck. Back at his unit, it became tradition to ensure that all personnel had their coins on them at all times, the advent of today’s “coin check”. If a person was asked to produce a coin and couldn’t deliver, they were required to buy the asking party a drink of their choice.

This contest is an opportunity to make history and continue the “coin checking” legacy. The design contest is open to the Keesler community. Designs may be one or two sides with no limit on the number of submissions.

E-mail submission to lakeitha.luster@us.af.mil as a PowerPoint slide.

For more information, e-mail or call Sergeant Luster, 377-0211.

Wing names quarterly award recipients



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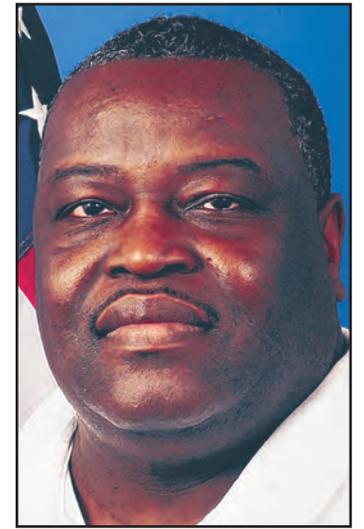
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New radiation oncology clinic opens in March

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The staff of Keesler Medical Center's new radiation oncology clinic is gearing up to begin treating patients in March, said Maj. (Dr.) Clayton Chen, 81st Medical Operations Squadron chief of radiation oncology. Plans are already underway for a formal ribbon-cutting for the new facility in the near future.

The heart of the clinic, the linear accelerator (linac), was moved into the structure last year from its previous location on the ground floor of the main medical center building. The new clinic building is elevated 24 feet above sea level to avoid flooding from any future Katrina-like storm. Currently, there are minor construction items being completed and the linear accelerator is undergoing final commissioning.

The clinic staff includes two active-duty radiation oncologists and two government civilian administrative assistants provided by the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The team also includes eight contract members: two physicists, a dosimetrist, three radiation therapists, a chief radiation therapist and a nurse.

The majority of the services provided — approximately 95 percent, according to Major Chen — involves treating cancer patients. The remaining 5 percent of patients have benign conditions, such as keloids or heterotopic bone for-

mation. The clinic will be able to treat up to 30 patients daily, with 80 percent of them referred by the VA medical center.

Treatments will range from a "single shot" given over one day or as many as 40 "fractionated" treatments given over eight weeks. Ultimately, the types of radiation the clinic will offer include 3-D conformal radiation, intensity modulated radiation therapy, stereotactic radiosurgery, stereotactic body radiotherapy, respiratory gated therapy and brachytherapy. IMRT and 3-D conformal radiation make up the majority of the treatments given to patients. Stereotactic radiotherapy is used for cancers requiring a lot of pinpointing, mainly brain lesions and small lung cancers. Gated radiotherapy is useful in treating lung cancer and will allow the radiation treatments to follow lung tumors with a patient's breathing motion. Brachytherapy uses radioactive implants to treat prostate, gynecologic and breast cancers.

Major Chen said not all the therapies will be available when the clinic reopens, though they expect them to be within the next few months.

"It has been a long road, but I am very proud of the new department," he said. "We will offer many new technologies and treatment modalities that were not available pre-Katrina. When it's all said and done, it's about providing the best possible care to active duty, veterans and their families."



Photo by Steve Pivnick
Radiation therapist Bridget Peterman, left, and nurse manager Margo Loe attach an electron cone to the linear accelerator, which has eight different types of energy used in treatments. This particular cone is used to treat cancer near the skin's surface.

Medic's e-mail gives glimpse of Haitian disaster

By Lt. Col. Kenneth Williams

81st Surgical Operations Squadron

Editor's note: Colonel Williams, 81st MSGS anesthesia flight commander, is a nurse anesthetist deployed to Honduras to support the training mission underway there. He and 81st MSGS operating room nurse Capt. Elberta Carter were deployed from Honduras to Haiti to assist with the relief effort. This is an e-mail he sent to his commander, Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes.

We arrived 2 a.m. Monday (Jan. 18) at the airport and put up a big tent (4:30) and we all slept on the floor until it was light out.

About 9:30 a.m., we got some transport to the U.S./Haitian Coast Guard base, with some U.N. Sri Lankan soldiers for security. We had a small area to set up our tents and it is literally right next to a lot of Haitians living on the sidewalk right outside the small, low fence wall. We set up two tents, one for the (operating room) and one to sleep in.

A big problem we had is we had three planes to bring all of our stuff, but the last plane got diverted to Florida for two days! Of course, it had some important equipment on it, especially our personal bags that had most of our packed gear. I lived out of a small backpack for 2½ days (one clean pair of underwear and socks and Air Force gym clothes).

It's extremely hot and humid and I'm always sweaty. I don't have enough baby powder to fight it. Bathrooms sort of work. The bathrooms have running water only in the early morning and at night. Of course, the water comes out in a weak stream and fills up two big 55-gallon drums. From there you either dump water over yourself for a "shower" of cold water or you use the toilet and you get about a gallon of that water and "flush" the toilet by dumping it in. Oh yeah, you can't put toilet paper in it because it'd probably clog up. The good news is I've sweated so much I only go to the restroom in the morning



The last member of a group of 19 U.S. military medical people leaves a C-130H Hercules at Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 18. The medical team U.S. Army and Air Force service members from Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, was flown there by the Air Force Reserve Command's 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. Colonel Williams and Captain Carter deployed to Haiti from Honduras.

and at night. That's right, only one or two twice a day (and no reading in the toilet either).

Last night and again tonight I'm sleeping in the OR because it can't lock and I don't want our stuff to walk.

OK, I'm getting ahead of myself. The Coast Guard and some Navy folks were treating a lot of Haitians as best they could with limited skills and meds (no anesthesia), so they welcomed me helping with some sedation cases that afternoon (with absolutely no monitoring, just placing my hand on their chest to make sure they breathed. At least they could get an IV).

Truly a horrendous experience — I don't know if you saw some pictures of wounded people just lying around waiting to be treated, but that's exactly what it was. No order, just anyone laying

wherever and doing one and two wherever. Hardly any food, but at least the U.N. guards had water for everyone — a huge plus compared to some.

The Navy flight surgeon said some of the people had been there from the time of the earthquake (seven days?) just waiting to be seen. They had five tables (literally tables or desks) for people to be laid on. There were some Haitian medical folk helping, but they were scary — the doctor (?) was always yelling at the Haitian nurses. I don't know how many people they saw, but they worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and I'm sure they worked their tails off. They left after our first day of seeing patients.

Our first OR day was in the tent and we had several reporters. (Associated Press) and Time took lots of pictures

and wrote down our names. Maybe you saw or read about me/us?

We did five cases the first day and six the second. Actually, that's pretty remarkable since I didn't have an anesthesia machine that worked. I did all my anesthesia by strong IV medication. I've never had to do it before but I had one class on it — thankfully it worked fairly well. The only downside was it took a long time for the patients to wake up.

From the OR we carried them on an Army gurney about 75 yards around the tents and over very rocky ground to the "treatment hold" area for people to be watched.

During the afternoon of Day 2, we had a bunch of Navy help. We moved our whole OR to a big classroom in a nearby building the engineers

said was safe. We had a total of 1½ hours from the last patient to moving the whole OR to treating the next patient. Oh yeah, we share the OR with OB — a lady delivered a baby during our surgery!

By Day 2, things are already becoming better organized. Our primary care team (cared for) a lot of folks waiting to be seen and treated.

That night, our real bags arrived that had all our stuff — kinda like Christmas seeing all the stuff we had packed that we really missed, like clean underwear and socks! This was the first night I slept in the OR, but it was OK because I found some egg crates in our packs so between that and my sleeping bag I was fairly comfortable, much better than the Army cot I tried to sleep on the first night. Also, it's pretty noisy in the tents — we have a bunch of chickens and roosters around and they like to crow a lot! So really, the OR isn't too bad. Oh yeah, it's actually a little air conditioned — at least you only sweat a little bit.

Food — MREs, what else? But I must say that they've really improved on them since Desert Storm. I really haven't eaten that much between the heat and just plain tired. The second evening my supper was a granola bar and the pack of cheese spread from an MRE. Oh yeah, drinking lots and lots of water.

After the second day when our "lost" equipment came so did the medical maintenance guy to help me set up the anesthesia machine and he had my (oxygen) tanks anyway. After we got it running I had to learn how to operate it — it's a new one I've never seen.

Anyway, I was about to lay down at 12:30 (a.m.) when the Haitians saw the OR light was on and came and got me (this is the first night some Haitian medical folks took over; I don't

Haiti,

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know how it was arranged but it really helps) because a guy in the tents outside was having something like an asthma attack. He said he wasn't injured by anything, but from breathing in a lot of concrete dust during cleanup, he was having problems breathing. I checked him out but decided to go wake up one of the docs. We didn't have any albuterol (locked up in the pharmacy) but I did have some epinephrine I gave him (subcutaneously) and got him some oxygen. After the second epi shot, he was doing much better. Finally I got to bed at about 2:15 a.m. and got up at 6:15.

OK, this is our third patient day and we did 10 OR cases today because I now have an anesthesia machine that works (sort of). I don't have any wall oxygen like in a real hospital; I have an air

compressor that runs the anesthesia machine and I have an oxygen concentrator that I plug in to the facemask to give extra oxygen — I didn't know we even had such things.

It's very sad the cases we're doing; lots of scalp and foot injuries, some amputations of fingers because of gangrene. I've treated at least five or six kids, too.

After the OR, we carry the people on a stretcher up a flight of stairs to the overnight area. We can hold 20 patients. Some will stay for a few days for dressing changes and maybe back to the OR in a few days. Today, things are vastly improved organization-wise. Lots of people are gone because we treated them and they could leave but mostly because the USNS Comfort arrived and we sent a bunch of patients to them (they have 12 ORs and they can hold 500 patients and already mostly filled up by today, I heard.)

I have no idea what we'll be doing tomorrow. I'm sure they'll find lots more to do in the OR. Right after our last case, they called me over to the primary care area to extubate a patient. It seems some of the Haitian hospitals are sending us patients so they'll get shipped out. This patient was intubated and one of our Airmen had to bag him for 45 minutes. All of a sudden he started to wake up and fight a lot so they called me. I extubated the guy and he had a bunch of stuff clogging his breathing tube so he probably couldn't breathe too well. He was still a mess. He was hit by (something) during the earthquake and hit his head. He somehow got shipped out. Either that or I was going to have to re-intubate him and put him on a mini-ventilator, which I strongly voted against.

We did have problem with our mission. They wanted 23 of us to set up and man an OR (five of us), treat primary care

patients (two docs) and have 20 inpatients overnight. That was way too ambitious. There would only be two nurses and three techs to run primary care and overnight patients!! Do the math. You can't do that for long. That's where we got lucky with the Haitians covering the night shift and helping during the day.

Oh yeah, we had to take turns doing guard duty too — two-four hours overnight in shifts of two. (And yes, I did carry around my loaded M9 pistol.) The U.N. soldiers are on guard duty, but the bosses decided we needed to do it too. However, today some Marines arrived and they'll take over guard duty.

We have one Air Force nurse who runs the inpatient and she's really done wonders in two days. I give her a lot of credit. I'm glad she's a (pediatric) nurse at Landstuhl (Regional Medical Center), Germany, since almost half the patients are kids. Hope-

fully the major influx of people is over. I hear the Navy is going out in to the community tomorrow and will direct people to us if needed.

Today is Friday and we only did five cases, but three deliveries in the OB/OR room. I didn't help with the deliveries (no epidurals) just gave them IV narcotics. Tonight I may go out to a Navy destroyer to eat, get a hot shower, get laundry done and sleep. Most of the other people have done it and said it's nice.

That's my story to give some indication of what it's like here. Started as chaotic but now getting much more organized. Everything is safe here. Oh yeah. The Marines set up camp right next to ours and have taken over 24-hour guard duty.

I don't know how often I'll get to use the computer but I'll try to stay in touch.

Take care,
Ken

New U.S. Surgeon General has Keesler kin

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Felita Ballard has met with new U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin on a regular basis in their hometown of Daphne, Ala., and also was a guest at her Jan. 11 swearing-in ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Ballard is Dr. Benjamin's second cousin. The close-knit family routinely met for Sunday dinners as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron medical technician said she, her husband Hewitt and "tons" of family members from all over the country attended the ceremony, where Dr. Benjamin was sworn in by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Sergeant Ballard explained Dr. Benjamin is her mother's first cousin.

"My grandfather and Regina's mother are twins. My mother and Regina grew up next door to one another and were more like sisters.

"Her (Dr. Benjamin) passion is health care," Sergeant Ballard continued. "Her mother, father and only brother are all deceased. They all died from preventable diseases so she is passionate about preventive medicine."

Dr. Benjamin graduated from Fairhope High School and "we watched as she went from medical school to opening her practice and (among many honors) receiving the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights in 1998," Sergeant Ballard said.

"I'm ecstatic, overjoyed, excited! I'm so proud



Courtesy photo

From left, Sergeant Ballard stands with Dr. Benjamin and one of Dr. Benjamin's mentors, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher after the swearing-in ceremony Jan. 11.

of her!" she said of her cousin's new responsibilities. "America's 'Top Doc' — it's unbelievable!

"My mother always told us, 'You can do anything you put your heart into.' This is our proof."

Sergeant Ballard, who has 14 years of service, and her husband, a Marine staff sergeant and recruiter in Baldwin County, Ala., have four children. They live in Daphne and she commutes to Keesler daily. The family returns to Okinawa in June, where they were assigned for six years before coming to Keesler in 2007.

Who is Sergeant Ballard's cousin?

Dr. Regina Benjamin is a graduate of New Orleans' Xavier University, attended Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta and received her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

She returned to the Alabama Gulf Coast area where she grew up and opened a family practice in the small shrimping village of Bayou la Batre. She spent several years "moonlighting" in emergency rooms and nursing homes to keep her practice open. After earning a master of business administration degree from Tulane University, Dr. Benjamin converted her medical office into a small rural health clinic that serves the large indigent population in her community.

The clinic was heavily damaged by Hurricanes Georges in 1998 and Katrina in 2005 and burned to the ground several years ago. But Dr. Benjamin rebuilt after each setback to continue providing medical care to the village's 2,500 residents.

In 1995 she became the first African-American woman — and the first person under 40 — to be elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Board of Physicians for Human Rights. Dr. Benjamin is a former Kellogg National Fellow, has been featured as ABC World News Tonight's Person of the Week and CBS This Morning's Woman of the Year. She is also a recent recipient of the MacArthur Genius Award.

Observance recognizes perianesthesia nurses

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Fourteen Keesler perianesthesia nurses join 57,000 counterparts nationwide to celebrate Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week through Sunday.

This year's theme, "Roots of Knowledge, Seeds of Transformation," honors the ways these nurses strive to advance nursing practices.

So far, the week has included an official proclamation, recognition of staff achievement, a briefing on national certification, door prizes and refreshments. There's a luncheon today and perianesthesia "pictionary" and "bingo" Friday.

The Mississippi Perianesthesia Nurses hold a seminar, "The Nature of PeriAnesthesia Nursing," Feb. 20-21 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Gautier campus.

Perianesthesia nursing focuses on the care of patients undergoing surgery and invasive procedures that require sedation, analgesia and anesthesia. To practice perianesthesia nursing, specialty nurses must have comprehensive knowledge and competencies grounded in perianesthesia-specific scientific theory.

Perianesthesia nurses practice in all phases of pre- and post-anesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, pain management and special procedure areas.

February is Children's Dental Health Month

By Maj. (Dr.)
Stephen Gasparovich

81st Dental Squadron

Preventive dental care has dramatically improved the oral health of American children, but dental cavities still remain the most common childhood disease in the world. Parents setting good examples and habits at a young age will help children throughout their lives.

Instilling these habits could lessen the risk of tooth decay and prevent serious problems or pain:

Children should see a dentist when the first tooth appears or no later than their first birthday, according to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Avoid nursing children to sleep or putting anything other than water in their bedtime bottle.

Learn proper ways to brush and floss your child's teeth.

Ask the dentist for any advice or to demonstrate proper form. Any soft-bristled toothbrush removes plaque bacteria that can lead to

Keesler events

Tuesday — child development center classroom visits.

Wednesday — child development center puppet show.

Feb. 18 — 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., story time at McBride Library.

The tooth fairy is present during all events for children.

Feb. 26 — Bundles for Babies program presentation.

Programs are also planned at area schools.

decay. Age-specific toothbrushes provide smaller heads for easier access. These should be used in the morning and at bedtime.

Soft plastic mouth guards or custom-fitted mouth guards can protect a child's teeth, lips, cheeks and gums from injuries.

If your child falls and knocks out a tooth, remain calm. Immediately find the tooth, hold it by the crown rather than the root and try to insert it in the socket. If this

isn't possible, put the tooth in a glass of milk and take the child and the glass to the dentist right away. Don't try to scrape or clean the tooth before going to the dentist. The 81st Dental Squadron has an after-hours emergency service.

Fluoridated toothpaste should be introduced when a child is 2 years old. Before this age, clean the teeth with water or a non-fluoridated children's toothpaste and toothbrush. Supervise brushing until their child is 8 years old, limit the amount of toothpaste to a pea-size ball and have the child spit out the excess.

Some children grind their teeth, and some studies indicate it's because the child's mouth and teeth are growing at different rates and don't fit together comfortably. The natural reaction is to grind their teeth to calm. Most children outgrow this habit without ill effects.

Parents should take their children to the dentist regularly, anywhere from six to 12 months.

DOD offers smoking cessation assistance

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Department of Defense is delivering new focused content, as well as innovative tools and updated information, to help military men and women become tobacco free.

The DOD-sponsored campaign, Quit Tobacco-Make Everyone Proud, at <http://www.ucanquit2.org> supports military members who want to overcome tobacco addiction.

Quitting tobacco is difficult a tough resolution — on aver-

age it takes tobacco users 11 quit attempts to succeed. New monthly themed content and mobile access are combining with existing information and interactive tools on the Web site to help military personnel make good on their resolutions to kick the habit.

The Web site has a new theme each month with relevant advice, strategies and support.

The site has also launched a new text message service, called QuitTips, that sends content

from the Web site directly to mobile phones. It offers advice to support tobacco cessation, as well as links to online tools and updates on smoking and health. Users sign up to receive three texts per week at <http://www.ucanquit2.org/quittips/> or by texting "UCAN" to 35350; subscription is free, but standard text messaging rates from wireless carriers may apply.

Military personnel can customize the support they receive by registering at My Quit Space, creating a private blog as a journal of their experiences, developing a personalized Quit Plan to map out a strategy and identify triggers, downloading a Quit Calendar to track progress recording milestones and adding up how much money they'll save using the "quitting calculator." They can also make their blog public to share with family and friends. Other features include podcasts, research articles, information on local cessation programs and anonymous live chatting with tobacco cessation coaches.

Studies show that people who quit tobacco with friends are 36 percent more likely to remain nonsmokers. The online tools and social networking capabilities can provide the support needed to achieve a tobacco-free life.

2010

UCAN quit tobacco in 2010.

Month by month, we'll help you make good on your New Year's resolution once and for all. Text UCAN to 35350.

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AT KEESLER

The health and wellness center coordinates two tobacco cessation resources, according to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Marcus Cranston, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron health promotion flight commander.

Tobacco cessation classes last for four weeks. To enroll, call the HAWC, 376-3170.

The second resource is the American Lung Association's Quit Line. People call weekly, report progress and receive support. If desired, medication prescriptions are coordinated through ALA communication with the HAWC. To enroll, call 1-800-548-8252.

Spouses club event

The Keesler Spouses Club luncheon is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dragon's Lair hosted by the 81st Mission Support Group spouses.

A cake decorating demonstration with Mary Vuyovich from Sweet Stuff Bakery is planned.

The price is \$10. Today's the deadline for reservations; call 1-618-616-2553 or e-mail skipadams@hotmail.com.

Closed for training

The 81st Force Support Squadron customer support section is closed Wednesday for training.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation specifically designed for Air Force spouses with five years or less in military life, is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

The program, hosted by the airman and family readiness center, increases awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol and on- and off-base resources and services; emphasizes the important role spouses play in the Air Force community; and develops new friendships and support.

Participants receive lunch, prizes, Heart Link coins, tote bags and more.

Limited child care is available.

To sign up, call 376-8728.

Spouses club auction

The Keesler Spouses Club plans a Treasure Island Extravaganza silent/live auction featuring treasures from area artists and businesses, March 13 at the Dragon's Lair.

The 6 p.m. preview is followed by the auction at 7.

Admission is \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are planned.

Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Air Force lithographs

A new selection of Air Force lithographs are available in the public affairs office, Room 201-A, Wall Studio.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Keesler's African American Heritage Committee has planned a variety of activities in observance of African-American Heritage Month.

This year's theme is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment."

Throughout February — heritage presentations at area schools. For more information, call Anthony Mitchell, 377-0987, or Tech. Sgt. LaShunda Burgess, 377-1998.

Feb. 12 — 6th annual bowling tournament, noon, Gaudé Lanes, \$10. The event raises funds for college scholarships. This year's goal is to raise \$1,000. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5250, or Sergeant Burgess, 377-1998.

Feb. 22 — black history luncheon, 11 a.m., Dragon's Lair, \$15. For more information, call Cynthia Lee, 377-9386.

Feb. 26 — soul food sampling and organization day, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., youth center, donations accepted. AAHC members, caterers and area restaurants provide ethnic dishes. Units on base display educational information to foster involvement and cultural awareness in each workplace on base. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ashley Brunson, 376-8174.

Feb. 27 — gospel concert, 6-8 p.m., Triangle Chapel. Keesler's gospel choir and other community choirs featured. For more information, call Anthony Thomas, 871-2302.

March 11 — 6th annual golf tournament, noon, Bay Breeze Golf Course, \$40. The AAHC wants to raise \$1,000 for scholarships with the event. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

April 23 — Sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk, 6:45 a.m. registration, 7:30 a.m. start, Blake Fitness Center \$10-\$15. The event supports sickle cell research and treatment. For more information, call Master Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

May 21 — awards luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Katrina Kantina, details to be announced. Scholarships are presented.

Company grade officers select executive council

The company grade officers council has announced its 2010 executive council:

President — Capt. J.D. Jordan, 333rd Training Squadron.

Vice president — Capt. Donna Burrowes, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Secretary — 1st Lt. Kara Wisniewski, 81st MDOS.

Treasurer — 2nd Lt. Bill Kiser, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Historian — 2nd Lt. Stellina Anelli, 81st Mission Support Group.

Social chair — 2nd Lt. Linda Novak, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

Fundraising chair — 1st Lt. Deanna Landis, 81st MDOS.

Community service chair — Chaplain (1st Lt.) Ruben Covos.

Professional development chair — Capt. Ryan Kaiser, 335th TRS.

The CGOC meets at 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Katrina Kantina.

For more information, call Captain Jordan, 377-1704.

Exchange gives away \$1,000 gift cards

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Kimberly Clark, maker of Kleenex and Huggies, are giving away ten \$1,000 gift cards, Friday through Feb. 11.

Eligible shoppers at exchanges around the globe fill out an entry form for the AAFES/Kimberly Clark "Spruce Up Your Space" sweepstakes.

Winners are selected on or about March 19.

Got a news tip?
Call 377-4130, 9966 or 3163.

Air Force launches FitFamily

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are launching a new family fitness program that encourages an active lifestyle for kids and adults, and serves as an outlet to promote health and wellness in Air Force families.

FitFamily, a companion to the highly successful youth fitness program, Fit Factor, begins Saturday and encourages families to “get up, get out and get fit—together.”

“The FitFamily program is more than just logging points, monitoring progress and earning incentives,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy, the Air Force’s top enlisted Airman.

“It’s about families spending quality time together and setting goals with each other.

“Developing and caring for Airmen and their families is a top priority. We must continue taking time to care for and honor our commitment to our families.”

Air Force FitFamily focuses on the ABCs of family Health and Fitness to include participating in Activities,



Building Healthy Habits and Counting your Progress.

“FitFamily is an important component of the overall Air Force fitness and health initiative and a visible part of the Year of the Air Force Family,” said Condredge Fisher, program manager at the Air Force Services Agency.

“The child and youth programs, and the adult fitness centers will work closely together to promote the program. They will partner together and schedule activities throughout the year and incorporate FitFamily activities into already existing Year

of the Air Force Family events.”

FitFamily is a goal incentive program that is open to all active duty, Reserve and Guard members, Department of Defense and civilian families, retired military members, honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability, and former or surviving military spouses and their family members.

To enroll in the program, families can log on to <http://www.USAFFitFamily.com> and click on “Register My Family.”

The system will send a password to each family member’s e-mail address.

Additionally, the interactive FitFamily Web site also provides resources, ideas and goal setting tools to help Air Force families be active, make healthy nutrition choices and have fun in an effort to promote overall wellness.

For more information about FitFamily activities, contact your local youth center or adult fitness center.

Intramural basketball closing in on Feb. 11 championship game

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

This week, eight teams meet in double-elimination tournaments on their way to the base intramural basketball championship game, 6:15 p.m. Feb. 11 at Dragon Fitness Center.

In the Eastern Conference, playoff teams and their regular season records are the 336th Training Squadron (9-1), combined 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadrons team (9-1), 334th TRS (8-2) and 81st Security Forces Squadron (5-5).

Monday, the 336th TRS played the 81st SFS and the 334th TRS faced the 81st FSS-CPTS. Wednesday, the winning teams battled it out, while the teams they defeated fought to continue in the losers’ bracket. Scores weren’t available at press time.

The Eastern Conference winds up play at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. next Monday. The conference champ is determined next Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

In the Western Conference, teams playing in the postseason tournament are the undefeated 81st Surgical Operations Squadron (9-0), 335th TRS (9-1), 81st Mission Support Group (8-2) and 332nd TRS (5-4).

Tuesday, the 81st MSGS met the 332 TRS-A and the 81st MSG and the 335th TRS played, but scores weren’t available at press time.

Play continues tonight at 6:15 p.m. in the losers’ bracket and 7:15 p.m. in the winners’ bracket. The next round includes games at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, with the conference finals at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

(Dragon Fitness Center)

Intramural Over 30

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	5	0
81st FSS-81st CS	3	2
81st SFS	2	1
81st LRS	2	3
332nd TRS	1	4
335th TRS	1	4

Intramural Eastern Division

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS	9	1
81st FSS-81st CPTS	9	1
334th TRS	8	2
81st SFS	5	5
338th TRS-A	4	6
332nd TRS-B	2	8
81st MDSS-A	2	8
333rd TRS	1	9

Playoff games

Round 3

Game 5 — Monday, 6:15 p.m.

Round 4

Game 6 — Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Round 5

Game 7 — Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Intramural Western Division

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MSGS	9	0
335th TRS	8	2
81st MSG	9	1
332nd TRS-A	5	4
403rd Wing	4	6
81st MDSS-B	3	7
338th TRS-B	1	9
81st DS	0	10

Playoff games

Round 2

Game 3 — today, 7:15 p.m.

Game 4 — today, 6:15 p.m.

Round 3

Game 5 — Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.

Round 4

Game 6 — Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Round 5

Game 7 — Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.

Bowling

Intramural
(as of Jan. 19)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	86	42
Dough Boys	82	46
81st DS	78	50
81st SFS	78	50
81st LRS	77	51
338th TRS-B	70	58
338th TRS-A	68	60
332nd TRS	67	61
403rd MXS	66	62
336th TRS	60	68
81st FSS	60	68
81st TRSS	60	68
335th TRS	50	78
334th TRS	44	84
333rd TRS	44	84
No One Home	8	88

Birthdays 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.

Bowling fundraisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

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

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-Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, 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.

Fitness centers

Biggest loser contest — through March 19. Final weigh in on or before weekend of March 19. The top two male and female contestants losing the most weight during the competition will receive a T-shirt and Subway gift card.

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

Free blood pressure machines — available at all 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.

Fit to fight incentive program — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available free at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

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

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

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.

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.

Golf

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 two 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.

Children's wildlife poster contest — throughout the month. Any type of wildlife: birds, fish and animals. First-place winner receives a \$100 savings

bond, second place winner receives a \$50 savings bond.

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.

January special — Ten percent discount on all rental equipment.

Keesler and Throver Park RV storage facilities — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination info, call 377-3160, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first duty day of the month.

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.

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 two-thirds 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.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic David Anderson, Charles Aquardo, Brianna Augustine, Austin Bass, Aaron Battreal, James Bell, Daniel Bentz, Jeremy Black, Robert Bower, Weston Brown, Matthew Brubaker, Joshua Buras, Aimee Burbridge, Aaron Cachara, Daylon Cannon, Zachary Cannon, Adam Chambers, Trevor Chaney, Jake Claxton, Ryan Clyde, Mario Cortez Alfaro, Asher Cresap, Adrian Davis, Joseph Diaz, Jerad Dodson, Kardene Eaton, Jesse Ellis, Lamarcus Ellis, Steven Ervin, Tyler Fluharty, Donald Francisco, Timothy Freeman, Kayla Gehring, Cody Geist, Anise Ghorbani, John Griffin, Jamaal Haley, Scott Hart, Avery Hawkins, Nicholas Hedberg, Alberto Hernandez, Tyler Higgins, Joziah Hilkey, Evan Holme, Mark Hughes, Jeffrey Hunt, Zachary Hyde, Zachery James, Jennifer Jones, Thomas Jones, Westly Klasen, Lyle Koehler, Bryce Koepke, Jacob Kreuzer, Andrew Laboy, James Lambert, Colby Lehman, Dallas Malone, Justin Martin, Vincent Martinez, Douglas McMahan, Jerry Michaels, Sam Morley, Brodist Norton, John Norton, Gunnar Ostman, Caleb Overby, Anthony Owens, Nikko Pabon, Josiah Perrin, Zachary Pierce, Jonathan Prather, Connor Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez, Lars Rosa, Fabian Rosario, David Roy, Ahna Sagon, Justine Santiago, Stephen Seitz, Paul Shirk, Zachery Shoemaker, Darren Sligh, Brandon Smith, Devin Smith, Peter Sommer, Christopher Spear, Brian Stokes, Micah Templin, Adam Tresenrider, Edward Tucker, Charles Turner, Lee Vinyard, Roy Vreeland, Natasha Walker, Bronson Walter, Devon Wanderon, Thomas Warda, Brian White, Christopher Wildes, David Wilson, Samuel Winkle, Jason Woody and Kyle Zink; Airmen Joseph Bach, Ronald Bauer, Joseph Bloomer, Patrick Brown, Michael Busby, Maverick Davis, Samantha Defilippo, Marcus Eason, Michael Elliott, Shadeyah Faison, Kevin Flakes, Christopher Janousek, Andrew Lemons, Daniel Mihm, Eric Miller, Michael Miller, David Noland, Nicholas Richter, Adam Sanchez, Cassie Szymanski, Benjamin Tress, Abraham Vasquez and Matthew Williams; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Ace, Vincent Acunia, Dane Adams, Ross Anderson, Steven Argandona, Adam Bartholomew, Matthew Bekker, Stephen Bentley, Robert Benton, Daniel Berger, James Blasich, Nicholas Brazeau, Kevin Brennand, Andrew Brown, William Brown, Ruth Bryce, Michael Cable, Christopher Calcagni, Sheila Carroll, Garrett Caskey, Robert Cecil, Zachary Cox, Qiaofen Chen, Hrman Cyrus, David Demster, Michael Denherder, Steve Djie, Leran Dong, Sean Douville, Alex Dudley, Aaron Evans, Ashley Featherston, Heather Ferguson, Paulene Fitchett, Christopher Follante, Lowell Fox, Charvis Franklin, Matthew Galindo, Luis Gomez Gonzalez, Joshua Goss, Diana Gray, Justin Greco, Derek Greene, Nichole Hamilton, Marnay Harris, Robert Hayes, Davinn Hill, Jonathan Holliday, Kyle Householder, Christopher Howard, Jeremy Johnson, Colby Judd, Cheva Jumnongnart, Josiah Kelsall, Matthew King, Jeffrey Koellner, Noel Lamey, John Larkin, Casey Lipe, Edward Lomelin, John Mark, Sean Martin, Andrew McLeod, Rebecca Nelson, Benjamin Hienhouse, Karen O'Neal, Justin Owens, Taylor Paddock, Dwight Patterson, Christopher Paulus, Ashley Peer, Anthony Peterson, Joshua Remer, Omar Roque, Joel RosadoRamos, Christopher Rupert, Phillip Russell, Luke Seitters, Alex Sene, Alexander Shelton, Kyle Smith, Zoe Terico, Jeremy Tharp, Stephanie Tiongson, Taylor Tomlin, Luke Underwood, Jeanette Vandeusen, Justin Varnum, Clarence Walker, James Walsh, Justin Walsh, Natalie Wardwell, Isaac Watkins, Shawn Westbrook, Courtney Wheeler, Daniel Whitehouse, Barabara Woods and Ao Zhang; Senior Airmen Adam Bennett, Gregory Bergerson, Daniel Coffey, Andrew Cross, Ryan Covert, David Diamadi, Laurence Dolan, Timothy Hardesty, Patrick O'Hara, Harold Partin, Terry Prewitt, Jeffery Stiebling, Alexander Tressler, Dennis Waweru, Kathleen Welsch and Michael Wills; Staff Sgts. Brandon Baker, Titus Billingsley, Crystal Chiles, Jeraby Dillon, Timothy Domka, Gintautas Dovydenas, Phillip Duckworth, Philip Eliana, Aaron

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Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Shawn Meyer and Kyle Miller; Airmen 1st Class Jared Burroughs and Megan Howard.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Brandon Allison, Andrew Alotis, Ignacio Arostegui, James Chamberlain, Kyle Clemmons, Joshua Dow, Kaylee Henry, Ariel Hornsby, Hanyoun Jeong, Joseph Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Daniel Kennison, Anthony Klessner, Lyza Lacsina, Larry Laird, Justin Lewis, Luke Lewis, Mancel Marlow, Christopher Mize, Jonathan Moline, David Mooibroek, Brandon Nyman, Kyle Paige, Ethan Prittle, Leroy Reliford Matthew Richards, Seth Roberts, Jonathan Root, Lawrence Stephens, Andrew Strayer, Phillip Suazo, Robert Taron, Guillermo Tersy, Kyle Tracy, Andrew Van Horn, Alexandra Wadsworth and Zane Womack; Airmen Brian Adarraga, Emily Byers, Brandon Evans, Justin Faircloth, Kevin Krippner, Aaron Mabley, Michael Orduna and Willie Pruitt; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Barth, Irene Charbonneau, Jon Copeland, Kari Cox, Kyle Dean, Paul Galanti, Stephanie Grenon, Nathaniel Hamilton, Tyler Harlow, Brandon Homrich, Caleb Howell, Chelsey Huddleston, Ryan Jeffries, Kyle Karr, Ashley Lirosi, Matthew Lutrick, Joshua McIntosh, Emily McMullen, Daniel Middaugh, Kelsey Oxford, Seth Peterson, Jered Records, Tristan Ritter, Steven Scillitani, and Seth Simpson; Staff Sgts. Justin McLanahan, Joel Stover and Ross Weiler.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

Weekday Mass, Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

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

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. Call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

Sacrament, 2 p.m. Sundays; scripture and prayer, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, family home evening, 7 p.m. Fridays; all at Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 1-292-580-8679.

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.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Joshua Molyneux; Airmen David Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Brett Decker; Senior Airmen Aaron Hildebrand; Staff Sgts. Michael Cross, Timothy Finch, Shaun Gingerella, Douglas Hayes, Ryan Maline, Joshua Myers, Gretchen Phillips and Zackery Smith; Tech. Sgts. Jennifer Frost, Derek Jarrels, Timothy Vest, Michael Weissgarber and Mark West.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kayla Chilcoat, Alex Collins, Shiquita Evans, Lakindra Favors, Devon Fleming, Briana Hofreiter, Abiodun Oladiti and Andrew Smart; Airmen Daniel Harris, Joshina Holmes and Kierra Hooker; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Archer, Austin Delahunt, Sharae Echols, Jeffrey Fuston, Kuma Kumsa, Gerald Marshall, Jeffrey Mohr, David Ollivant, Richard Ramirez, William Reid, Michelle Rust and Yuridia Soto; Senior Airmen Alexis Frazee and Mark Kamyk; Staff Sgts. Kyle Fisher, Jessica Gordon and Hannah Mosebach; Tech. Sgts. Janice Bridget and Chad Lynch.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Rachel Davis and Brittany Smith; Pfc. David Colarusso, James Jessen and Jeff Kinnebrew; Airmen 1st Class Samuel Benner, Maximilian Contreras, Tyler Halpenny, Heather Rieck, Daniel Schon and Shane Yurkus; Lance Cpl. Tyler Feuerhake; Staff Sgts. Jason Levy, Eric Sanford and Michele Wilkes; Tech. Sgt. Abdullah Al Harbi.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen 1st Class Amanda Voisin.

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Stephen Baran, Casen Cooper, Matthew Davis, Krystal Jones, Nathan Martinez, Tyler Pennington, David Verza, Chad Waldron and Miguel Rivera-Zamudio; Airmen Aaron Berkebile, Brock Boren, Eric Carrillo, Joseph Eigel, Brandon Heimbichner, Steven Rieff, Benjamin Seefeldt and Taylor Sterrett; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Busam, Hector Cardenas, Kristin Kallsen, Brandon Morris, Tyson Nakamura, Logan Skrzypczak, Jeremy Stubbs and Rikeia Waller; Senior Airmen Gary Isbell; Staff Sgt. Latoya Greene.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Kirk Mendive and Josh Nettleton; Airmen Nicholas Kamansky and Nathaniel Stabley; Airmen 1st Class Gabriel Brooks, Matthew Johnson and David Torres-Veguilla; Staff Sgt. Jesse Morgan.

Cyber transport systems — Airmen Basic Samuel Broussard, Todd Butcher, Manipol Dominique, Sean Kulbeth, Wheaton Mitchell, Jordan Nash, Monico Nicholas, Richard Parron and Jared Zachman; Airmen Cody Edwards and William Muller; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Copeland, Nathaniel Cragun, Orlanders Grant, Adam Grimsley, Leighton Marshall, Brian McKeen, James McKell, Vincent Nathaniel, Christopher Ortiz, Timothy Parker, Alexander Person, Andreas Shiver and Stacey Strum; Tech. Sgt. Fredric Johnson.

Ground radar systems — Airmen 1st Class Ryan Alexander, Simon Martin, Ralphy Rodriguez, Travis Salter and Derrick Wyatt; Senior Airmen Gary Martin and Raymond Pouech.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Damon Bitter, Taylor Spence and Taylor Urrreta; Airmen 1st Class Philip Post.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-2 — graduation Feb. 11.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-2 — graduation Feb. 17.

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Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday and Feb. 13 and 27. \$20 per person including materials.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday and Feb. 20; \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Make a cutting board; \$25 including materials and shop use. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

Card making — 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 11; \$7 per person.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Framing — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday and Feb. 19; \$30 per person. Bring a picture, not larger than 5 x 7, for framing.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and Feb. 20; \$25 including a completed painted project.

Jewelry making — 5:30-7 p.m. today and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 13; \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping, tooling.

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.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday and Feb. 27; \$40.

Scrapbooking — 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 18, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 20; \$20 including materials.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and large assembly area adjacent to machine room available. Call for class information.

Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief Share support group — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships or work situations, loss of a loved one or job, divorce, health issues and grief. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095 or 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.

McBride Library

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

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

Free computer classes — 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Feb. 17 and 24 and March 3. For information on programs covered, call 377-2181.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Paperback book swap — swap one of same genre for another.

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, log on to

<http://www.keesler-services.us>, click link for McBride Library, then link for 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 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.

Story time — 10 a.m. Tuesdays for ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

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.

Carnival Week — Monday through Feb. 13. Join in special events throughout the week and win beads. Masked dance 7 p.m.-midnight Feb. 12; bring your own mask and receive beads or get a free mask at the door. Mardi Gras Ball 7 p.m., Feb. 13; king and queen crowned at 10:30 p.m.

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

Legends Café — buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Sunday Showdown party — 4 p.m. Sunday. Watch the big game and enjoy free food and giveaways. Nonprior service students only.

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.

Chili special — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays; \$1 a bowl for members, \$1.50 for non members.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$6 for club members, \$8 for non-members.

Wing and things — 5-7 p.m. Feb. 24. Keesler club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

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.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays for ages 9 and older. Teen open recreation 4-8 p.m. Saturdays for ages 13 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs, including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, corn, asparagus, squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken.

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

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

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, potatoes, gravy, cabbage, succotash, carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, barbecue beef, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

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

Wednesday

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

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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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.

Mardi Gras tours to Mobile, Ala. — leave the Arts and Crafts Center at 4:30 p.m. Schedule: today, Order of the Polka Dots; Monday, Mystical Ladies and Order of Venus; Tuesday, Order of LaShe's; Feb. 11, Mystic Strippers; Feb. 15, Infant Mystics; \$20 per person.

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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

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 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, for those separating and 2:30 p.m. for those retiring. If separating or retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

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.

Transition assistance program — The Department of

Labor's program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first three days; the fourth day is the Veterans Affairs benefits brief from 8-11 a.m. and the retirement benefits briefs from 1-4 p.m. The schedule is Monday-Feb. 11; March 8-11; April 12-15; May 10-13; June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

MEETINGS

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

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.afsa652.org/>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714, or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information, call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults.

For more information, call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@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. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

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, 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 — second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are 7 a.m. at Live Oak Dining Facility in January, March, May, July, September and November; 3:30 p.m. remaining months at Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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