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Medics reach post-Katrina milestone



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly and Maj. Gen. Mike and Paula Gould are briefed on post-Hurricane Katrina restoration of the medical center by Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander. Chief Kelly, command chief, and General Gould, commander of 2nd Air Force, made an orientation visit to the 81st Training Wing Friday. A ceremony marking the return of inpatient services to the medical center is Tuesday. More photos, Page 4.

Care resumes for inpatients

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs
Keesler Medical Center achieves a milestone on the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's devastating effect on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, 2 p.m. Tuesday, officially marks the return of inpatient services to the Air Force's second largest medical center.

Performing the "operation" are Lt. Gen. (Dr.) James Roudebush, Air Force surgeon general; Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander; and Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander.

Limited inpatient services actually began Aug. 15. Since then, the staff has been fine-tuning operations.

With an Air Staff mandate to have the medical center in pre-Hurricane Katrina operation by October, 81st MDG

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This week in the Triangle

Air traffic control apprentice, 9:30 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
Communications officer network, 11 a.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Personnel, 10 a.m. Monday, Wolfe Hall.
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.
Radio communication systems, 11 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.
Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Allee Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.



July Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,591

Non-prior service — 2,136

Temporary duty — 1,473

Combat controllers — 18

Non-prior service arrivals — 128

Guard, Reserve — 791

International — 39

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 22,246

Total since 1942 — 2,230,307

COMMENTARY

Keesler, best is yet to come as Katrina anniversary nears

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

Next week marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

This natural disaster will forever hold a place in the record books for the extent of its incomprehensible destruction. For many, the scale of destruction is still difficult to comprehend.

When I look back over the 65 years of Keesler's history, it's safe to say the last 12 months may have been this base's finest hour. Each period of Keesler's history has had its special challenges, but those that have confronted us over the last year are as momentous as any in the past.

Although many of you wear the scars of the aftermath of this storm, you've looked Hurricane Katrina in her eyes, stood toe-to-toe with this unforgiving force and soothed the sorrows, healed the wounds, calmed the fears and picked up the pieces for those in need.

Day after day, you've shattered accepted notions of what's possible. There are no constraints on your ingenuity, no walls around

your human spirit and no human barriers to your progress.

I couldn't be more proud of your contributions to the recovery of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as to our mission to deliver unrivaled air and space training and education to our nation's sons and daughters defending the freedoms we enjoy.

There's not a location around the world today where Airmen are serving in harm's way that Keesler graduates aren't assigned. I know they thank you for the job you've accomplished.

Each day on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, a new breeze blows and a new page of Keesler's story unfolds. Thanks to your courage, patience and strength, Keesler is on the mend. You've surpassed every expectation.

Together, we've made a new beginning, but we have only just begun. Today we stand on the side of the hill, not the top.

There's still much to do before the story is complete. I look forward to writing the next chapter of Keesler's history with you.

I'm proud to be your wingman as we build a better Mississippi Gulf Coast and Keesler.

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.



Reaching out to our allies

Knowing, respecting each other vital

By Lt. Col. Richard Miller

334th Training Squadron commander

As we fight the global war on terrorism, we need allies who can and are willing to work with us.

To gain these allies, we need to respect their cultures, understand their politics and just as importantly, let them see who we are and what we believe.

I recently participated in a project to assist the Royal Saudi Air Force review its training. It was my third time "in Kingdom" and another rewarding experience.

I was reminded of Saudi Arabia's rich culture and what gracious hosts they are. More importantly, I met professional officers who shared my desire to serve our respective countries and make our air forces the best they can be. That was the beginning of understanding and mutual respect.

It's an unfortunate fact that much of the world sees the United States through the media we export. For many, their view of us is limited to what they see of our pop icons, television shows and movies.

I'm not knocking our entertainment industry or calling for limitations on free speech. I just don't want the world to think Hollywood is an accurate representation of American life.

Our view of the international community also can be skewed by the images we see on TV. Looking at the news from Baghdad, Gaza or almost anywhere in the Middle East, it would be easy to assume that everyone in the region carries an AK-47 or has a bomb strapped to their chest.

That just isn't reality. In the Middle East, just as here, millions upon millions of parents go to work each day and earn

an honest living, their children go to school and not one of them will be on the evening news.

The first step towards peace comes from understanding we're more alike than different. As members of the military, particularly at Keesler, we have a tremendous opportunity to make that understanding happen.

We start by being good hosts. With the international students taking classes at Keesler, we have a great opportunity to show them what life in the United States is really like. Invite them to dinner or to join your group's activities. Get to know them. Let them get to know you.

If we're going to win this global war, we're going to need allies. Those allies are sitting in our classrooms today. Reach out to them. We'll all be richer for the experience.

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- 2) are the law.

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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>

Keesler Public Web site

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

Keesler's 2006 safety goals

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

2nd Air Force leaders get Keesler overview



Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, left, 2nd Air Force commander, mentors a group of company grade officers at Stennis Hall during his orientation visit to Keesler Friday.



Front row, Senior Airman Amanda Peterson, left, Staff Sgt. Patrick Brodigan and Senior Airman Billy Tate look at a satellite weather photo with Master Sgt. Robert Marlett, back row left, Paula Gould and General Gould. Airmen Peterson and Tate and Sergeant Brodigan are students in the 335th Training Squadron's combat weather team operations course. Sergeant Marlett is their instructor.

Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly, 2nd Air Force's command chief, makes his way across the monkey bars on the confidence course for students training as combat controllers in the 334th TRS. The chief and General Gould joined the students for physical training during their Keesler tour.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Harley Phillips, left, General Gould and Airman 1st Class Bradley Cline chat over lunch at the Live Oak Dining Facility. Airman Phillips is a student in the 332nd TRS and Airman Cline is a student in the 334th TRS.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Col. (Dr.) Carroll Palmore, left, chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery with the 81st Dental Squadron, performs surgery while two new general dentistry residents, Capt. (Drs.) Martin Roberson and Wendy Lobre, observe.

Keesler residency program for dentists back in business

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler's graduate health education program formally restarted Aug. 7 with the arrival of seven advanced education in general dentistry residents.

"These dental officers will receive training in advanced surgical techniques which makes them valuable force multipliers when they make a permanent change-of-station move or deploy," said Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, program director.

Colonel Dunn explained the Air Force reserves spots for 70 new dental residents graduating from dental school.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the dental squadron was responsible for 12 dental residents and three dental residencies: a dental general practice residency, an advanced educa-

tion in general dentistry residency and an endodontic residency program. All of the programs were suspended after the storm. Keesler residents were sent to several other Air Force medical centers to finish their education.

"Because Keesler provides the dental corps with approximately 15 percent of the Air Force's dental postgraduate education, it was decided early to press ahead with reopening the residency less than a year after Hurricane Katrina," Colonel Dunn said.

Members of the current class are Capt. (Drs.) Lloyd Sisson, Jared Richardson, Merrill Alley, Michael DiFelice, Caroline Rhodes, Martin Roberson and Wendy Lobre.

Maj. (Dr.) Karyn Young is the deputy director of the program.

The dental general practice residency and endodontic programs are expected to start next summer.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF graduation

Today is the last day to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 377-2323 or 2171, or visit the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall.

HAZMAT training

Hazardous waste management training, is 8-11 a.m. Aug. 31 in Room 254, Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call Thomas Minton, hazardous waste manager, 377-3004.

Virtual assistant class

Sept. 26 is the deadline for active-duty military spouses of any service assigned to Keesler to apply for an Octo-

ber course to help them learn how to be "virtual assistants."

The course is Oct. 3 and 5, with a two-hour evening "spouse with a mouse" session Oct. 4 for the spouse and military member.

Self-employed virtual assistants provide offsite business support services to their clients, including administrative tasks, competitive research, Web site design, resume writing, accounting, bookkeeping services, marketing support, translation, and graphic design.

Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer, and real-time online messaging, methods which lend themselves easily to the transient lifestyle of military families.

Instructor Lana Smith from the airman and family readi-

ness center is certified by a licensed company to train virtual assistants.

The online application is at http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm.

For more information, call Ms. Smith, 377-2179 or 8593.

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 with a baccalaureate degree or who are in the final semester prior to receiving a degree that includes this program's prerequisites may apply. Appli-

cants also must be medically qualified for worldwide duty.

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

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed 7:15-10:45 a.m. Sept. 13 for drill evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

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

AFOSI training

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is recruiting to fill Reserve individual mobilization augmentee staff and technical sergeant special agent positions.

For more information, contact OSI Reserve Affairs, 1-240-857-0866, DSN 857-0866 or mary.mesa@ogn.af.mil.

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.

NEWS AND FEATURES

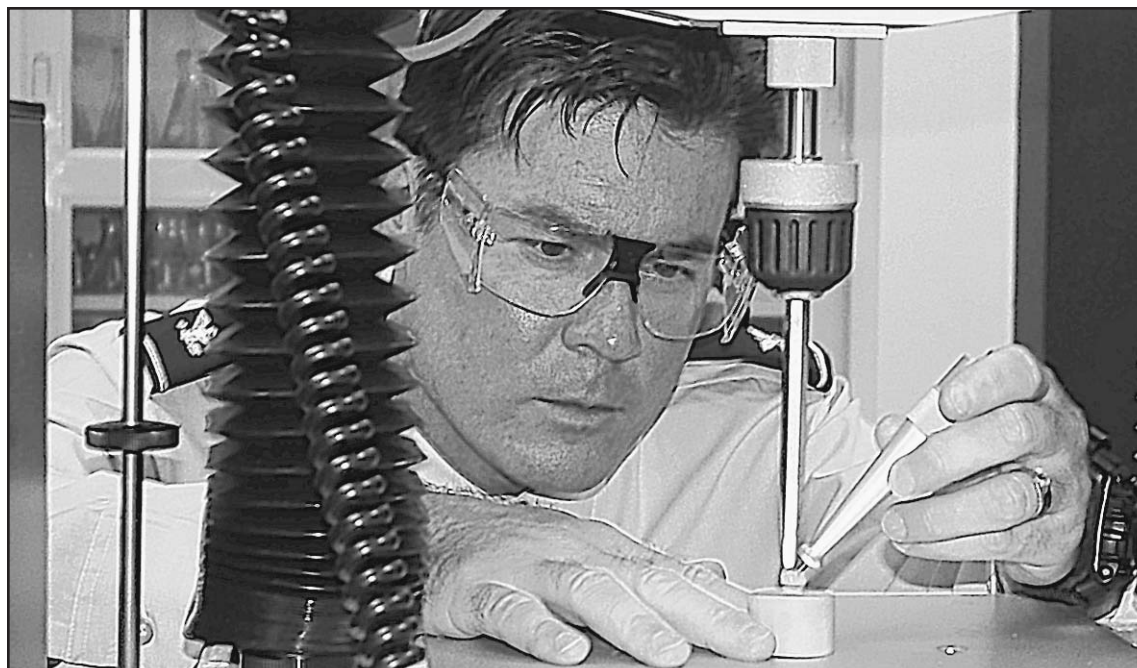


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Colonel Dunn evaluates dental material bond strength with a universal testing machine.

Dental researcher, teacher wins national recognition

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, director of dental education for the 81st Dental Squadron, has won the Carl A. Schlack Award for 2006.

The award is a tribute to the federal medical service dentist who has made outstanding contributions to dental education or research. It's presented at the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States annual meeting, Nov. 5-10 in San Antonio.

"It is rare to find an individual who has done both education and research," said Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Levin, 81st DS commander. "His passion for both is a perfect fit for him at Keesler Medical Center."

His nomination stated that Colonel Dunn mentored hundreds of young dental officers, residents and students, is a decorated expeditionary warrior twice deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and federal dental services ambassador in the American Dental Association's House of Delegates."

He serves as a consultant to the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs and ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.

"Colonel Dunn has been the anchor for Air Force dental research for the past six years," Colonel Levin pointed out. "He's published seven papers on light-emitting diode technology in restorative dentistry and is the most prolific researcher on the use of light-emitting diode technology in the orthodontic research community."

Colonel Dunn was the first military dentist to analyze dental clinical data from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom to help tailor medical equipment and deployment packages.

He taught dental deployment set-up at the Air Force's expeditionary medical support course for two years as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks City-Base, Texas. More than 70 EMEDS classes matriculated through the school during Colonel Dunn's tenure.

Colonel Levin noted that Colonel Dunn acquired more than \$987,000 in Department of

Defense research and engineering and Air Force surgeon general modernization funds to start 73 research protocols.

He's been published in peer-reviewed scientific literature 54 times with eight papers either published or accepted this year, more than any other Air Force dental officer, in spite of the suspension of all research activity when Hurricane Katrina flooded Keesler Medical Center.

Following Katrina, Colonel Dunn found new residency programs for Keesler's 10 residents when the residency section of the dental clinic was turned into a medical clinic for four months. After the clinic relocated to the medical center, Colonel Dunn was responsible for rebuilding the advanced education in general dentistry residency program.

Colonel Dunn has amassed more than 800 hours of classroom teaching, more than 3,400 hours of clinical instruction to dental students and residents and presented more than 400 hours of continuing education.

IN THE NEWS

Gas pumps close at least 3 days

Monday, gas pumps at the base service station are shut down for at least three days so the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the project contractor can convert gas lines and a communications network from the old pumps to new ones.

Inclement weather or unforeseen mechanical or communication problems could keep the pumps closed for a longer period of time.

Initially, four new pumping stations with a total of eight hoses will be available and the store will close. Customers will be required to prepay for cash purchases.

2nd phase of climate survey

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has launched Phase 2 of its climate survey, part of a study to understand the values, beliefs and expectations that shape everyday behavior.

A randomly selected subset of more than 300,000 Air Force civilian, Guard, Reserve and active-duty members were sent direct e-mail invitations to participate in the survey.

To participate, go to the secure Web site, <http://www.afclimatesurvey.af.mil/phase2> through Sept. 10.

Randolph officer court-martialed

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Lt. Col. Christopher Kugel, deputy mission support group commander for the 12th Flying Training Wing here, was found guilty Aug. 9 of dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer after he admitted to having affairs with several workers on base.

He pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and to misusing his government computer by sending numerous sexually explicit messages during the course of those affairs.

He was sentenced to a reprimand and dismissal from the Air Force.

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.

AETC prepares to cut civilian workforce in '07

AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – Air Education and Training Command officials are looking at ways to streamline organizations to smaller, more agile forces and organizational structures to reduce the effect of reductions in the civilian workforce next spring.

The Air Force plans to reduce its civilian workforce by 2,000 positions during fiscal 2007 as a result of Program Budget Decision 720.

“This is not just an AETC effort. Every command and organization in the Air Force is transforming to a smaller, leaner and more capable force, all while engaged in combat operations,” said Col. Greg Patterson, AETC A1 (manpower and personnel) director. “Part of this is driven by our Air Force’s urgent need to modernize our fighter and mobility aircraft.”

The colonel explained the people portion of the

budget equation is one of the few places left to attain large, long-term financial changes.

“It’s a very delicate balance between ensuring we are taking care of our people while we strive to generate savings in a constrained budget environment as we try to recapitalize the Air Force,” he said.

“I want our civilian work force to know we’re very concerned about the impacts of any force reductions within the command,” said Gen. Bill Looney, AETC commander. “We’re going to work with every individual and hope to find viable options and opportunities to make this work for us and our Air Force.”

“This will not be an easy process, or one without pain,” he said. “We have recently determined the overall number of positions our command is going to lose. Now, we are concentrating on finding the most efficient, least painful approach to implementing those reductions.”

Colonel Patterson said AETC should pass the number of authorization reductions to the wings shortly.

“At that time, we will be able to discuss the options available for us to provide support to all affected employees,” he said.

Colonel Patterson identified some of the possible support options as placing employees in other vacant positions, Voluntary Early Retirement Authority, Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and placement via the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program.

Noting that any reduction in the number of civilian authorizations can potentially lead to a reduction in force, the colonel said, “Using the programs we have available and in place, we believe we can minimize any impact on our civilian work force. It’s important that folks work with us as we go through these reductions and we’ll make every effort to keep everyone informed as we reach key milestones.”

Milestone,

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tion by October, 81st MDG leadership determined it was feasible to accelerate plans to

provide inpatient care. This includes using two operating rooms in the labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum area on the third floor for surgical procedures while renovations to create state-of-the-art operating rooms on the second

floor continue.

The renovation was planned prior to Katrina.

A full complement of physicians, nurses, medical technicians and other support personnel will be in place by October to provide service to the esti-

mated 50,000 eligible active-duty military members, retirees and their families in the area. Personnel are either returning from locations they were sent as manning support or are being permanently reassigned from throughout the Air Force.

Some medical personnel were dispersed to other treatment facilities where they could continue furnishing care and maintain their skills. Others were deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. More than 80 medics worked in the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center surgery department.

The impetus for accelerating inpatient care was “bringing care back to Keesler for our beneficiaries, reducing the cost of purchased care when we have to send our patients outside the facility and starting the workload needed for graduate medical education accreditation,” said General Dougherty.

Inpatient beds include two each in intensive care, post-anesthesia care and same-day surgery on the second floor and 10 medical, surgical and pediatric beds on the fourth floor. All inpatient activity is centered in the “A” tower, while other areas are prepared to accept patients when capacity reaches 54 beds. Elevators are functional.

Support services function around the clock. Patient meals are arranged with the Biloxi VA facility until the medical center dining area is operational in October.

The medical center is on target to be fully operational in October, except for general medical education, slated to restart in the summer of 2007.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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

EPR clarification

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has released a policy to clarify senior rater endorsement and stratification procedures for enlisted performance reports.

While many supervisors and senior noncommissioned officers looked to completion of the Senior NCO Academy and a Community College of the Air Force degree as criteria for consideration of a senior rater endorsement for promotion to the ranks of senior and chief master sergeant, no official policy existed.

The new policy clarifies and standardizes criteria for endorsement and stratification statements. It requires members to have Senior NCO Academy completion, correspondence or in-residence, and any CCAF degree for senior rater endorsement eligibility. The policy notes that meeting these requirements isn't a guarantee for senior rater endorsement.

The implementation dates are for the calendar year 2007 chief master sergeant and calendar year 2008 senior master sergeant promotion cycles.

For details on this and other changes, see the revision to Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems.

Tricare online

TricareOnline.com is the Department of Defense medical portal that provides Tricare beneficiaries with secure, interactive, one-stop-shopping access to a host of services, tools and resources.

Only a dotcom can provide unconstrained, universal access from any computer or laptop in the world — dot.mil may not always be accessible because of geographic and security restrictions.

For more information, visit <http://www.tricareonline.com> or call customer service, 1-800-600-9332 or 1-210-767-5250.

OneSource for information

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

The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 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 test cycle.

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

MyPay processing of pay items

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

5 majors at Keesler gain rank

81st Mission Support Squadron

Five Keesler majors have been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

81st Medical Group — Shelley Griffin.

81st Mission Support Group — Amanda White.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Jennifer Brevard and Monica Jenschke (attached to the 377th Medical Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.)

Staff judge advocate — Philip Anderson.

3 medics add stripes

81st Mission Support Group

Three enlisted members from the 81st Medical Group have been selected for promotion:

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Brett Wolfe to staff sergeant.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Sharon Schneider to technical sergeant.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Walters to technical sergeant.

**Don't
gamble
with
safety.**

Air Force widow gets assistance with storm repairs from volunteers

Tech. Sgts. Angel Magallanez, left, and Greg Hensley, students at the Keesler NCO Academy from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., remove a downed tree from Alice Schuler's yard in Biloxi Saturday. Mrs. Schuler's late husband, David, was an Air Force veteran. The project is part of Keesler's continuing humanitarian relief operations in surrounding communities since Hurricane Katrina.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Daniel Thomas, 332nd Training Squadron, rips ruined sheetrock from the Schuler home on South Drive in Biloxi.



Maj. Matt O'Donnell, left, and Master Sgt. Dean Ross, 332nd TRS, pull up rotted flooring and remove nails from framing of the Schuler home. The home received extensive hurricane damage.

Pet shelter registration is Friday

Plans office and Keesler News staff

Pet haven pre-registration is 8 a.m. to noon Friday at the old satellite pharmacy adjacent to the old base exchange on Larcher Boulevard.

Only personnel required to shelter on base during a hurricane are authorized to use this service, according to Capt. Bridgette Kennedy, 81st Training Wing plans officer.

"If pets are sheltered in our pet haven, their owner also must be sheltered on base," she said. "So, if you're reasonably sure you'll be required to shelter — mission essential and live in base housing, pre-register."

Only cats and dogs at least eight weeks old and fully weaned are accepted, according to the captain.

"No pit bull breeds, including mixed pit bulls, or exotic animals such as reptiles and birds, are allowed in pet haven," she said.

To pre-register, pet owners are required to provide vaccination records, pet carriers, photos of their pets and pet haven admission sheets. Admission sheets are available through commanders' support staffs.

"Pre-registering minimizes check-in time into pet haven," Captain Kennedy said. "In order to avoid lines of people and pets standing out in the elements waiting to check in, we encourage pet owners to attend our pre-registration."

For more information, call Captain Kennedy, 377-7343, or Larry Tabor, 377-2222.

Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



Post-Katrina progress — down with old, up with new

Anselmo Rodriguez from Valley Crest Landscape Development, Atlanta, digs a hole for planting a Japanese evergreen oak in the Triangle near the parade field Aug. 16. The new trees are part of Keesler's \$4.9 million landscaping project replacing plants and trees damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Rick Lacla, an excavator operator from Milam Construction of El Dorado, Ark., levels a home in South Pinehaven Aug. 18 that was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina's storm surge.

Thrift Savings Plan

'Valuable part of nest egg' for civilians' retirement

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Thrift Savings Plan's automatic and matching contributions form a key part of the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

FERS civilian Thrift Savings Plan account holders automatically receive a deposit equal to 1 percent of their basic pay each pay period once they're eligible. They also receive matching agency contributions up to 4 percent if they contribute at least 5 percent of their own money.

"These payments into a FERS employee's account along with the Thrift Savings Plan's investment flexibility and fund options make it a potentially valuable part of a retirement nest egg," said Janet Thomas, a human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

The other two parts of the FERS retirement program consist of a basic benefit plan, which considers basic pay, length of service and other factors to determine a monthly annuity and Social Security benefits.

TSP, also open to Civil Service Retirement System federal employees, provides two investment programs for civilians: regular TSP contributions and TSP catch-up contributions for eligible employees age 50 and older.

Some plan highlights for 2006 include:

Employees covered by FERS and CSRS may contribute up to \$15,000 to a regular TSP account. They may designate any whole percentage of basic pay or a whole dollar amount

each pay period. However, if a whole dollar amount is designated and exceeds remaining salary after mandatory and other voluntary deductions that occur ahead of TSP contributions, no TSP contributions are withheld, and, if FERS, no agency matching contributions are received.

People age 50 or older, in a pay status, and who can certify they've contributed (or will contribute) the full \$15,000 maximum to a regular TSP account or other 401(k) plan, may contribute an additional \$5,000 as catch-up contributions.

Eligible individuals may enroll, change, stop or resume catch-up or regular contributions at any time during the year.

The last day civilians may submit a catch-up contribution election for calendar year 2006 is Dec. 9. Catch-up contribution enrollment for 2007 is available beginning Dec 10.

"To maximize agency matching contributions, FERS employees must contribute an amount equal to 5 percent of their basic pay each pay period," Ms. Thomas said. "Early large contribution attempts to maximize earnings usually fall short of the value of lost agency matching contributions."

Air Force-serviced civilians submit enrollment elections or changes for regular TSP or catch-up contributions via the Employee Benefits Information System Web application or the BEST automated phone system. Instructions on how to access these systems are on the BEST Web site.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

James Davis of Ocean Springs, a retired chief master sergeant who works in the 45th Airlift Squadron, shops for garden tools at the AAFES Four Seasons store.

‘Still Serving’ Booklet offers savings for military retirees

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Special offers, coupons and sweepstakes are some of the exclusive promotions military retirees find in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s new “Still Serving” booklet.

As part of its annual three-day salute to “those who served,” AAFES begins mailing more than one million packets this month.

At 42 percent, retirees represent the largest portion of the exchanges’ 11.7 million authorized customers. The “Still Serving” booklet is an effort to retain exchange shoppers whose business continues to directly impact the lives of active-duty families.

“Without year-round retiree patronage, AAFES wouldn’t have been able to return an average capita dividend of \$271 for every Soldier and Airman during fiscal 2005,” said Daniel Schmidt, AAFES general manager at Keesler. “Shopping the exchange goes beyond dollars and cents — it’s a quality of life issue for the entire military community. Serving our retirees is critical for AAFES’ dual mission of providing quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generating earnings to support morale, welfare and recreation programs.”

The 12-page booklet contains discounts on gas, coffee, jewelry, electronics, footwear, eyewear, flowers, hardware, clothing and other products. Two pages are devoted to the exchange’s online store and catalog offers.

Two sweepstakes offer prizes including a \$500 AAFES online shopping spree, a \$589 treadmill and a \$499 music system.

“Our associates love this time of year,” said Mr. Schmidt. “It’s an awesome chance to not only recognize retirees for their past contributions to our country, but also salute them for their continued tangible support of the Keesler community.”

KEESLER NOTES

Board openings

The Keesler Fisher House board of directors has volunteer openings for treasurer and secretary.

For more information, call Larry Vetter, Fisher House executive director, 377-8264, or cell 806-5878.

Patients sought

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

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

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

Victim advocates

The sexual assault prevention and response office is seeking applications for victim advocates.

This voluntary additional

duty is open to active-duty or Department of Defense civilians of any grade, rank, age, race or gender.

Selection is based on the application, commander's statement of understanding, background check, personal interview and training.

Training is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

Submit completed applications to the office by Sept. 7.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

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.

SARC program

The sexual assault prevention and response office presents Relationship Safety and

Your Teen, 6-7 p.m. Sept. 19 at the youth activities center.

The course is designed to assist parents whose teens are dating or who have pre-teens talking about relationships with the opposite sex.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-8635.

Newcomers move

Beginning Wednesday, bi-monthly newcomers briefings are in the Triangle Chapel Annex, 228 Ploesti Drive.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rudy Bordley or Airman 1st Class Andre Lewis, 377-3203.

Tax office

The tax office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Sept. 15 due to filing deadline extensions resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

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.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Triangle Fitness Center fit to reopen Monday

By Senior Airman Jake Gard

Keesler News staff

The Triangle Fitness Center is scheduled to reopen at 10 a.m. Monday, one year to the day from being closed in preparation for Hurricane Katrina.

Hours for the facility on Falcon Street are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays-working Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. down Fridays and weekends. It's closed holidays.

The roof of the center was caved in by the hurricane, allowing water into the building. Since Katrina, the men's locker room has been renovated, floor tiles repaired and damaged locker room equipment replaced, bringing the bathrooms back to pre-Katrina conditions.

"We're going to open with the same equipment (that was in the locker rooms)," said Robert Reville, fitness manager.

Much of the fitness equipment and floors suffered from surface rust, which could've resulted in more extensive

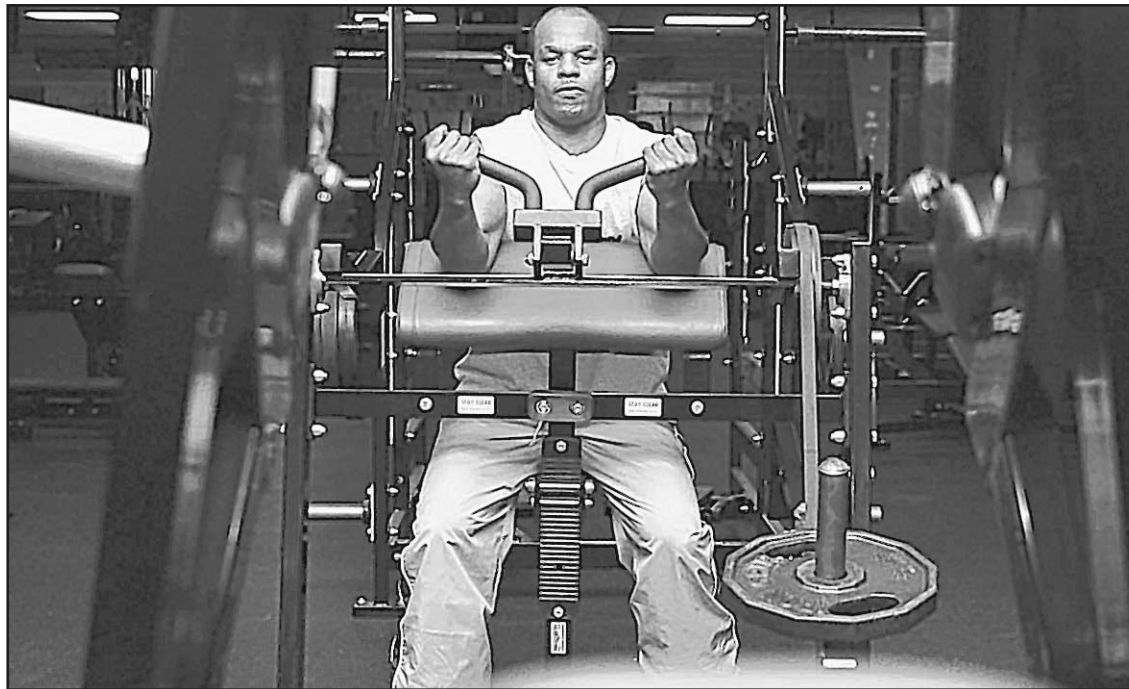


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Laking Holt, 81st Services Division, tests workout equipment at Triangle Fitness Center.

damage had Reville not taken action to maintain the equipment. All of the cardiovascular machines and Hammer Strength machines survived the hurricane.

"I would come in at least

twice a week to oil and wipe down equipment to prevent rust," said Reville. "That took about five months. The floors were also scrubbed once a week."

Mirrors, racks and storm-

damaged rubber-coated free weights were replaced at a cost of approximately \$15,000, according to Reville.

The center offers the same types of fitness equipment as before Katrina and 15 pieces

of Cybex exercise equipment valued at approximately \$36,000 are on order. Cybex is for circuit training, according to Linda Marinovich, fitness program director.

The center is primarily intended to serve the needs of technical training students; however, all military personnel, retirees and civilians are welcome to use it.

"This will be so great for the students," said Marinovich. "They will no longer have to walk across base to the Dragon or Blake fitness centers."

Increased emphasis is being placed on the power lifting program, including competitions. A professional power lifter, Wesley Brantley, has volunteered to organize and serve as a judge at the meets.

Headquarters for base sports programs, including intramural and varsity sports, specialty events and tournaments, return to the center. This function was relocated to the Dragon Fitness Center after Katrina.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Wiggs slams one of his three home runs in the base intramural softball championship game.

Fourth time in five years Civil engineer bound for softball trials

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

A Keesler civil engineer is one of 24 softball players invited to the Air Force men's trials, Sunday through Sept. 15 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Joshua Wiggs is no stranger to these trials — this is his fourth trip in five years. He made good on each of three previous invitations, being selected to the 2002, 2003 and 2005 teams.

As for 2004, "I was deployed to Iraq," he explained.

Playing first base and the outfield, Wiggs helped the Air Force to armed forces championships in 2002 and 2005. He was selected to the all-tournament team and then to the armed forces team all three years he was a member of the Air Force team.

As a member of last year's armed forces team, he was named an All-American at the

American Softball Association's national tournament.

Wiggs tuned up for this year's trials by leading the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron to a second consecutive base intramural title. In the championship game, he pitched all seven innings, hit three home runs and drove in six runs as the civil engineers overwhelmed the 403rd Wing, 18-9.

The reservists entered the post season with the best record on base, 11-1, and the National League title.

During the 2006 intramural regular season, Wiggs batted .900 with 35 homers, according to Kendell Jones, the 81st CES head coach. Those numbers helped the team to a 9-3 record and second place in the American League, one-half game behind the 332nd Training Squadron.

Choosing this year's Air Force team are Stephen Shortland, Randolph, head coach, and Randall Raper, Buckley AFB, Colo., assistant.

Accused of striking player, Falcons' coach suspended

Air Force Print News

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force offensive line coach Pete Hurt has been suspended indefinitely by the Air Force Academy Athletic Association pending investigation of alleged violations of his contract.

The violations involve alleged inappropriate striking of a player during practice.

The suspension begins immediately.

Fullbacks coach Paul Hamilton has assumed Hurt's role as offensive line coach in his absence.

Offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen is

coaching the fullbacks, whom he previously coached.

Director of Athletics Hans Mueh has launched an immediate internal inquiry into the situation.

Hurt is in his second season as offensive line coach at the academy.

He came to Air Force from Clinton High School in Clinton, Miss., where he was head football coach and athletic director 2002-04. Before that, Hurt was the head coach at Division I-AA Samford, 1994-2001, where his record was 42-39-1.

Marathon offers 6 relay team categories

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — The 10th annual Air Force Marathon on Sept. 16 offers the option of running on relay teams.

The four-member teams have each person running a specific leg of the marathon. Each team's total elapsed time determines the winner.

There are six categories: coed (with at least one team member from each sex); men's open; women's open; masters (all members must be at least 40 years old on race day); ROTC; military (all members must be on active-duty, Reserve or National Guard status in the United States or foreign military).

Sept. 8 is the deadline to register online for the marathon at <http://www.usafmarathon>.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — closed through Sept. 30 for Hurricane Katrina restoration.

Fitness centers

Free mini-triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Friday, Triangle pool. Must be at least 18. Swim 200 yards, bike six miles, run two miles. Register by today 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 6 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.

Triangle Fitness Center — reopens Monday. Hours: 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.

Towel service — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued. Customers furnish their own towels.

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. Beginning Aug. 31, bucket of 30 balls, \$2.

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

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

August fishing tournament — weigh in the heaviest red drum 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 6 p.m. weekends. Closed Wednesdays.

Triangle pool — open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays.

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.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 06-17

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airmen Basic Kwamina Boyd, Michael Griffin and Theresa Smartt; Airmen Tina Jaronich and Dustin Richardson; Airmen 1st Class Tameeka Isaacs, Henry Kabiling, Genny Lyons and Quentin Richardson.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Matthew Freeman, Derik Hoskins, Joshua Miller and Jose Sosa.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Lanica Yu.

81st Transportation Squadron — Airman Basic Natalie Marchese.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Brittany Achor, Daniel Antillon, Henry Bradshaw, Eric Breen, Rolfy Caceres, Manuel Desouza, Chad Estes, Daniel Foster, Christopher Gray, Shawn Greggs, Michael Gumataotao, Christopher Harris, Walter Heideberger, Jonathan Hempfing, Renard Jenkins, Jason Johnson, Nathan Joiner, Michelle Kleffner, Mitchell Leckey, Jerred Lute, Michael Magsayo, Richard Marshall, Bobby Joe McGlothlin, Sarah Melvin, Marquiz Montgomery, Tyler Mousner, Zachary Murray, Cordan Norris, Adam Nyitray, Daniel O'Brien, Jeffrey Padgett, Brandon Painter, Amy Preitauer, Miranda Ralston, Ian Stahr, David Schutz, Daniel Tarin, Kenneth Treadway, Richard Vengels, Arben Vulaj, Nathan Wigington, Fredrick Wilson, Bradley Wyatt and Scout Zumwalt; Army Pvts. M.N. Kosta and Joseph McCloskey; Airmen Derek Deboer, Adam Dryden, Robert Duenas, Ronwaldo Empeno, Daniel Flesher, Aaron Gemalsky and Derek Morrow; Airmen 1st Class Faiyaad Alam, Kyle Barber, Paul Barber, Sean Campbell, Paul Donahoe, Ian Fitchpatrick, Jonathan Fleury, Kareem Fuertes, Katharine Galanos, Andrew Gropp, Sean Guyeski, Adam Haas, William Ineraj, Antonio Leach, Thomas Lee, Ian McAlister, Jeffrey McElhinny, Robert Monk, Huor Ong, Eric Peterson, Richard Powell, Jason Price, Nathan Risner, Aaron Rudy, David Schmidt, Shaun Sheffield, Jeffrey Skarski, Clayton Smith, Vicki Smith, Souraphone Souriyaseng, Brendan Spencer, David Staffeld, Daniel Thomas, James Tracy, Mark Valdez, Harvey Wargo, Jeremiah Wiltron, Chad Wood, William Yavorsky and Richard Zheng; Senior Airmen Micah Drag, Jesus Espinoza, Daniel Gruber, Steven Henderson and Joshua Royal; Army Sgt. Omar Catolico; Staff Sgts. Ricarido Camacho, Joel Cook, Shirock Faison, Glendalis Mercado, Tramel Minggia, Richard Raines, Lee Settlemeyer, Jhosef Tallybarrios, Jonathan Wilson, Richard Wysong and Michael Zoppi; Tech. Sgt. William Hardee; Master Sgt. Khalid BaniHani; Chief Master Sgt. Jae Jeon.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Morgan Buckland and Joshua Holzman; Airmen 1st Class Justin Bowers, Skyler Burns and Gregory Gutierrez; Senior

Airman Joseph Kliebert; Staff Sgt. Ashley Barnett; Senior Master Sgt. Young Sohn; Capt. Lazar Zorin.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman Basic Ashley Adams; Airman 1st Class Michelle Clark.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jared Bryan, Kevin Knott and Amy Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Michael Lee and Anthony Resendiz; Staff Sgt. William Torok II; Tech. Sgts. Ronald Biggs, Janine Blackwell, Sylvia Diebel, Rudy Guzman and Guy Terwilliger; Master Sgt. Anthony Edmondson.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Lani Burkhardt, Christopher Cravotta, Kristin Cunningham, Karla Kincaid De Pena, Melina Levesque, Kimberly Peck and Abigail Wright; Airman Ryan Schlabach; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Bednarski, Aleshia Bradford, Jessica Chiles, Julie Flowers and Mark Simpson; Senior Airman Charlotte Baker, Terrence Pride, Sharon Salvador, David Tallman and Latesha Taylor; Staff Sgts. Shane Bastable, John Cody, Michael George, Bethany Lanski, Jennifer Restey, William Simmons and Dennis White; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Little; Master Sgt. Matthew Massengale.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Beverly Adams, Terra Butterfield, Sheronda Carr, Chantel Davis, Jamerica Johnson, Aeza Mari Maulawin, Carmella Thompson, Regina Trivette, Ariana Turner, Chauntelle Wood and Stephanie Yarbrough; Airmen Brandi Davis, Zana Hikmat and Jose Melendez-Marrero; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Cody, Terra Dailey, Shlindz Davis, Brian Deback, Marvin Nena, Adrian Smith and Donald Smith; Senior Airmen Tenique Anderson, Rhema Ingram and Aaron Jones; Staff Sgts. Marsha Gonzalez, James Hershberger, Launie Kohnkamp, Nathan Mower and Shane Morgan; Tech. Sgt. Michelle Crumpton.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Corwyn Bickel, Jared Cochell and Joshua Humphrey; Navy Airman Recruit Thomas Bartlett; Airmen Kip Anderson and Robert Martin; Airmen 1st Class Mark Kern II and Shane Sutton; Navy Airman Jesse Gray; Navy Seaman William Corless; Senior Airman Mike Konarski; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, Christopher Canarina, Kelly Conley, Gary Harvell and Joseph Williamson; Master Sgt. David Paul.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Foster, John Houseman and Matthew Theerman; Airman James Harris; Airmen 1st Class William Caporellie, Jack Dervin and Richard Pilcher; Senior Airmen Michael Doria, David Nunes and Todd York; Staff Sgts. Robert Baker, Jesse Beinhower, Patrick Goupil, Eric LaFrance, Viet Nguyen, Jason Oliver and Charles Trimer; Master Sgt. Ralph Lucas; Maj. Sameer Al Thodan.

Communications and information training flight — Airmen Basic Rebecca Castillo, Bryan Colburn, Jason Farrell, Denis Hernande, Benjamin Nelson, Ian Reyes, Tyrone Stroman, Stephen Swircek, Laneshia Threadgill and Lindy Vasquez; Airman Christina Crayton; Airmen 1st Class Albert Alston, Stacey Audette, Gregory Benson, Jorae Borja, Joshua Chittim, Jose Encarnacion, Jessica Herndon, Gustavo Reyes, Brandon Russell, Benjamin Springsteen and Christopher Tran; Senior Airmen Joshua Eldridge, Alice Milton, Edvonn Taylor and Brandy Tookes; Staff Sgts. Ifejika Animalu, Ted Cleverly, Frederick Dacanay, Pedro Forero, Aaron Hazen, Joshua Horning, Gary Johnson, Margarita Lopez, Carl McMillin, Jeffrey Morter, Michael Tabisola, Bradley Tatum, John Upshaw, Han Wang and Tim Whitfield; Tech. Sgts. Bruce Collins, David Hogue, Levi Ingram, Luigi Pezzarossi, Scott Shields, Keith Vannoy, Robert Vault and Jeffrey Westerholm; Master Sgts. Danny Cooper and Guy Menefee; Capt. Nadeem Ali.

338th TRS

Airfield systems apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Brandon Boorce, Mark Chinander, Bryan Dobbs and Derek Knox; Senior Airmen Garron Dahle, Walter Lemen and Roland Vicente; Staff Sgts. Rodger Gayle, Jorge Familia, Matthew McDaniel, Jonas McVey, Kenneth Moncrief, Kyle Strait and Eric Uptegrove.

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Aaron Clark and Ronald Thoms Jr.; Airmen Aaron Bray, Adam Glogovac, Stephen Shirley and Crystal Skeer; Airmen 1st Class Adam Cappetti, Kenneth Dawson, Jason Hultgren, Davis Mosby, Michelle Patterson, Christopher Primmer, Ryan Sauvignier, Brian Smith, James Spevack, Ryan Underwood and Nicholas Woodard; Senior Airmen Steven Bik, Rachel Hill, Carlos Mathew and Michael Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Stephen Bando, Oliver Bugarin, James Davis, Marty Escalante, Timothy Gruba, Clayton Herron, Ross Ludeman, Shonda Robinson, David Simpson and Joshua Woiki.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic John Abad, Dustin Brookens, Jesse Crawford, Justin Guyor, Justin Harrison, Benjamin Holmes, James Kaufmann, Isaiah Kidd,

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Radar systems — Airman Christopher McClanahan; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Deamusategui, Brian Housholder and Joseph Rutledge; Senior Airman Chris Edwards; Staff Sgt. Ray Parrish.

Visual imagery and intrusion detection course — Airmen Basic James Ward and Lewis Wolter.

CLASSES

Arts and crafts center

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

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday, fall leaves items. For more information, call 377-2821.

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

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Saturday. \$10 including supplies. Make caramel apples. Parent must accompany child 7 or younger.

Wood shop demonstration — 2 p.m. Saturday, crown molding. Shop closes for customer use during demonstration.

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

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

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 Armorrall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — behind the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard. Register vehicles, recreational vehicles and boats 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.

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.

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

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

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. Monday, 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.

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.

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

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.
Tour to New Orleans Saints home football games — beginning Sept. 25; \$60. Sign up by Sept. 19.

MEETINGS

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

Upcoming

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — kickoff for upcoming school year, 1-3 p.m. Friday, youth center. 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.

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. 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 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 Benjamin, 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., You, Me and Dupree (PG-13, 108 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Little Man (PG-13, 97 minutes); 7 p.m., Monster House (PG, 91 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13, 96 minutes).

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey 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.

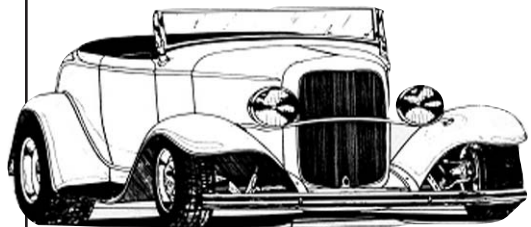
Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and 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.

Third Annual
Cruisin' Keesler
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 23
 at the Keesler Marina
Cars / Trucks / Bikes



\$10
 Entry Fee

Food and beverages available.

Sign up 9 a.m. to noon.
 judging 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 For more information,
 call 377-3160.



Arts and crafts center gets new kitchen

A fully-equipped kitchen, accessible to adults, children and the physically challenged, has been installed at the arts and crafts center, allowing the staff to offer additional cooking events.

A teen "make it, bake it, take it" class was the first project held in the kitchen, followed closely by a kids crafting class.

"Weekend Toasts" will be held on working Fridays, starting in September. Each month, a particular country or special event is toasted with food associated with the occasion.

Italy is honored 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15 and 29. Everyone is invited to munch on free Italian snacks prepared in the center's kitchen while viewing Italian art and craft demonstrations.



The center's staff is working to involve local chefs in the cooking program by persuading them to teach some on-base classes.

"We'd like to extend an invitation to base organizations to sponsor or co-sponsor cooking classes," said Ginny Cooley, center director. "People are welcome to stop by anytime to see what we have to offer and discuss all the possibilities."

International Championship Wrestling
 and Blake Fitness Center present

Boiling Point

7 p.m. Sept. 15

Tickets available at the Youth Center
 and Vandenberg Community Center



Adults	\$12
Ages 4-12	\$7
Ages 3 and younger	Free

Also scheduled to appear:
 John Saxon vs. Steve Anthony

Tag Team Match:
 Melick Avalon and Mario Valenta
 vs. Hector Navarro and Adrian Whisper

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The Card

Former World Wrestling Entertainment
 World Tag-Team Champion,
Billy Gunn/Kip James

vs.

Total Nonstop Action Star and
 former National Football League great,
(The Alpha Male) Monty Brown

Former World Championship Wrestling
 Hardcore Champion,
(The Big Wiggle) Norman Smiley

vs.

Former WCW Television Champion,
The World Famous Disco Inferno

Former WWE Star,
Doink the Clown

vs.

Former WWE/WCW Star,
Virgil/New World Order Vincent

International Championship Wrestling
 Diva Star,
Josie

vs.

ICW Diva Star,
Lexi Fyfe

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GAUDÉ LANES AND 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Closed — through Sept. 30 for Katrina restorations.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Give Parents a Break* — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 16. Program funded by Air Force Aid Society offers free child care for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies such as family readiness and family advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Also eligible are family members of deployed Air Force military members.

Parents Night Out* — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 16. Held in conjunction with Give Parents a Break each month; offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years, \$3 per hour per child.

*School age children go to the youth center.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189 Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments; and to work swing and evening shifts.

Providers pre-training orientation — cancelled for September; resumes in October in the new family child care office in Locker House, 505 C Street, Building 3101.

Extended duty child care and mildly-ill child care — providers are available.

FITNESS

Triangle Fitness Center reopens — 10 a.m. Monday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. nonworking Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — each piece of cardio equipment in the center has its own LCD TV/DVD player. Customers must bring their own headphones.

Free fitness classes — Dragon Fitness Center offers a variety of classes at many convenient times: step aerobics, salsa dancing aerobics, kickboxing, yoga (bring mat), and spin cycling. Monthly schedule is available at Dragon and Blake fitness centers and readers with military user accounts may log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/index.htm>.

Parent/child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at the Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised by parent at all times.



The Services "4 Fun" line is now available for information on weekly events.

377-4FUN (377-4386)



Comedy Shows Sept. 7

Two shows featuring "Comics on Duty" headliner comedians.

7 p.m. — free show at Katrina Kantina

9 p.m. — Vandenberg Community Center
 \$3 admission includes comedy show and dance

For more information, call 377-2208 or 2219.

HALF TIME CAFÉ

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2424. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. No to-go orders on buffets.

Dine-in or take-out — open for lunch and dinner with pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.

Italian lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. \$5.95 includes spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, salad, pasta salad, bread sticks, garlic bread and 16 ounce soda or iced tea.

Catfish lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays. \$6.50.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

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

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRIPS

Editor's note: \$1 service charge is added to all ticket sales. For more information, call 377-3818.

Information on local and out-of-state attractions — free brochures available.

Discounted tickets — for complete price list, those with military user accounts may log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.



Trips to New Orleans Saints Football in the Superdome

\$60 package deal includes transportation and ticket

Sept. 25 ~ Atlanta Falcons

Sign up by Sept. 19. Depart 4 p.m., return around midnight.

Oct. 8 ~ Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Sign up by Oct. 3. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 ~ Philadelphia Eagles

Sign up by Oct. 11. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Oct. 29 ~ Baltimore Ravens

Sign up by Oct. 24. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Nov. 19 ~ Cincinnati Bengals

Sign-up by Nov. 14. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 3 ~ San Francisco 49ers

Sign up by Nov. 28. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 17 ~ Washington Redskins

Sign up by Dec. 12. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 31 ~ Carolina Panthers

sign up by Dec. 13. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Trips depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.

Space limited ~ sign up early at the information, tickets and trips office. For more information, call 377-3818.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2719.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Hours are 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Air Force Club membership drive — two club members will win a brand new H3 Hummer. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive Sept. 1-Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the Hummers. The second H3 goes to a member in good standing as of Aug. 31. Watch for other great incentives for being an Air Force club member.

Wing Night and membership drive kickoff — 5 p.m. Sept. 6. Free admission for Keesler Club members. Nonmembers pay \$3 at the door; complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 draft beer.

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

Taco Tuesdays — two for \$1.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Sept. 28. Cook your own steak for \$6 or chicken for \$5. Price includes potato salad, green salad and roll. Nonmembers add \$2.

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

Free club membership — it's a great time to be a member. Dues aren't being charged thanks to Hurricane Katrina — enjoy benefits of free club membership.

Get together with a few close friends and win a Frenzy Getaway.

Huddle Up!

SEPT. 10 BUD GIRLS! GIVEAWAYS!

Prizes include game tickets, airfare, hotel and transportation!

Visit Your Club & Win Great Trips!

Atlanta vs. Tampa Super Bowl Pro Bowl in Tampa in Miami in Honolulu

No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Offer good at participating locations. No purchase necessary.

*Attendance Frenzy Event at your Club for a chance to win a trip!

AIR FORCE SERVICES CLUBS Members First Budweiser AA American Airlines

Kickoff noon Sept. 10 at the Katrina Kantina

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee. Free checkout of music CDs, VHS and DVD movies. Free Internet service.

Orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

Story time in Spanish — 10 a.m. Sept. 6, ages 2-6, in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Library card sign-up month — register for free library card and receive a mouse pad and book-marks.

National POW/MIA recognition day — Sept. 15. Special display.

Gale Data Bases — for research and includes Opposing Viewpoints, Student Resource Center Gold, Infotrac 1 and others. Periodical articles can be downloaded, printed, or e-mailed.

Paperback swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good condition and of same genre.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products; open 24 hours a day.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160. Located in the enclosed pavilion in marina park.

Deep water fishing on the Boston Whaler — reserve boat for up to six people. \$600, includes captain and all tackle needed. Bring food and beverages; no fishing license required.

Back Bay fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Sept. 16 and 30. \$15 per person. Minimum six, maximum eight people. Mississippi fishing license required.

Volksmarch — 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 23.

Autumn special — Sept. 23, save 10 percent on all boat rentals.

September fishing tournament — weigh in the largest alligator gar and win \$100 savings bond.

Pontoon boat rental — must take a training class and be certified to rent.

Reserve outside pavilions — for large family or unit picnics.

Disc golf — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent or sale.

Retail store — snacks, soft drinks, beer, and hunting and fishing licenses for sale.

Equipment headquarters — rent camping, fishing and recreational equipment. Recreational vehicle and dry storage available.

RESALE LOT

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

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

New location — on Tingle Avenue north of 81st Security Forces Squadron building behind the Keesler Club.

VANDEMBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

CyberSports internet gaming — base to base competitions, squadron challenges, all-nighters, wireless Internet connection, hot games (instruction available). Visit <http://www.cybersports.cc>.

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Winners get into the weekend dance free.

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Winners get into the weekend dance free.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, UNO, Phase 10 and more.

Dance Revolution pad — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Free.

Karaoke — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Sept. 15. People with September birthdays enter the dance free.

Back to the 50s after-parade party — 8 p.m. Sept. 21 for nonprior services students. Music from the 50s and costume contest. Students in costume get 25 cent popcorn and \$1.50 hot dog with chips.

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

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

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

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Specials

Weekend toast to Italy — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15 and 29. Enjoy a free Italian snack, appreciate Italian art, view demonstrations and check out our facility. Everyone invited.

Artist/craftsman contest — entry deadline Sept. 21, judging Sept. 23.

Photography contest — entry deadline Sept. 28, judging Sept. 30.

Multi-crafts shop

Late nights return — open until 8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 7.

Scrapbooking club — 6-8 p.m. Sept. 7. Free monthly meeting. Bring your photos, use our tools and share ideas. Scrapbook on your own during regular shop hours, \$2.50 per hour.

Scrapbooking class — 11 a.m. Sept. 8. \$10.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. Learn the basics from George Ohr-O'Keefe Museum masters.

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

Ceramic painting class — salute to Italy. Paint a bread plate or pasta bowl, 10 a.m. Sept. 30.

Sewing 101 — 6 p.m. Sept. 21. \$10. Bring your own machine or try one of ours. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow. Stuffing provided.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10 a.m. Sept. 9. Pour a project you select and two more to keep and finish as you like. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older welcome.

Kid's crafting class — 11 a.m. Sept. 23. \$10. Complete a pottery project. Children 7 and younger require a parent's involvement.

Frame shop

Custom shadow boxes — great for retirements. Order early.

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

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22. \$25. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

Engraving shop

Grandparents Day — Sept. 10. Use those new school pictures on a one-of-a-kind mug.

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

Wood shop

Open Sundays — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 13. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept 9 or 23. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 30. \$20. A new project each month.

Auto hobby shop

Open Sundays — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Third Annual Cruisin' Keesler Car Show — Sept. 23 at the marina park. Get your car ready. Our qualified staff would be glad to lend a helping hand.

Oil collection site — for privately owned vehicles.

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

VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

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

Veterinarian now on staff — call for an appointment.

TOPS IN BLUE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3308.

2006 show — 7 p.m. Nov. 1, Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Free admission, free parking.

Share the music contest — to become eligible to win an iPod by answering a short online survey about Tops in Blue, log on to <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

Got talent? — Apply for the 2007 Tops in Blue tour. Noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 21. videotaping is conducted at the Vandenberg Community Center for auditions; call to schedule an appointment by Sept. 15. For applications and information, log on to <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Youth center programs annual membership — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Membership allows for discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

Before- and after-school program — register 5:30-8 a.m. or 3:30-6:15 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Kids in control — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 20.

Job ready — 5:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 21.

Smart moves — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and 25.

Goals for growth — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 26.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and 27. Art projects.

Act smart — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 28.

Congressional award — 6 p.m. Sept. 18, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for the Congressional Award Medal presented by a member of Congress. Monthly meetings to discuss progress.

Free home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Sept. 21, ages 10 and older. Register by Sept. 19. Parent must accompany child.

Power hour — 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, ages 9-18. Free, 50 cents daily guest fee.

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

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service projects to improve communication and leadership skills and self-esteem.

Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Topics for girls only. Healthy life discussion and activities.

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

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

Friday dances — 6-10 p.m., ages 9-17. Members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

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

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

Tae kwon do — 5-5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3-5. \$40 per month.

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

Guitar — half-hour lessons, ages 6 and older. Call for times and fee.

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