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Doggone it, Sarge, what do you say we take five?

Little Carlos and handler Staff Sgt. Erik Castro, 81st Security Forces Squadron, take a break during a training session at Keesler's military working dog complex. Story, more photos, Page 15.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

General Brady:

Force shaping is Air Force evolving

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Reducing the number of Airmen in the service is never easy, but it's absolutely necessary to recapitalize today's service, said the Air Force's top personnel officer Sept. 26 at

the annual Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference here.

"This is a challenging time for all people in the Air Force," said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady. "Our job is to get the right people in the right places, and make sure they are optimally trained, educated and equipped to be more agile with fewer people."

General Brady discussed the service's force-shaping initiative, which mainly affected the officer corps earlier this year with the force-shaping of more than 3,000 lieutenants. The enlisted corps

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This week in the Triangle

Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. today, weather training complex.

Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

Airfield management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Communications-computer systems programming, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,482

Non-prior service — 2,098

Temporary duty — 1,278

Joint service — 91

Combat controllers — 15

Non-prior service arrivals — 118

Guard, Reserve — 762

International — 53

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 26,311

Total since 1942 — 2,234,372

COMMENTARY

Combined Federal Campaign an opportunity to give back

By Gen. William Looney III

AETC commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Each year the Combined Federal Campaign gives us the opportunity to give much needed support back to our local communities.

Last year we did a fantastic job of meeting or exceeding all our set goals. Your contributions to CFC made an incredible difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

As this year's drive begins, I encourage you to support the organizations of your choice.

As you know, CFC is important to our communities and our Air Force. CFC is one way of showing how much we appreciate our community neighbors, and an opportunity to give back to those who support us through thick and thin.

I encourage you to join me in making this year's CFC our best effort yet.

Thank you for all you do to make Air Education and Training Command a "command of choice," and for the important role you play in developing America's Airmen today ... for tomorrow.

Remember, we're guests here — protect our image in town

By Staff Sgt. Angela Shepherd

4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON Air Force Base, N.C. — Most Airmen, regardless of rank or Air Force specialty code, have been asked by a family member or a civilian at one point or another, "So, what type of airplane do you fly?"

That happens because many people don't know much about the military. They assume because we're in the Air Force, and the Air Force flies planes, we all must be pilots.

That same kind of mentality leads to community citizens thinking the entire Air Force is bad just because they had one bad experience with one Airman downtown or saw one Airman do something foolish. Whether they see the Airman speeding, driving erratically, littering, blaring his music, acting rude and disrespectful to someone, or acting out in some other way, they automatically assume the worst about the rest of us.

When you're in the military, it's easy for a civilian to pick you out of the crowd, even if you're not in uniform. Several things give us away: the Defense Department decal on our

windshields, our out-of-state license plates, our haircuts, our Air Force decorative stickers on our cars — even the way we carry ourselves. They know who we are.

Protecting our image is crucial to our success. A big part of any military unit's success comes from the support it receives from the community.

Fortunately in many communities, there's a great relationship. A lot of that comes through the programs that bring base and community leaders together, allowing them to get to know and understand each other.

But not every regular citizen gets to see the base, learn its mission and meet military people like their leaders do, so that's why our behavior in the community is so important.

We need to keep in mind that while we pump a lot into their economy, we're the guests here. They're the ones gracious enough to have us, to put up with the loud aircraft noise and tolerate our middle-of-the-night exercises.

Your base probably has a great relationship with the community. Don't jeopardize what past and current generations have worked so hard for by acting foolish.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Agitated over aerobics

Comment — I understand the free aerobic classes at Dragon Fitness Center are being discontinued or that we'll be charged to participate.

It's a shame, especially when the base is spending \$5 million on a vegetation project that was just done a few years ago.

Response — Our landscaping project restores and replaces damage and losses sustained in Hurricane Katrina. There's no connection between that project and the aerobics classes.

Aerobics classes are victims of fiscal 2007 budget cuts which have forced Air Education and Training Command to drop contract funding for aerobics, sports officials and towel services.

We're looking into three alternatives: charge a nominal fee for the aerobics classes and pay instructors through personal services contracts, develop a pool of volunteer instructors or discontinue the classes. Since the current way of doing business is not an option, we must determine which of these options is most feasible.

If you have other ideas or are interested in serving as an aerobics instructor, call Tom Golden, our sports and fitness director, 377-7858.

Thumbs up, housing staff!

Comment — I want to say a huge "thank you" to the military family housing staff and let you know what great customer service they provide.

Keesler is our third assignment, and the housing office here is hands-down the best we've seen.

We went into off-base housing when we arrived in April with the expectation we'd be there for quite a while. To our surprise, we were notified we could move into a base unit at the end of August.

Under stressful circumstances, Mary Krystosek, George Comstock, Melissa Phillips and Erica Fairley have remained upbeat and accommodating.

Thanks for giving us a great first impression of Keesler.

Response — Thanks for taking the time to acknowledge the outstanding customer service provided by our housing staff.

Housing for military families is one of our highest priorities in our post-Hurricane Katrina environment. The housing staff has responded by overcoming many of the challenges they face in finding housing for our families.

Drinking + driving = deadly duo.
Instead, call 377-7283
(Airmen Against Drunk Driving).

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for information and accountability

for Keesler members:

Keesler Accountability Team

1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center

1-800-435-9941

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ndw>

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

Keesler Public Web site

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

Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...

a core value,

a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

Make every employee ...
feel safe at work and home.



If you've had too much to drink,
call Airmen Against Drunk Driving,
377-7283,

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before down Fridays,
working Fridays and Saturdays.



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

College opportunities abound on base, online

By Master Sgt.
Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Upcoming winter and spring college terms might be a good time for military members to take advantage of educational opportunities offered at Keesler, including distance-learning courses.

"Distance-learning courses have flourished in recent years, and students may find these incredibly convenient," said Robin Manson, education specialist for the 81st Mission Support Squadron education services flight.

"Some of our local schools — Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, William Carey University and the University of Southern Mississippi — have reasonably priced Internet-based independent study courses in a wide variety of disciplines," she continued.

Ms. Manson said if students choose Internet-based courses versus the in-classroom courses available at Keesler, the education office will help students ensure that Internet courses are accredited.

"It's important to note that almost all colleges and universities make these available in some form, so always look beyond the highly-advertised 'cyber university,'" she advised. "We had one Keesler student whose online choice was, after some research on our part, actually accredited by a bogus agency in Algeria. We're here to help with exactly those kinds of issues."

Ms. Manson said the flight offers assistance in helping service members and eligible civilian employees capitalize on their education benefits.

"Military members get 100 percent tuition assistance — up to \$4,500 annually — for associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees," she explained.

The office also facilitates Community College of the Air



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Lawrence Lamontagne, left, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, talks with Ms. Manson about commissioning programs Sept. 29.

"After an immediate drop in enrollments post-Katrina, we're now seeing energized course enrollments and CCAF degree completions."

— Ms. Manson

Force degree completion; free College Level Examination Program and DANTES testing; Air Force Institute of Advanced Distributive Learning; and Professional Military Education correspondence courses.

Information on officer commissioning and Montgomery GI Bill programs is available, along with counseling and referral services.

Ms. Manson added services are also available for Air Force appropriated fund civilian employees eligible for tuition assistance through the Civilian Tuition Assistance Program. She said both military and eli-

gible civilian employees are encouraged to use the online Air Force Virtual Education Center for easier access to the flight's services.

"You can find the AFVEC link on the Air Force Portal's home page," she said. "We now process almost all military tuition assistance requests via AFVEC, saving the student a trip to the education office, but there's so much more available on the site. CCAF has a link, your education records can be viewed and updated, and each base education office has a Web page, so if you're curious

about the opportunities at a potential new assignment, it's at your fingertips."

More than a year after Hurricane Katrina, the education office continues to operate out of Room 212 in old Cody Hall.

"We were forced to relocate our offices and testing facilities," said Ms. Manson. "We reopened both offices and testing services within six weeks at new sites.

"After an immediate drop in enrollments post-Katrina, we're now seeing energized course enrollments and CCAF degree completions," she added.

Open house

Keesler's four on-base colleges host an open house, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 31 at McBride Library for current and prospective students.

Here's information on the four schools:

University of Southern Mississippi — <http://www.usm.edu/index.php>

Spring term registration is Jan. 9-17. Classes are Jan. 16-March 9 and March 19-May 11.

For more information, call 377-2309.

William Carey University — <http://www.wmcarey.edu/academics/>

Winter term registration is today through Nov. 6. Classes are Nov. 6-Feb. 8.

For more information, call 377-0090.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University —

<http://www.erau.edu/>

Winter term registration is today through Oct. 20. Classes are Oct. 16-Dec. 15.

For more information, call 377-4271.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College —

<http://www.mgccc.edu/>

Winter term pre-registration for currently enrolled students is Oct. 30-Nov. 20. All other registration is by appointment only, Nov. 10 and Nov. 13-16. Classes are Nov. 27 – Feb. 23.

For more information, call 377-2287.

For more information on educational opportunities at Keesler, tuition assistance and registration requirements, call 377-2323 or 2171, or visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center via Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>.

AFIT offers distance learning products

Air Force Print News

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — The Center for Directed Energy at the Air Force Institute of Technology is developing a suite of distance learning products focused at the pre-service and in-service directed energy professional.

The first of these products is a distance-learning format of the 32-hour laser weapons systems short course, which should be available this fall.

“This course will combine the slides, audio and video from the current live product, and will also include exercises and interactive opportunities,” said John Reisner, director of extension services for AFIT.

The delivery of this course is just the first of many planned offerings by CDE. Other products being considered for development include products focused on high power microwave systems.

Sal Cusumano, CDE director, also envisions the development of a multi-course distance learning curriculum resulting in the awarding of a certificate in directed energy systems.

“The ability of AFIT to offer, and individuals to complete, coursework via distance learning for academic credit positions AFIT as the institution of choice for individuals desiring to enhance their knowledge base in directed energy technologies and also provides the learner, and his or her employer, the flexibility necessary in today’s workplace,” he said.

The development of these products also positions CDE and the Department of Engineering Physics in AFIT’s Graduate School of Engineering Management to continue their mission of developing the next generation of directed energy professionals.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Pitsenbarger Awards

Today at 4 p.m. is the deadline for Community College of the Air Force fall graduates to apply for four \$500 Pitsenbarger Awards sponsored by the Aerospace Education Foundation.

The awards, presented at the fall commencement ceremony, are presented to top Air Force enlisted members graduating from CCAF who are pursuing a bachelor's degree. Prior winners aren't eligible.

Applications are available at the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at <http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp>.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Drill downs, parades

Drill down competitions are every other month on the drill pad, and student parades

in alternate months on the parade grounds.

Parade — 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

Drill down — 7 a.m. Oct. 20.

For more information, call Staff Sgts. Kwame Felton, 377-9527, for drill downs and Deanna Attaway, 377-2103, for parades.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed temporarily, 7:15-10:45 a.m. Oct. 25 for drill evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot is open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Rosetta Lee, 377-2740.

Medical training

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is

taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physician assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

The selection board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center on March 27. Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 by Jan. 26.

For more information, contact local military personnel flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only and is not for recreational use.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 377-3354.

AFOSI training

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is filling Reserve individual mobilization augmentee and technical sergeant special agent slots.

For more information, call 1-240-857-0866 or DSN 857-0866.

Physical therapy

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials are taking applications for the physical therapy doctoral program which begins Dec. 18, 2007, at the Health Science Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Active-duty Airmen with a bachelor's degree or who are

in the final semester before receiving a degree that includes program prerequisites and are medically qualified for worldwide duty may apply.

Qualified applicants, call DSN 665-2775 or 1-210-565-2775 for applications.

Supply classes

To schedule a general supply class, call 377-2270.

Tuition aid change

Air Force tuition assistance now pays only for reimbursable class fees.

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Center's site when applying for tuition assistance.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

NEWS AND FEATURES

'Quiet warriors' share story

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — All Airmen have within themselves the ability to be strategic communicators and share the Air Force story with the public, said the Air Force's director of strategic communication.

"Airmen should be proud of who they are and what they do, and they should be proud to share that with others," said Brig. Gen. Erwin Lessel III.

"But by nature, we are quiet warriors," said General Lessel. "We do not beat our chests and talk about what we do. It's going to take a culture change, but it helps the public better understand the Air Force when they hear from the Airmen themselves."

Influx of information

In an era of technology and 24-hour news, the public has come to expect a continual flow of information, especially from its military.

"Our strategic communication efforts will build better relationships with key audiences and the support that is critical to operational success, force modernization and the development of our most precious resource: Airmen," wrote Secretary Wynne in a recent letter to Airmen.

The new Office of Strategic Communications merges various career fields that focus on providing information: public affairs, videography, photography and broadcasting, or sharing the Air Force story with the public.

"The whole idea of strategic communications is to use every opportunity to get our messages out there," General Lessel said. "This can include recruiting, in speeches, contacts with the media, papers, blogs and the Internet. Every Airman can become an Air Force spokesperson at any time."

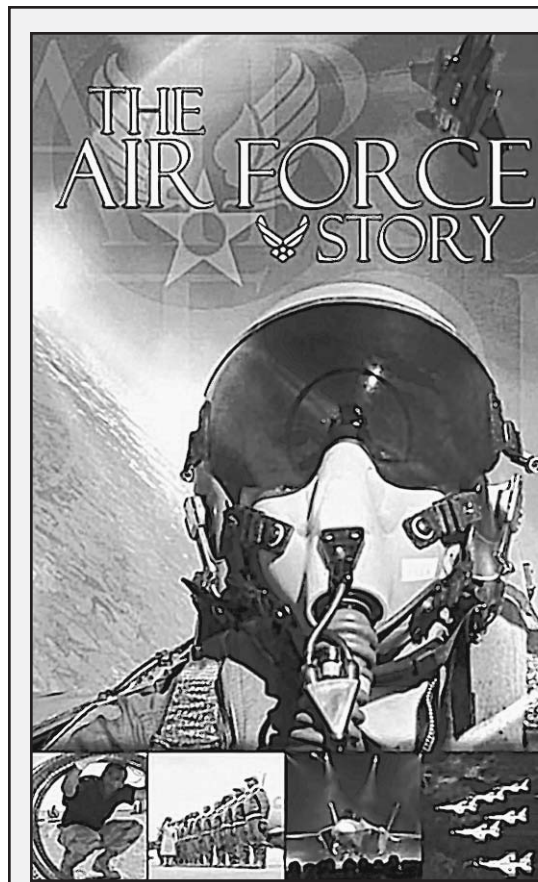
Accurate, appropriate messages

"First and foremost, we want to educate Airmen so that the information they do have is accurate and appropriate," the general said. "There is a difference between wanting to inform people or influence them, and there are appropriate ways to do both."

An Airman's card containing information about strategic communications has been delivered to all Airmen. It contains many of the things most Airmen already know, such as the need to coordinate with public affairs before any public engagement, and "staying in your lane" by speaking from experience.

The card also has useful statistics and facts. "The most important thing is that all information needs to be truth-based," General Lessel said. "Our credibility only comes from telling the truth. By educating all Airmen on the service's key messages, we speak about one Air Force and one vision."

Some Airmen in the field already have taken



New booklet augments communication plan

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new publication aims to help Airmen and commanders become better strategic communicators when talking about the Air Force to the public.

The Air Force Story, available at <http://www.af.mil/library/afstory.asp>, summarizes topics ranging from heritage to missions, vision and people.

Talking points are bulleted and divided into many appropriate topics.

strategic communication to heart and have used its principles effectively.

"The wing commander at Fairchild (Air Force Base, Wash.) received authorization to allow Airmen who just returned from deployment to wear their desert uniform to the base open house," General Lessel said. "This allowed the public to recognize these Airmen and they could interact with each other. The Airmen were able share with them their deployment stories."

"Your stories resonate the most with local newspapers, schools and rotary clubs," Secretary Wynne wrote. "The American public looks up to you as a model of integrity, and by sharing your experiences, you are the best spokesperson for the Air Force."

IN THE NEWS

CFC kickoff breakfast Tuesday

A free breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 81st Contracting Squadron's conference room, kicks off Keesler's 2006 Combined Federal Campaign.

The drive runs through Nov. 21.

If you plan to attend, e-mail or call Carrie Meyls, 377-3503, by noon today.

Keesler's goal is \$120,535. The 2005 drive was canceled due to Hurricane Katrina.

The drive enables federal civilian employees and military personnel to contribute to the charities of their choice by filling out pledge forms to designate what charities they'd like to support, including base organizations.

Donations can be made in cash, by check or automatic withdrawal from pay.

For more information, call Lt. Col. George Budz, 81st Contracting Squadron commander and installation project officer, 377-3230, or 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

Salute to Military Oct. 17

The 28th annual Salute to the Military is Oct. 17 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The event, sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, begins with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour followed by dinner at 7.

Tuesday is the deadline for ticket sales in the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs Office, Taylor Logistics Center, Room 113.

Prices are \$40 for uniformed military and \$50 for civilians. Reserved tables are \$400 for military and \$500 for civilians, with 10 seats per table. Cash, Visa, Master Card or checks made out to Coast Chamber are accepted.

The guest speaker is Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Music is provided by the Air Force Reserve Band.

For tickets or more information, call Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz, 377-2254 or 7329.

GTC delinquencies remain down

In September, Keesler has the fewest government travel card delinquencies in Air Education and Training Command for the fourth month in a row, according to Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

AETC had the least delinquencies in the Air Force at .87 percent, and every AETC base was under the 2 percent standard for the month.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Oct. 12 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, due to the Columbus Day federal holiday Monday.

The newspaper office is closed Monday in observance of the holiday.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are:

Biloxi — Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park. The park is off-limits except during daylight hours or official events.

Pascagoula — Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway.

Moss Point — Toni's Lounge.

Medical center receives 'stamp of approval'

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center received a "stamp of approval" Sept. 26 from two members of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Nurse Elsie Welborn and engineer Jerry Gervais surveyed the medical center, focusing on inpatient care and the structural integrity of the facility.

In an out-brief to senior 81st Medical Group staff members, the team said it "had found nothing they could address for improvement and the medical center had consistently maintained compliance with JCAHO standards," according to Lt. Col. Noemi Algarin-Lozano, chief of performance improvement/regulatory compliance for the 81st MDG.

"This is our stamp of approval that we are doing the right things to ensure the highest quality of care and ensuring the safest environment for our beneficiaries," the colonel added.

In a message to the entire 81st MDG, Col. (Dr.)

David Armstrong, deputy commander said, "On behalf of General Dougherty (Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st MDG commander), thank you for your outstanding work.

"Today, you again showed another independent group, JCAHO, how stupendous you are. No findings, only praise of what you have done from Katrina to now and your clear plans for patient care in the future. Thank you!"

The JCAHO representatives said the survey was conducted to assess the status and condition of the medical center following Hurricane Katrina and in general, and to ensure the safety of patients and staff.

This was a short-notice visit, according to Colonel Algarin-Lozano.

"We were notified on Thursday (Sept. 21) that they were coming Tuesday (Sept. 26)," she said.

During the survey, the nurse from JCAHO followed a simulated patient through an entire surgery process.

"It began with the patient interview in outpatient

services, proceeding to the ambulatory surgery unit where the patient saw a medical technician, nurse, anesthesiologist, surgeon and the operating room crew," Colonel Algarin-Lozano explained. "We simulated transferring the patient to the operating room, due to it being a sterile area, and then brought the patient back to the post-anesthesia care unit for recovery. She was returned to the ASU and finally prepared for discharge.

"Throughout the process we addressed all patient safety issues," she added.

JCAHO is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by a board that includes physicians, nurses and consumers. JCAHO sets the standards by which health care quality is measured in America and around the world.

To earn and maintain accreditation, organizations must have an extensive on-site review by a team of JCAHO health care professionals at least once every three years. The review evaluates the organization's performance in areas that affect patient care.

Reductions,

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soon faces downsizing as well.

Overall, about 40,000 people leave the service over the next three years. The money saved goes toward recapitalizing the service's aging aircraft and equipment.

"When I joined the Air Force, we had almost a million people," General Brady said. "Now, we're going down to 315,000. Over the years, we've evolved as a service, and this is a part of that evolution."

General Brady also talked about training in his speech, focusing on future career development opportunities, as well as changes to current ones.

"Officer internship is of great importance to me," he said, "but it's an area that had very little restraint. At one point, we had as many as 7,000 people in internships around the force — that's almost as many people who attend Air University."

He said in most cases, the officers would be sent to school right after their internship, which "doesn't make sense. That's not an effective way to do business."

By next year, only 50 officers are going to be in internship positions.

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— General Brady

As for the enlisted corps, they can expect a greater push for higher education from their leaders.

"Hands down, our enlisted force is the best that ever existed," he said. "And a lot more is going to be expected of them in the future. They're going to find themselves in positions where a bachelor's degree will be necessary."

He said in the past, the push has always been for enlisted Airmen to receive their associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force.

"But that's just not enough," the general said. "Chief (Master Sgt. of the Air Force) Rodney McKinley is very supportive of this as well, and we're both trying to figure out how to make it easier for enlisted Airmen to pursue their education."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

One-stop pay, personnel service

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Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New CCB users need to establish an account.

Transforming travel processing

81st Comptroller Squadron

The Defense Travel System is an electronic travel order and settlement voucher producing system that's transforming the Defense Department's current processes into a single, streamlined, paperless system.

With DTS, travelers can input travel authorizations, review and pick available flights, make hotel and rental car reservations, electronically fill out travel vouchers, pay Government Travel Card accounts and receive direct deposit reimbursements in about one week.

For more information or training needs, call your unit DTS representative or visit <http://www.dtstravelcenter.dod.mil/>

Update duty history online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen are responsible for reviewing their duty history and requesting changes, additions or deletions online through the virtual military personnel flight.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site where they can access their duty history under "Most Popular Applications" or "Self-Service Actions/Personal Data."

Members requesting an action related to duty history can log on to the Personal Services Delivery Transformation Web site and click on "duty history" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>. Check the related link for a tutorial on updating your duty history online.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" for deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

MyPay processing of pay items

For information on processing pay items through myPay, call the 81st Comptroller Squadron, 377-7272 or 4212. For a personal identification number for myPay, e-mail TRAVEL@keesler.af.mil from a government computer.

Air Force civilian employees: Planning ahead, seeking counseling early can avoid unpleasant retirement surprises

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center's benefits and entitlement service team encourages civilians who want to retire in the next few years to plan ahead and seek counseling early.

Potential retirees should contact BEST at least one year before retirement to receive one-on-one counseling over the phone and to request a counselor-prepared estimate.

Employee information is available to benefits counselors who are able to cover issues important to retirees.

"Planning ahead cannot be overstressed," said Janet Thomas, an AFPC human resources specialist. "Many individuals retire, only to discover their retirement pay is insufficient to live on.

"In addition, many are not prepared to meet financial commitments occurring between date of retirement and receipt of the first retirement check, which can sometimes take up to two or more months."

Many employees believe all the service in their service computation date for leave is creditable toward retirement. For many, this simply isn't

true, according to Ms. Thomas.

"Employees who previously took a refund of their retirement contributions or owe a deposit for temporary service or military service, may discover this service is not creditable for retirement," she said. "Individuals who are retired military might need to know whether it would be advantageous to combine their military and civilian service."

In planning for retirement, there are many factors to consider, such as whether to provide a survivor benefit for the spouse in the event of the employee's death after retirement, whether they are eligible to take health and life insurance into retirement, sick leave credit, Thrift Savings Plan withdrawal options and direct deposit.

In addition, it's important not to change the mailing address or bank account for direct deposit during the few months before and after retirement.

Those ready to retire should submit their retirement applications to BEST 90 to 120 days before the effective date of retirement. During the process, three letters are sent to update the potential retiree

on the status of the application.

The first letter acknowledges receipt of the application.

The second verifies he is eligible to retire.

The third is notification the retirement application package has been sent to the servicing payroll office.

More information is available on the BEST Web page, <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best/default.asp?prods3=272&prods2=264&prods1=44>. Click the "Retirement" link on the far left side of the page and select from the available items.

The final stop for the retirement application is the Office of Personnel Management, where the final authority for approval of the retirement resides. OPM also starts the retirement payments.

Air Force-serviced civilian appropriated-fund employees serviced by BEST may reach BEST benefits counselors weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT. Employees can also call toll-free 1-800-616-3775 (press 2, then 2 again and follow the prompts).

Hearing impaired employees may call toll-free TDD 1-800-382-0893.

'Culture of Responsible Choices' aims to curb underaged drinking, driving while intoxicated

Program set for launch on Wingman Day, Nov. 9

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler is part of a Culture of Responsible Choices.

The Air Force is initiating CoRC as part of a concerted effort to reduce its number of alcohol-related incidents by 25 percent, according to Bill Cooley, Keesler's drug demand reduction program manager.

CoRC, a spin-off of the 0-0-1-3 program from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., begins Nov. 9 on Wingman Day, but data collection for the program began Sunday, Mr. Cooley said.

The details of the program are still in the works, but Mr. Cooley said random gate sweeps are planned to detect intoxicated drivers and underage drinkers.

To prepare for the program, Mr. Cooley said it's a good time for Keesler military and civilian people to think before they drink and review the consequences for driving under the influence of alcohol and drinking under the legal age of 21.

"In Mississippi, you're legally drunk with a .08 blood alcohol level and legally impaired with a .05 blood alcohol level," Mr. Cooley pointed out. "If you're under age 21 and have a blood alcohol level of .02, you can be charged with DUI."

Civilian DUI consequences

First offense — not more than 48 hours in jail (a victim impact panel may be substituted for jail time), fine of \$250-\$1,000, completion of the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program at a cost of \$150.00 and suspension of driver's license for up to a year, although the time is reduced to 90 days once MASEP is completed.

Second offense (within five years of first conviction) — mandatory jail sentence between five days and one year, mandatory community service of 10 days to one year, fine of \$600-\$1,000, required in-depth alcohol and drug abuse assessment at defendant's expense and suspension of driver's license for two years. Suspension may be reduced to one year if defendant completes an approved drug and alcohol treatment program after the in-depth assessment is made at defendant's expense.

Third offense or greater — is a felony under Mississippi law.

Military DUI consequences

Loss of base driving privileges for one year.

Refusal to take a Breathalyzer test from



military police can mean loss of license for one year on base.

Possible Article 15 under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice can include punishments such as reduction in grade, restriction to base, forfeiture of pay and extra duty.

Punishments are at the commander's discretion

Any adverse action or Article 15 may be placed in a unfavorable information file or an officer's promotion file

Mandatory meeting with the squadron and group commanders.

Passengers are also held responsible to ensure drivers are sober and attentive. If you're concerned about the driver's sobriety, take the keys and drive if you haven't been driving, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving, use a Home Free pass from the first sergeants council or take advantage of your squadron's designated driver plan.

Underage drinking consequences

Military underage drinkers can be faced with administrative actions, such as a reprimand or counseling.

The most common disciplinary action is non-judicial punishment under Article 15. Punishment can include correctional custody for not more than 30 consecutive days, forfeiture of pay of not more than half of one month's pay per month for two months, reduction in grade, extra duties for up to 45 consecutive days and restriction for not more than 60 days.

Military student underage drinkers are subject to phase back.

Underage civilian or military members apprehended off-base by civilian authorities who are underage drinkers could be charged with public drunkenness, or if in possession of an alcoholic beverage, light wine, or beer, be charged with the possession of that substance while under the age of 21.

AFSA leader: Make your voices heard on Capitol Hill

AFSA Magnolia Chapter 652 and Keesler News staff

Air Force Sergeants Association International President John "Doc" McCauslin stressed supporting or not supporting legislation before Congress at the Katrina Kantina Sept. 26.

Mr. McCauslin, a retired chief master sergeant, addressed his remarks to members of Keesler's Magnolia Chapter 652 of AFSA.

He said e-mails and phone calls to senators and representatives are the best ways for military members and retirees to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill.

He discussed current bills under consideration that impact Air Force members and retirees:

Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2005 — permits certain retired members of the military to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veteran Affairs and their retirement pay without a phase-in period.

Combat Military Medically Retired Veterans Fairness Act of 2005 — provides payment of combat-related special compensation to members with less than 20 years of active military service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

Keep Our Promise to America's Military

Retirees Act — restores health care coverage to military retirees that was promised when they entered active duty service.

Mr. McCauslin identified several resources of information helpful to AFSA members: <http://www.thomas.gov>, <http://www.vetreca.archives.gov> and the Capitol Hill operator, 1-888-762-8760.

For information on Magnolia Chapter 652, visit <http://www.afsa652.org>.

Master Sgt. James Craig, 338th Training Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Tracie Passananti, 81st Dental Squadron; and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog look on as Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, signs a proclamation declaring Sunday through Oct. 14 is Fire Prevention Week at Keesler.

Fire Prevention Week — base events begin Tuesday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's Fire Prevention Week activities are planned Tuesday through Oct. 14.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear visit Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, and pediatric patients.

1:30 p.m. — Triangle mini-mall stove fire demonstration, fire drill, firefighter display of protective clothing and equipment and Sparky and Smokey visit.

Wednesday

9 a.m. — child development center fire drill followed by Sparky and Smokey visit.

10 a.m. — youth center fire drill followed by Sparky and Smokey visit.

4 p.m. — return visit by Sparky and Smokey to youth

center's after-school program.

Oct. 12

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. — family day care office in Locker House, stove fire demonstration and Sparky and Smokey visit.

3 p.m. — Triangle mini-mall stove fire demonstration, firefighter display of protective clothing and equipment and Sparky and Smokey visit.

Oct. 13

3-4:45 p.m. — Triangle track, 81st Training Group fire muster for instructors and permanent-party.

4:45-6:30 p.m. — Triangle track, fire muster for students.

Oct. 14

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — fire department open house, with appearances by Sparky and Smokey, fire truck rides, free hot dogs and door prizes.

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Is your software legal?

Katrina response earns award for real estate pro

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Katherine Scoggins, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, has been recognized for her actions in the wake of Hurricane Katrina with the Federal Real Property Association's annual Air Force Real Estate Professional Award.

Mrs. Scoggins, Keesler's real property officer, won in the General Schedule 7-12 category. She competes with other government agencies for overall FRPA honors at the association's annual conference Oct. 17-18 in Washington, D.C.

"With 252 damaged buildings, Mrs. Scoggins' tireless efforts to relocate base personnel from hurricane-ravaged facili-

ties were simply astounding," said Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st CES commander. "Her quick, decisive actions aided many displaced units and allowed them to restore their mission capabilities in safe, dry surroundings.

"Mrs. Scoggins' negotiation skill was apparent in dealing with unit commanders forced to downsize and/or occupy less than optimal space," the colonel continued. "She also devised a bed-down plan for numerous external agencies that rushed to aid in Keesler's recovery. Her efforts directly supported Keesler's ability to return to its training mission just three weeks after the hurricane."

She was responsible for negotiating a lease for clinic space between Keesler

Medical Center's cardiology clinic and Singing River Hospital System to provide critical cardiac care to Keesler's military personnel and retirees.

When the medical center had to shut down its intern training program in Katrina's aftermath, her initiative resulted in the quick termination of seven apartment leases used by these interns in New Orleans and Miami for trauma training, resulting in savings to the Air Force of \$311,000.

She expertly managed renewal actions and performed annual reviews on over 90 host/tenant support agreements, out-grants, in-grants, leases and facility licenses. All were completed within or ahead of schedule while consistently exceeding customer service expectations.



Mrs. Scoggins

Falcon farewell



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Excavator operator Ricky Roton from Milam Construction removes the foundation of a demolished home in East Falcon Park Sept. 28. Hurricane-damaged houses are being leveled to make room for construction of 1,067 new housing units.

Sablich Center's hurricane repairs proceed on schedule

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Hurricane Katrina repairs to Sablich Center are moving ahead on schedule, but about 80 percent of the work remains to be done before the April 30 target date for completion.

The scope of the \$5.8 million restoration project is to restore the entire building, including the roof, and repair the interior to pre-Katrina conditions, according to Dave Horner, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron program management office.

About 20 percent of the work has been completed, according to Mr. Horner.

"Heating, ventilation and air conditioning piping restoration is finished, along with recommissioning of the current HVAC units," he stated. "The existing chiller unit has been started and is operational."

Design of the new fire detection and suppression system, as well as alarm system, has been completed and approved, with materials on order.

Asbestos abatement and removal of the abandoned roof-mounted cooling tower are finished. Roof installation is on schedule and should be done by mid-October.

However, the entire interior reconstruction effort remains to be done, Mr. Horner said.

"Right now we're reworking the piping, electrical and mechanical systems, along with the communication rewire," he explained. "Then the fire detection and suppression system has to be installed and tested."

This work must be completed before drywall and ceiling replacement, flooring work and painting can be done.

Under separate contract, the furniture contractor responsible for removal and storage of furniture for Sablich Center is coming back this month to review the potential for replacing damaged furniture and additional furniture needed.

"We expect to meet with the end users and the furniture contractor in October to discuss the needs and requirements for their respective office areas," Mr. Horner said.



“Bad Guy,” portrayed by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Collins, is confronted by Little Carlos during aggression training.



Little Carlos stands guard over Sergeant Collins as his handler, Sergeant Castro, searches the “Bad Guy” for weapons.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Theirs isn't 'dog's life' of your family's Fido

By Senior Airman Jake Gard

Keesler News staff

A working dog team from Keesler led searchers to a young girl lost in a wooded swamp in Ocean Springs a few years ago.

Although not their primary mission, Staff Sgt. Erik Castro, 81st Security Forces Squadron, cited the incident as an example of the value of the unit's working dog teams.

“(Working dogs) perform explosive detection, narcotic detection and Secret Service support,” said Sergeant Castro. “We (also) do joint taskings with the Drug Enforcement Agency, basic patrol work and apprehension (of suspects).”

The dogs are trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for six months to a year. Once certified, they're sent to security forces units across the Air Force.

Working dogs continue to receive daily training in real-world scenarios when they arrive at Keesler.

The 81st SFS' seven working dogs have a strong rap-



port with their personal handlers. Each dog is assigned one handler. However, a handler may have more than one dog assigned to him. It's the handlers who feed and care for the dogs.

“It's a bond you really can't describe,” said Sergeant Castro. “That dog will kill itself to do what the handler

wants. That dog's drive is to protect the handler.”

Handlers are responsible for their dog's training. The daily ritual includes obstacle courses and obedience training, both on- and off-leash. Each dog is rated daily and thorough records are kept to ensure they're ready to perform when needed.

“When people get scared, they call the cops. If the cops get scared, they call K-9.”

— Sergeant Castro, shown on the obstacle course with Little Carlos.

Keesler's team of working dogs consists of three German Shepherds (Bobby, Ziko and Geno) and four Belgian Malinois (Marco, Carlos, Little Carlos and Taska). Taska is the only female. Serving since May 1999, Carlos is senior member of the team. Little Carlos is the newest addition, arriv-

ing in September 2005.

The dogs typically serve until they're 10 or 11 years old, said Sergeant Castro. Then, they may be adopted or sent to Lackland, where they continue to serve as training aids.

German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois are used for working dogs because of their intelligence and temperament. Their naturally aggressive behavior also makes them effective as psychological deterrents.

“You could show up to a fight at the club with 10 cops, and the crowd is still rowdy,” Sergeant Castro said. “Show up with one dog team, and they are more likely to comply because no one wants to get bit.”

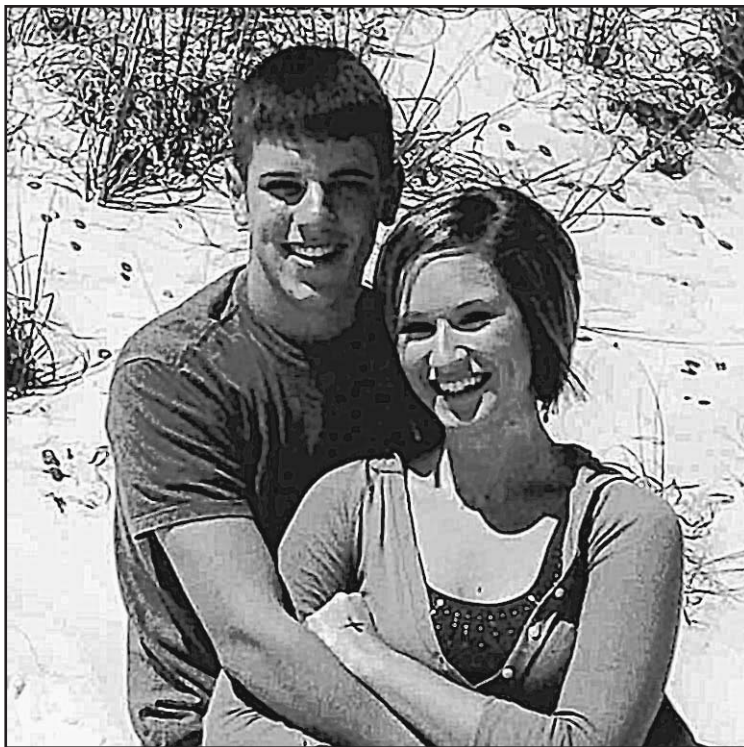
Keesler's dogs are used at least two or three times each weekend, according to Sergeant Castro. At least one working dog is on patrol at all times.

“When people get scared, they call the cops,” Sergeant Castro said. “If the cops get scared, they call K-9.”



Above, Lisa Bruffy. At right, John Goodwin and his girlfriend, Amy McPeek, before the boating accident.

Courtesy photos



Life she saved last summer drops by to say 'thank you'

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Although Lisa Bruffy had seen it only briefly nearly two months before, the face at her door Sept. 24 was familiar.

John Goodwin stopped by the Bruffy home to thank Lisa for saving his life.

Ironically, the two 19-year-olds who live in Ocean Springs and whose mothers are civilian employees of the 81st Medical Group didn't know each other prior to July 29. Lisa's mother, Claudia, is a risk management assistant and John's mother, Kathi, is a pediatric case manager.

Lisa Bruffy was fishing with friends at Fort Bayou in Ocean Springs that day when, "We heard people aboard a boat yelling for help. As my boyfriend (Bradley Roussel) called 911, I shouted to the people on the boat to come over to where we were on the shore. As the boat approached I could see (Goodwin's) legs on the back of the boat and he wasn't moving."

Lisa reviewed her cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in her head as the boat approached.

"When we turned the boat around, I could see a huge amount of blood coming from the victim's head, she recalled. "There was a huge gaping wound at the base of his skull."

In their haste to help their friend, people in the boat with John were unwittingly putting him at risk by trying to move him on shore. Some anxious, boat-rocking moments passed before someone in Lisa's party defused the situation so she could tend to John where he lay.

The former Ocean Spring YMCA lifeguard struck up a conversation with John, who was conscious despite his injury.

"He said he was hurting," Lisa said. "I explained that I was keeping his head and spine aligned and that I was there to help him. I assured him that he would be OK."

When an emergency services team arrived, they moved John from the boat to their ambulance on a backboard. Lisa stayed with John the whole time, holding his and directing the move, "knowing that we could possibly cause more damage if it wasn't done correctly. Lisa noted, "As the ambulance pulled away, John's girlfriend, 19-year-old Amy McPeek, "wave to me and mouth, 'Thank you, she remembered.'"

Details of John's accident remain sketchy. Apparently, a quick turn threw him off an inner tube head-first and into a tree stump.

John sustained multiple skull fractures, brain bleeds and bruising and tears to the brain's lining, according to his mother.

"Every single provider who saw him is amazed he survived," she said. "He (still) has vision problems, daily headaches and a torn rotator cuff."

Initially, neither John nor his mother knew anything about the person they're convinced saved his life. Mrs. Goodwin eventually learned the person's mother also worked at the medical center. She made contact with Mrs. Bruffy, and through her, Lisa.

"She (Lisa) took control of the situation and made all the right decisions," Mrs. Goodwin said. "I feel strongly that had she not, the outcome could have been entirely different. Lisa was truly his angel that day."

As for their reunion two months later, Lisa recalled that John "told me 'Thank you,' and we talked about the accident for a while. He also gave me a 'thank you' card."

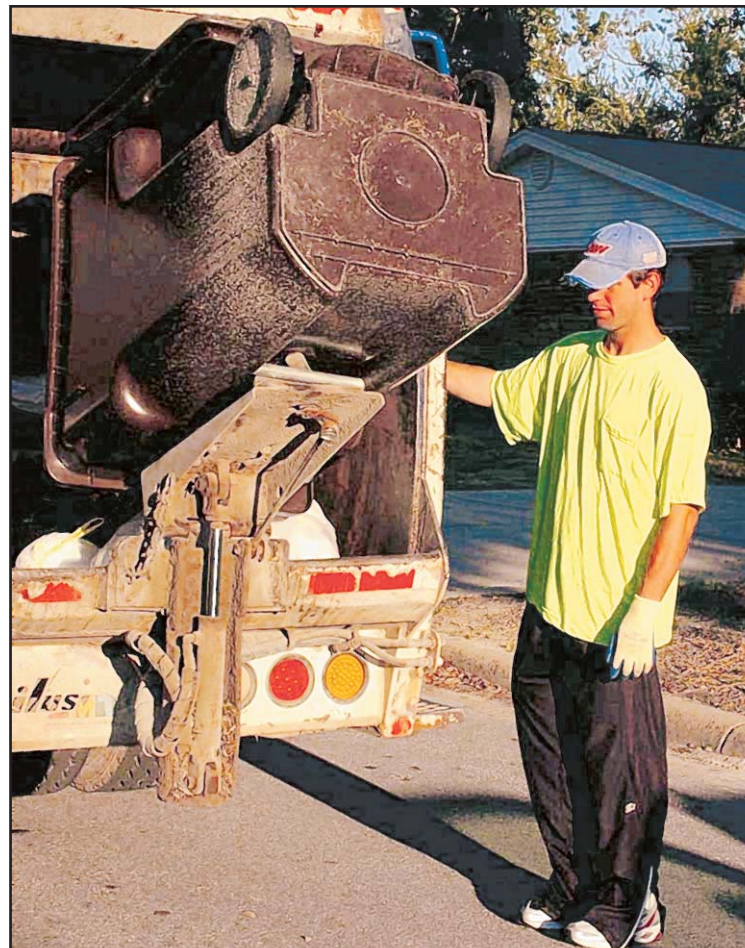


Photo by Kemberly Groue

David Fox empties a garbage can in East Falcon Park Sept. 21.

Trash talk

Follow schedule, rules for smooth pickup process

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Base homes generate garbage galore, but specifics in the refuse and recycling contract must be followed for trash to be hauled away.

“When we get complaints about garbage pickup, residents often haven’t followed the schedule or the guidelines for collection,” said Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron maintenance engineering supervisor.

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling pickup day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage collection days in Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn and Pinehaven housing areas, with Tuesday as the recycling pickup day.

Items must be at the curb

by 6 a.m. on collection day.

Collections include household garbage, yard waste not more than 6 feet long or 70 pounds and bulk residential waste such as small pieces of furniture, toys and other items with the same length and weight limits.

All residential trash, other than yard waste and bulk trash, is put in government-provided trash cans, but bagged trash on the ground is also collected.

Recyclable items include tin and aluminum cans, newsprint, milk jugs, 2-liter soft drink bottles and broken-down cardboard. Items must be clean and free of contaminating liquid or food residue and placed in a functional recycling box or a container clearly marked for recycling.

For more information, call Sergeant Fairley, 377-5822.

Fingerprinting appointments required



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Kevin Albertson, left, 81st Contracting Squadron, has his fingerprints taken by Tech. Sgt. Monica Harris, the 81st Security Forces Squadron's noncommissioned officer in charge of personnel security. Appointments are required for the service in the 81st SFS temporary offices, Room 151/156 of Avery Manor, Building 7502. For appointments, call 377-4660 or 5404.

KEESLER NOTES

Office closure

The 81st Comptroller Squadron closes at 10 a.m. Oct. 13 for an official function.

For emergencies, call 365-8922.

Spouses club bazaar

The Keesler Spouses Club bazaar is Oct. 20-21 in Hangar 5.

For more information, visit the Keesler Thrift Shop or club's Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>, or call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324.

Worldwide play day

The youth center observes Worldwide Play Day, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, with games and activities for ages 6 and older.

Enrollments are accepted for the Air Force's FitFactor program which celebrates its first anniversary.

FitFactor encourages physical activity and healthy eating. More than 12,000 children participated in the past year.

FitFactor registration is done by computer at the youth center. Written parental permission is

Hispanic Family Day Sunday

Dia de Familia (Family Day) — 1-4 p.m. Sunday, marina park. Entertainment includes piñatas, children's karate, dancing, volleyball, basketball and a domino tournament for adults. Hispanic and patriotic music performed. Bring your own dish.

Luncheon — noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 12, El Rancho Restaurant, Pass Road, Biloxi. Menu: chicken or steak fajitas or salad. Cost: \$10, which includes fajitas, beans, rice, drink and dessert. Guest speaker: Yolanda Johnson of Biloxi. Music by Mariachi Sol Del Valle. For reservations and menu choices, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, by today.

required for ages 12 and younger. Children enrolling Oct. 7 receive a special gift.

Youth select activities ranging from household chores to individual and team sports to Air Force-wide events, with incentives and rewards given at certain levels.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Preschool program

The part-day preschool program has openings for ages 3-5.

Classes are 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays through working Fridays, with

no classes on federal holidays and during the Christmas holidays.

Enrollments are accepted at the child development center on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee depends on family income.

For more information, call 377-2211.

TeamKid

TeamKid, a chapel program for children, meets 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 377-2520.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Intramural football Seabee base's 'Dirty Boyz' win playoffs

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

For the first time in at least two decades — if not ever — Keesler's intramural football champion is an outsider.

The "Dirty Boyz" of Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport defeated the 81st Medical Group, 20-12, Friday in the finals of the playoffs.

It was the second meeting of the two this year. The first was during the regular season. The Sailors won then, too, 18-12. That was the medics' only loss until Friday.

The unbeaten Seabee base team (7-0 in the regular season, 2-0 in the playoffs) scored first on a 30-yard run by quarterback Lamar Jiles.

An interception by Kenji Bowen set up a 30-yard scoring pass from Fred Fortenberry to Yderian Grimes to knot the score.

Undaunted, Jiles connected with Steve Brewer on a 35-yard pass for the "Dirty Boyz" second touchdown. Jay Wright scored the extra point to give the Sailors the lead for good.

John Blackmon, the 81st MDG player-coach, picked off a Jiles pass and ran it back 25 yards for a touchdown.

Jiles went right back to the air, eventually hitting Terrell Sutton for an eight-yard score. Ronald Buster added the extra point to close out the scoring.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

"Dirty Boyz" Jiles (3) appears to be surrounded and about to lose his flag at the hands of three medics. However, he escaped and scored the Seabee base team's first touchdown on a 30-yard scramble when he couldn't find an open receiver. At left is Blackmon and at right, Demetrio Tyler. The medic on the other side of Jiles is unidentified.

Keesler's Wiggs helps engineer softball title for Air Force

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

A Keesler civil engineer helped the Air Force engineer a repeat of its Armed Forces Men's Softball Championship at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., last month.

Joshua Wiggs' contributions to the Air Force's come-from-behind triumph earned him places on both the tournament and Armed Forces all-star teams.

Going into the final day of the round robin format, Army was 5-1 and Air Force 4-2. Both Air Force losses were to Army, 14-12 on opening day Sept. 19 and 24-23 Sept. 20.

The Airmen swept their three games Sept. 21, including an especially sweet 10-5 victory over Army. They also beat Navy, 12-9, and the Marines Corps, 20-8.

Army also lost to the Marines on the final day, 11-9, before salvaging a 9-4 victory over the Sailors.

Wiggs made his presence felt early in the tournament. He hit six home runs as the Air Force won two games opening day, 17-13 over the Marines and 30-17 over the Navy.

The Air Force first baseman homered again in a 23-10 victory over the Marines on Sept. 20.

For the tournament, Wiggs batted .726 and hit 10 homers.

This was Wiggs' fourth Armed Forces tournament and fourth selection to both all-star teams in five years. He missed the opportunity in 2004 due to a deployment to Iraq.

The Air Force placed three other play-

ers on the all-tournament team: James Flagg, Kadena Air Base, Japan; Randy Wilhide, Spangdahlem AB, Germany; and Scott Harris, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Wiggs was joined by four different Airmen on the Armed Forces team selected to compete in the American Softball Association Men's A-Division National Championship in Oklahoma City: Michael Jenkins, Lackland AFB, Texas; Chris Markey, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Zach Turissini, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and Kristopher Auger, McChord AFB, Wash.

Steven Shortland, Buckley AFB, Colo., was named head coach of the Armed Forces team. Randall Raper, Lackland, was selected as assistant coach. The team trainer is Tony Urenda, Eglin.



Wiggs

Outdoor recreation launches program for 'adventurous'

81st Services Division

A new outdoor recreation adventure program begins this month at Keesler.

Rick Randall, Keesler's outdoor recreation assistant director, recently completed six days of intensive wilderness first response and first aid safety training. He's now qualified to lead people on outdoor adventure trips.

"We're planning hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing trips," Randall said.

"Our first outing is an overnight fishing trip to Chandeleur Island. We'll leave at 7 a.m. Oct. 28 and get back to Keesler at 3 p.m. the next day.

"Customers can fish for speckled trout, redfish and flounder, try their hand at gigging for flounder, do a little bird watching and collect shells."

The excursion is limited to four people age 16 and older on a first-come, first-served

basis. The registration deadline is Oct. 18. The \$200 per person fee includes meals, fishing equipment, sleeping gear and tents.

"We want to make sure people understand that adventure trips are for the adventurous. They're high-risk, subject to the elements and are short on creature comforts," Randall pointed out.

"Our goal is to expand the program to include trips on weekdays, as well as weekends. To achieve our goal, we'll need a pool of volunteers with a high level of experience in one or more of the kinds of activities we'll be offering," he explained.

"All volunteers will be interviewed to ascertain their level of expertise which will have to meet Air Force standards. Those selected will be trained as trip leaders."

To sign up for the fishing trip, volunteer or for more information, call 377-0002.

Oh no you don't

Steven Wise, left, First Sergeants Association, blocks spike attempt by Michael Howard, Company Grade Officers Council-B, in the finals of the CGOC volleyball tournament Friday in marina park. CGOC-B won the match, 21-16.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — reopens Nov. 29, including 11th Frame Cafe.

Fitness centers

Monster circuit challenge — 6:30-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Oct. 19, Dragon Fitness Center. Levels 1,2 and 3 with 50 stations. Refreshments. Sponsors: Gatorade, Aquifina and Propel.

Aerobics — openings for certified instructors. For more information, call 377-8380.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Parent/child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Towel service — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. No greens fees. Electric carts \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts, \$2. Club rental: \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

For more information, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Local course support — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and

Great Southern Club courses offer reciprocal playing privileges to current members of Bay Breeze.

Bay Breeze members are required to show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster. Once their membership is verified, members pay only the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

Outdoor recreation

Deep sea fishing — reserve boat for up to six people for \$600, including the captain and tackle. Deposit: \$300. Bring your own refreshments. Fishing license isn't required.

Back Bay fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$15 per person. Maximum of six people. Mississippi fishing license required.

October fishing tournament — weigh in the largest speckled trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Disk golf — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for rent or sale.

Camping package available — includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stove and tent.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Buddy days — bring a friend fishing and receive 10 percent discount on skiff rental.

Pools

Main pool — closed.

Triangle pool — closed.

Youth center

Classes — taekwondo, 5-5:45 p.m. for ages 3-5 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Michael Algieri, Jose Alvarado, Anthony Arias, Raymond Baccarini, Rodney Baumer, Dustin Budzene, Robert Carle, Kevin Cheney, Alexander Christy, Rodney Colclasure, Justin Cordova, Daniel Cox, Justin Cureton, Dustin Dargin, Philip Depaula, Gary Duke, Marissa Dullum, Sean Duna, Scott Duncan, Johnny Farmer, Daniel Foster, Dustin Gartner, Eddie Givens, Thomas Griffin, Timothy Gruenes, Michael Gumataotao, Walter Heidelberger, Deontae Higdon, Kurt Joob, Beau Jordan, Johnathan Laurent, David Massie, Alexander Mayhall, Joshua McQuiston, Eric Medrano, Adam Midose, Seth Minkler, Steele Myrick, Robert Nielsen, Jeffrey Padgett, Trevor Philley, Andrew Piette, Anthony Prewitt, Cruz Ramires, Camden Rodriguez, Joshua Rodriguez, Antonio Shelton, Jerricks Silver, William Smith, Andrew Snyder, Matthew Strobe, Nathan Tanner, Spencer Tietz, William Welch, Donald Wilson, Fredrick Wilson, Jacob Worthen, Bradley Wyatt and Scott Zumwalt; Airmen Melissa Carver, Cesar Fernandez, Kevin Haid, Lloyd Harrington, Kyle McCarron, Christopher Price and James Sterling; Airmen 1st Class Terence Brady, Clint Chin, Justin Creger, Joseph Dailey, Daniel Deherrera, Reynaldo Esparra, Alan Fairey, Daniel Fitzwater, Kareem Fuertes, Douglas Garrison, Cory Harvey, James Hayhurst, Antonio Hestand, Randy Hestand, Elizabeth Horn, William Imeraj, Taylor Johnson, Emmanuel Jose, Thomas Lee, Philip Lundberg, Tina Marchasano, Anthony Meyer, Adam Nelson, Brian Patterson, Shane Peacock, Jaguar Philpot, Daniel Rodriguez, Kenneth Shugg, Jacob Schwen, Joseph Scioneaux, Clayton Smith, Chad Stewart, Joshua Tuman, Ronald Venable, Andrew Walsh, Harvey Wargo, Jeffery Witte and Chad Wood; Senior Airmen Brandon Benefield, Allen Kaas, Aaron Miner, Bradford Lang and Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez; Staff Sgts. James Bratcher, Joel Cook, Steven McLaughlin, Ellis Pemberton and Roberto Ruiz.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Adam Blizman, Robert Goldsmith, Chaz Morrell and Kyle Posey; Airman Brian Redman; Airmen 1st Class Clay Ford, Sean Heron, Jessica James, Nathaniel Kilborn, Clayton Shiver and Titus Weimers; Senior Airman Zachary Blades; Staff Sgt. Matthew Rumsey; Tech. Sgt. Charles Perry.

Aviation resource management apprentice — Airmen Basic Jennifer Hawkins and Scott Rios; Airman Arlichia Richardson; Staff Sgt. Edward Kennedy; Master Sgt. Dogan Ergin; Maj. Sadasivam Ramaswami.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Tarvora

Lucas and Edward Smith; Senior Airman Stephanie Bruns; Staff Sgts. Javier Castro, Joshua Holliday and Christopher Smith; Senior Master Sgt. Kristin Bronson.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Brandi Brown, Vincent Hlas and William Talafuse; Airman David Gutknecht; Airmen 1st Class Craig Arsenault, Denny Ernsting, Frederick Geck, Amy Libera, Kevin Market, Brian Morris, Matthew Semder, Shane Sutton and Danielle Talmadge; Navy Airman Jennifer Derrick; Senior Airmen Robert Baker and Angel Franco; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, Mathew Jones, Beverly Laidlow and Joseph Williamson; Master Sgts. Shannon Defeo and Johnny Parsons.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Horst, Nikita Lettunich and Jeffrey Morgan; Airmen Bernard Baum, James Harris, Jason Smith and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Blasiman, Alexander Knoblock and Mike Schuldt; Senior Airmen Michael John, Justin Millen, Daniel Moore and Kris Thompson; Staff Sgts. Aaron Aldridge, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Craig Harris, Jason Hetzel, Andrew Porden, Adam Smith and Eric Stone; Tech. Sgt. Vance Victorino.

Communications and information training flight — Airmen Basic Sarah Gray, James Hansen, Lindsey Herbert, Brian Johnson, April Lewis, Katherine Little, Lashannah Robinson, Alexander Russell, Clint Stevens and Danielle Toland; Airmen 1st Class Dhor Arol, Kyle Basler, Gregory Benson, Tabitha Bowen, Marina Buie, Christopher Daniel, Jose Encarnacion, Tawanda Gamble, Nicholas Gomez, Michael Henderson, Hillary Maneiro, Lynett Pribble, Elsie Ririzarry, Daryl Robison, Joshua Stoltz, Ravin Tatman and Jessica White; Senior Airmen Jared Friesen, Eric Gottfried and Adrana Matthews; Staff Sgts. Angela Berhult, Adam Bruce, Mary-Laine Espinoza, Pedro Forero, April Hutson, Lucas Jackson, Dana Lewis, Zeffery Mitchell, Jeffrey Morter, Lance Mosley, Jeremy Page, James Parrish, Isaac Smith, John Upshaw and Han Wang; Tech. Sgts. Sebastian Calderon, Felix Martinez and Keith Vannoy.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Columbus Day

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Columbus Day federal holiday, Monday. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed Monday.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.
Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Azalea Dining Facility — closed.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.
Half Time Café — closed.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk.
Outdoor recreation — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
Auto hobby shop — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed.
Information, ticket and trip office — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Child development center — closed.
Family child care — closed.
Gaudé Lanes — closed.
Veterinary clinic — closed.
Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Furniture store — closed.
Class Six — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Service station — 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. gas.
Military clothing sales — closed.
Katrina Hot Dogs and Pizza — closed.
Seattle's Best Coffee — closed.
Mobile units — closed.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52
	332nd TRS, Building 6957
	338th TRS, Building 6965
	Welch Auditorium
	AAFES Furniture Store
	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
	Thomson Hall
	New Cody Hall
	Supply, civil engineering
	Rental store
	Shaw House
	Old base exchange
	McBride Library
	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
	Medical center, Tyer House
	Sablich Center
	Dental clinic
	Allee and Wolfe Halls
	Base operations
	Hangar 4

Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

COAST AREA TRANSIT

Keesler Express — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:22	Welch Auditorium
:24	Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass
Triangle Chapel9 a.m.
Daily Mass
Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship
Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.
For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel.
For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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Subway — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Beauty shop — closed.
Barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Laundry and dry cleaning — closed.
At Ease Apparel — closed.
Force One Rental — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-F — graduation Oct. 27.
Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-7 — graduation Oct. 26.
Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Arts and crafts center

Weekend toast to Germany — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13 and Oct. 27. Free German treats, craft demonstrations, recreate steins and Hummels.

Fall festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28. Handmade crafts, craft demos, costume contest, bike rodeo with section for adult motorcycle enthusiasts, kids activities. Sponsored by The Home Depot. Craft space \$15. For more information, call 377-2821.

Sewing 101 — 5 p.m. today. \$10. Bring your own machine or try one of ours. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow; stuffing provided.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first firing. Youth ages 13 and older welcome.

Scrapbooking — 5 p.m. Oct. 12. \$10. Create fall layout.

Advanced pottery — Oct. 14. \$40. Call for time.

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Oct. 14. \$10. Complete a Halloween ceramic project. Children 7 and under need parent's involvement.

Cooking class — 11 a.m. Oct. 20; make flavored mustard.

Ceramic painting class — 10 a.m. Oct. 21. Make a German stein or Hummel statue. \$15 plus the price of bisque. For more information, call 377-2821.

Teen class — 1 p.m. Oct. 21. Beaded project; select kit of your choice for \$10. Ages 13 and older only.

Made in the wood shop contest — make project in the wood shop through November and be eligible to win a prize; no entry fee. Four age categories; 16 and older.

October parent-and-me special — work on a project in the wood shop for one week with your child 16 or older and receive 50 percent off shop use fee.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25. Earn safety certification and get operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$15. Create a Christmas gift. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Oct. 14. \$20. New project each month.

Framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60. Sign up in the multicraft shop.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20. \$25.

Engraving shop — wide selection of awards and plaques; custom items for going-away and holiday gifts.

Auto skills center

Beginner auto care classes — for groups; call for details.

Oil collection site — for privately-owned vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash — features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorall, and a vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — on Tingle Street, immediately north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building on Larcher Boulevard. Previously owned vehicles for sale. To place vehicle on lot, bring registration, license and proof of insurance to multicraft shop in the arts and crafts center. \$5 two weeks; \$10 month.

McBride Library

Orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Halloween stories — 10 a.m. Oct. 31, ages 2-5. Wear costume and receive a treat.

Customer appreciation month — faxes 50 cents a page throughout October.

Gale Group reference data base — for information, call 377-3760.

Tours — For information, call 377-2827.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Palace Chase briefings — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

Employment opportunities

Reserve opportunities — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

Opportunities for medics — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655 or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afaots.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Web sites

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates for 2007 programs are Dec. 5-14 for Feb. 6-9 program at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; March 5-15 for May 8-11 program at Lackland AFB, Texas; June 5-14 for Aug. 21-24 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30, 2007 program at Randolph.

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Halloween party — 6 p.m. Oct. 28. Prizes for best costumes.

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and cream of broccoli soup.

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

Friday

Lunch — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Dinner — corned beef, cornbread, pineapple chicken, Yankee pot roast, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, egg noodles, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey chicken, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Columbus Day

Lunch — Spanish soup, cucumber and onion salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, spaghetti and meatballs, veal parmesan, pasta with clam sauce, marinara sauce, pasta primavera, Italian pasta, Spanish rice, potatoes, Italian baked beans, steamed squash, candy, Polish, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, jalapeno corn bread, spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket — up to eight games every Sunday.

Half Time Café — open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Wednesdays, Italian, \$5.95; working Fridays, catfish, \$6.50.

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music. Open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays.

Football Frenzy — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV.

Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1.

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Free for members, \$3 nonmembers.

Thirsty Thursday Oktoberfest — 5 p.m. Oct. 26, German food and beer specials. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

Halloween party — 5 p.m. Oct. 31. Snacks, door prizes, costume contest, food and drink specials. Free for members, \$3 nonmembers.

Catering — for weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions to celebrate.

Youth center

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Receive discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

Boys and Girls Club fine arts and photography contest — through age 18. Entry deadline Nov. 9. Ten fine-arts categories; two photography categories. Ryules available at center.

Kids in control — 4:30 p.m. today and Oct. 18.

Job ready — 5:30 p.m. today and Oct. 19.

Give parents a break and parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday for grades K-6; preregistration and deposit due today.

Worldwide day of play — 2-5 p.m. Saturday. FitFactor kickoff, ages 6 and older. Games, snacks, door prizes.

Goals for growth — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Oct. 24.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 25. Art projects.

Lights on afterschool open house — 5 p.m. Oct. 13. Special events and entertainment.

Act smart — 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 16.

Teen Iron Chef challenge — 6-10 p.m. Oct. 13 for teens. Sign up now.

Smart moves — 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 30.

Congressional Award program — 6 p.m. Oct. 17, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for Congressional Award medal.

Base-wide teen and family talent showcase — 5:30 p.m. Oct. 19. Group and individual acts. Sign up by Oct. 16 at youth center or Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Oct. 25, ages 10 and older. Register by Oct. 20. Parent must accompany child.

Fright fest Halloween dance — 6-10 p.m. Oct. 27, ages 13-17. Costume contest, door prizes, DJ. \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers.

Halloween costume contest and party — 2-5 p.m. Oct. 28, ages 6-12. Free for members, \$5 nonmembers.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-16.

Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays in the new multimedia room, for ages 9 and older.

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Focus is on outdoor adventures and community service.

Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Girls-only topics.

Wacky Wednesday — 5-6 p.m. Tournaments in various board and table games.

Torch Club — 4 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 25, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service.

Friday night dances — 6-10 p.m., ages 9-17. \$2 for

members, \$4 nonmembers.

Teen time — 6-10 p.m., ages 13-17. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m. for ages 6-12. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Taekwondo — Mondays and Wednesdays. 5-5:45 p.m. ages 3-5, \$40 per month. 6-7 p.m. ages 6 and older, \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

Dance — Tuesdays. 4 p.m. ages 3-5, 5 p.m. ages 6 and older. Call for fees.

Instructors needed — for programs for ages 3-5 and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Editor's note: Inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome — \$60 including ticket. Oct. 15, Philadelphia Eagles, sign up by Wednesday. Oct. 29, Baltimore Ravens, sign up by Oct. 24.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions. For more information, call 377-3818.

Free brochures — information on various attractions.

MEETINGS

Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Sergeants Association — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of the month, youth center, J Street. For more information, call Desarae Chereskin, 341-0988.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aadd officers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 (81st Communications Squadron building) conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on 146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle1rn@yahoo.com.

Keesler Spouses Club — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month in Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

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Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.