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Leaders broaden personnel reduction options

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders announced March 25 an expansion of force management measures designed to bring the service closer to its authorized funded end strength.

Fewer Airmen than anticipated applied for voluntary programs offered under Phase One of the force management program initiated in November of 2009. This has prompted expanded programs to encourage more Airmen to apply for separation or retirement by Sept. 1 or earlier.

Both officer and enlisted accessions will be reduced to meet mission requirements. Voluntary and involuntary initiatives also will be implemented as appropriate. Eligibility for these programs will vary by Air Force Specialty Code and years of service to ensure the Air Force has the right balance of skills needed to meet current and future mission requirements.

“Air Force retention is at a 15-year high,” said Brig. Gen. Sharon Dunbar, director of force management policy. “While this is tremendous testament to the dedication of our great Airmen, we now have more Airmen serving than our authorized, funded levels. We also have a number of career fields over-manned at the expense of other

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From the heart

Tech. Sgt. Donelle Clark, an aerospace medicine technician from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, explains how a stethoscope works to a child at an Air Force expeditionary hospital in Angol, Chile, March 19. A group of 46 Keesler medics returned to the base Sunday from deployment with an emergency medical support team that provided surgical, primary care, pediatric, radiological, gynecological, laboratory and pharmaceutical services to people in the earthquake-ravaged area. Stories, more photos, Pages 16-17.

Photo by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

Cop comes to aid of heart attack victim

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

There are angels among us ... and some of them are in uniform.

About 5:15 a.m. Friday, Tech. Sgt. James Harrell Jr. was on his way home from a shift with the 81st Security Forces Squadron. As he traveled west on Pass Road, he turned south onto Rodenberg Avenue — not his normal route home to Gulfport.

“I can’t explain it ... I just decided to turn there,” said Sergeant Harrell, a familiar face at Keesler for the past six years. He’s actually assigned to the 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., but is on temporary duty here.

As he approached Irish Hill Drive, he saw something in the eastbound lane ... a body. An elderly man who had been walking his dog collapsed in the road. Sergeant Harrell rushed to his aid, while the clerk at a nearby convenience store called 911.

“He wasn’t breathing and he had no



Sergeant Harrell

pulse,” Sergeant Harrell recalled. “People kept driving by, but didn’t stop to help.”

He credited his Air Force first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training

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Children deserve our full attention

By Paula Tracy

Family advocacy outreach manager

April is Month of the Military Child as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month. You probably know by now that 2010 also celebrates the Year of the Air Force Family.

That's a lot of recognition of kids, isn't it? Maybe that's because we realize that the children of today are the parents, teachers and leaders of tomorrow.

We understand that when kids are raised with love, safety and guidance, they flourish. Conversely, kids who are neglected, abused or overly indulged but ignored, won't.

Lately I have been paying closer attention to parents with their kids—both on and off base. Essentially, there appears to be less and less direct interaction between parent and child, and more parental communication and “guidance” from behind a cell phone, iPod or computer.

The best way to explain my concern is to relate my experience at a local mall a couple of weekends ago. I had taken my soon to be 16-year-old daughter (and all my cash) to go “pre-birthday shopping” (a phenomenon not yet discovered when I was 16).

As I sat on a bench outside a store waiting for her, I couldn't help but smile at a little girl, maybe 4 years old, who was busily “practicing” the skill of shoe-tying. She was very close, but hadn't quite mastered it, and as she sat across from me with her mother, she was completely absorbed in the task.

Biting her lip, she worked on tying, then untying, tying, then untying — while her mother texted on a cell phone.

Suddenly, she called out “Mommy, look!! I did it!! I tied my shoe!”

Grinning up at her mother, she waited with a totally open, shining face for her mom to acknowledge the hard work and mastery of this new skill.

Never breaking eye contact with her cell phone, mom absently replied, “That's great, honey.”

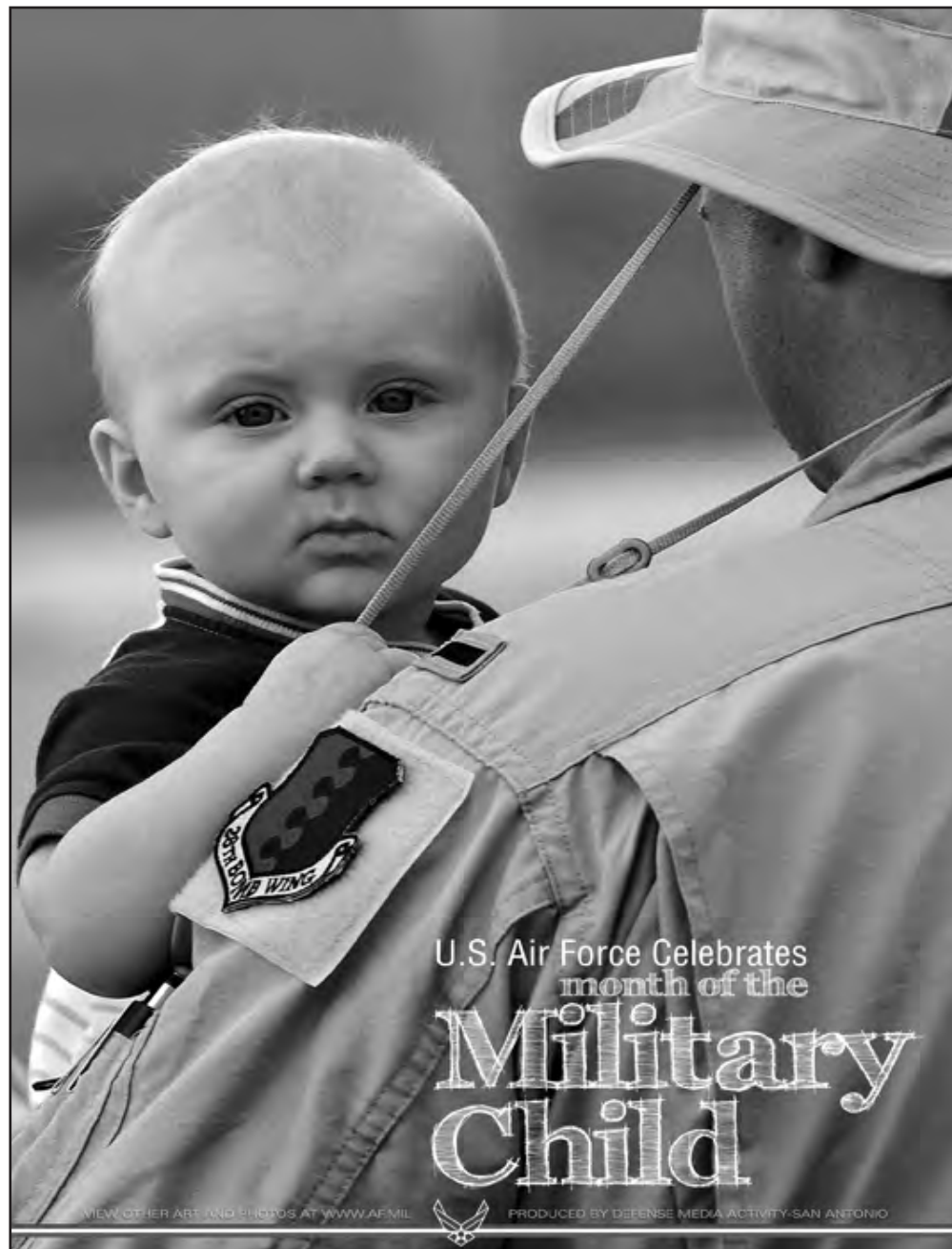
The little girl persisted.

“No, mommy, look. Look at my shoe!”

Still mom texted, this time offering a less interested, “Uh huh, that's great.”

Needless to say, the little girl's joy had evaporated, and for what? A text message?

I didn't know that little girl, but I wanted to scoop her up and tell her what



an awesome job she had done and that I was very proud of her.

That's just one example. I regularly see otherwise good parents — great parents, even — who are making a big mistake by parenting their kids from behind their cell phones. I realize I may be ruffling some feathers out there, and that's OK with me.

But think about it: What possible validation can a small child feel each time she or he tries to look into mom or dad's eyes but can't make contact because the Internet or a text message is more important?

Think hard, because your child — that same child who it seems will be in

diapers forever or will never learn to talk or is just so clingy — will one day be independent.

Form the bond of your relationship now, and realize that you build the foundation of her self-esteem right then, when she is learning to tie her shoes. It won't wait until you finish that text message.

So some grandmotherly advice: Do the right thing. Put the cell phones down. Stop texting. Turn off the computer. Turn to your kids and look at them, face to face.

Be the parent who is “there” if and when you are needed. I promise — you don't get a second chance.

Leaders lead by example

By Tech. Sgt. Tammy Pfeifer

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron

“Good leaders are made not born.” This well-known phrase applies all too well.

As I move up in the proverbial rank “food chain,” my leaders are constantly mentoring me. I am always learning, training and experiencing how to handle the everyday pressures of dealing with subordinates who will test limits daily. Being a leader takes a lot of constraint and compassion. But it also requires a leader to be hard on subordinates when necessary.

I look at leadership like being a parent. The ultimate goal is to get the “children” to work together toward a common goal. In the process, I strive for them to develop camaraderie, teamwork, morale and respect for both their “siblings” and me, as a leader.

The leader also must be committed to set the proper example, often the toughest part of leadership. When they have pushed all of my buttons and I am stressed to the max, I still have to display a good attitude about the situation and help my staff any way I can.

My goal, once my military career is over, is to have had a positive impact on all those who I have led. I would hope that they all become positive, productive members of society.

As former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt said, “You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your favorite childhood memory?



"The first time I went to Six Flags Great America in Illinois."

Latrell Phillips, child development center



Every weekend, without fail, my friends and I would play sand lot baseball or football, rain or shine."

Paul Williams, spouse of 1st Lt. Jennifer Williams, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron



"Receiving an Easy Bake Oven for my birthday."

Senior Airman Jessica Wilson, 602nd Training Group (Provisional)

Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit:

15 mph in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces;

10 mph in close proximity to marching formations and when waved through base gates;

5 mph in parking lots; and **35 mph** in some sections of perimeter roads.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

45th Airlift Squadron has new commander

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Wariner, left, and Lt. Col. Scott Nishwitz, new commander of the 45th Airlift Squadron, review deployment information on one of the squadron's members March 25 at Lott Hall. Colonel Nishwitz, who took command from Lt. Col. Jimmy Canlas March 22, formerly served as the squadron's director of operations. Colonel Canlas, who directed the unit since May 2008, moves to the Pentagon to serve as an executive officer on the Air Staff.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Here's A Sobering Thought

Even a little alcohol can affect your judgment, balance and coordination. The fact is, almost half of the riders who die in solo crashes have been drinking. Play it safe. Don't start drinking until you've finished riding.



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Sablich Center.

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8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
and
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
training Fridays.
For appointments
and
more information,
call 376-8144.

Student ministry plans national prayer event

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Group's chaplains are joining with nonprior service students for a National Prayer Event, 6-7 p.m. April 22 at the Triangle Chapel.

"We're calling it 'national,' because we will be praying for our nation," explained Chaplain (Capt.) Kenya Thomas, one of the event's organizers. "We hope to have 10 students from diverse religious backgrounds each reading a prayer concerning some aspect of our nation, including the the president, government, military leaders, deployed troops, military families and lost loved ones, world peace, other nations, military marriages, Haiti's recovery and world reform, including the debt crisis and health reform. After each completes his or her prayer, they'll light their candles.

"We are hoping for high student participation," she continued. "Through auditions, we'll select a student to sing the National Anthem, perform a solo or share other creative talents such as music or liturgical dance. I already have a young man working on writing a poem titled, 'Why We Should Pray for Our Nation.'"

The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st Training Wing command chief.

Nonprior service Airmen from any faith tradition who want to participate can sign up at the white rope desk in the Fishbowl Student Ministries Center.

For more information, call Chaplain Thomas, 377-2331.

Academic aces



Airman 1st Class Matthew Sughrue, left, Senior Airman Christie Kurka and Airman 1st Class Nouri Dkhili received perfect scores for their technical training. Airman Sughrue, a graduate of the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron, moves to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for avionics instrument flight control systems apprentice school before returning to Dover AFB, Del. Airman Kurka, a graduate of the personnel apprentice course in the 335th TRS, is assigned to Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. Airman Dkhili, a graduate of the computer systems programming apprentice course, is assigned to the 42nd Force Support Squadron, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Pitsenbarger Awards

The deadline for Spring Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. today.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/af/aid/pit.pdf>

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

KSC scholarships

Today's the deadline to apply for the Keesler Spouses Club scholarships.

The 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 and spouses pursuing a degree or vocational studies.

For applications or more information, e-mail JLMPatriquin@aol.com; log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.com or visit area school guidance counselors or the Keesler Thrift Shop. Mail applications to JerriLynn Patriquin, P.O. Box 5218, Keesler AFB, MS 39534.

UBU house party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 7 p.m. April 9 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.

Chiefs scholarship

The Keesler Chiefs Group offers a \$200 scholarship for airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Along with the application, an essay is required on "The Value of Education to Air Force Enlisted Personnel."

Applications are due to Chief Master Sgt. Damian Orslene by April 20.

For more information, call Chief Orslene, 377-0403, or e-mail damian.orslene@us.af.mil.

Nursing assistant class

Twelve spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Keesler will be able to attend a certified nursing assistant program at Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College's Jeff Davis Campus through a grant from the Air Force Aid Society.

The class is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 10-June 23, with two Saturday clinical experience sessions required.

Application is open to non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members or nearby Air Force detachments. Spouses of activated Guard or Reserve members must show orders indicating active-duty status through June 23.

Applicants bring the completed form with their identification card to Room 110, Sablich Center, by April 20. The 12 accepted applicants must have a background check from Biloxi Regional Medical Center, but with the receipt, the \$50 fee will be reimbursed.

For more information and

application forms, call Lana Smith, 376-8727.

Drill downs, parades

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

Parades — 6 p.m. 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.

81st TRG dining out

The 81st Training Group dining-out is April 30 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

Details such as the ticket price are still being finalized, but the social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the formal event starting at 7. Chicken or vegetarian menus will be offered.

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

Prenatal parking

Briann Stevenson receives a "stork parking" permit from Maj. Lea Thies, nurse manager of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron women's health clinic, in the 81st Medical Group Hospital's newly-designated "stork parking" areas. Seven designated spots are west of the outpatient services entrance adjacent to the new radiation oncology clinic, and five more are in the parking lot opposite the hospital's "A" tower. Expectant mothers who are 32 weeks pregnant are given permits that expire two weeks after their expected due date. Mrs. Stevenson's husband, Todd, is assigned to the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport. They are expecting their first child, a daughter. The women's health clinic sees about 120 obstetrics patients weekly, with about 80 patients currently 32 weeks or more into their pregnancies.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Two at Keesler win JAG awards

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Two of 2nd Air Force 2009 Judge Advocate General award winners hail from Keesler.

Capt. Robert Wilder, 2nd Air Force military justice chief, was named outstanding young judge advocate. The captain's accomplishments included serving a year as justice chief at the second busiest military justice numbered Air Force and committee team lead in Iraq.

He was lead justice counsel to four subordinate wing legal offices, two groups and 92 detachments, which included more than 140 attorneys and paralegals. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his management as team leader of the Joint Investigative Committee for Law and Order, personifying leadership and composure while subject to hostile fire during 225 convoys near Sadr City, Adhmiya and Rusafa.

Captain Wilder accompanied Iraqi judges to Ministry of



Captain Wilder

Interior sites across Iraq and flew more 100 perilous missions with the judges, investigators and Federal Bureau of Investigation officers to assist coalition units in obtaining more than 200 warrants against strategic level Al Qaeda, Jaysh al Madhi and Ke'tah Hizbollah terrorist networks.

The James Wrightson Jr. Award went to Richard Brock,



Mr. Brock

who serves as the chief of the civil law division. Mr. Brock oversaw the legal assistance program involving three paralegals and five attorneys serving 4,000 clients. He managed the reviews of 62 contracting actions valued in excess of \$8 million and conducted actions of seven administrative staff members who executed 773 wills and 8,234 notarial acts.

IN THE NEWS

Air Force Assistance Fund update

As of Monday, Keesler has raised \$26,450.12, or more than 34 percent, of its 2010 goal of \$77,528.

The campaign continues through April 16.

Quarterly wing run

The 81st Training Wing's quarterly run is 6:30 a.m. Wednesday on the flightline.

Squadrons assemble inside the flightline entrance of H Street and Hangar Road next to base operations.

All wing and tenant units are invited to participate

For more information, call 1st Lt. Tim Bourcet, 377-2525.

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed for warrior training from noon to 5 p.m. April 8 and 22.

Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery clinics each have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

Although pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are open, they'll have reduced staffing, so patients are asked to delay visits during warrior training.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

Deadline extended for program

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs Office

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilians interested in competing for developmental education opportunities in 2010 now have until April 26 to submit a hard copy application to the Air Force Personnel Center civilian leadership development branch here.

Interested parties should contact their installation's force support squadron for specific local guidance and policy on internal due dates.

The program includes developmental education opportunities for employees in Pay Bands 1 through 5 and grades GS-7 through 15 or equivalent grade. Applicants must have completed either intermediate level or senior level professional military education, either in residence or through distance learning. Those interested in competing for strategic education that have not completed the required PME may apply for a waiver by calling 1-210-565-2524 or DSN 665-2524.

Civilians are nominated by their local leadership through their chain of command. After AFPC's force development support division receives applications, they're forwarded to the appropriate functional developmental teams so they can rank the nominees, validate the programs they should attend and identify follow-on assignments.

Most developmental team review boards take place from May through August. Selections are typically announced in the fall.

For more information, visit AFPC's personnel services Web site and type in "CDE." Current Air Force employees may call the 24-hour Air Force Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Force reduction,

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critical and stressed career fields. The challenge before us is to keep our force both sized and balanced within authorized, funded levels.”

To try to limit the impact to Airmen who are currently serving, Air Force officials will adjust accessions. Decisions to reduce accessions will be based on career field manning and future growth.

Expanded officer measures include waiving active-duty service commitments in targeted year groups; waiving all but two years of commissioning commitments for Air Force Academy and ROTC graduates as well as waiving their education and scholarship recoupment costs; and lowering the Reserve obligation for Palace Chase transfers from a three-year commitment ratio to one year for each remaining year of ADSC.

This phase of the force management program also involves a Selective Early Retirement Board. The SERB will consider for early retirement Air Force

For more information

Due to the high volume of traffic on the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services Web site following this announcement, Airmen experiencing difficulty accessing the site may direct their force management questions to their base military personnel sections or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

colonels with four or more years time in grade and lieutenant colonels deferred for promotion at least twice. This board will convene July 19-23 to identify those who must retire by Jan. 1.

Officers with more than six and less than 12 years of commissioned service in specific career fields and year groups will be offered voluntary separation pay as a means to encourage their transition from active-duty service. Should this incentive fall short of encouraging the number of transitions needed, a reduction in force board will convene in September to identify officers for transition by April 1, 2011.

A force-shaping board also will convene at this time to identify offi-

cers with less than six years of commissioned service in designated career fields and year groups for continued retention or separation.

Enlisted force management measures have been expanded to include waiving time-in-grade and limited ADSCs for Airmen in non-critical, overage Air Force specialties and year groups; and waiving up to two years of four- and six-year enlistments for those in non-critical, overage specialties and year groups. Palace Chase transfers also are available for enlisted personnel with a one-to-one rather than a two-to-one year commitment.

Dates of separation rollback will result in early release of some Airmen

with less than 14 years of service or more than 20 years of service who have declined training, failed initial training, declined retainability for an assignment or who have negative quality indicators.

Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Department of Defense civilian hiring opportunities are open to all Airmen. Airman and family readiness centers host the Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program, offering Airmen vital information for a successful transition from the Air Force. Veterans also receive hiring preference for federal service and are eligible for GI Bill Programs.

“The Air Force has a long-standing tradition of offering comprehensive transition assistance programs,” General Dunbar said. “It is important for our Airmen to know the full range of options and benefits available to them.”

Officials said if the current retention environment continues, personnel reduction actions will continue beyond fiscal year 2011.

Dan Elkins contributed to this story.

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with his ability to keep the man alive for five to seven minutes until emergency medical technicians arrived.

“My response was automatic — this man needed help,” he continued. “It was very intense and seemed to take forever. When the EMTs got there, he was flat-lined ... he’d had a massive heart attack and they had to shock him five times to bring him back.”

The emergency responders took the victim to Biloxi Regional Medical Center and Sergeant Harrell headed for home, emotionally and physically drained by the incident. One thought kept nagging him — did the man survive?

Later that day while he was in a drug identification class, a

call came from the Biloxi Police Department — the stricken man had survived and was in serious but stable condition. The official police report noted that due to Sergeant Harrell’s quick actions, the man would probably recover without any serious consequences.

“My mom is a CPR instructor, and she was very proud of me when I called her,” Sergeant Harrell commented. “I’m so glad that gentleman survived. It was an incredible experience — knowing you’ve helped another human being is very rewarding.”

Perhaps the greatest reward was the phone call he received from his 10-year-old daughter, Taylor, who lives in Alabama.

“Daddy, God sends angels,” Taylor insisted. “God sent you to help that man.”

ESOHHCAMP

Base’s internal inspection is April 12-15

Keesler’s internal Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspection is April 12-15.

The assessment covers base activities with potential environment impact and reviews occupational health and safety protocols.

The inspection team of Keesler military, civilian and contractor personnel conducts a compliance assessment as well as an audit of the base’s Environmental Management System.

The EMS provides an overall management system for policy development, organizational structure, planning, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes, and resources for developing, implementing, achieving, reviewing and maintaining programs for meeting environmental goals. Keesler’s EMS was audited by Air Education and Training Command headquarters in 2009 and determined to be in conformance with Air Force and ISO 14001 standards. This internal review will be performed to assess the continued performance of ESOH management practices.

The ESOHCAMP will monitor for standard regulatory compliance issues associated with Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Force and state environmental, safety and health requirements.

Shop supervisors and workers can expect to be checked for compliance in environmental areas such as air emissions, hazardous materi-

als, hazardous waste, fuel storage tanks, drinking water and wastewater. Occupational health and safety inspections will also be conducted in areas including chemical hazards, hazard communications, hearing conservation, personal protective equipment and respiratory protection programs.

Shop personnel should also expect to be asked questions about the 81st Training Wing commander’s EMS policy. The policy emphasizes compliance with laws and regulations, minimization and elimination of wastes and the release of pollutants, conservation of natural resources through recycling and conserving energy, seeking continual improvement, and implementation of the EMS throughout all organizations.

Units can also expect generalized questions about the installation’s Environmental Management Plans and steps being taken to achieve objectives of those EMPs, as well as questions about each individual’s own shop regulations and environmental impacts. Other questions will focus on worker knowledge of compliance with energy conservation measures, methods used to conserve fuel and efforts to find alternative products to prevent generation of hazardous waste.

Environmental section personnel can supply a questionnaire to supervisors and workers that will assist in preparing Keesler personnel for this ESOHCAMP inspection. For more information, questionnaires or general assistance, call the environmental section, 377-1262.



Keesler's
Air Force
Assistance
Fund
campaign
continues
through
April 16.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Training for new supervisors

Three mandatory supervisory training courses for newly-selected supervisors must be completed within six months of assuming a supervisory role.

The Air Force Supervisor's Course provides civilian supervisors with leadership and management skills required in supervisory positions.

The Civilian Personnel Management Course must be taken by all civilian and military supervisors who manage civilians. This course provides background information and an understanding of applicable civilian personnel laws and regulations needed to carry out civilian personnel management responsibilities.

The Military Personnel Management Course is designed to provide civilian supervisors of military members the basic skills, knowledge and abilities required to supervise enlisted and officer personnel.

Personnel requiring these courses can register online through the Air Force Human Resource Management School's virtual campus at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=AF-ED-00-38>. Periodic reports will be provided by Air Staff and major commands identifying supervisory completion, so supervisors should complete the required courses in a timely manner.

For more information, call 376-8161 or 8154.

Making a move

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron's traffic management flight's personal property and passenger transportation elements are in Room 114, Sablich Center, Bldg 0701, Room 114. Customer service hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

If you've completed a personally procured move, formerly known as do-it-yourself move, and are ready to submit your documentation for payment processing, the personal property element has mandatory briefings, 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Bring all items listed on the PPM checklist and certification of expenses form you received when originally counseled. Make a copy of all documents for your records because originals are turned in for payment.

For more information, call 376-8530 or 8532.

Resources for supervisors

A new virtual site for emerging leaders, supervisors and leadership is available to assist supervisors in effectively carrying out their duties.

The Supervisor Resource Center provides easy access to information on mandatory supervisor training, books, exercises, discussion forums, self development, continuous learning and more.

The SRC link, <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/SRCCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-MC-15>, incorporates existing Air Force tools in one location.

For more information, call 376-8161/8154.

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.

Deciphering an LES

If you need help deciphering information on your leave and earning statement, log on to <http://www.dfas.mil/airforce2/militarypay/yourleaveearningsstatementles.html>

Nonchargeable rest, recuperation OK'd for Iraq and Afghanistan deployments

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials announced March 22 that Iraq and Afghanistan have been designated as non-chargeable rest and recuperation locations, authorizing service members deployed there for 270 days or more 15 days of administrative absence to be used in conjunction with benefits provided under the R&R leave program.

"This designation provides an additional benefit specifically for those service members deployed to the most arduous combat areas," said Sam Retherford, director of officer and enlisted personnel management.

"Administrative absence days, in conjunction with government-funded transportation for R&R, allow service members to save and use their annual leave for reintegration with their families and communities when they return home," he said.

Administrative absence days are contingent upon mission requirements, and are only authorized for those servicemembers who participate in the NCR&R program.

NCR&R benefits for Iraq and Afghanistan are effective March 23 following approval of U.S. Central Command's request by the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Each combatant command may request the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness designate additional locations for NCR&R, provided they meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

The areas/locations must be a location where U.S. forces have been engaged in combat operations against a hostile force within the last six months and where actual combat operations are expected to continue.

The area/location must meet R&R leave program criteria.

The area/location must be a combat zone designated by presidential executive order.

The area/location must be an area where service members are exposed to the most arduous conditions (for example, those locations authorized hardship duty pay).



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Defenders on duty

Deployed security forces protect base 24/7/365

By Master Sgt. Scott Sturkol

380th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, Airmen in the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron are charged with security and force protection of more than 1,900 deployed personnel and billions of dollars worth of deployed assets, equipment and aircraft at a non-disclosed base here.

“This is why I joined the Air Force,” said Staff Sgt. Matthew James, deployed from the 81st Security Forces at Keesler, who serves as a patrolman and a patrol area supervisor with the 380th ESFS. “When you serve in the military, you know you can be deployed at any time and I’m more than proud to serve while deployed here in Southwest Asia.

“I see planes flying off every day for their missions — that’s a sign to me that I’ve been doing my job keeping them safe and secure,” he added.

Every day Master Sgt. Lisa Phillips reports to the 380th ESFS for a 12-hour shift, but some days it easily turns into a 14- to 15-hour shift. No matter how long it takes, the leader of the security forces “Alpha” flight said she and her Airmen are always ready.

“We protect and defend every individual and every Air Force asset serving at this location, and in doing that, the mission we are here for will be accomplished every day,” said Sergeant Phillips, who is also deployed from Keesler.

As flight chief for the “Alpha” flight, Sergeant Phillips said she implements plans, programs and policies set forth by leadership.

“In my job, I have to develop element training programs that ensure proficiency with directives and enforce military and host nation customs and courtesies while at



Sergeant Phillips briefs security forces Airmen in “Alpha” flight during a night shift Jan. 24. The 380th ESFS is in charge of protecting and providing security for millions of dollars of deployed Air Forces assets and nearly 2,000 deployed personnel. Sergeant Phillips is a 16-year Air Force veteran deployed from the 81st SFS.

the same time maintaining military order and discipline for 80-plus Airmen,” said Phillips. “It’s a job that keeps me busy every day.”

Phillips helps assign security forces Airmen to their assigned posts and duties every day. It includes assigning patrols, checkpoint duties, security response team roles and a myriad of other requirements. Among the Airmen filling those requirements includes security forces like Staff Sgt. Justin Canada from Pope AFB, N.C., who serves on a mobile fire team unit that works directly with host nation security personnel.

“We conduct joint patrols with host nation security forces,” said Sergeant Canada. “We patrol areas on the outer perimeter of base to make sure there aren’t any deficiencies, things out of place or holes in the wire. We also try to learn about our host nation’s cultures and try

to win the hearts and minds of our fellow comrades.”

For deployed security forces Airmen, a typical day at work includes wearing the latest in “battle rattle.” This can include the latest in protective armor and combat-ready gear. They’ll carry a loaded M-4 rifle and possibly an M-9 pistol.

To be a “defender,” it takes a high volume of training and the knowledge in weaponry, laws, directives and programs, policies, and procedures governing security forces activities. That knowledge further breaks down into being fluent on installation security, anti-terrorism, law enforcement and investigation and air base defense.

“My job not only requires maintaining security of our deployed aircraft, it also requires myself and my fellow security forces to monitor restricted areas and secure the perimeter of the base,” said

Senior Airman Nolan Spiers from Eglin AFB, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Genevieve Navarro from Edwards AFB, Calif., takes her deployed duties very seriously.

“I work in the base’s vehicle search area,” she said. “I thoroughly search vehicles entering U.S. controlled areas from unsecure locations and prevent the introduction of illegal weapons, contraband and explosive devices. I also ensure the prevention of removal of classified material.”

Another defender from Eglin, Senior Airman Jacqueline Lawson, said the important thing is that all security forces remain “vigilant.”

“While keeping watch, we must stay vigilant at all times,” said Airman Lawson. “While on police and security patrols, we maintain a three-to-five-minute armed response time to all incidents within our area of responsibility. While staying vigilant,



Sergeant James watches over the flightline. The 380th ESFS support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

we monitor all avenues of approach into our specified areas.”

The Airmen who make up the 380th ESFS do say they are proud to be deployed serving their country’s calling to support operations overseas.

“Ever since I joined the military, I wanted to make a difference in this world,” said Airman 1st Class Johnny Hinojosa from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Being deployed and being a part of an expeditionary operation is my opportunity to make that happen.”

Airman 1st Class Joshua Willis, also deployed from Elmendorf, added, “I’m proud to be serving my country whether it’s at home or overseas. I know that when I look back on my service, I will value the time I spent in the Air Force and know that my family and friends will be proud of me and my accomplishments.”

Keesler kids search for Easter eggs at marina



Top, the Easter Bunny, accompanied by Airman 1st Class Aric Schneeberger, rode on a fire truck in Saturday's Easter parade.

Left, 3-year-old Emma Linge, son of Joshua and Crystal Rands, struggles to open one of her Easter eggs at the egg hunt at marina park. Her dad is a Seabee currently deployed to Guam.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Skyler Castilleja, 2, sits on the Easter Bunny's lap for a picture. Her parents are Staff Sgt. Krystal Foster, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, and Senior Airman John Castilleja, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Hospital volunteer Patricia French verifies a patient's identity before handing him his prescription in the main pharmacy. She's been a volunteer since September.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month Hospital volunteers are 'unsung heroes'

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group hospital volunteers are the "unsung heroes" of the facility, but their numbers are dwindling.

Commanders have long noted the volunteers, who have been in the hospital since 1985, provide an invaluable service by augmenting the professional staff in several critical areas. Prior to 1985, they were under the auspices of the American Red Cross at the Sablich Center.

Today, volunteers can be found in the pharmacies, women's wealth, the hematology/oncology clinics and the operating room recovery area. There are also 15 volunteers providing wheelchair escort service to help patients get to and from appointments as well

as helping man the information desk in the outpatient services entrance lobby.

Volunteer coordinator Usa Jones, a volunteer since 1983, noted that before Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005, there were almost 150 volunteers. Today she has about 55 on her list.

Volunteers assist in the hospital on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the pharmacies and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in other areas. Escort service volunteers are available from 7 am. to 4 p.m.

Col. (Dr.) William Boleman, 81st Medical Operations Squadron deputy commander, is the medical group liaison to the volunteers.

Anyone 18 years of age or older with a Department of Defense identification card may become a volunteer.

For more information about the program, call 376-3415, 3771 or 3772.

LEGAL BRIEFS

Getting divorced? What about retirement?

By Maj. Jennifer Fournier

Legal office

Confused about what happens to your military retirement when you get divorced? You're not alone; let's set the record straight on a few points.

There are two players at work when it comes to military retired pay: the Uniform Services Former Spouses Protection Act and the state law of the state in which you're getting your divorce. Congress created the USFSPA in 1982. It gave states permission to treat military retired pay like any other retirement plan. In other words, if your state would divide a retirement plan from ABC Company, it will divide your military retirement pay, too.

For most people, this is how it works: the divorce court considers the value of the retirement plan and how much of that value was created during the marriage. The court splits the "marriage value" in half. If you were married for 14 years and all of those years you were in the military, the "marriage value" is 14/20, assuming a 20 year career. Half of that is 35 percent. So, your spouse would probably get 35 percent of your retired pay.

The "probably" is there for a reason: some states will handle this division differently; there could be an off-set because of your spouse's retirement plan; or you could buy out your spouse's interest in your future retirement by giving money now.

For more information and advice about your individual situation, call 376-8601 or visit the base legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center.

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Countdown

Tuesday is grand opening of commissary, base exchange



From left, commissary employees Tommy Applehans, Aree Flynn and Craig Mallett install digital labels March 29 to prepare for opening day.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

By Susan Griggs and Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

At 9 a.m. Tuesday, the base community celebrates the opening of the new \$60 million base exchange and commissary.

The new Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility has 95,250 square feet of sales area and 35,756 square feet of office and warehouse space. The 11,000-square-foot food court opened March 18.

The exchange features an enclosed mall with 20-foot ceilings and skylights, with concessionaires around the mall hallway. Mall services include a barber shop, beauty shop, nail salon, optician, optical shop, military clothing store and alteration shop. Concessionaires include GNC, Asian shop, sports memorabilia, art gallery, flower shop and GameStop.

The new Defense Commissary Agency store has 54,000 square feet of sales area, which is 25 percent larger than the pre-Katrina store. The commissary also has 10,000 square feet of offices and 32,000 square feet of warehouse space.

"The commissary features a full-service deli, sushi bar, 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 new shopping complex incorporates many new energy-conscious features, according to Penny Madison, AAFES general manager.

"We installed a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system that offers a 14 percent increase in performance, Ms. Madison said. "There is a higher insulation factor in the walls and roof than the national or local minimum requirement and the white roof membrane has a high solar reflectivity index to reduce cooling cost."



Chris Voss from Energy Beverage Management of Gulfport stocks drinks around a Smart Car being given away during the commissary's grand opening.

Store hours

Main exchange

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday through Saturday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Commissary

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

"Air conditioning and lighting is automatically controlled," Mr. Harris pointed out. "Lights are programmed to operate at optimum use times, and turn off when unoccupied. Our state of the art refrigeration systems are 15

percent more energy efficient"

All exterior glass is insulated and low volatile organic compounds were used for paints, adhesives, carpet and composite wood to improve indoor air quality. Automatic flush valves and faucets reduce water use and the water-efficient landscaping doesn't require a sprinkler system.

"Skylights provide much of the interior lighting," Ms. Madison noted. "Much of our food court equipment is Energy Star rated, and we'll be recycling the recycling the vegetable oil used in the food court."

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

What's happening?

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency are featuring entertainment, demonstrations and giveaways as part of Tuesday's grand opening festivities.

In addition to demonstrations throughout the store, the commissary is giving away a Smart Car, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, a Bass hunter boat and more than 100 \$25 gift certificates, according to store director Gordy Harris.

Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent performs at 9 a.m.

Giveaways at the commissary include a 60-inch television, appliances, game systems, luggage and vendor gift baskets.

At the base exchange, artist Marlin Miller will be on hand for the dedication of his eagle carving. Singer Josh Decker performs and authors Ted Dekker, Ken Murphy and retired Col. Bill Saunders will be on hand.

"Lynn Tolley, grand-niece of Jack Daniels will be preparing great recipes and do a book signing, along with collector bottles and bottle etching," said AAFES general manager Penny Madison. "We're planning a 511 clothing demonstration, Vitamix will be here to fix nutritional specialties and Nintendo will have a Wii and Wii Fit expo."

Professional strongman Karl Gillingham visits GNC, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Red Bull TNT freestyle motocross demonstrations are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. The AAFES Drive of the Year show truck will also be on display.

Keesler medics shine as humanitarian mission in Chile ends

ANGOL, Chile — Members of the Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support team completed a humanitarian mission to build an expeditionary hospital and augment medical care for members of the Angol community here March 26.

A team of Airmen built, staffed and equipped a field hospital to serve more than 110,000 people in the region.

“We came here to build something, not to meet our needs, but the needs of the local community,” said Col. David Garrison, 81st Medical Group deputy commander, who served as the EMEDs commander. “We came here with open minds and open hearts, and we listened. We took their input and together we made a very successful operation.”

During a ceremony March 24, U.S. government officials donated the hospital to the local Chilean medical community.

The hospital in Angol was severely damaged in an 8.8-magnitude earthquake Feb. 27. With the loss of the regional hospital, local medical officials lost the use of 190 beds.

The 82 Airmen from 16 different bases, including Keesler, arrived in Chile March 10. With help from members of the Angol community, the Chilean army and the U.S. Agency for International Development, they turned a bare polo field into a fully-oper-



Photo by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

Senior Airman Kahliha Love checks the vital signs of a Chilean child at the expeditionary hospital. She’s an aerospace medical technician assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

ational hospital in 3½ days.

Since the hospital opened March 13, Chilean and Air Force medics treated more than 300 patients and performed about 40 surgeries.

Prior to the building of this hospital, medical professionals in Angol used a 16-bed clinic to treat patients in the community.

“Initially we thought we were coming down here to setup and EMEDS+10 to sup-

port people injured in the earthquake,” said Master Sgt. Joel Shepherd, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the EMEDs first sergeant and setup lead. “When we got here we realized that medical infrastructure was what needed support, so we were tasked to build 13 Alaskan shelters and six large general purpose tents; to build a field hospital with the ward capability of about 70 beds.”

With the addition of this hospital, health professionals in Angol will have back more than 60 percent of the beds lost as a result of the earthquake.

The U.S. Agency for International Development Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance staff provided \$8.6 million to support the expeditionary facility and staff for a 14-day operational period.

“Since EMEDs has come along, it has put Air Force medics on the deployment map,” Sergeant Shepherd said. “As medical Airmen, this is what we do, what we train for. (EMEDs) embodies our ability to provide rapid global mobility and agile combat support, two of our distinct capabilities in the Air Force. We (EMEDs Airmen here) definitely represented that capability to our allies.”

For many Airmen, this was their first opportunity to put their EMEDs training into practice.

“It has been a very rewarding experience,” said Senior Airman Amber Olszen, an aerospace medical technician from the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron. “We built a hospital from scratch. It was hard work, but I would do it again in a heartbeat and the Chileans were very grateful for it.”

This field hospital will augment medical care in the region while the Angol hospital is being rebuilt.

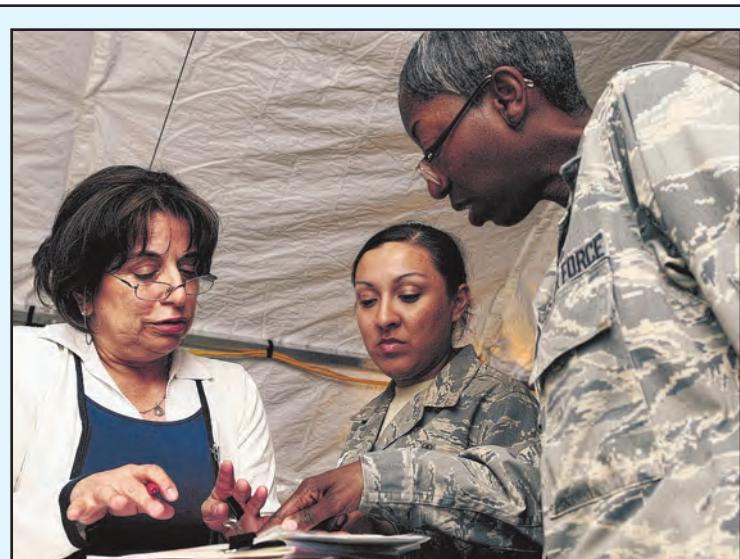


Photo by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

Airman Johnson translates a conversation between a Chilean nurse and Major Walker.

Keesler translator helps provide common language for common goal

ANGOL, Chile — Senior Airman Cassandra Johnson, an aerospace medical technician from the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, assisted two primary translators during the recent medical deployment to Chile.

“Not only do I have to translate Spanish the Chileans are speaking, I also have to do my job interviewing the patients,” said Airman Johnson. “With the language barrier, if someone has a history of a medical problem and we don’t translate it correctly, the medical care will be off. Between the translators, we definitely use each other to make sure the patients get the right care.”

She helped Tech. Sgt. Antonio Andrade, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and Staff Sgt. Abraham Rodriguez, Brooks City-Base, Texas, support more than 80 Airmen and about 50 Chilean medics and up to 40 Chilean patient at the expeditionary medical support facility.

“I didn’t realize how important my job would be here until I was in a surgery, translating between surgeons, a Chilean surgeon on my right ear and an American surgeon on my left ear,” said Sergeant Andrade. “Communication is key. You can bring all the help you want to another country, but if you don’t speak their language, it’s going to be very difficult to make the mission happen.”

“(We) have to be very precise in what we do and how we translate,” Sergeant Rodriguez said. “Some medications sound similar, so if we say something wrong, it could get bad very quickly.”

Keesler’s Maj. Sharon Walker, chief of nursing for the mission, is responsible for teaching most of the Chilean medics how to use different equipment in the hospital.

“Whenever we do not have a translator, things are really slow,” Major Walker said. “The conversation can go on for about 10 minutes over a very small item like an oxygen mask and until someone makes a gesture that maybe you can understand, we get nowhere. When a translator appears, there is a sign of relief from both sides and we’re able to actually communicate because we have someone to translate what’s going on.”

Chilean, Air Force medical teams share knowledge, experience

ANGOL, Chile — Air Force and Chilean medics are transitioning duties while sharing knowledge at the emergency medical support hospital here March 22.

In its first 10 days of operation, Chilean and Air Force medics worked side-by-side to treat more than 130 patients and perform 16 surgeries.

For many of the Airmen here, working in this field hospital with Chilean medics isn’t much different from working in a hospital in the U.S.

“It’s crazy how similar we are, but only separated by a language,” said Senior Airman Alexander Balok, a surgical technician from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron who participated in the first surgery with Chilean and Air Force surgeons. “It was very interesting seeing how they do things, compared to how we do things back home.”

According to Maj. Yekaterina Karpitskaya, an orthopedic surgeon from the 81st MSGS, who participated in the first surgery in the EMEDS hospital, some techniques were so similar she and the Chilean surgeon would ask for the same instrument at the same time, but in English and Spanish.

The similarities ease the transition for Chilean medics to take over the hospital, but the differences create an environment for sharing knowledge between medical professionals.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Peter Drewes, a urology/gynecology surgeon from the 81st MSGS, said he and his Chilean counterpart may use different equipment and different techniques, but it’s the same surgical principles.

“On one of our cases, I showed the Chilean surgeon a new incision that he hadn’t really known that allowed us good exposure, without having to make a bigger incision,” he said. “In turn, he showed me a different technique that I found interesting. It’s just another way of seeing it done. It’s been an excellent experience.”

Nine days into the 14-day operation, Chilean medics are becoming acclimated to the facility and equipment in the EMEDs hospital.

“Some of the equipment we use in the EMEDs hospital are things Chilean medics never used before; it’s impressive how quickly they’ve learned,” said Capt. LaKisha Albertie, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, nurse manager of the inpatient ward. “They are ready to run this facility on their own.”

“I am very proud to work with (Airmen) and share...the good camaraderie, and above all, share all the medical experiences which are very important to us and very fulfilling for our country and our people,” said Chilean army First Sgt. Raul Rodriguez, a paramedic working at the EMEDS hospital.

The U.S. Agency for International Development Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance provided \$8.6 million to support the expeditionary facility and staff for a 14-day operational period. U.S. government officials will formally hand over the facility to Chilean officials March 26.



Photo by Senior Airman Tiffany Trojca

A Chilean surgeon, left, and Major Karpitskaya work side-by-side to cast a Chilean child’s broken arm at the expeditionary hospital March 19. The hospital includes several tents for care, including an emergency room and two operating rooms.

Senior Airmen Cassandra Johnson, left, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and Candice Cimbali, 81st Medical Support Squadron, are welcomed back from their deployment to Chile about 2:30 a.m. Sunday by Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander; Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 81st TRW command chief; and Brig. Gen. Dan Wyman, 81st Medical Group commander.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



**Stories by Staff Sgt. Vanessa Young
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio**

'Tis the season for swarming insects



Photo by Kemberly Groue

CSC pest management supervisor Phillip Remel shows termite damage at the base post office. The post office moves to a new facility this spring.

Pest management office

It all starts on a warm, sunny morning. You're sitting there enjoying your morning paper and a cup of coffee when a small insect lands on the window sill. In a few moments several more bugs alight.

You look around the room and suddenly realize you're not alone. The room is filling up with flying insects. In a few moments more of the room has become dense with flying ant-like pests. This common scenario causes most people to call an exterminator in the same way they'd call 911 if their kitchen was on fire.

It's a sobering event. So what should you do if this occurs?

First, the flying insects won't damage your belongings or harm you. Trying to stop the emerging insects is a challenge. This is the reproductive stage of the insect — they're bursting out of the ground programmed to find a mate, get back in the ground and create a new colony.

The termites that swarm inside a structure and can't get out will quickly die from lack of available moisture. A treatment for swarming termites doesn't need to be done since treatment for a swarm is not very effective and the activity stops when all swarmers have been released.

Here are some facts about the termite swarming process:

A "swarm" is a dispersal flight of winged termites to start new colonies.

Subterranean termites typically swarm in the spring on warm, clear, sunny days following rain.

Termite trouble?

Spring is the season for termite swarms, and this spring has the potential to be a challenging one, with nearly 32 inches of rain recorded at Keesler since December.

To report swarms or for other pest control issues or questions, call the pest management office, 377-3317, or CSC customer service, 377-7771.

Subterranean termite swarms usually occur between mid-morning and mid-afternoon and may last several hours.

Formosan termites swarm during the evening around or just before dusk.

Termites swarming indoors will attempt to get outside by flying toward light around windows and doors or even toward lights that are on in the room.

Swarmers shed their wings after flight since they'll never fly again.

If you experience a swarm:

Close off the room in which the insects are swarming.

Collect a few to show your inspector.

Use a vacuum cleaner to remove insects after they've swarmed.

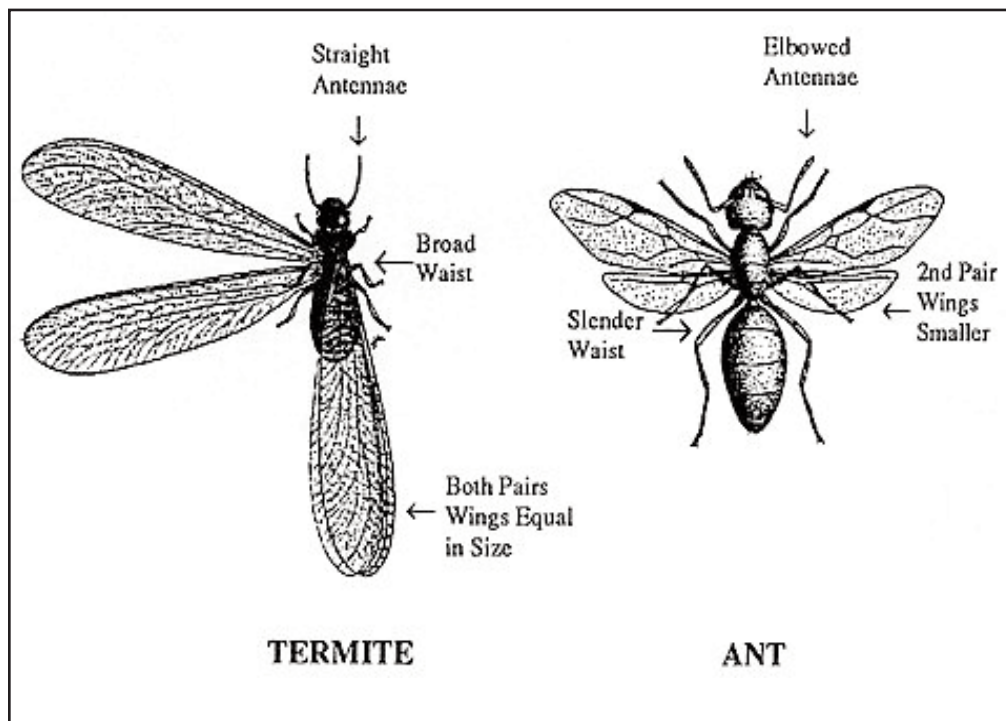
If possible, note the exact locations from which the swarmers are emerging.

The termites that swarm inside a structure and cannot get out will quickly die from lack of available moisture.

Keep all windows and doors closed turn off outside lights and close garage door.

Termite swarmers can be easily confused with winged ants. There are three features which can be used to quickly differentiate between the two insects — the antennae, the "waist" or constriction between the thorax and abdomen and the length of the wings.

Termite swarmers have relatively straight antenna, while winged ants have bent or "elbowed" antennae. The constriction between an ant's thorax and abdomen is narrow, while the division between the thorax and abdomen is harder to distinguish on a termite. Termites have two pairs of wings which are equal in length; an ant's hind legs are noticeably smaller than the first pair.



Year of the
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Just 2 weeks
until tax time —
ways to save \$

By Rose Janosik

Airman & family readiness center

If you've lost money on stocks or stock funds that you've had for one year or more, you can sell them. Those capital losses can be used to offset your capital gains and up to \$3,000 in ordinary income.

Add more to your 401(k), health savings account, or traditional IRA.

There are large tax deductions for sales taxes you'd normally pay on the purchase of a new car, light truck, motorcycle, or motor home. Due to the federal stimulus earlier this year, you can deduct state, local and excise taxes on purchases up to \$49,500. You can take the deduction even if you don't itemize if you don't earn more than \$130,000 or \$260,000 for a heterosexual married couple.

Make an extra payment to your mortgage, estimated income tax or property tax bills to increase deductions on your Form 1040.

There's a tax credit of 30 percent (up to \$1,500) when you purchase energy efficient items such as a hot water tank, replacement windows and insulation. It will also make your home much more comfortable. These tax credits are good through 2010.

Last minute charitable contributions save on taxes and are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Keep all your receipts and assure they can easily be located.



Story with a smile

Clowns Dave and Cherie Gregg, “ambassadors of laughter” from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, visited preschoolers from the child development center March 23 at the youth center gym. The visit was part of the Reading with Ringling educational program for youngsters in preschool through third grade. Dave and Cherie presented an animated demonstration and storytelling of “Maximilian the Great.”

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Worship services planned

Catholic

Today — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m., Triangle Chapel.

Friday — Good Friday service, noon, Triangle Chapel.

Saturday — Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m., Triangle Chapel.

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

Protestant

Friday — "Seven Last Words of Jesus" service, 6 p.m., Triangle Chapel.

Sunday — Sunrise service, 6 a.m., marina park; 8:30 a.m. service followed by 9:30 a.m. continental breakfast, Larcher Chapel; 10:30 a.m. and noon services, Triangle Chapel.

Jewish

For more information on Seder Service and other worship, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235.

Orthodox

All services are at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi.

Today — 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy; 6 p.m., 12 Passions gospels.

Friday — noon, Royal Hours; 6 p.m., Lamentations.

Saturday — 10 a.m., St. Basil Divine Liturgy; 10 p.m. Rush Service followed by Resurrection liturgy.

Sunday — 2 p.m. Agape Vespers.

KEESLER NOTES

Spouses club event

The 81st Medical Group hosts the Keesler Spouses Club's April gathering, 11 a.m. April 13 at the Dragon's Lair.

Guest speaker Mary Garrison demonstrates flower arranging and members are able to create an arrangement to bring home.

For more information, call Brenda Adams, 618-616-2553, e-mail skipadams@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com/>

Pamper Me Day

Pamper Me Day, a military spouse appreciation event, is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 7 in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

Booths, giveaways, activities and information booths are planned.

For more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Summer jobs

People interested in summer jobs as lifeguards and educational aides can apply online when vacancies are announced at www.usajobs.com.

For jobs as clerks, laborers and other categories, apply directly to the civilian personnel office, Room 214, Sablich Center. Applications are accepted until June 30.

For more information, call 376-8644.

Supply issues

For supply issues or concerns, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr

Prepare now for a safe boating season

Air Education and Training Command
and 81st Training Wing Safety Office

Each year, many Team Keesler members and their families take to the water for pleasure.

Operating a boat requires concentrated skill and a keen sense of awareness in the boat and on the water. A clear head and a responsible outlook are necessary to make a day on the water as smooth and safe as possible.

Whether you're new to the water or a long-time boating enthusiast, safe boating is the key to ensuring your fun. Here are guidelines to get ready now:

Take a boating safety course.

Talk to the boat dealer and consult your owner's manual to learn as much as you can before operating your boat.

Understand the safe operation of your craft, including throttle control and handling.

Start slowly and get comfortable operating your boat. When trying new maneuvers or learning a new skill, operate at half-throttle or less.

Know how to swim, and make sure everyone on the boat wears a life jacket or personal floatation device. Coast Guard statistics show drowning from simply falling overboard accounts for 25 percent of all boating fatalities.

The captain should establish authority. He's responsible for the safety of his passengers, as well as for water skiers, swimmers, anglers and others in nearby boats who may be affected by his boat and its wake.

The captain should be the designated driver and abstain from alcohol in order to safely drive the boat and its passengers to shore. He's also responsible for assuring that the crew and passengers follow the rules of the sea and drink responsibly.

Alcohol's effects are increased on the water. Studies show it takes just one-third of the alcohol a person would consume on land to make them intoxicated on a boat. Passengers should consume only one drink or less per hour and shouldn't drink on an empty stomach or when taking medication.

Carry safety equipment, such as floatation devices, flares, a foghorn or whistle, a strong flashlight, a first aid kit and a bailing bucket.

Carry extra fuel in an approved, safe container.

Obey the laws for waterway use and follow posted speed limits and wake restrictions.

Use defensive driving techniques and slow down in crowded waters.

Be aware that weather can change rapidly over water; wind and waves can kick up quickly.

Don't exceed a boat's maximum passenger or load capacity. Distribute the load evenly.

If onboard a small boat, insist that passengers remain seated.

If the boat capsizes, have passengers stay with it.

Don't jump boat wakes or cross the paths of oncoming boats.

Let someone know the destination and estimated time of return. In case of an emergency, they'll know where to send help.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Joe Heflin from outdoor recreation checks safety gear on one of the marina's rental pontoon boats.

State agencies offer free boating safety classes

Two state agencies, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are teaming up to sponsor boat and water safety classes starting this month through August. The free classes are taught in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties and are open to all ages. Preregistration is required.

Biloxi — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 and May 15, taught by MDWFP; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, taught by DMR marine patrol. Courses are taught at the Bolton State Office Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue.

Pascagoula — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 3 and June 4, taught by MDWFP at the Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area Headquarters, 816 Wade Vancleave Road.

Gautier — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 and Aug 28, taught by DMR marine patrol at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Estuarine Education Center, 2300 Highway 90.

Kiln — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 22 and June 26, taught by MDWFP at the Kiln Public Library, 17065 Highway 603.

Bay St. Louis — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 24 and Aug. 14 by the DMR marine patrol at the Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Highway 90.

To register for a free boating safety class taught by DMR Marine Patrol, or to bring a class to your school, call DMR marine patrol dispatch, 1-228-523-4134. To register for a boating safety class taught by the MDWFP, call 1-601928-3720. Preregistration is required. For more information,

visit the DMR Web site at www.dmr.ms.gov.

The courses introduce topics such as boat registration, navigation rules, trailering, first aid response and weather watch into a comprehensive one-day class. Students learn the history of boat and water safety, the duties of the DMR's Marine Patrol, what to expect in the certification course and why certification is necessary.

"In 2009, we saw a significant increase in boating accidents, while enrollment in regularly-scheduled boater safety classes was down," said DMR Marine Patrol Lt. Richard Cooley. "Participation in the class can be a very effective tool for boaters."

In order to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Mississippi, those born after June 30, 1980, are required to successfully complete an approved boating safety course and to have a certificate of satisfactory completion in their possession while operating the vessel.

In Mississippi, it's against the law for anyone under 12 years old to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft unless they possess a certificate and are accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person who is at least 21 years of age.

A wearable type life jacket is required onboard for all persons on boats in Mississippi waters.

Anyone riding or operating a personal watercraft in Mississippi waters must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type 1, 2, or 3 personal floatation device.

Anyone who hasn't reached their 13th birthday must wear a PFD at all times when underway in a vessel under 26 feet in length.

Keesler's youth bowlers strike it big at tournament

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Twelve bowlers from Keesler's youth bowling league competed in the 2010 Gulf Coast Youth Handicap Tournament held in Diamondhead recently.

The tournament was open to youth bowlers participating in a U.S. Bowling Congress youth certified league in bowling centers located within the Gulf Coast area. The tournament was held at the Park Ten Bowling Lanes and featured team, doubles and singles events.

Division "B" Handicapped

1st — Keesler Thunderbolts (Everett Spencer, Trenton Abell, Sayvon Watkins, Sam Bertrand)

2nd — Gaudé Ghost Riders (Blake Bosarge, David Bond, Hunter Lambert, Jeremy Millington)

3rd — Keesler Dolphins (Savena Watkins, Angel Millington, Cody Denman, Brandon Millington)

Division "B" Scratch

1st — Keesler Thunderbolts

3rd — Gaudé Ghost Riders

8th Place: Keesler Dolphins

Doubles "C" Division Handicapped

1st — Hunter Lambert and David Bond

2nd — Everett Spencer and Trenton Abell

3rd — Jeremy Millington and Blake Bosarge

7th — Samuel Bertrand and Sayvon Watkins

Doubles Division "B" Handicapped

2nd Place — Savena Watkins and Angel Millington

3rd Place — Cody Denman and Brandon Millington

Doubles "C" Division Scratch

1st — Everett Spencer and Trenton Abell

2nd — Jeremy Millington and Blake Bosarge

3rd — Hunter Lambert and David Bond

9th — Samuel Bertrand and Sayvon Watkins

Doubles Division "B" Scratch

1st — Cody Denman and Brandon Millington

Singles "C" Scratch

2nd — Hunter Lambert

5th — David Bond

6th — Everett Spencer



8th — Blake Bosarge

14th — Trenton Abell

16th — Jeremy Millington

18th — Samuel Bertrand

Singles Division "D" Scratch

1st — Sayvon Watkins

8th — Brandon Millington

10th — Angel Millington

11th — Savena Watkins

All Events Division "C" Handicapped

1st — David Bond

2nd — Hunter Lambert

3rd — Everett Spencer

4th — Blake Bosarge

5th — Trenton Abell

7th — Samuel Bertrand

11th — Jeremy Millington

All Events Division "D" Handicapped

3rd — Savena Watkins

4th — Brandon Millington

6th — Angel Millington

9th — Cody Denman

Sayvon, 11, and Savena, 10, are the children of Nichole Watkins, 336th Training Squadron, and Kyle Watkins, 81st Communications Squadron.

Everett Spencer, 12, is the son of Tangela Spencer, 2nd Air Force, and retiree Robert Spencer.

Samuel, 14, is the son of Mark and Florance Bertrand, 403rd Maintenance Squadron.

David, 12, is the son of retiree Dave Bond.

Blake, 16, is the son of Bart and Kathy Bosarge, 81st Force Support Squadron.

Cody, 14, is the son of retiree David and Jackie Denmon.

Angel, 11; Brandon, 14; and Jeremy, 15, are the children of James and Gea Spears, 336th TRS.

Hunter Lambert, 10, is the son of Cory and Jennifer Lambert, 2nd Air Force

Trenton, 13, is the son of Michelle McLeod and Troy Abell, a Navy veteran.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

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.

Summer bowling leagues — Sign up now.

Tuesday night doubles:

Begins May 25 for 14 weeks.

Wednesday morning women's:

Begins May 26 for 14 weeks.

Wednesday night parent-child:

Begins May 26 for 14 weeks.

PBA experience league

Thursday night:

Begins May 27 for 14 weeks.

Friday night mixers:

Begins May 7 for 16 weeks.

For more information, call 377-2817.

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

African-American Heritage Committee sickle cell 5-kilometer run/walk — April 23; 6:45 a.m. registration; 7:30 a.m. start, Blake Fitness Center, \$10-\$15. For more information, call Yolanda Jerry, 377-4632.

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.

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 centers.

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, ages 6 months to 7 years.

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.

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 to rent a pontoon. 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.

Volleyball

Intramural league

East

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	4	0
81st DS	3	1
81st TRSS	3	2
333rd TRS	3	2
338th TRS-A	2	3
334th TRS	2	3
81st IPTS	1	4
332nd TRS-B	0	3

West

Team	Won	Lost
332nd TRS-A	4	0
81st FSS-CPTS	3	2
81st MDTS	2	0
81st LRS	2	2
338th TRS-B	2	2
335th TRS	2	2
81st SFS	2	4
336th TRS-B	1	4

Fitness centers close for gear updates

More than \$220,000 of new state-of-the-art cardio and weight equipment has been purchased for Keesler's three fitness centers. In order to remove the old equipment and install the new 75 pieces of equipment, each fitness center will be closed for a brief time as follows:

Blake Fitness Center weight and cardio rooms closed April 6-7.

Dragon Fitness Center weight and cardio areas closed April 8.

Triangle Fitness Center closed April 8-9.

In other news, starting today the Dragon Fitness Center is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and training Fridays and closed non-training Fridays, weekends and holidays.

The center is closed Friday and April 16 and 30

Whatever your game ...

Play it safe!

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HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Justin Acevedo, Joseph Adams, Matthew Alexander, Derek Arceneaux, Ronald Bacon, Daniel Boulanger, Adam Brandenburg, Joseph Brown, Justin Burgos, Elliot Butler, Cody Cagle, Cody Candrea, Logan Castinado, Alexis Cavin, Carlos Chapa, Oliver Chesney, Daniel Cimon, Alex Clark, Aaron Covey, James Daniels, Andre Duncanson, Jarrod Eckert, Michael Ferrero, Luis Flores, Benjamin Gale, Taylor Gloede, Patrick Halvorson, Sofiane Harchaoui, Brenton Hawkins, Nancy Hohman, Robert Holloway, Mark Hughes, Maxwell Hulet, Ayodele Imokhome, Eric Jayne, Jesse Jenkins, Derek Jones, Richard Kalinowski, Jesse Kaspala, Alexandra Kerr, Kevin Kessler, Kyle Krotak, Robert Laichalk, Gabriel Lanthier, Daniel Lemier, David Liu, David McDonald, Joshua Merritt, Andrew Noble, Heather O'Donnell, John Orlando, Jesse Pansoy, Jonathan Peter, Robert Reid, John Ricketts, Antonio Riley, Jerry Robbins, Jaymes Robinson, Elijah Rodriguez, Savannah Rogers, Jacob Royal, Samuel Ronan, Bruce Schultze, Devin Seams, Braeden Sheets, Anthony Silveroli, Jordan Simpson, Ernest Smith, Anthony Sulwer, Joshua Talbert, Roy Vreeland, Kyle Wall, William Wall, Dereck Williams and Jacob Williams; Airmen Ronald August, Marcus Dennin, William Fortner, Spencer Gilbreath, Nancy Gonzalez, Jojo Jumanan, William Kesel, Joshua Lail, Phillip Lindley, Patrick Lundquist, James Paterick, Thomas Riches, Joseph Vanlanduyt and Joshua Whiting; Airmen 1st Class Trey Barker, Andrew Bedekovich, Jacob Beierle, Michaela Berard, Jacob Bixler, Dakota Bordelon, Kevin Brennand, William Brosius, Jace Broussard, Megan Brown, Miranda Browne, Joseph Burch, Alan Butner, Travis Caldwell, Araceli Carrillo, Cory Carte, Brandon Cassaday, Daniel Chandler, Qiaofen Chen, Andrew Condon, James Crowder, Brian Dauphinias, Joseph Diaz, Kyle Dibble, Bret Edie, Zachary Ely, Ryan Essenmacher, Joseph Ferguson, Bryant Genuino, Darian Gordon, Drew Gordon, Dyana Grey, Cole Grim, Brain Hadfield, David Hancock, Anson Haynes, Ryan Herrick, Wyatt Ingram, Aaron Jackson, Teresa Jacobson, Kevin Jahr, Andrew Kim, Joshua Kujawa, William Lewis, Brandon Little, Shane Macas, Anthony Marrone, Quynhank Martin, Sean Martin, Emily Messano, Jules Morgenstern, Edward Moran, Christopher Navarro, Joshua Neighbors, Adam Oertley, Joseph Rawl, Michael Rice, Christopher Richards, Matthew Roadfeldt, Joel Rosado Ramos, Stephanie Rosier, Paul Schoenfelder, Edward Silcox, Zachary Sivils, Arion Stahlhut, Byron Sullivan, Christine Tedesco, Kevin Timko, Kevin Tucker, Christopher Walz, Gary Wilder, Daniel Wiggers, Katie Williams, Setara Williams and Derrick Young; Senior Airmen Steven Buccat, Brandon Flynn, Ryan Covert, Steven Friedman, Michael Hewlett, Kristoffer Mischel, Jason Park, Raymundo Perez, Phirachan Pimsri, Elise Strauss, Kathleen Welsch and Robert Wyatt; Staff Sgts. Djomar Arios, Titus Billingsley, Christopher Couch, Felix Corey Fonger Gonzalez, Corey Kitts, Randall Lionberger, David O'Brien, Mark Stiers, Carlton Stokes and Robert Whitfield; Tech. Sgts. Brian Cooney and Jon Schmitz; Master Sgt. Keith Henry; Chief Master Sgts. Hassan Al Ghurabi, Ali Al Shehri, Essa Ahmed Atawi and Nasser Talea.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Michael Alarcon and Nicholas Eddy; Airmen 1st Class Mitchel Carroll and Edward Middleton.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Christian Florian and Jalisha Gilchrist; Airmen Joseph Mutter; Airmen 1st Class Nathan Lucas; Senior Airmen Catherine Garvis; Staff Sgt. Jessica Neff and Michael Stephens; Tech. Sgt. Daniel Lahey.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Kylie Kelly, Marshall LaFleur and Ralph Ruiz; Airman Kandance Melcher and John Morris; Airman 1st Class Chad Watson; Staff Sgts. Craig Buckley and Catrell Wilson; Maj Dhaffer Al Shahrani.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jayson Vara, Kalyn Walker, Brittany Webb, Gwendolyn Clarke, Destiney Rowell, Elizabeth Potter, Eric Myers, Trey Moore, Daniel Bigham, Debra Mendez, Jason Oneal, Lateisha Walker and Bronson Wicklund; Airmen Tiffany Carmody and Steven Mehlhoff; Airmen 1st Class Alex Giaconia, Christopher Giles, Hazell Scott, Christopher

Sorondo, Sebastian Boguille, Shaquasia Dunn and Elizabeth Nunez; Staff Sgts. Tracey Davisson, Shauna Perez and Mona Schmersal; Tech. Sgts. James Chapman, Neil Menius and Kelly Derochie; Shanon Berg.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Brandon Allison, Ignacio Arostegui, Ryan Auld, Kyle Clemmons, Devon Fesler, Mya Hudson, Bob Keophakdy, Anthony Klesser, Matthew Kurtz, Jacob McPhie, Jessica Navarro, Joel Newman, Shawna Stockton, Michael Tscheschlog and Jimmel Winkfield; Airmen Phillip Dutrisac, Justin Faircloth, Matthew Perry, Kristen Petit, Mark Tippit and Shumms Ullah; Airmen 1st Class Marshall Alsip, Stephanie Cleary, Jon Copeland, Bryan Coppens, Martin Council, Shawn Hanger, Tyler Harlow, Emily Hendricks, Caleb Howell, Cameron Kila, Jessica Luecking, Bernard Links, Steven Livingston, Seth McLagan, Shawn Menssen, Christopher Mize, Christopher Morton, Ryan Nizamuldin, Christopher Putnan, Matthew Rardon, Kyle Seraphin, Brandon Simon, Calvin Winfield and Nathan Woehl; Senior Airmen Brett Collins and Luis Valencia; Staff Sgts. Jason Gooch, Michael Henderson and Joshua Parman.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Rachel Larson; Airmen First Class Victoria Acuay and David Asleigh; Senior Airman Jamie Hurley; Staff Sgts. Donald Bridgers, Matthew Carrier, Christopher Clarke, Kari Dudoit, Ambrocio Galzote, Leslie Grandia, Douglas Hayes, Sydney Lupton, James Moss, Melissa Rossy, Capri Shand, Ashley Snyder, Robert Starkey, Jason Turner and Sheena Wingo; Technical Sgts. Jesusmarie Calderon, Melanie Garland, Patricia Loffredo, Steven Martinez, Tara Mudimbi, Emeri Rohweder and Marc Tucker.

336th TRS

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Roxana Christensen, Donald Francisco, Jordan Kamppi, Cody Moses, Devon Phillips and Kody Smith; Airmen Jana Boudreaux and Mavis Jones; Airmen 1st Class Tammy Barco, Nora Cruz, Michelle Fritz,

Jonathan Matos, Zachary McCullough, Gary Randolph and Cynthia Sewell; Senior Airmen Jacqueline Arron and Levi Carter; Staff Sgts. Victor Cazun, Stacia Chappell and Herb Jackson; Tech. Sgts. Vicki Hynes and Adrienne Wilson; Master Sgts. Dana Gunter, Roger Krasusky and Colleen Lopore.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen 1st Class James Brown, Jeffrey May, Christopher Reagan, Joseph Taubner and Justin Walsh; Senior Airman Dave Wright; Tech. Sgt. Dennis Klingner.

Cyber transport systems — Airmen Basic Alan Cantrell, Austin Derusha, Craig Hamilton, Westley Klasen, Richard Koehler, Bryce Koepke, Julius Stiggers and Christopher Wildes; Airman Kevin Flakes; Airmen 1st Class Dane Adams, Samuel Anderson, Gabriel Bjorkman, Ruth Bryce, David Dempster, Matthew Galindo, Matthew Hordeski, Kyle Jenkins, Casey Lipe, Keeley Mahoney, Shawn Riches, David Roark, Michael Rosinsky, Dillon Shail, Kristofer Sirks and AO Zhang; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson and Andrew Cross; Staff Sgt. Johnathon Valentine.

Ground radar systems — Airman Benjamin Belanger; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Alexander, Marcus Allenhall, Meghan Beach, Cassidy Cervenka, Alexander Chase and David Mayfield; Senior Airman Gary Martin; Staff Sgt. Troy Pierson.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Basic Michael Bath, Corey Blythe, Joshua Burrow, John Kuhn, Stephen Manzanares, Matthew McCoy, Corey McDowell, Tanner Menzel, Jordan Outzen, Daniel Peterson, Matthew Skeen, Taylor Urreta and Christopher Yi; Airmen Tyler Bellamy and Taylor Spence; Airmen 1st Class Brigham Brimhall, Justin Coleman, John Coleman, Jonathan Gilbert, Philip Post and Freeman Tate; Senior Airman Anthony Cintron; Staff Sgts. David Barrett and Israel Parkinson.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-4 — Wednesday-May 13.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-3 — Graduation today.

Class 10-4 — April 13-May 20

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon April 10 and 24; \$20 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and April 17; \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

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

Card making — 5:30-7 p.m. April 15; \$7 per person.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Framing class — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday and April 16; \$30 per person. Bring a picture, not larger than 5 x 7, for framing.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon April 17 and 24; \$25, including a completed painted project.

Jewelry making — 5:30-7 p.m. April 8 and 10:30 a.m. to noon, April 24; \$30, including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday and April 17; \$40.

Multi-crafts center — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced. Craft supplies for sale.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon April 10 and 5:30-7 p.m. April 22; \$20 including materials.

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

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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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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.

81st Medical Group

Mental health clinic

The mental health clinic promotes readiness, health and wellness through prevention and treatment. For more information or to make an appointment, call the mental health clinic in Arnold Annex, 376-0385 or 0386, or the Triangle Mental Health Clinic, 377-7015 or 7016.

McBride Library

After-tax party — 6-7:30 p.m. April 15. Celebrate the end of tax season woes with a party. De-stress with a good book, watch scary movies, enjoy popcorn, movie candy and other special refreshments. Register to win a gift basket.

Art on display — through April 30. Individuals bring in samples of their art or crafts to be displayed at the library. Items judged the first week of May. Categories: ages 7-under; 8-12, 13-17 and 18-older. Ribbons awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in each category. All items on display throughout May.

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.

Children's library skills program — 11 a.m. Fridays for families with home-schooled children. Learn library skills and enjoy stories.

Fairy tale scavenger hunt — 5:30-6 p.m. Monday, ages 5-12.

Free computer classes — Wednesdays, April 14-May 5. Ultra beginners 9:30-11 a.m.; not-so-ultra beginners 3:30-4:45 p.m. Preregistration required. For information, call 377-2181.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Get healthy at your library — 1 p.m. April 16; nutrition presentation for children in the morning, adults in the evening. For times, call 377-2181.

Keesler comics — 6-7:30 p.m. April 12. Celebrate the history of the comics with our guest speaker, wear costumes, discuss your favorite heroes and refreshments.

Kids day — 10-11 a.m. April 14. Stories "Tomas and the Library Lady" and "Pinata, El Dia de Los Ninos." Stories read and told in sign language. View our display supporting family literacy.

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 inventory, log on to <http://www.keesler-services.us>, click McBride Library, then online catalog.

Open house/game day — noon to 7 p.m. April 11. Meet the staff, share refreshments, play chess/checkers, Risk, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly, Life World of Warcraft (board game), playing cards, UNO and dominoes.

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.

Quilting class — Two sessions, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 and 24, ages 14 and older. Register by April 15. Free instruction. Participants

supply own materials. Call 377-2604 for information.

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. Wednesdays for ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

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

VFW/American Legion recognition — 6-7:30 p.m. April 13. Guest speaker, Life magazine photo exhibit of military history, computer work stations with head phones connected to the Library of Congress veteran's archive (three living history movies.)

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

Youth photography contest — with focus on the family. Entries accepted through April 23. Two categories: ages 10-13 and 14-16. First-place winners in each category receive a \$50 savings bond, second-place winners receive a \$25 savings bond.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Family child care

Air Force Aid programs — the FCC program assists the AF Aid Society with volunteer and PCS child care programs. AF Aid pays for child care for volunteers working on base and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing in and out of the base. For eligibility and further guidance, parents should contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Returning home care — for children ages 12-under. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning to home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week R&R leave. For more information, call 377-3189.

Be your own boss — We're recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers also needed to care for children with special needs, including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts. For more information, call 377-3189.

Expanded duty care, child care for PCS and returning home child care — is available. For information, call 377-3189.

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 members, \$1.50 nonmembers..

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

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. April 28. Free for Keesler club members; nonmembers \$3 at door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events but dances open to all Keesler personnel.

Dances — 7:30 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.

Spring break party — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. April 9. DJ, giveaways. \$3 per person. Food and beverage specials available.

Youth center

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

Child Pride Day — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24 in the marina park. Free games, inflatables, boat rides, kids fishing rode, teen zone, enter-

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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, francois potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, collard greens, three-bean 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 enchilada and chicken nuggets.

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

Sunday

Lunch — strip loin steak, barbecue ribs, turkey, gravy, rice pilaf, baked potatoes, brussell sprouts, corn on the cob, summer squash, combread, fruit salad, potato salad, split pea soup with ham hocks, chicken, rice, holiday candies and 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, fruit salad, potato salad, split pea soup with ham hocks, chicken, rice and pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, 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, 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 — 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 combo, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza..

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

ENERGY AWARENESS

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

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

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tainment, educational displays, food, giveaways, prizes and "Keesler Family Talent Showcase."

Classes — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more; \$5 admission.

Imagine makers photo contest — through March. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for ages 9-12; teens 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

Soccer registration — Through April 16 for ages 4-14; \$50 first child, \$25 each additional child, including uniform and participation award. Scrimmage games April 17; first official game April 24. Season runs through June 5. Coming June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

Spring camps — Monday-April 2. School age camp for ages 6-12; tween/teen camp for youth in middle, junior high and high school.

Summer camp registration — begins April 19 for school aged and teens. For more information, call 377-4116.

Tae Kwon Do class — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 377-4116.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

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

Youth soccer — Registrations accepted through April 17 for ages 3-14. For information, call 377-4116. Coaches needed.

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 April 12-15; May 10-13; June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and 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.clark@us.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 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.