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Through children's eyes



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Three-year-old Cameron Strahlem listens as Kaleigh Albarado explains her drawing of her new house, bedroom and her imaginary pet spider. Hurricane Katrina destroyed the home 4-year-old Kaleigh shared with her mother, Airman Brandi Hollis, 81st Dental Squadron. Cameron's mother is Jody Canon, 403rd Wing. Story, more photos on this child development center project for Keesler youngsters, Page 17.

AFAF drive begins Monday

Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff

Keesler joins in this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, Monday to May 5.

Each group and squadron on base has two points of contact to answer questions and take donations. The base project officers are Maj. Gregory Kendrick, 333rd Training Squadron, 377-1766, and Capt. Stacey Van Orden, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 377-6779.

In 2005, Keesler donated \$67,459.56. Air Force-wide, more than \$7.3 million was raised. This year's goal is \$5.4 million.

Now in its 33rd year, 100 percent of designated AFAF contributions benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array

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Air Force budget plan targets 3 areas

Third of \$105.9 billion for service's workforce

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — As part of the president's fiscal 2007 budget plan, the Air Force is set to receive \$105.9 billion.

This budget meets the vision of Air Force leaders to fight and win the global war on terrorism; to develop, train and care for Airmen; and to recapitalize and modernize the force, said Maj. Gen. Frank Faykes, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for budget.

The Air Force budget is divided into almost three equal parts for each major area — personnel; operations, maintenance and infrastructure; and modernization, he said.

General Faykes said people are the most important Air Force resource and a third of the budget is dedicated to the military and civilian workforce.

Key pay and entitlement highlights include

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Community survey available next week

A community survey begins Monday for Keesler permanent-party active-duty military, their spouses and Defense Department civilians.

The survey assesses needs, availability of resources, effectiveness of information flow and ways to improve morale.

The survey is available at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>. Sites are also set up at the military personnel flight, retiree activities office and fitness centers.

QDR 'guides, supports Air Force transformation'

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense released the results of the quadrennial defense review here Friday.

"The QDR guides and supports Air Force transformation in pursuit of key joint, interdependent combat capabilities that enable us to deliver more sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interest," said Lt. Gen. Stephen Wood, Air Force deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs.

The QDR is a congressionally mandated review of how the armed forces plan to fund current and future projects specific to each service.

"The QDR was an exhaustive look at how each service operates and supports the combatant commanders now, as well as how they will support them in the future," General Wood said. "The studies and analyses provide us a guidepost that will improve the capa-

bilities and sovereign options the Air Force provides the president."

The QDR re-affirmed the strong role the Air Force plays in special operations and irregular warfare. Furthermore, it added strength to that effort with increased combat aviation advisors, dedicated Predator units and recapitalization of the special operations fleet.

In addition, the QDR reinforced the Air Force importance in emerging missions and strengthening the Air Force's role in space and cyber operations. To underwrite investment in new capabilities, the QDR calls for easing restrictions so the Air Force can trim the number of older aircraft it operates, such as the C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotankers and B-52 Stratofortresses, he said.

General Wood is positive about the Air Force's future based on the initiatives in the QDR.

"The QDR process was a reaffirmation we're headed in the right direction," he said. "Several credible and

independent agencies both in and outside DOD examined the needs of the Air Force and came to the same conclusions we have — that flexibility, stealth, speed and new advanced technology are necessary for our ability to project airpower and support our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen."

Other additions the QDR calls for are:

A new long-range bomber in the next 12 years.

A significant increase in the fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles.

More special operations forces.

Fielding more battlefield Airmen to support sister services on the ground.

Airmen trained to fight with emerging technologies, such as protecting the nation through cyberspace.

"The Air Force is focused on the global war on terror and we'll continue to transform the force to provide combatant commanders with the tools they need," General Wood said.

Those transformations will affect

the total force — from added weapon systems to a decrease in manpower. The Air Force will further reduce its strength by roughly 40,000 Airmen; 88 percent will come from active duty.

"This is a team effort and the Guard and Reserve are part of that team," General Wood said. "So while 12 percent of our manpower cuts will come from them, the future of the Air Force will also see Guard and Reserve Airmen in our newest missions and equipment.

All in all, the QDR process was lengthy and drew input from a number of sources.

"It really is a credit to the secretary of defense as well as Air Force leadership that we were able to voice our opinions about how the Air Force should evolve for the future," General Wood said. "Tough decisions had to be made, but what's most important now is that we're all on the same page and we know what we have to do.

"Now we just have to get out there and do it."

AFAF,

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of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, which is a life-care

community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The foundation Web site is <http://www.lemayfoundation.org>.

For more information, visit aassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fundraising Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund>.

Staff Sgt. Lee Smith, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Budget,

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a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise for all military and civilian personnel, plus additional targeted pay raises for mid-grade and senior enlisted Airmen.

The average basic allowance for housing increase is 2.9 percent (locality-specific) and continues the Defense Department's goal of zero out-of-pocket housing expenses.

The budget request also includes nearly \$600 million for recruiting, retention and special pays to train and retain Airmen.

"In addition to paying our Airmen, our budget also has money set aside for operations, maintenance and infrastructure to train, develop and equip our Airman to fight in the global war on terror," General Faykes said.

For example, the Air Force's budget includes funding for 1.7 million flying hours, maintains a fleet of nearly 6,000 aircraft and supports daily operations at 84 major installations.

This year's \$1.3 billion military construction request

"When it is all said and done, we will be a smaller, leaner, more agile force than we are today."

— General Faykes

is the largest in the last 15 years and includes plans for 85 major projects. These projects range from new mission bed-downs for the C-17 Globemaster III and F-22A Raptor, to quality-of-life projects which include nine new dormitories, one new fitness center and a new chapel, General Faykes said.

There were many dynamics at play during this year's budget, including DOD's involvement in the base realignment and closure process and the Quadrennial Defense Review.

"This budget cycle is one of the most interesting challenges that I have seen in 29 years of being in this business," General Faykes said. "This budget does a very nice job of supporting the goals of the Air Force and validates our Air Force direction and new capabilities that we want to bring on line."

He cited Air Force Smart Operations 21 as one of the

keys for recapitalizing and modernizing the Air Force. By applying modern management principles across all areas — operations and maintenance, personnel and investment accounts — the Air Force is able to streamline operations and improve efficiencies. Some of these actions reduce the number or people in jobs where they aren't needed.

"Drawdowns are nothing new for the Air Force," he said. "We know how to do this — we've done it before."

The Air Force also retires some weapons systems in FY07 that aids in cost savings and the drawdown of people required to operate those systems.

"When it is all said and done, we will be a smaller, leaner, more agile force than we are today," General Faykes said. "This will allow us to remain the dominant air and space force for the 21st century."

COMMENTARY

Every Airman represents his base, wing, our service

By Col. Joseph Zeis Jr.

46th Test Wing Commander

EGLIN Air Force Base, Fla. — A couple of years ago, my family and I were having dinner in a restaurant.

I'd just met them there following work and hadn't changed from my uniform. An elderly gentleman kept looking over and finally came to our table.

He simply said, "I just want to thank you for your service to our country."

It clearly meant a lot to him, and to me as well. I shook his hand and asked him rather awkwardly if he'd ever served in the military.

"Why yes, but some time ago during World War II," he said. "We didn't have all the demands on us that you do today."

I asked him to tell us a little about his time in the service. He went on to explain about the flag raising on Iwo Jima and the famous Rosenthal photo. His company guarded the flag that first night after it was raised.

And he was thanking me for my service!

This event made me think of our current generation and its service to this country. In some very distinct ways, we face similar global responsibilities and demands. As I see our young officers and enlisted troops mature and grow professionally in rank and responsibility,

I often think of that amazing encounter.

To that elderly gentleman who guarded the flag over Iwo Jima, I came to represent, rightly or wrongly, at that instant in time, our generation of service to the same flag he defended.

We each must always bear that responsibility, burden and honor. To everyone we meet on or off-base, in uniform or out, we embody an entire generation in service to our country. Every individual Airman represents the heritage of his great base and wing, and in a very real sense, we each, individually, represent the entire Air Force.

This Air Force has been in action continuously since 1991, and has become the single most potent fighting force in the history of the world. But we follow a great tradition of service, and must respect and honor those who came before us — the veterans of the world wars, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf I and II, and all those who serve now. I ask you to consider this and rededicate yourselves to the tasks ahead.

Thank your families and friends for their support and sacrifices. Most importantly, serve to make those who came before us, like that elderly gentleman in the restaurant, proud of the contributions of this generation to the flag and the country.

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.

Child care cost too high

Comment — I'm told the high prices at the child development center are set by the Defense Department.

I've priced six different day care centers off-base. The average cost is \$91 per week, regardless of income. The CDC charges \$110 per week or \$236.75 on the first and 15th of the month for families in income category 5.

Most off-base day care centers provide a learning environment. The CDC provides mostly babysitting.

Response — We agree child care is an expensive service, but there are good reasons why.

Child care is labor-intensive. We must keep strict DOD staff-to-child ratios which affect cost. Child care fee ranges are set by DOD and the Air Force. It's up to individual bases to select appropriate fees within each range based on local needs. Generally, CDC salaries are higher than outside centers in order to attract and retain qualified and experienced staff.

Our average weekly fee is \$93, based on the number of customers in each of the six income categories. Fees are set so the program can break even as required by Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force.

The CDC is convenient and offers Department of Agriculture-approved meals, Give Parents a Break, mildly-ill child care, close working relationships with early childhood intervention therapists, access to base services and activities, and availability during recalls.

The creative curriculum program is far more than just "babysitting." It's certified by the Air Force and DOD and accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children. Standards are based on current research in early childhood education and include concrete thinking and reasoning skills, love of oral and written language, social and self-help skills, creative expressions and fine and gross motor skills.

Hazardous condition

Comment — I work at the retiree activity office in old Cody Hall.

We share the facility with several other offices. The only parking is directly across the street and there's no crosswalk. Crossing the street from the parking lot to the building is dangerous for the elderly adults, children and folks with disabilities who conduct business here.

Response — Parking at old Cody Hall has become a concern since Hurricane Katrina due to the increased use of the facility.

Your comments will be presented at the next traffic working group meeting.

For future reference, you can submit Air Force form 332, "Civil Engineer Work Request," through your facility manager to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Building 4002, or by fax to 377-6856.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

81st Training Group honors top performers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Group recognized its top performers for 2005 at its annual awards banquet Friday.

The 335th Training Squadron claimed four awards, while the 334th TRS, 336th TRS and 81st Training Support Squadron earned three each. The 332nd TRS and 333rd TRS won two awards each and the 338th TRS received one.

These seven winners compete for 81st Training Wing annual awards to be presented Feb. 23:

Airman — Senior Airman Jared Narlock, 336th TRS.

Noncommissioned officer —

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Turnier, 335th TRS.

Senior NCO — Senior Master Sgt. Colin O'Neill, 81st TRSS.

Company grade officer — Capt. Terrill McCall, 333rd TRS Detachment 1, Falls Church, Va.

Entry level civilian — Christine McGill, 334th TRS.

Intermediate level civilian — Susan Burnett, 338th TRS.

Senior level civilian — Elizabeth LeBlanc, 333rd TRS.

First sergeant — Master Sgt. Roderick McKinley, 336th TRS.

Other 81st TRG award winners:

Airman instructor — Senior Airman Stephen Ebel, 334th TRS.

NCO instructor — Tech. Sgt. Brett Arrington, 332nd TRS.

Senior NCO instructor — Master Sgt. Gabriel Lacayo, 335th TRS.

Officer instructor — 1st Lt. Pamela Defazio, 335th TRS.

Civilian instructor — Dan Cameron, 332nd TRS.

Junior military training leader — Tech. Sgt. Dennis Crum, 336th TRS.

Senior MTL — Master Sgt. Daniel Ransom, 335th TRS. He also won the award last year when he was assigned to the 81st TRSS.

Flight commander/chief — Maj. Douglas Leamon, 334th TRS.

Support officer — Capt. David Robinson, 81st TRSS.

Support civilian — Robert Burns, 81st TRSS.



Bulls stampede to drill down, honor flight titles

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron is the 81st Training Group's Honor Flight of the Year and Drill Team of the Year for 2005.

The Bulls repeated as the top military training flight and slipped past the 332nd TRS for the annual drill down championship.

The five military training flights were inspected in the areas of open ranks, charge of quarters, physical readiness training, flag security detail (retreat) and room inspections.

"This year's honor flight scoring was a little different," said Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, one of the 81st Training Support Squadron's military training leaders. "We had to make some adjustments for a couple of reasons."

"Because of Hurricane Katrina, squadrons had only 10 months for evaluation," Sergeant Felton explained. "The 336th TRS had a course rewrite, so students weren't shipped in for a couple of months, so we averaged that squadron's scores on an eight-month basis."

In honor flight competition, the 335th TRS topped the list for the second consec-



Standing from left, Airman Melinda Marsh, Airman 1st Class Melrico Jones and Airman Yolanda Segovia, and kneeling, Airman 1st Class Jonathan Maxwell, perform the Bulls' winning freestyle drill at the April 8 drill down. It was the first of three first-place overall finishes for the 335th TRS in 2005.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

utive year with 819 points. Adjusted scores for the other squadrons were 336th TRS Red Wolves, 817.5; 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, 807.5; 334th TRS Gators, 787.5, and 338th TRS Dark Knights, 780.

"The 335th TRS was the

top drill team of the year, regardless of Katrina," said Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, another MTL from the 81st TRSS. "We were able to have four drill downs, so we had enough competition to name a winner."

Scoring for the annual title, based on the four monthly standings, gave 10 points for first place overall, nine points for second, eight points for third and seven points for fourth.

The Bulls, with 39 out of

40 possible points, edged the Mad Dogs, who earned the annual championship in 2003 and 2004.

The Mad Dogs tallied 35 points, followed by the Dark Knights, 29; Gators, 28, and Red Wolves, 25.



Mr. Hunt

Trainer ends federal career

332nd Training Squadron

Richard Hunt, instructor supervisor in the 332nd Training Squadron's electronic principles flight, retires Feb. 28 with more than 30 years of federal service.

He joined the Air Force in 1965 and completed Keesler's electronic warfare repairman course in 1966. His first assignment was at the New Hampshire Satellite Tracking Station.

At Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, he was on flying status aboard C-130B aircraft. During temporary duty in Thailand, he logged more than 5,000 flying hours as a technician and flew 30 combat missions aboard E/C-130 gun ships.

After duty at Griffis AFB, N.Y., he was honorably discharged in 1972.

Ten years later, he reentered military service as an electronic warfare technician with the New York Air National Guard. In 1983, he became an electronic mechanic in the air technician program.

He returned to Keesler in 1987 as an electronic warfare instructor. In 1994, he became an instructor supervisor for the 332nd TRS' guidance and control element. He assumed his current duties in 2002.

Mr. Hunt received many training awards at squadron and group levels, medals, decorations and superior performance awards.

He and his wife, Eva, live in Ocean Springs in a new motor home ready to travel.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF deadline

Feb. 23 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force spring graduation.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including nomination action requests which are submitted by education office counselors. To make an appointment with a counselor, call 377-2323 or 2171, or visit Room 212, old Cody Hall.

Spouse scholarships

These scholarship programs are available to spouses:

National Military Family Association — eligible are uniformed service spouses —

active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor — studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school. The deadline to apply for the \$1,000 scholarships is midnight April 15. To apply, visit <http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006>.

Aerospace Education Foundation — eligible are civilian spouses of active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members. For more information or to apply for one of the 30 \$1,000 scholarships, visit the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or go to <http://www.aef.org/aid/scholarships.asp>.

Education survey

An educational needs assessment survey is conducted online

during February for military and civilian employees, retirees and their family members.

Access the 10-question survey at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>.

MGCCC classes

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center's spring term is March 6 through May 18.

Web registration for currently enrolled students begins Monday. Registration by appointment in Room 214, old Cody Hall, begins Feb. 22 for active duty.

Students who take English composition I, oral communication or mathematics for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

The schedule, including

new classes in physics, calculus and study skills, is available at <http://www.mgccc.edu>.

For more information, call 377-2287.

Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are:

ACT — March 9 for April 11 test, June 8 for July 11 test.

SAT — April 13 for May 16 test.

PRAXIS I — March 20 for May 1 test, June 26 for Aug. 7 test.

PRAXIS II — March 20 for May 2 test, June 26 for Aug. 8 test.

To schedule, call 377-2323.

Weapons training

Weapons training is con-

ducted by the 81st Security Forces Squadron at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

Entry and firing privately-owned weapons for other than official use is prohibited.

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

JROTC openings

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

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300, or DSN 493-5275 or 5300. For a list of current openings, go to <http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp>.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Medics announce award winners



By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Tuesday, the 81st Medical Group announced its annual award winners for 2005:

Airman — Airman 1st Class Heather Hines, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Siah Driggers, 81st MDSS.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt.

Nicole Pearson, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Company grade officer — Capt. Tera Carter, 81st MDSS.

Field grade officer — Lt. Col. Steven Reese, 81st MDSS.

Entry level civilian — Melva Kroll, 81st MDSS.

Intermediate level civilian — Kwo-Jen Gibson, 81st MDSS.

Senior level civilian — John Wilhelm, 81st MDSS.

Top mission supporters honored

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Wednesday, the 81st Mission Support Squadron named its 2005 annual award winners.

The ceremony took place at Welch Auditorium.

Winners are:

Airman — Airman 1st Class Jose Madrigal, 81st Communications Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. William Byrd, 81st CS.

Senior NCO — Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

First sergeant — Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Jordan, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Michael Chandler, 81st MSS.

Field grade officer — Lt. Col. George Budz, 81st Contracting Squadron.

Entry level civilian — Robert Omara, 81st Transportation Squadron.



Intermediate level civilian — Jackie Pope, 81st MSS.

Senior level civilian — Adrien Augustine, 81st MSS.

Wing awards presented Feb. 23

The 81st Training Wing's annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 403rd Wing hangar, Building 4247, 123 Phantom Street.

The event spotlights the wing's top individual military and civilian performers of 2005. Annual award winners from the 81st Training Group, 81st Medical Group, 81st Mission Support Group and 81st TRW staff agencies compete for the awards.

Tickets are \$20.

For more information and tickets, see your first sergeant.

81st Training Wing names top performers for staff agencies

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing staff agencies annual award winners for 2005 were recognized Feb. 2 at the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

Airman — Senior Airman Brian Ramirez, chapel.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Patrick Galivan, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Senior NCO — Senior Master Sgt. Al Clemmons, chapel.

Company grade officer — Capt. Daniel Vaillant, legal office.

Field grade officer — Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Butler.

Entry level civilian — Greg Lewis, legal office.

Intermediate level civilian — Robert Elliott, 81st Operational Support Flight.

Senior level civilian — Denice McLain, 81st CPTS.

IN THE NEWS

Accident claims medic

Senior Airman Valerie Soto, formerly assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron, died Jan. 29 from injuries sustained in a one-car accident on Interstate 65 near Haynesville, Ala.

Airman Soto, en route to a new assignment at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., was alone in the vehicle.

Col. Leonard Jackson, 81st MDSS commander, attended Airman Soto's funeral in Texas Saturday and presented her family with letters of condolence from her Air Force family.

A memorial service for Airman Soto, who is survived by her 2-year-old son, was held Tuesday at the Abundant Life Evangelistic Center in Biloxi.

Capt. Braden Friday, Maxwell AFB, Ala., is authorized to make disposition of Airman Soto's personal effects as stated in Air Force Instruction 34-244. Any person having claims for or against Airman Soto's estate, call Captain Friday, 1-334-224-1628.

Formal retreat today

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

In case of rain, the ceremony moves to the next duty day.

Dependent ID cards out of stock

The Air Force Publishing Distribution Center announced that dependent identification card forms are out of stock.

Until cards are available, dependents carry their current card along with a valid Department of Defense Form 1172 which is valid for 90 days. If the ID card is lost or stolen, the dependent must have a current photo ID with a valid DD Form 1172.

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

Prayer breakfast March 14

Keesler's 2006 National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. March 14 in the 403rd Wing hangar, Building 4247, 123 Phantom Street.

For more information, permanent party members call Chaplain (Capt.) Winston Jones, 377-2520, and students call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-2331.

Railroad service resumes

CSX Transportation resumes rail service on the Mississippi Gulf Coast this month.

Railroad officials expect to build up from two or three to the pre-Hurricane Katrina level of 35 trains daily by the end of March.

Early Keesler News deadlines

The deadline for submissions to these upcoming issues of the Keesler News is four days earlier than usual:

Feb. 23 — deadline is noon Feb. 16 due to the Presidents Day federal holiday Feb. 20.

March 2 — deadline is noon Feb. 23 due to the Mardi Gras regional holiday Feb. 28. The holiday is observed by Gulf Publishing Co., contract publisher of the base newspaper.

The newspaper office is closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents Day and open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

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.

Verifying deployment credit

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

Hurricane relief medals

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Service members and civilians who took part in Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts may be eligible for a medal.

The director of the Joint Staff has approved awarding the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Service Medal for military personnel. Department of Defense civilians may receive the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight or civilian personnel office.

Force shaping

For information on force shaping, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsetp/shape.htm>, or call the AFPC contact center, 1-800-616-3775.

Emergency contacts for civilians

The emergency management data system is a Web-based method for civilians to input personal emergency contact information.

For more information or to register, visit <https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/emds/default.htm>.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

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

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

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

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

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

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

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

AFOQT score reporting

Members taking the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test are able to access their scores on the test management section Web page, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>, within two to four weeks after receipt of answer sheets at AFPC.

Those taking the test must test well in advance of deadlines for submitting commissioning application packages to ensure receipt of test scores prior to deadlines.

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Base improves safety record in fiscal 2005
By Susan Gentry
The 11th Training Wing's annual safety summary and analysis for fiscal 2005 shows marked improvement, especially during the 1999-2000 period.

Their first look at Keesler
Photo by Fred Smith
Some of the 11th basic training graduates who arrived at Keesler Monday for their first look at the base. This was the largest group of students to arrive here since the 11th Training Group's arrival.

Congress reviews new civilian personnel system
By Jim Conner
The House of Representatives is scheduled to pass legislation that would allow the Air Force to hire civilian personnel on a temporary basis.

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New contract for dental care adds benefits

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tricare Management Activity began its new Tricare Dental Program, or TDP, contract with United Concordia Companies Inc. Feb. 1.

United Concordia continues to furnish worldwide, comprehensive dental coverage to include preventive, diagnostic, restorative and maintenance services to all eligible uniformed services active-duty family members and to National Guard and Reserve members and their eligible family members.

Under the new contract, Tricare has added benefits to the dental program. They include dental implants and related prosthetics, and extended restorative services to teeth affected by attrition, erosion, abrasion and congenital or developmental defects.

The program continues to offer comprehensive dental benefits.

"We will work closely with United Concordia to maintain beneficiary and provider satisfaction while ensuring that quality and access standards continue to be met," said Col. Gary Martin, director of the dental care division, Tricare Management Activity. "It is a cost-effective benefit that eligible beneficiaries cannot afford to do without to maintain their dental health."

It's designed to be an affordable and portable program so maintaining good dental health is easier. Eligible beneficiaries may enroll in single member or family plans. The program encourages diagnostic and preventive care for children ages 1-4.

Cost shares continue to be reduced for active-duty serv-

Dental staff devotes time to children

Children from the child development and youth centers visit the dental clinic and dental staff members visit McBride Library in observance of February as National Children's Dental Health Month:

Monday — 8 a.m., child development center children ages 2-3 tour dental clinic.

Tuesday-Wednesday — 8 a.m., CDC children ages 3-5 tour dental clinic.

Wednesday and Feb. 22 — dental clinic staff visits McBride Library, 10 a.m.

Feb. 16 — 4 p.m., dental clinic staff visits youth center, ages 5-12.

ice members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 for some dental services under the new contract.

All currently enrolled members receive a new personalized identification card and benefit booklet. Enrollees and providers are sent regular updates on benefits and coverage. United Concordia accepts and enrolls new members by phone or on its Web site.

For more information on enrollment, go to <http://www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com> or call toll-free 1-800-866-8499, 24 hours a day. Beneficiaries may also access the Tricare Web site, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> and the TDP fact sheet.

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Army Lt. Col. Cliff Drouet, a reservist with the 412th Engineer Command in Vicksburg, checks out the Black Heritage Month display at McBride Library. The display has World War II models of Tuskegee Airmen planes. It was set up by retired Staff Sgt. Charles Stewart, and is on display through April.

AAHC warms up grill for Feb. 16 cookout

Organization Day — judging is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Winners are announced at the gospel fest. For more information, call Pamela Tunstall, 377-4212, or Senior Airman Tanisha Lofton, 377-2493.

African-American Heritage Committee's cookout — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16, marina park. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Massey, 377-1305.

Third annual bowling tournament — 1 p.m. Feb. 17, Gaude Lanes. For more information, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5356, or Tech. Sgt. Byron

Bryant, 377-4198.

Three-on-three basketball — Feb. 24, Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Calvin Oliver, 377-3967, Sergeant Massey or Sergeant Bryant.

Gospel fest — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 25, Welch Auditorium. Guest performers include Mount Calvary Church, Grace Temple, Victory Full Gospel Outreach Center, Triumphant Choir and Keesler Community Choir.

For more information, call Capt. David Robinson, 377-1920; Kim Johnson, 377-2453, or Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Heart disease Healthy lifestyle key to prevention

By Maj. Patty O'Donnell

81st Medical Group

Heart disease is the No. 2 killer of men and women in the United States.

The good news is, people can do something about it. By taking steps now, people can improve their heart health and decrease their chances of getting heart disease.

Heart disease is a disorder of the blood vessels that can lead to a heart attack. A heart attack happens when an artery becomes blocked, preventing oxygen and nutrients from getting to the heart.

Common symptoms of a heart attack are pain or discomfort in the chest, one or both arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach, and shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness or breaking out in a cold sweat. With heart disease, the condition of blood vessels steadily worsens unless changes are made in daily habits.

Risk factors are conditions or habits that increase the chances of getting heart disease. Nothing can be done

Hypertension briefing set

Keesler Medical Center sponsors a hypertension educational offering, 8-9 a.m. March 17 in the medical specialties classroom, Room 1F-121, family practice clinic.

about some such as family history or advancing age. However, people can do something about smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, overweight or obesity, physical inactivity and diabetes.

Research shows the chances of heart disease can be significantly lowered by leading a healthy lifestyle which includes not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, eating a heart-healthy diet, and getting regular physical activity.

For more information, contact primary care managers and the health and wellness center.

Sale of Katrina coins, patches helps relief fund

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The sale of Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches benefits the base's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Coins are \$7 and patches are \$5.

Contact unit representatives or e-mail Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez, eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil, or Anthony Bellocq, anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil.

Other assistance sources:

Air Force Aid Society

Hurricane Katrina assistance requests are accepted at the family support center, Room 117, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cartier, 377-2593.

BAH

Base housing residents who received basic assistance for housing after Hurricane Katrina and have returned to a habitable unit need to stop by the base housing office in Chapel One east of the dental clinic to stop their BAH.

Residents should check their leave and earnings statements to verify they aren't receiving BAH anymore.

Civilian assistance

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund Emergency Assistance Program may provide assistance to federal civilian employees affected by Hurricane Katrina.

For more information, call Sheila Noel, 377-7973, or visit <http://www.feea.org/emergency\shhtml>.

Civilian employees may donate unused annual leave to other employees adversely affected by the hurricane.

Up to 104 hours of leave can be donated, but it can't be given to a specific person. Submit an Office of Personnel Management Form 1638 through the civilian personnel flight.

Excused absences end

March 11 is last day for excused absences to attend to personal issues caused by Hurricane Katrina.

For more information, call the civilian personnel flight's employee management serv-

Katrina relief fund

Civilians receive assistance, too

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Bluesuiters aren't the only people who've benefited from Keesler's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Civilians like Jenny Hillyard, an instructor supervisor in the 336th Training Squadron, also got a helping hand and a \$500 check.

Hurricanes are nothing new to Ms. Hillyard, a life-long Mississippi Gulf Coast resident who's worked at Keesler for 16 years. Her second-floor apartment in Ocean Springs was inundated with more than four feet of water, mud and fish from the storm surge.

"Camille came, did her thing and left — Katrina just lingered on, and on, and on," Ms. Hillyard pointed out.

She stayed at her brother's Ocean Springs home with her mom, a recent stroke victim, and her dad, who's in a wheelchair. The home, 27 feet above sea level, only got six inches of water.

"After I was finally able to reach my children and grandchildren, I tried to contact my squadron," she recalled.

"After days of sitting home, sleeping on the floor and waiting for cell phone service, I finally got through the gate and found my squadron in one of the student dorms. I cried and hugged them and found out we had 100 percent accountability."



Ms. Hillyard

Ms. Hillyard volunteered at the charge of quarters desk and washed sheets and towels for her sheltered co-workers. When she couldn't stop crying, they sent her home.

She moved into her daughter's home with 11 other people and assorted pets. She's still living with her daughter's family, but after five months sleeping on an air mattress or futon, "I finally bought a real bed with a real mattress," she said.

She hopes to find a house by summer's end.

Ms. Hillyard said, "I feel fortunate to have the best commander at Keesler — Lt. Col. Monica Kopf. Like many of us, she lost everything. She's been an inspi-

ration to all of us, military or civilian. She always finds the time to touch base with us to offer help, listen or just be a leader with presence."

One gesture from her co-workers meant the world to her.

"The distribution centers seemed to have lots of baby diapers, but none for adults, and they were desperately needed at the retirement complex where my parents live," Ms. Hillyard recalled. "I put out the word at work, and one day I found more than two cases of Depends on my desk — you can't imagine how much those elderly folks appreciated them."

For someone who's made 25 church mission trips to Mexico and been involved in virtually every fundraiser her squadron has ever sponsored, it was hard for Ms. Hillyard to be on charity's receiving end.

Yet, she's grateful for the Katrina relief fund check, as well as assistance from the Red Cross and Salvation Army. She also received one of the hundreds of hand-made quilts donated to base hurricane victims by the American Quilters Society.

"I'll remain on the coast — my family is here, my job is here and my life is here," she insisted. "I can replace material things and I have my memories."

ices element, 377-3142.

Extended child care

Military and civilians who are eligible for on-base day care and work more than 50 hours a week are eligible for free or subsidized child care under the Air Force's extended duty child care program.

For more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers

assistance at these disaster recovery centers:

Biloxi — Donal Synder Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, and Biloxi Community Center, 591 Howard Avenue.

Gulfport — Disabled American Veterans Hall, 2600 23rd Avenue.

Ocean Springs — 3164 Bienville Blvd. (Highway 90).

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

For more information, call 1-800-621-3362 or visit

<http://www.fema.gov>.

Government travel card

People who used government travel cards for prepaid transactions that weren't used as a result of Hurricane Katrina can dispute the charge for credit.

Before filing a dispute, try to contact the merchant to see if charges can be credited to the account. If that isn't possible, submit the dispute form found at <https://www.gcsuthd>.

bankofamerica.com/forms/maintenance.asp. Use reason code 10 and use your own words to reference Hurricane Katrina. To fax the form, call 1-888-678-6046.

IRS publication

Internal Revenue Service Publication 4492, Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, is available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4492.pdf>.

Katrina relief fund

The Keesler Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund is a central location for money donated by other bases and sources.

For more information, call Maj. Teresa Roberts or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Cartier, 377-2179.

Retirees, annuitants

Military retirees and annuitants who've relocated or changed banking information, call 1-800-321-1080, 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays. They can also use myPay to update information; call 1-800-390-2348.

Safe haven

The safe haven per diem rates payable to dependents of Keesler's uniformed members were extended to 180 days, or through Feb. 22.

Reimbursement rates are 100 percent for dependents 12 and older and 50 percent for those under 12.

Lodging reimbursement is limited to the actual cost not to exceed the authorized amount; receipts are required.

Receipts aren't required for the meals and incidentals expense that's reimbursed as a flat amount.

SGLI

The Defense Department extended the deadline for reducing or declining increased Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage for service members affected by Hurricane Katrina.

To keep the \$400,000 coverage with the same beneficiary designations, don't take any action.

To decline or reduce coverage, complete a new SGLI 8286 at <http://www.insurance.va.gov>, indicating the amount of coverage desired.

Civilians have new dining facility guidelines

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

New guidelines began Monday for permanent party Defense Department civilians who eat in base dining facilities.

They're only allowed to eat in the Pecan and Live Oak dining facilities from 12:30-1:30 p.m. during lunch. DOD civilians are allowed in the dining facilities any time during breakfast hours.

This doesn't apply to civilians on temporary duty or people who are receiving partial per-diem.

The change comes with the base's mission continuously coming back up to speed.

"Once nonprior service students started to return, the DOD permanent party civilian employees were restricted to eating at the Pecan Dining Facility," said Don Cook, 81st Services Division chief.

"Now temporary duty students are returning too, so another change is necessary," he explained.

Another change is on the horizon as well. March 1, all food service returns to pre-Katrina operations, meaning civilians are no longer going to be served during any meal.

Open base facilities, including lunching alternatives are:

81st Services Division

11th Frame Café — located in Gaudé Lanes bowling alley. Open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-7 p.m. Sunday.

Vandenberg Community Center — open 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight working Fridays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. to midnight non-working Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Half Time Café — 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-working Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. non-working Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Katrina Kantina — a lounge, located in the main marina building, is open for all ranks over 21 years old. It opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, with snacks and beverages available.

Arts and crafts, frame and engraving shops — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Auto skills center — 1-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and non-working Fridays. The car wash is open 24 hours a day.

Child development center — 5:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information, call 377-2211.

Family child care — providers are accepting children in their homes.



Glenda Walraven, left, a lodging employee, has her ID card checked by Hoa Province, Pecan Dining Facility cashier. Now, DOD civilians are allowed to dine in the Pecan and Live Oak dining facilities only from 12:30-1:30 p.m. during the lunch meal.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Children are also being accepted at the mildly-ill family child care home.

For more information, call 377-3189.

Information, ticket and travel — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays in Vandenberg Community Center.

McBride Library — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Veterinary clinic — open 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-Fridays for sales. For appointments to have pets vaccinated or for sick pets, call 377-6883.

Wood shop — 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and non-working Fridays.

Youth center — 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. workdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Before- and after-school program is 6-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. for children in kindergarten through grade 6.

AAFES

Car care center — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Service bays close at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 432-2404.

Class Six/Shoppette — open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The main exchange, dorm shoppette and medical center exchange are closed indefinitely.

Home furnishings store — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at 220 Ploesti Drive with an entrance on Hercules Street.

Banking

BancorpSouth — lobby is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday. Automatic teller machines are operational.

Keesler Federal Credit Union — open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday,

in the trailer located in the credit union's parking lot. ATMs on base are now operational 24 hours a day.

Gates

Oak Park Gate is open 5:30-7:30 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Pass Road, White Avenue and Meadows Drive gates are open around the clock. Judge Sekul Gate is closed.

Housing

The housing office in former Chapel One is reassigning homes to families whose base housing is uninhabitable. For a list of available off-base housing, call Mary Krystosek, 377-9741.

Mini-mall

Alteration shop — noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Barber shop — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Beauty shop — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Laundry and dry cleaners — noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Military clothing sales — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Subway — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Moves

Contracting — now located in Room 101, old Cody Hall.

Education office — now located in Room 212, old Cody Hall. For assistance, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Family support center — now located on the first floor, old Cody Hall. A student office remains open in the Fishbowl.

Finance — located on the second floor, Vosler Center. Hours are 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. working Fridays.

For military and travel pay questions, call 377-7272 or 4212.

Legal office — aid is available from attorneys, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. workdays; notaries and powers of attorney, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. workdays, Room 246, Levitow Training Support Facility. For appointments, call 377-3510. For Katrina claims, call 377-3630. The fax number is 377-3630.

Tax office — relocated to Room 234, Old Cody Hall.

Personnel offices — now located in Room 218, old Cody Hall. The civilian personnel office has relocated to the Airman Leadership School building.

Traffic management office — for technical training students in Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility, is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 377- 0174, 1263, 7448 or 3147.

The main TMO is located in old Cody Hall, Room 166, and is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Phone numbers are inbound issues, 377-7291 and outbound counselors, 377-5471.

Self-help store

The self-help store is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday for facility managers, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for housing residents and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 377-5397.

Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, located in the former Chapel One next to the dental clinic, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, but donations are accepted any time during hours of operation.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Need medical care? Here's what's available now

81st Medical Group

Services available through the 81st Medical Group:

First aid station — moves to Triangle Clinic for the day Saturday due to a planned power outage in the area it occupies in the medical center. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. They don't have the capability to treat urgent and emergency problems. Patients with urgent and emergent problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — go to the nearest off-base urgent care facility or emergency room. Ambulance coverage for Keesler is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the base 911 line. Patients are taken directly to off-base medical facilities by the contracted ambulance service. Active-duty sick call at the first aid station is scheduled through the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

The appointment line is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday. Active-duty personnel may begin calling at 5 a.m. Monday-Friday.

To access care on the first floor of Keesler Medical Center, enter through the "A Tower" at the top of the steps leading from Fisher Street. Signs directing patients to the respective clinics are posted along the route from the entrance to the clinic areas. The security staff is also available to provide directions.

Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. The family practice, internal medicine and pediatric clinics see patients 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Mental health flight is in 1D in the medical center. Services include life skills (377-6216), family advocacy and exceptional family member program (377-7006) and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment (377-8960). Signs to the applicable check-in areas are posted at the entrance.

Patients may use the entrance at the west end of the building. Call 377-7006 or 6216 to confirm appointments or the information desk, 377-6550.

The off-base civilian prescription pharmacy currently occupies Room 1D-103, the first office on the right where life skills customers previously were checked in.

Tricare office is in Room 1A-200. For patient registration or eligibility, call 377-6149 or 6276. For Tricare enrollments or MEB, call 377-9962. For the referral management office, Room 1A-201, call 377-617.7 For health benefits advisors, visit Room 1F-306 or call 377-6580. Tricare Prime beneficiaries, call 1-800-700-8603 for appointments, leaving phone consults for their primary care managers or requesting authorizations for any non-emergency services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

Family practice staff, in the former medical specialties clinic, sees acute uncomplicated illnesses, handles personal health assessments and provides medication refills. Urgicare and walk-in services aren't available. A case management and social worker are available.

Coumadin clinic in Room 1F-158 in the family practice clinic area is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work



schedule Fridays. Coumadin is an anticoagulation medication requiring close monitoring of certain blood levels. The staff monitors and manages the dosage for patients. Patients are seen by referral only, requiring a physician at Keesler to submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled. For more information, call 377-6104.

Clinical laboratory is in its medical center location. The lab's phlebotomy station is open in the main lab and routine blood testing is provided for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center.

Blood donor center is open. To arrange to donate blood, call 377-9324.

Radiology is back in its previous location. Provided are routine radiographs, computerized tomography and ultrasounds for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center.

Immunization clinic in the former urology clinic provides all inoculations to active duty, retirees and dependents. Flu shots and limited allergy services are available.

Temporary pharmacy is in the medical photo/oral surgery area. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For remaining refills from on-base prescriptions, call 377-6360. Pick up refills at least four duty days later at the temporary pharmacy distribution area in Building 5 of the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Boulevard, just off Pass Road. To renew prescriptions, see your primary care manager or another Tricare network provider.

Internal medicine on the first floor sees active-duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Services are acute medical care, limited evaluation and treatment of chronic medical illnesses, medical consultation and referral for select subspecialty services.

Optometry clinic is on the first floor within the

internal medicine clinic area. The staff sees active duty patients only. All exams are by appointment only through the Tricare appointment line, 1-800-700-8603. The clinic can order spectacles and gas mask inserts for active duty and eligible retirees provided they have a current prescription (within two years).

Pediatric clinic in the former oncology/hematology clinic area provides scheduled acute medical care for children, well baby/child visits, routine appointments, Q Code exams, and exceptional family member program and special needs family paperwork. For appointments, use the Tricare appointment line. A child psychologist and social worker are available. Appointments are by PCM referral.

Women's health in the former general surgery clinic, next to the new flight medicine clinic, provides routine women's health care to active duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Other patients are seen on a space-available basis. Services are general gynecological problems, annual Pap smear exams, birth control and follow-up of abnormal Paps (dysplasia). No obstetrical services are available. The clinic can initiate profiles for pregnant active-duty patients. Eligible patients with questions, call 377-6920. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

Flight medicine in the surgical specialties clinic furnishes walk-in acute care, duties-not-involved-in-flying paperwork, profiles and physical health assessments.

General surgery and orthopedics share the former orthopedic clinic. Surgery is available by primary care manager consult only.

Medical records are in the Wylie Auditorium. Original records are maintained by the medical center. For copies, complete a request form at the outpatient record's customer service desk. Allow five to seven days for copies.

Endocrine services are available by appointment only in the internal medicine clinic. Call the Tricare appointment line.

New dermatology patients are seen by referral only. Established patients may be seen by calling 377-1673 or the appointment line.

Triangle clinic, Levitow Training Support Facility, sees only non-prior service students.

Services at the dental clinic include routine care, cleanings and routine outpatient oral surgery for active-duty members only. Dental emergencies for all patients are seen through dental sick call. Call 377-4510 for appointments.

Physical and occupational therapy see patients at the health and wellness center. Physical therapy sees active duty only; occupational therapy sees active duty, retirees and adult dependents. Services include assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders such as upper and lower extremity dysfunction and neck and back pain. Treatment is limited to gym and home exercise programs, heat, ice and ultrasound modalities.

For the director of customer relations, call 377-9498.

Through children's eyes

Preschoolers tell Katrina stories with art

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Art is the key that unlocked the thoughts, fears and memories of some Keesler preschoolers after Hurricane Katrina.

The hallways of the child development center and some doorways at Keesler Medical Center serve as galleries for the storm-inspired artwork by 3- to 5-year-olds.

The scribbles, scrawls, figures and images tell Katrina's story through children's eyes. Their pictures show the hurricane's fury, demolished homes, evacuation and family losses.

"Children often express their emotions through behavior and play," said Maj. (Dr.) Sheralyn Wood, a Keesler pediatrician. "The drawings offer them a way to express themselves."

The youngest of Major Wood's three children, 3-year-old Ashley, is cared for at the CDC. Her husband, Maj. (Dr.) David Wood, is a neuroradiologist. He was transferred to Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas, shortly after Katrina.

"Seeing these pictures make you stop and think — how must all of this seem to a child?" she observed. "While many of our children were evacuated from this area during the storm, they still saw picture after picture on TV and quietly watched their parents' responses."

"Talking to the children about their drawings helped our staff to understand and help them more," Rosina Lewis, program development technician, pointed out. "We hear much of what we know about the family's situation from the kids, because their parents are usually in a big hurry to get to work in the mornings and to get home in the afternoons."

"I was impressed with the CDC staff's response to this disaster," Major Wood stressed.



Cameron Strahlem, 3, concentrates on his hurricane drawing. He's the son of Jody Canon, 403rd Wing.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Mrs. Lewis listens as 4-year-old Nevaeh Browne talks about her hurricane memories while she works on a drawing. Her grandfather is Richard Browne, 81st Communications Squadron.

"They put the children first and addressed their emotions from the very beginning."

The CDC had relatively little damage from Katrina, and CDC director Maria Ochoa and her staff returned to work Sept. 7 to clean and paint.

The center reopened Sept. 14 with four children. The demand for child care increased as return orders were issued for Keesler families.

"Once again, we're filled to capacity, with about 240 children enrolled and 100 on the waiting list," Mrs. Ochoa reported.

Katrina comments

Teachers added explanatory notes to each child's artwork. Some examples:

Haley — The hurricane hurt my old house and my mommy got a new house.

Marlee — This is me trying to fix our house. The hurricane destroyed it and some of my toys and clothes.

Grant — When my dad and I came back from my grandma's house, I was scared. We saw a lot of damaged houses.

Jade — The storm damaged our roof and my room got wet. The fixer fixed my daddy's room.

Cole — The storm broke our house, then somebody else fixed it.

Kaley — Katrina shakes around our house. I got scared. It was very strong.

Jace — Katrina blew up our house.

In Katrina's wake, student teams aid school library, debris removal

Airman Basic Fritz Crichton, 336th Training Squadron, trims a board for bookshelves at St. Martin Middle School in Jackson County.



Airman Kaycee Ash, 336th TRS, lines up a shelf inside a trailer being used as the library at St. Martin Middle School. Classrooms are also temporarily housed in trailers. Keesler volunteers worked at the school Jan. 31.



Airmen Basic Audrey Burns, left, and Brittany Dubray are surrounded by plastic bags as they take a break from clearing trash and hurricane debris from the fence line outside of the White Avenue Gate south of the base Feb. 1. Both students are from the 336th TRS.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Keesler telephone directories are available online at <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil>. Click on "phone directory" to bring up a quick reference. For an organizational listing, click on "listing" then "organizational." For more information, call public affairs, 377-2783.

Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34.276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states "any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval."

It states that the "installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked."

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

"People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

"Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge," said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They're assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

KEESLER NOTES

Tax office relocation

Keesler's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Office relocated this week to Room 234, old Cody Hall.

The office provides free tax advice and preparation services, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. workdays.

Each squadron has at least one VITA representative who prepares income tax returns at his or her duty location.

For filing, bring an identification card, the Social Security cards of everyone on the return or a copy of last year's tax return if it was prepared elsewhere, as well as all relevant W-2 forms, 1099 forms, documentation for itemized deductions and supporting evidence for hurricane casualty losses.

For more information, call 377-4454.

Vehicle decals

Vehicle decals are available in the trailer on the south side

of visitors center at the White Avenue Gate.

For more information, call pass and registration, 377-2143 or 2595.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Terry Brandenburg, 377-4252, or e-mail to terry.brandenburg@keesler.af.mil.

Lithographs

Air Force lithographs on these subjects are available for unit display on a first-come, first served basis through the public affairs office:

Safety/operational risk management.

Air Force core values.

Air Force History and Art Program series, including 60th anniversary of World War II.

Publicity posters from past Keesler open houses, including the canceled 2005 event.

Lithographs may be picked

up by first sergeants in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center (Building 4002), corner of L and Z Streets (use L Street entrance).

Children's art

The Military Child Education Coalition is looking for artwork, poems, and essays from Keesler children for On The Move Magazine.

Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 17.

For more information, call Lana Smith, 377-2179.

DRMO withdrawals

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawals for organizational requirements must be for assets normally authorized for requesting organizations and specific customer requirements.

For audit purposes, base activities other than nonappropriated fund activities must request all property in DRMO through the retail supply activ-

ity. This ensures the requester is an authorized representative of the requesting organizational activity.

Preschool openings

The part-day preschool program has openings for 3-5 year olds in the 12:30-3:30 p.m. afternoon session

Classes are Mondays through working Fridays at the youth center, and suspended on federal holidays and Christmas holidays for area schools.

Enrollment is at the child development center. The program fee is based on family income.

Learning experiences are balanced between active and quiet, indoors and outdoors, child-initiated and teacher-directed, individual and group oriented, and spontaneous and planned.

For more information, call 377-2211.

Speed limit up

The speed limit on Bayview

Avenue behind Keesler Medical Center has been increased from 15 to 25 mph, according to safety officials.

Supply visits

Supply customer liaison is available to visit organizations for feedback on support.

To schedule a visit, call Terry Brandenburg, 377-4252 or e-mail terry.brandenburg@keesler.af.mil.

Child care

The family child care program is available to all active-duty military, Defense Department civilians including non-appropriated fund, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees and others who support the base mission.

To assist with finding a FCC provider, the staff prepares monthly listings of all current licensed providers.

For updated listings and more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Bowen, left, and Asa Oliver, 81st MDG, try to corral Michael McEwen, 81st MDSS, after a reception in the second half of the tournament championship game. The 81st MDSS emerged from the two-day tournament without a defeat.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Second Keesler flag football tournament gives players chance to share in 'Super' contests

81st MDSS edges medics, 19-18

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The Pittsburgh Steelers may have grabbed the headlines in Detroit, but there was another football team that claimed a championship in early February.

The 81st Medical Support Squadron's flag football team, led by its backup quarterback, held off a furious last-ditch drive to defeat the 81st Medical Group, 19-18, in the championship game of the pre-Super Bowl flag football tournament Feb. 1.

Patrick McGarry came in for the 81st MDSS in the sec-

ond half after starting quarterback Andrew Lomeli was injured. McGarry's keeper proved to be the winning score.

Trailing by a single point with 1:38 left in the game, the 81st MDG marched downfield, making a critical fourth down conversion to keep possession.

On the final play of the game, an 81st MDG receiver made an apparent catch in the end zone, but it was ruled incomplete.

The 81st MDSS earned a berth into the championship game by routing the 338th Training Squadron students, 38-7, earlier in the day. The 81st MDG also had a blowout, 34-0 in its game

with the 338th TRS permanent party team.

The two-day, single-elimination tournament was the second for flag football since Hurricane Katrina forced the cancellation of the intramural regular season, normally held in the fall.

The 81st MDG was also defeated in the championship game of the first tournament in November.

In addition to Lomeli and McGarry, members of the 81st MDSS team are Jim Pascual, Michael McEwen, Marcus Andrade, Tony Hannah, Jan-Michael Hughes, George Brooks, Charles Smith, Robert Klawitter, Joseph Hudson, Joshua Wilson, and Paul Turner. Adrian Jackson is the head coach.



Smith, left, 81st MDSS, avoids Kengii Bowen, 81st MDG, after a completed pass.

Airmen on ice



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Paul Hilfer, left, Kaiserslautern Military Community Eagle, glides in the way of an Eppelheim Hawk. KMC won 6-4 against the Eppelheim Hawks, maintaining second place in their league. The KMC Eagles' hockey team is made up of 30 players of different skill levels varying from semi-pro and college to players experiencing their first organized game. Hilfer is with the 435th Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Possible contractors' bowling league — any Keesler contractor interested in forming a contractors' bowling league with a 12-week season, call 377-2817.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$29.95.

Fitness centers

Sweetheart 5-kilometer run for couples — 7 a.m. Tuesday, Blake Fitness Center. Male, female pair must cross finish line together. Prizes to top five couples.

Blake Fitness Center — 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-through 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 Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed non-working Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The basketball court area isn't available. Free aerobic and yoga classes

available. For more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

All 18 holes of the Bay Breeze Golf Course are available. The golf course is open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use.

Outdoor recreation

Katrina Kantina — a lounge for adults age 21 and over is in the main marina building. Opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. For more information, call 377-3160.

Fam camp — available for mission-essential active-duty, civilian and contractors, and non-mission essential active-duty who've been displaced. For more information, call 594-0543.

Children's wildlife poster contest — for all ages. Enter by Tuesday. First prize \$100 savings

bond, second prize \$50 bond.

February special — camping package No. 1 discounted 10 percent. Package includes four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, 48-quart ice chest and camper's bow saw.

February fishing tournament — weigh in the largest redfish during the month and win a \$100 savings bond.

Bicycle rental — new 3500 Trek, 7-speed, \$3 a day or \$15 a week.

Resale items — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks, and a variety of beverages.

Soccer

Keesler Classic Soccer Tournament — Monday-Thursday. Open to the first six teams to register. For more information, call 377-4409.

Youth center

Open recreation — Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 6 and older.

DIGEST

HONORS

Quarterly awards, October-December

Air Education and Training Command Services

Civilian manager — Sean Dooley, 81st Services Division.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Smedley Butler, Phillip Capps, Jose Charlesworth, Isaac Cunningham, Stephen Dean, Kyle Dehart, Jonathan Duchene, Ean Duke, Kyle Duley, Andrew Efthyvoulou, Christopher Emery, Rayce Evenson, Gabriel Ferrer, Christopher Gail, Christopher Gilbert, Allen Goodger, John Gravely, Yates Gregg, David Harvey, Kyle Hauck, Jeffery Haviland, Aaron Hetman, Jacob Horvath, Andrew Housh, Darcy Kumm, Michael Lee, John Loera, Eric Lyons, David Madsen, Eric McCord, Colten McCory, Justin Mongoso, Marques Moore, Alejandro Mora, Ryan Nicholson, Edgardo Ortiz-Torres, Benjamin Parag, Elizabeth Parsons, Jeremy Plumb, Jordan Puckett, Robert Rhoads, Gramm Roberts, Orora Sezenias, Michael Scarlata, Daren Schiele, Robert Simon, Daniel Sleeter, Rodrigo Soza, Pasco Tomaino, Gibbson Tumaneng, Jason Unovitch, Daniel Urness, Collin Webb, Christopher Youmans and Jonathan Zimmerman; Airmen Daniel Beetz, Elizabeth Healey, Jake Horrocks, Michael Keany, Stephen Liska, Michael Martin, Joseph Murray, Colin Sanders, Edward Sayers, Christopher Stroup and Jansen Velante; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Acres, Klyle Amburn, Alexander Babbie, Peter Bernhemim, Artur Brozyna, Justin Buchholz, Damen Fantroy, Ronald Groening, Randall Hodkin, Robert Holcomb, Brian Housholder, Jonathan Kready, Tom Kwiczor, Nicholas Kynett, David Leon, Nathan Lindeman, Edward Lum, Kevin Ma, Joseph Masel, Justin Morgan, Joshua Mullins, Nicholas Owens, Christopher Paxton, James Randolph, Cameron Rau, Kyle Reece, Veron Reed, Jacob Rosalez, Joseph Smart, Ayrn Solomakos and Ryan Wollenberg; Senior Airmen Michael Christensen and Jonathan Garro; Staff Sgts. Robert Adams, Dionte Anderson, Jose Costoya, Leonard Crego, Jason Desrosiers, Robert Hatcher, Ronald King, Michael Kuhl, Aaron Mabray, Benjamin Millsbaugh, Robert Stielow, Keith Tyska and David Whanger; Tech. Sgts. Stephen Schwartz, Gerald Blatt and Anthony Tribelli.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Alan Abraham, Kyle Brant, Johnatan Camp, Trisha Cramer, Jared Dunn, Noah Jenkins, Phoeteama Neal, Shane Ooten and John Ward; Airmen 1st Class Royce Bockelman, Sara Fitzpatrick, Leon Montroy, Felix Nazario, Ernesto Rivera and Isaac Shreves; Senior Airmen Laura Andrews and Christopher Spencer; Staff Sgts. Tony Araiza, Jessie Jackson, Elizabeth Jones, Richard Taylor and Bryan Vails.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic John Bridges, Hannah Cabingasnosig, Tiffany Chaffin, Alexander Cueva, Jodi Nicholson, Winnie Otieno and Joshua Rotondo; Airmen Lourditha Quintina and Aaron Yoder; Airmen 1st Class Jessica Camacho, Austin Jones and Kurt Saine; Senior Airmen Charlie Belton, Mark Joseph DeVega, Sonia Jones and Melissa Menck; Staff Sgts. Bruce Comer, Lisa Krejci, Stephen Libertini, Kevin Harrison-Lombardi, Kimberly Spencer and Lance Terrel; Tech. Sgts. Caroline Cousineau and Mark Morgenstern; Rachell Wood.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jesse Castaneda, Erica Craig, Christopher Eastridge, Stefanie Jara, Ginea Love and Miranda Ross; Senior Airman Evangeline Magno; Staff Sgts. Samantha Bajkowski, Alfonso Gonzalez and Maria Tubergen.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Ashley Babich, Christopher Dearborn, Matthew Marlow, Philip Primmer and Cody Weakland; Navy Airman Recruit Charlene Arney; Navy Airman Apprentice Sean Kelly; Airmen 1st Class Philip Carnathan, Michael Duran and Michael Haight; Navy Airmen Michael Gillison, Craig Hildebrand and Micaela Maurtua; Tech. Sgt. Keith LeBlond; Master Sgt. Paul Higgins.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Karin Bakke, Melvin Batangan, Darrein Corneliuss, Matthew Glynn, April Mouton, Christopher Schaub and Nicole Sinningen; Airman Nikita Guillaume; Airmen 1st Class Vanessa Dwyer and Tina Meyers; Senior Airmen Joseph Acosta, Jeffery Bowman, Kristen Denkers and Juan Matias; Staff Sgts. Jacqueline Chant, Shelly Edder, Rance Streeter and Bradley Reves; Tech. Sgts. Steve Cummings, Beth Norman, Robert Montero and Starlett Sanders; Master Sgt. Dobbie Slack.

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Jason Fowler, Timothy Joseph, Steven Lybbert, Christopher Miller and Noah Rainey; Airman Jeremy Stokes; Airmen 1st Class Richard Brown, Edwin Nieves, Christopher Nordhogen and Andrew Reindl; Senior Airmen Sang Lee and Yolanda Yu; Staff Sgts. Johnny Baker, Jonathan Eastwood, Jeremy Flint, Phillip Ramil and Thomas Sheffer.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Matthew Bauman, David Johnson, Benjamin Hawkins, Christy Mellot and Franklin Pickett; Airmen Grant Lehmann, Justin Silva and Antonio Toves; Airmen 1st Class Charles Allen, Anthony Bayle, Joshua Beavers, Jessica Bonsack, Michael Gray, Dimarko Holloway, William Jacob, Nathan Lehmann, Kevin-Paul Quenga and Matthew Wickham; Senior Airmen Jeremy Armstrong, Kelly Finn, David Pitcher and Tristan Rineer.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Michael Haas and Alexis Moreno; Airman Steven Brumley; Airmen 1st Class Paul Amasal, Joe Garcia, Anthony Luckert, Matthew Metzger, Robert Miller, Eric Ratajczak and Ryan Stine; Tech. Sgt. Charles Hollingsworth.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 06-B** — graduation March 1.
- Class 06-C** — April 3-May 9.
- Class 06-D** — May 22-June 27.
- Class 06-E** — Aug. 1-Sept. 6.
- Class 06-F** — Sept. 18-Oct. 25.
- Class 06-G** — Nov. 1-Dec. 12.

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:07	:37
:08	:38
:09	:39
:10	:40
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48

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 or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

Arts and crafts center

Valentine card making — 1 p.m. Saturday, Vandenberg Community Center. \$5.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Feb. 18. \$15.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Feb. 25. \$20.

Pottery wheel training — 4-8 p.m. Feb. 16, Vandenberg Community Center. \$10 for one hour; pick a convenient time.

Beginning woodworking — 4-6:30 p.m. Feb. 22. \$25.

Advanced matting class — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24. \$25.

Chapel

Journey to financial freedom — 6-9 p.m. Feb. 24, continuing 8:30-noon Feb. 25, Fishbowl Student Ministry Center. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) John VanderKaay, 377-2331.

McBride Library

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 22.

Music, punch and cookies — 2-4 p.m. Feb. 14.

Valentine stories — 10 a.m. Feb. 14, ages 2-5.

Orientations and tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Larcher Chapel10 a.m.

Daily Mass

Larcher Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service11:30 a.m.

Larcher Chapel gospel service.....1 p.m.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; 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, 3 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl Student Center.

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Health and wellness center

Tobacco cessation — for more information or to register, call 377-5305.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 16, March 16, April 6, May 11, June 15, July 13, 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. Monday-Wednesday, March 13-15, April 3-5, May 8-10, June 12-14, July 10-12, 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.

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.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

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.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Texas Hold 'Em — 1 p.m. Feb. 25 for all persons eligible to use Keesler facilities. \$10 entry fee; limited seating. Prizes sponsored by Budweiser.

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

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

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 Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Half Time Café — open for breakfast 5:30-9 a.m. workdays. Open for lunch and dinner. Asian buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16; catfish buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays.

Youth center

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

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

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

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 — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Torch Club — 5 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. \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

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

Creative corner club — 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Read by mail program — 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

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.

Free Junior Olympic soccer skills competition — 2 p.m. Feb. 18, ages 8-13; register through Feb. 17.

Teen aviation camp — applications accepted through Feb. 20. Open to current sophomores and juniors. For more information, call 377-4116.

Mardi Gras camp — Feb. 27-March 1, kindergarten through grade 6; sign up by Feb. 23.

TICKETS AND TOURS

New Orleans Iris and Tucks Mardi Gras parades — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 25. \$15. Sign up and prepay no later than Feb. 16.

MEETINGS

Editor's note: To list time, place and point of 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 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — noon 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 Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each 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 Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Jeanette Jackson, 872-0626.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

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., The Ringer (R).

Saturday — 2 p.m., King Kong (PG-13); 7 p.m., Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Munich (R).

Reunions

Torrejon Air Base, Spain — Sept. 1-3, Oklahoma City, for all years. For more information, call William Hardin, 1-405-672-8939, or e-mail torrejonspainreunion@yahoo.com.

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, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, garlic toast, 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 Monte Cristo sandwich.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, barbecue ribs, jalapeno cornbread, 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.