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Let the good times roll



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Hope Skinner drapes Army veteran William Hanson Jr. with beads as Senior Airman James King looks on during the Mardi Gras celebration Feb. 11 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi. Sergeant Skinner is from the 335th Training Squadron and Airman King is from the 81st Medical Support Squadron. Team Keesler members and community volunteers distributed carnival mementoes to the center's residents. Keesler was also represented at the North Bay Carnival Association's parade Sunday in D'Iberville. For photos, see Page 12.

Team Keesler recognizes its best tonight

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Team Keesler's top performers are in the spotlight tonight at the 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet, 6 p.m. in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Theme for the event is "Honoring Heritage, Making History."

Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, is the guest speaker.

Nominees are:

Airmen — Senior Airmen Matthew Martin, 81st Operations Support Flight; Jeffrey Evatt, 334th Training Squadron; Brandon Ailes, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and Alonda West, 81st Mission Support Group.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George, equal opportunity office; and Tech. Sgts. Noah Vaughan, 335th TRS; Paul Barnett, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; and Robert Rakes, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgts. Michael Rieger, equal opportunity office; Kevin Brandon, 338th TRS; Yvonne Shaw, 81st MDOS; and Patrick Key, 81st LRS.

Company grade officer — 2nd Lt. Laura Piranio, 81st LRS, and Capts. Elizabeth Hernandez, legal office; Bobby Roper, 338th TRS; and Stephen Riggs, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

First sergeant — Master Sgts. Gordon Comerford, 338th TRS; Joseph Wheeler, 81st IPTS; and Kevin Scharwath, 81st LRS.

Civilian category I — Renee Collins, 81st OSF; Florence Clay, 334th TRS; and Joann Griggs, 81st MDTS.

Civilian category II — Nadine Cagle, 81st Comptroller Squadron; Anthony Mitchell, 332nd TRS; and Brandie Saucier, 81st MDTS.

Civilian supervisor category I — Elizabeth Harper, 81st OSF.

Civilian supervisor category II — Richard Brock, legal office, and James Smith, 334th TRS.

Honor guard airman — Airman 1st Class Gilbert Helton, 81st MDOS, and Senior Airmen Kayla Spiel, 81st IPTS; Ashley LeDuc, 81st Force Support Squadron; and Jemal Young, 81st Dental Squadron.

Honor guard NCO — Staff Sgts. Mark Bautista, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron; Birch Rypka, 332nd TRS; and Johnathon Murray, 338th TRS.

Message straight from the heart of the matter

Mother's illness shaped child's nursing future

By Maj. Karen Ashley

55th Medical Group

OFFUTT Air Force Base, Neb. — Forty-five years ago this month, an event took place that determined the path of my life.

This article is a tribute to that event, and I would like to recognize the efforts of American Heart Association officials in battling heart disease, the brilliant medical professionals who have made remarkable advances in cardiac surgery, the amazing Navy nurses who bent the rules to educate a curious young girl and my mother, who had absolute faith.

Most of us think of February as a month of hearts, candy and flowers that help us celebrate Valentine's Day. I suspect that few people know that since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February as "American Heart Month." The AHA works directly with the administration to draft and sign this annual proclamation.

The AHA staff also educates and provides community health programs to millions every year. These programs are designed to help people identify heart health risks, including stroke, heart attack and other cardiovascular conditions. Numerous support groups and intervention programs are available to assist in identifying and reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke.

The newest AHA program called "Go Red For Women" observed Feb. 5, kicked off the 2010 American Heart Month campaign. Millions across America wear red on this day to support efforts to educate women about heart disease and strokes.

AHA officials note that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women ages 20 years and older, killing approximately one woman every minute.

More women die of cardiovascular diseases than the next five causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer. The good news is that 80



percent of cardiac events in women may be prevented if women make the right choices for their hearts.

I wore red on Feb. 5 to remember my mother and her battle with heart problems.

My mother, Joy Colbert, was 9 in 1936 when she developed a streptococcal infection that resulted in rheumatic fever. This event permanently damaged two valves in her heart. She was told that if she lived to be 30, she would be very lucky.

Fortunately for my mother, cardiac surgery was evolving, and at the age of 38, she underwent her first open heart surgery to fix her tricuspid valve. It was the third procedure of its kind and was performed in February 1965 at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego.

In preparation for her surgery, Navy nurses brought out a model of the human heart and showed our family what was wrong and how they were going to fix it. I couldn't stop asking questions; it was the most fascinating thing I had ever seen.

These blessed nurses nurtured my curiosity and allowed me in to see my mom after surgery, even though the age limit for visitors was 14 and I was only 8½. They got me a foot stool and put it on the other side of the bed and told me to stand tall and that nobody would say anything. They were wonderful and I fell in love with the idea of becoming a nurse.

During my first year of nursing school, my mother had her second open heart surgery to replace her mitral valve. Again, the nurses at

Balboa were fantastic. I knew I had found my calling.

Fifteen years later, I accepted a commission in the Air Force nurse corps. The circle was complete. I had joined the ranks of those early nurse mentors.

Three years later, my mother had her third and final surgery at Balboa. Again, there was tremendous compassion shown to our family by the nurses.

This time though, my mother went home to be with her Lord and not with us. My mother always believed that every day she had on this earth was a gift from God not to be wasted. I try to honor that belief by continuing the mentoring process to nurses in my circle of influence.

I'm blessed every day to do the one thing I love most, work with children to help make them better. I will often share tidbits about the amazing human body, particularly the heart, with my young patients. My hope is that they too may be fascinated and find their calling in nursing or medicine.

I have no idea who I have influenced throughout the 32 years of my nursing career, but I do know that when that spark is ignited, it is a tribute to those who went before me and a special gift from my mother.

The human heart is an amazing organ that begins to beat 21 days after conception. It will beat 2.5 billion times in an average lifespan of 66 years. It is the size of a clenched fist, yet pumps gallons of blood every day.

As strong as the heart is, it's also

fragile. It is susceptible to congenital defects, valve disease from infections and complications of ischemic heart disease that, until a century ago, were poorly understood.

A handful of surgeons from the late 1890s through the early 1940s attempted surgery on the heart, but most were unsuccessful.

Following World War II, cardiac surgery changed significantly. These early advances were wonderfully portrayed in the 2004 film "Something the Lord Made," which depicted the pioneering efforts of Dr. Alfred Blalock, Dr. Helen Taussig and technician Vivien Thomas in correcting "blue baby" defects.

Surgery soon expanded from closed-heart procedures to the use of the heart-lung machine for open-heart surgery. This rapid scientific evolution culminated 20 years later with the first human heart transplant in 1967, performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in South Africa.

Heart surgery continues to evolve and today includes "off-pump bypass surgery," robotic "minimally invasive" surgery and laser ablation procedures. None of these innovations would have been possible without the passion and commitment of researchers and surgeons around the world, or the support of the AHA.

I hope that each of you is motivated to find out more about your heart health, and I encourage you to visit www.americanheart.org, the AHA Web site, for more information.

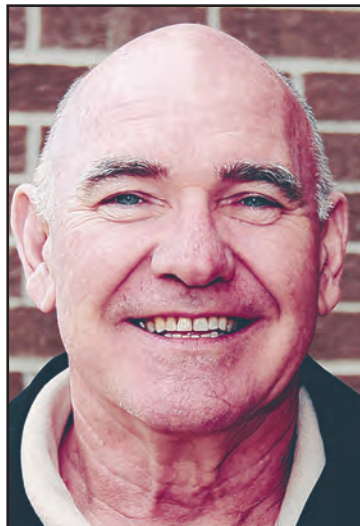


DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is one simple pleasure you enjoy?



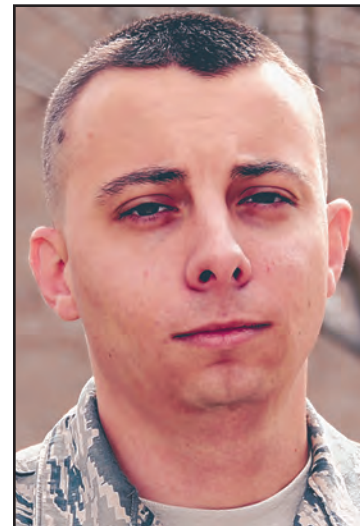
"I enjoy working in my yard."

Bob Martin, 332nd Training Squadron



"Five Guys Burgers and Fries."

Stephen Summers, CSC contractor (Bene-Fit)



"A cold beer on a hot summer day."

Senior Airman Tyler Reese, 81st Operations Support Flight

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‘Staff Sgt. Erin Peña, an MTL in the 332nd TRS, supervises nonprior service technical training students as they march back to the Triangle Feb. 9 after classes end for the day at Dolan Hall. There are currently 55 MTLs assigned to the 81st Training Group.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

It’s all in a day’s work for military training leaders

By Staff Sgt. Katherine Blade

332nd Training Squadron

Our day begins at 5 a.m. at morning formation. Over 500 Airmen fall out for accountability, 30 are late, and three you physically have to wake up. The Airmen form up into flights and you begin the 20-minute march to the schoolhouse only to come back and take another accountability for the 24 Airmen that are not in school due to test failures, awaiting a new class or anticipating disciplinary action.

Seven o’clock arrives and it’s time to check the e-mails that have begun to take over your inbox. This can take a better part of the morning until you get a knock at your door. “Staff Sergeant, we can’t find Airman Stokes. Airman Braden said that he hasn’t been himself lately.”

So you begin to locate Airman Stokes. You start with change of quarters — no luck. No one has seen him. On the way to his room, your heart beats faster. You don’t know if he’s sleeping behind the dryer to get out of doing details, or the worst ... suicide. Then you get the key



Sergeant Blade

into the door, announce yourself as you enter to find him sitting in the middle of the floor crying, unable to cope. His father died while he was en route from basic training and his mom just called to tell him the news.

After you get him to the hospital you realize how hungry you are. It’s after lunch. You missed the 10 o’clock meeting and you haven’t started the 75 room inspections you have to do. So you scarf down the crackers that came out of the vending machine which took \$1.65 of your money. You are



Sergeant Blade, standing, conducts physical training in front of Davis Manor in the Triangle.

still hungry, but don’t have any more money.

You’re a floor MTL and are responsible for about 75 rooms housing 150 Airmen that need to be inspected every week. You grab an Airman working CQ to take along with you so you have someone else to vouch as to why a room fails in case there is a question or so you don’t get accused of eating food out of their refrigerator (yes, it actually happened.) At the 17th room you knock, announce yourself and enter. It’s trashed. There are empty pizza boxes and trash every-

where, dirty underwear on the floor, the toilet is disgusting and it looks like they blew up a small animal in the microwave. They have managed to fail every area of the room including security. One wall locker is open and it smells like a foot. You peek inside and ... a pack of cigarettes. You put them in your pocket and find a 341 so you’ll remember the Airman’s name. You’ll get to him later. On with room inspections.

Now it’s time to hurry and print a list — a “hotsheet” — of all the Airmen you have to see because you have to go pick up

them up from the schoolhouse. You give Airman Palmer who had the tobacco an letter of reprimand and literally run out to physical readiness training. You have to call out the exercises. Up, down, up, down, then hurry and get them all on the starting line for the 30-minute “Keesler shuffle.” During the run, Airman Wilson is running backwards to talk to her buddy not thinking about safety, Airman Hamilton is goofing off trying to jump imaginary puddles, Airman Freimann is skip-

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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Christopher Freimann, 332nd TRS, conducts an open ranks inspection.

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ping like a little kid and Airman Holmes complains of everything under the sun to get out of running. Finally the run is over and every Airman sprints the rest of the way to get to their drill pad as quickly as possible, nearly bowling you over in the process. You go in your office and sit down for a breather for what seems like the first time today. Then the line of Airmen begins before you go home.

There are many reasons to see your floor MTL. “I got locked out of my room” and “Can I go home for the weekend?” are common. But sometimes you get the “what the heck??” sort of stuff like “Airmen Kibbe hasn’t taken a shower in two weeks,” or “Airman Clinton is snorting Tylenol,” or even “Airman Wesley had a conversation with Satan dressed as Santa Claus in the briefing room.” (Yes, all of these actually happened).

After fielding all the questions and crazy stuff, you head for the door to go home. It’s 8 p.m., you are dog tired and you are the MTL on call tonight. It’s Friday and you are praying it will be a quiet night. You pick up your two kids from day care, go home to fix dinner, do laundry, bath time, bedtime and deal with the rest of the stresses of adult life.

No such luck for the quiet night. The phone rings at 2:20 a.m. and it’s Security Forces telling you they picked up Airman Pate for DUI coming through the gate. So you roll out of bed, put on the nearest clothes, wake up your two children to take with you because you are a single parent and shove everyone into the truck. You get to the cop shop and encounter Airman Pate who is still intoxicated and seems to be very emotional about letting you and the Air Force down. You sympathize because he seems to be remorseful and you tell yourself that everyone makes mistakes. He’s crying in the front seat, the kids

are quiet listening to all he is saying and hoping they never make the same mistake and then you hear it — he’s vomited in your truck all down the side of the door panel. Wonderful. All you can think is, “I hope the smell comes out by the third shampooing like last time.”

You get back to the dorm and give him Phase 1 until the commander can sort out the Article 15. You gather up your children and head for home again. You get settled back into bed, but now you can’t sleep. You’re deep in thought. You lie there thinking about the day.

You then realize that Airman Peña said “Good Morning, how are you?” and made you smile. You remember that Airman Steele came to you over his concern about Airman Stokes and you think of how the wingman concept worked to maybe save a life that morning. You think about Airman Morris who helped you with room inspections, writing down every discrepancy for you. You think about the talk you had with Airman Palmer about the tobacco in his room, taking the time to mentor him and get him on the right path and how he thanked you and smiled on the way out of your office. During PRT, you kept the Airmen motivated, letting them come up with different strength training exercises. You remember the Airman who ran the mile-and-a-half in 8:41! Very impressive and you were proud that he was in your squadron. Finally, to the Airman with the DUI. You remember the Airmen working CQ when you came back in giggled at what you were wearing. Yeah, you looked like a circus clown. You think of the Airmen and how at the end of the night he was sober and told you how much he appreciated you picking him up, listening to him and being like a second parent to him.

It’s all worth it to make a difference in just one Airman. Getting that “Thank you, Sergeant,” after they have moved on to the operational side means as much. Then you think ... it’s all in a day’s work.

Final graduation starts new chapter for cyber transport maintainer careers

338th Training Squadron

Friday, the 338th Training Squadron’s cyber transport training flight graduated the last nine network infrastructure systems apprentice course students, Air Force Specialty Code 2E2X1, beginning a new chapter for the 3D1X2 cyber transport maintainers.

The 2E2X1 career field dates back more 50 years. The computer maintenance career field originated in 1959 as the 305X4 electronics computer and switching systems Air Force specialty. At that time, the career field’s primary role was the installation and maintenance of large scale computer main frames typically known as “Big Iron,” a term that originally referred to the massive cabinets that housed the central processing unit and main memory of early computers. Later the term was used to distinguish high-end commercial machines from less powerful units. Most large computer system architectures were firmly established in the 1960s.

In 1980, Keesler Technical Training Center evaluated training programs that subsequently brought on the merger of the electronic switching systems repair AFS, 362X2, with the electronic computer systems, 305X4 AFS. Personnel in the 305X4 career field became responsible for inspecting, installing, troubleshooting, repairing, overhauling and modifying high-speed, general-purpose and special electronic computer and switching systems, including transmission, processing and display equipment.

The mission of the 305X4 AFS remained steady until mid-1994 when the 3 series maintenance personnel AFSs converted into the 2 series, changing the career field to the 2E2X1 AFSC, which was complimented by three shred-outs. A-shred personnel maintained modular control equipment. B-shred personnel maintained airborne computer systems, including the E-3A airborne warning and control system. C-shred personnel maintained strategic automated command and control systems and missile control

communication systems. D-shred personnel focused on joint surveillance systems maintenance, but later that identifier was only awarded to Air National Guard personnel.

As the times changed, so did the career field, evolving from old main-frame systems maintenance to working network infrastructure, small computer maintenance and even cryptographic systems.

In 2001, the 2E2X1 and the 2E3X1 secure communications systems AFSCs merged to form the computer network cryptographic and switching systems career field. During this transition, all shred-outs were dropped, leaving the personnel intermixed and available for cross-utilization assignments across the Air Force. The only exception was the previous C-shred troops supporting the intercontinental ballistic missile bases in the northern tier. These personnel, because of their specific training and critical mission requirements, were coded and held at their existing bases an average of three additional years to ensure a smooth workload transition of the equipment to the 2M0X1 missile maintenance technicians.

Between 2001 and 2009, the AFSC title changed two additional times. It first became computer network cryptographic systems and then transitioned to network infrastructure systems. In October 2009, the 2E2X1 AFSC was replaced by Cyber Transport, AFSC 3D1X2. The merger absorbed 3C2X1, 2E6X3, 2E1X2 and 2E2X1 personnel forming a new broad spectrum career field.

Personnel entering the 3D1X2 career ladder must attend the information technology fundamentals course in the 332nd TRS, followed by the 338th Training Squadron’s cyber transport course lasting 76 academic days. Upon completion of the cyber course, the graduate then proceeds to a 10-day Security Plus course in the 336th TRS. Upon satisfactory completion of these three courses, graduates are awarded the AFSC.

Information technology takes center stage at Tuesday's annual expo

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Keesler Information Technology Expo is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at IP Casino Resort Ballrooms C and D.

The free event, sponsored by the 81st Training Support Squadron's training and technology flight in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, is open to all Department of Defense, government and contractor personnel. Commanders are asked to allow personnel time to visit the expo.

"The expo brings representatives from the major information and technology companies to our area to demonstrate their products and services," said Lawrence Monroe, technology analyst for the 81st TRSS. "In addition to viewing the latest in training and information support technology, attendees will be able to dialog directly with industry representatives concerning how their products and services could benefit Keesler's mission."

Federal Direct Access Expositions produces the annual expo.

One special feature of this year's event is the demonstration of Keesler's MyBase prototype project which won Air Education and Training Command's Learning Innovation Award winner at last month's AETC symposium. MyBase, a cooperative venture by the 81st TRSS and 333rd and 338th Training Squadrons, migrates the traditional classroom setting into a virtual instructor lead training environment.

To preregister, log on to <http://fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=48>.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Friday, 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.

Education briefings

Post-9/11 GI Bill — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sablich Center auditorium.

ROTC — 10 a.m. today, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Coin contest

A contest to create a new 81st Training Wing challenge coin continues through Feb. 26.

The contest winner is recognized during the 81st TRG's formal dining out April 30.

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 submissions to lakeitha.luster@us.af.mil as a PowerPoint slide.

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

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.

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.

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 JLMPatriquin@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.

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.

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.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Base shuttle schedules are found at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/>

[library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371](http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371)



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Kristina Brinkmeier, 2nd Lt. DiAundra Davis and Major Yulanda Bogany go over paperwork in the fitness assessment cell office on the second floor of Vandenberg Community Center. Mrs. Brinkmeier's husband is Staff Sgt. Erich Brinkmeier, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Fitness assessment cell is ready for Air Force's new program

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News

The Air Force is counting on its new fitness standards to inspire Airmen to care about the physical self all year long and not just in time for testing.

This new Air Force Fitness Program, which takes effect July 1, has a goal of motivating Airmen to "participate in a year-round physical conditioning program that emphasizes total fitness, to include proper aerobic conditioning, strength and flexibility training and healthy eating," the Air Force Personnel Center Web site noted.

"Health benefits from an active lifestyle will increase productivity, optimize health and decrease absenteeism while maintaining a higher level of readiness."

The examinations, held twice a year, will be held at central locations, called fitness assessment cells. At Keesler, all official fitness assessments will be complet-

ed by the fitness assessment cell staff on the second floor of Vandenberg Community Center, said Maj. Yulanda Bogany, 81st Force Support Squadron operation officer.

"This new program objective is to redefine the Air Force fitness standards and redirect Airmen's focus toward healthy living versus test passing," Major Bogany added.

The FAC operates in the sustainment flight within the 81st FSS and provides comprehensive health and fitness evaluations to Keesler active duty population with the overarching goal of centralizing and standardizing fitness testing requirements as they relate to the Air Force Fitness Program, said Major Bogany.

The FAC offers two morning sessions, 7-9 a.m. and 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday, though this schedule is subject to change if needed.

The choice for the site was based on positioning.

"We needed a location close to an authorized track, the Triangle, and a large enough space to stage personnel for measuring abdominal circumference, height and weight," Major Bogany said.

"During inclement weather, personnel can perform sit-ups and push-ups inside the Vandenberg."

The Air Force uses an overall composite fitness score and minimum scores per component based on aerobic fitness, body composition and muscular fitness components to determine an overall fitness.

The minimum requirements must be passed for each component, including achieving a passing score of 75 or greater.

Airmen with successful fitness assessment scores will be allowed to wear a patch on their physical training uniform to recognize the accomplishment.

IN THE NEWS

Base access changes

Keesler's Pass Road Gate reopened Monday after installation of denial barriers was completed, but other changes are in store for other base entry points.

Feb. 26 — Rodenberg Gate closes. Access Bayridge housing through entrances off Ploesti Drive only.

March 4 — Judge Sekul Gate closes to outbound traffic.

March 5 — Meadows Gate is now open 24 hours a day on weekdays, including compressed work schedule Fridays.

For more information, call 81st Security Forces Squadron installation security office, 376-6621.

Larcher, Chappie James detour

Segments of Larcher Boulevard and Chappie James Boulevard near the new training aids facility are closed through Monday 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.

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 is 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.

Obstacle course restricted

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

Phones, seatbelt, car seat rules

Cell phones — It's a primary offense to drive on base while using a cell phone without a hands-free device.

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

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

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

Gravely-wounded NCO wins battle to re-enlist



Sergeant Del Toro

By Sean Bowlin

502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Almost five years and 120 surgeries after his vehicle passed over an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan that exploded, burning more than 80 percent of his body, Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro raised his right hand Feb. 8 and re-enlisted in the Air Force.

Maj. Gen Anthony Przybyslawski, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, administered the oath of enlistment to Sergeant Del Toro.

General Przybyslawski told an audience of family members, dignitaries, visitors, friends and many first-term Airmen that the sergeant, who spent three months in a coma after his injuries and was given less than a 20-percent chance of survival, fought for more than four months to stay

in the Air Force. The general said that Sergeant Del Toro's experience and his desire to serve is something the Air Force needs.

"He's bringing back his skills to the Air Force as a tactical air (control) party controller. He's going to be an instructor," the general said. "He has credibility and the ability to teach from experience. That's why we need him; that's why we want him. He's going to serve us and he's back on the job."

Doctors told Sergeant Del Toro he'd never walk again, but he's now running 10-kilometer races and lifting weights.

The general said Sergeant Del Toro may look different with burnt skin, "but he's not different in here," tapping his heart. "He's got the spirit, the heart and desire to re-enlist. Being in the Air Force is not all about him. It's about what he's going to contribute. So,"

he said with a smile, "get ready for four more years."

After General Przybyslawski administered the oath to Sergeant Del Toro, the sergeant thanked all the friends, fellow Airmen, family members and the Air Force for supporting him in his quest to get healthier and re-enlist.

"I did it for the guys who'll be following me," he said, explaining that he'll be teaching TACP controllers how to do their jobs and survive on the battlefield. "I fought hard. I didn't always say what I said during that fight correctly. But I appreciate that I get the chance to stay in the Air Force for four more years. I'm not in limbo anymore."

Sergeant Del Toro said that previously he had received the results of a medical board which offered him two options. Option 1 was to retire with a 100 percent disability and teach and recruit TACP students as

an Air Force civilian. Option 2 was to stay in uniform for four more years and perform the same job.

"They let me decide what to do," he explained. "I could have gotten out and made more money. But it wasn't about the money."

He said he hoped to serve for the next four years without medical incident.

"I don't know yet how my body will react in the field environment," he said.

But he's putting a lot of stress on himself working out without injuring himself. He's also scheduled to compete in the Military Games in May.

The sergeant said he knows he's a groundbreaker, "a prototype," being able to re-enlist with 100 percent disability status.

"But I'm here and I'm doing it," he said. "And, if one guy here gets hurt badly doing what I've done, the Air Force will stand behind him."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Leave accumulation extended

81st Comptroller Squadron

Members unable to use leave due to military necessity may accumulate a maximum of 75 days by the end of a fiscal year until Sept. 30, 2013. After this date, the limit returns to the previous 60-day limit of accrued leave.

If service members are unable to use their excess accrued leave prior to that date due to mission requirements, approval may be requested to carryover the excess leave days.

For more information, call the military personnel section, 376-8738, or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Finance call center

81st Comptroller Squadron

Due to the high volume of calls and the use of personnel to assist walk-in customers, the financial services flight has established a call center, 376-8225, that's manned during regular customer services hours.

If the number is busy or the call is after hours, customers are asked to leave a message and the call will be returned within 24 hours.

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.

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>

The centralized customer support unit's toll free number is 1-888-332-7411. Press 5 for myPay. Hours are 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST weekdays.

2010 selection boards

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

June 7, Sept. 27 — special selection boards.

June 21 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

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

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

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

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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



The tax office
is open
in Room 229,
Sablich Center.
Hours are
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
working Fridays.
For appointments
and
more information,
call 376-8144.

Base construction sites
are off-limits without authorization.

Team Keesler turns out for Mardi Gras parades



Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, tosses beads from a float in Sunday's D'Iberville parade.



Members of the Keesler Honor Guard followed by the 50 State Flag Team from the 338th Training Squadron march in the North Bay Carnival Association's Mardi Gras parade Sunday in D'Iberville.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



CORRECTION

An incorrect photo of 2nd Lt. Patrick Mudimbi, a bioenvironmental engineer in the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, was used with a Feb. 11 Keesler News story about Keesler personnel deployed to Haiti. The correct photo appears at left. The story appears at www.keesler.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123190185.

Air Force's 'e-mail-for-Life' stabilizes Airmen's addresses

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News

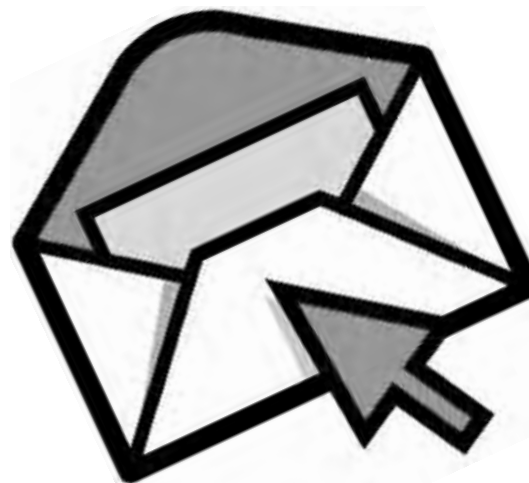
While Airmen tend to move across bases and across the world, their e-mail addresses seem to get lost in the shuffle. That has changed now that the Air Force has E4L – e-mail-for-Life. It's an effort that created a single, persistent e-mail address for the life of an Air Force member's career. The new program is the first step in fielding an Air Force enterprise active directory and exchange capability.

"Your Air Force career is defined by the type of position, so if the member is active duty, his e-mail address remains the same for the length of his active duty career," said Capt. Ciera Carson, 81st Communications Squadron network operations flight commander.

"If the same member separates and returns in a different status such as a civilian or contracted employee, then a new e-mail-for-life address would be assigned, and would remain persistent during the life of that particular career."

According to the Web site <https://e4l.afds.af.mil/faqs.aspx>, users must be in a population associated with the Air Force, including active duty, reserve, national guard, civilian, contractor, presidential appointee, foreign national, nonappropriated funds employee and academy student. The user must also be registered in the Defense Manpower Data Center where the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System application is used. User registration is completed when the user is issued a common access card.

Department of Defense contractors will not receive an E4L address; only Air Force contractors will, the Web site noted. In order to do this, the site said that users' CACs



must reflect "Air Force Contractor." A new CAC issued as an "Air Force Contractor" corrects the DMDC record.

The Web site said that a forwarding e-mail address is created by linking DMDC information to the Air Force Global Address List information. There are two criterions for creating a link between DMDC and AFGAL information: The first criterion is to match the electronic digital interchange–personal identifier from DMDC that is stored on your CAC to the EDI-PI stored in the AFGAL.

The second criterion is to match the e-mail address received from DMDC to the e-mail address in the AFGAL. If multiple e-mail addresses are matched in AFGAL, then the most recent address is selected.

Because Keesler was the first base to migrate into the Air Force Network, members who leave Keesler for assignments to other bases may find they are not within the AFNet structure yet. If the Airman moves to a nonmigrated base, mail will need to be forwarded. The E4L address still functions, but the user may need to ensure the E4L address is set up to forward to the new local base mailbox. Users should change the field called "The email address your email will be forwarded to is" to reflect their new local e-mail address, which will

address the nonmigratory issue, Captain Carson said.

As you receive e-mail communication from personal contacts and automated notifications systems, see if those sources are using the correct information. Send a short note to people who may have the incorrect information stored in their e-mail address listings to request they update the address. Visit the Web

sites of systems that send automated notifications — such as personnel systems, MyPay and LeaveWeb — to update your information using the self-help tools available. Contact your system support entity when updating isn't possible through self-help tools.

While organizational mailboxes are not considered "E4L" addresses, mailboxes at Keesler are now hosted on the AFNet mail site and have us.af.mil addresses as well. Unit points of contact should ensure the same care is taken to update information for organizational accounts, Captain Carson said.

During in- and out-processing of a permanent change of station move or equivalent, the system is updated with a new address to forward messages, the site said. New messages sent to the E4L account are forwarded to the new @base.af.mil account. Messages previously received are not.

"While the Web site states that the system is updated with a new address to forward messages upon a PCS move, I would still encourage people to visit the site once they have their new base e-mail address and validate that the update has been made and is correct," said Julie Noakley, 81st CS network operations work center chief.

Find answers to questions by reading "how to find your us.af.mil address" at <https://e4l.afds.af.mil/faqs>.

Hi, Daddy!

Kathy Forester holds son Brock Feb. 9 in Keesler Medical Center's family birthing center as she talks with her husband Lerry, a master sergeant assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron. He is currently on a six-month deployment to Kuwait and was unable to be present for Brock's Feb. 8 birth. Using teleconferencing equipment set up by the 81st MDSS medical information management flight, the couple was able to see and talk to one another shortly after Brock's birth. Their first son was born at 7:34 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2.4 ounces and was 19 inches "tall." He joins sisters Madison, 2, and Kisha, 5. Commenting on the video teleconference, Sergeant Forester exclaimed, "It was awesome — gotta love technology! My wife was excited as I was. I'm already looking forward to going home in five months." This is Sergeant Forester's sixth deployment. Looking forward to her husband's return, Mrs. Forester told him, "It'll be your turn to take care of the kids!"

Photo by Steve Pivnick





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Financial management leadership program seeks officer applicants

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center has extended the deadline for Air Force line officers to apply for the Financial Management Leadership Program to March 15.

Assignment officials hope to find approximately 10 line officers outside the 65F financial management career specialty interested in the four-year program that specializes in Air Force leadership development.

The program is open to majors and major-selects in the year groups 1997 through 2000 who possess an undergraduate or graduate degree in business, accounting, economics or financial management.

The program consists of three phases.

First, officers selected for the program attend the four-week financial management staff officer course at Keesler.

Next, they're assigned to major command financial management staffs as part of a two-year internship to gain a broad understanding of financial services, budget analysis, and planning and programming.

The final phase of the program includes command of a comptroller squadron for about two years. Then officers are released back to their career field.

Officers must be approved for temporary release from their career field by their functional assignment team as well as meet further basic eligibility criteria.

Nomination packages are due to the AFPC acquisition officer assignments branch by March 15. A selection board convenes at the end of March to identify candidates.

For more information, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

LEGAL BRIEFS

By Maj. Jennifer Fournier

Legal office

You go to a car dealer. He offers you just the car you want, gives you a good trade-in value for your old car and a great financing deal. You drive away in your gleaming new car.

Then the call comes. It's the dealer. There's a problem. You weren't approved for that great financing deal. You need to come in and sign some new papers so you can keep that gleaming new car.

Stop — don't do it. This is a scam. When you sign those new papers, you'll be agreeing to a much higher interest rate. It'll probably be one you can't afford. Your monthly payment will go way up. You'll have trouble making payments, your credit record will go south, your gleaming new car will get repossessed.

So, what do you do? First, really read that contract that you were rushed into signing. The contract probably says that the dealer has X days to try and get you that good rate. If the dealer can't get that rate, the dealer has the right to cancel the contract and return your trade-in vehicle to you.

So ask the dealer if he's canceling this contract. If yes, return the car and get your old car back. If not, the dealer will have to honor that really good rate. Some dealers will keep up the pressure; don't give in.

For legal assistance, call 376-8601 or visit Room 227, Sablich Center.

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



Annual campaign urges savings goals for military families

By Rose Marie Janosik

Airman and family readiness center

Military Saves is a social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage military families to save money every month and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings.

Military Saves was developed and tested by its non-profit sponsor, Consumer Federation of America and the military services from 2003 to 2006 and launched throughout the Department of Defense in 2007.

While it's an ongoing campaign, the entire military



community comes together to focus on financial readiness during Military Saves Week, Sunday through Feb. 28. This year's theme is "Start Small. Think Big."

Military Saves Week provides an opportunity for DOD to encourage service members and their families to establish

savings goals and habits that set money aside for the emergencies and aspirations of tomorrow. Military leaders, banks and credit unions, individuals and families, everyone should participate. Military Saves is 57,208 members strong, with about 7,549 current Air Force Savers.

Military Saves is a free program, and no one will ever try to sell you anything. Once you enroll, you'll have access to educational newsletters, success stories and individual and organizational resources that include money tools, financial education and benefits, financial planning for retirement, debt reduction and audio and video downloads.

Some videos present Dave Ramsey, personal money management expert, best-selling author, and host of a nationally syndicated radio show, on a variety of financial topics including breaking the debt cycle, avoiding bad spending habits and practices, tips for

savers, saving for retirement and leaving the military.

By joining, you'll be a part of a global movement dedicated to personal financial stability. Financial stability is about a lot more than knowledge — it takes consistent action over time. Military Saves is a campaign to make every military community a supportive environment. Positive outcomes for local commands include increased desire to obtain financial education and counseling, ready-made measure of financial health of service members and potentially fewer family and disciplinary problems associated with personal finance.



African-American Heritage Month observance continues

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

Monday — 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.

KEESLER NOTES

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross takes place 5 p.m. Fridays during Lent starting this week at Triangle Chapel.

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.

Thrift shop hours

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

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Root canal treatment

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

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

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

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

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

Supply source

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

For more information, visit the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2ctr@us.af.mil.

Visitor center hours

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION



As Dennis Brigman, 81st FSS-CPTS, dives for the ball in the foreground, he's flanked by (from left) Jason Washington, Jason Guy, Tomeika Washington, Ed Simpson, Gary Hutcheson and Lonnie Slater during the final postseason game between the 81st FSS-CPTS and 333rd TRS. Jason and Tomeika Washington, Simpson and Hutcheson played for the Mad Ducks and Guy and Slater were members of the 81st FSS-CPTS team. The 81st FSS-CPTS won the final game, 50-26, to earn the Over-30 basketball championship.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

81st FSS-CPTS claims Over-30 League crown

By Sam Miller

Intramural sports director

The combined 81st Force Support and Comptroller Squadron team claimed the Over 30 League championship Feb. 11 by defeating the 333rd Training Squadron in two straight games.

The 81st FSS-CPTS undoubtedly brought its "A" game to the postseason tournament. In rising from the losers' bracket, the team had to nail two victories in a row, and they did — escaping with

a 46-41 margin in the first game and winding up with an impressive 50-26 victory in the second game.

The 333rd TRS Mad Ducks were the clear favorite coming into the postseason tournament with a remarkable regular season record of 8-0 and an average margin of victory of 25.6 points per game.

The 81st FSS-CPTS had a formidable task as the postseason tournament began. Boasting a 7-2 regular season record and a three-game win streak, they had plenty of

momentum to overcome any opponent. With a 57-32 first-round defeat of the 81st Security Forces Squadron, the 81st FSS looked forward to a rematch with the Mad Ducks after losing to them twice in the regular season, 62-53 on Dec. 2 and 58-46 Jan. 11.

As postseason play began, the 333rd TRS routed 81st FSS-CPTS, 60-43, relegating the losers to the lower bracket to face the 81st SFS again. A 59-38 win over the cops put 81st FSS-CPTS back in position to grasp the postseason title.

Facing 333rd TRS for a second time in the tournament and fourth time overall, 81st FSS-CPTS was finally able to complete a two-game sweep and claim its second straight Over-30 championship.

The 81st FSS-CPTS coach, Ramon Santiago, expressed his exuberance by saying, "On the court we worked and played hard, and most importantly we worked together as a team."



Leroy Jennings, left, 81st FSS-CPTS, is guarded by Jason Washington, 333rd TRS, as he turns toward the basket for a shot in the final game of the postseason tournament.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

SEMAC varsity men

(as of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
Keesler	7	3
Hurlburt Field	6	3
Mayport	6	4
Eglin	5	5
Maxwell	5	5
Tyndall	4	5
Robins	4	6
Moody	2	8

Intramural Over 30

Regular season inal standings

81st FSS-81st CS	First
333rd TRS	Second
81st SFS	Third

Intramural Eastern Division

Regular season inal standings

336th TRS	First
81st FSS-81st CPTS	Second
334th TRS	Third

Intramural Western Division

Regular season inal standings

81st MSGS	First
335th TRS	Second
81st MSG	Third

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

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

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 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

Love run



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The first couple to cross the finish line of the Sweetheart Run, Jacqueline and Geoff Sasaki, boasted a time of 21:07. He's assigned to the 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutics Squadron. The 5-kilometer race began and ended at Blake Fitness Center Feb. 11.

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 Crowell 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.

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.

Keesler and Thrower 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.

Give the gift of life.

Call the Keesler Blood Donor Center, 376-6100.

HONORS

First Sergeants Diamond Sharp Awards

81st Comptroller Squadron — Senior Airman Thomas Butler.
81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Claudia Holcomb.
81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airman Phillip Cunningham.

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 10-2

2nd Air Force — Senior Airman Michael Freed.
81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airmen Jacob Broersma and Jacob Robles.
81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airman Jazmin Jones (distinguished graduate)
81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Josha Olssen and Tanaessa Smith.
81st Medical Group — Senior Airman Alyssa Rodriguez.
81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Jameka Chatman, Matthew Fischer, Jonathan Lee, Adam Pope, Nathaniel Saujon and Wesley Wilkerson (class first sergeant).
81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airman Morites Bittig, Ashley Iovieno (leadership award) and Olesiy Redko.
81st Mission Support Group — Senior Airmen Alonda West.
81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Ernest Boaldin Jr., Derik Hoskins (John L. Levitow Award), Carlos Orantes, Tony Neal and Jermaine Wilson (class leader).
81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Steven Cosentini.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen Jamie Felkins (distinguished graduate and academic achievement award) and Robert Simon.

334th Training Squadron — Senior Airmen Kelly Doody and Toby Jacob.

ROTC Southeast Region Detachment 6 — Senior Airman Jeffrey Milburn.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Brianna Augustine, Taylor Batie, Aaron Battreal, Jeremy Black, Christopher Buckner, Gregory Bybee, Katherine Cadavid, Nyegel Cardenas, Trevor Chaney, Carlos Chapa, Joshua Chappell Denzer, Asher Cresap, Drew Criner, Adrian Davis, Terry Deloach, Jesse Ellis, John Griffin, Joseph Harris, Ryan Jarrold, Thomas Jones, Andrew King, Jacob Kreuzer, Daniel Lagomarsino, Nicholas Dallas Malone, Matthew McGahey, Stephanie Miremadi, Dustin Monahan, Sam Morley, Cody Moses, John Norton, Gunnar Ostman, Nikko Pabon, Josiah Perrin, Derek Phelps, Melissa Pinkerton, John Poffenberger, Nathan Posey, Sidney Richards, Jacob Rockwell, Connor Rodriguez, Samuel Ronan, Fabian Rosario, Matthew Ryan, Xyrus Saliidebold, Paul Senkbeil, Theodore Schoper, Zachery Shoemaker, Manuel Sisneros, Robert Smith, Robert Southwell, Jason Stinchcomb, Keith Toney, Adam Tresenrider, Justin Vasquez, Bronson Walter, James Wentzel, Stanely Wesley, David Wilson and Jason Woody; Airmen Joseph Bloomer, Blake Briggs, Patrick Brown, James Dixon, Sean Douville, Jeffrey Echevarrias, Michael Elliott, Rodney Estrella, Aaron Evans, Christian Goss, Christopher Janousek, Daniel Mihm, Michael Miller, Christian Scully, Cassie Szymanski, Benjamin Tress, Justin Varnum and Abraham Vasquez; Airmen First Class Ross Anderson, Steven Argandona, Seren Aydemir, John Ayers, Adam Bartholomew, Matthew Bekker, Daniel Berger, Andrew Brown, William Brown, Michael Cable, Julius Caluya, Sheila Carroll, Zachary Cox, David Evers, Alexander Farmer, Ashley Featherston, David Forker, Joshua Goss, Robert Graham, Allan Hautea, David Hayes, Robert Hayes, Patrick Hild, Davin Hill, Michael Hoffman, Christopher Howard, Cheva Jummongnart, John Larkin, Jonathan Matos, Vesper Matthews, Jesse McInnis, Ren McKelvey, Andrew McLeod, Andrew Moriarity, Heath Moyes, Rebecca Nelson, Karen O'Neal, Michael O'Sullivan, Taylor Paddock, Dwight Patterson, Christopher Paulus, Lisa Price, Cori Ream, Shanna Rissmiller, Omar Roque, Christopher Rupert, Alexander Shelton, Kyle Smith, James Squires, Matthew Sughrie,

Luke Underwood, Justin Walsh, Natalie Wardwell, Isaac Watkins and Tommy Young; Senior Airmen Adam Bennett, Daniel Coffey, Timothy Hardesty, Aaron McKenzie, Terry Prewitt and Alexander Tressler; Staff Sgts. Jeraby Dillon, Aaron Flanigan, Erin Hook, Bruce Inthavong, Michael Leonardson, Romy Mauricio, Grant Morton, Juan Oyervidez and Gilberto Santiago; Tech. Sgt. Michael McGee.

Metrology basic course — Airmen 1st Class Steven La Rue and Edward Middleton.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Andrew Alotis, Dustin Hoiten, Hanyoun Jeong, Joseph Johnson, Daniel Kennison, Lyza Lacsina, Larry Laird, Kevin Leitz, Justin Lewis, Luke Lewis, Brandon Marler, Justin Minenna, Christopher Mize, Kyle Paige, Anthony Pedroza, Matthew Richards, Wesley Rickels, Gabriel Sigaoat, Robert Taron, Raul Valdez and Zane Womack; Airmen Tiffany Degracia and Brent Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Ulysses Arango, Kristin Boughton, Irene Charbonneau, Jon Copeland, Kari Cox, Cass Dedaviess, Jacob Dounda, Philip Elisara, Paul Galanti, Matthew Greiner, Chelsey Huddleston, William James, Kyle Karr, Cameron Kila, Ashley Lirosi, Matthew Lutrick, Joshua McIntosh, Daniel Middaugh, Kelsey Oxford, Tristan Ritter and Seth Simpson; Staff Sgts. Justin McLanahan, Matthew Morris, Joel Stover, William Torgerson and Ross Weiler.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Joshua Molyneux; Airmen Ronnequa Pinkney and David Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Brett Decker and Matthew Doughty; Senior Airmen Jaelyn Forbes, Aaron Hildebrand and Jessica James; Staff Sgts. Michael Cross, Timothy Finch, Shaun Gingerella, Douglas Hayes, Ryan Maline, Joshua Myers, Gretchen Phillips, Debra Sherwood and Zackery Smith; Tech. Sgts. Jennifer Frost, Shalanda Hill, Derek Jarrels, Timothy Vest, Michael Weissgarber and Mark West.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kayla Chilcoat, Richard Ellstrom, Shiquita Evans, Lakindra Favors, Briana Hofreiter, Jason Lee, Andrew Smart and Nikkolas Tessier; Airmen Kristen Cleveland, Daniel Harris, Joshina Holmes and Kierra Hooker; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Archer, Valentina Basile, James Davis, Sharae Echols, Jeffrey Fuston, Gerald Marshall, Jeffrey

Mohr, David Ollivant, Richard Ramirez, William Reid, Michelle Rust and Yuridia Soto; Senior Airman Alexis Frazee; Staff Sgts. Kyle Fisher, Jessica Gordon, Crystal Mims and Roel Mora; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Auth, Janice Bridget and Chad Lynch.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Denesha Hudgins, Jonathan Soulier and Amber Swearengin; Airmen 1st Class Rachel Best, Elyse LaChance, Dana Presnell and Ryan Stapleton; Senior Airmen Candice Young; Staff Sgts. Amanda Latrell, Lawana Larson and Heather Lucas; Tech. Sgts. Holly Jadlocki, Joshua Moore and Lindsey Rohner; Master Sgts. Richard MacNeal and Christopher Veters.

338th TRS

Cyber transport/network infrastructure systems — **Airfield systems** — Airman Basic Christopher Holden; Airmen Nicolas Kamansky and Nathaniel Stabley; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Bowman and Andrew Kerber; Staff Sgt. Justin James.

Ground radar systems — Airman Basic Andrew Ross; Airmen Dennis Decker and Chad Wanner; Airmen 1st Class Simon Martin and Andrew Tosch; Senior Airman Gary Martin; Staff Sgt. Julie Reinhardt.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Burrow, Stephen Manzanares and Robert Oberle; Airmen Chad Black and Randy Feltman; Airmen 1st Class Eugenio Henriquez and Brent Stewart; Senior Airman Anthony Cintron; Staff Sgt. David Barrett.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-3 — Monday-March 30

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-3 — Tuesday-April 10.

Arts and crafts center

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

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

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday; \$25 including a completed painted project.

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, Feb. 27; \$40.

Scrapbooking — 5:30-7 p.m. today, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday; \$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 preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Grief Share support group — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, 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.

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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 1-919-580-8679.

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.

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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. Wednesday and Wednesday and March 3. For information on programs covered, call 377-2181.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Paperback book swap — swap for one of same genre.

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

Online catalog — to search the inventory, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.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.

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.

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 nonmembers.

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

Wing and things — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. 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.

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.

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 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 Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Jackson, 377-5511; Senior Airman Rose Mabe, 377-2331, or 377-SAVE.

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

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

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

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

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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, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, 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 enchilada and chicken nuggets.

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, 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, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, cabbage, succotash, carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, timberline chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

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

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, buttered noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans with mushrooms, marinara sauce, simmered squash, Mexican cole slaw, frijole salad, chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese sandwich and pizza.

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.

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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.

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.

I am a Warrior:

I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight and win.

I am faithful to a proud heritage,

A tradition of honor,

And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman,

guardian of freedom and justice,

My nation's sword and shield,

Its sentry and avenger.

I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman:

Wingman, leader, warrior.

I will never leave an Airman behind,

I will never falter

and I will not fail.

