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Pharmacy opens for most services at temporary site

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs
Keesler's temporary satellite pharmacy opened Monday in a modular building adjacent to the Class Six store at Meadows Drive and Second Street.

A permanent home in the new base exchange is a couple of years away.

The temporary facility provides most of the services available before Hurricane Katrina, including refills and new prescriptions from off-base providers, according to Col. Frank Jacobs, pharmacy flight commander.

The refill area set up for Keesler beneficiaries at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center after Hurricane Katrina closed July 29.

Hours of service for the satellite pharmacy are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. A

drive-up window is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. This service is for pickup of completed prescriptions and refills only.

Colonel Jacobs said there's still a two-day turnaround for refills. However, he expects to reduce this in the near future as the availability of medications to complete the refills is assured.

"The pharmacy can refill prescriptions that are already in our computers, ones that we filled originally," he said. "However, don't call for transfers of prescriptions that were originally filled at another pharmacy. In those cases, patients need to ask their provider for a new prescription.

"As before, the pharmacy will fill off-base prescriptions

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Photo by Steve

Pivnick

Pharmacy technician Adrian Robinson stocks an automated dispensing machine in the new temporary

This week in the Triangle

Emission security manager, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
Communications-computer systems programming, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
Information management craftsman, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
Communications security manager, 11 a.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Theater deployable communications voice network, 11 a.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Scope Eagle, 3 p.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Advanced communications officer, 3 p.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Theater deployable communications transmission network, 11 a.m. Monday, Stennis Hall.
Airborne mission systems specialist, 9 a.m. Monday, Dolan Hall.
Basic instructor, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Hewes Hall.
Radio communications systems, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Network management infrastructure, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Stennis Hall.
Network administration managing exchange, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,422

Non-prior service — 2,128

Temporary duty — 1,274

Combat controllers — 20

Non-prior service arrivals — 152

Guard, Reserve — 831

International — 32

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 20,814

Total since 1942 — 2,228,875

COMMENTARY

Keesler, it's hot out there, so be cool about activity

By Col. (Dr.) Virgil Jefferson

81st Surgical Operations Squadron commander

According to the Centers for Disease Control, heat-related deaths and illness are preventable. Despite this, many people die from extreme heat each year.

From 1979-99, more than 8,000 heat-related deaths were reported in the United States. This startling statistic is greater than deaths from hurricanes, lightning, floods and earthquakes combined.

Along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, people are busy with summer activities, making post-hurricane repairs to property or working outside for extended periods. This region meets the criteria for extreme heat characterized as temperatures 10 degrees or higher than the average high temperature for several weeks.

Any activity performed under extreme heat can be dangerous.

People suffer from heat-related illness when the body is unable to regulate heat. The body uses sweating as a primary way to rid itself of heat, but this mechanism can fail. If the body can't rid itself of sweat quickly enough, body temperature rises rapidly and can lead to vital organ damage. Other factors include age, obesity, dehydration, heart disease, poor circulation, mental illness and prescription drug and alcohol use.

At greatest risk for heat-related illnesses are the very young, the elderly, those with chronic diseases and the mentally ill. However, anyone may be victimized by extreme heat.

Protect yourself, your family and your pets.

Because heavy sweating removes salts and minerals from the body, increase your fluid intake unless your doctor indicates otherwise. Wear lighter clothing, use sunglasses, apply sunscreen that contains a broad spectrum UVA/UVB and avoid alcohol during extreme heat activities. Limit your outdoor time to morning and evenings, and stay in shady areas whenever possible.

These efforts allow your body temperature time to recover.

It's important to know the warning signs of the more threatening heat-related illnesses, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, fatigue, weakness and dizziness.

To treat this condition, attempt to cool down by rest, cool showers and moving to an air-conditioned environment.

Heat stroke symptoms are more severe and include no sweating; extremely high body temperature; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; confusion and unconsciousness.

Heat stroke is potentially life-threatening. Efforts should immediately be made to contact emergency medical services, get the victim to a shady area, cool the victim rapidly with any means available — don't give victim any fluids to drink — and continue cooling measures until body temperature normalizes while awaiting emergency assistance.

It's also important to remember those moving to the coast this summer from cooler climates. Be a wingman for them, and ensure they know what to do in case of extreme heat.

It's not that hard to save energy

By Chris Wheeler

4th Civil Engineer Squadron

SEYMOUR JOHNSON Air Force Base, N.C. — A joint effort at all Air Force bases, both in family housing and duty sections, plays an enormous role in what the base pays for electricity each month.

Here are some ways that help reduce electrical usage, thus reducing electrical demand and saving money.

Make sure the air filter in the air conditioner is changed monthly. A dirty filter can cause your air conditioning

unit to lose 30 percent of its efficiency. A clean filter increases air flow throughout your house, thus cooling it quicker.

Use fans to move air; the simple movement of air can make a room feel cooler.

Adjust drapes, blinds or shades to prevent sunlight from heating your house or office.

If possible, keep lights low or off. Electric lights generate heat.

Make sure heat-producing equipment such as computers or coffee makers aren't located near thermostats. Heat

from these appliances causes the air conditioner to run longer.

Ensure coffee pots aren't left on after hours.

Use bathroom fans to remove moisture and heat.

Use microwave ovens instead of conventional ovens; they produce less heat.

In most parts of the country, the electrical peak hours during the summer are from noon until 6 p.m. If possible, laundry, showers and other tasks that use large appliances and hot water should be performed before or after these times.

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.

Thumbs up, lifesavers!

Comment — After reading about the valiant efforts made by the wonderful men of the 81st Medical Support and Operations squadrons, I'm even more grateful to them than I was about two weeks ago.

Had it not been for Sergeants Baldwin and Plaza, and Airmen Strawn, Gablinske and Wolfe's lifesaving efforts, my husband, Staff Sgt. Darin Ginder of the 81st Transportation Squadron, wouldn't be with us today. I look into the eyes of our three children and I can't think of how appreciative I am of everyone's efforts. Words can't express our gratitude and we humbly tip our hat to these wonderful angels.

I'd like to also express my thanks and gratitude to the paramedic from the AMR ambulance, Carlos Redmon, and EMT Adam Brickeau who were also extremely helpful and pleasant. Paramedics warmly greeted me on my arrival at Biloxi Regional Medical Center.

I and my children thank each and every one of you. You're a blessing to this country and your service.

My husband is sore, remembers very little of the incident and is very bored being confined at home, but he's doing well and on the road to recovery from this near tragedy.

Everyone, including all the members of the 81st TRANS, has been very supportive. Your well wishes for us are also greatly appreciated. Thank you all so much.

Response — The men and women of the 81st TRANS are also very appreciative of the support Sergeant Ginder and his family received following his medical emergency. The fine professionals in the fire department provided life saving assistance and for that all of us are very grateful.

Thank you for your kind words about the skill and professionalism of all our emergency service responders. The men and women of the fire department are glad to hear Sergeant Ginder is on the mend.



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for Keesler members:

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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>

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

Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...

a core value,

a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

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



If you've had too much to drink,
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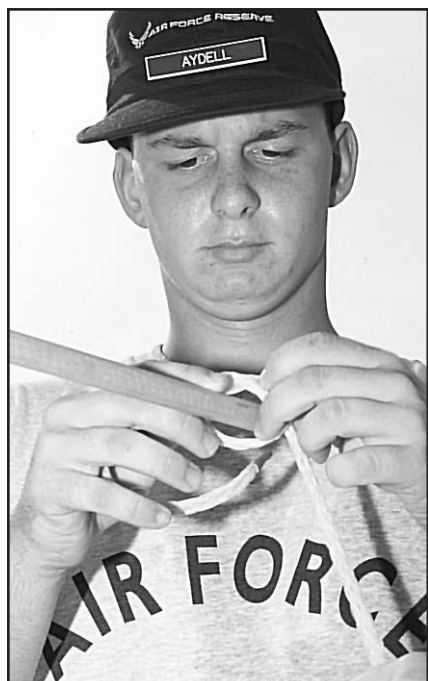
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working Fridays and Saturdays.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Cadet Staff Sgt. Daniel Hamilton, left, Tech. Sgt. Micki Foster and Cadet Staff Sgt. Adam Stokes fold the flag at retreat July 27. Sergeant Foster is an instructor at the Keesler NCO Academy and project manager for the Junior ROTC summer leadership school. Cadet Hamilton attends Riverdale High School, Jefferson, La., and Cadet Stokes attends Columbus, Miss., High School. Both cadets are 15-year-old sophomores.



Cadets learn leadership lessons



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Cadet Staff Sgt. Nicholas Aydell, 15-year-old sophomore from East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La., participates in a team building exercise which requires a group to remove a fire extinguisher from the center of a circle without anyone entering the circle. Cadet Aydell is lashing sticks together for his Mustang Flight teammates to use to retrieve the extinguisher.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Junior ROTC cadets from a three-state region got a broad introduction to Air Force life at Keesler last week.

The occasion was Biloxi High School's annual summer leadership school at the NCO Academy.

This year, 125 cadets from 18 schools were involved with six-day program. This was the largest enrollment in the event's nine-year history.

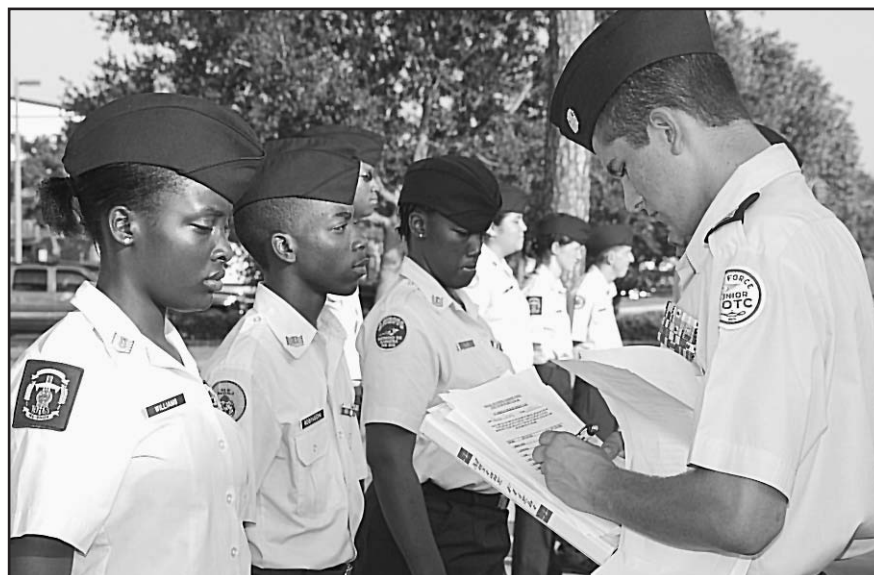
After in-processing June 23, cadets began their introduction to military life. The experience included physical fitness training and drill practice conducted by cadet

training advisers overseen by active-duty and retired noncommissioned officers and officers.

Cadets began physical training at 5 a.m., followed by breakfast and training at the academy which focused on human relations, management, communication and leadership.

Cadets marched with their flight to and from their dining facilities under the watchful eyes of CTAs responsible for evaluating their troops. Before dinner, cadets practiced drill sequences in preparation for Friday's parade and pass-and-review.

A graduation ceremony was held Friday at Welch Auditorium.



Cadet Staff Sgts. Tierra Jones, left, Jeremy Robinson and Lysha Bland have their uniforms inspected by Cadet Capt. Justin Hernandez. Cadet Jones, 14, is a sophomore at Ridgeland, Miss., High School. Cadet Robinson, 15, is a sophomore at South Panola High School in Batesville, Miss. Cadet Bland, 15, is a freshman at Raymond, Miss., High School. Cadet Hernandez is a senior at Biloxi High.

Air Force seeks 1,100+ NCOs to fill shortages

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The 2007 NCO Retraining Program began July 27 as the Air Force seeks to fill more than 1,100 shortage career field and special duty positions.

Noncommissioned officers notified of their vulnerability to retrain must submit their shortage career field choices they'd most like to retrain into or apply for a special duty assignment identifier no later than Sept. 18.

"During the voluntary phase members have the opportunity to set the course of their future as Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch. "Many Airmen failed to act during the voluntary phase in 2006, and ultimately, 36 of those Airmen were separated under the involuntary NCORP phase so there is a consequence for not applying for retraining."

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force Specialty Code are posted on the virtual military personnel flight at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>. By clicking on their grade or projected grade, NCOs may view their ranking on the vulnerability list and apply for retraining through the vMPF as needed.

Commander's support staff personnel manage the retraining program and notify members if they're eligible. They also suggest special duty identifiers such as recruiting, postal duty, military training instructor or professional military education instructor.

If voluntary measures are unsuccessful, the Air Staff implements Phase II, involuntary retraining. In Phase II, individuals identified as vulnerable in AFSCs not meeting retraining-out objectives, and without approved retraining or assignment to a special duty identifier by Sept. 18, are involuntarily retrained.

"It's important for all Airmen to understand once they are identified for retraining in Phase I, they will continue to be vulnerable in Phase II unless they are retrained, released or separated from military service," said Master Sgt. Greg McClain, AFPC enlisted skills management branch superintendent.

For more information, contact your commander's support staff personnel, base career assistance advisers or the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-665-5000.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Larry Simmons

Staff Sgt. Travis Crawley, left, playing a terrorist, is captured by Airman Stephen Brown during Security Forces Academy training at Camp Bullis, Texas.

Security Forces Academy

Instructors with combat experience enhance training

By Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson

Air Force Print News

LACKLAND Air Force Base, Texas — A unit here is taking Airmen's combat experiences and merging them into the training they provide security forces bound for duty "outside the wire" in war zones.

The 343rd Training Squadron has added combat experience to its Security Forces Academy to better prepare Airmen to provide air base defense and participate in combat operations.

"Most of our students are going to the fight within their first year," said Lt. Col. Tim Farrell, squadron commander. "We have a duty to get them ready."

Changes to the course material were determined through a utilization-of-training workshop held last fall. There, senior enlisted experts worked with the technical training professionals to evaluate every specialty training standard to see what needed to change to prepare Airmen to better combat today's threats.

Since official changes take coordination and time, squadron leaders made a few modifications to the course preparation and hired the right people to be trainers — those with combat experience.

"We try to bring in people who have been in the fight recently and people who have been in nuclear weapons protection units recently. Literally and figuratively, we want their war stories when they deliver a presentation," the colonel said.

One of the experienced instructors is Staff Sgt. Brian Lunger of El Paso, Texas. He has deployed to many countries in the Middle East and been part of combat operations while working with Army special forces in Afghanistan. At the academy, he's the noncommissioned officer in charge of military operations and urban terrain training.

The sergeant said the aim is to take raw troops and turn them into apprentices who can deploy to do their job in any war zone.

"When they leave here, they're

ready to do their war jobs," the sergeant said.

The academy, which trains more than 5,000 security forces Airmen annually, teaches enlisted and officers the basic courses in air base defense. Students also learn about missile security, convoy actions, protection of nuclear weapons and law enforcement.

The instructors pass on their extensive deployment and combat experiences in these areas to their students.

Sergeant Lunger likes to teach his students one thing in particular.

"I teach them not to hesitate to be decisive and to communicate," he said. "I want to instill that in their minds, so they don't make the same mistakes we have made."

Airmen in other support career fields are also helping deliver the message outside of the classroom. The squadron's military training leaders come from various fields, such as medical, aircraft maintenance and administration.

The academy doesn't stop there.

Instructors are essentially the students' first supervisors. Training leaders set the example, from running the dormitory to continuation of the principles of basic military training — core values and "Airmanship."

"(Training leaders) come from all walks of life across the Air Force and a good portion of them are fresh from the fight in their particular career field," Colonel Farrell said. "They help drive the point home to our Airmen that it's a big Air Force out there, we're all expeditionary and we're all in this fight together."

With today's rapidly changing threats, it isn't feasible to bring in every Airman to share an appropriate combat experience or to wait every few years for a workshop review. Peer discussion and staying in contact with counterparts in the field adds relevant material to training, the colonel said.

"We listen to our senior leadership in the field, both enlisted and officer," he said. "We get the right people in here — fresh from the fight."

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

Drill down competitions are every other month on the drill pad, and student parades in alternate months on the parade grounds.

Drill downs — 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

Parades — 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

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

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.

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. Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date are returned and won't meet the selection board.

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

Weapons training

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

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

Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees at Keesler.

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 212, old Cody Hall.

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.

Physical therapy

Air Force Print News

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

Only active-duty Airmen who possess a baccalaureate degree or those who are in the final semester prior to receiving a degree that includes this program's prerequisites may apply. Applicants also must be medically qualified for worldwide duty.

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

Supply classes

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

CORRECTION

Master Sgt. Steve Foley's current rank was incorrectly reported in an article the July 27 issue of the Keesler News.

New Top Red Wolf



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. John Mitchell, left, an instructor in the 336th Training Squadron, briefs Lt. Col. Kimberley Ramos, the squadron's new commander, on the communications-computer systems operations apprentice course in Thomson Hall. Colonel Ramos assumed command July 26 from Lt. Col. Monica Kopf, who's now the deputy commander of the 78th Mission Support Group at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Colonel Ramos, a recent graduate of Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., formerly commanded the 65th Communications Squadron at Lajes Field in the Azores, Portugal. She was previously stationed at Keesler from 1993-1996 as an instructor and instructor supervisor in the 333rd TRS and commander of the computer maintenance training flight in the 336th TRS.

333rd Training Squadron welcomes new leader

Lt. Col. Kay Spannuth assumes command of the 333rd Training Squadron, 1 p.m. Tuesday in Stennis Hall.

Colonel Spannuth is a communications and information systems planner with the United States delegation to the NATO military committee in Belgium.

She succeeds Lt. Col. Randy Coats who commanded the 333rd TRS for more than two years. He's now the deputy commander of the 607th Air and Space Communication Group at Osan Air Base, Korea.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Aviation preservation

Jeremiah Staube of Staube's Aircraft Services of Hawaii sands the T-33 jet used in a static display on Larcher Boulevard before it was repainted. The T-33 was used to train pilots already qualified to fly propeller-driven aircraft. It's one of the world's best-known aircraft, serving with the air forces of more than 20 countries.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Keesler Spouses Club welcomes military, civilian, retiree members

The Keesler Spouses Club kicks off the 2006-07 board year with a general membership meeting, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Vandenberg Community Center.

"Sail into the New Year" is the theme, with an overview of events and activities from base and community organizations.

"This year is very exciting because all Keesler spouses can come and participate in the events we've planned," said Tammie Searfass, KSC president and spouse of Capt. Albert Searfass, 332nd Training Squadron. "The club expanded from only officer spouses to unite all spouses of active-duty officers and enlisted members, retirees, Guard, Reserve and civil service employees."

Membership entitles spouses to attend club functions and opportunities to serve on committees which address social functions, community service and charitable donations.

Members can also volunteer at the Keesler Thrift Shop in the former Chapel One building, which supports charitable organizations and provides scholarships with its proceeds. The shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

"This new board builds on the success of last

"It's a resilient group that was able to award eight scholarships last May despite Hurricane Katrina."

— Mrs. Capasso

year's board," said senior adviser Laura Capasso, spouse of Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander.

"I'm so proud of the KSC and what our members have accomplished," she said. "It's a resilient group that was able to award eight scholarships last May despite Hurricane Katrina. That solid foundation enabled the new board to establish impressive goals and a great, fun-filled agenda for Keesler spouses."

The private, nonprofit organization has a twofold purpose — social and charitable.

The social aspect of the club promotes entertaining, recreational and other nonprofit activities for its members.

Events include self-defense training, games, and bowling and arts and crafts nights. Ongoing activities include bunko, mah jong and obscure movie night.

This year, in addition to the thrift shop, the club raises funds through its first bazaar, Oct. 20-21, with vendors and products from around the world, arts and crafts and food booths.

Meetings alternate between days and evenings the second Tuesday of the month. Dues are \$36 annually.

For more information, visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

IN THE NEWS

Wing quarterly awards

The 81st Training Wing second quarter awards are presented at 3 p.m. Friday in Welch Auditorium.

Dining authorizations

81st Services Division

People are authorized to use Keesler's dining facilities:
Meal card holders — no charge, must present identification card at each meal.

Enlisted Keesler personnel drawing basic allowance for subsistence — food cost plus surcharge; present ID if not in uniform.

Military members on temporary duty — food cost plus surcharge when applicable; present ID if not in uniform.

Civilians on TDY — food cost plus surcharge; present TDY orders at each meal.

Chaplains — may dine at any time; food cost plus surcharge.

Squadron commanders and above and their written designated representatives when eating meal to determine quantity and quality — food cost plus surcharge; must sign guest book.

Dependents of active-duty members — food charge only for senior airmen and below, food cost plus surcharge for staff sergeants and above; active-duty members and dependents of age must present IDs; Sunday lunch only.

Travel card delinquencies

81st Comptroller Squadron

For the second month in a row, Keesler has the lowest number of government travel card delinquencies in Air Education and Training Command.

Keesler had no accounts delinquent more than 60 days, compared to AETC's 2 percent or less standard, according to Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

For assistance, unit GTC program coordinators call Marcella LeBlanc, 377-4703, or Dennis Villers, 377-4657.

Civilian shopping at commissary

An extension has been approved for Keesler civilian employees to shop at the base commissary through Aug. 31, according to Lee Hathorn, civilian personnel officer.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Sept. 7 issue of the Keesler News is noon Aug. 31, four days earlier than usual.

The early deadline is due to the Labor Day federal holiday Sept. 4.

The newspaper office is closed Sept. 4 in observance of the holiday.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are:

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

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

Moss Point — Toni's Lounge.

Force shaping: 8,000 officers must go in 2007

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently announced new force-shaping initiatives to be used to meet the required fiscal 2007 end strength numbers.

The new initiatives are designed to bring the officer numbers down as the enlisted end-strength numbers are on target for 2007. Officials said more than 8,000 officers must separate either through normal attrition, retirement or force-shaping measures to achieve the required balance in force.

“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.”

The Air Force will look for volunteers, but will also initiate involuntary shaping programs to achieve a balanced force. The force-shaping program maximizes the Air Force’s voluntary separation authority and also allows implementation of involuntary shaping programs as required.

The Air Force starts the 2007 force-shaping program with three tools to lower the number of active-duty officers:

Voluntary separation pay.
Selective early retirement board.
Force-shaping board.

Under U.S. Code Title 10, the secretary of the Air Force has authority to use these force-shaping tools.

The VSP incentive is offered to line officers (including judge advocates), and chaplains with more than six and no more than exactly 12 years of service to encourage their separation, General Brady said.

The Air Force needs approximately 3,200 officers meeting these criteria to separate. Eligible officers may begin applying for VSP now. Dates of separation must take effect between Oct. 1 and Sept. 29, 2007. Applications for VSP won’t be accepted after Jan. 31.

Officers who are approved for VSP enter into a written agreement to serve in the Individual Ready Reserve for a period of three years following separation.

Officers who have an existing military service obligation at the time of separation fulfill it in the IRR, along with the additional three-year commitment.

Officers meeting the time-in-service criteria may contact their military personnel flights for more details on VSP.

“We are offering the qualified VSP officers twice the compensation of what they would receive for an involuntary separation,” General Brady said.

The Air Force seeks to retire 313 line officer lieutenant colonels who’ve been twice deferred for promotion or colonels with four years time in grade who aren’t general selects. Officers who have a voluntary retirement date or a mandatory retirement date for length of service won’t be considered.

The Air Force must plan for a SERB for 2007 to meet this shaping objective.

“The officers that fit this category have already been notified,” General Brady said. “If we get enough volunteers for retirement, we will not hold the SERB.”

A SERB has been scheduled for Jan. 8-19. More detailed information about the SERB is released in September.

The Air Force also holds a FY07 FSB. This board evaluates officers who haven’t completed more than five years commissioned service. The board considers officers in selected overage career fields in the 2003 and

2004 year groups. However, for the 2003 year group, the board considers only those career fields that were excluded from consideration by the FY06 FSB.

The Air Force projects more than 900 losses as a result of the 2007 FSB, which is scheduled for March 12-23.

Another tool the Air Force uses to balance the force is recruitment.

“In force shaping, we will lose some very talented people. But the reduction in size is also about losing manpower authorizations to help get the right number of people with dynamic skill sets,” General Brady said. “We will be bringing in about 3,000 less enlisted and 500 less officers this year through accessions.”

Recruiting fewer people into the Air Force eases the burden of having to get rid of quality individuals, he said.

“One thing we don’t want people to lose sight of is, we do not like the fact that we’re going to lose these people,” General Brady said. “These are talented young folks with a great work ethic and the kind of people we feel will land on their feet and do well.”

For more information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm>.

Pharmacy,

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for drugs that are routinely stocked — in other words, those that are listed on our formulary,” the colonel explained.

He noted the base pharmacy’s outpatient drug formulary is back to more than 95 percent of what it was before Katrina. Copies of the formulary are available at any base pharmacy or on the Web at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81MDG/formulary.rtf>.

The medical center pharmacy’s new telephone number, 376-1000, is for eligible patients to call in refill requests. The old number is still active, but will be disconnected in the next few months as the transition to a new phone system is completed.

The toll-free refill numbers: 1-800-443-6564 for Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, and 1-800-422-9291 for Louisiana.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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More health care options for reservists

Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER — Tricare Reserve Select, the premium-based health coverage plan for eligible Selected Reserve and participating Individual Ready Reserve members, has been enhanced.

Three tiers of coverage are now offered.

Tier 1 certification started June 1 and is primarily for reservists who've served in support of a contingency.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center is now taking applications for Tiers 2 and 3. These applications must be postmarked by Sept. 25 for coverage effective Oct. 1. Applications postmarked from Sept. 26 to Nov. 25 receive coverage effective Jan. 1.

To qualify for Tier 2 coverage individuals must:

Be a member of the Selected Reserve eligible to receive unemployment compensation under state law for which TRS Tier 2 coverage is provided.

Be a member in the Selected Reserve and isn't eligible for an employer-sponsored health plan or the employer doesn't offer a health insurance plan.

Enter into a service agreement to serve continuously in the Selected Reserve for the period of TRS Tier 2 coverage.

Be a member of the Selected Reserve and self-employed when self-employment is the primary source of annual income, as reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Be an IRR member serving in the Selected Reserve by end of the one-year period given to find a position.

Members must pay 50 percent of the cost of the premiums for Tier 2.

To qualify for Tier 3 coverage individuals must:

Not qualify for Tier 1 or Tier 2 coverage.

Enter into a service agreement to serve continuously in the Selected Reserve for the period of TRS Tier 3 coverage.

Be an IRR member serving in the Selected Reserve by end of the one-year period given to find a position.

Members must pay 85 percent of the cost of the premiums for Tier 3.

These are basic eligibility criteria. Members who think they're eligible for Tier 2 or Tier 3 coverage can go to the Guard/Reserve Portal at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal> and complete Defense Department Form 2895, "Agreement to Serve in the Selected Reserve for Tricare Reserve Select." Once signed by the commander, call the ARPC Contact Center, 1-800-525-0102 to execute the agreement.

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.

Verifying deployment credit

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

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Base improves safety record in fiscal 2005
By David L. Sledge
The Air Force's 81st Mission Support Squadron and other units at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, achieved a record of zero major accidents during fiscal 2005, according to a report released by the base's safety officer.

Their first look at Keesler
A group of 100 Air Force Reserve members, including airmen and civilians, arrived at the Keesler News office in Merica, Miss., for a tour of the facility and a meeting with the newsroom staff.

Congress reviews new civilian personnel system
The House of Representatives is expected to hold a hearing on the new civilian personnel system for the Air Force Reserve, which was implemented in fiscal 2005.

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Now reservists can apply for retirement online

By Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims

Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER — As of Monday, all eligible members of the Air Force Reserve submit retirement applications electronically via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center here operates the seven-days-a-week customer service Web portal.

“The ultimate goal is to improve and streamline how we deliver services to our reservists,” said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander. “We’re leveraging technology and Web application to help strike the balance necessary to continue to deliver service with fewer personnel specialists.”

Previously, reservists had to visit their local mili-

tary personnel flight, complete the required retirement application package, submit it to their supervisor or commander and send it to ARPC.

This new Web-enabled service is available at any time from anywhere in the world and gives Airmen the ability to monitor the status of their application from start to finish. Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp> to begin the process.

When the submission is received, the customer is e-mailed a tracking number. After the member’s commander — or program manager for individual mobilization augmentees — has electronically endorsed the application, the Reserve Personnel Contact Center at the ARPC here verifies eligibility

and finalizes the application.

Once approved, the vPC-GR sends e-mail notifications to the member and his commander or manager. This new process only applies to members who haven’t yet initiated a retirement application. It doesn’t apply to Airmen who’ve already applied for retirement through their local military personnel flight.

ARPC and the National Guard Bureau are working together to expand this capability to Air National Guard members in the near future.

In the future, centralized services should account for nearly every aspect of every reservists’ personnel actions, from initial enlistment to far beyond retirement and everything in between.

Public affairs, multimedia merger set

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force is merging public affairs and multimedia into a new “strategic communication structure.”

Twenty-four-hour news cycles and the demand for real-time data and images dictate the move, the Air Force chief of staff said recently in a memorandum.

“To help build a versatile and formidable communication capability, I approve the concept of realigning two functional areas — public affairs and multimedia — into a relevant strategic communication structure that will provide operational capability for today and into the future,” Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

The realignment takes place first at the Air Staff level. Multimedia realigns from the Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Office to the Air Force Office of Communication and the Office of Public Affairs.

“The goal of strategic communication is to inform and appropriately influence key audiences by synchronizing and integrating our communication efforts,” said Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, director of Air Force communication. “Through this realignment, both multimedia and public affairs will be operationally aligned to help meet that goal.”

Combining capabilities will increase operational effectiveness and national and international understanding by improving communication to internal and external audiences, officials said.

The first step for strategic communication is a top-level realignment of assets, followed by a study to bring the four career fields down to two. Air Force strategic communications and public affairs will develop a plan and a timeline of how and when to realign at the major command and installation levels.

Landscaping gives new life to storm-battered base

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A \$4.9 million project is giving new life to Keesler's Hurricane Katrina-battered landscape.

"The scope of this effort could conceivably be the largest landscaping project ever attempted on an Air Force installation," said Mike Ehrlich, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron landscape architect.

Plenty of plants

About 190,000 new plants, including more than 700 trees, are involved and more than 300,000 square feet of planting space is being redeveloped.

Soon after the hurricane's winds and storm surge slammed into the base, the 81st CES began devising a plan to restore Keesler's plant life.

Mr. Ehrlich noted that Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, wants the base to have a fresh new face with a professional look as hurricane rebuilding efforts go ahead.

Restoration first

"Landscaping is just another facet of Keesler's continuing Katrina recovery," Mr. Ehrlich pointed out. "We have many damaged, destroyed and degraded areas, and a lot of restoration has to be done before new plants can go in. If you don't excavate and get rid of the contaminated soil, you're doomed."

Preliminary redevelopment design work for the project was done by an Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence tri-service assistance team of eight landscape architects.

The landscape contract was awarded in May to Environmental Quality Management, Inc., with Valley Crest Landscape Development, one of the largest landscaping firms in the country, as the principal subcontractor.

The seven-month undertaking began last week at the static displays by Muse Manor and the White Avenue Gate, the base's main entrance. Work continues this week on Larcher Boulevard, the base's main



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Benjamin Garcia, left, Rafael Rodriguez and Oncelmo Rodriguez from Valley Crest Landscape Development excavate the static display area at the corner of Larcher

Boulevard and Meadows Drive near Muse Manor, July 27. Undamaged shrubs from Larcher Boulevard are being transplanted here.

north-south corridor.

Other focal points are Meadows Drive and its gate, Pass Road Gate, Triangle technical training area, Levittow Training Support Facility and parade grounds, base operations, marina park, Sablich Center, Garrard Hall and headquarters of the 81st TRW, 2nd Air Force and 403rd Wing.

"More plants survived from Katrina than we had originally anticipated," Mr. Ehrlich noted. "Those plants have been tagged for removal for transplanting. It's too wasteful not to reuse perfectly good plants."

Planting materials for the entire project have been located, examined and approved for use by Mr. Ehrlich. Plants were selected to withstand south Mississippi's weather

Traffic, parking impacts possible

During landscape construction, traffic lanes may be blocked at various locations to allow work crews and heavy equipment to access the landscape redevelopment areas.

"Unfortunately, we'll have to close the parking area adjacent to the visitor center for a few days — probably Aug. 11-13 — to finish work on the White Avenue Gate area," said Mike Ehrlich, base landscape architect. "We hope to have public support and patience during this process."

extremes while reducing care and maintenance costs.

A 1.5-acre contractor lay-down area and a temporary nursery for new stock and reusable plants has been established on D Street in South Pinehaven.

The construction and redevelopment process involves several steps.

During the demolition stage, damaged trees, shrubs and

ground cover plants are removed, and the planting bed areas cleared by removing the upper layer of contaminated soil, mulch, debris and other inert materials.

Then excavated areas are backfilled with a planting mix composed of high-quality topsoil, compost and other soil amendments.

"This is done to adjust

nutrient levels and soil chemistry to provide an optimum growing medium for new landscape plants," Mr. Ehrlich explained. "The planting beds are also graded to ensure proper drainage. Then the new plant material is installed and the beds get a topcoat of mulch."

Although the project is massive in scope, Mr. Ehrlich said that it doesn't address all of Keesler's grounds restoration needs.

"Tree replanting in this contract represents less than 20 percent of the 3,800 trees we lost from direct and indirect Katrina damage," he stated. "Many other base facilities have landscape repair and redevelopment requirements that will be addressed in future projects."



Ms. Diamond



Ms. Periatt

So long, supply

Retirement of 2 civilians marks 70 years of service

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two members of the 81st Supply Squadron, Sandra Diamond and Rose Periatt, retired this week with a combined total of almost 70 years of federal service.

Ms. Diamond, the squadron's stock fund manager for nearly 18 years, began her civil service career almost 40 years ago as a checker at the commissary at Clark Air Base, Philippines. The following year, she moved to the same job at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

She took time off to be a stay-at-home mom for two years, then returned to the Chanute Commissary from 1969 to 1972 as a checker and head cashier.

Ms. Diamond stayed home with her children again until she came to Keesler 33 years ago to work at the commissary. Later in 1973, she transferred to the 1839th Electronics Installation Group as a supply clerk.

In 1976, she was promoted to supply clerk in base supply's technical order library.

She was promoted to supply clerk research supervisor in

1978 and document control supervisor in 1980. She served as the assistant stock fund manager from 1985 until she assumed her current position in 1988.

Ms. Periatt began her civil service career in 1973 as a base self-service store clerk at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

She came to Keesler in 1979 as a temporary clerk typist in the civilian personnel office. She moved to a permanent clerk typist position in civil engineering the same year.

In 1981, Ms. Periatt moved to Keesler Medical Center as a medical procurement clerk. A promotion to materiel expediter at the 1839th EIG followed.

She began working as a tool and parts attendant in 1986 before returning to supply to work in the procedures section in 1989.

Ms. Periatt went back to the 1839th EIG in 1991 as the material management flight chief. She returned to supply in 1994, first with the procedures section and later as supervisor of customer one-stop from 1996 to 1999, when she filled her current position as procedures analyst.

Volunteer — get connected.

Voting assistance as close as phone, program Web site

Air Force Print News
and Keesler News staff

The Air Force Voting Program's mission is to ensure Airmen and their families around the world have the information and tools needed to exercise their right to vote.

Every Air Force installation has designated voting assistance officers who assist Airmen and voting age family members with the registration and voting process.

Maj. Aaron Albers, 336th Training Squadron director of operations, is Keesler's voting assistance officer.

Before deploying, Airmen receive voting materials needed to notify their state of their new mailing address. They continue to receive voting assistance from home voting officers and on-site teams.

"We want to ensure that every Airman's sacrifice of service does not interfere with his right to vote," said John Lowrence, Air Force voting action officer at the Air Force Personnel Center. "However, each person must accurately complete the absentee voting process, from registering and requesting a ballot to submitting the absentee ballot."

Airmen serving away from their voting residence should use Federal Post Card Application Standard Form 76 to register and request absentee ballots. The SF76 and 2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide, which lists the unique voting rules for each state, are available on line at <http://www.fvap.gov> or may be obtained from the base voting assistance officer.

To help ensure their vote counts, officials remind Airmen to be careful when filling out the SF76, as it's most often returned without action for the following reasons:

Inadequate legal voting residence address. Address information was not sufficient to locate member's voting precinct, ward, parish, etc.

Inadequate legal voting residence address. Address information was not sufficient to locate member's voting precinct, ward, parish, etc.

Inadequate current mailing address. Member moved or deployed without forwarding an SF76, letting the state know his new address. The post office won't forward ballots.

Writing illegibly.

Failure to indicate party preference. Primary ballots won't be sent without a party designation.

Form incomplete. All information specified in the voting assistance guide must be completed.

Application sent to wrong jurisdiction — see addresses listed in the voting assistance guide.

No signature.

For more information or assistance on voting, call Major Albers, 377-9181, or visit the Air Force Voting Action site at <http://www.afcrossroads.com/voteFund/Vote/default.htm>.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Briefing new leader



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Danielle Gable, left, joins Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela for a briefing on the military personnel data system by John Dockens. Colonel Valenzuela replaced Lt. Col. Doug Mullins as 81st Mission Support Squadron commander July 24. He comes to Keesler from Norfolk, Va., where he was chief of the senior officer matters and command staff assignments branch for U.S. Joint Forces Command. Airman Gable and Mr. Dockens are assigned to the 81st MSS.

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Senior NCO events

A senior noncommissioned officer induction seminar and ceremony is Monday through Aug. 10.

The seminar is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily in the McClelland Hall auditorium. The induction ceremony for recently selected senior master sergeants and their guests is 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino.

For details, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program for Air Force spouses with five years or less Air Force affiliation is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 24 in Room 151, old Cody Hall.

Limited child care is available.

To register or for more information, call Jackie Pope, 377-5346, or Lana Smith, 377-2179.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop is located in the former Chapel One building adjacent to Sablich Center.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Hurricane guides

Copies of the Keesler News' 2006 hurricane guide are available in the base newspaper office.

To reserve copies, call 377-4130, 3837, 3163, 7340 or 9966. Pick copies up 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. work days in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, L Street.

Gate hours

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

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

Both gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and compressed work schedule Fridays.

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

Tax office

The tax office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Sept. 15.

Extensions apply to federal and state tax returns.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to

noon and 1-4 p.m. work days.

For more information, call 377-4454.

For Katrina-related questions, call the Internal Revenue Service, 1-866-562-5227.

Honor guard

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

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

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

Playgroup

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

For details, call 377-8612.

MEO office

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

For more information, call 377-2759.

Blood drives

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mathias, 403rd Wing third baseman, tags Callagy, 81st CES.

Civil engineers successful in defense of title, 18-9

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A is Keesler's intramural softball champion for the second straight year after defeating the 403rd Wing, 18-9, July 25.

Two explosive innings that saw 11 civil engineers score were the deciding factors.

"We played well as a team, and we showed up when it counted the most," said Joshua Wiggs, 81st CES-A pitcher and assistant coach.

Wiggs was the catalyst for the civil engineers' potent offense. In the final game, he clobbered three home runs.

In the first inning, the reservists got off to a hot start by scoring four runs. The civil engineers quickly answered, tying the score with three runs coming on a solo homer by second baseman Ryan "Geese" Callagy and a two-run homer by Wiggs.

In the third, the reservists regained the lead on Jason Mathias' two-run homer.

"Our goal at that point was to get ahead and stay ahead while playing good defense," said 403rd Wing head coach and shortstop Steven Connors.

The 81st CES-A was having none of that, immediately tying the score again.

Connors tried to take matters into his own hands, smashing a lead-off homer in the fourth for the reservists' third lead, 7-6. It was also their last lead.

Four straight singles, a double and Wiggs' three-run home run put the civil engineers out front, 12-7. A five-run sixth inning sealed the victory and championship.

"Our offense is one of the best on base for consistency," said Kendell Jones, 81st CES-A catcher and head coach. "Everyone knows their role and knows every hitter is just as important as anyone else.

"There have been times that the bottom of the lineup has carried the top half through games and visa versa," he added.

Air Force Marathon

Pacers run with half-marathoners

By Rachel Castle

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs
WRIGHT-PATTERSON
Air Force Base, Ohio — There's going to be a new team in town for the 10th anniversary of the Air Force Marathon.

For the first time, a pace team runs with participants in the half-marathon, assisting participants who want to finish within a specific time.

"We are very excited to add a new pace team to the half-marathon. The half-marathon is a great race for those who prefer a shorter course. Having a pace team will add to the competition and enhance an already great event," said

Molly Loudon, marathon director.

Half-marathon pace times and team biographies will be posted on the event Web site, <http://www.usafmarathon.com/> and range from 1:40 to 3 hours.

In addition to the half-marathon pace team, the full-marathon pace team returns to Wright-Patterson with a new, faster race time of 3:10. Other pace teams run for 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30 and 5. The pace team times reflect a variety of runners' needs, including the finishing times required to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

"The pace team is a group of experienced marathoners that lead runners through the

entire 26.2 miles of the course at even, designated paces. Runners wishing to achieve a particular goal need only to meet up with the pace group leader at the starting line and run with that leader," according to a pace team release.

The Air Force Marathon is Sept. 16 on the grounds of the National Museum of the Air Force. Admission to the event is free. Runners registering online by Monday receive a discounted entry fee.

Race information can be found on the Web site or by calling 1-800-467-1823.

Jim Crist, pace team director, contributed to this article.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — closed through Aug. 31 for Hurricane Katrina restoration.

Fitness centers

Free mini-triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Aug. 25, Triangle pool. Must be at least 18. Swim 200 yards, bike six miles, run two miles. Register by Aug. 18 at Blake or Dragon fitness centers. T-shirts for all participants.

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 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Free classes in aerobics, kickboxing, yoga and spin cycling. Parent/child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

Towel service — at the Blake and Dragon fitness centers has been discontinued. Customers are required to use their own towels.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

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. Free pull carts. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. No charge. Participants retrieve their own balls.

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.

Two-for-one golf lessons — schedule a half-hour lesson for \$25 and receive a second half-hour lesson free.

For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Outdoor recreation

Deep sea fishing trips — non-working Fridays, \$100 per person payable at time of registration. Minimum of five, maximum of six people.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Private charter deep sea fishing trips — \$600 boat rental includes the captain and all tackle needed to fish. Deposit of \$100 required at time of reservation, with balance due day of the trip. Minimum of one person, maximum of six people.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Back Bay of Biloxi fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Aug. 19 and 26. Cost: \$15 per person. Minimum of six people, maximum of eight. State fishing license required.

August fishing tournament — weigh in the heaviest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

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

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

Fishing trip to oil rigs — Saturdays; \$100 per person. For reservations, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Pools

Main pool — open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays. Water aerobic classes are held 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants without passes pay to use the pool. Lap swimming is available.

Triangle pool — open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. Lap swimming available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m..

Pool parties — available evenings for \$50 first two hours, \$25 each additional hour. To reserve two weeks in advance, call 377-3568.

Youth center

Classes — Taekwondo, 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday for ages 6 and older. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40. Register for gymnastics, karate.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

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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.

Personnel apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Heather Rebar; Senior Airman Christopher Knowles; Staff Sgts. Christina Leonard, Michael Lewis, Dehua Li, Derek Maiava, Selena Perez, and Briane Rock; Tech. Sgts. Scott Artley, Christy Curry and Kevin Ruefly; Master Sgt. Christiana Garton.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Corwin Bickel and Joshua Humphrey; Airmen Kip Anderson and Robert Martin; Airman 1st Class Mark Kern; Tech. Sgt. Gary Harvell.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman 1st Class Jack Dervin; Staff Sgts. Robert Baker, Jesse Beinhower, Brad Brophil, Steven Maestas, Jason Oliver and Delone Rush; Maj. Sameer Al Thodan.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Holly Borrmann, Ashley Bullock, Laura DeSouza, Russell Dickey, Jonelle James, Eugene Johnson, Cynthia Perez, Stefanie Reynolds, Philip Scott, Mercedes Swenson, Stephanie Wells and Ryan Wilson; Airmen Jonelle James, Jacob Maywald and Richard Zegers; Airmen 1st Class Anete Adams, Jorea Borja, Rosie Dao, Xiomara Diaz, Thomas Madden, Julian Miller, Sarah Naughton, Nicholas Stein and Brandon Thompson; Senior Airmen Maria Chernes, Brett Dietz, Mark Ludwick, Amanda Prater, Maria Rosario, Nick Wauters and Sarah Youngstrom; Staff Sgts. Joshua Copeland, Angela Daniel, Eugenie Hinson, Joshua Horning, Jaimme Traylor and Jerry C. Williams; Tech. Sgts. Thomas Glenn, Bertley Hunt and Bridget Petru; Master Sgt. Carol Prescott.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Jermaine Brown, Demetrius Johnson, Thomas Lace and Craig McGuire; Airmen Shaun Cotter, Nicholas Delio, Joshua Donati and James Lackey; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Beumer, Dustin Brown, Andrew Debardeleben, Ceven Epps, Kenneth Fray III, Jason Hart, Jason Hultgren, James Konas, Warren Mace, Kyle Mason, Michelle Patterson, Kevin Porter, Jerry Priddy, Dominic Sampson, Ivan Trejo and Ryan Underwood; Senior Airmen Steven Bik, Stephen Hahn, Clayton Herron, Carlos Mathew and Michael Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Steven Bolli, James Davis and John Lewis; Tech. Sgts. Kenneth Carter, Tyrone Grant and Richard Hayes.

Radar systems flight — Airman David Vanderloop; Airmen 1st Class Brian Housholder, Josue Laboy and Joseph Rutledge.

Visual imagery and intrusion detection apprentice course — Airman Joseph Richard.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-E — graduation Sept. 7.

Class 06-F — Sept. 19-Oct. 27.

Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-6 — Monday through Sept. 14.

Class 06-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Arts and crafts center

Ice cream social — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Banana splits, shakes, sundaes, plus bingo and make 'n take projects.

Annual youth artist craftsman contest — entry deadline Aug. 10, judging Aug. 15. Pick up projects Aug. 17-24. For more information, call 377-2821.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Advanced pottery — For more information, call 377-2821.

Make it, bake it, take it — cooking class for teens 10:30 a.m. Aug. 12. \$10.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Aug. 19, make a cake platter; Aug. 26, fall leaves items. For more information, call 377-2821.

Sewing 101 — 11 a.m. Aug. 24. \$10. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow. Stuffing provided.

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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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Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Aug. 11. \$25 including first firing.
Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Aug. 26. \$10 including supplies. Make caramel apples. Parent must accompany child 7 or younger.

Wood shop demonstrations — 2 p.m. Saturday, lathe, Aug. 26, crown molding. Shop closes for customer use at 2 p.m. for demonstrations.

Wood shop — closed Tuesday-Aug. 22.

Framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 16, 23, and 30. \$60.

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

Engraving shop — custom items for gifts, mementos and squadron awards.

McBride Library

Orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday, ages 2-5.

Read club — 2 p.m. Wednesday, ages 6-12.

Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

Gale Group data base — reference use in library includes Opposing Viewpoints, Infotrac I, Student Resource Center Gold and full text periodicals for research or personal use.

Auto skills center

Beginners auto care — \$5 per class. Change oil, brakes, tune ups, tire changing and more. For dates and times, call 377-3872.

Auto air conditioners — serviced at a reasonable price.

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

Vehicle resale lot — relocated to the parking lot behind the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard. Entrance is via Tingle Street immediately north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building adjacent to the club. Registration for vehicles, recreational vehicles and boats to be placed on the lot is done at the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 377-2821.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

Free dance revolution pad — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Board games, ping pong tournament and more.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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

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

Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1.

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Free for club members, \$3 for nonmembers. Wings, hors d'oeuvres, \$1 draft beer.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Aug. 24. Cook your own steak \$6, or chicken \$5. Includes potato salad, green salad and roll.

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

Youth center

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

Registrations accepted — for before- and after-school and back-to-school programs, dance, gymnastics, guitar and karate.

Taekwondo — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free Missoula dinner theater camp — 4-8:30 p.m. Monday-Aug 11, ages 6-18. Alice in Wonderland presentation Aug. 11.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and 31. Art projects.

Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. Aug. 24, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child.

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. Aug. 28 for ages 14-21.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 9-18.

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

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

Pediatrics playgroup — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 2-5.

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

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Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Game room tournaments — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Torch Club — 3 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.

FitFactor fitness club — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18.

Friday dances — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15.

Super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12; 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18. Games, sports and crafts.

Summer camp/clinics registration — members \$25, non-members \$35. For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen extreme camps registrations — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ages 13-15. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

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.

Web sites

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>.

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818.

Tour to New Orleans Saints home football games — beginning Sept. 25; \$60. Sign up by Sept. 19.

Free brochures — information on area and out-of-state attractions.

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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 port 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 — baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cornbread, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, 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 — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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MEETINGS

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

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more

information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Harrell, president, 377-2293, or e-mail keesler.aaddofficers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 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 — 7-9 p.m.

second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. Open to all military home educators. 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, president, 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, president, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shanda Yarborough, 377-3653, or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Benjaman, 377-7924.

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 recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 7 p.m., Waist Deep (R), 97 minutes.

Saturday — 2 p.m., Nacho Libre (PG), 91 minutes; 7 p.m., Superman Returns (PG-13), 153 minutes.

Sunday — 2 p.m., Click (PG-13), 98 minutes.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk.
Shred billing statements, letters, old journals, outdated applications, records
and any documents that contain your full name,
Social Security number, duty title and job information,
credit card and banking account numbers and names of family members.
If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call 377-3040.