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Dragons deployed

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Air Force expands shaping programs for enlisted force

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced two additional enlisted programs to help support current force-shaping efforts to reduce the service by 40,000 active-duty Airmen.

The programs, a date of separation rollback and a limited active-duty service commitment waiver, join the current tools of reducing the number of accessions into the enlisted force, career job reservations and the noncommissioned officer retraining program.

"It's important for Airmen to understand why we are cutting 40,000 from our ranks," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley. "We must recapitalize and modernize our force while staying within our budget constraints. Having the right number of people saves

money, allowing us to divert those dollars to maintain our technological edge and make us an overall more efficient Air Force."

The DOS rollback applies to enlisted Airmen with certain re-enlistment ineligibility codes or assignment availability codes. These individuals are required to separate from the force by March 15, 2007. The DOS rollback specifically affects Airmen with less than 14 years or more than 20 years of service.

The LADSC waiver allows retirement-eligible master and technical sergeants in overage Air Force Specialty Codes to have all or portions of an extension waived and voluntarily retire by Sept. 1, 2007. Waivers can be granted for extensions due to promotion, permanent changes of station, attending professional mili-

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Cake for champs



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Brian Lapiska, 338th Training Squadron, and Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, cut Air Force 60th anniversary cake at Friday's drill down. The cake and 60th anniversary flag were presented to the Dark Knights in recognition of their overall victory in the final drill competition of the season. Story, more photos, Page 4.

This week in the Triangle

Air traffic control radar, 9:30 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
Communications-computer systems programming, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Airfield systems, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
Radio communications, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.
Expeditionary communications officer, 11 a.m. Monday, McClelland Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Financial management, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.
Ground radar systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jones Hall.



September honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,353
Non-prior service — 2,050
Temporary duty — 1,177
Joint service — 98
Combat controllers — 28
Non-prior service arrivals — 139
Guard, Reserve — 772
International — 36
Fiscal 2007 graduates — 876
Total since 1942 — 2,235,248

8 ways to lighten burden of your credit card debt

By Master Sgt. Jeffrey T. Sanner

Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Let's face it: Credit card debt is a heavy burden to carry.

Current statistics report American credit card debt is \$785 billion, an average of about \$7,500 per household.

Yes, credit cards are convenient. There's nothing wrong with maintaining a credit card for emergency purposes or the occasional large purchase. The problem arises when we misuse credit cards as a supplement to our income.

When this happens, and debt accumulates, the stress produced can take a toll on our personal relationships, our peace of mind and even our health.

When Air Force Materiel Command introduced its Wellness and Safety Campaign last spring, a Web-based wellness survey tool debuted as well. AFMC leadership is using the anonymous, voluntary survey to get feedback on issues related to the wellness and safety of its work force. Question 10 asked survey takers to identify their immediate credit card debt.

A good rule to follow when looking to purchase anything is if you don't know when or how you will pay for an item, you probably can't afford it and therefore shouldn't "charge it."

That's good advice, you say. But what if you're already over your head in debt or you just want to knock out some balances you've been carrying? Here are some tips that can help you:

Stop spending. The first step is to reduce your use and dependence on credit cards. Cut up all but one card with the best terms. You can't use a credit card that's maxed out anyway, and you'll reduce the temptation to use it again once it's paid off.

An interesting piece of advice I read was to freeze the card in a cup of water. This reduces your access to it, and creates a barrier to using it for convenience.

Get on a budget. You need to know where your money is going before you know how much you can pay toward your cards. This also ensures your mandatory bills, i.e. food, housing, car, etc., are paid first.

Establish an emergency fund. Establishing \$500 to \$1,000 in savings provides a safety net for life's little emergencies and avoids adding to your credit card balances.

Find the hidden money. If you're honest about your expenditures you probably have some luxuries you could live without. Luxuries such as premium cable or satellite, Internet and cell phone packages aren't necessary for survival.

Pay your highest-dollar cards first. List each of your credit cards, their interest rates and their minimum payments. Pay the minimum balance on the lower interest cards and then pay the maximum you can afford to the highest interest card. This process is called laddering.

Make two payments a month. Each payday send a payment to the highest rate credit card company. This pays down the principal faster and is equal to an extra month's payment over the course of a year.

Consider finding extra income. A part-time job can help accelerate your debt repayment. Even just a few hours a week can provide a boost.

Seek help. We go to the doctor when we're sick, so, if your finances are suffering then get some help. Airman and family readiness centers have certified financial counselors on staff ready and willing to help you. Their only goals are to help you, and ensure your readiness to support the Air Force mission.

You can do this. You have the power to make wise choices and be financially free. It requires discipline, as well as willingness to examine and change spending habits. The good news is regardless of where you're at, you can chart a course to be free from credit card debt.

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:

Base locator — 377-2890	Legal assistance — 377-3510
Base operator — 377-1110	Library — 377-2181
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Medical center information — 377-6550
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759
Child development center — 377-2211	Military pay — 377-7272
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Pass and registration — 377-3893
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Public affairs — 377-2783
Emergencies — 911	Red Cross — 377-3030
Family campground — 594-0543	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Finance — 377-4212	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Housing — 377-9741	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Identification cards — 377-3203	Traffic management (Inbound) — 377-7813
Inspector general — 377-3010	Visitor center — 377-2595

Solution to housing shortage

Comment — With the housing shortage, why isn't the base working to secure the Navy family housing area off I-10 Exit 57 in Jackson County? It's only a 15-minute drive from Keesler, relatively new and barely used by the Navy.

Response — Officials at the highest levels have been working since shortly after Hurricane Katrina to accomplish the transfer of this housing area's 160 three- and four-bedroom units from the Navy to the Air Force.

Meanwhile, the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport is making full use of the housing area. The only vacant units are pre-assigned to Sailors on a waiting list. Keesler personnel may apply at the Seabee Base.

Library computers sooooo slow

Comment — It's hard to access Web sites on the computers at McBride Library because they're so slow. This has been going on for more than a month, forcing people like me who are taking classes to go off-base to do research on the Internet.

Response — A damaged telephone cable has been repaired, allowing us to upgrade the digital subscriber line service at the library. We're also exploring the possibility of going to a cable provider for the Internet.

Meanwhile, other options available on base include the Pit at Muse Manor and the Internet café adjacent to the food court in the mini-mall. High-speed Internet service is available to temporary lodging residents for a nominal fee.



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Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability

for Keesler members:

Keesler Accountability Team

1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center

1-800-435-9941

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

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

Keesler Public Web site

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

Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...

a core value,

a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

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



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377-7283,

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Dark Knights collect bonus in drill down win

60th anniversary cake, flag, as well as trophy, go to 338th TRS' team

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The 338th Training Squadron claimed more Friday than the traveling trophy that goes to the overall monthly drill down champion.

The season-ending drill down also launched Keesler's year-long observance of the Air Force's 60th anniversary, Sept. 18, 2007. The occasion was marked by two bonuses for the Dark Knights – a cake and the Air Force 60th anniversary flag.

In a departure from previous end-of-season competitions, 81st Training Group officials withheld the announcement of the overall champion for the year. The identity of that drill team will be revealed at a later date, they said.

Going in, the 335th Training Squadron Bulls and the 336th TRS Red Wolves were deadlocked for the annual title with 35 points. The 334th TRS Gators were one point behind.

The Dark Knights' overall victory for October was built on first-place finishes in open ranks inspection and regulation drill.

"It felt amazing," said Airman 1st Class Brian Lapiska, the 338th TRS freestyle drill master. "It was a great honor. We worked hard and we're dedicated."

For the three leading contenders for the annual title, Friday's results were mixed.

Co-leader 336th TRS placed second overall. The Red Wolves were second in regulation drill, and third in both open ranks inspection and freestyle drill.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

The 338th TRS' drill team performs its freestyle routine on the way to first place for October.

The other co-leader, the 335th TRS didn't fare nearly so well. The Bulls failed to place in the top three in any of the categories.

The 334th TRS did win the freestyle drill, but that was the Gators' only top three finish.

Making its presence felt in its first year in the competition, the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit placed third overall. The Sailors were second in both open ranks inspection and freestyle drill, and third in regulation drill.

Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, called this drill down "very special ...

today we're kicking off Keesler's run-up for a year-long celebration for our 60th birthday."

The colonel accepted the 60th anniversary flag from two Airmen dressed in vintage uniforms, then presented it to Airman Lapiska of the 338th TRS. He then joined Airman Lapiska in cutting the 60th anniversary cake.

Also participating in the event were Kevin Coggin, Coast Transit Authority director, and Clare Hornsby, senior partner in the law firm of Sekul, Hornsby, Tisdale and Baker, who were presented honorary commander pins by Colonel Pierce.

From left, Airman William Campbell and Airman Basic Dorian Hadley, 332nd TRS students, served as color guard for the Air Force 60th anniversary flag at the drill down. As part of the kickoff of Keesler's year-long observance of the anniversary, Airman Campbell is wearing a vintage khaki or 1505 uniform and Airman Hadley is dressed in a vintage fatigue uniform. The Airmen presented the flag to Colonel Pierce, who then handed it over to the 338th TRS, overall champion of the October drill down. The uniforms were provided by James LaChute, electronic principles instructor in the 332nd TRS.



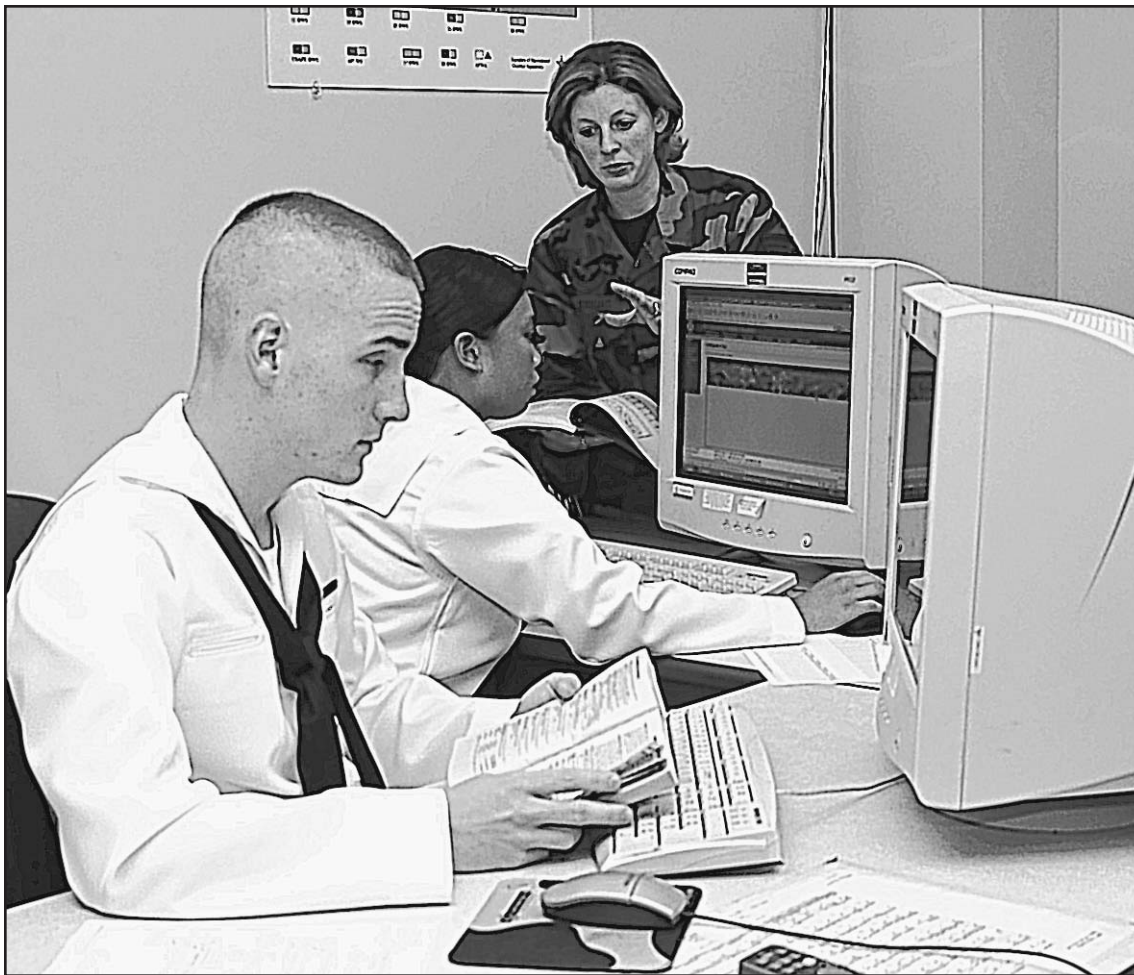


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Aerographers Mate Airman Apprentice Nikolas Endicott, left, and Aerographers Mate Airman Leana Casulla study forecasts for current conditions in the Keesler area under the guidance of their instructor, Staff Sgt. Jo Allbright, in the weather training complex. The sailors are assigned to CNATTU.

Navy's weather students go straight through course now

335th Training Squadron and Keesler News staff

Navy students in the weather forecaster apprentice course at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit are the first Sailors to complete their studies in 147 consecutive days.

Two Sailors graduated Oct. 19 after completing the initial skills course in one installment rather than splitting the training over three or four years, according to Edward Ring, 335th Training Squadron training specialist.

The change in Navy weather training is a pilot program designed to develop an Air Force and Navy weather team, and to strengthen the partnership within joint operations, said Cmdr. Dean Sadanaga,

CNATTU commander.

The 30-week course trains students on the basics of weather forecasting and prepares them to work at operational weather squadrons around the world, according to Mr. Ring.

"This is a necessary and valuable partnership with the Air Force. Joint weather operations provides efficiency in the Department of Defense meteorology and oceanography organization," said Commander Sadanaga. "The multi-mission expertise of a Navy and Air Force team will enhance support for military operations in the European theater."

The newly graduated Sailors are assigned to the 21st Operational Weather Squad-

ron at Sembach Air Base, Germany. They provide meteorological and oceanography support for Navy operations in Europe, said Mr. Ring.

"We look forward to continuing this joint weather training with more Sailors. We know they are ready to support the joint operations of the 21st Operational Weather Squadron," said Capt. Barry Hunte, 335th Weather Training Flight commander.

The Oct. 19 graduates were Navy Airman Leana Casulla, San Jose, Calif., and Airman Apprentice Nikolas Endicott, Columbus, Ohio.

Three more Sailors graduate later this year.

Second Lt. Nick Plante, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Open house

The education office and the four colleges represented on base host an open house, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the McBride Library conference room.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College are participating.

Applications for admissions, schedules, catalogs and representatives of each school are available.

Student parade

A student parade is 3:15 p.m. Nov. 30 on the parade grounds.

For more information, Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

Criminal justice degree

The University of Southern Mississippi offers criminal justice degree courses on base.

The program prepares students for careers in public safety, law enforcement, corrections, courts, probation and parole or pre-law.

The Keesler Center is in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call Christopher Burkett, 377-2309 or go to <http://www.usm.edu.gulfcoast>.

CCAF graduation

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

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

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.

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, con-

tact local military personnel flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

CCAF online

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

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.

Tuition aid change

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

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Cen-

ter's site when applying for tuition assistance.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Supply classes

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

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.

The application deadline is Friday. Grants are awarded in November.

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Chamber salutes military



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addresses the 28th annual Salute to the Military Oct. 17 in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Petty Officer 1st Class John Runyan, Naval Oceanographic Office, Stennis Space Center, won the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce's Thomas V. Fredian Community Excellence Award for 2006.

Coming back: Anthrax program

Air Force Print News and 81st Medical Group

The Department of Defense is resuming the mandatory Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program for military members, emergency-essential DOD civilians and contractors, based on defined geographic areas or roles.

For the most part, mandatory vaccinations are limited to military units designated for homeland bioterrorism defense and to U.S. forces assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and Korea.

The undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness issues implementing instructions to the military services for resuming the mandatory vaccination program in 30-60 days.

Keesler Medical Center officials said the program won't be started locally until further guidance becomes available.

"The anthrax vaccine will protect our troops from another threat — a disease that will kill, caused by a bacteria that already has been used as a weapon in America, and that terrorists openly discuss," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The policy also allows those previously immunized against anthrax, who are no longer deployed to higher threat areas, to receive follow-up vaccine doses and booster shots on a

voluntary basis.

Under the voluntary vaccination policy, implemented during the period of a court injunction throughout 2005, the voluntary acceptance rate was about 50 percent.

"This rate of vaccination not only put the service members at risk, but also jeopardized unit effectiveness and degraded medical readiness. The threat environment and the unpredictable nature of terrorism make it necessary to include biological warfare defense as part of our force protection measures," Doctor Winkenwerder said.

Anthrax is a deadly infection, and the anthrax vaccine is an important force protection measure to combat it. In the fall of 2001, 22 cases of anthrax resulted from attacks with anthrax spores through the U.S. postal system. Five people died in these attacks.

The Food and Drug Administration has repeatedly found, and independent medical experts have confirmed, that anthrax vaccine is safe and effective.

For more information on the anthrax vaccination program, visit <http://www.vaccines.mil/> or <http://www.vaccines.mil/anthrax>.

Steve Pivnick, 81st MDG Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

Base adds \$59,923 to CFC

Keesler collected \$59,923 during the second week of the Combined Federal Campaign.

As of Oct. 19, the total collected was \$106,418. The contributions represent 88 percent of the goal of \$120,536.

The campaign runs through Nov. 21.

Donations can be made with cash, check or by automatic pay allotment.

For more information, call Lt. Col. George Budz, project officer, 377-3230; Capt. Albert Searfass, 377-2284; 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836; or your unit representative.

Make a Difference Day

Saturday is Make a Difference Day for Keesler volunteers.

Outreach projects are scheduled 7 a.m. to noon in several Mississippi Gulf Coast communities.

To sign up, contact your group representative:

81st Training Group — Maj. Matt O'Donnell, 377-4983.

81st Mission Support Group — 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

81st Medical Group — Master Sgt. Rickey Mann, 377-6671.

Daylight Savings Time ends

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend.

Before going to bed Saturday night, turn clocks back one hour.

Commissary privileges end

Commissary shopping privileges for Department of Defense civilians, nonappropriated fund and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees end Tuesday.

Tops in Blue at coliseum

Tops in Blue performs 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-3308.

AFPC's first command chief

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center commander has named Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed as the center's first command chief master sergeant.

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>.

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.

NSPS conversion for 500 civilians on base is Jan. 21

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon
Keesler Public Affairs

Nearly 500 general schedule civilian positions at Keesler convert to the National Security Personnel System — the new pay-for-performance personnel system — Jan. 21.

“For the NSPS positions, there are no longer going to be (general schedule) grades,” said June Clemenens, Keesler’s NSPS implementation team lead.

Second phase-in

“There will be pay bands, and the pay bands include a minimum and a maximum salaries,” she continued. “When we set up a ‘pay pool’ management team, they will decide what salary will be offered.”

In April, the Department of Defense converted 11,000 civilian positions to NSPS under the first phase-in, dubbed “Spiral 1.1.” Keesler is among the organizations transitioning under the second phase-in, Spiral 1.2. Eventually, more than 650,000 DOD civilian positions are covered.

Ms. Clemenens said the current list of positions affected at Keesler is under review. She said some positions might be removed or added to the list prior to the conversion, since NSPS affects only certain types of positions.

Jobs not affected

“All GS supervisors are under NSPS,” Ms. Clemenens explained. “All ‘professional’ employees are under NSPS — psychiatrists, engineers, social workers — and ‘confidential’ employees, such as those in civilian personnel.”

She said wage grade jobs comprise a large portion of the jobs not affected.

“(For example) most civil engineering trades and craft positions, such as plumbers,

carpenters, electricians, and technical positions, such as supply technicians, accounting technicians, budget technicians, and most clerical support positions are not affected,” she said.

Positions and employees not affected remain under the current system.

4 career groups

According to the NSPS Web site, the four overall NSPS career groups are: standard, engineering and scientific, medical; and investigative and protective services. Three have four pay schedules. Engineering and scientific has three.

For the affected career groups, Ms. Clemenens described the program as more flexible for both employees and supervisors.

“There are a couple of big benefits — they can move you around (in various job positions) and be flexible without competition,” she said. “New employees can be brought in at a higher salary or a lower salary, and you can be moved around in a pay band without competition.”

Ms. Clemenens said training is the key to understanding NSPS.

Training continues

Some employees and supervisors have been trained since July in a variety of subjects ranging from change management to human resource elements, from interactive supervisory skills to performance management.

Training continues for all affected employees and supervisors, and all those affected are encouraged to complete the NSPS 101 Web-based course.

For more information, go to <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm> or call Ms. Clemenens or Gary Schaefer, 377-7105.

Enlisted,

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attending professional military education, technical training, Air Force educational leave of absence, and Bootstrap.

While the Air Force needs to implement these additional enlisted force-shaping programs to help meet end strength numbers, Chief McKinley stressed the goal remains to have a balanced force and to ensure the right people are in the right job at the right time.

“We would like it if we didn’t have to do this, but there’s no other place for us to get the money,” he said. “We had to make this tough decision.”

Force-shaping initiatives affecting officers were announced earlier this year and Air Force officials continue to monitor the success of those programs.

“It’s important to keep in mind what force shaping is all about: The present and future state of the Air Force,” said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. “We have to balance our (force) for now and the coming years to have the kind of force we need to win the long war we are in now and be prepared for whatever comes next.”

Unlike commissioned officers, enlisted Airmen aren’t being offered separation incentive pay because it’s not currently authorized by law.

“Congress allows us to offer monetary incentives to officers, but there’s no provision to pay enlisted Airmen,” said Chief McKinley. “Back in the early 90s the Air Force was granted the authority to offer financial incentives to enlisted members. Today, we will work to reach our numbers through the current programs.”

Chief McKinley stressed Airmen should fully understand the opportunities and implications of the force-shaping initiatives.

“Knowing the options in regard to retraining or special duty assignments can allow

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— Chief

McKinley

Accelerating separation — how rollback works

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — In an effort to maintain a quality enlisted force and meet mandated end strength, the Air Force accelerates the date of separation for certain Airmen, based on their years of service and re-enlistment eligibility or assignment availability codes.

Under DOS Rollback, Airmen who have fewer than 14 years of total active federal service as of March 15 or more than 20 years service as of March 31 have to separate or retire if they have the following codes assigned as of Oct. 30. However, commanders may lift codes 2X, 4H and 4I to retain members on active duty.

2X — denied re-enlistment.

3D — declined permanent change of station retainability (commanders may not change).

3E — declined training (commanders may not change).

4H — serving suspended punishment pursuant to Article 15.

4I — serving on a control roster.

AAC09 — Airman declined to extend/re-enlist for retainability for permanent change of station/temporary duty. (commanders may not change).

AAC10 — denied re-enlistment.

Airmen with these codes are separated March 15 or retired April 1. Retirement-eligible Airmen are afforded the opportunity to voluntarily retire via the online process through the virtual military personnel flight. The requested retirement date must be no later than April 1.

Airmen separated or retired under the DOS Rollback are authorized transition assistance. Those separated with more than six years total active federal service are eligible for one-half the amount of involuntary separation pay but must sign an Individual Ready Reserve Agreement.

For more information about DOS Rollback, including eligibility criteria, visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s force-shaping Web site.

Airmen to remain in our Air Force and provide us with a balanced force to meet the demands of the current war and those in the future,” the chief said.

The chief also wants to ensure Airmen don’t think the Air Force is just becoming a

smaller force.

“We are changing to become a leaner force, more capable of doing more things through streamlined processes and career fields,” he said. “The Air Force as a whole is changing, and force shaping is a part of that.”

PERSONNEL NOTES

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

Chief of staff reading list

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The new chief of staff of the Air Force reading list:

The Philippine War 1899-1902 by Brian McAllister Linn.

The Last Days of Innocence: America At War 1917-1918 by Meirion and Susie Harries.

The Air War: 1939-1945 by Richard Overy.

Victory on the Potomac: The Goldwater-Nichols Act Unifies the Pentagon by James Locher III.

Master of Airpower: General Carl A. Spaatz by David Mets.

I Could Never Be So Lucky Again: An Autobiography of General James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle by General Doolittle with Carrol Glines.

Beyond Horizons: A Half Century of Air Force Space Leadership by David Spires.

Courage and Air Warfare: The Allied Aircrew Experience in the Second World War by Mark Wells.

Chennault: Giving Wings to the Tiger by Martha Byrd.

Bury Us Upside Down by Rich Newman and Don Shepherd.

Learning Large Lessons: The Evolving Roles of Ground Power and Air Power in the Post-Cold War Era by David Johnson.

10 Propositions Regarding Air Power by Phillip Meilinger.

Sir John Fisher's Naval Revolution by Nicholas Lambert.

Lean Thinking: Banish Waste and Create Wealth in Your Corporation by James Womack and David Jones.

Leading Change by John Kotter.

From Babel to Dragomans: Interpreting the Middle East by Bernard Lewis.

Middle East: A Brief History of the Last 2000 Years by Bernard Lewis.

A History of the Arab Peoples by Albert Hourani.

The Dream Palace of the Arabs by Fouad Ajami.

The Foreigners Gift by Fouad Ajami.

The reading list can be accessed at <http://www.af.mil/library/csafreading> complete with links and book reviews. The books are also available through Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and Air Force libraries.

Update duty history online

Air Force Print News

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

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

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

MyPay processing of pay items

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

Courts-martial convictions for 3 Airmen in September

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Three Airmen assigned to Keesler were court-martialed in September on charges that included conspiracy to commit larceny, use of cocaine, excessive use of cough and cold tablets, theft, unlawful entry and being absent without leave.

An airman in the 81st Communications Squadron was found guilty of the offense involving conspiracy, cocaine and cough and cold tablets.

He was reduced to airman basic, fined \$1,000 (or to serve an additional three months confinement if the fine isn't paid), forfeited \$849 pay per month for three months, restricted to the base for two months, performed hard labor without confinement for three months and confined for three months.

An airman basic in the 332nd Training Squadron was found guilty of stealing a Playstation 2, two controllers and three games from another Airman and unlawfully entering that Airman's room.

He forfeited \$350 pay, was confined for 10 days and restricted to the base for 40 days.

An airman first class in the 334th TRS, was convicted of being AWOL four days.

She was reduced to airman basic, forfeited \$635, restricted to the base for 30 days and confined for 10 days.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

MILITARY JUSTICE

Alcohol offenses cost 7 troops Articles 15

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Seven Airmen at Keesler received Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses in September.

All seven are members of training squadrons — two each from the 338th and 335th TRS, and one each from the 332nd, 334th and 336th TRS.

An airman first class in the 338th TRS was reduced to airman basic for being outside the dormitory after curfew while in Phase III status, assaulting an 81st Security Forces Squadron member and drunk and disorderly.

An airman basic in the 338th TRS forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for being outside the dorm after curfew while in Phase III status and (he was drunk). The forfeiture was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension the time in correctional custody was reduced to 14 days because of an injury.

An airman in the 334th TRS was reduced to airman basic for underage drinking and making a false official statement.

An airman first class in the 335th TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$500 pay and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. The reduction was suspended for six months.

An airman in the 335th TRS was reduced to airman basic, forfeited \$500 pay and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking and making a false official statement. The reduction was suspended for six months.

An airman basic in the 332nd TRS forfeited \$636 pay for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

An airman basic in the 336th TRS forfeited \$636 pay for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking and possessing and consuming alcohol in Phase II status.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

DUIs down, underage drinking up

81st Security Force Squadron and Keesler News staff

Driving under the influence was way down and underage drinking way up at Keesler in September.

Four DUIs were recorded by the 81st Security Forces Squadron last month, down from nine in August. The September figure was the second lowest of the year — there were three DUIs in February. January, April and August share the year's high for a single month.

With three months left in the calendar year,

the 81st SFS has recorded 59 DUIs.

Underage drinking incidents doubled from six in August to 12 last month, according to 81st SFS officials. That's four more incidents than in any previous month. No underage drinking incidents were recorded in May.

For the year, 81st SFS records show 43 underage drinking incidents, all but one involving technical training students.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Gobble gobble

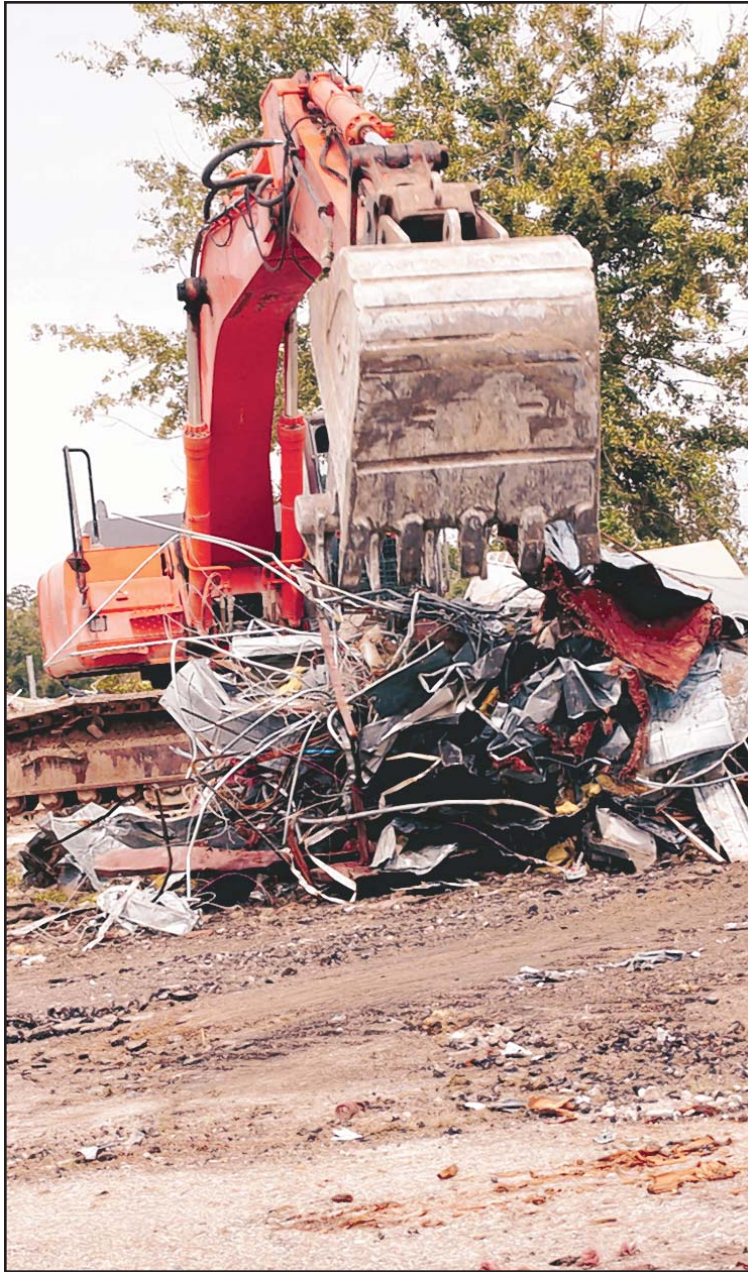


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Oscar Toscano wields an excavator gobble up the remains of the family day care provider training facility in the Thrower Park housing area. The training is now done in Locker House. This site is going to be used for new military family housing, according to Lt. Col. Ed Richards, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. Mr. Toscano is a contractor from San Diego, Calif.

Defense Travel System undergoes fine-tuning for improved service

American Forces Press Service
and Keesler News staff

WASHINGTON — The Defense Travel System continues to evolve as it efficiently serves military and civilian travelers on official department business, a senior military officer said Oct. 3.

In November, DTS introduces more upgraded features, such as fewer pages for travelers to fill out, said Col. Lynne Hamilton-Jones, program management office director at the Defense Travel System Office in Arlington, Va.

DTS is “an end-to-end, secure, integrated financial-management system that automates the temporary duty travel process for the Defense Department,” the colonel said.

“Keesler’s DTS point of contact, Tom Bleiler, began informing the organizational defense travel agents about these changes in September,” said Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander. “The effective date is sometime in November.”

The automated system administers authorization, reservation, voucher and reimbursement processes for DOD’s business travelers, Colonel Hamilton-Jones said. It also accelerates travel-related task processing time for customers, she said, while saving taxpayer dollars.

“DTS works,” Colonel Hamilton-Jones said, noting the system is available around the clock to provide superior customer service.

People on official DOD travel orders are required to use DTS to make their airline ticket, lodging, rental car, and other travel arrangements, she said.

The automated system began as a pilot program in June 2001, the colonel said. Now accessed at more than 8,700 sites, DTS is slated to expand to more than 12,000 sites by the end of fiscal 2007, she said.

DTS has undergone many fine-tunings designed to provide better customer service

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since the system was implemented worldwide in 2003, Colonel Hamilton-Jones said.

More than 50,000 customers log in to access DTS daily, Colonel Hamilton-Jones said, noting the system processes more than 7,000 travel authorizations and about 6,500 vouchers each day.

DTS usage “continues to increase significantly, as we continue to evolve the system and increase overall functionality,” she said. “The more users we have for the system, the more costs will be reduced overall for DOD.”

Most DOD travelers spend about 15 to 20 minutes arranging a trip using the DTS Web site, Colonel Hamilton-Jones said. That’s a vast savings in time compared to previous processes when travelers had to make airline and hotel reservations over the telephone and fill out reams of travel-voucher paperwork, she said.

System customers “can take care of all of their travel needs and basically get reimbursed between 4 1/2 and five days,” the colonel said. “I really encourage people to use it.”

Gerry Gilmore, AFPS, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

From Africa to America — an Airman's journey

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Growing up in a small village in the African nation of Cameroon, Senior Airman Ngwa Ntumngia never dreamed he'd one day find himself an American citizen and a member of the Air Force.

For good measure, he's even shook the hand of President George Bush.

The 30-year-old health services management journeyman in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron initially came to the United States in 2001 by way of Germany.

"Being born in a small village in Africa, I never dreamed I would come to America," he said.

His parents are both teachers; his mother teaches kindergarten and his father teaches linguistics. He is one of four boys and a girl.

Village life

His childhood was like that of many of the village children. He attended kindergarten at a school in a nearby, larger, village. Normally, children spent two years in kindergarten. However, Ngwa was determined to be fit to attend the first year of primary school after only one year.

"I came back to my village to continue my primary education," he said.

Ngwa mentioned that until he was 10 years old his village had no electricity. They relied on the sun to provide light during the day.

Medical care was also limited.

"Our hospital was actually a small clinic with one nurse. There was a car which served as an ambulance. There were times when it was being repaired or no driver was available to take people to the hospital in the city, a trip that could take up to an hour," he observed.

Medical limitations

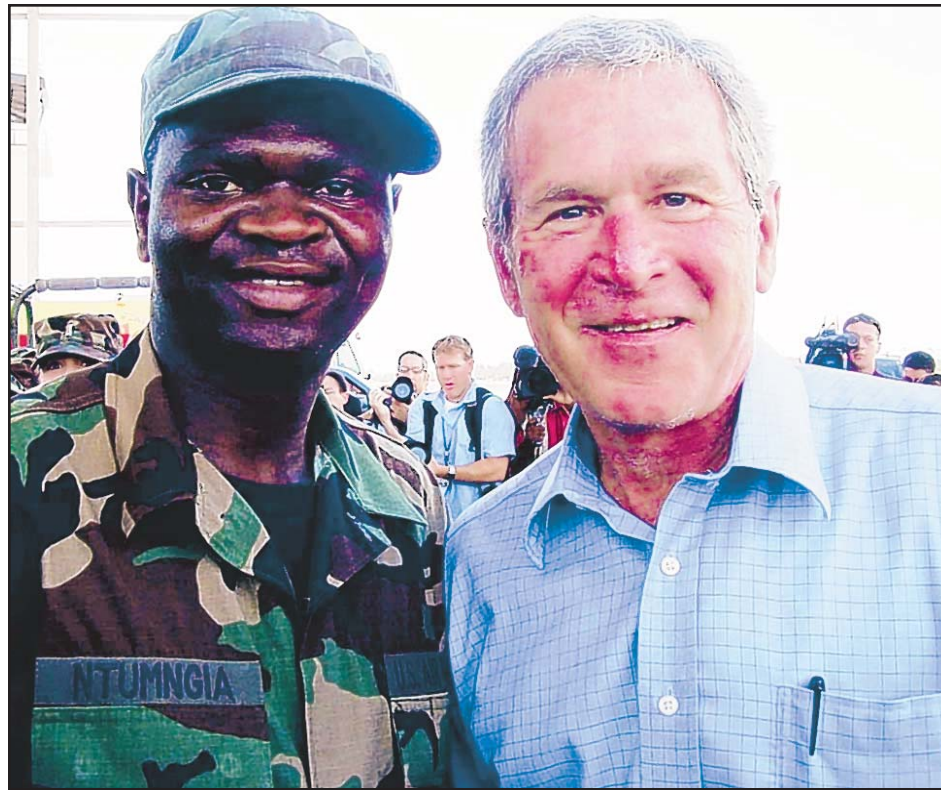
In fact, when Ngwa was about 6 he became seriously ill.

"My mother took me to the clinic. I was choking, almost dying and they told her they couldn't help. My mother carried me 15 miles on her back to another clinic where they performed emergency first aid and saved my life."

Recalling his childhood, Ngwa said that sometimes to earn extra money he and his friends would fetch wood or honey.

"We used fire to scare the bees but sometimes the fire would get out of control," he said. "There were other times we would drink standing water to show who was stronger—whoever didn't get sick was stronger."

Hunting was another endeavor they would attempt.



Air Force photo

Airman Ntumngia met President Bush Aug. 28, the day before the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The president flew into Keesler to tour the Mississippi Gulf Coast to assess the progress of hurricane recovery efforts.

"We used trained dogs. Local hunters would take blood from fresh kills and squeeze it into the dog's food. The dog would memorize the scent and later would find similar animals. We would sometimes catch 'rat moles' and roast them in the bush."

They would also eat insects, such as grasshoppers, crickets and termites. "To catch termites, we would dig a hole, make a hut to cover it and put leaves on the bottom. We'd insert sticks and vibrate them to attract the termites."

Ngwa attended secondary school in a larger village for five years.

"It was a Presbyterian boarding school," he said. "I had very good experiences there. They instilled a lot of religious values in me."

Ngwa mentioned the population of Cameroon is probably about 70 percent Christian.

Then he entered high school in the same town in which he had attended kindergarten.

"It also was a good experience," he commented. "I became much more mature."

After completing high school, Ngwa prepared for the next level of his education. With the help of an uncle, his father and family friends, after almost a year he was able to obtain a visa and travel to Germany to attend a university.

But he had one more "adventure" before leaving for Europe.

"I was spending the night at a friend's house. His father was a customs officer and was rumored to have valuables in his home," Ngwa explained. "My friend and I were in the 'boys' quarters' behind the main house, which was under construction."

"We heard the thieves, who were armed with AK-47s, trying to break down the door. The only way we could save the family was to escape and alert neighbors. My friend looked at me, quickly ran out and jumped a fence. I immediately followed him."

One of the thieves, who was acting as a lookout, shouted at them to stop and then fired as the two boys bolted. The thieves knew that if they were caught breaking into the house, they would probably be killed. They ran off as the boys knocked on several doors and kept shouting for help.

Shortly afterward, Ngwa left for Germany.

Life was difficult for him. He found himself in a foreign — and cold, climate-wise — land.

"I had to do menial jobs, including cleaning toilets, to make money for food and rent. A friend aided me in finding work. I helped at building sites, including one of the largest construction sites in Berlin.

"I was always looking for work as I went to school. I learned to speak German in six months and went on to acquire about a bachelor-level degree in library science from a university in Berlin," he continued.

Ngwa noted that it could be dangerous at times for a black man in Germany.

'Skinheads' prowl

"Some people in the East ("Skinheads") were racist. If a black man were to fall asleep on a train that went into the eastern part of Berlin, the Skinheads would attack and beat him."

He almost experienced this himself.

"I know God was taking care of me. I fell asleep on the train in 1996 but, fortunately, was not attacked."

His wanderlust for the U.S. took hold of Ngwa in 2001.

"There was always something about America I admired. In fact the first tie I owned had an American flag on it. I had always dreamed of going to the U.S. but never saw myself able to do so."

In 2001, he had the opportunity to apply for a U.S. tourist visa. He traveled to America to visit some friends.

"I arrived in the United States on Sept. 8. Three days later 9/11 happened. This was a very tough time for someone like me to be accepted. Although people were more cautious, I still was able to make good friends."

Acceptance in Mississippi

Ngwa headed for Jackson, Miss., where a cousin had moved after finishing college.

"Some of the greatest things in my life have happened in Mississippi," Ngwa exclaimed.

He was befriended by the pastor and members of a local Baptist church who helped him and made him feel at home.

One day, probably the best thing ever happened to him.

"This was an amazing part of my life," Ngwa recalled. "I learned about the 'Green Card Lottery' the State Department conducts for countries that have low immigration numbers to the U.S. — 50,000 people are selected each year."

He wrote his name, birthplace and other required information on a piece of paper and sent it prayerfully to the State Department he recalled as tears of joy rolled down his cheek.

However, Ngwa didn't want to break U.S. law and overstay his tourist visa, so he returned to Germany.

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Then in April 2002, four months after returning to Germany and almost having given up hope of “winning” the lottery, he received a letter informing him he had, indeed, won. He traveled to the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt and picked up his immigrant visa.

With his cherished visa in hand, Ngwa went to Maryland where he had relatives.

“When I won the lottery, I believed I should do something for the United States. I had gone to an (Internet Café) in Berlin and researched about the Air Force,” he remarked.

Air Force-bound

Ngwa visited a recruiter and on Sept. 16, 2002, was in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. After attending technical school at Sheppard AFB, Texas, he was assigned to Keesler.

“When I saw my first assignment was in Mississippi, I was certain God had a plan for me,” Ngwa said.

This belief was fortified when he learned he would take the oath as a U.S. citizen on May 16, 2005.

“I hadn’t been in America even three years, and God made me a naturalized citizen!,” Ngwa exclaimed.

Probably the most memorable event occurred this Aug. 28, a couple of days before the five-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Meeting President Bush

“I woke up that morning not knowing I was going to meet the president. I came to work and was told to get ready to meet the president at 10:45 a.m. I went home and got my camera. I gave it to someone and asked him to take my picture with President Bush,” he continued.

“I had been told that only influential people get to meet the president. I was in a crowd and waved at him. He came over and spoke to me. Maybe he heard my accent. I said, ‘Good afternoon, sir,’ and he asked me where I was from. He said, ‘Smile,’ leaned in towards me and



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someone took our picture.”

Ngwa has a strong desire to help the people in his village back in Cameroon.

“God has a great mission for me,” he explained. “He sent me to America, to Mississippi and I had the opportunity to shake the president’s hand. I never would have experienced this if I had stayed in this country illegally.

Ngwa sends much of his pay home to his family.

“I really want to help my people,” he said. “One day I want to build a big library for them and also an apartment complex in the city for children to live in while they attend university. I’ve already purchased a piece of land there. I’d like to do this to honor America, Mississippi and the Air Force.”

Ngwa is living the American dream.

A former supervisor advised him to try to purchase a home as an investment, rather than continue paying rent for an apartment.

“He told me about (Veterans Affairs) loans and to use my BAH (basic allowance for housing) to pay the mortgage. I bought it in August, two weeks before Hurricane Katrina. It’s north of I-10 and wasn’t badly damaged by the storm. It’s already appreciated since Katrina.”

In addition to purchasing a home, Ngwa also bought his first car two years ago—at age 28.

Looking towards the future, Ngwa said, “Right now I want to remain in the Air Force and stay in Mississippi as long as possible. I take everything one day at a time.”

Weather flight busiest 'when winds are blowing'

Flyers, event planners, count on 6-man team for friendly forecasts

Keesler News staff

It's a "down Friday" and the KBIX weather flight is up and running.

KBIX is the International Civil Aviation Organization designation for Keesler, home to the 81st Operational Support Flight's weather flight.

The weather flight, which is responsible for providing mission and airfield services to the Keesler community, is staffed by 1st Lt. Mark Sheldon, officer in charge; Tech. Sgt. Mark Savelio, station chief; Tech. Sgt. John Platt, noncommissioned officer in charge of airfield services; and weather forecasters Jerry Farley and Staff Sgts. Corey Worster and Michael Delgado.

Storm warnings, advisories, too

"Our mission services function includes briefings to our three flying squadrons and any transient aircrews. In addition, we forward weather information to the 81st Training Wing leadership to assist them with scheduling parades, formations, outdoor ceremonies or special events," said Sergeant Platt.

"Airfield services include issuing warnings and advisories, as well as providing coordination with the south-central weather hub operated by the 26th Operational Weather Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.," he added.

"The Air Force Weather Agency recently aligned stateside operational weather squadrons under a single command, the 1st Weather Group," Lieutenant Shelton explained. "The new group has divided CONUS into four regions, weather-wise, with each region assigned to a specific weather squadron."

Local forecasts originate at Barksdale

Lieutenant Shelton said because Keesler falls under the 26th OWS, local weather forecasts actually originate at Barksdale.

"They report the weather and give us a daily forecast, but if there are any local concerns here, they are discussed between the two bases in the event any modifications to the forecast are necessary," he noted.

"The remainder of the CONUS is serviced by weather facilities at the 25th OWS Davis-Monthan AFB Ariz.; the 15th OWS at Scott AFB, Ill.; and the 9th OWS at Shaw AFB, S.C.," said Sergeant Savelio.

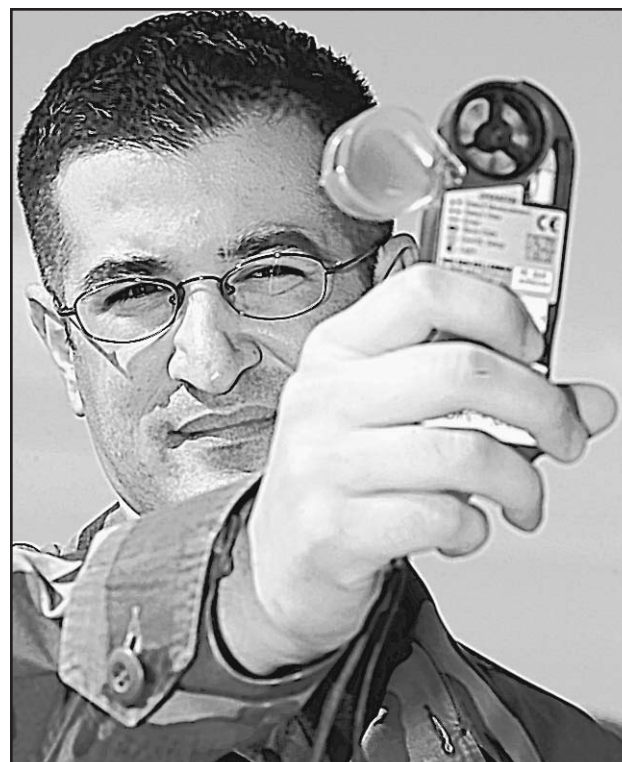
Weather flight personnel use a variety of forecasting tools, including the Internet, the FMQ-19, a hurricane tracking program and the open systems principal user processor.

"The FMQ-19 gathers weather information from sensors at both ends of the base runways and presents it on our computer screen," said Sergeant Worster. "It provides us with temperature, wind speed, and direction, atmospheric pressure, precipitation in the form of snow, freezing rain or regular



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Lieutenant Shelton analyzes weather charts for coastal areas on northern Gulf of Mexico.



Sergeant Delgado measures wind speed, temperature, dew point and atmospheric pressure using a device called a Kestrel. The area outside the weather flight's office is a designated no-hat area.

rain, lightning and thunderstorms."

"We also use the open systems principal user processor radar data display, and as necessary, the hurricane tracking program," Mr. Farley added.

Forecasters use data from these tools to compile

a five-day forecast, which is posted daily to the local area network at 9 a.m.

They also prepare a "Dash-1" report for each departing air crew. This provides mission-critical weather information, such as visibility, takeoff temperature, wind speed, dew point, pressure altitude cloud cover, and en route hazards, such as thunderstorms and icing precipitation, according to Lieutenant Shelton.

The flight operates two shifts, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3-11 p.m., but may open earlier or stay later depending on mission requirements.

"Aircrews need to know what's out there, and in order to adequately brief them, we will open two hours before any flight departs to ensure accurate weather information," explained Sergeant Platt.

"Every day is a workday — 'down days' and holidays included," Lieutenant Shelton pointed out. "I am fortunate to have an outstanding crew, with six people pulling the weight of 10."

While flight members attribute the present-day decline in weather surprises to their excellent training and the modern forecasting tools at their disposal, they all agree there are still no guarantees in weather prediction.

"Since the traditional hurricane season runs from June through November, who would have thought that we would have experienced Hurricane Zeta last December?" asked Sergeant Platt.

The weather forecasters also agree their business is anything but monotonous.

"Weather is like sales — it's feast or famine. We're most busy when the winds are blowing," Sergeant Platt said.

Halloween

Scary, spooky fun, fall festivities abound

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler is the site for frights and delights this Halloween.

Trick-or-treat is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Pinehaven, Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn, East and West Falcon Park and Thrower Park.

Twenty-five members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron patrol the areas, according to Col. Rodney Croslen, 81st Mission Support Group commander.

Other Halloween and fall festivities:

Friday-Sunday

Haunted house — Vandenberg Drive, Bay Ridge housing area. The haunted house at 105-107 Vandenberg Drive is open 6-7 p.m. for younger children and 7-10 p.m. for older children and adults.

Admission is \$5, with proceeds going to the Children's Cancer Aid and Research Institute through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Sponsors are the 81st Civil Engineer and 85th Engineering Installation squadrons, company grade officers council, Keesler Spouses Club, Top Three and airman and family readiness center.

Friday

Halloween dance — 6-10 p.m., youth center, ages 13-17; costume contest and more. Members \$2, nonmembers \$4. For more information, call 377-4116.

Saturday

Fall festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., arts and crafts center. Featured are handmade crafts, bike and motorcycle rodeo, craft and pottery demonstrations, costume contest, bouncy castle, fire department's "house of fire" and activity booth sponsored by The Home Depot. Airmen create costumes from supplies provided at the center for a contest. For more information, call 377-2821.

Halloween costume contest and party — 2-5 p.m., youth center, ages



6-12. Members free, nonmembers \$5. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free fall festival — 4:30-8 p.m., Vandenberg Drive, Bay Ridge housing area. A carved pumpkin contest, bouncy rides, trunk or treat, games, face painting and other activities are planned.

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Halloween party — 6 p.m., Vandenberg Community Center. Free candy and prizes for best costumes.

Sunday

TeamKids fall festival — 4-5:30 p.m., Triangle Chapel Annex. Regular weekly meeting is expanded to include spacewalk, cotton candy, games and treats.

For more information, call 377-2520.

Tuesday

Story time — 10 a.m., McBride Library, ages 2-5. Come in costume and receive a special treat. For more information, call 377-2181.

Halloween party — 5 p.m., Katrina Kantina. Free for club members, \$3 for nonmembers. Costume contest, karaoke, food and drink specials. For more information, call 377-2219.

Trick or treat — how to stay safe

Trick or treat!

It's the one night out of the year when the normally peaceful and tranquil Keesler community is taken over by miniature ghouls, goblins and ghosts. These little creatures of the night swarm base streets, with full bags of treats on their minds.

As these "little monsters" venture out into the darkness, safety is the last thing on their minds, so it's up to parents to ensure this night, known for jack-o-lanterns and harmless pranks, doesn't become a night of tragedy.

Here are some tips to make Halloween safe and enjoyable:

When decorating

Avoid candles and highly-flammable items such as crepe paper, hay, dried flowers and cornstalks.

Keep exits clear.

Don't decorate doors in the workplace that can obscure escape routes.

For children

Always use common sense.

Carry a flashlight.

Walk, don't run.

Cross only at corners, not between parked cars.

Stay on sidewalks; don't cut across yards or driveways.

Walk facing oncoming traffic if there's no sidewalk.

Be aware of cars turning into or backing out of driveways.

Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods.

Visit only houses with lights on.

Accept treats only in the doorway — don't enter a stranger's house.

Say "thank you" for your treats.

Wait until your parents check your treats before you eat them.

For parents

Review safety tips with children.

Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult.

Know the route your children are taking and make sure they know the homes or areas that are off-limits.

Know other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.

Set time limits on when children should return home.



Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.

Teach children to stop, drop and roll if their costumes catch on fire.

Tell children not to eat treats until they return home and their treats have been inspected. Look at wrappings carefully and toss out suspicious items.

For choosing costumes

Costumes should be made of bright, flame-retardant materials with reflector strips.

Don't wear loose costumes or high-heeled shoes or carry bulky bags that can cause a child to trip.

Don't allow children to carry sharp objects that can cause injuries.

Masks can interfere with vision, so consider using makeup instead.

For residents

Clear yard ladders, hoses and other hazards that can trip children.

Well-lit homes hamper vandalism and prevent injuries.

For motorists

Drive slowly and cautiously. Excited youngsters may forget safety rules and dart out in front of cars.

Dusk is the time of poorest visibility for drivers.

Adults attending parties when alcohol is served should have a designated driver.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron, safety office and fire department contributed to this report.

Display covers Air Force's 60-year history in art

By Sarah Parke

National Museum of the Air Force

DAYTON, Ohio — Sixty pieces of art, one representing a significant event for each year in Air Force history, went on display in the National Museum of the Air Force's Hall of Honor Oct. 17.

The special exhibit is part of the museum's commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Air Force.

The exhibit entitled, "Heritage to Horizons: Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space Power Through Artists' Eyes," displays art from the Air Force Art Program and the museum's own collection. Artists featured include Keith Ferris, Robert McCall, William Phillips, and Maxine McCaffrey.

"The museum began regular exhibits of aviation art in 2003 during the 100th Anniversary of Flight," said Senior Curator Terry Aitken. "We've continued these exhibits because of the enthusiastic responses we've received from our

visitors. We are again proud to celebrate another milestone anniversary by presenting this 60-year survey of Air Force history as recorded by some of the best aviation artists in America."

Throughout the first half of the 20th century, United States military aviators worked persistently for the creation of a separate air force. Their efforts came to fruition Sept. 18, 1947, as the Air Force was established as a separate service equal to the Army and Navy under the Department of Defense.

The Air Force celebrates its 60th anniversary Sept. 18, 2007, and the museum supports the year-long celebration leading up to the event with this exhibition of official Air Force art.

In addition to showing people, aircraft, spacecraft and events, this art displays the Air Force's core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. The exhibit runs through October 2007.

Heritage to Horizons' now available online

AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Education and Training Command's video, "Heritage to Horizons," is available for viewing or downloading at <http://www.aetc.af.mil>.

The video is a patriotic look at AETC's contributions to the Air Force as the command enters a year-long celebration of the Air Force's 60th Anniversary.

It was produced by Steve Ninotta, 37th Communications Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, who researched the imagery, selected the music and edited the final video product.

The almost 30-minute video can be played or downloaded by clicking on the AETC Heritage to Horizons Video link on the right side of the page.

KEESLER NOTES

Housing inspections

Housing area heating system inspections begin Wednesday.

Someone is required to be at home at the scheduled time of this mandatory inspection.

Spouse conference

A conference for spouses is 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Nov. 14 in Mathies Hall at the Keesler NCO Academy.

Topics include building community, dealing with deployment, global war on terror and its impact on the Air Force, decorating dilemma and housing strategies. Principal speakers are Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, and Sherry Box, a professional decorator.

A continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

The conference is co-hosted by the 81st TRW and Airman and family readiness center.

To register by the Nov. 10 deadline, call 377-2179.

Dental volunteers

The 81st Dental Squadron has openings for volunteers.

Defense Department identification card-holders are preferred.

Volunteers receive a week of training and are required to work 1,000 hours to receive a certificate of completion. They assist in operative dentistry and most specialties, including oral surgery, endodontics and residency.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

For more information, call 377-4510, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link session is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 16.

To register, call the Airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Host Airmen

Home Away From Home is a chapel program for non-prior service Airmen to spend Thanksgiving with active-duty, civilian and retiree families.

Families host two or more Airmen for the holiday meal.

Eagle Scout



Courtesy Photo

Adam Payne, 18, has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, he coordinated the clearing of Hurricane Katrina debris and undergrowth from Coast Community Church property in Woolmarket so the area could be used for outdoor activities. The 2006 graduate of Biloxi High School is the son of Burney and Karen Payne. His father recently retired as a lieutenant colonel in the 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Host sign-up forms are available at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or the Triangle and Larcher chapels, by e-mail at winston.jones@keesler.af.mil and by phone at 377-2520 or 2331. Student sign-up forms are available from their charge of quarters and the Fishbowl.

For more information, call the numbers above.

Retirement seminars

These civilian retirement planning seminars are in the Wolfe Hall auditorium:

Nov. 13 and 14 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System and CSRS-Offset.

Nov. 15 and 16 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System.

Employees who've never attended register by Friday. Reservations are taken from other employees Monday until all seats are filled. Others are

considered as space is available.

To register, call Jemina Ballard, 377-3142.

Switchboard issues

The telephone switchboard is a contract operation monitored by the 81st Communications Squadron.

Formal complaints or comments based on operator response time, type of assistance, operator courtesy, accuracy and speed, require a customer complaint record. Forward CCRs to 81CS-/SCMP or e-mail to thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call 377-4778.

Marine Corps birthday

Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment celebrates the 231st birthday of the service Nov. 10 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino, Biloxi.

The cocktail hour is at 5 p.m. followed by a dinner and ceremony at 6 p.m. with retired Maj. John Wells as keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$40. Respond by Friday by calling 377-9066 or e-mailing thomas.sherwood@keesler.af.mil.

Family fair

A family information fair is 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the youth center.

Base and off-base agencies offer displays and handouts with current information on Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The event includes a free spaghetti dinner for those who sign up by Friday. To sign up, call the youth center, 377-4116, or the Airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Welcome home

A cookout for recently deployed personnel and their families is 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6 in Vandenberg Community Center.

Chapel position

For information on the position of Protestant singles program coordinator, call Master Sgt. Ernest Shreck, 377-4859.

Audiology open

Audiology and hearing aid services are available at the audiology clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

'The Bird' in thick of fight for top mascot recognition

By 1st Lt. John Ross

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy mascot, "The Bird," faces off against his furry colleagues for the third time in five years this football season in "Fur Factor," the Capital One Bowl Mascot of the Year competition.

Already in its fifth week, the competition continues throughout the college football season. The winner is announced during the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day.

A large part of the competition is based on fan voting at <http://www.capitalonebowl.com>.

"It's really just a popularity contest," said The Bird, who was lounging last week after another grueling Air Force home game. "That is why I'm doing so well. My fans love me so much it hurts sometimes."

Every week, for 11 weeks, mascots go head-to-head to see who can get the most votes. The top six mascots with the best win-loss records make the playoffs — lasting three weeks beginning Nov. 27.

For five years the Capital One Bowl has helped shine the spotlight on the unsung furry champions of the gridiron.

Fans can log on to <http://www.capitalonebowl.com> daily to vote for their favorite fuzzy friend, see their best moves and learn more about them from online interviews.



Photo by Charley Starr

The Bird lists skydiving among his many hobbies, claiming the parachute takes all the hard work out of soaring.

Race crash claims life of Airman

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Donovan Whitehurst, 27, was killed Oct. 14 when his vehicle crashed into a dirt embankment at the Outer Banks Speedway in Creswell, N.C.

A base spokesman said Whitehurst was an active-duty dispatcher for the 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

A team of officers has convened to investigate the crash.

Gun hunting in Mississippi

For everyone born after Jan. 1, 1972, hunter education class is mandatory

Safety office

Mississippi's gun-hunting season for various types of small game is during the fall and winter months.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks offers free hunter education classes. Everyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1972, is required to complete the classes before purchasing a Mississippi hunting license.

For more information on class dates and times, call the hunter education office, 1-800-354-5033.

For hunters who've completed the course, here are some important firearms safety tips:

Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.

Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your gun safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot.

Identify your target and what's beyond it.

Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.

Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you carry.

Unload guns when not in use. Leave the action open.

Carry firearms empty in cases to and from shooting areas.

Never point a gun at anything you don't intend to shoot. Almost 95 percent of the people shot in hunting accidents were within six feet of the person who shot them.

Avoid all horseplay with firearms.

Never climb a fence or tree, jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm.

Never pull a gun toward you with a muzzle.

Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

Store firearms and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children and careless adults.

Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or after shooting.

Never pick up or accept a gun from anyone unless you can visually determine it's unloaded. If you don't know how to check the weapon, don't handle it until you learn.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — re-opens Nov. 29, including 11th Frame Cafe.

Fitness centers

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

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

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

For more information, call 377-2907.

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

For more information, call 377-3056.

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

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

Golf

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

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

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

Local course support — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and Great Southern Club courses offer reciprocal playing privileges to current members of Bay Breeze.

Bay Breeze members are required to show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster.

Once their membership is verified, members pay only the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

Outdoor recreation

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

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

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

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

Camping package — 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.

Soccer

Biloxi youth soccer registration — boys and girls ages 6-16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Popp's Ferry soccer fields.

For more information, visit biloxisoccer.net or call Brian Nimmick, 377-2249.

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

Basic metrology course — Airmen Basic Daniel Foster, Vang Bos Le and Eric Hall; Airmen 1st Class Jason Price, Paul Barber, William Yavorsky, Kenneth Human, Cyrus Perry and Melissa Wendt; Chief Master Sgt Jae Jeon.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations flight — Airmen Basic Adam Blizman, Robert Goldsmith, Rickeesia Moore and Austin Steenport; Airman Dustin Mallow; Airmen 1st Class Kody Fry, Sean Heron, Matthew Kelley and Christopher Ladner; Senior Airman Christopher Cordero; Staff Sgts. Harley Bobay, Danny Dumlao and John Montgomery; Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Gilbert.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Amber Beckwith, Romalyn Clark, Keyone Cropper and Bao Nguyen; Airmen 1st Class Lavarus Calloway and Laneice Chapman; Senior Airman Natalia Riggle; Staff Sgt. Marquise Andrews; Master Sgt. James Thomas.

Weather training flight — Airman Jared Powell; Navy Airman Apprentice Ryan Pogue; Airmen 1st Class Craig Arsenault, David Davis, Anthony Delauder, Frederick Geck, Christopher Hansen, Ryan Karstedt, Amy Libera Markus Lowe, Kevin Market, Darlyn Pilling, Tara Pilling and Mary Salsedo; Senior Airmen Nathaniel Garrett, Craig Harris and David Kepple; Staff Sgts. Timothy Bobo and Roger Stanford; Tech. Sgts. Peter Buchanan and Jack Cohenour; Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Tiffany Shelton.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Jose Cortinas, Jeffrey Morgan and Michael Shihrer; Airmen Bernard Baum, Jason Smith and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Blankenship, 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. Justin Amell, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Jason Hetzel, Andrew Porden, Adam Smith and Kevin Strattan; Tech. Sgts. Kelly Bowman and William Reid.

Communications and information training flight — Airmen 1st Class Dhor Arol, Elsie Cortes, Michael Henderson and Joshua Stolz; Senior Airmen Jared Friesen, Mark Garcia and Eric Gottfried; Staff Sgts. Stevid Adams, Brandon Arenibar, Kristie Billups, Adam Bruce, Rochelle Flores, Linell McKissick and Jason Veziris; Jeffrey Barker.

338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Airmen Matthew Ford, Johnathan Jones and Robert Wayland; Airman 1st Class Kent Hadler; Senior Airman Chris Edwards; Staff Sgt. Gary Gilles.

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-Jumma 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.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-F — graduation Friday.

Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Class 07-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.

Class 07-3 — Feb. 21-March 29.

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.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-7 — graduation today.

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. Free German treats, craft demonstrations, recreate steins and Hummels.

Fall festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. 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.

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.

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

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.

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. Tuesday, ages 2-5. Wear costume and receive a treat.

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. 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. 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

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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.

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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.afrots.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. Saturday. 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.

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

Katrina Kantina

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

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

Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1.

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

Halloween party — 5 p.m. Tuesday. 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. Rules available at center.

Smart moves — 4:30 p.m. Monday.

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

Halloween costume contest and party — 2-5 p.m. Saturday, 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. Board, table game tournaments.

Torch Club — 4 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

MEETINGS

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

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

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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 — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, 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 cheeselad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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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.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Hollywoodland (R, 126 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Crank (R, 83 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Gridiron Gang (PG-13, 120 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Covenant (PG-13, 97 minutes).

CFC unit representatives

2nd Air Force — Capt. David Taylor, 377-1386, and Master Sgt. Richard Hazen, 377-1335.

45th Airlift Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Christina Wolfe, 377-5347.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — 2nd Lt. Logan Smith, 377-4251.

81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Todd Erp, 377-1832.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wallace, 377-4642.

81st Communication Squadron — 1st Lt. Carmen Andrews, 377-2667; Staff Sgt. Eric Hernandez, 377-1991; Senior Airmen Taveres Simpson, 377-0066, and Michael Ebeling, 377-5388; Airman 1st Class Jason Townsend, 377-0064, and Airman Jacob Lopez, 377-3598.

81st Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Irene Rosario, 376-3089.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Teffanie Shaw, 376-3765.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. David Muns, 376-3072.

81st Mission Support Group — Staff Sgt. Latarski Jordan, 377-0630.

81st Mission Support Squadron — 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-7964; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628; Airman Malinda Hichcock, 377-3860 or 3496; Tracy Gatton, 377-7973, and Robin Manson, 377-5149.

81st Operations Support Flight — Tech. Sgt. Deshaun Johnson, 377-5613.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Master Sgt. Josephine Johnson, 348-8974; Tech. Sgts. Melissa Jones-Johnson, 377-3549, Michael Munyon, 377-2046, and Lisa Phillips, 377-7212; and Staff Sgt. Matthew Catella, 377-0895.

81st Supply Squadron — 1st Lt. Millie Ziebell, 377-7055; Tech. Sgt. Ayhan Ozturkoglu, 377-5436; Staff Sgt. Alan Pitts, 377-2964, and Airman 1st Class Angela Beadnell, 377-4191.

81st Services Division — Capt. Breanne Roeckers, 377-2765.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Christopher Mossor, 377-2298.

81st Training Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Darryl

Jackson, 377-5364; Tech. Sgts. Crista Auge, 377-9035, Kevin Miner, 377-0295, and Joseph Wheeler, 377-5044; Staff Sgt. David Weatherly, 377-7779; and John Geraghty, 377-2283.

81st Training Wing — Lt. Col. David Poage, 377-2910; Capt. Grace Beck, 377-5566; Staff Sgts. Jason Guy, 377-2520, and Carlos Diaz, 377-2254; and Teresa Ess, 377-4059.

81st Transportation Squadron — 1st Lt. Tyrone Hill, 377-5483.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — 1st Lts. Daniel Peebles, 377-1123, and Dennis French, 377-1033; Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bernard, 377-1045; Staff Sgt. Steven Hunt, 377-1127; Senior Airman Christopher Malott, 377-2146; Abraham Thomas, 377-2871, and Melissa Wieand, 377-2067.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Sandra Labiche, 377-5087.

333rd TRS — Capt. Scott Walker, 377-7117.

334th TRS — Staff Sgt. Osman Diaz-Murillo, 377-9257 or 1103.

335th TRS — Master Sgt. Daryn McMullen, 377-8611, and Tech. Sgts. Lori Derr, 377-3971, and LaKeitha Luster, 377-0347.

336th TRS — Senior Master Sgt. Robert Silvernail, 377-1957; Tech. Sgt. Katherine Hataway, 377-1239, and Staff Sgts. Daime Knott, 377-7982, Naomi Kraima, 377-0028, T'Erricka Rush, 377-8214, Tawn Zimmerman, 377-7982, and Kimberly Sisk, 377-5244 or 9636.

338th TRS — Tech Sgts. Paul Howell, 377-2964, Homer Rickerson, 377-9511, and Matthew Swift, 377-3894; Staff Sgt. Omar Hikary, 377-2986; Airman Danelle McLaughlin, 377-3942; Mark Kolath, 377-0716, and Philip Schulze, 377-5571.

403rd Maintenance Squadron — Senior Airman Spring Winters, 377-2775.

403rd Wing — Tech. Sgt. Gregory Garcia, 377-5431.

EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Golf — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Free greens fees. Electric carts rent for \$10 for 18 holes and \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts are available for \$2. Rental clubs are \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes.
Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for a bucket of 30 balls.
Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction. To schedule, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211.
Give Parents a Break — 4-10 p.m. Nov. 4. School age children go to the youth center.
Parents Night Out — 4-10 p.m. Nov. 4 offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3.50 per hour per child. School age children go to the youth center.
November "Month of the Military Family"
Read-a-thon — parents are invited to come and read to their children all month.
Family breakfast — 7:30-8 a.m. Nov. 2 parents are invited to join their child for breakfast.
Stuffed animal parade — 9 a.m. Nov. 8 children can bring their favorite stuffed animal, parents are invited to join us in a parade.
Ice cream party — 1:30-2 p.m. Nov. 9 parents are invited to join their child for ice cream party.
Sock hop — 2 p.m. Nov. 14 parents and children enjoy fun at the youth center with dance and physical fitness.
Family Fun Day — Nov. 16 a fall festival inside and outside, hands on activities and outside physical fitness 9-10:30 a.m. wing one, 9-11 a.m. wings two and three.
Thanksgiving lunch celebration — Nov. 16 parents are invited to eat lunch with their child 10:30 a.m. wing one, 11 a.m. wings two and three.

HA HA HA! HEE HEE HEE! HA HA HA! HEE HEE HEE! HA HA HA! HEE HEE HEE!



Comedy Show Nov. 30

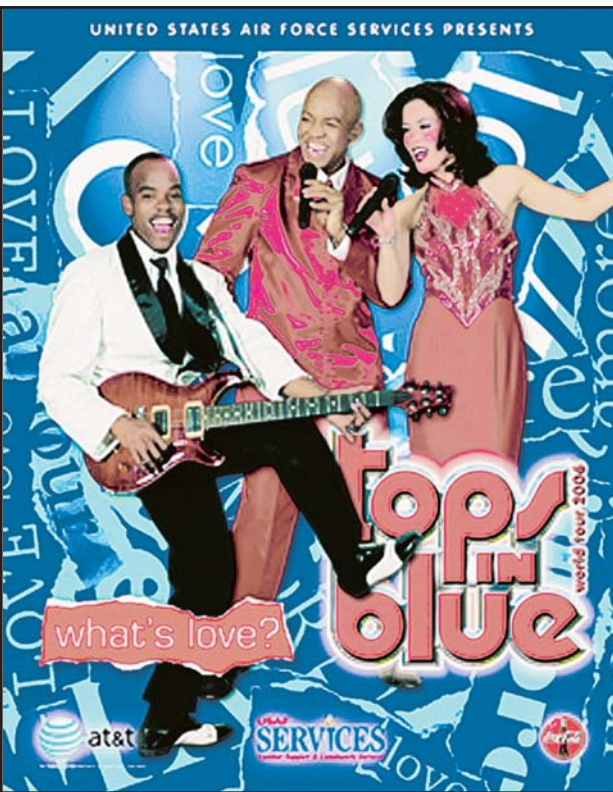
Featuring headliner comedians!

8 p.m. at the Vandenberg Community Center.
 \$3 admission includes comedy show and dance.



For more information, call 377-3308.

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Nonstop action-packed show by 35 of the Air Force's most talented troops. High-energy, cutting-edge entertainment for the whole family!

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DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.
Thanksgiving dinner — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23 in the Magnolia and Live Oak Dining Facilities. Commanders and first sergeants normally volunteer to serve the meal. Call to volunteer.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.
Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments; and to work swing and evening shifts.
We've moved — visit us at our new office in the Locker House, 505 C St., Bldg. 3101.
Extended duty childcare and mildly ill childcare — Providers are available.

FITNESS

Great American Smokeout 5K — 7 a.m. Nov. 16 run your butts off at the Health and Wellness Center. Fruit and Gatorade served, prizes awarded. For more information, call the HAWC, 377-5305, or Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907.
Walk your way through the holidays — Nov. 20-Jan. 1. Register Nov. 13-16 at the HAWC adjacent to the Dragon Fitness Center. Participants receive a free pedometer and log book. Those who complete the six week program receive a bronze, silver or gold medal. Those who complete the program and attend the awards ceremony, 11 a.m. Jan. 4 at the Crotwell walking track, also receive a T-shirt.
Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be supervised at all times.
Certified aerobic instructors needed — call 377-8380.

Tailgate!
 Get together with a few close friends and win a Frenzy Getaway.
Bud Girls!
 For more information call 377-2219
Football Frenzy
 Attend any Frenzy Event at your Club for a chance to win a trip!
Tailgate Party Nov. 5 at the Katrina Kantina.
 Fun starts at noon with tailgate foods and beer specials. Members register to win a trip to the Pro Bowl or Superbowl. Free for members, nonmembers pay \$4 at the door.

Air Force Services Clubs, Members First, AA American Airlines, Budweiser

Call the Services "4 Fun" line for information on weekly events.
377-4FUN (377-4386)
 Call for a good time.

GAUDÉ LANES AND 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.
Under construction — reopening 4-10 p.m. Nov. 30.

HALF TIME CAFÉ

Editor's note: for more information, call 377-2424. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. No to go orders on the buffets.
Dine-in or take-out — open for lunch and dinner with pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.
Italian lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. \$5.95 includes spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, salad, pasta salad, bread sticks, garlic bread and 16 ounce soda or iced tea.
Catfish lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays. \$6.50.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.
Nonappropriated Fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at human resource office in Room 5417, Locker House, Building 3101, 505 C Street. Information pamphlet and complete job listings are available; 24-hour job line 377-9055. NAF employment Web site <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.
Information on local and out-of-state attractions — brochures are available.
New Orleans Saints football games at the Superdome — \$60 per person including ticket and round trip transportation. Tours depart at 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.
 Nov. 19 — Cincinnati Bengals, sign up by Nov. 14.
 Dec. 3 — San Francisco 49ers, sign up by Nov. 28.
 Dec. 17 — Washington Redskins, sign up by Dec. 12.
 Dec. 31 — Carolina Panthers, sign up by Dec. 13.

Discounted tickets available New Orleans, La.
 Audubon Zoo — \$10, ages 2-12 \$6.
 Aquarium of the Americas — \$13.50, ages 2-12 \$ 8.
Orlando, Fla.
 Busch Gardens — \$49; ages 3-9 \$40.50.
 SeaWorld — \$52; ages 3-9 \$42.
 Universal Studios one day — \$50; ages 3-9 \$40.50.
 Universal Studios two day, third day free — \$90.50; ages 3-9 \$76.75.

Disney Tickets "Magic Your Way"
 NOTE: Tickets expire 14 days after the first day of activation at Disney. Upgrades are made at Disney World.
Four day hopper — \$236.50 ages 3-9 \$204.
Five day hopper — \$240.25; ages 3-9 \$205.
***Six day hopper** — \$242.25; ages 3-9 \$206.75.
***Seven day hopper** — \$244; ages 3-9 \$208.75.
 *Special order, requires 15 working days notice and payment at time of order. No refunds or exchanges.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2219.
All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music. Located in the marina park.
Air Force Club membership drive — two club members will win a brand new H3 Hummer. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive through Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the H3 Hummers. The second H3 will go to someone who was a member in good standing as of August 31. Watch for other great incentives for being an AF Club Member.
Football Frenzy — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV. Club members register to win a trip to an NFL football game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl.
Random cash giveaway — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. a club member wins \$50 cash; must be present and have club card to win.
Taco Tuesdays — 5 p.m. members get two tacos for \$1 every Tuesday; nonmembers pay \$2.
Wings and things — 5 p.m. Oct. 11. Keesler Club members get in FREE, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.
Catering — let our caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.
A November to "re" member - squadron/division AF Club member recruitment contest — the squadron/division recruiting the highest percentage of new or "re" newed club members in November wins \$300*, second place wins \$150*, and third place wins \$75*. Call to register. It's a great time to be a club member; currently dues aren't being charged thanks to Hurricane Katrina. Sponsored by Planet Beach Tanning and Spa.
 *Prizes awarded in "Dragon Dollars" and can be used for credit at your next Services function.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee. Free check out of music CDs, VHS and DVD movies. Free internet service. Stop by and explore.
Orientations — Gale Group Data Base reference use, in library use, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
Gale Data Bases — available for research/reference. Includes Opposing Viewpoints, Student Resource Center Gold, Infotrac 1, and others. Periodical articles can be downloaded, printed, or e-mailed.
Story time/music — 10 a.m. Wednesday for infants and 1 year olds.
Indian stories — 10 a.m. Nov. 15, ages 2-5.
Turkey talk — 10 a.m. Nov. 22, ages 2-5.
Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.
Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160. Located in the enclosed pavilion in the marina park.
Veteran's Day special — Nov. 11 get 10 percent off all boat rentals.
Deep water fishing on the Boston Whaler — \$600, maximum six people, includes the captain and all the tackle needed to fish. Bring your own food and beverages. No fishing license required.
MS state hunting and fishing licenses — available in the retail store.
Back Bay fishing trip — 7 a.m. to noon Nov. 11. \$15 per person. Minimum six people, maximum eight. Bring food and beverages. MS state fishing license required.
November fishing tournament — weigh in the largest flounder and win a \$100 savings bond.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.
NFL Sunday Ticket — watch up to eight games on Sundays.
Thanksgiving dance — 6 p.m. Nov. 24 for nonprior students only. Dance contest, prizes.
CyberSports internet gaming — base to base competitions, squadron challenges, all nighters, wireless internet connection, hot games (instruction available). www.cybersports.cc.
Pool tourneys — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Winners get into the weekend dance free.
Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, UNO, Phase 10 and more.
Dance Revolution pad — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Free, sign up early.
Karaoke — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.
Late night dance — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays.
 \$3 admission Sponsored by National Productions.
Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Nov. 17. People with November birthdays enter the dance free.

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

Space available accommodations — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts around the world.

Affordable price — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$299.

To reserve — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at the craft sales Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Weekend toast to holiday treats — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Enjoy treats, craft demonstrations, recreate gifts and decorations, and check out our facility. Everyone's invited.

Fall display — visit our fall display throughout the month, available for your family fall photos. Have your photo put on a coffee mug for a personalized gift. Available for \$6.50 complete, through the engraving shop.

Multi-crafts shop

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4. Learn the basics of pottery from the masters from the George Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, and try the potter's wheel. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Advanced pottery — take the next step on the potter's wheel.

Ceramic class ~ mini-mold pouring — 5 p.m. Nov. 9. \$15 including first firing. Learn to pour your own ceramics. Pour a project to keep and finish as you like. Ages 13 and older.

Turkey cooking tips — Nov. 16. Learn from the experts.

Cooking class — 1 p.m. Nov. 18. Holiday treats perfect for holiday gift giving or your own parties and celebrations.

Kid's crafting class — 10 a.m. Nov. 18. \$10. Complete a Thanksgiving treat for the table. Ages 7 and younger require a parent's involvement.

Ceramic painting — a Christmas project perfect for your table or one to give as a gift.

Frame shop

Custom shadow boxes — great for retirements. Order early.

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30. \$60. Sign up in the multi-crafts shop. Learn a skill that is not only enjoyable but can save you money.

Advanced matting — \$25, call for date and time. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

Engraving shop

Custom items — available for going away gifts, special mementos and squadron awards.

Wood shop

Now open Sundays — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wood shop contest — make a project in our wood shop through November and become eligible to win a prize. No entry fee. Categories are ages 16-20, 21-30, 31-49 and 50 and older.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 15. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Nov. 4. \$15. Create a Christmas gift. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Nov. 18. \$20. A new project each month.

Auto hobby shop

Open Sundays — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginner auto care classes — available to groups. Call for details.

Oil collection site — for privately owned vehicles.

Winterize your vehicle — check the antifreeze before any holiday trips north. Pick up a free checklist to get you started.

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

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

Fall Festival

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
at the Arts and Crafts Center.

- Handmade crafts
- Bike and motorcycle rodeo
- Craft demonstrations
- Airmen costume contest
Airmen create their costumes at the center from supplies provided.

- Kids activities
 - Bouncy castle
 - Costume contest
 - "House of Fire" by the fire dept.
 - Activity booth by The Home Depot



377-2821

Buy, sell, trade — \$5 for two weeks. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

New location — on Tingle Ave. behind the Keesler Club.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: located on 3rd Street, Bldg 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the vet office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

Authorized patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty status for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

HomeAgain® microchip identification — recognized worldwide, \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin of your family pet.

Veterinarian now on staff — call for an appointment.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Give parents a break and parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Nov. 4, k-grade 6. Register and pay deposit by Nov. 2.

Boys and Girls Club fine arts and photography contest — for youth through age 18. Entries accepted through Nov. 9. Ten fine art categories, two photography categories. Official rules available at the center.

Torch Club — 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and 30, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

Teen money management workshop — 6 p.m. Nov. 14. Tips for teens on money management. Door prizes.

Parent advisory meeting — 5 p.m. Nov. 15. All parents with youth involved in youth programs are invited to meet and discuss upcoming events. Refreshments provided.

Gobble gala dance — 6-10 p.m. Nov. 17, ages 9-17. DJ, dance contest, guess the weight of the turkey contest, chicken dance, Kidzone playstation. Snack bar available. Members enter free, nonmembers \$5.

FitFactor turkey challenge — 2-5 p.m. Nov. 18, ages 6 and older. Fun fitness event centered around basketball skills. Top winner wins a turkey.

School age program holiday camp — Nov. 20-22, Kindergarten-grade 6. Register by Nov. 10.

Mini-Munyon's taekwondo — 5-5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

Taekwondo — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. Members \$35 per month, nonmembers \$40 per month.

Dance — 4:15 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5, \$30. 5 p.m. for ages 6 and older. \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers.

4-H Club — 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Learn healthy and nutritional cooking skills through hands-on activities and discussions.

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

Self-directed activities — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18. Members free, 50 cents daily guest fee. Home work help, computer lab, 4-H Clubs, game room, snack bar, gym, multimedia room, and arcade.

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NAF Sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is Nov. 14-16 in the Keesler Club building located on Larcher Blvd.

Assorted furniture, mattresses, bedding, TVs, microwaves and artwork is available 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 14 for E4s and GS-3s and below, and NA1s, NA2s, and NF1s only; and noon to 3 p.m. for all other ID card holders.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16 for all authorized buyers.

Transactions are on a first come, first served, cash and carry basis.

Commercial outlet representatives should not expect to make large quantity purchases.

Customers are responsible for loading their purchases into their vehicles.

Large items purchased at the sale may be picked up the following week.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Outdoor adventure program seeks volunteer trip leaders

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

A new outdoor recreation adventure program is up and running at Keesler.

Rick Randall, Keesler's outdoor recreation assistant director, recently completed intensive wilderness first response Training and first aid safety training. As a result, he's now qualified to lead people on outdoor adventure trips.

"Our first scheduled outing was an overnight fishing trip to Chandeleur Island in October," Mr. Randall said, "which offered our customers an opportunity to fish, do a little bird watching and collect shells.

"We're planning hiking,

canoeing, kayaking, and more fishing trips beginning in April as the weather gets warmer," Mr. Randall continued.

"It's important people understand that adventure trips are for the adventurous," he explained. "All of our programs will involve some risk, be subject to the elements, and short on creature comforts. The minimum age for participation is 16."

The goal is to expand the program to include trips on weekdays, as well as weekends. To achieve the goal, a pool of volunteers is needed with a high level of experience in one or more of the kinds of activities offered.

According to Mr. Randall,



all volunteers are interviewed to ascertain their level of expertise which has to meet Air Force standards. Those selected are trained as trip leaders.

To volunteer, or for more information, call 377-0002.

Turkey Casting Contest

Challenge your buddies to a turkey toss 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Marina.

Cast a frozen turkey the farthest and win a \$50 savings bond and a turkey.



Wingman Day Kickoff 5 p.m. Nov. 8

Celebrate at the Katrina Kantina.

Enjoy Wings-n-Things.

Club members enter free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door.

**Prizes!
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Let's send off the 2006 hurricane season in style with a **Members only Hurricane Party** 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Katrina Kantina.

Don't miss this **Membership Drive Grand Finale**

complete with free Cajun food, tropical music and hurricane drink specials.

Members enter free. Nonmembers can sign up at the door to enter hurricane drink specials

For more information, call 377-2219.

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