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Air Force prepares to mark 60th year

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Big things are in store for Airmen as Air Force leaders have planned more than a year's worth of commemorative activities leading up to the service's 60th anniversary, Sept. 18, 2007.

Brig. Gen. Janet Therianos, director of the 60th anniversary office at the Pentagon, said this upcoming year is going to be full of events ranging from hometown parades and base picnics, to Air Force appearances at major national events.

"This commemoration involves everything the Air Force is about," she said. "From the pioneers who paved the way, to the Airmen who now fight and support the global war on terrorism, to the future generations who are going to carry on after us, this historic time embraces the whole picture. It is our chance to honor our heritage, and hope for the future."

The commemoration begins Saturday with the dedication of the new Air Force Memorial.

"It's going to be a phenomenal event," said

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CFC under way



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Capt. Albert Searfass looks on as Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, signs up for the Combined Federal Campaign which began Tuesday and runs through Nov. 21. Keesler's goal is \$120,535. For more information, call Captain Searfass, deputy project officer, 377-2284; Lt. Col. George Budz, project officer, 377-3230; or 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

This week in the Triangle

81st Training Group graduations today, Tuesday

336th Training Squadron:

Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

338th TRS:

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

334th TRS:

Air traffic control tower, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

335th TRS:

Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.



September honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,358

Non-prior service — 2,063

Temporary duty — 1,194

Joint service — 86

Combat controllers — 13

Non-prior service arrivals — 105

Guard, Reserve — 779

International — 48

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 27,118

Total since 1942 — 2,235,179

COMMENTARY

Together, we'll change lives, one gift at a time via CFC

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

This week marks the beginning of Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign. Over the next six weeks, Team Keesler has an opportunity to once again reach out to help those who require assistance.

Our CFC drive runs through Nov. 21. This year's theme is "CFC ... Changing Lives, One Gift at a Time."

Established in 1961, CFC is the largest workplace charity campaign in the United States and the only campaign authorized to solicit and collect contributions from federal employees in the workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. As the world's largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign, more than 350 events help raise millions of dollars.

Nearly 4 million federal employees and military personnel are able to contribute to the charities of their choice.

On a daily basis, members of Team Keesler are out in the community making a difference in someone's life. I couldn't be prouder of all your efforts in supporting the Mississippi Gulf Coast. To date this year, Team Keesler has volunteered more than 55,744 man-hours in the community and this number increases every day. The generosity of your time is outstanding.

I challenge you to approach this year's CFC with the same generosity. Contribute what you can to a cause that you believe in and support.

Earlier this year, Team Keesler rose to the challenge and contributed \$121,670.39 to the Air Force Assistance Fund. This was an amazing feat considering this was 197 percent of our goal.

Our CFC goal is \$120,535. I'm confident your generosity and compassion will come shining through once again. Together, we'll change lives, one gift at a time.

True warriors, real heroes Sharing their company all these years

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

I'm no warrior, no hero. The only uniforms I've ever worn were those of a Boy Scout, football and softball player.

Believing you don't have to be one to know one makes me confident I can recognize true warriors, real heroes, when I see them. I've been sharing their company going on 22 years now.

From my vantage point as a civilian employee of the Air Force, those two words — warriors and heroes — are interchangeable. Putting on the uniform of an Airman, Marine, Sailor or Soldier, as active duty, reservist or guardsman, is an heroic act any time. In time of war, it raises heroism to a new, higher level.

In wars past, the term warrior was reserved for those who served under fire and on the front lines. The fire might've come from German tri-planes over France in 1917, Japanese battleships in the South Pacific in 1944 or AK-47 assault rifles in the hands of Chinese infantrymen in Korea in 1951. The front lines were actually out front and clearly identified on any map.

If you belonged to a support unit some-

where "in the rear," you were beneath warrior status. Your duties may have been vital to the warriors' ability to carry the fight to the enemy, but you could never be considered one of them. If you couldn't be counted as a warrior, you certainly weren't hero material.

I didn't say I buy into this twisted line of logic, only that it existed.

How our wars have changed.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, the enemy is everywhere, so the front lines are everywhere and our people — not only those in so-called "combat" units, but all of our people — are under fire everywhere.

Think back over American casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan. They've included men and women from just about every career field in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

The stakes are high, too, and not only for these war-torn countries half a world away. Today, our enemies have the will and wherewithal to strike us where we live ... literally, where we live. Sept. 11, 2001, made this painfully clear.

So today, when someone puts on one of our military uniforms, they become — by definition — a warrior, a hero, in my book.

Did I mention they're all volunteers?

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.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Needed: Housing cost relief

Comment — Since Hurricane Katrina wiped out most of the affordable housing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the cost of housing has risen dramatically. This is true whether you're renting or buying.

An increase in the basic allowance for housing is needed.

Response — The basic allowance for housing was increased by an average of 20 percent in January. BAH is reviewed annually between May and July, then adjusted as necessary the following January.

Additional assistance is available through our housing office's rental partnership program, a referral service that is among the best in the Air Force. For more information on this service, call 377-9741.

Thanks for stress-free move

Comment — We just moved to Keesler from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Thanks to the people here, the transition has been great. Our temporary lodging facility is within walking distance of the commissary, swimming pool, park and library. We can now have home-cooked meals, too.

I arrived nine months pregnant. Debbie Brooks of the referral management office made sure I was seen for prenatal care immediately. In pediatrics, Maj. (Dr.) Cathy McElveen took great care of my son.

All in all, it's been a stress-free move. Thanks, Keesler.

Response — Thanks for sharing your experience with the caring professionals of our TLF and medical staffs.

We're extremely fortunate to have such a highly capable, caring and professional staff delivering world-class medical care and outstanding transition services.



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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
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<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

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**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.**



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

America's allies train at Keesler

By Master Sgt. Francis Kelly

Keesler News staff

During the 10 months since the International Military Student Office welcomed back its first scholar following Hurricane Katrina, it's trained 101 additional allied personnel under the Security Assistance Training Program.

The school is once again 100 percent operational, according to James Cooks, IMSO chief.

From A to Z

"We are currently training more students than we had pre-Katrina," said Mr. Cooks, who's headed up the organization since 1991.

The school averages 50-60 students, but can accommodate up to 120. Students are accepted from 95 countries, with an "A-Z" listing from Albania to Zimbabwe.

Students spend three weeks to two months attending one or more of the 81st Training Group's 50 courses.

Some courses are offered only to students from NATO nations and others only to American military members due to security requirements, but most are available to the eligible international military student community.

"The most frequently attended courses are electronic principles, airfield operations, manpower personnel, air traffic control and financial management," Mr. Cooks stated.

3 main challenges

Three major challenges face every incoming student, according to Mr. Cooks: language barrier, culture shock and work scheduling.

In response to the language challenge, the Defense Language Institute sponsors an English language training program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"About 85 percent of all new students take advantage

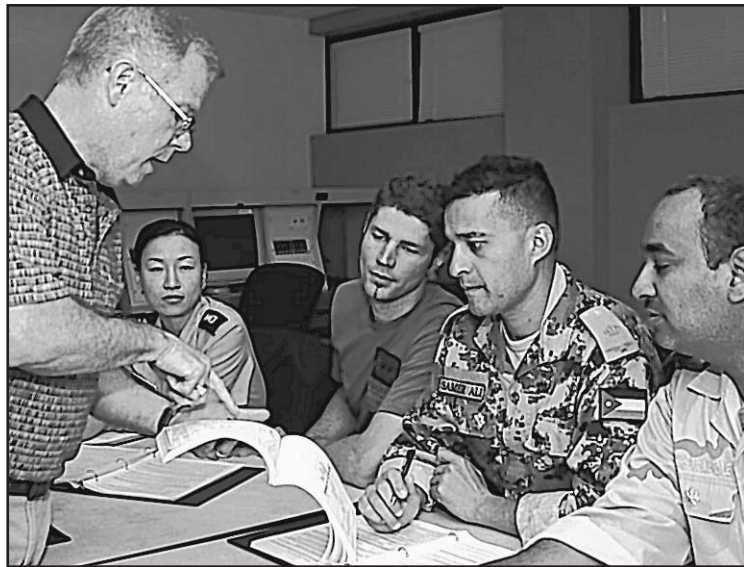


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Reese, left, discusses radar separation with Captain Jung, 1st Lt. Tomas Fasko and Majors Alrawashdeh and Mejaibel during the airfield operations flight officers course in Cody Hall Oct. 4. Captain Jung is from Korea, Lieutenant Fasko is from Slovakia, Major Alrawashdeh is from Jordan and Major Mejaibel is from Kuwait.

of this course prior to arriving here," Mr. Cooks said.

Once here, IMSO offers a field studies program featuring tours in Keesler's surrounding area to acclimate students in becoming acclimated to American culture and customs.

"We sponsor field trips, social events and cultural and educational programs to provide students with a clearer understanding of our way of life," Mr. Cooks explained.

Work scheduling is handled on a case-by-case basis, with IMSO staffers providing inspiration, moral support and time management assistance.

"The school schedules are either 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily," said Mr. Cooks. "For some students, this represents a significant departure from their normal work schedule and requires a thorough restructuring of their daily planning."

IMSO's oversight extends well beyond the classroom.

"We provide assistance in many aspects of a student's life," Mr. Cooks said. "We

generally greet them at the airport whenever possible, and upon request, connect them with a sponsoring family."

IMSO provides continuous support during the students' stay. Staffers are also instrumental in providing a sympathetic ear, as well as tutorial support, to students having difficulty with a course.

"There is a tremendous pressure upon each international student, since they represent not only themselves, but also their families and countries," Mr. Cooks noted.

At present, the school is training 50 students ranging in rank from noncommissioned officers to colonels from 22 countries.

The current airfield operations officers course has a unique flavor, with its first Korean female, a Hurricane Katrina evacuee from Poland and a four-course IMSO veteran from Kuwait.

Capt. Ji Young Jung serves as manager of the master control and reporting center at Taegu Air Base, Korea.

"Because I was senior among my peers, I was select-

ed to train here," she said. "I hope to acquire additional airfield operations skills to assist me in performing both combat and air traffic controller responsibilities."

Katrina evacuee returns

Capt. Jaroslav Lach, whose training was interrupted by Katrina, is back again following a prolonged evacuation to his homeland.

"I had been here for only four days when Hurricane Katrina hit the base," said Captain Lach, an air traffic controller. "I am happy to be able to finally graduate."

Kuwaiti Maj. Jamal "JJ" Al Mejaibel, who attended the basic air traffic control course in 1991, was emotionally impacted by Katrina. A radar operations staff officer with Kuwaiti Air Force headquarters, he's finishing his fourth course with IMSO.

"I was deeply concerned about the welfare and wellbeing of the many friends I made during my stay here," he said. "When I returned for this course, I was saddened to see all of the damage, but relieved to find that everyone had survived."

Mutual assistance is part of every class, according to David Reese, master instructor for the airfield operations flight course.

Global camaraderie

"I am always impressed with the level of camaraderie exhibited by the students," said David Reese, master instructor for the airfield operations flight course in the 334th Training Squadron. "They gel as a unit and strive to help each other throughout the course, not only academically, but socially and personally as well."

Despite social, political and cultural differences between their own nations, the students "are expected to respect and support each other," said Mr. Cooks. "This is neutral turf."



Chief Owens

Enlisted leader no stranger to Keesler

By Master Sgt. Francis Kelly

Keesler News staff

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Owens has been named 81st Training Wing command chief.

He replaces Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen, who retires Nov. 30 after 27 years in the Air Force, the last two as 81st TRW command chief.

Chief Owens is a 1984 honor graduate of Keesler's administrative specialist school. He's currently superintendent of the 437th Mission Support Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

A Georgia native who entered the Air Force in 1984, he's served in squadron to major command level positions.

He was the first enlisted executive officer to the Air Mobility Command vice commander and became a master military training instructor during a tour in basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as the chief enlisted manager of the 447th Air Expeditionary Group at Baghdad International Airport.

CCAF grads get degrees in November

Fall graduation of the Community College of the Air Force 2 p.m. Nov. 8 in Welch Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, presents diplomas to the graduates.

Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen, 81st TRW command chief, is the speaker.

A reception follows in Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call the education office, 377-2323 or 2171.

Online accounts provide access to CCAF data

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

With the tools, people can request Community College of the Air Force transcripts, track receipt of civilian transcripts, view degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

To explore
educational
opportunities
at Keesler,
call 377-2323
or visit
Room 212,
old Cody Hall.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Science grants

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association offers schools in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties \$1,000 grants for their science programs.

Two grants are available.

This is a joint effort of the Gulf Coast Chapter and the AFCEA Educational Foundation to promote effective teaching and enhance the abilities of capable teachers in grades kindergarten through 12 nationwide.

For applications, call Capt. Grace Beck, Gulf Coast Chapter scholarship chairperson, 377-3359.

The application deadline is Oct. 27. Grants are awarded in November.

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.

AFOSI training

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is fill-

ing Reserve individual mobilization augmentee and technical sergeant special agent slots.

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

JROTC openings

Air Force Junior ROTC positions are available to retired or soon-to-be retired officers and noncommissioned officers.

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300, or DSN 493-5275 or 5300.

Scholarship program

Homefront America, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has partnered with the W. Daniel Tate Family and Sara's Hope Foundation to fund a scholarship program for military children.

The American Patriot Free-

dom Scholarship Award essay contest provides 20 individual \$1,000 scholarships.

For more information, go to <http://www.nmfa.org>.

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.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Byrd is Keesler's nominee for Salute to Military award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Tech. Sgt. Jason Byrd is the 81st Training Wing's nominee for the 2006 Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award.

The award, presented at Tuesday's Salute to the Military, is named for Tom Fredian, former Navy member and public affairs officer at Stennis Space Center who died in 1999.

Sergeant Byrd is the 81st Communications Squadron's assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of airfield systems. He's responsible for maintaining ground-to-air radio communications and navigation systems for Keesler's air traffic control tower and flying units.

Sergeant Byrd "truly embodies the caring spirit and mark of personal excellence that surrounded the late Thomas Fredian," said Maj. Alan Estes, 81st CS commander.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Madigan, 81st CS superintendent, described Sergeant Byrd as "absolutely one of the sharpest NCOs I've encountered in my 27 years with the Air Force."

Sergeant Byrd joined the Air Force in 1993 and attended ground radio communications training at Keesler. During his first assignment at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, he won Airman of the Year honors and Air Education and Training Command's Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award



Sergeant Byrd

for the top communications-electronics technician in 1998.

He served as assistant NCO in charge of mobile radio maintenance at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, before returning to Keesler in 2001 as maintenance support supervisor.

Sergeant Byrd deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He served as Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia's operations controller for the command, control, communications and computer systems directorate, Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

After his deployment, he became the 81st CS land mobile radio and frequency manager.

Honoring those who serve

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

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

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

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

In 2005, Sergeant Byrd was Keesler's NCO of the year and the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award winner in the technician-supervisor category. He was also AETC's NCO of the Year.

Sergeant Byrd said he's humbled and gratified to be Keesler's nominee for the chamber award.

"Over the last year I've seen ordinary people in a time of great tribulation go above and beyond what would be expected of them to accomplish extraordinary things," he pointed out. "The recognition I've received is a direct reflection of the caliber of people I work with."

'Family days' for next 3 years

Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training command, has designated the following "family days" for 2007-09.

2007 — July 3, Nov. 23 and Dec. 24 and 31.

2008 — July 7, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.

2009 — Jan. 2, July 3, Nov. 27 and Dec. 24 and 31.

"For military members required to perform duty during these holidays, commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off

during the first week following the holiday, mission requirements permitting," General Looney said.

The AETC commander explained that under current rules for Defense Department civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously-earned compensatory time or use of already approved time-off awards.

More information is available through military and civilian personnel flights.

IN THE NEWS

Monthly formal retreat today

The 81st Training Wing's monthly formal retreat, 5 p.m. today at the flagpole in front of wing headquarters on Chappie James Avenue, is conducted by the 81st Medical Group.

Trick or treat in base housing

Trick or treat in base housing areas is 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 in Pinehaven, Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn, East and West Falcon Park and Thrower Park.

Tops in Blue

Ambassadors in service dress are needed for the Tuesday Tops in Blue performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

They escort distinguished visitors to reserved seating and the public to open seating. To volunteer, e-mail john.lowe@keesler.af.mil.

For more information on the show, call Dave Bowers, 377-3308.

Communication booklet

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 is available at <http://www.af.mil/library/afstory.asp>.

NSPS course online

Supervisors of covered civilian employees are expected to learn the new National Security Personnel System.

NSPS 101, an online training course, is available at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm>. It takes less than an hour to complete the course, which is a prerequisite to technical training to be conducted on base. When the online course is completed, print and hold a certificate verifying the training.

Keesler is scheduled to convert 564 non-union civilian positions to NSPS in January.

Commissary shopping privileges

Because of Hurricane Katrina's impact, Keesler's Department of Defense civilians and nonappropriated fund and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees may continue to shop at the commissary until Oct. 31.

Voting assistance

Unit voting representatives are available to assist with voting issues, absentee registration and ballot requests.

Air Force members can also use the self-service resources listed at <http://www.fvap.gov>.

For more information, call Maj. Aaron Albers, base voting assistance officer, 377-9181.

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.

Pinwheels for peace



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Christine McGill, a victim advocate for the sexual assault prevention and response office from the 81st Training Support Squadron, arranges pinwheels in front of the child development center Oct. 3. The 350 pinwheels represent the number of domestic violence victims who sought shelter in Mississippi's three coastal counties during 2004, the most recent year for which statistics are available. During October's observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the pinwheel display moves to other base locations, such as the Triangle and Keesler Medical Center.

Anniversary,

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General Therianos. "In addition to the dedication on (Saturday), there will be a wreath-laying ceremony (Sunday) to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

The 81st Training Group drill down, 8 a.m. Sept. 20 on the Triangle drill pad kicks off

60th anniversary activities at Keesler.

In the coming weeks, events recognize the various Air Force art works in the Pentagon, and the Air Force Academy Band and Cadet Chorale take part in the Macy's Day parade in New York City to start off the holiday season.

Later, Airmen visit New York City high schools to share their experiences in the Air Force with students.

"This is a milestone for the Air Force," General Therianos said. "We're embracing our past and our present, and looking to an exciting future."

For more information about the Air Force's anniversary commemoration, and for a complete list of events, visit <http://www.af.mil> and select the 60th Anniversary link.

Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein, Air Force Print News, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Promotion system for Reserve officers undergoing changes

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve Command is changing its officer promotion system to meet future total force requirements.

The command implements the changes starting with Monday's Air Force Reserve line and non-line colonel promotion selection board, with results of the board to be announced early next year.

Combining categories

In one change, the command combines Selected Reserve (Categories A and B) and Participating Individual Ready Reserve (Category E) officers into a single promotion group.

"All participating members should have the same opportunity and compete with each other for promotion," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander.

"This change is especially prudent in light of our strategic shift to an operational Reserve, increased total force integration, and challenges posed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and Program Budget Decision 720," General Bradley said.

Opportunity cut back

In addition, in recent years the Air Force Reserve promoted more lieutenant colonels to colonel than it had available colonel positions. This prompted the command to adjust the promotion opportunity for its line officers competing for colonel from 45 percent to 40 percent.

At the same time, command officials decided to stop holding continuation boards for lieutenant colonels to remain in the Air Force Reserve beyond their mandatory separation date of 28 years total federal commissioned service.

The decision to form one competitive promotion category was not done in a "vacu-

um," according to General Bradley.

'Right thing to do'

"I chartered a general officer-led promotions working group in July 2006 with cross-functional representation to weigh all the different options of changing the competitive categories and taking better care of our people," he said. "This was the best recommendation the group proposed and the right thing to do for our citizen Airmen."

The team consisted of a cross-section of reservists. They included senior officers from AFRC headquarters, a wing commander, a squadron commander, a readiness management group detachment commander and functional managers from line and non-line career fields, as well as legal and personnel experts from the Air Reserve Personnel Center, AFRC headquarters and the Office of Air Force Reserve.

Shift is on

Under force-shaping actions, the Air Force Reserve shifts some of its member authorizations from paid positions in the Selected Reserve to non-paid status in the Participating Individual Ready Reserve.

"This change confirms the command's commitment to a robust and viable PIRR," said Col. Becky Lewis, director of personnel in the Office of Air Force Reserve. "It considers all participating members together, allowing us to follow personnel management policies that enable and identify the force most suited to meet mission requirements."

Changing promotion opportunities for lieutenant colonels and eliminating boards to keep them beyond their mandatory separation dates were necessary, said Col. Shaun Kellher, chief of the directorate of personnel's force management policy division in the Office of Air Force Reserve.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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Virtual outprocessing

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — All Airmen undergoing permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual outprocessing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

Airline ticket credit process

If an airline ticket was purchased with a government travel card, apply for the airline credit through your travel agent or the airline.

If credit isn't received within 30-45 days, call the Government Card Service Unit to file a dispute. The phone number is on the back of the card.

The bank requires a copy of the credit voucher for the unused ticket or refund. The credit voucher must include the name of the airline, date the ticket was purchased and ticket number.

For more information, go to https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/81cpts/FMF/GTCC/GTCC_main.htm or <http://www.saffm.hq.mil/affsc/>.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

People planning to travel on temporary duty don't need orders to make reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger standby services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

Use of the Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

Verifying deployment credit

For information on verifying deployment credit, call the Air Force Personnel Center's field activities office, DSN 665-2671 or commercial 1-210-565-2671.

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

Adoption leave of absence

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

For more information, contact your commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, option 1, 2, or DSN 665-5000.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or going online to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Exchange, commissary facilities Who's authorized to shop?

AAFES and DeCA
Corporate Communications
and Keesler News staff

Military installations around the world have a variety of food, entertainment and retail options. From contractors to tourists to guests, Keesler visitors often ask, "Who's authorized to shop at these facilities?"

"That's probably the most common question I receive," said Daniel Schmidt, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager at Keesler. "It stands to reason that visitors want to take advantage of the tax relief and competitive prices they've heard so much about, but AAFES doesn't decide who is or isn't authorized."

Authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the installation commander.

The guidelines in Army Regulation 60-20 and Air Force Joint Instruction 34-210 require proper identification of authorized customers.

Basically, authorized shoppers include active-duty military and their dependents, retired military and their dependents, guard and reserve members and their dependents, civil service employees living or on temporary duty in overseas areas.

Others are civilians living on three remote U.S. installations, 100 percent disabled veterans, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and Red Cross and United Service Organization employees in certain locations and under certain circumstances.

Unlike the exchanges, DeCA employees don't automatically get shopping privileges unless they are otherwise authorized.

The access of guests of authorized customers is regulated by installation commanders who are empowered by service regulations to determine guest policies for the main exchange and commissary at their respective installation.

The 81st Training Wing

Customer, base benefit with AAFES gift cards

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS – Americans love gift cards. In fact, industry analysts say that nationwide sales doubled over the past five years and are expected to hit \$72.8 billion in 2006.

As usual, military families are right in step with their civilian counterparts, steadily increasing their demand for Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift cards.

From the purchaser, to the recipient, to military Services programs that ultimately benefit from exchange patronage, AAFES gift cards meet the entire military community's needs.

"Our gift cards work three times harder than any other," said Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton, AAFES senior enlisted adviser. "They make purchases easy, ensure the recipient gets exactly what he or she wants at the best possible price and generate much needed revenue for base programs. The bottom line is that all gift cards are not created equal."

While various gift cards may look similar, there are often differences in fees and expiration dates. Some businesses charge for purchasing or even using their gift cards, while others impose expiration dates on use.

AAFES gift cards never expire and are subject only to a \$2 monthly fee after 24 consecutive months of non-use.

The cards can be used the same as cash at AAFES facilities around the world.

For more information, see any cashier, log on to <http://www.aafes.com> or call 1-888-481-1550.



commander permits guests to enter the commissary and AAFES facilities, but they must remain with the authorized patron at all times and aren't allowed to purchase tax-free items.

Violating the regulations can result in a loss of shopping privileges.

"Any authorized commissary customer who needs

assistance shopping, or who can't shop on his or her own behalf because of age, disability, illness or infirmity, may request that 'agent privileges' be authorized," said Gordy Harris, director of the Keesler Commissary. "That can be granted by the installation commander, not the commissary."

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services vary from location to location, the doors to AAFES food facilities are open to virtually anyone on base. DOD policies allow all federal employees and installation visitors to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on base.

Bonnie Powell, DeCA Corporate Communications, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Wing resource adviser signs off on 47-year career

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Jacquelin "Jacque" Hawkins describes her 47 years of federal service as a "fun run," and she crosses the finish line Friday at her retirement ceremony.

Along the way, Ms. Hawkins advanced from a secretarial position to a program analyst and resource adviser for the 81st Training Wing staff agencies. She also balanced family and professional demands with academic pursuits and earned three college degrees, include a doctorate in business administration.

The California native who grew up in Arkansas began her civil service career almost five decades ago as secretary to the dental service chief at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. After two years, she moved to Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas, where she worked as a clerk-stenographer and secretary for a combat support group and a bombardment wing for five years.

Started as secretary in 1957

"When I started my career service in 1957, the majority of women in civil service were secretaries or nurses," she recalled.

Ms. Hawkins was a stay-at-home mom for two years before returning to work in a temporary position with the Army Corps of Engineers. She was able to transfer back to Little Rock AFB as a secretary for a California team that was inspecting and upgrading missile silos.

She moved to South Carolina for a job at Charleston AFB as secretary to the maintenance squadron commander before becoming a computer operator.

Scaling the career ladder

When she arrived at Keesler in 1971 as a computer operator for the 3380th Mission and Support Group, Ms. Hawkins began a steady climb up the civil service ladder with positions as a computer aide, computer specialist, supply management analyst and management and program analyst.

"As I progressed out of the secretarial field, when I would answer a phone it was still presumed that I was a secretary, but that perception has changed a lot," she pointed out. "Over the years, I've seen more opportunities for females to progress up the ranks in federal service in areas that were previously all male."

One significant accomplishment in Ms. Hawkins'



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Col. Richard Pierce, left, 81st Training Wing vice commander, is briefed by Ms. Hawkins on the status of funds for wing staff agencies.

career is being a member and leader of the process action team that tested and implemented the compressed work schedule to Keesler in the mid-1990s.

"My dissertation for my Ph.D. was titled 'Compressed Work Schedule: Will It Work on a Military Installation?'," she said. "Over the years, I've maintained historical data and prepared briefings to support CWS."

In 1998, Ms. Hawkins left Keesler for three years to take a position with the Asian Office of Aerospace Research and Development in Tokyo under the auspices of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Arlington, Va. She was AFOSR's administrative officer of the year in 2000.

She took advantage of that time to travel exten-

sively, enjoying festivals across Japan and visiting 15 other countries before returning to her current position at Keesler in 2001.

Ms. Hawkins, honored as Keesler's Woman of the Year in 1990, has received the Air Force's Exemplary Civilian Service Award with medal and Civilian Achievement Award with medal, along with many installation, command and community awards.

Professional expertise

She earned professional certifications from the Institute of Cost Analysis, Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis and Association of Government Accountants. She was also a charter member and vice president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers Mississippi Sound Chapter.

Ms. Hawkins served on committees for the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, Keesler Air Show and Open House and the base's ethnic observances.

As a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, she's served as Angel Tree program chairperson and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She's also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Adah Chapter 49, Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Historical Ocean Springs Association, 1699 Historical Committee, Friends of Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center and the North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association.

In her early 50s, Ms. Hawkins began running in 5- and 10-kilometer races as a member of the Gulf Coast Running Club, earning more than 100 trophies and medals in her age category.

Love story

"Knowing that I gave my all to do the very best job possible, with a real love of the United States of America and the United States Air Force, is the most rewarding aspect of my career," she commented. "Other individuals that I have had the opportunity to mentor have been very appreciative of my time and expertise."

Ms. Hawkins is relocating from Ocean Springs to Enterprise, Ala., to live closer to her daughter, Tamara Awe, and her family. Ms. Awe began her civil service career at Keesler and now works at Fort Rucker, Ala.

"My greatest compliment has come from my daughter who has thanked me on more than one occasion for my work ethic and the fact that I served as an example for her in the area of education and civil service career expectations," Ms. Hawkins stated.

Unattended cooking one of top reasons for household fires

By James Palmer

Assistant fire prevention chief

“Prevent Cooking Fires — Watch What You Heat” is the theme for National Fire Prevention Week which ends Saturday.

In 2003, the National Fire Protection Association reported 15,900 home fires involving electric ovens, 58,200 involving electric ranges, 3,800 involving microwave ovens and 19,500 involving gas ranges.

Most of these fires stem from unattended cooking, one of the leading causes of fires in the home.

Here are some cooking safety tips:

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. If you must leave the kitchen for a short period of time, turn off the stove or microwave.

If you’re simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that something is cooking.

Heat food only in containers or dishes that are safe for microwave use.

Never use metal objects or foil in a microwave oven because they can cause a fire and damage the oven.

In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat, crack the door just a little, use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire and close the oven door to keep it contained and to prevent fire from burning you or your clothing.

Be sure any container used for heating and cooking food is safe for oven use and the selected temperature setting.

Keep cooking equipment clear of items that could burn, including spilled cooking materials, rags, towels, low-hanging curtains or drapes and grease buildup on walls or cabinets.

Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves, which can catch fire if they come in contact with a flame or hot cooking element.



Fire safety activities

Today

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.

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.

Saturday

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.

If your clothing catches fire, “stop, drop and roll” until the fire is out.

Never cook when you’re drowsy or if you’ve consumed alcohol or medication that can make you sleepy.

All fires on Keesler are reportable, including those that you have extinguished. Call 911 to report a fire on base. If using a cell phone, tell the operator that you’re calling from Keesler.

Housing demolition should end this month

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The demolition derby continues in preparation for construction of 1,067 Keesler family housing units.

By the end of the month, demolition of 1,213 hurricane-damaged homes should be completed, according to Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

Repairs to the last 18 of the 609 homes being retained for occupancy during the construction process should also be completed by the end of October, said Lt. Col. Eddie Richards of the program management office.

Housing chief Michael Reese said only 388 of the units are currently occupied.

"We didn't make our target date of Sept. 29 to complete repairs," Colonel Richards explained. "However, this shouldn't be a problem right now because housing has enough units to meet the present need. We're also using fiscal 2005 operation and



Photo by Kemberly Groue

This former Harrison Court housing site is being used to store chunks of foundations from demolished homes. More than 290 tons of stockpiled concrete will be crushed and recycled for the base material of new houses, roads and other infrastructure items.

maintenance money, and we have two years to spend that type of funds."

The colonel outlined the status of the demolition work as of Oct. 4:

Harrison Court — completed.

Maltby Hall — completed.

South Pinehaven — completed.

North Pinehaven — completed.

Thrower Park — all houses are down. Grading of the north section is done and under way in

the south. The former family child care facility is coming down in the next week or so after utilities are disconnected.

West Falcon Park — all selected homes have been marked and asbestos abatement is under way. A few occupied

homes are to be evacuated.

East Falcon Park — most of the units selected for demolition are already down. Asbestos abatement is being completed and the remaining homes should come down in the next week. A few occupied homes are to be evacuated.

Bay Ridge — northwest Bay Ridge leveled; waterside units done except for some grading. Six homes on the west side of Vandenberg are coming down within the next week. The rest of the selected units in Bay Ridge are either being abated or awaiting disconnection of utilities.

Oak Park — most of the 40 unsound homes have been leveled, and asbestos abatement of three-quarters of the homes is nearly completed. All homes north of St. Andrews Fairway are down, and demolition is moving west from the east end of Concord Circle. Two homes between Concord and Yorkshire are being removed next so a turnaround road can be put in before the new fence around the area is installed.

Base volunteers help distribute office furniture

Airman Basic Joshua Martin, a student from the 338th Training Squadron, moves a desk component from the back of a truck onto a forklift for the D'Iberville Chamber of Commerce. Keesler volunteers unloaded 68 desks and 100 filing cabinets donated by a Ford Motor Credit office in Wisconsin to help city businesses replace furniture lost during Hurricane Katrina.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Base housing contract not just about homes

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Simple math indicates the average price of each new home being built at Keesler is about \$270,000, but simple math doesn't begin to tell the entire story.

"The total price for the project includes much more than the homes themselves," explained Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "The Air Force recognized that Keesler's housing neighborhoods, with a median age of 43 years, needed to be replaced from the ground up, including the underlying foundation and infrastructure.

"This project not only includes the construction of new homes, but also roads, utilities, recreational areas and demolition," he added.

Keesler's military family housing contract is the largest single construction project in Air Force history, both in cost and number of units.

The price tag for the project is \$287.8 million for 1,067 base housing units. Once work begins, construction is expected to take four years.

Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina last year have been incorporated into the housing plan.

"To mitigate the effects of future hurricanes, the new homes will be built further away from waterways in compliance with the new Federal Emergency Management Agency storm surge elevations and to Mississippi Gulf Coast construction code requirements," General Capasso pointed out.

Dia de Familia — Family Day — Hispanic-style



Sandra Markland, left, looks on as her daughter Kelly, 5, takes a swipe at a pinata at Sunday's Hispanic Heritage Month outing. Kelly's father is Senior Airman Eric Markland, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



Gabriel Segovia, 8-year-old son of the Marklands, gathers up the contents of the broken pinata.



Carmen Steed, 81st Mission Support Group, performs Sevillanas, a Spanish dance.



Adela McGee samples estofado, a Mexican chicken dish, at the outdoor pavilion in marina park. She works in the child development center. Keesler's observance concludes with a luncheon, 1 p.m. today at the El Rancho Restaurant on Pass Road in Biloxi. Yolanda Johnson of Biloxi is the luncheon speaker.

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Cops get testing tools to make DUI arrests stick

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It's not enough to pull over an erratic driver who's weaving in and out of traffic. For a driving-under-the-influence arrest to stick, law enforcers must be able to detect, describe and document the suspect's behavior in a way that stands up in court.

At Keesler, a recent DUI detection and standardized field sobriety testing course gave 15 law enforcers additional tools to use in the fight against drunk driving. Eleven were from the 81st Security Forces Squadron, three from the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport and one from the Biloxi Police Department.

The training involves 16 lessons spanning nearly 23 hours of class time.

"We offer the course at Keesler at least once a year because there's such a turnover with the increased operations tempo and deployment demands," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Stafford, who directed the course. "Officers have to be recertified every two years."

Sergeant Stafford spent nine of his 10 years on active duty at Keesler as a combat arms instructor. Although he's now a reservist with the 403rd Wing, he was recalled to active duty with the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

In civilian life, he became a reserve officer with the Biloxi Police Department in 1991 and began active duty in 1995.

Sergeant Stafford has made 868 DUI arrests as a Biloxi police officer, and all but two were convicted. He attributes that high conviction rate to the tools he gained from the field sobriety testing training course certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The key is repeated practice on how to correctly administer and interpret the three standardized field sobriety tests — horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk-and-turn and one-leg stand.

Two facets of effective DUI enforcement are detection and description.

Detection involves identifying and gathering evidence to determine whether a suspect should be arrested.

Students observe videos of vehicles and operators to identify and record clues of possible intoxication. They learn when to stop suspected drunk drivers, to ask them to leave their vehicles, to administer field sobriety tests and to decide whether an arrest is warranted.

"Successful detectors know what to look and listen for and have the skills to ask the right questions and to choose and use the right tests," Sergeant Stafford said.

Description involves articulating evidence clearly and convincingly. In court,



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Patrolman David Bell from the Biloxi Police Department, left, demonstrates the horizontal gaze nystagmus test on Airman 1st Class Joseph Anderson, 81st Comptroller Squadron, a volunteer who consumed alcohol for test realism.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Maddox, NCBC Gulfport, observes Airman 1st Class Jonathan Istre, an 81st SFS volunteer, perform the walk and turn test after drinking alcohol.

the officer must communicate his observations to those who weren't there to see, hear or smell the evidence. His tools are words, both spoken and written.

Students learn to write reports to document evidence, as well as to organize and testify to the evidence they've observed.

Testimony sessions allow students to practice giving clear, convincing verbal descriptions of clues noted in the videos. A moot court segment gives selected students a chance to play roles and practice standardized responses based on the contents of the reports they write.

"It's up to the arresting officer to paint the picture and articulate the situation," Sergeant Stafford explained. "Taking thorough, accurate notes is vital — if it's not on paper, it didn't happen."

Mississippi is one of only two states that still do "wet sessions" during training. Volunteers who aren't in the class consume various amounts of alcohol prior to serving as subjects for the field sobriety tests. This gives students realistic opportunities to observe, record and interpret test results.

"Watching a video is not the same as a real drunk," Sergeant Stafford insisted. "We operate in a very controlled environment — volunteers sign a waiver and we take their keys before they start drinking. They're not allowed to leave unless someone comes to get them or their BAC is below .04."

Law enforcement personnel who want to clear the roads of drunk drivers have their work cut out for them.

"A national study showed between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, one in 10 drivers is impaired," Sergeant Stafford pointed out. "The average blood alcohol content of drivers stopped in Mississippi last year was .175, more than double the .08 DUI standard."

Testing 1-2-3

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research indicates that when these three tests are combined, officers are accurate in more than 90 percent of suspected DUI cases.

Horizontal gaze nystagmus

Horizontal gaze nystagmus is an involuntary jerking of the eye that normally occurs when the eyes are rotated at high peripheral angles. When a person is impaired by alcohol, nystagmus is exaggerated and may occur at lesser angles and may have difficulty smoothly tracking a moving object.

The officer observes a suspect's eyes following a slowly-moving object such as a pen or small flashlight horizontally. The officer looks for three indicators of impairment in each eye: if the eye can't follow a moving object smoothly, if jerking is distinct when the eye is at maximum deviation and if the angle of onset of jerking is within 45 degrees of center.

Walk and turn

The subject is directed to take nine steps, heel-to-toe, along a straight line, then turn on one foot and return in the same manner in the opposite direction.

The officer looks for eight impairment indicators: if the suspect can't keep balance while listening to the instructions, begins before the instructions are finished, stops while walking to regain balance, doesn't touch heel-to-toe, steps off the line, uses arms to balance, makes an improper turn, or takes an incorrect number of steps.

One-leg stand

The suspect is instructed to stand with one foot approximately six inches off the ground and count aloud by thousands (one thousand-one, one thousand-two, etc.) until told to put the foot down.

The officer times the subject for 30 seconds while looking for four indicators of impairment: swaying while balancing, using arms to balance, hopping to maintain balance and putting the foot down.



Audiology, hearing aid services available at medical center

Senior Airman Richard Miller, left, an 81st Medical Operations Squadron respiratory therapist, undergoes a hearing test by Capt. David Eisenach, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron audiologist. Keesler Medical Center's audiology clinic is open and providing both audiology and hearing aid services. For either service, call the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Keesler medics target breast cancer awareness

By Staff Sgt. Dana McAllen

81st Medical Support Squadron

The 81st Medical Group's diagnostic imaging flight observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October by providing educational items.

In addition, people may write the name of someone they know who's been affected by breast cancer on a pink ribbon and hang it on the "Remembrance Tree" at the outpatient clinic entrance.

According to the National Cancer Institute, about 13.2 percent of women in the general population develop breast cancer. For every 124 women who develop breast cancer, at least one man is diagnosed with the same disease.

The exact cause or causes of breast cancer are still

unknown. However, certain factors are known to increase the risk of the disease: age, family and personal history of breast cancer, late menopause, diet and the prolonged use of hormones.

The earlier breast cancer is detected, the better the chance it can be cured. There are three main methods of detecting breast cancer: breast examination by a doctor or nurse, mammography and breast self-examination. Ultrasound may be helpful when used in combination with mammography to determine if an abnormality is benign or cancerous.

The American Cancer Society recommends women aged 40 and older have clinical breast exams and screening mammograms completed yearly. It's reasonable to institute screening mammography at

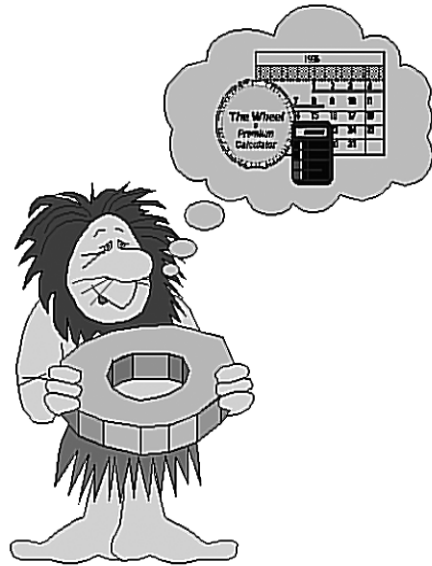
an earlier age for women with high risk factors. Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam as part of a regular health exam by a health professional, preferably every three years.

For women who have no symptoms of disease, the standard mammogram includes two X-rays of each breast. Even though mammography is an important aid in detecting masses, people are their own first line of defense. Monthly breast self-exams can save the lives of men and women.

Men and women of all ages should report any changes or abnormalities in their breast tissue to their physicians as soon as possible.

For more information, call the mammography clinic, 376-4826.

\$\$\$ for your ideas?



It's common these days to hear someone say, "We just don't have enough manning to do our work." You can make a difference in your work center. If you're able to come up with ways to streamline processes or improve productivity, the Air Force will pay you for your innovative ideas. Air Force military members, Air Force federal civilians and Air Force Academy cadets who are paid from appropriated funds are eligible for cash awards from \$200 to \$10,000. Submit your ideas online at [https:// ipds.mont.disa.mil/IPDS/dv_new_home_page](https://ipds.mont.disa.mil/IPDS/dv_new_home_page). On a similar note, if you have a great idea, but your unit or squadron is short on funds, use the Air Force Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment Program. PECIP provides the funding for productivity improvement projects as long as they provide measurable savings and produce a return on investment. For example, Kadena Air Base, Japan, was using an older model parachute wash tank which had a wash cycle time of seven days. PECIP funds allowed the base to purchase a new model with a variable speed and water flow system which reduced the wash cycle time from seven days to two, lowered water consumption and provided longer parachute service life, resulting in a lifetime cycle savings of more than \$1 million. Make a difference today and submit an idea. For more details, call the manpower and organization flight, 377-7378.

KEESLER NOTES

Office closure

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

For emergencies, call 365-8922.

Bazaar cancelled

The Keesler Spouses Club bazaar scheduled for Oct. 20-21 has been cancelled.

Vendors receive refunds by mail.

Trash, recyclables

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

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

Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 377-5822.

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.

Hurricane guides

To reserve copies of the Keesler News' 2006 hurricane guide, call 377-4130, 3837, 3163, 7340 or 9966.

Pick copies up 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. work days in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, L Street.

Club giveaway

Two H3 Hummers are given away as part of the annual Air Force Club membership drive through Nov. 30.

One winner comes from new members who sign up, and one is from those who were members as of Aug. 31.

To sign up, visit the Katrina Kantina in the marina park, or call 1-888-871-5608 and mention card code 5TH7.

Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Patients should be between 4-10-year-old dependents of active duty or military retirees and not enrolled in the dental insurance plan. They're required to be available for treat-

ment on Thursday mornings.

For more information or to make a screening appointment, call 376-5164.

PT uniform wear

In organized physical training, any combination of the PT gear is worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes.

At other times any combination can be worn with civilian clothes.

Commanders or equivalents determine which PT events are "organized."

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 377-1091.

Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior non-commissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop in the former Chapel One building is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Military rental

Force One Rental, 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818, offers truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Fingerprinting process

The 81st Security Forces Squadron no longer accepts walk-ins for fingerprints.

For appointments, call 377-4660 or 5404.

Air conditioner upkeep

Air conditioning units have condensate drain lines that can become blocked and overflow into homes.

Proper maintenance includes a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach and 1/2 cup water poured into the drain line each month.

For more information, call housing maintenance, 374-0003.

Preschool playgroup

A preschool pals playgroup is offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 100-B of the former Chapel One.

The group is a joint venture of the chapel and the family support center. The hour offers toys, games, music and a chance for parents to visit.

For more information, call Kristy LaBelle, 596-8215.

Gate hours

The Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work-days.

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 3:30-5:30 p.m. work days for outbound traffic.

The White Avenue and Pass Road gates operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The pedestrian gate to Jeff Davis Elementary School operates only to allow base children to walk to the school.

A patrol is in place from 3:15 p.m. until the school's crossing guard departs.

Anniversary issue

Copies of the Hurricane Katrina one-year anniversary issue of the Keesler News are available in the newspaper office.

To reserve copies, call 377-4130, 3163, 3837 or 9966.

The newspaper office is in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, on L Street.

Playgroup

The preschool playgroup sponsored by family advocacy staff meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For details, call 377-8612.

MEO office

The military equal opportunity office is in Room 239, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2759.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail to kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil.

Blood drives

To schedule mobile blood drives, call Jill Peterson, 377-9324.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

'Bring It Home' video finalists

Scott Price, left, a civilian from Oakland, Calif., and Milton Carrell, stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., are interviewed by ESPN, sponsor of the NBA Live: Bring It Home video game competition. Price and Carrell met in the finals in a Grand Forks sports bar Oct. 3. The results air on ESPN in November.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coom



Intramural sports program refuses to be counted out

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

The intramural sports program at Keesler has been knocked down repeatedly and nearly counted out in the past year.

But like the underdog in countless Hollywood productions, this longtime mainstay of off-duty activity just won't stay under.

First, Hurricane Katrina dropped flag football, basketball, soccer and volleyball programs to their knees Aug. 29, 2005, by wrecking playing fields and fitness center courts. The softball season was spared by wrapping up a month before the storm.

Next, as some facilities were being put back on their feet, it was discovered that the mass evacuation of the Mississippi Gulf Coast in advance of Katrina included people contracted by the base to officiate intramural sports. No officials, no games. It was a wound Keesler shared with school sports programs up and the down the coast.

In an effort to keep from throwing in the towel on a reeling intramural program, athletic officials scrounged enough whistleblowers to stage tournaments in football and basketball last fall and winter. Abbreviated softball and football seasons have been staged this year.

Then came the fiscal 2007 budget, and with it the blow that had intramural sports facing a 10 count.

"Past appropriated funds support from Air

Education and Training Command averaged \$60-\$70,000 for intramural and varsity sports officials," said Tom Golden, sports and fitness director for the 81st Services Division. "Due to budget cuts, we lost the entire funding for FY07."

Like the punch-drunk fighter saved by the bell, intramural sports was rescued by the intervention of AETC Services. The OK was given for non-appropriated funds to support three intramural sports during FY07.

"We received \$18,750 to support basketball, softball and flag football," said Golden.

"That means all varsity sports and intramural volleyball and soccer are left without funding," he noted. "We'll try to acquire sponsors, volunteers and/or entry fees to support tournaments for those sports."

Golden said awarding a contract for officials by December would jump-start an intramural basketball season. Softball would be in April and football in July.

In another step toward re-energizing intramural sports, Golden recently hired a sports director to oversee the program. Laurence arrived at Keesler one week ago from Billy Mitchell Field, Wis.

So, while the future of intramural sports may not be secure at this point, the program continues to demonstrate a resilience that's keeping it in the game ... er, fight.

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, Aquaifina 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

Adventure program — overnight fishing trip to Chandeleur Island, Oct. 28. Limited to four people age 16 and older. Cost: \$200 per person. Sign-up deadline: Wednesday.

To sign up or for more information, call Rick Randall, 377-0002.

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.

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.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Robert Carle, Rodney Colclasure, Justin Cordova, Justin Cureton, Jane Cypher, Nicholas Durham, Daniel Foster, Dustin Gartner, John Goodhile, Mitchell Hansen, William Henderson, Jonathan Houghton, Carrie Jarvis, Stephen Jogerst, Kurt Joob, Dustin Lee, Ryan Majors, Joshua McQuiston, Tauren Miller, Steele Myrick, Trevor Philley, Aaron Picklesimer, Antonio Shelton, William Smith, Andrew Snyder, Jason Ward, Omar Warnell and Jaclyn Zapata; Airmen Rodney Baumer, Drew Bynum, Melissa Carver, Andrew McIntosh, Christopher Price, Matthew Shea, Andre Smith and Jason Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Aguilar, Michael Beamer, Christine Comer, Heidi Boshek, Ryan Denby, Alan Fairey, Ricky Flynn, Brandon Howell, Emmanuel Jose, Bryan Leth, Michael Merz, Anthony Meyer, Adam Nelson, Kyle Perry, Manny Rivera, Kenneth Shugg, Ashley Taylor, Ryan Tingle, David Reid and Matthew Whittington; Senior Airmen Gregory Downes, Lori Fronckowiak, Allen Kassa, Osvaldo Figueroa-Lopez, Steven Smith and Oliver Thompson; Staff Sgts. Jeffery Barrett, Lee Bugay and William Murray; Tech. Sgt. Theodore Owens.

Metrology course — Airmen Basic Daniel Foster and Vang Le; Airmen 1st Class Paul Barber, John Collera, Cyrus Perry, Jason Price and William Yavorsky.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Adam Blizman, Robert Goldsmith, Justin Hawkins, Rickessia Moore, Chaz Morrell, Joseph Percy, Nat Perez, Kyle Posey, Jeremy Smith, Austin Steenport and Dustin Tappan; Airman Chavon Snuffer; Airmen 1st Class Sean Heron, Jessica James, Clayton Shiver, Titus Weimers and Daniel Young; Senior Airman Christopher Cordero; Staff Sgts. Justin Martin, John Montgomery, Matthew Rumsey and Frank Wilson; Senior Master Sgt. Warawute Pratomsaowanee.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Lani Burkhardt, Thomas Butler, Eddy Diaz, Joseph Forcucci, Karla Kincaid De Pena, Amanda Milheiser and Raquel Smith; Airmen Edward Cimmino, Cassandra Nutter, Jade Pina, Eric Smith and Sara Warner; Airman 1st Class Julia Guthrie, MaRiolette Hidalgo, Kyle Reece, Sarah Robertson, Mark Simpson and

Jillian Thompson; Senior Airmen Manuel Amaral, Joshua Biggs, Sandra Hughes, Holmes Martin, Mark Pittel, Terence Robbins and David Tallman; Staff Sgts. Cindy Anderson-Hollins, Michael Foss, Michael George, Cheryl Johnson, Bethany Lanski, Rebecca McNally, Raul Ramos-Zayas, Ruby Salvino, Michael Tucker, Dennis White and Aleha Will; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Coron; Master Sgt. Jody Lambert.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Vincent Hlas, Charles Kuykendall, Brandon Lirio, Stephen McNeese Nathan Norvell, Raymond Rugenstein and William Talafuse; Navy Airman Recruit David Mullis; Airmen Weston Dahl, David Gutknecht and Matthew Van Netten; Airmen 1st Class Vanessa Beaulieu, Todd Harris, Courtney Johnson, Brian Morris, Matthew Semder, Robert Sheldon, Andrew Watson, Ashley Wheeler and Keith Wilson; Navy Airman Jennifer Derrick; Navy Seaman Christopher McKenna; Senior Airman Angel Franco; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronald Galloway; Staff Sgt. Roy Bock, David Crabtree and Johnny Ingram; Tech. Sgts. Steven Bass, Howard Church, Bradford Harris, Mathew Jones, Beverly Laidlow, Timothy Mecalis, Gregory Roger and Tammy Wallace; Master Sgt. Aaron Smith; Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mark Reig.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Jose Cortinas, Justin Horst, Nikita Lettunich, Jeffrey Morgan and Michael Shihrer; Airmen Bernard Baum, Jason Smith and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Blasiman, Alexander Knoblock and Mike Schuldt; Senior Airmen Aaron Brewer, Kenneth Elwood, Michael John, Kellie Kovar, Justin Millen, Daniel Moore, Kris Thompson, Jason Walton and Jack Wrobel; Staff Sgts. Aaron Aldridge, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Craig Harris, Jason Hetzel, Andrew Porden, Adam Smith and Kevin Strattan; Tech. Sgt. Vance Victorino.

Communications and information training flight — Airman Basic Glory Wells; Airmen 1st Class Kyle Basler, Gregory Benson, Christopher Daniel, Jose Encarnacion, Nicholas Gomez, Jason Hardman, Michael Henderson, Valerie Lofton, Joel Metran, Daryl Robison, Sumera Shehzadi and Joshua Stoltz; Senior Airmen Jared Friesen and Eric Gottfried; Staff Sgts. Larita Collins, Pedro Forero, Marcus Hunter, April Hutson, Jeffrey Morter, John Upshaw, Han Wang and Travante Williams; Tech. Sgts. Sebastian Calderon, Maria Savage and Keith Vannoy; Master Sgt. Sandra Ray.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Dixie Durano, Joaquin Figueroa, John Filleau, Alexander Glasco, Willie Harrell, Christopher Harris, Kenneth Kurotobi, Justin Owens and Matthew Rota; Airmen Jeremy King, Timothy Martin and Zackery Wood; Airmen 1st Class Timothy Call, Nicholas Delio, Clarami Gasilos, Michael Hargon, Chadwick Keffer, Robert Mixon, Timothy Munoz, Eric Peterson, Kevin Porter, Nathan Risner and Austin Taylor; Senior Airmen Rachel Hill and Alex Torres-Abadia; Staff Sgts. Scott Crawford, Jerry Dean, Keith Downey, Kenneth Gosson and John Lewis; Tech. Sgt. Jesus Torres.

Radar systems flight — Airmen Johnathan Jones, Richard Martin, Christopher McClanahan and David Vanderloop; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Hankinson, Kent Hadler, Josue Laboy, Kermit Perez-Torres and Frank Remillard; Senior Airman Chris Edwards; Staff Sgt. Gary Gilles.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 06-F — graduation Oct. 27.
- Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.
- Class 07-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.
- Class 07-3 — Feb. 21-March 30.
- Class 07-4 — April 16-May 23.
- Class 07-5 — June 5-July 12.
- Class 07-6 — Aug. 3-Sept. 12.
- Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

- Class 06-7 — graduation Oct. 26.
- Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.
- Class 07-2 — Jan. 9-Feb. 16.
- Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.
- Class 07-4 — April 17-May 24.
- Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.
- Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
- Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Arts and crafts center

Weekend toast to Germany — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday 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.

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

Advanced pottery — Saturday. \$40. Call for time.

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Saturday. \$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.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$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. Monday-Wednesday, 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.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

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.afots.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.vba.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.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

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

Sunday

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, cornbread, Italian sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — pita pizzas, jalapeno cornbread, country-style steak, fried chicken, oven-brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, cole slaw, cottage cheeseslad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Katrina Kantina

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

Football Frenzy — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. 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. Wednesday.

Job ready — 5:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

Goals for growth — 4:30 p.m. Oct. 24.

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

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

Act smart — 4:30 p.m. today and Monday.

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

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

Congressional Award program — 6 p.m. Tuesday, 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. 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. 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.

Upcoming

Rising VI — 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Waddell Reese Jr., 377-2592.

Recurring

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.