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Area 12 athlete Larry Ely takes an opportunity to share his joy and appreciation with Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, after the colonel awarded medals and honorable mention ribbons to participants in the 50-meter run during the 2010 Mississippi Special Olympics games Saturday. Keesler has hosted the annual event since 1982. About 3,000 Keesler Airmen volunteered throughout the weekend as 1,200 athletes and coaches from across the state competed in a variety of athletic events. For more photos, see Page 20-21.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Special Olympics spirit shines through rain

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler hosted the 2010 Mississippi Special Olympics games through an uncooperative-weather weekend.

"Six months of preparation and planning all paid off this weekend," said Maj. Michael Haire, 2010 Special Olympics Mississippi project officer.

Months of preparation led to the torch run kicking off the event. Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, ran the torch onto the base to ignite the cauldron outside Welch Auditorium Friday.

"The athletes had an outstanding time during the events Saturday morning — whether it was participating in karaoke,

competing in their sport or just hanging out with their Airman sponsors, they couldn't have been happier," said Capt. Harry James, 335th Training Squadron command and control training flight commander.

An afternoon downpour forced cancellation of many events, but luckily the morning competitions happened as scheduled.

"The weather didn't fully cooperate," Major Hair said, "but most of the athletes still got a chance to compete, and every athlete had a chance to have some fun with our Airmen."

"These athletes look forward to this event all year and it would take more than a little rain to spoil their experience," Captain James said. "It's not just the sports they

love; it's being together with their friends, family, coaches and Airman sponsors."

"While it was raining we tried to provide as much entertainment as possible to the athletes," the captain continued. "A large number of the airmen and athletes were bused to the Vandenberg Community Center and the Welch Auditorium for entertainment."

"So even with the rain-shortened games, there were a lot of smiles this weekend ... a lot of happy athletes, parents, coaches and supporters ... and none of that would have been possible without your support, your volunteer spirit and your dedication," said Major Haire in thanking everyone who volunteered throughout the weekend. "Thank you for a phenomenal effort and a job very well done."

Lorenz on Leadership

Wingman takes decisive actions when gunman opens fire in bookstore

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

On April 20, a 22-year-old man with a history of violence walked into a bookstore in Wichita Falls, Texas, and started shooting. He wounded four women, then drove to a bar and killed an employee outside before he drove home and took his own life.

This tragedy sounds like so many we hear about on the news each and every night. We've almost become desensitized to the horror and emotional aftermath, but this type of violence is something we cannot ignore — especially this event in Wichita Falls. You see, this time it wasn't just a news headline. It was an event that touched our Air Force family directly.

Wichita Falls is home to Sheppard Air Force Base and much of our Air Force's technical training. This particular bookstore offers a quiet environment that provides a peaceful and relaxing place to browse bestsellers ... and for some of the Airmen going through training, a quiet place to do some evening studying. On that April night, three staff sergeants sat in that very store reviewing study materials for an exam the next morning. Two were former security forces members and the third a former F-16 crew chief. They were all on temporary duty to Sheppard to cross-train into the medical field. These Airmen were three of our best, and competed against thousands just for the chance to transition into aerospace medicine. That evening, the silence of their exam preparation was shattered by a man with a shotgun who barged into the bookstore yelling derogatory racial remarks.

His remarks shocked them, and the shooting that followed terrified everyone. They scattered and tried to protect themselves. It happened quickly, although the moment would be frozen forever in their minds. As suddenly as it began, the gunman was gone. The bookstore's peaceful silence, however, would not return. Four people had been shot and two of them were Jade Henderson and Deondra Sauls, our staff sergeants. Police and emergency medical personnel were on the scene within minutes. Both sergeants were transported to a local emergency room, and later to Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital for care. Thankfully, although their wounds were severe, Jade and Deondra will recover and return to training.

This is where the story ends for the local news media, but there are actually many lessons that can be learned from this tragedy. Although not wounded in the shooting, the third Airman, Staff Sgt. Tanya "Taye" Jesser, avoided the gunfire by hiding under a desk near the shooter's feet. She watched his car drive away and yelled to the other victims that the gunman was gone. She was one of those who had the presence of mind to call 911, provide a description of the gunman and request ambulances for the wounded.

Sergeant Jesser then followed the screams to different parts of the bookstore and provided care. She directed first responders to the wounded while applying pressure to slow the bleeding from one of her fellow Airmen. After emergency

medical personnel were caring for the wounded, she contacted family members, reassuring them that all would be all right. Sergeant Jesser called a fellow student not at the scene and asked for help contacting Sheppard, the security forces and her first sergeant. After filing her report with the authorities, she gathered the personal belongings of her classmates and traveled to the local emergency room.

Sergeant Jesser didn't get back to her room that evening until almost 3 a.m. She woke before the sun and was in class on time at 7:15 a.m. Despite her lack of sleep and all that she had just been through, she took the exam as scheduled. Sergeant Jesser scored a 94 percent on the test.

The next day I flew up to Dallas to see our injured staff sergeants at Parkland Memorial Hospital. I wanted to make sure they understood the Air Force family stood with them. Although Sergeant Henderson was in surgery, I was able to see Sergeant Sauls. I asked her if there was anything that I could do — whether it was help notify friends, get family members situated nearby, or even assist with medical issues.

Sergeant Sauls looked me square in the eyes and said, "Sir, don't let them take my training slot. I don't want to lose it." I was really touched. With everything that she'd been through, Sergeant Sauls was most concerned about her future in the Air Force.

These three Airmen were among the many heroes of the evening. Jade and Deondra were worried about their classmates and their ability to complete training. Taye acted with a determined professionalism that facilitated immediate care and added stability to a horrific tragedy. When we talk about a wingman culture, these three Airmen personify such an ideal. They were concerned for others; they were selfless.

The lives of many were forever changed that evening. It's not only the individuals who were directly attacked — it's their friends and families too. In this disaster, it doesn't stop with the wounded. You see, the shooter also killed one individual that evening — even more tragic for his family and friends. The man killed was an Army veteran and the son of one of our civilian employees at Sheppard. Witnesses that evening said that his actions may have saved the lives of others. He had his whole life ahead of him ...

No matter how hard we try to avoid or prevent it, this type of violence can occur at any time in almost any location. We must all do what we can to stay aware of how our family members and friends are doing. Look for times when they need a little more support or encouragement. Be there for them — even when they don't think they need you. There are many heroes at Sheppard and the surrounding community currently supporting those affected by this tragedy. Being a good wingman is something all of us need to try to do each and every day. Knowing that you'll be there for others should give you the comfort knowing that others will be there for you — whether you think you need them or not.

The Airman's Creed

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I am a warrior.
I have answered
my nation's call.*

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

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

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



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

Where do you see yourself in your career in 10 years?



"A squadron commander."

1st Lt. Kristy Rakes,
81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron



"I'd like to be an FBI agent."

Senior Airman Jordan Nestor,
81st Security Forces Squadron



"Retired."

Staff Sgt. Christopher Harrison,
Keesler Marine Corps Detachment

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Four more years for Chief Jordan

Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog, left, administers the oath of reenlistment to Chief Master Sgt. Linus Jordan, 2nd Air Force command chief, April 30. Chief Jordan, who became 2nd Air Force's chief enlisted leader last August, has served in the Air Force since 1988.

Photo by Adam Bond



Keesler Spouses Club awards 8 scholarships

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Keesler Spouses Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to eight students during a ceremony May 11.

Levi DeLuke, who's graduating from Vancleave High School, is the top recipient who also received a \$1,000 scholarship from First Command Educational Foundation. He'll attend Yale University and major in mechanical engineering and applied physics. His parents are Jeff and Sheila DeLuke. Mr. DeLuke is a retired master sergeant who works in the 81st Training Support Squadron.



Mr. DeLuke



Miss Bergeron



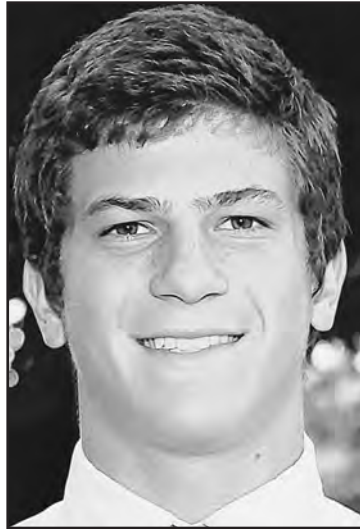
Miss Buono



Miss Conner

Other recipients are:

Rachel Bergeron, who's graduating from St. Patrick High School in Gulfport, lives in Ocean Springs. She'll be a pre-med and biological sciences major at Mississippi State University. Her parents are Col. (Dr.) Brian and Michele Bergeron, 81st Dental Squadron, and Ms. Angie Bergeron.



Mr. Gargiulo



Miss Hewes



Mrs. McDonald



Miss Thone

Caitlin Buono, who's graduating from Ocean Springs High School, plans to major in chemistry at Troy University. Her parents are Scott and Michelle Buono. Mr. Buono, a retired senior master sergeant, works for the 81st Training Wing.

Emily Conner, another senior from Ocean Springs High School, plans to major in elementary education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her parents are Scott and Ethel Conner. Mr.

Conner, a retired technical sergeant, works in the 332nd Training Squadron.

Blaise Gargiulo, a student at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, hopes to major in business at Auburn University. He lives in Gulf-

port with his parents, retired Army Col. Frederick and Michele Gargiulo.

Maridane Hewes, who's graduating from St. Patrick High School in Gulfport, will pursue a journalism degree at the University of Mississippi.

Her parents are retired Army Maj. Charles and Dane Hewes.

Holli McDonald, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Shane McDonald, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, lives in Ocean Springs. She's a registered nurse in the 81st MDOS family

health clinic and is working on a degree in health care management from Park University.

Rachel Thone attends St. Martin High School and plans to major in theater at USM. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Gary and Donna Thone of Biloxi.

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Air Force officials launch language program for Airmen

By 1st Lt. Gina Vaccaro McKeen

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Officials at the Air Force Culture and Language Center recently launched a program designed to identify Airmen with foreign language abilities and foster those skills throughout their careers.

The Language Enabled Airmen Program is the first career-long program designed to offer language-sustainment training for Airmen in diverse career fields.

The idea behind LEAP is to find Airmen who speak a foreign language and ensure they maintain their abilities through individual customized sustainment plans.

Airmen will be selected based upon their demonstrated potential to achieve higher levels of foreign language proficiency as measured by their past performance in language courses, their Defense Language Proficiency Test and Defense Language Aptitude Battery scores and their previous foreign language exposure.

The minimum score required on the DLAB, which measures an individual's propensity for learning a language, is 85. The DLPT measures one's reading, writing and speaking capability in a specific language.

While program officials prefer Airmen who speak a foreign language, they will allow exceptions. If an Airman has an exceptional DLAB score but has no specific language training, he or she may be accepted on a provisional basis. Provisional Airmen have time restrictions to meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Applicants are considered by a board that includes representatives from the Air Force ROTC, U.S. Air Force Academy, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Language and Culture Program office, and AFCLC. A board will be held each spring and summer.

The date for the next board has not been set; however, a message will go out to total force Airmen at least 60 days before the board is scheduled to meet. Additionally, information on the program and application process is available at the AFCLC Web site, www.culture.af.edu. Interested Airmen may submit completed applications at any time.

All languages qualify, but board members prioritize selections based on Air Force requirements.

The focus of this program is to find Airmen who are both willing and able to continue their language training. Participants in the program will be required to complete up to three hours per week of online language training and are expected to reach and maintain a proficiency level of 2/2 or better on the DLPT. The maximum score is 5/5.

LEAP participants will take part in a lan-

guage intensive training event of some kind within their first year of the program, then every year or two thereafter depending on the language difficulty and the ability to schedule around other career requirements.

Potential opportunities include classroom training, study abroad and simulated immersion programs. The events could be offered anywhere in the world and require participants to communicate solely in the language of study.

LEAP officials seek to locate qualified Airmen early in their careers because of the length of time required to become proficient in a foreign language, Colonel Smith said. Ideally, program officials would like Airmen with at least 10 years of active service remaining to ensure program participants can receive effective training in conjunction with their career progression.

The program is limited to officers, ROTC and academy cadets for now; however, the ultimate goal is to have 5 to 10 percent of the force active in the program at any time. Officials at the AFCLC emphasize that it will take a few years to get to this point and have said they are encouraged by the positive response across the total force.

Personnel at the AFCLC have created a Web-enabled tracking system for LEAP participants that contains in-depth information about an Airman's cultural and language skills, including education, training and experience.

With this new tracking system, officials can identify individuals with language skills in advance and forecast which positions, locations and languages will be needed or available in the future. This database provides Air Force leaders greater knowledge of the language resources they have available at any given time.

LEAP will allow officials to plan several years in advance for positions with language requirements and adjust incentive and recruiting programs accordingly, Colonel Smith said.

"Now we can determine, for example, the specific number of Airmen the Air Force expects to get in a certain Air Force specialty in a given year, which of those Airmen have language skills, and which jobs related to those language skills might be available throughout an Airman's career," he said. "The tracking system will allow us to predict where gaps in our capabilities will surface so we can focus recruiting, scholarships and opportunities to shape the force for future Air Force demands.

"We have always had Airmen with remarkable talents and skills," Colonel Smith said. "Language and cultural understanding are valuable resources that can benefit the Air Force mission every day."

To find out more about LEAP or to download an application, visit the AFCLC Web site.

Distinguished graduate



Master Sgt. Norwood Jamison Jr., noncommissioned officer in charge of joint expeditionary specialty training at 2nd Air Force, recently was named a distinguished graduate at Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala. Sergeant Jamison came to 2nd Air Force two years ago and has served in the Air Force for 19 years.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

USM summer term

New students who plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi during the summer term that begins June 1 should contact the USM-Keesler office now for admission guidelines.

Registration is 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the Long Beach campus.

Current students register through SOAR.

For more information, call Ashley Christian, 376-8479, or visit the USM-Keesler office, Room 219, Sablich Center.

Swan 38 scholarship

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

For applications, log on to www.hurricanehunters.com

Drill downs, parades

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

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.

CCAF online

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

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



Perfect student

Airman 1st Class Kyle Head graduated from the 335th Training Squadron's weather forecaster course with a perfect score. Airman Head, who's from San Diego, will be stationed with the 21st Operational Weather Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany.

Going up



Photo by Steve Pivnick

W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Company workers, center background, pour and smooth concrete to make the first floor of the 81st Medical Group Hospital's new inpatient tower May 6 while others, right, install construction forms for the second story floor. Others in the foreground prepare another portion of the first floor for concrete to be poured. The enclosed areas at right are elevator shafts. The tower is scheduled to be completed in September 2011.

Medics gain insights from aircrew

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Seven members of an 81st Medical Group surgical team recently sat in on pre-flight briefings with the 45th Airlift Squadron to gain perspective of issues that might relate to a medical setting.

The 45th AS provides upgrade pilot training in the C-21 aircraft.

Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Paynter, an orthopaedic surgeon with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, operating room nurse Capt. Christy Livery and surgical technicians Tech. Sgt. Pierre Vallee, Staff Sgt. Jade Foster, Senior Airmen Paul Cummings and Adam Hall and Airman 1st Class Eric Knight participated.

"We observed preflight briefings and interacted with the pilots for two hours," Major Paynter explained. "We discussed issues related to crew resource management and operational risk management. The goal was to see if the interaction they (aircrew members) have in

their briefings was something we could bring back and relate to the medical environment."

He continued, "From our perspective, we wanted to see how they conducted their briefings, how they shared information, how they identified risks and minimized them for their flying missions. One major element we observed was the way they were able to communicate effectively as a team. Although we have different missions, this relates to our objective of ensuring patient safety."

Major Paynter, a 1998 Air Force Academy graduate, noted that he had some aviation background as a soaring instructor-pilot while attending the academy so he knew what to expect during the 45th AS session. but young medics without aviation experience might pick up some valuable information

He added, "We used the experience to see what we can do from a surgical viewpoint to reduce safety issues in the future."

IN THE NEWS

2 medics selected for promotion

Cpts. Charles Helms and David Lowery, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, have been selected for promotion to major.

Hurricane town hall meetings

Town hall meetings in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season scheduled for today have been postponed and will be rescheduled.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for the June 3 issue of the Keesler News is noon May 27 because of the Memorial Day federal holiday, May 31.

Air Force hero, ace passes away

AETC News Service

Aces stand as American heroes and military legends. The Air Force recently lost one such legend with the passing of an ace from America's "greatest generation" and a member of the famed 56th Fighter Group from World War II.

Retired Col. Walker "Bud" Mahuri, 91, died May 11 at his home in Newport Beach, Calif.

Colonel Mahurin's career as a fighter pilot included credit for 26 aerial victories, making him an "ace" five times over. Twenty-two of his kills came during World War II in a P-47 Thunderbolt. His other aerial wins came during the Korean War.

His time on active duty included 16 months as a prisoner of war during the Korean War. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart, along with other medals.

Wing calendar event-planning

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

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

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

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

Off-limits establishments

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

Obstacle course restricted

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

Air Force officials explain FY 11 budget to Capitol Hill leaders

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top two leaders addressed the service's fiscal year 2011 budget request before the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee May 12 here.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz explained how the request for baseline funds of \$119.6 billion and overseas contingency operations funds of \$20.8 billion would enable the service to prevail in current and future conflicts as outlined in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review.

During opening remarks, the secretary said Air Force officials will continue to balance resources and risks as they invests in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; space and space-related systems; and surge operations in Afghanistan.

"Our priorities are clear, we must make the most of those resources available to balance capability against risk and balance winning today's wars against preparing for tomorrow's," Secretary Donley said. "We must prevent and deter future conflict where we can and continue to be prepared for and succeed across the full spectrum of conflict."

All Airmen understand the importance of fulfilling their mission, guided everyday by the Air Force core values, General Schwartz said.

"The United States Air Force is fully committed to effective stewardship that (the Senate) and the nation place in our trust," General Schwartz

said. "Guided by integrity, service and excellence, our core values, America's Airmen are performing courageously every day with precision and reliability on behalf of the American people."

The secretary and the chief responded to questions from the senators on a variety of subjects ranging from force structure to maintaining the aerospace industrial base. Of particular interest to the committee was Air Force officials' progress on the service's recapitalization efforts for its tanker and fighter fleet, as well as manpower, given rising personnel costs.

Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, asked how the service planned to meet personnel requirements in new and emerging missions.

Secretary Donley answered, "This has been a tremendous challenge that the Air Force has stepped up to do.

"Our end strength is planned to be stable at about 330,000, but inside that active-duty end-strength, we are making the internal adjustments necessary to man the (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) systems and the intelligence support as it comes online," Secretary Donley said.

The Senate Appropriations Committee-Defense testimony was the final Air Force Posture hearing to Congress on the FY11 budget request.

Master Sgt. Russell Petcoff and Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson contributed to this report.

Special thanks to a special team



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Lt. Col. Richard Cole, 81st Force Support Squadron commander, presents bouquets to Roveta Simmons, child development center director, and Cherrie Tigge-man, flight chief for the CDC and youth center, at a recognition dinner Saturday at the Dragon's Lair. The event celebrated the CDC's recent accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Policy official sees cybersecurity challenges

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Putting cybersecurity in place poses significant challenges for the Department of Defense, the government as a whole and for critical infrastructure, the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for policy said May 12.

James Miller said cybersecurity "is not a glass half full-glass half empty story. There is a glass. It has some water in it. The water is dirty, and we have an insatiable thirst in this area."

The issue has the attention of all defense leaders, and progress is being made, Mr. Miller said. Confirmation of Army Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander to receive his fourth star and serve as the first chief of U.S. Cyber Command is a positive step, he added. The command will stand up shortly under U.S. Strategic Command.

Meanwhile, Mr. Miller said, U.S. government experts are working on a cybersecurity strategy that's expected to be out soon. That strategy, he said, must be flexible to address the diverse and growing threats of the future.

The challenges are immense, Mr. Miller said. "We don't really understand the nature of the threat that we face," he noted.

DOD relies heavily on information technology, and enemies, criminal gangs and hackers are stealing terabytes of information from the government. DOD alone has about 15,000 networks with millions of users in 88 countries.

Another threat comes from outright attacks, Mr. Miller said, including denial-of-service attacks, viruses and worms.

"Over the past decade, we have seen the frequency and sophistication of intrusions into our networks increased," he said. "Our networks are scanned thousands of times an hour."

More than 100 foreign intelligence services are trying to get into DOD systems, Mr. Miller added, and some foreign militaries are developing offensive cyber capabilities. Knowing who is delivering them is extremely difficult to pin down, he said, and foes will confront the U.S. using these cheap, asymmetric tools.

"The linkages between intelligence, offense and defense are particularly important in cyber operations," Mr. Miller said. "The ability to repel attackers is closely tied to the ability to identify them."

Cyber Command will have three core missions: defense of the military networks, supporting on-going military operations and planning for future operations, and supporting civilian efforts, as directed.

"There is no way we are going to fully defend against cyber espionage," Mr. Miller said. "And we understand that not everything that happens in cyberspace is an act of war. As we think of the role of cyberspace in supporting military operations, and the role of cyber attacks as ... the front-end of a kinetic military attack, then we would think about the potential for responses that are not limited to the cyber domain."

Construction sites
are off-limits
without authorization.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Promotion list release dates

The tentative promotion list release dates are May 27 for master sergeant and June 17 for technical sergeant.

VA cuts life insurance premiums

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs officials announced that military members insuring their families under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, which is administered by the VA, will have reduced out-of-pocket expenses beginning July 1.

"VA hopes these reductions will allow more military personnel to obtain affordable life insurance coverage for their spouses, particularly in these difficult economic times," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. "Without insurance protection, life after the loss of a spouse can be not only challenging emotionally, but can place a severe financial strain on a family."

Family SGLI, or FSGLI, monthly premium rates will be reduced for all age groups by an average of 8 percent. The new rates are based on revised estimates for the cost of the program. This is the third time that premiums have been reduced since the FSGLI program began in November 2001. Spousal premiums were previously reduced for all age groups in 2003 and 2006.

FSGLI coverage provides life insurance protection to military personnel for their spouses and children. Children are automatically insured for \$10,000, with no premiums charged.

Based on the coverage of service members, spouses may be insured for up to \$100,000. Military members pay age-based premiums for spousal coverage; the older the spouse, the higher the premium rate.

VA officials said the premium reduction ensures FSGLI remains highly competitive compared to commercial insurers.

FSGLI coverage is available in increments of \$10,000. The current and revised monthly premium rates per \$10,000 of insurance, along with other information, are available at www.insurance.va.gov.

Medal OK'd for Haiti relief efforts

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Department of Defense officials have approved the Humanitarian Service Medal for personnel assigned to Operation Unified Response who directly participated in humanitarian relief assistance to the people of Haiti following the 7.0 earthquake Jan. 12.

U.S. military personnel supporting Joint Task Force-Haiti for at least one day between Jan. 13 and Feb. 4 must have been assigned to the immediate area of operation within the earthquake's 41-mile radius of Port au Prince, Haiti.

Individuals who believe they are eligible for the HSM must provide source documents confirming their entitlement to the award to their unit commander or designated representative. The source documents include temporary duty orders, travel voucher, decoration citation, performance report, etc. Documents must show the operation being supported, location and duration of service in the qualifying area.

For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services website or call the Air Force's 24/7 Total Force Service Center toll-free, 1-800-525-0102.

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Air Force Services launches scholarship program

Air Force Services Agency

The Air Force Services Agency announces its 15th annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Current Air Force club members in good standing and their family members are eligible to win one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships to be given away under the program.

All participants must provide proof of having been accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry this Fall.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on with the topic: “What Does it Mean to be a Member of the Air Force Family?”

For entry forms and essay guidelines, visit the Katrina Kantina or log on to www.afclubs.net.

Only one essay per eligible person is accepted. Essays exceeding 500 words, excluding the title, or not meeting the specific submittal requirements are disqualified.

Essay packages must be submitted by July 1 to Glenn Jones, 505 C Street, Room 5423, Locker House, Building 3101.

Scholarship winners are announced Sept. 17.

Force support squadron or services commanders and directors, deputy commanders, division chiefs, flight chiefs, club managers, assistant club managers, marketing directors, staffs of major commands or AFSVA, and Headquarters Air Force Services and their family members aren't eligible to participate.

The program is sponsored in part by Chase Bank and Year of the Air Force Family. Federal endorsement of sponsors is not intended.

DOD deploys civilian expeditionary work force

By April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – Qualified Air Force civilians can broaden their career experience and bring valuable knowledge back to the workplace by volunteering for deployments in a variety of career fields, including civil engineering, contracting, intelligence, logistics management and security administration.

As part of the Department of Defense Civilian Expeditionary Workforce initiative, more civilians are heading overseas, from the rugged Afghanistan terrain to the coastal plains of Djibouti, as the DOD employs new and innovated ways to support national security.

Lucy Burgard, a maintenance support specialist at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y., recently spent six months as a driver in Kuwait.

“At first I was concerned about being accepted because I was the first and only civilian to deploy to a transportation unit,” said the Air Force retiree. “But everyone did accept me just like I belonged in their military family. Every day was a great experience. I tried to extend (but the position) was already filled for the next year.”

John Corcoran from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., is in the queue to deploy.

“I have been in government service for 23 years and have never deployed,” said Mr. Corcoran. “I want to be able to have the same experiences as the people I work with.”

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The Office of the Secretary of Defense is currently supporting or advertising more than 980 opportunities identified as noncombatant positions that can be filled by qualified DOD civilians. Volunteer opportunities can be found at www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary.

When Air Force civilians find an opening they’re interested in, they need to visit the Civilian Community of Practice site on the AF Portal and download the volunteer statement. The statement should be completed with all pertinent information regarding the CEW position they are seeking.

Each volunteer must submit their volunteer statement and resume for approval prior to OSD selection. Those who previously applied through the CPMS website should resubmit their application through the Air

Force Portal for consideration.

Opportunities advertised are generally for 6- to 12-month tours. Participation in the CEW program requires the favorable recommendation of the supervisor, commander, and major command and Headquarters Air Force functional area managers. Final approval or disapproval is made at the Office of Secretary of Defense.

Commanders should consult their local financial management office for information regarding reimbursement procedures through Overseas Contingency Operations funding.

When considering employees for deployment, officials hope supervisors consider the more diverse employee that will be returning to the work area — one that has a greater understanding of his role in support of expanding missions, joint knowledge, cultural expertise, practical field experience and enhanced leadership skills.

“The Air Force has a civilian corps of more than 170,000 dedicated members that support the Air Force mission every day,” said Michelle LoweSolis, civilian force integration director at AFPC. “These civilian expeditionary workforce opportunities not only provide some relief to our military forces, they provide valuable experiences to our civilian workforce as well.”

For more information, visit the AFPC personnel services website and search the key words “civilian deployment.” Air Force civilians can also call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

Officers sought for research program

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials are soliciting officer nominations through June 17 for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Service Chiefs Program beginning in September.

The DARPA SCP will help increase awareness within key military commands of the program's technology development efforts and enhance the professional development of top officers.

The SCP is open to all major selects, majors and lieutenant colonels. The program targets officers with strong operational backgrounds and clear potential to hold senior operational leadership commands.

Officers who complete the SCP will utilize the relationships developed during the program to assist DARPA in understanding the needs of the services and shape technology development.

“Air Force participants contribute a vital perspective on the missions, operations, culture and customs of the Air Force and, in turn, learn from the DARPA program managers and senior leadership.” said Captain Roeckers.

Major command commanders can only nominate three officers for the program. E-mail nomination packages to AFPC at afpc.dpafe.orgbox@randolph.af.mil.

Major commands are asked to provide the total number of applicants reviewed when forwarding nomination packages for AFPC consideration. An AFPC selection panel convenes in July.

For more information, visit the AFPC personnel services Web site or call the Total Force Service Center, 1- 800-525-0102.



Brian, right, tells Rick Moore of Biloxi about the fifth-order Fresnel lens that illuminates the Biloxi Lighthouse. The structure, finished in 1847, was the first cast-iron tower in the South and the only lighthouse to stand in the middle of a four-lane highway. The lighthouse, the city's signature landmark, has become a post-Katrina symbol of the city's resolve and resilience after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area almost five years ago.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Lighthouse lovers

Couple shares tower's story with Biloxi visitors

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Biloxi Lighthouse, which has led countless mariners safely to shore, has guided a Keesler couple back to the place where their relationship began.

Staff Sgts. Brian and Amanda Margavich were airmen first class when they met in the permanent party dormitories in February 2000. Brian was a help desk technician and Amanda worked in career enhancements.

Amanda soon learned that the man she loved was already in love ... with lighthouses.

"I didn't realize it was an obsession right away — that realization came a few years later," Amanda recalled. "I just thought it was a hobby until we started planning trips around lighthouses. Whenever we visit my parents in southern Florida, we stop at all the lighthouses on the way down."

They spent much of their courtship as volunteer tour guides at the lighthouse on weekends and exchanged marriage vows in the lighthouse's lantern room on a hot, humid day in June 2001. They continued to volunteer at the lighthouse until 2002, when the decision was made to close the lighthouse to the public due to safety concerns with visitors climbing

the spiral steps to the top.

From 2003 until earlier this year, Brian and Amanda were stationed at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. Although it was an inland base, the couple volunteered at the Oak Island Lighthouse near Wilmington, N.C., and Brian still serves as its webmaster.

While stationed in North Carolina, the couple learned of the devastation Hurricane Katrina hurled at the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"We were relieved to learn that the lighthouse had survived, but were upset to hear that there was heavy damage inside the tower," Brian said. "When I found out that I had orders back to Keesler, I began e-mailing Bill Raymond, museums manager for the City of Biloxi, who informed me of the \$400,000 renovation taking place. He said he'd love to have us as volunteer guides again due to our past experience and the fact that Hurricane Katrina wiped out all of his paid staff."

Since returning to Keesler, Brian teaches network administrator courses in the 333rd Training Squadron and Amanda is the assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of installation personnel readiness for the 81st Force Support Squadron.

Brian, who has visited 60 lighthouses so far, likes the different uses for light-

houses, as well as their lenses, lights and unique tower architecture, while Amanda is fascinated by the history surrounding each structure.

Giving tours once or twice a week is just part of their volunteer work.

"I consider myself a modern-day lighthouse keeper for the Biloxi Lighthouse," Brian explained. "Every week I wipe down the windows and the glass prisms on the 84-year-old fifth order Fresnel lens.

"We're also cleaning off 80 years of tarnish from automation," the Georgia native continued. "Once the lighthouse was converted to electricity and daily climbs by a keeper were no longer needed, the once bright and shiny brass became dark and green with tarnish. It's our goal to remove that tarnish and then polish the brass frame regularly to keep it looking brand new."

And this time around, there's a third lighthouse keeper — Brian and Amanda's 3-year-old daughter, Haley.

"Haley loves lighthouses almost as much as I do," Brian said. "It's nearly a nightly tradition of ours to climb the lighthouse and watch the sunset from the balcony of the tower. Haley even says goodbye to the lighthouse as we drive away."

The couple misses many of the familiar landmarks wiped off the map by Kat-



The Biloxi Lighthouse is a special place for the Margavich family.

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Courtesy photo
Amanda and Brian exchanged marriage vows at the top of the lighthouse, June 2, 2001.

Lighthouse,

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rina's winds and storm surge.

"It's sad to see that the lighthouse at the old President Casino site is dark at night," Brian observed. "But we have a unique setting here — miles and miles of unobstructed beach view! We don't have rows of condos or beach houses on stilts preventing us from seeing God's creation as we travel from Biloxi to Gulfport, and that's so neat!"

Brian hopes that after he completes his four-year instructor assignment, he'll be able to remain here as a military training leader.

"The people here, both on base and in the community, are some of the friendliest you'll ever meet," he emphasized. "We are ecstatic to be back and have been diving in with both feet, getting roots planted and contacts made."

"Keesler is a very special place for me," Amanda remarked. "It's where I met, fell in love and married my best friend."

Brian and Amanda have special plans for their 10th anniversary next year.

"We plan to renew our vows in a traditional Catholic Church setting with a reception," Brian said. "The lighthouse made for a unique ceremony that will never be forgotten, but it did keep the guest list very short ... our parents and our attendants. We've had a great nine years so far and would love to share the ceremony with more of our family."

Fitness program revisions begin July 1

By Jon Hanson

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — In less than two months, Airmen across the globe will begin testing against new fitness assessment standards.

These standards were deemed necessary by senior Air Force leaders to ensure a fitter and healthier fighting force. Changes include bi-annual testing, minimum requirements within testing components and establishing fitness assessment cells to proctor tests.

"Our senior leadership has gone to great lengths to ensure every Airman stays fit year round," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Force's chief of enlisted promotions, evaluations and fitness policy. "We want all Airmen to take fitness seriously. We intend that the days of 'cramming' for the annual fitness test will be replaced by an emphasis on year-

round fitness. We were the only military service that did not test at least twice a year, and it's a definite step in the right direction to change the Air Force fitness culture."

Although twice-a-year testing began Jan. 1, the Air Force delayed implementing the new fitness program until July 1 when Air Force Instruction 36-2905 becomes effective. The program promotes aerobic and muscular fitness, flexibility and optimal body composition for Air Force members.

During the bi-annual fitness assessments, Airmen will receive an overall composite fitness score based on four components: a 1.5-mile timed run for aerobic fitness, body composition and the muscular fitness components of pushups and sit-ups. Additionally, Airmen must meet minimum requirements as defined by the new instruction for each of the four components. Components are weighted

as follows: 60 points for aerobic, 20 points for body composition, 10 points for pushups, and 10 points for sit-ups, for a total of 100 possible points.

Another key change is the use of fitness assessment cells where trained civilian employees administer the fitness assessment. The purpose of these cells is to reduce the administrative burden on squadrons and maximize consistency in testing.

"The fitness program changes will help the Air Force in many ways," Chief Long said. "They will help our Airmen stay healthier and help reduce associated medical costs in this budget constrained environment. Most important is a fitter force will help ensure we meet and exceed mission requirements."

To learn more about the new fitness program, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram.

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Deployed Keesler cop carries on family tradition

By Master Sgt. Scott Sturkol

380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — She said she received her inspiration to serve in Air Force and in security forces from her father, a former security forces canine handler. And just like her father, Tech. Sgt. Erica Rougeux, a mother of two, is defining the path of being a “hero” for her own children.

“My father was my hero growing up,” said Sergeant Rougeux, deployed from the 81st Security Forces Squadron at Keesler. “He was in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and was a California Highway Patrol officer. He served in the Air Force as a security forces canine handler and he raised me to believe there was nothing more rewarding than serving your country.

“He taught me and my two sisters that hard work, dedication and fighting for what’s right were the most important things,” said Sergeant Rougeux, currently serving as noncommissioned officer in charge of training for the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at a non-disclosed base in Southwest Asia. “I always wanted to follow in his footsteps. I joined the Air Force thinking I was going to get out after six years and join the California Highway Patrol, but I fell in love with security forces.”

In her deployed job, Sergeant Rougeux keeps deployed security forces Airmen prepared on their daily requirements through a regular training regimen. And in general, as a security forces Airman, Sergeant Rougeux supports all security and force protection efforts for a deployed wing, the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, of more than 1,900 people and for billions of dollars worth of Air Force equipment and assets. She said what the base’s “defenders” have to do every day is very important.

“I love the camaraderie, toughness and pride that come with the demanding job of being a security forces member,” said Sergeant Rougeux, who pinned on the rank of technical sergeant May 1. “A lot of peo-



Sergeant Rougeux

Airmen like Sergeant Rougeux and those she trains receive a host of specialized training to complete their deployed mission. According to her Air Force job description, Sergeant Rougeux is required to be able to lead, manage, supervise and perform force protection duties to include the use of deadly force to protect personnel and resources. She’s also required to perform air base defense functions contributing to the force protection mission which includes controlling and securing terrain inside and outside military installations.

In addition to doing her job of defending personnel, equipment and resources from hostile forces, security forces members like Sergeant Rougeux are capable of operating in various field environments and can perform individual and team patrol movements. Those movements include mounted and dismounted patrols, tactical drills, battle procedures, convoys, military operations other than war, antiterrorism duties and other special duties, according to

ple don’t realize how tough our job can be. They see us standing at gate shacks checking identification cards and think, ‘Wow what a sweet gig. I could do that job.’ What they don’t see is it’s that same troop they saw coming in to work standing out in the weather is the same troop standing out there when they leave. Or the fact that the hardest part of our duty is remaining ready for anything.”

Security forces

the official job description.

A typical day at work for a deployed security forces Airman includes wearing the latest in “battle rattle.” This can include the latest in protective armor and combat-ready gear. Additionally, they’ll carry a loaded M-4 rifle, and possibly an M-9 pistol, in carrying out their deployed duties.

Sergeant Rougeux’s Air Force job description also shows security forces are able to operate communications equipment, vehicles, intrusion detection equipment, crew-served weapons and other special purpose equipment. As first responders, they can also apply self-aid buddy care and other life-saving procedures at accident and disaster scenes. With law enforcement, security forces are capable to apprehend and detain suspects, search persons and property, secure crime and incident scenes, and collect, seize and preserve evidence.

“Anyone who has been a security forces augmentee for any length of time can tell you sitting in 120-degree heat in an up-armored tactical vehicle with no air conditioning for up to 14 hours a day with little to no reprieve is no cake walk,” Sergeant Rougeux said. “But these troops do it day in and day out without as much as a word. We are accustomed to a different way of life — not to mention the never-ending list of information every defender is required to be able to rattle off at the drop of a hat. We are walking rolodexes of weapons, use of force, general orders and post information.”

A native of San Diego, Sergeant Rougeux said she’s proud to carry on the police tradition her father did in so many different ways and hopes her children are as inspired by her dedication as she was of her father’s.

“The Airmen of today are no different than the Airman I came up with — they just have a different way of getting the mission done,” Sergeant Rougeux said. “I’m as proud today as I was when I joined to be a member of security forces.”

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Family life consultants offer summer programs

Airman and family readiness center

During June and July, military family life consultants are giving a series of presentations to strengthen family and workplace relationships.

Each 50-minute program is at 1 p.m. at McBride Library.

June 4 — “Coping with Transition” addresses the inevitability of change and focuses on different coping mechanisms that can create a smooth transition.

June 11 — “Building Your Child’s Self-Esteem” covers the meaning of self-esteem, factors that affect self-esteem, the connection between self-esteem and behavior and 10 ways to build your child’s self-esteem.

June 18 — “Fatherhood” discusses the life-altering changes parenthood brings, the many blessings and challenges inherent to becoming a military parent and ways of bonding and staying connected during deployment.

June 25 — “Conflict Resolution” addresses types of conflict in the workplace, conflict styles, responses, communication techniques and possible resolutions.

July 2 — “Leadership through Teamwork” reviews the elements of effective leadership and being a successful member of a team.

July 9 — “Coping Strategies for the Uncertainties of Life” explores the difficulties



of failed expectations and explores use of effective coping strategies.

July 16 — “Bully-Busting Activities for Children” guides children through discovery, positive action and resolution to deal with bullying. “Bullying: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers” defines bullying, how to detect bullying and how to prevent the behavior. Addressing and preventing bullying is the key to developing healthy coping mechanisms.

July 23 — “Diversity and Tolerance” includes states of diversity and tolerance, symptoms of intolerance, and how to make a personal decision toward change.

July 30 — “Deployment Survival” offers pre-deployment considerations, tips for managing the separation and staying in touch.

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



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Top, Area 4 athlete Anna Lemons dances with Airman 1st Class Dennis Manisap, 332nd Training Squadron, at the victory dance Saturday night in the Triangle.

Right, Airman Joshua Gonzalez, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and athlete Tony Gamberi light the cauldron during opening ceremonies for the 2010 Mississippi Special Olympic games Friday night in the Triangle. Tony, 17, is the son of Connie and John Gambieri of Natchez.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Top, Airman Basic Tyler Hewitt, left, pushes Veronica Nickelson and Airman 1st Class Adam Trochesset pushes Roderick Smith during the 25-meter assisted wheelchair race at the Triangle track. The Airmen are students in the 332nd TRS and the athletes are from Area 7.

Bottom, Airman 1st Class Caleb Sindt, left, and Airman Basic Chris Barrera, 338th TRS, watch Area 16 golfer Sam Beale drop a put on Hole 6 at Bay Breeze Golf Course Saturday.

Rainbows after rain for Special Olympians



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, leads the torch run team through a corridor of flags and cheering Airmen on Phantom Drive on the way to Welch Auditorium.

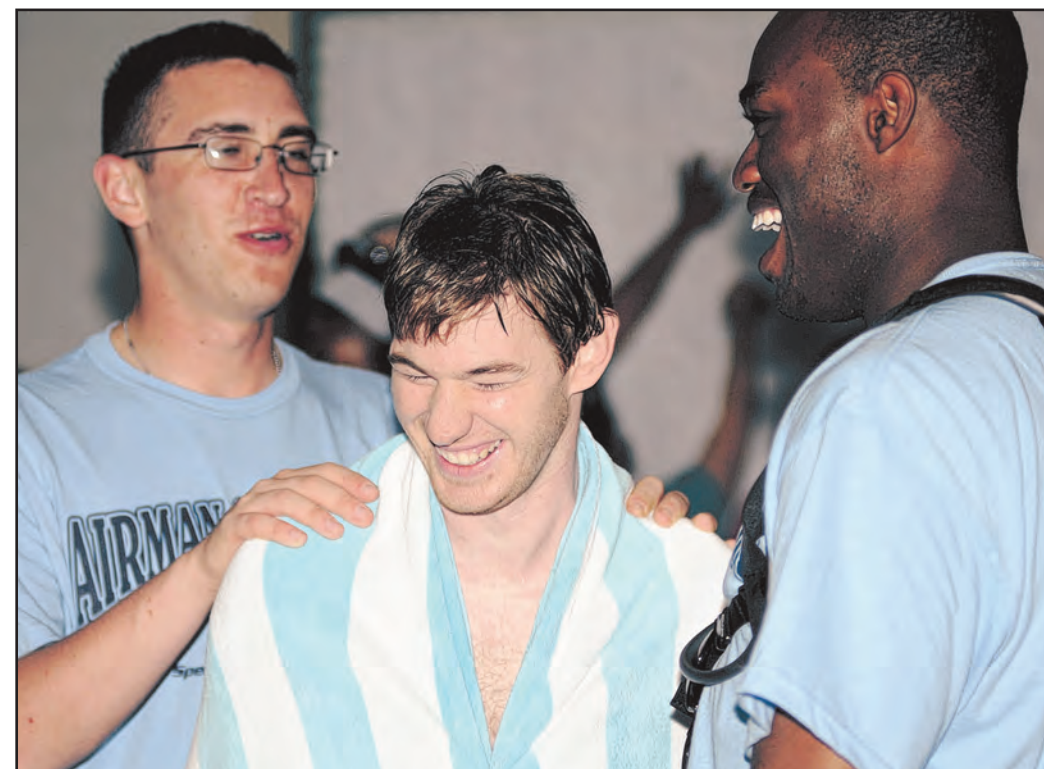


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Airmen James Herer, left, and Gregory Hendry, students from the 338th TRS, share the excitement of "their" athlete, Lee Brown of Biloxi, after he won the gold medal in the 45-meter backstroke during the Special Olympics swimming competition at the Biloxi Natatorium Saturday.

Photos by Kemberly Groue
 Top, Area 3 athlete Chris Jernigan, left, stays in his comfort zone as Airman 1st Class Nicholas Guevara holds his hand as they walk to an event during Saturday's Special Olympics. Airman Guevara is a student in the 332nd TRS. Keesler has hosted the state Special Olympics since 1982.
 Bottom, Airman Wesley Acosta, left, and Airman Russell Grantham, 338th TRS students, and Area 12 athlete Nathan Gilly size up the bocce competition as Nathan awaits his turn.



How does a pedestrian cross at Keesler?

By Bryan Bailey

Safety office

Did you know there's such a thing as an unmarked crosswalk?

We're used to seeing painted lines on the road surface designating a pedestrian crossing area.

An unmarked crosswalk is just as the name implies—an unmarked area at an intersection where pedestrians can cross.

They're at every intersection at Keesler.

The same traffic rules apply to an unmarked crosswalk as to a marked.

The pedestrian has the right of way while in the crosswalk but also has the responsibility to be vigilant of vehicle traffic before entering the traffic pattern.

Traffic studies have shown there are no increases in occurrences of vehicle-to-pedestrian mishaps in an unmarked crosswalk versus a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians tend to be more cautious at unmarked crosswalks and are less likely to dart out into vehicle paths.

Marked crosswalks tend to give pedestrians a false sense of security and they assume drivers will be more aware of their presence due to the lines on the road surface.

Allowing a pedestrian to cross while waiting at a stop sign is the right thing to do. Pedestrians and vehicle operators must pay close attention in the traffic environment. Both share responsibility to ensure neither place the safety of the other in danger at crosswalks, marked or unmarked.

For questions about crosswalks or any other traffic safety issues, call the 81st Training Wing Safety Office, 377-2007.

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Excellence comes naturally at Airman's Attic

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Last month, one of Keesler's Volunteer Excellence Awards went to Marilyn Reid, an Airman's Attic volunteer.

"She's the Airman's Attic mom," said Master Sgt. James Messer, 81st Training Wing staff agencies first sergeant. "If it weren't for her, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Ms. Reid, mother of Master Sgt. Elisabeth Reid, 81st Dental Squadron first sergeant, was the key to Airman's Attic's recent renovation and procedural overhaul. She volunteers 60 hours per month, allowing the Airman's Attic to have corresponding hours with the Keesler Thrift Store, where she also volunteers, to allow convenient shopping for costumers. Airman's Attic and the Keesler Thrift Store are both located in the former



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman's Attic manager Marilyn Reid, left, sorts through clothing donations with Gloria Turner. Mrs. Turner, wife of retired Master Sgt. Tony Turner, a CSC employee, becomes the manager when Ms. Reid leaves this summer.

chapel building at the corner of 2nd and H Streets, just south of the dental clinic and southwest of Sablich Center.

From washing and mending clothes to hanging and organizing donations, Ms.

Reid selflessly volunteers much of her time to ensure the Airman's Attic offers quality products.

"If I wouldn't put it on my child, I won't put it out in the Airman's Attic," Ms Reid said.

A Keesler volunteer since 2008, she's also supported the Fisher House and baked cookies and cupcakes for numerous fundraisers across the base, but she said the people at the Airman's Attic are what keep her coming back.

"I fell in love with the Airman's Attic," she said. "Initially I thought volunteering was a one-time deal, but the neatest people came in! The people who come in have become a second family to me. It's a wonderful organization that really benefits people and I just love it."

"I did not get involved with the Airman's Attic for anything other than personal gratification," said Ms. Reid about receiving the award. "I didn't need anything else -- I didn't want anything else." Ms. Reid said.

"But she deserves something else," Sergeant Messer added. "Who better deserves

it than someone who just does it because they want to? She's selfless, she didn't expect it, but she deserves it."

Ms. Reid said, "I want all the young airmen on the base to know where we are and what we do. They can come here and get things for free."

Sergeant Messer said just like the Airman's Attic couldn't have gotten where it is today without Ms. Reid, she couldn't have done it without donations.

Ms. Reid said, "We get a lot of donations but we're always in need of furniture and kitchen items."

"And volunteers," Sergeant Messer quickly added.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and the last Saturday of the month. Donations can be dropped off during those hours.

To volunteer, call Sergeant Messer, 376-8241.

Caring through cooking



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Fish, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Pena, 334th Training Squadron, prepare a baked chicken dish for guests at Fisher House May 13. The dinner was prepared by members of the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652. Keesler's Fisher House provides a home-away-from-home for the families of patients seeking treatment at the 81st Medical Group Hospital or the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi. Keesler's facility is one of 45 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and 15 VA medical centers.

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Keeping Keesler hands free

According to Air Force Instruction 31-204, use of cell phones while operating motor vehicles on base is strictly prohibited unless a hands-free device is used. Hands-free devices include an earpiece, Bluetooth or phone holder used for speaker capability. Keesler consists of the main base as well as base housing areas, including Thrower Park, West and East Falcon Park, and Bayridge family housing areas. If you're cited for using a cell phone without a hands-free device while driving, a Defense Department Form 1408, Armed Forces traffic ticket and a suspension/revocation of driving privileges letter is issued. Suspensions for cell phone usage while driving are seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for the third and subsequent offenses. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sheralyn Gonzalez, 376-6604.

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DOD supports

No Tobacco Day

FALLS CHURCH, Va.— The Department of Defense is promoting the 23rd annual World No Tobacco Day, which coincides with Memorial Day May 31.

WNTD, sponsored by the World Health Organization, raises awareness of the risks associated with tobacco use and urges people around the world to join together and give up tobacco. The DOD campaign, Quit Tobacco — Make Everyone Proud, is endorsing WNTD and encouraging service men and women to join the global event. More information is available at www.ucanquit2.org/facts/wntd.

Quitting tobacco can improve military service members' health and their ability to serve their country. QTMEP offers interactive support tools, such as customizable quit plans, text message reminders, and anonymous live-chatting with cessation coaches, to help men and women in the military claim their freedom from tobacco.

This year, WNTD is highlighting women's risks related to tobacco use. Research suggests that female tobacco users have a higher risk of cancers, cardiovascular disease, earlier menopause and infertility. A Swiss study showed that females may also be more vulnerable to the harmful carcinogens in tobacco and have an increased susceptibility to lung cancer compared to males.

At Keesler, four-week smoking cessation classes are offered at noon and 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the health and wellness center. A 12-week online course is also offered through the American Lung Association. Patches and medication are available for participants of either program.

For more information, call the HAWC, 376-3170.

Contracting closed

The 81st Contracting Squadron closes at noon today for an official function.

For emergencies, call 228-348-7550.

Caregiver seminar

The airman and family readiness center joins the City of Biloxi in hosting the annual caregiving seminar, 5:15-7 p.m. today at the Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi.

The seminar focuses on caring for parents and grandparents, legal issues of aging, resources and services, making a parent a dependent, coping skills and stress management.

The public is invited. Free refreshments and door prizes are planned.

To sign up, call 376-8728 or 8506 or e-mail steve.mcdaniel@us.af.mil

Operation Hero

Children ages 5 and up of active-duty members or civilians get an introduction to the deployment process during Operation Hero, Saturday.

Children under age 10 without identification cards must be accompanied by a parent or designated caregiver.

Children arrive at the back entrance of Sablich Center at 8:40 a.m. to be processed and get their gear before a bus ride to the deployment facility. The "deployed" children hear a mission brief from the base commander, go through a processing line, find out what's inside a mobility bag, visit a simulated deployment site, have their faces painted for camouflage, go through an obstacle course, save their flight by finding dangers to win a medal, snack on meals-ready-to-eat, compete in a drill competition, check out communication displays and military vehicles and view demonstrations from base agencies.

Each child receives a T-shirt, dog tags, a "certificate of survival" and other giveaways. A free lunch at the youth center is planned. Activities end at 12:30 p.m.

The program is limited to 100 children. To sign up or for



Heart Link set for May 27

The Heart Link orientation program for Air Force spouses is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 27 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

The program, hosted by the airman and family readiness center, helps spouses learn more about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol and on- and off-base resources and services.

Lunch, prizes, Heart Link coins, tote bags and other items are included.

To register, call 376-8728 or stop by Room 110, Sablich Center.

more information, call Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508, by Wednesday.

Diversity Day

Plans are under way for Keesler's inaugural diversity day, noon to 5 p.m. July 22 at marina park.

The event will include music, literature, dance, poetry, face painting, games and food.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George, 377-2759, or e-mail Adrienne.russellgeorge@us.af.mil.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customerservice, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

Block I basic supply class is 9 a.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Block IIA-Bench Stock is 9-9:30 a.m. June 10, Sept 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Crystal Simpson, 377-9955.

Block IIB-Repair Cycle is 10-11 a.m. June 10, Sept. 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Nathaniel Parks, 377-2310.

Block III training is 1 p.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Willie McDonald, 377-2660 or willie.mcdonald.1.ctr@us.af.mil or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil

Speakers bureau

The public affairs office is looking for people who enjoy public speaking to tell the Air Force story.

The Keesler Speakers Bureau is a community relations program developed as a public service and information vehicle. It's comprised of military and civilian Air Force employees who volunteer their time and information to speak to community groups.

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations. Topics include aircraft maintenance, aviation, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, child development, Air Force history and more.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

Warrior Games unforgettable for Keesler chief

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

For Damian Orslene, the real prize from the inaugural Warrior Games wasn't just the bronze medal for wheelchair basketball, but the friendships he made that he'll cherish for a lifetime.

Orslene, a chief master sergeant who serves as the superintendent of the 81st Training Support Squadron, was one of 17 Air Force athletes who competed May 10-14 in a series of Paralympic-type events in Colorado Springs at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and the Air Force Academy. Athletes were challenged as individuals and in teams in shooting, swimming, archery, sitting volleyball, cycling, wheelchair basketball and track and field events.

Orslene and the other athletes were selected by their services to compete because of the progress they had made using adaptive sports as a method of rehabilitation. He sustained multiple injuries while deployed to Iraq.

The chief went to the games primarily as a swimmer, but noted that "most of the volleyball team was the basketball team and also on the swim team, cycling team, shooting team ... it's fun, but very tiring."

From the team's first informal gathering at a pub, Orslene said it became obvious that the week would be emotionally, as well as physically, challenging.

"We talked about who we were and why we were there — folks from all over, some in wheelchairs, some with working dogs at their sides," Orslene recalled. "Some were quiet and very uncomfortable with looks on their faces that said they wondered why they were doing this, and some used to the limelight their injuries had brought

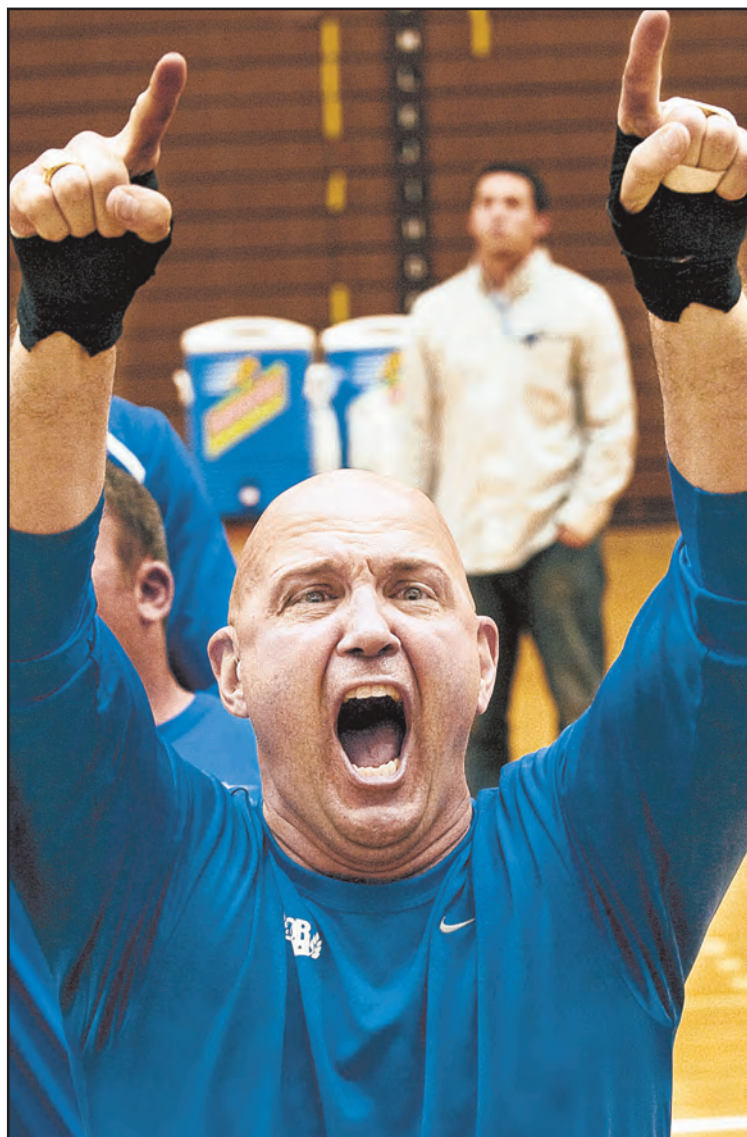


Photo by Staff Sgt. Desiree Palacios

Orslene celebrates after Air Force 13-10 wheelchair basketball victory against Navy May 12 that clinched the bronze medal.

stood quickly and spoke boldly.

"No matter the circumstances, everyone one said the same thing — regardless of what brought them, regardless of the road, they all said they came to play," he continued. "You could see it in the look in their eyes and the determination on their faces earned from overcoming something life-changing."

The chief described training as "one hell of a week. I've never been more tired, excited, emotionally

exhausted, and humble in my life. I swam what seems to be a million laps, I love and hate my coaches.

"I laughed ... and in the middle of wheelchair basketball practice I cried and couldn't stop for the emotion of what we had been through," he admitted. "I was too tired to hold it back."

The chief stressed that wheelchair basketball was no joke.

"The only time I've ever been in a wheelchair, someone was pushing me — this is

full court action at its best," he pointed out. "I didn't score, but I did make many rebounds that led to points.

"It was quite amazing — sitting out on the court and the announcer says your name and instantly we were transported back to that old high school feeling," he remembered. "Unfortunately, our bodies didn't get transported too. Some of my teammates are a little worse for wear."

On a day when he had time to rest, Orslene spent his time running from event "watching my teammates kick butt and do amazing things."

The ceremony in which the Air Force's wheelchair basketball players were presented bronze medals by the Army's chief of staff "was just like on TV," the chief said. "They played the National Anthem and then the service song of the winners. There was something magical about being there with a bronze medal on my chest."

The next day was Orslene's chance to win an individual medal for swimming, but "in the final 25 meters of my 100-meter swim, when I reached deep inside for a little extra to get the wall, there was nothing left. I was exhausted, physically and emotionally."

Now back at Keesler, Orslene summarized the Warrior Games as an experience beyond words.

"To be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with hundreds of American heroes, to live beside them, to hear their stories, to open your heart to them and they to you, so that after two weeks they have become part of your life...there just aren't words to describe it."

Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Carden, American Forces Press Service, contributed to this report.

Officials hope games become annual event

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Carden

American Forces Press Service

The inaugural Warrior Games may have ended Friday, but for nearly 200 wounded warriors who competed, their work is just beginning, officials hope.

The Marine Corps team won the Chairman's Cup for earning the most points at the end of the week based of medal count. The Marines won gold in both sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

The top individual honor, the Ultimate Champion award, went to Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Daniel Hathorn, a naval special warfare boat operator who was hit by a truck driven by a local national during an overseas deployment last year. He nudged out Army Pfc. Robert Nuss by a single point.

Hathorn won gold in the 50-meter freestyle and the 1,500-meter track. He also won a bronze as part of the Navy's 200-meter relay swim.

The games are a joint venture of the Defense Department, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the USO to promote resilience and the healing power of sports. Officials hope to make the games an annual event and possibly expand participation and future venues.

Heart attack symptoms



- Nausea/vomiting
- Jaw pain
- Back pain



- Chest discomfort
- Arm pain
- Shortness of breath

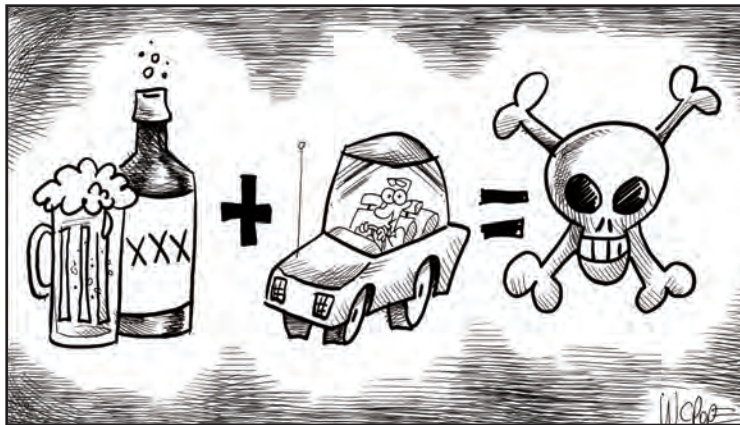
Golf balls take flight

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Thirteen teams began the 2010 intramural golf season Tuesday at Bay Breeze Golf Course. Challengers face off at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, weather permitting, through Aug. 10.

Battling it out are the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's A and B teams, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 81st Security Forces Squadron, 81st Force Support Squadron, 81st Training Support Squadron, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, 81st Dental Squadron, 333rd Training Squadron, 334th TRS A and B teams, 335th TRS and 338th TRS.



6 teams undefeated after softball season opening

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

After the first week of Keesler's 2010 intramural softball season, three teams in each league are still undefeated.

In the American League, Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment, 332nd Training Squadron and 338th TRS-A came away with two wins each.

MARDET slipped past the 333rd TRS, 13-11, and blasted the 81st Medical Support Squadron's B team, 31-2.

The 332nd TRS claimed a 19-4 win over the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron and a 22-6 victory over the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.

The 338th TRS A-team outplayed the 81st Training Support Squadron, 22-8, and beat the 403rd Wing, 18-10.

In the National League, the 81st MDSS A team, the 334th

TRS and the 336th TRS B team are atop the standings at 2-0.

The 81st MDSS-A whipped the 45th Airlift Squadron, 17-1, and passed up the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 20-8. The 334th TRS doused the Keesler firefighters, 18-7, and defeated the 338th TRS-B, 20-8.

The 336th TRS-B edged the combined 81st Training Wing staff agencies and 81st Force Support Squadron, 13-12, and handed the firefighters their second loss, 14-11.

The 11 teams in the American League play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Triangle fields.

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For standings, scores and schedules, see Scores and More, Page 32.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

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

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

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

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Summer bowling leagues — Sign up now. Tuesday night double: 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. Thursday night PBA experience league 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

Free promotional and informational materials — available in support of National Alcohol Awareness Month and National Cancer Control Month.

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.

Golf

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

Twilight special — 2 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

Swap meet — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in marina park. A 10x10-foot uncovered space is rents for \$15. Bring your own table or rent one from the marina (tables are limited). Make your reservations early. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. No vendors please. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled at a later date.

Base swimming pools — open May 29. For more information, call 377-3160.

Archery — check out our archery equipment and range.

Wolf River canoe or kayak trips — with experienced guide; 2-4 hour or 4-7 hour trips Saturdays and Sundays. Minimum 4, maximum 20 people. To register, or for more information, call 377-3160.

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. 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.

Commissary hosts Friday's 5K run/walk

The Family Fitness and Fun 5-kilometer run/walk is 7 a.m. Friday at the Keesler Commissary.

Registration starts at 6:30, and T-shirts are given to the first 50 entrants.

The first place finisher wins a \$100 commissary gift check and a 19-inch high definition television.

Second place wins a \$50 commissary gift check and a barbecue grill.

The third and last place runners receive \$25 gift checks.

The event kicks off the commissary's case lot sale being held Friday and Saturday.

The run is sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency, commissary industry sales representatives, Overseas Services, Procter and Gamble, Acosta Military Sales and Global Military Marketing.

Deep sea fishing trips — this Friday 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 Throter Park RV storage facilities — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination, 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 nontraining Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

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

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

Pontoon boat training — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. For more information, call 377-3160.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

Rent a bike — 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.

Softball

Intramural

American League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	2	0
333rd TRS	2	0
338th TRS-A	2	0
81st TRSS	1	0
403rd Wing	1	1
336th TRS-A	1	1
CNATTU	0	2
333rd TRS	0	2
81st LRS	0	2

May 10 — 403rd Wing 15. CNATTU 14; 335th TRS 11, 336th TRS-A 1; 332nd TRS 19, 81st LRS 4; 338th TRS-A 22, 81st TRSS-B 8; MARDET 13, 333rd TRS 11.

May 12 — 332nd TRS 22, CNATTU 6; 81st TRSS 12, 81st LRS 7; MARDET 31, 81st MDSS-B 2; 336th TRS-A 7, 333rd TRS 4; 338th TRS-A 18, 403rd Wing 10.

Monday — 6 p.m., CNATTU vs. 81st TRSS and 338th TRS-A vs. 332nd TRS; 7 p.m., 333rd TRS-A vs. 332nd TRS and 403rd Wing vs. 81st LRS; 8 p.m., 335th TRS vs. MARDET.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 335th TRS vs. 338th TRS-A and MARDET vs. CNATTU; 7 p.m., 81st TRSS vs. 336th TRS-A and 332nd TRS vs. 81st MDSS-B; 8 p.m., 81st LRS vs. 333rd TRS.

National League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS-A	2	0
334th TRS	2	0
336th TRS-B	2	0
81st WSA-FSS	1	1
338th TRS-B	1	1
81st SFS	1	1
81st DS	1	1
81st MDTS	0	2
Firefighters	0	2
45th AS	0	2

May 11 — 334th TRS 18, Firefighters 7; 81st DS 12, 81st SFS 7; 81st MDSS-A 17, 45th AS 1; 336th TRS-B 13, 81st WSA-FSS 12; 338th TRS-B 18, 81st MDTS 17.

May 13 — 81st MDSS-A 20, 81st MDTS 8; 81st WSA-FSS 18, 81st DS 6; 334th TRS 19, 338th TRS-B 9; 81st SFS 18, 45th AS 6; 336th TRS-B 14, Firefighters 11.

Today — 6 p.m., 45th Airlift Squadron vs. 336th TRS-B and 81st WSA-FSS vs. 338th TRS-B; 7 p.m., 81st MDSS-A vs. 334th TRS and 81st MDTS and .

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 334th TRS vs. 81st SFS and 336th TRS-B vs. 81st MDSS-A; 7 p.m., Firefighters vs. 81st MDTS and 338th TRS-B vs. 81st DS; 8 p.m., 81st WSA-FSS vs. 45th AS.

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 10-4

14th Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Yayee Thayer.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Katelynn Brooks.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Lemuel Brown.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Anthony Hall (academic achievement, distinguished graduate).

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airmen Tameeka Isaacs-Powell, Malary Leuellen and Kyle McGrath.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Staci Busse, Brittany Dulaney, Adam Hawley and Ashley LeDuc.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Ashley Carter (class commander, commandant's award).

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen William Haigood, Kendra Henderson and Alexandro Meza.

81st Mission Support Group — Senior Airman Mark Born (class first sergeant).

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen James Kirk and Rebecca Turknett.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Alexander Balok and Allyse Muttel (John Levitow Award).

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen Chauncey Anderson, Samuale Bailey, Robert DeGrasse, Spencer Goodwin, Ivan Guerrero and William Skelley.

361st Training Squadron Detachment 2 — Senior Airman Shawn Delaware.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles/information technology fundamentals — Airmen Basic Diane Abarca, Kevin Adkins, Alexandria Baca, Jacob Barton, Jeremy Basham, Timothy Bates, Christian Brathwaite, Marc Bready, Devin Brezindine, Joseph Broussard, Samuel Brown, Alexander Buchanan, Richard Camejo, Christopher Cann, Partick Capaul, Kevin Carmody, William Carper, Kimberly Carver, Jorge Castro, Charles Chambers, Oliver Chesney, Jesse Cheyney, Kevin Christeson, Eric Cohen, Serika Coleman, Peter Colon, Bertrand Copeland, Devin Cross, Jonathan Daniel, Sean Davis, Nicholas DeLaCruz, Carl Deennison, Stephen Demeter, Antonio Diaz, Zachary Dickinson, Bradlet Douglas, Richard Drumm, Melvin Duncan, Evan Dwarshuis, Jarrod Eckert, Robert Erickson, Randall Evans, Jeremy Farinetti, Michael Ferrero, Jonathan Fisher, Gail Flowers, Ian Friedrich, Joseph Gaertner, Benjamin Gale, Justin Gammel, Adam Garn, Gretchen Grant, Kevin Gummel, Henry Haines, Anthony Halverson, Felicia Hamilton, Scott Harris, Daniel Hart, Samantha Heisterkamp, Gregory Henry, Andrew Herd, Travis Hightower, Evan Hiles, James Houston, Christopher Hummel, Steven Hupalo, Tyler Hutton, Austin James, Jeremy Johnson, Tyler Johnson, William Jones, Michael Keyes, Coy Kirsch, Quincey Knepper, Timothy Knight, Kyle Krotak, Devin Krozek, Michael Lawrence, Christopher Legler, Roger Linder, Logan Magno, William Majors, Logan Malaney, John Malone, Jonathan Mason, Joshua Matheson, Michael May, Adelmo Medina, James McCormick, Brent Milankovich, Donald Millard, James Miller, Zachary Mohr, Richard Mraz, Christopher Nichols, Augustus Nordstrom, Sturling OBrien, Ryan OQuinn, Luis Osorio, Daniel Pahlke, Julian Palmer, Jonathan Parent, Christopher Parrish, Nicholas Pearce, Philip Preston, Antonio Riley, Blake Robinson, Meryl Roder, Eric Sanchez, Paul Sandlin, Dylan Scamara, Travis Seitz, Thomas Simmons, Joshua Snyder, Mark Stanard, Brian Stanford, Jeffrey Staton, Samuel Stewart, Matthew Stork, Michael Sumpter, Robert Taylor, Mark Terry, Sida Thach, Brian Thomas, Trevor Thornton, Dean Thorpe, Shawn Tierney, Alan Tomaszycski, Ryan Torres, Brandon Tregle, Andrew Troiano, Charles Tvedt,

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Metrollogy flight — Airman Basic Samuel Ronan; Airman 1st Class Mitchel Carroll.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Michael Brantley, Nathan Burnell, Judith Bushell, Sam Bushery, Owen Davies, Jennifer Davis, Stephen Kaplan, Sarah Karam, Ethan Palmer, Scott Reid, Craig Schauble, and Jaycob Smith; Airmen Christina Baeza, Phillip Conklin, Leighann Houser, and Heather Starling; Airmen 1st Class Michael Bier, Shane Bruce, Norberto Guzman, Thomas Monroe, Zane Stenz, and Phillip Threlkeld.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Valerie Eby and Valerie Messer.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Joseph Grana, Austin Kelley, Christopher Mills and Philip Sheridan; Senior Airmen Kevin Fontes and Carly Lang; Staff Sgts. Sandi Johnston, Joshua Kearns, Roderick Lapham, David Lawrenz, David Midyett, Paul Nardini, Tiauanta Thompson, Joseph Venable and Stephanie Willis; Tech. Sgts. Carl Laws, Daphne McMahon and Rachel Thomas; Master Sgt David Ropte.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Benjamin Ainsworth, Danielle Harkins, Teresa Rhodes, Tanaj Stevenson, Donavin Van Ee and Jeremy Yee; Airmen Elizabeth Alecci and Joel Lavender; Airman 1st Class Amber Davis, Meghan Ervin, Joshua Hefton, Umid Khikmatov, Kayla Kohn, Tenzin Kunphel, Melissa Porter and Chelsea Wrenford; Senior Airmen Jessica Hutcherson and Gary Sills; Staff Sgts. Michael Best, Bryan Case, Christopher Gonzales, Stella Hoy, Rachel Lawrence, Andrea Kenney, Victoria Morrison, Harold Rios, Vanessa Valentine and Clint Woods; Master Sgt. Danielle Shepherd.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Adam Sanchez; Airmen 1st Class Gregory Daugherty, Drew Gordon, Eric Moralevitz, Christopher Reagan, Ryan Shipman, Edward Silcox, Nathaniel Stabley and Clarence Walker.

Cyber transport systems — Airmen Basic Tyler Hodge, Bryce Koepke, Devin Smith, Natasha Walker and Daniel Wilson; Airmen Weston Brown, Joshua Duquette, Prather Martin, Nicholas Pawlak, and Todd Whitfield; Airmen 1st Class Gordon Andrew, Stephen Bentley, Kevin Brennand, Ruth Bryce, Jonathan Davis, Bret Edie, Sizemore Garrett, Brandon Garthwaite, Cyrus Herman, Matthew Hordeski, Westly Klasen, Sean Martin, Marcus Molock, Bianchi Natasha, Nathaniel Osborn, Clint Ricker, Matthew Spurgeon, Walsh Thomas, Nathaniel Vincent and Christopher Wildes; Senior Airmen Gregory Bergerson and Patrick Ohara; Staff Sgts. Phillip Duckworth, John Fulgar, Dillon Jeraby and Ashley Klejmont.

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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 8 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5835 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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Ground radar systems — Airman Avery Crawford; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Belanger, Cassidy Cervenka, Alexander Chase, Johnny Ross and Jeremy Tharp.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Basic Randall Evans and Melissa Pinkerton; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Blosser, David Cannon, Joshua Crum, Matthew Freeman, Andrew Garske, Kenneth Gellins, Brian Hadfield, Bobby Holness, Keith Hooper, Mao Meas, Stephan Phillips, Thomas Ryan, Sean Spooner, Kristen Tolbert, Matthew Waite, Shawn Westbrook, Jameson Williams and Michael Zarbo; Senior Airmen Ryan Covert, Jason Hester, Aaron McKenzie, Harold Partin, and Terry Prewitt; Staff Sgts. Anthony McClellan, Robert Powell, and Bryan Stamps; Master Sgts. Francisco Martin and James Nance.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-5 — Friday through June 30.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-4 — graduates today

Arts and crafts center

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon today. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Framing class — 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 28. \$30 per person. Bring a picture, not larger than 5 x 7, for framing.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$40.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 29. \$25 including a completed painted project.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon May 29. \$20 including materials.

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

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon May 29. \$20 per person including materials.

Nonprior service student special — show your UBU card and get 10 percent off items purchased in our crafts store.

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.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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.

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

Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief Share support group — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships or work situations, loss of a loved one or job, divorce, health issues and grief. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095 or Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2531.

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

Around the world summer vacation through books — May through August. Each month customers check out and read books on a different location selected by the library staff. Customers are given a ticket each time they check out a book to enter a drawing for prizes to be given away at the end of August. For more information, call 377-2181.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Youth photography contest — with focus on the family. Entries accepted through Friday. 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 Society programs — the family child care program assists the Air Force Aid Society with volunteer and permanent-change-of-station child care programs. AFAS 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 more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

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 rest and recovery leave. For more information, call 377-3189.

Be your own boss — Military spouses on and off base are needed 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. Bar snacks, beverages and music.

Monday lunches — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and May 24. Menu changes each week. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers. May 10 club members who are mothers receive a \$1 discount on their lunch.

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

Taco Tuesdays — 5-7 p.m. Club members 2 tacos for \$1. Nonmembers \$1.50 each.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, jalapeno cornbread, beef fajitas, Mexican pork chops, Mexican rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, gravy, pinto beans, Mexican cole slaw, pas and carrots, cole slaw, peas and carrots, cole slaw, tomato salad, white bean chicken soup, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese pizza and cheese fishwich.

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

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 nonmembers.

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.

Youth center

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

Youth career fair — 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Free registration. Call 377-4116.

Summer camp — begins Monday for ages 6-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

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.

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 — June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

Summer camp registration — 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.

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 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@cablone.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

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