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Dragons deployed —

80

## Keesler Airmen make a difference



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Julien Martinez, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Maj. Aaron Albers, 336th Training Squadron, rake the playground at Beauvoir Elementary School Saturday. More photos, Page 15.

## 1,000 volunteers lend helping hand to coast communities

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Nearly 1,000 Keesler Airmen made a difference Saturday as volunteers in Mississippi Gulf Coast communities in support of Make A Difference Day.

"It was incredible to see so many people out doing so many things for others," said Maj. Matt O'Donnell, 332nd Training Squadron operations officer and Keesler volunteer organizer for the event.

"The school principals were very appreciative of our efforts. We accomplished things for them that they probably would have never gotten done through normal channels."

Volunteers from across the base took part in repairing and restoring Biloxi elementary schools damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The schools included Beauvoir, Gorenflo, Jeff Davis, Lopez and North Bay elementary schools.

Airmen also were seen cleaning up Biloxi's beachfront and areas on Highway 90 in Ocean Springs.

"It was very rewarding for me, because I was able to spend time with many young Airmen and talk to them about volunteering," said Master Sgt. Dean Ross, a career develop-

Please see **Difference**, Page 9

## This week in the Triangle

Financial management officer, 9 a.m. today, Allee Hall.

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

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

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

Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.

Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

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

Airfield systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jones Hall.

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

Communications officer engineering, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.



October honor flight

### Student numbers

Total students — 3,421

Non-prior service — 2,066

Temporary duty — 1,235

Joint service — 96

Combat controllers — 24

Non-prior service arrivals — 156

Guard, Reserve — 787

International — 36

Fiscal 2007 graduates — 1,290

Total since 1942 — 2,235,662



# COMMENTARY

## Irresponsible cell phone use can be hazardous to health

By Col. (Dr.) Leon Kundrotas

81st Medical Operations Squadron commander

Cell phones are valuable tools, but can be a significant distraction while driving.

The immediate health risk is their association with a four-fold increase in the rate of auto collisions during the brief period of a phone call. Units that allow hands-free use offer no safety advantage over hand-held units.

Despite a Keesler policy that prohibits hand-held cell phone use while driving on base, I've observed violations ranging from one-hand-on-the-wheel driving to the use of legs and knees to steer.

Studies conducted by various safety councils and insurance companies found just driving down the road with no distractions, staying between the appropriate white lines, not under the influence of any substance and with both hands on the wheel is a major feat for some of us. Add fatigue, poor weather conditions and inattentiveness from a variety of high-tech distractions, and you have a recipe for disaster. It's a fact that inattentive drivers cause eight out of 10 wrecks.

Although simple conversations appear to have little impact on staying in your lane and maintaining an appropriate speed, even these can affect situational awareness, such as increased reaction time and reduced sampling of images in rearview mirrors.

The content of a cell phone call can be distracting. The conversation may change your driving habits. Consider how getting bad, unexpected or surprising news alters your steering and speed.

On the up side, cell phones can be helpful on the road. In one study, 39 percent of the drivers called emergency services after a collision (on the cell phone that caused the accident). This suggests having a cell phone may have advantages in the aftermath of an event. Cellular phone use can assist in effective emergency response and alert others to bad road conditions and other traffic hazards. They may also provide security for those driving alone.

Both law enforcement and consumer groups support the safety benefits of having a means of communication in a vehicle. Driver responsibility is the issue.

## Recycling For it to work, we all have to take part

By Richard Guillen

Pollution prevention manager

For recycling to work, everyone has to participate by making recycling a part of their daily routine.

Recycling practices at Keesler can be improved by increasing awareness that transforms the base into a position of environmental sustainability. This can be viewed as the use of

resources (trees, metals, etc.) that allows the present generation to meet its needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

The element of sustainability should be incorporated into every decision-making process involving social, cultural, economic, political and environmental arenas to establish a holistic ecological

system. Limiting resource waste and maximizing our recycling capability ultimately leads to a zero waste community.

The recycling center is committed to preserving the environment through comprehensive recycling services. The Air Force is dedicated to protecting and respecting natural resources.

Won't you join us?

## 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

Base operator — 377-1110

Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430

Career assistance adviser — 377-3697

Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603

Child development center — 377-2211

Civil engineering — 377-5561

Civilian personnel — 377-2268

Military personnel flight — 377-2276

Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500

Emergencies — 911

Family campground — 594-0543

Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179

Finance — 377-4212

81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066

Housing — 377-9741

Identification cards — 377-3203

Inspector general — 377-3010

Legal assistance — 377-3510

Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986

Medical center information — 377-6550

Military equal opportunity — 377-2759

Military pay — 377-7272

Pass and registration — 377-3893

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Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791

Public affairs — 377-2783

Red Cross — 377-3030

Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635

Law enforcement desk — 377-3040

Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367

Telephone trouble — 377-2130

Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446

Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813

Visitor center — 377-2595

Youth center — 377-4116

## Locals overlooked

**Comment** — A non-appropriated fund position was filled at Keesler recently, but not locally.

Efforts should've been made to exhaust the list of people available locally before posting the position to the general public.

**Response** — Managerial positions such as the one you refer to are covered by the Air Force NAF Career Program.

Local NAF human resource offices cover all other positions, but aren't authorized to refer their applicants for career program positions.

For career program positions, submit your resume directly to <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/cr/ProgramInfo.htm>.



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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

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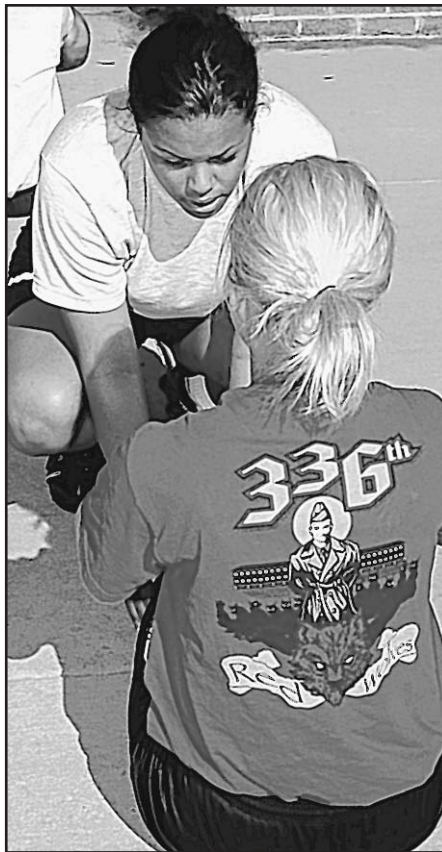
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facility managers call  
377-4130.



# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Carment Ashford, left, holds Tabatha Bowen's knees in place while they do sit-ups. The two airmen first class are students in the 336th TRS.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Staff Sgt. Cleveland Ford, standing, an MTL in the 336th TRS, watches his troops doing pushups during physical readiness training in the Triangle.

## Physical training shared duty for students, MTLs

By Master Sgt. Francis Kelly

Keesler News staff

Physical readiness training is a personal responsibility for individual airmen, and a collective responsibility for military training leaders assigned to the 332nd, 334th, 335th, 336th, and 338th Training Squadrons.

It's a tasking each of the 56 MTLs accepts willingly and fulfills skillfully.

"All incoming students are briefed on the requirements and the merits of a solid PRT program," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Joyce, 81st Training Support Squadron military training flight chief.

"We emphasize that physical conditioning is as much mental as it is physical," he explained. "It's dually designed to help students cope with the challenges of the training environment, as well as to improve their physical condition to achieve standards specified in Air Force Instruction 16-248, Fitness Program."

Organized PRT sessions are conducted at the same times Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, according to Sergeant Joyce.

"PRT is always scheduled during the most weather-favorable part of day," he added.

Each session consists of a 15- to 20-minute pre-exercise or warm-up period, a 30-minute self-paced aerobic run and a five-minute post-exercise or



Students from the 338th TRS run through the Triangle during PRT.

recovery period. A standard PRT session may consist of joint rotation, knee lifts, jumping jacks, pushups, crunches, diamond pushups, leg lifts, 30-minute self-paced aerobic run and walking or stretching closeout.

While the Monday and Thursday runs are self-paced and not limited in distance, the Tuesday morning run is 1.5 miles and timed. Meeting the time requirement is one of the eligibility criteria for progression.

"In order to progress beyond Phase

II, male airmen must run the 1.5-mile course in 11 minutes, 45 seconds," Sergeant Joyce said. "Females are allowed two additional minutes."

Both males and females must also meet standards for two additional requirements, crunches and push-ups. There's a 45-crunch minimum for both. The push-up requirement varies, with females needing at least 27 and males at least 45.

Trainees challenge each other, and while there's no official listing of

record-holders, there's a good natured rivalry between squadrons as to who performs the best in a specific event, Senior Master Sgt. James Lane, superintendent of military training for the 81st TRSS, pointed out.

There's also a strong camaraderie among students.

"Students are constantly seeking opportunities to help each other — it's a trait common to every squadron," said Sergeant Lane. "Those who struggle are supported by their classmates."

"In addition, for those who fail to meet the 75 percent (PRT test) minimum passing score, squadrons have established individual programs to assist airmen in achieving PRT standards," he added.

On the other side of the coin, approximately 20 to 25 airmen are recognized for achieving a 100 percent score for the PRT test each month, according to Sergeant Lane.

"The PRT program goal is not only passing a test, but also instilling individual integrity and responsibility for their personal well-being and fitness throughout one's career," said Sergeant Joyce. "You know what you taught your airmen, but it's strictly up to them to perform as they were taught on their own after they depart. You just hope that when they get out there, they will do the right thing by themselves."





Air Force photo

Airman Gilman, a December 2004 graduate of the air traffic control apprentice course taught in the 334th Training Squadron, feels she was sent into the field with a “solid understanding of the fundamentals of air traffic control.”

## Air traffic controller

Trained at Keesler, she sends pilots off, brings them home safely at Laughlin

### Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff

With nearly 300 flights coming in and out of Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, every day, new and seasoned pilots depend upon the support from air traffic controllers to send them out and bring them back home safely.

One air traffic controller on the ground guiding pilots over Del Rio, Texas, skies makes it her mission to ensure aviators take off and land safely so they make it back home — in her eyes all Airmen are her family.

Airman 1st Class Stormi Gilman of the 47th Operations Support Squadron helps support the 2,000 sorties per week this pilot training base conducts because “the Air Force is like a second family to me.”

Having lived on her own since 15, Airman Gilman’s role as an air traffic controller is just her fit. She said she loves the instant gratification and constant challenge.

“You can’t set a goal for the day; you set a goal for the minute in order to get the guys home safe,” she said.

In 2004, the 18-year-old from San Jose, Calif., decided to leave her hometown and family to focus on a career. Unsure about going to college, the young adventurer joined the Air Force for good training and to “set a good example” for her nieces and nephews.

She entered the air traffic control apprentice course in the 334th Training Squadron at Keesler Aug. 30, 2004, and graduated 3½ months later.

“The training at Keesler was general enough to cover the basics and taught at a level that wouldn’t be too overwhelming for a teenager who just came out of high school — myself, for example,” Airman Gilman said.

“It’s Keesler’s mission to send Airmen to their first duty station with a solid understanding of the fundamentals of air traffic control, and I feel they accomplished that.”

What she said she enjoys even more than being an air traffic controller for the Air Force is being in the Air Force itself. It’s like being in a great, big “close-knit family,” like my own back home, said the Airman with 30 cousins.

Off duty, Airman Gilman breaks away from the dark confines and serious concentration of the control room and steps into comedic character roles with the Del Rio Upstagers theater group.

Being a part of this volunteer guild makes her feel like she’s “part of the community even if it isn’t my hometown.”

Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Duff, AFPN, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## CCAF graduation

Community College of the Air Force fall graduation is 2 p.m. Wednesday 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.

## USM courses

American studies and administration of justice undergraduate courses are available at the University of Southern Mississippi-Keesler Center.

For more information, visit

Room 208, old Cody Hall, call Christopher Burkett, 377-2309, or go to <http://www.usm.edu.gulfcoast>.

## Medical training

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physician assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

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

For more information, contact local military personnel

flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

## 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.

## AFOSI training

For information on Air Force Office of Special Investigations individual mobilization augmentee and technical sergeant special agent slots, call 1-240-857-0866 or DSN 857-0866.

## JROTC openings

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

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or

35300, or DSN 493-5275 or 5300.

## Scholarship program

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

The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award essay contest provides 20 individual \$1,000 scholarships.

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

## 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.



# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Wingman Day promotes all aspects of well-being

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Keesler organizers are preparing a day of events focused on personal wellness, unit cohesion and caring for Wingman Day, Nov. 9.

Since its inception by the chief of staff of the Air Force in 2004, Wingman Day has been observed the last duty day before the Veterans Day holiday. The wingman concept extends to every Air Force civilian, officer and enlisted member.

"Wingman Day is an excellent opportunity to step back and take a breather, build unit camaraderie and learn that we are wingmen every day, not just one day a year," said Capt. Charles Murchie, project officer.

Events planned at Keesler include a 1.5-mile walk/run at 8:30 a.m. The idea is to have two people from different units who don't know each other pair up, Captain Murchie said.



"The goal is to instill the value that we are all wingmen, even if we don't know each other at a personal level," he explained.

After the walk/run, units return to their duty sections to hold small group discussions on the four pillars of wellness, said Captain Murchie.

The four pillars include emotional well-being, physical well-being, spiritual well-being and safety well-being. Designated unit facilitators are provided topics in advance.

According to Air Education

and Training Command's concept of operations, a wingman provides emotional and intellectual support to fellow Airmen, shows true concern and actively listens, identifies stressors and is aware of assistance programs available and intervenes when appropriate. A wingman maximizes personal and team safety on and off the job and doesn't allow fellow Airmen to participate in self-destructive behavior. Wingmen also develop caring relationships with co-workers.

For more information, call Captain Murchie, 377-8635.

## Shiver or sweat?

### Cooling systems change over to heating

81st Civil Engineer Squadron

It's "nightmare time" for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron — one of the two annual periods when facilities are switched back and forth between heating and cooling.

The impact to building occupants depends on the type of heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

Many newer buildings have four-pipe systems that can provide both heating and cooling year-round automatically, but most older facilities have a two-pipe system that can only cool or heat at any one time and must be manually switched.

The two-pipe systems take about eight days to shift from heating to cooling and three days to convert from cooling to heating. The waiting time is required because temperature changes can result in immediate system failure, with damage to compressors, tube ruptures and loss of refrigerant gases. Replacing refrigerant is an expensive proposition and an environmental concern.

### Older pipes, slower switch

Facilities with the older two-pipe systems include Buildings 0823, 2101, 2816, 2901, 2902, 3101, 3709, 3821, 4430, 4431, 7402 and 7502, and dormitories in the 20, 48, 49 and 50 blocks.

The decision to end cooling and implement heating in older buildings has a degree of history and guesswork built into the process, so the change is made as late as possible to minimize inconvenience.

The 81st CES works closely with lodging management, the consolidated dorm management office and other affected users to determine the best days for the changeover.

Once units are switched to heating, crews begin equipment maintenance in preparation for the next cooling season.

## IN THE NEWS

### Base surpasses CFC goal

Monday, Keesler surpassed its Combined Federal Campaign goal with a total of \$170,889.

That's 142 percent of this year's \$120,536 goal.

The campaign runs through Nov. 21.

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.

### Change management training

Change management make-up training sessions are 7:30-9:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. Tuesday in Welch Auditorium for civilian and military supervisors of civilians converting to the National Security Personnel System and civilian employees converting to NSPS.

### Veterans Day events

Keesler participates in two Veterans Day events Nov. 11.

The seventh annual Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade is 11 a.m. in Biloxi. The route runs from Porter Avenue to Howard Avenue to Martin Luther King Boulevard to Lameuse Sreet and ends at the town green.

Base participants are the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit drill team, Keesler Riders Association motorcyclists, state flag team and 403rd Wing mascot Lil' Bill.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, is scheduled to attend the Gulfport American Legion's 11 a.m. ceremony at the old train depot west of Hancock Bank on 14th Street in Gulfport. The honor guard performs a 21-gun salute.

For more information, call Capt. Bridgette Kennedy, 377-7343.

### Scope Warrior dining-in Nov. 14

The Scope Warrior dining-in is 6-10 p.m. Nov. 14 at Hangar 5.

Event host is Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, former 81st Training Wing commander, now chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer for the secretary of the Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st TRW commander, is Keesler's host, and Brig. Gen. David Warner, director of command and control programs for the Defense Information Systems Agency, is president of the mess.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Michelle Salgado, 377-4802, or Master Sgt. Dean Ross, 377-1189.

### Early issue of Keesler News

The Keesler News is published Nov. 22, one day earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 23.

The deadline for submissions is noon Nov. 16.

The newspaper office is closed Nov. 23 and Nov. 24, an Air Education and Training Command "family day."

### 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.

# Club card option available to AETC members in 2007

AETC News Service and Keesler Public Affairs

Starting in January, Air Education and Training Command members, including those at Keesler, can choose the Air Force Club membership card that best suits them.

Developed by Air Force Services Agency, "U Choose" allows new and current club members to choose the Private Label or the MasterCard club membership card.

"The requirement to get a credit card is the most common reason for not joining the club," said Donald Cook, 81st Services Division director. "The club card choice initiative eliminates that reason."

Mr. Cook said club members will be able to sign up for their choice of card at the Katrina Kantina or Vandenberg Community Center.

"We're very excited about the 'U Choose' program," said Frank Black, chief of Air Force Clubs. "In analyzing our data and surveys conducted, we've learned that one reason for not becoming a club member was the issue of having a credit card as their membership card."

"We listened to those individuals, and now are offering all potential members, as well as our current members, the opportunity to choose the Private Label club membership card."

While both cards have the same membership benefits, card member benefits are different. The Private Label card has a maximum credit limit of \$500, and members' charging privileges are limited to on-base at the club and

other services activities. There's also no rewards program associated with the Private Label card.

The MasterCard Club membership card carries a credit line starting at \$1,000 and has a rewards program. The Military Free Cash Rewards program offers Air Force Club members two points for every dollar in purchases made on their club membership card in all services activities, the base exchange (except gas purchases, one point), and commissary.

All purchases made off base generate one point per dollar spent. For as few as 2,500 points, members can redeem for cash (\$25) or for gift cards to major merchants and restaurants.

Mr. Cook said in addition to the new card options, the 81st SVD continues offering free memberships during Keesler's ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

"Now is a great time to join the Keesler Club, not just because there is a choice in cards, but also because Keesler Club membership is currently free," he said. "We anticipate continuing free membership until the new club is operational."

For more information on "U Choose," and club membership, call 377-8313, or the Air Force Club Division, 1-800-443-4834.

Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon, 81st Training Wing public affairs, contributed to this report.

## Difference,

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ment course writer for the 332nd TRS who supervised repairs at Beauvoir Elementary School. "They were able to see the difference they made in a short time, and we were all truly amazed at the speed with which we com-

pleted our project."

Sergeant Ross said he was impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the Airmen at Beauvoir.

"The volunteers were very motivated and eager to help," he said. "Immediately after arriving, they started moving debris and clearing the site."

Sergeant Ross said one of the school's students showed her appreciation by bringing food for the Airmen.

"Come to find out, she had spent \$30 of her allowance to help feed the volunteers," he said. "She was so proud that she was able to help. The volunteers were truly touched and at that point truly understood the impact of their service."

Make A Difference Day is an annual event sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation.

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# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## OneSource for information

Military OneSource provides information and resources on a variety of issues ranging from everyday concerns to deployment and re-integration.

The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and their family members around the clock and 365 days a year.

To access Military OneSource, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com> or call 1-800-707-5784.

## Temporary duty and test cycles

If members' temporary duty period begins before the testing cycle starts and extends beyond the end of the testing cycle, they should test at the TDY location if facilities are available and requirements permit.

Testing up to 10 days prior to the announced cycle is authorized for members TDY during the entire testing cycle who can't test at their TDY location.

Members who decline to test early when so directed are ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the current test cycle.

For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-2605, Air Force Military Personnel Testing System.

## Data theft protection resources

### Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For information on data theft protection resources and how to protect against identity theft, visit First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal.

## Mailing care packages

### American Forces Press Service

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## Waiver program

# Retirement door open to some Air Force NCOs

### Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – Master and technical sergeants in specific overage Air Force specialty codes may apply for certain active-duty service commitment waivers allowing them to retire if eligible.

The Limited Active Duty Service Commitment Waiver Program forgives the following ADSCs for master and technical sergeants who have 20 years total active federal service by their requested retirement date which must be on or before Sept. 1.

ADSC reason and amount of ADSC waiver authorized:

**Permanent** change of station, full.

**Promotion**, 18 months (no promotion ADSC for technical sergeants).

**Professional** military education, full.

**Air Force** Institute of Technology (master's), full.

**Air Force** educational leave or absence (bootstrap), full.

**Technical** training, full.

LADSC eligibles serving

accompanied overseas tours must apply to retire the first day of the month following their date expected to return from overseas if their DEROS is in the month of August or prior. If the member's DEROS is in the month of September or after, the member must request to retire on Sept. 1.

Applications for LADSC are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as established by the Air Force Contact Center's receipt of the completed application from the member's commander. Waivers won't be approved once an AFSC reaches the sustainment quota identified in the enlisted force shaping matrix.

Recoupment of unearned portions of bonuses is required under the LADSC Waiver Program.

For more information about the LADSC Waiver Program, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Force Shaping Web site.



# 9 Air Force career fields available to veterans

## AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Veterans interested in joining the Air Force or becoming an active-duty Airman once again may be eligible if they've served in one of nine career fields.

During fiscal year 2007, the Air Force Prior Service Enlistment Program is available to 40 veterans who've served in the following careers:

**Airborne** or ground cryptologic linguists.

**Combat** control.

**Tactical** air command and control.

**Survival**, evasion, resist and escape operations, also known as SERE.

**Explosive** ordnance disposal.

**Premier** or regional band.

**Pararescue**.

Applicants must have separated from military service in the pay grade of E-5 or below and have no more than six years total active federal military service.

Prior-service applicants include those who've served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Reserve, Guard or as an individual mobilization augmentee ordered to extended active duty for the Limited Period Recall Program. Sister-service veterans must have served in a career field similar to one of the nine specialties currently

available. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve veterans are eligible for direct duty only. No retraining is authorized.

The prior service limitations are a result of force restructuring and is designed to help replenish stressed career fields, said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Vargas, Air Force Recruiting Service Operations Division superintendent. Force restructuring is part of the service's current force-shaping initiative. By 2011, Air Force officials plan to cut the number of Airmen in the service by 40,000 to meet appropriate end-strength numbers.

Eligibility requirements in the prior

service enlistment program vary. Veterans interested in applying for Air Force active-duty service are encouraged to contact their local recruiter. Veterans can access AIRFORCE.COM and click on the "Contact Us" and "Locate an Advisor" links to either request recruiters to contact them or to find a recruiting office.

Throughout fiscal year 2007, Air Force enlisted recruiting emphasis remains on hiring new non-prior service members. The FY07 goal is for 27,760 high school graduates or the equivalent, ages 17-28, to join. The Air Force also seeks about 480 college graduates to join its officer corps.

# Reduce, reuse, recycle — 3 Rs of recycling movement

By Michael Briggs

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Most people would probably love a diet that lets them shed more than four pounds a day.

Doctors, however, would likely caution that such quick weight loss is unhealthy.

Yet that's what people in the United States are doing everyday in terms of the garbage they cast off, and the steady "diet" of trash is having unhealthy effects on the Earth.

Americans produce more than 230 million tons of waste annually, about 4.5 pounds per person per day, according to figures from the Environmental Protection Agency. Nearly 130 million tons goes to landfills, which is enough to cover a football field more than 700 miles high with garbage.

When the nation observes America Recycles Day Nov. 15, environmental leaders urge Americans to adopt the three Rs to protect the planet by reducing, reusing and recycling items rather than discarding them as trash.

It's a practice the Department of Defense adopted several years ago, and it has paid big dividends in helping the Air Force reduce the amount of waste it produces, said Dan Medina, Air Education and Training Command recycling program manager.

"It's important to do our part in preserving the environment by reducing our impact on natural resources," Mr. Medina said. "It's an integral part of the Air Force mission. Reducing, reusing and recycling not only helps us protect the environment, but it also saves money by decreasing our dependence on landfills."

Americans throw away 50 billion food and drink cans, 27 billion glass bottles and jars, and 65 million plastic and metal jar and can covers annually, according to America Recycles Day officials. About 85 percent of the



## Recycling contest set

A squadron recycling contest is Monday through Nov. 15, which is America Recycles Day.

Squadron members may drop off aluminum cans and white paper at the recycling center, Building 4004, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the 10-day period, according to Richard Guillen, pollution prevention manager.

"The items will be weighed as they're dropped off," Mr. Guillen said. "The numbers are totaled Nov. 15 and the squadron whose items weigh the most receives an award Nov. 16."

nation's trash ends up in landfills, where it can take hundreds to thousands of years to decompose.

Hauling garbage to the dump isn't cheap either, Mr. Medina said.

"When you look at the costs for disposal at around \$79 per ton versus \$12 per ton to divert materials from landfills through reduction, reuse and recycling programs, it's easy to see why recycling makes sense," he said.

AETC and the Air Force have experienced significant growth in recycling over the past several years. The Department of Defense set a goal in 1998 requiring bases to divert 40 percent of their solid waste to recycling by 2005.

"The command not only met that goal, we continue to exceed it," Mr. Medina said. "It shows in the reduction of

waste we generate and dispose, and in the growth of our recycling revenue and volume."

The command's waste diversion tonnages have steadily increased from about 50,000 tons in 2000 to more than 200,000 tons in 2005.

Mr. Medina said the program's success is the result of effort and innovation by base-level recycling program managers.

Reducing waste not only helps the environment, but people also reap the rewards in many ways, Mr. Medina added.

"There are many benefits to our people," he said. "Recycled products come back to us as everyday items in the form of playgrounds, mulch for our yards, materials to keep our rivers and streams from eroding, and phones that can be reused."



## Home sweet home

From left, Ray Turner, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron housing inspector; Lt. Col. Eddie Richards, 81st CES program management office; Carl Pampel, URS Corp. Title 2 independent quality assurance inspector, and Martin Crowe, Earth Tech project engineer, sign the inspection approval document for the last base housing unit fully repaired for occupancy after Hurricane Katrina. The home at 225 A St. in South Pinehaven is one of 606 units repaired in the past 13 months at a cost of about \$20 million. Nearly 400 homes are already occupied, and the vacant ones accommodate an expected influx of personnel. Eventually these homes will be replaced as part of a \$287.8 million project to build 1,067 housing units.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

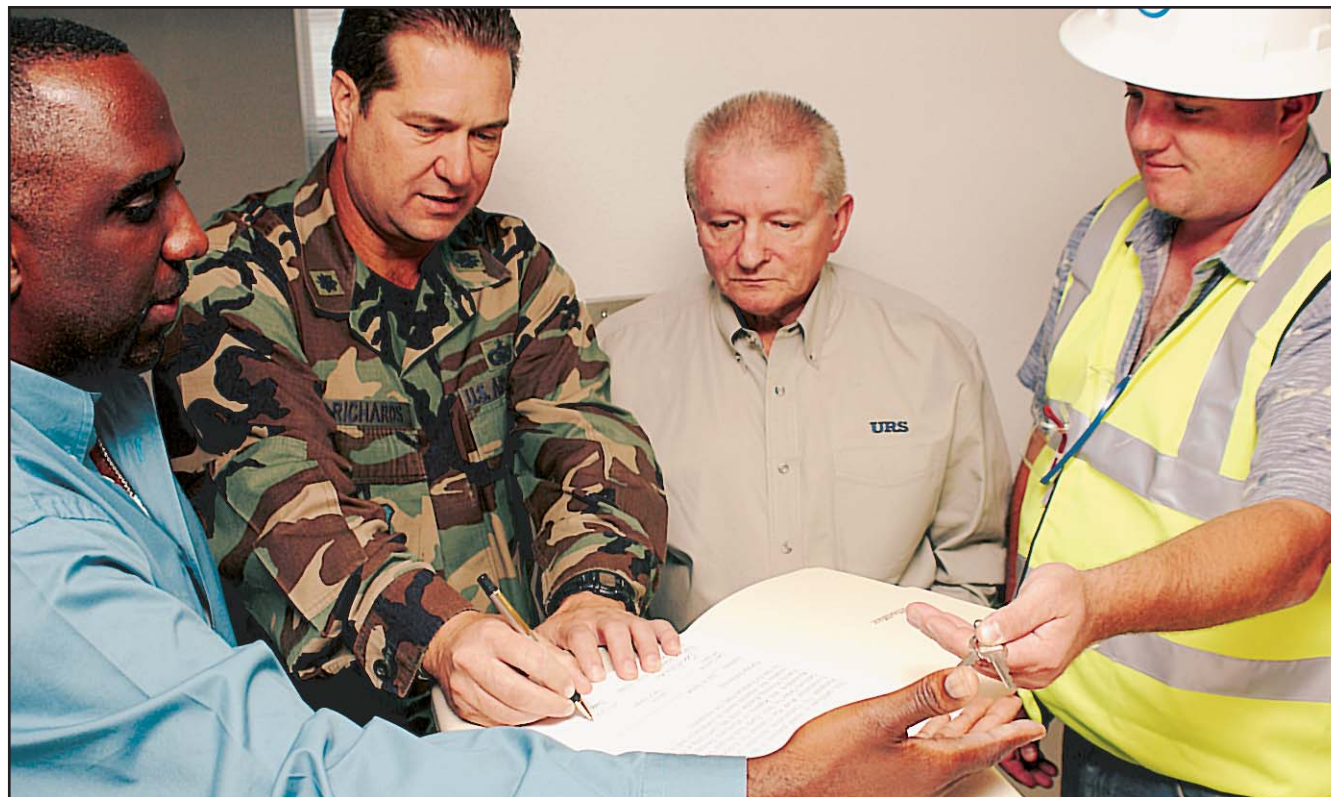


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Colonel Pohlmeier operates an excavator to begin demolition of the self-help store Monday. This was his first visit to Keesler since being named AETC's civil engineer.

# Katrina, termites slam store

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The self-help store, one of Keesler's few remaining blue-roofed buildings, was leveled Monday, a victim of Hurricane Katrina and termites.

During his first visit to Keesler since being named Air Education and Training Command's civil engineer, Col. Mark Pohlmeier climbed into the driver's seat of the excavator

to begin the demolition process.

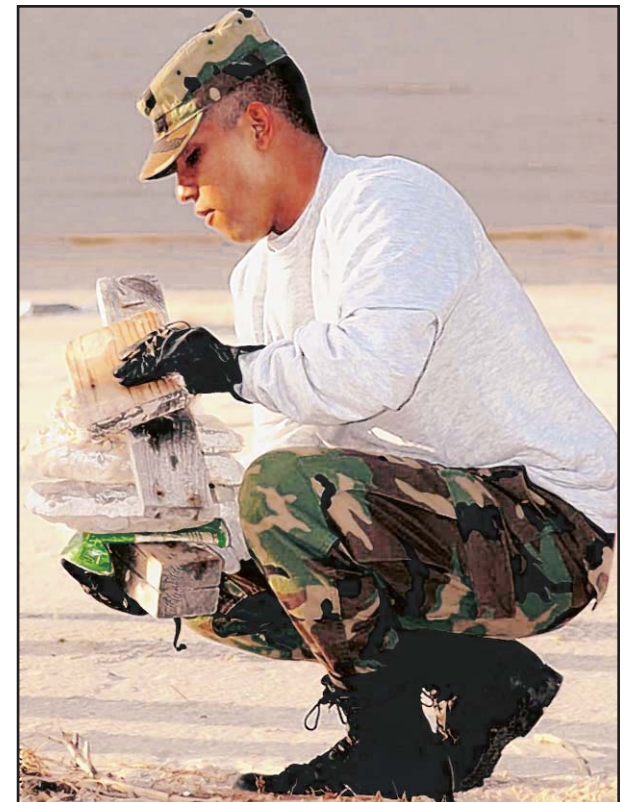
"The store had considerable flood and roof damage after Katrina, and as we prepared to make repairs, the termite infestation became apparent," said Lt. Col. Jeff Szatane, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight commander.

The colonel said work is in progress to relocate the store to a facility within the 81st CES complex, but for now the store is operating out of Dock 4 of the 81st Supply Squadron warehouse in the Taylor Logistics Center.



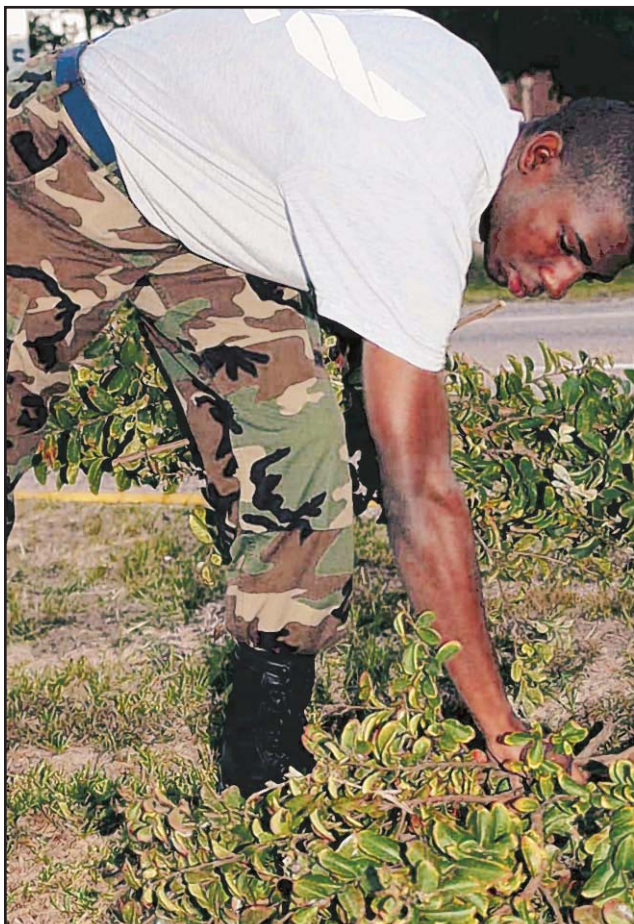


Airmen Basic Michael Burton, left, and Jeremy King, students from the 338th Training Squadron, carry a tree branch cut down in the courtyard of Beauvoir Elementary School in Biloxi as part of Keesler's participation in Make A Difference Day, Saturday. The national day of helping others is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of October.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Airman Basic Antonio Morales, 336th TRS student, collects beach debris across the highway from the Biloxi lighthouse.

## Volunteers make difference in south Mississippi



Airman Basic Jerry Allen, a student in the 332nd TRS, gathers branches from trees trimmed by Keesler volunteers in the Highway 90 median in Ocean Springs.

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Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman, left, and Senior Master Sgt. Jim McClish measure a piece of lumber to be used to build benches inside the courtyard at Beauvoir Elementary School. They're from the 81st Transportation/Supply Squadron.



# Housing office provides rental service, support

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The housing management office provides listings for military members seeking suitable housing off-base, as well as support if they need it.

The rental partnership program has been in place for nine years, according to Mary Krystosek, community housing specialist.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated most of base housing, the program has served more families than usual. It's also given at least one military tenant some protection.

"When things got bad, the housing office really stepped up and took care of me and my family," said Master Sgt. George Arthur, 336th Training Squadron instructor supervisor.

About four months after moving into a rental home off-base and after Katrina, Sergeant Arthur said, his landlord was trying to find a way to have his family evicted. The base legal office advised him his landlord had no authority to evict him. That's when he contacted the housing office.

"I contacted Mary (Krystosek) and said I wanted all communication to go through her," Sergeant Arthur said.

He said the office's involvement gave him peace

of mind. The housing representative was on the scene if the landlord wanted to meet with him.

"We're mediators," said Michael Reese chief of the housing flight, noting that sometimes all that's needed to mediate the situation is to talk about it.

"If I was a regular civilian out there, I would have been out on the street or I would have had some heavy legal bills," Sergeant Arthur said. "With the military behind me, I had free consultation with an attorney and the housing office handled all communication between me and my landlord."

Housing officials view Sergeant Arthur's case as unusual.

"It's (RPP) a fairly smooth running program," Ms. Krystosek said. "With the number of people we have renting, we have very few problems."

If mediation fails and military members are still being treated unfairly, the housing office may remove a landlord from its listings and report them to the state housing authority, according to Mr. Reese.

RPP requirements apply to both landlords and tenants. If all requirements are met, eligible military members can rent homes off-base with benefits, said Ms. Krystosek.

The program allows military members to rent

homes that have been inspected for health, wellness and welfare without paying a security deposit or application fee.

Eligibility requirements include being assigned to Keesler, receiving basic allowance for housing, one year remaining on station, letter of intent (available at the housing office) and copy of the orders assigning the member to Keesler.

If the military member receives orders within the 12 months, the lease does include a clause allowing him to terminate the lease early.

In addition, the military member must pay \$3 per month for an allotment that automatically withdraws the rent from his account and deposits it to the landlord. The \$3 fee pays for a company to make the transaction. The housing office coordinates the paperwork for the allotment.

"We run our program a little different than others," Mr. Reese said. "We don't put some of the stipulations on our members or our landlords others do."

The program listing includes more than 450 houses, most of which are under lease. Currently, about 70 are available for rent. It also includes about 40 apartment complexes.

For more information, call Ms. Krystosek, 377-5605, or George Comstock, 377-5608.



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Lt. Col. Elia Sanjume, left, 335th Training Squadron commander, judges the haunted house decorations in Rooms 144 and 146 of the weather training complex with Staff Sgts. Deanna Green and Mary-Jo Albright, instructors and event coordinators for the unit. This combined display took overall honors in the squadron's Halloween door decorating competition. Classroom instructors are Tech. Sgt. Rafael Caup and Staff Sgt. David Blankenship.

## Bulls show Halloween spirit



Colonel Sanjume, left, checks out the decorated doorway of Room 221 in the weather training complex as one of the students, Airman Basic Brandi Brown, waits inside. The room had the winning door entry. Tech. Sgt. Corey Latiolais is the class instructor.



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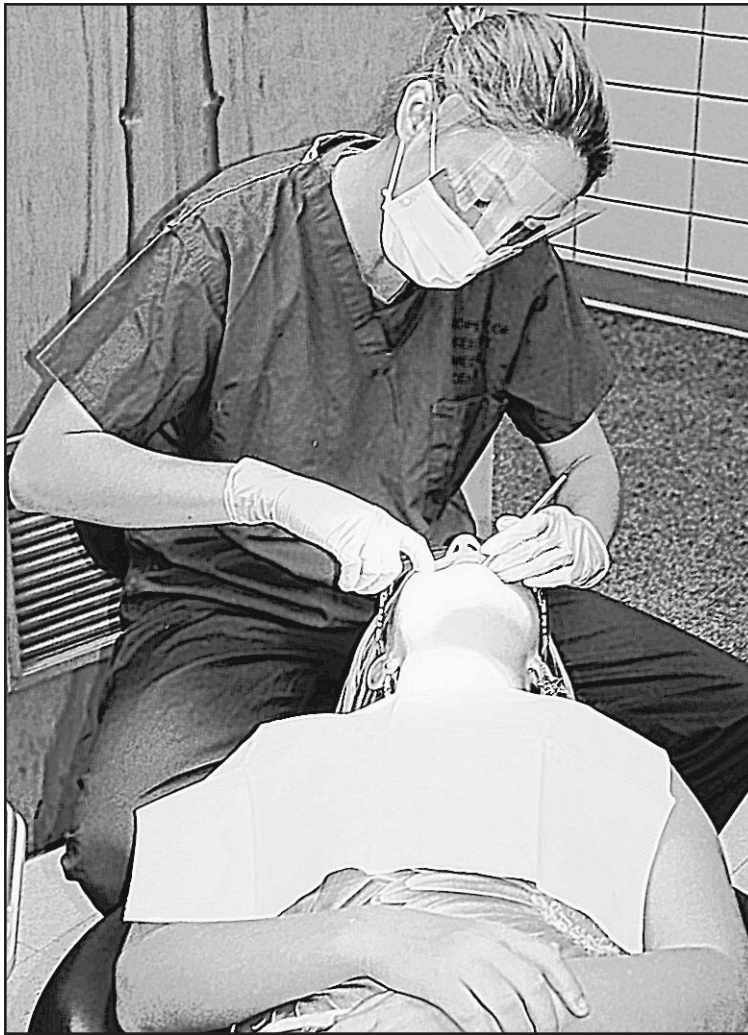


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Capt. (Dr.) Caroline Rhodes, an 81st Dental Squadron advanced education in general dentistry resident, examines Elizabeth Parker's teeth during an Oct. 19 appointment. Elizabeth, 12, is the daughter of retired Soldier Doyle and Susan Parker of Gulfport. The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the AEGD residency program. They should be between the ages of 4-12. Dependents of active-duty members not enrolled in the dental insurance plan and of retirees are eligible. They're required to be available for treatment on Thursday mornings. For more information or to make a screening appointment, call 376-5164.

What is operations security?

OPSEC is an analytic process used to deny an adversary sensitive but unclassified information by identifying, controlling and protecting indicators associated with our planning processes or operations.

OPSEC doesn't replace other security disciplines ... it supplements them.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Information fair

A family information fair is 5-7 p.m. today at the youth center.

The fair is designed by the Keesler Integrated Resource Team to welcome new families; however, others may also attend.

Base and off-base organizations make available displays and handouts with current information on what the base and Mississippi Gulf Coast offer.

A free spaghetti dinner is served, and free games and activities are available for children and parents.

For more information, call 377-4116.

## Welcome home

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

## 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 dilemmas 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.

## 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.

Host sign-up forms are available at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or the Triangle and

## Health consumer advisory council resumes bi-monthly meetings

### 81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center's Health Consumer Advisory Council met in October for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

The council, comprised of representatives of base organizations, meets every two months. HCAC meetings are open to the entire Keesler community — active duty, reserve and retirees — who obtain health care at the medical center.

The council provides a forum for 81st Medical Group senior staff to update beneficiaries about changes in services that may affect them and for the representatives to query staff members about issues of concern.

Medical officials encourage maximum participation at the meetings to keep members of the Keesler community informed about the medical center.

Larcher chapels, by e-mail at [winston.jones@keesler.af.mil](mailto: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.

Reservations are taken from those who've attended previously until all seats are filled. Others are considered as space is available on the seminar dates.

To register, call Jemina Ballard, 377-3142.

## Chapel position

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

## 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](mailto:thomas.sherwood@keesler.af.mil).

## Audiology open

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

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

## New CPO hours

The civilian personnel office now serves customers and returns phone calls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days.

Priority is given to employees with appointments.

To make an appointment for matters related to labor, training and employee management services, call 377-3142, and for staffing and classification matters, call 377-2268.

## Switchboard issues

The telephone switchboard is a contract operation monitored by the 81st Communication 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](mailto:thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil).

For more information, call 377-4778.

## TeamKid

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

For more information, call 377-2520.



# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## New sports director lands with intramural plan in hand

by Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Although Laurence Wilson hit the ground at Keesler less than a month ago, he must've landed on the dead run.

The new sports director quickly established tentative starting dates for intramural basketball, softball and football seasons. Letters detailing plans for basketball are being prepared for distribution to units across the base.

"We get a lot of phone calls asking about intramurals, so we know there's lots of interest," said Wilson, who came to Keesler from Billy Mitchell Field, Wis. "Basketball, softball and football seem to be the Big Three, so we're putting our emphasis, and money, on them."

The money, \$18,700 for game officials, came from Air Education and Training Command Services. Without that support, it's unlikely any of those programs would be available, according to Tom Golden, sports and fitness director.

"Past appropriated fund support from AETC averaged \$60,000-\$70,000 for intramural and varsity sports officials."

Fiscal 2007 budget cuts meant "we lost the entire funding," he added.

"That's all that money covers, officials," Wilson said of the money received from AETC Services. "For anything else, we're going to have to find sponsors or other creative ways to raise funds."

He said he's working on both of those options.

Basketball, a casualty of Hurricane Katrina, is scheduled to return Dec. 4, according to Wilson, who studied Morse Code here in 1983.

Games are going to be played in Blake Fitness Center if a new floor is in place in time, and in Dragon



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Golden, left, and Wilson examine the basketball court floor at Blake Fitness Center. A new floor is scheduled to be installed this fall. If it's not ready in time, intramural basketball games will be played at Dragon Fitness Center.**

Fitness Center if not, he said.

The 2005 softball season ended before Katrina ravaged the base Aug. 29. However, in the face of shortages of funds and officials, the 81st Services Division was able to manage only an abbreviated season this year — fewer games and a smaller playoffs field.

April 10 is the target date for the start of the 2007 softball season, according to Wilson.

Football, like basketball, was cancelled in 2005, and like softball, staged a modest

comeback this year. Only seven games were played in the regular season and only four teams went to the playoffs, which were also abbreviated — the format was single, rather than double elimination.

Next year, football is scheduled to begin July 24, Wilson said.

"We don't know yet how long any of the three seasons will be," Wilson said. "That's going to depend on how many teams we have and how far our officiating funds will go."

# Jogging? 8 ways to reduce risks

## Safety office

Walking and jogging have become popular means of exercising and, for some, becoming healthier.

As with any form of exercise, there are certain risks involved.

The main risk to walkers and joggers at Keesler is vehicles. To protect yourself:

**Keep to the sidewalks** wherever possible, provided you don't interfere with other pedestrian traffic.

**Avoid using roadways** with heavy vehicular traffic. Motorists using congested roads are often preoccupied with other cars and aren't alert for pedestrians.

**Move against the flow of traffic**, staying as far to the left as possible when using roadways. This allows you time to spot oncoming cars and get off the road if necessary.

**Use single file** when jogging with others on the road.

**Anticipate danger.** A motorist, unlike a person afoot, can't stop on a dime. Check traffic before crossing the streets at night or between intersections.

**Wear light-colored clothing**, especially in the early morning, at dusk or at night.

**Don't use headphones**, headsets, earphones or any other item (except hearing aids to improve hearing) which could interfere with

## Preventing injuries

### Health promotions

Exercise programs are intended to provide health benefits without injuries.

To help prevent injuries during exercise programs.

**Start slow** — Begin an exercise program doing things which are easy for you. Build up slowly.

**Warm up** — Your muscles need this, even for sports like golf which don't require great exertion. Walking and swinging your arms, followed by slow, easy stretches before you exercise, gets you ready.

**Don't overdo it** — If muscles or joints start to hurt, ease up.

**Cool down** — This is as important after hard exercise as warming up is before any exercise. Slow down for about five minutes. For example, walk for five minutes after running.

normal hearing while jogging. Headphones are permitted on the circular running tracks.

**Don't walk or jog** on Ploesti Drive. Keep to the right on "Interstate 81," the base's paved track.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Bowling

**Gaude Lanes** — re-opens Dec. 4, 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.

**Health and wellness center** — Register Nov. 13-16 for Nov. 20-Jan. 1 "walk your way through the holidays." Participants receive pedometer and log book. Complete the program to receive medal, 11 a.m. Jan. 4 at Crowell Track.

Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run/walk — 7 a.m. Nov. 16. Refreshments served.

**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, \$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 trip** — 7 a.m. to noon Nov. 11. Cost: \$15 per person. Maximum of six people. Mississippi fishing license required.

**Veterans Day special** — 10 percent discount on all boat rentals Nov. 11.

**Turkey casting contest** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16. Winner receives \$50 savings bond and a turkey.

**November fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest flounder 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.

### 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

## GRADUATIONS

### Keesler NCO Academy Class 06-7

**81st Communications Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Shawnni Morris and Joshua Warren.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Bruce Stouder.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Bradley Markwood (distinguished graduate).

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. David Lechner.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Tech. Sgt. Keith Trahan.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgts. Shundra Bowdidge and Artist Page.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Anthony Wallis.

**333rd Training Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Labelle.

**334th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. BobbiJo Turnier.

**335th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Joey Scott.

**336th TRS** — Tech. Sgts. Jerry Bingham Jr. (Levitow award winner), James Briney, Dennis Crum and Michael Dignan.

**338th TRS** — Tech. Sgt. Jason Cartwright (distinguished graduate).

**366th TRS Detachment 6** — Tech. Sgt. Eddie Ferguson.

### First Term Airmen Center Class 06-22

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Bradley Louk, Rachel Medaris and Carlina Moreland.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Deanna Johnson.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Airmen Raul Gesmundo and Jacob Munoz.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Joyce Coppage, Kirby Morales and Brian Roberts.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Airmen Basic Renee Ayala, Sascha Huggins, James King and Lisa Spitler; Airmen 1st Class Kathryn Barber, Ryan Britten, Alexander Daesch and Jennifer Yim.

**81st Training Wing** — Airman Basic Jounel Caceres.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Brabham, Ebony Hodges and Jennifer Lloyd-King.

## HONORS

### Quarterly awards, July-September

#### 81st Training Group

**Airman** — Airman 1st Class Melanie Hutchison, 332nd Training Squadron.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Crista Auge, 81st Training Support Squadron.

**Senior NCO** — Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas Slater, 81st TRSS.

**Company grade officer** — Capt. Ray Crotts II, 334th TRS.

**Field grade officer** — Maj. Paul Lips, 81st TRSS.

**Entry level civilian** — Tyrena Rose, 333rd TRS.

**Intermediate level civilian** — John Cobb, 336th TRS.

**Senior level civilian** — Elizabeth LeBlanc, 333rd TRS.

**Airman instructor** — Senior Airman Kristi Knowles, 334th TRS.

**NCO instructor** — Tech. Sgt. Clinton Presley, 335th TRS.

**Senior NCO instructor** — Master Sgt. William Figgins, 335th TRS.

**Officer instructor** — Capt. Curtis Rucker, 334th TRS.

**Civilian instructor** — William Shook, 81st TRSS.

**Military training leader** — Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 81st TRSS.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Thomas Albano, Brian Buckley, Alfredo Camacho, Sean Duna, Reece Dvorak, Kevin Hart, Daylin Heer, Christopher Jannette, Shawanna Matchett, James Pardue, Anakapon Patikamanant, Aaron Picklesimer, Drew Sermón, Ronald Smith, Justin Spriggs, Ian Sweeney, Joshua Toole, Kyle Twidt, William Welch and Jacob Wilkens; Airmen Glory Bilang, James Collier, Douglas Freeman, Lloyd Harrington, Demetrius Mapp, Wesley Schairer, David Stanton and Robert Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Barndon Aguilar, Uriah Beagle, Ryan Diagrepoint, Cameron Day, Alan Fairey, Joseph Gustitos, Kamran Hassan, James Hayhurst, Brittany Heath, Jeremy Jandreau, Cristina Martinez, Douglas McVicar, Evan Owens, Evan Pollino, Jacob Stepp, David Steward, Andrew Walsh and Jeffery Witte; Senior Airmen Brandon Benefield, Alan Davis, Lloyd Hill, Oscar Huff, Bradford Land, Steven Smith, Oliver Thompson and Kenneth Whitted; Staff Sgts. Roderick Celestine, Delhano Chouteau, Shawn Cox, Philip Nelson, James Raines and Caleb Trautman; Tech. Sgts. Michael Cottle and Douglas Snider.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airman Basic Ashley Lane; Staff Sgt. Rickey Stamm.

**Air traffic control operations flight** — Airmen Basic Kia Bolngna, Jamie Clark, Jennifer Clark, Joshua Eales, Rickeesia Moore, Kylah Saballa-Olaes, Andrew Schneider, Brian Seymour, Bruce Siefker, Austin Steenport and Michael Widener; Airmen Dustin Mallow, Aaron Otero-Bunker and Daniel Yeasted; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Aguil, Lanell Andona, Kody Fry, Matthew Kelley, Richard London, Matthew Mitchley, Daniel Monahan, Corrine Mudge and Clayton Shiver; Senior Airmen Jeremy Benton, Justin Coker and Christopher Cordero; Staff Sgts. Harley Bobay, Kristopher Caulfield, Danny Dumlao, James Francis III, John Montgomery and Eric Urioste; Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Gilbert; Capt. Marcel Sirak.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Thomas Butler, Lucas Everett, Joseph Forcucci, Tiffany Mandrell, Amanda Milheiser, Michelyn Odonnell, Ashley Pickel and Raquel Smith; Airmen Ryan Armes, Edward Cimmino, Jade Pina, Eric Smith and Sara Warner; Airmen 1st Class Julia Guthrie, MaRiolette Hidalgo, Kyle Reece, Sarah Robertson and Jillian Thompson; Senior Airmen Sandra Hughes, Holmes Martin, Mark Pittel and Tanishia Skeith; Staff Sgts. Michael Foss, Ruby Salvino and Aleha Will; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Coron; Master Sgt. Jody Lambert.

**Personnel apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Brandon Costantini, Melissa Funcannon, Alexis McCray, Naomi O'Brien, Ana Santiago and Brittany Stone; Airman Jessica Hawthorne; Airmen 1st Class Tara Austin, Rebecca Graham, Ki Kang, Justin Nichols and Bretta Rorie; Senior Airmen Jessica Arnold, Miranda Baron and Michael Langfield; Staff Sgts. Antione Harris, Jeffrey Sanders and Yevett Verdugo; Tech. Sgts. Christine Longfield and Marcy Newbern; Master Sgt. Russell Carpenter.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Cody Henson, Charles Kuykendall, Joshua Mangan and Jordan Otto; Navy Airmen Recruits Jeremy Pollock and Matthew Yaich; Marine Pvt. Joseph Wright; Navy Airman Apprentice William Klug; Airman 1st Class Shane Sutton; Staff Sgt. Randy Jones; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, Howard Church, Bradford Harris, Gregory Roger and Joseph Williamson; Coast Guard Petty Officer Officer 1st Class Mark Rieg.

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## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52

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

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

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

## COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

#### Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel .....9 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.

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## 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Brandon Bunce, Seth Runyon and Michael Shihrer; Airman Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Kauanui and Mike Scholdt; Senior Airmen Kenneth Elwood, Michael John, Kellie Kovar, Daniel Moore, Steven Timlin and Jack Wrobel; Staff Sgts. Aaron Brewer, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Jason Hetzel, Scott Hopper, Adam Smith and Kevin Strattan; 1st Lt. Shadreck Chadza.

**Communications and information training flight** — Airmen Basic Felicia Farr, Nathaniel Pearson and Timothy Stencil; Airmen 1st Class James Chrisley, Michael Henderson, Timothy O'Connor, Brian Robinson, Kyle Sais and Joshua Stoltz; Senior Airmen Jared Friesen, Mark Garcia, Eric Gottfried, Remigio Isla and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Brandon Arenibar, Kristie Billups, Frederick Dacanay, Dennis Maldonado, Linell McKissick, Jeffrey Morter, Lance Mosley and Han Wang; Tech. Sgts. Sebastian Calderon and Felix Martinez.

## 338th TRS

**Radar systems flight** — Airmen Matthew Ford, Johnathan Jones, Daniel O'Brien and Robert Wayland; Airmen 1st Class Jason Bishop, Kent Hadler and Shane Miller; Senior Airmen Chris Edwards and Carlton Fike; Staff Sgts. Nelson Copeland, Gary Gilles and Ray Parrish.

# HOLIDAY HOURS

## Veterans Day

**Editor's note:** Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Veterans Day federal holiday, which falls on Nov. 11 and is celebrated Nov. 10 this year. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

**Keesler News** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**Mini-mall** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**Furniture store** — closed Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11.  
**Class Six** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**Service station** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. gas.  
**Military clothing sales** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 10, closed Nov. 11.  
**Katrina Hot Dogs and Pizza** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**Seattle's Best Coffee** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**Mobile units** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**Subway** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**General Nutrition Center** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**Beauty shop** — noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11.  
**Barber shop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**Laundry and dry cleaning** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**At Ease Apparel** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 10-11.  
**Force One Rental** — closed Nov. 10-11.  
**Enterprise Car Rental** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10-11.

# CLASSES

## Airman Leadership School

**Class 07-1** — today through 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 07-1** — today through 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 the holidays** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Free treats, craft demonstrations, create gifts and decorations.

**Fall display** — throughout November. Photos put on coffee mugs, \$6.50.

**Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

**Advanced pottery** — take the next step on the potter's wheel. Call for details.

**Mini mold pouring** — 5 p.m. Nov. 9. \$15 including first firing. For youth 13 and older.

**Turkey cooking tips** — Nov. 16. Learn from the experts; call for time.

**Cooking class** — 11 a.m. Nov. 18. Holiday treats; call for details.

**Kids crafting class** — 10 a.m. Nov. 18. \$10. Thanksgiving table treat. Children 7 and under need parent's involvement.

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

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$15. Intarsia is art form of inlaying pieces of wood in decorative patterns.

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

**Advanced matting** — \$25. Beginners framing a prerequisite. 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.

**Framing** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. today and Nov. 9, 16 and 30. \$60. Sign up in multicraft shop.

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

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorrall, 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.

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

**Winterize your vehicle** — check antifreeze and pick up a free checklist.

**Oil collection site** — for privately-owned vehicles.

**Closed** — Nov. 10, 23 and 24.

## McBride Library

**Orientations** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Gale Group reference data base** — for use in library. For more 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 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

**Gulf Coast Job Fair** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 14, Edgewater Mall, Biloxi. More than 85 companies are represented. For a list of participants, visit <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>.

**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

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# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

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

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

## Friday

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

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

## Saturday

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

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

## Sunday

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

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

## Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, cornbread, pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

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

## Tuesday

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

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

## Wednesday

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

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



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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.foats.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.aet.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](mailto: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

**Thanksgiving dance** — 6 p.m. Nov. 24. Dance contest, prizes.

**Comics on duty** — 8 p.m. Nov. 30. \$3 for show and dance.

**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** — 5 p.m., two tacos for \$1 for members, \$2 nonmembers

**Wingman Day kickoff** — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Wings and things, prizes, giveaways. Free for members, \$3 nonmembers.

**Members only after hurricane season party** — 5 p.m. Nov. 30. Free Cajun food, tropical music and hurricane drink specials.

**November to "re" member** — squadrons/divisions can earn up to \$300 in Dragon Dollars by recruiting highest percentage of new or renewed members during the month. For more information, call 377-2219.

**Random cash giveaway** — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. \$50 given to a club member; must be present to win.

**Catering** — let our expert caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

## 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.

**Give parents a break night** — 4-10 p.m. Saturday for youth in kindergarten-grade 6. Sign up by today.

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

**Teen money management workshop** — 6 p.m. Nov. 14. Door prizes.

**Parent advisory meeting** — 5 p.m. Nov. 15 for parents with children involved in youth programs; refreshments served.

**Gobble gala dance** — 6-10 p.m. Nov. 17, ages 9-17. DJ, dance contest, turkey contest, games. Snack bar available. Free members, \$5 nonmembers.

**FitFactor turkey challenge** — 2-5 p.m. Nov. 18, ages 6 and older, centered around basketball skills. Winner wins a turkey.

**School-age program holiday camp** — Nov. 20-22, kindergarten-grade 6. Sign up by Nov. 10.

**Congressional award program** — 6 p.m. Nov. 21, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for the Congressional Award Medal.

**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.

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

**Creative corner** — 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Art projects, story telling or poetry writing.

**Wacky Wednesday** — 5-6 p.m. Board, table game tournaments.

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

**Mini Munyons taekwondo class** — Mondays and Wednesdays. 5-5:45 p.m. ages 3-5, \$50 month.

**Taekwondo class** — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

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

**Instructors needed** — for youth programs, including those for preschoolers and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Closed** — Nov. 23-26.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

**Information on local and out of state attractions** — free brochures with information on Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

**Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome** — \$60 including ticket. Put your name on our waiting list for these trips — 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. All trips depart Vandenberg Community Center 9 a.m., return 6 p.m.

## 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 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., The Black Dahlia (R, 121 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Gridiron Gang (PG-13, 120 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Covenant (PG-13, 97 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., The Black Dahlia (R, 121 minutes).

### November weather outlook

The pleasant fall weather that normally characterizes early November usually deteriorates toward the end of the month. Frontal systems come into the local area and bring an increase in cloudiness, fog and rain. The mean daily temperature is 10 degrees colder than in October, and the first freezing winter temperatures usually occur during the month.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....86

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....70

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....55

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....23

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....72

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....3.98

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....8

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....3

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....5.02

**Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:**

**2,000 feet**.....12.9

**1,000 feet**.....7.6

**300 feet**.....2.0

**Percentage of observations with visibility less than:**

**6 miles**.....21.3

**3 miles**.....6.3

**1 mile**.....2.9

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

**0-3 knots**.....34.0

**4-10 knots**.....60.2

**11-21 knots**.....5.7

**22 knots or greater**.....0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.