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## Winning wheels



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Jamie Gott, 335th Training Squadron, wheels special athlete Veronica Nickelson of Natchez across the finish line in the 25-meter race Saturday. More Special Olympics photos, Pages 20-21.

## Hurricane season Senior NCOs join forces to prepare

By 1st Lt. Shantece Wade

Air Force North Public Affairs

TYNDALL Air Force Base, Fla. — Nearly 30 senior enlisted leaders from the uniformed services joined forces here to plan and prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

Air Forces Northern, the air component of U.S. Northern Command, hosted a Senior Enlisted Leadership Conference May 3 to focus on disaster response and military operations in the wake of a natural disaster.

The senior noncommissioned officers worked together during the two-day workshop to develop a greater understanding of how the Department of Defense would best support state governors and their National Guard units during natural disasters.

“The primary reason we held the conference was to bring together the senior enlisted leaders who would most likely be involved with any type of hurricane response,” said Chief Master Sgt. Allen Usry, Air Forces Northern command chief. “Developing these joint relationships will allow us to function more efficiently and help us better prepare our troops and support our citizens.”

One of the major issues addressed during the

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## This week in the Triangle

Information management craftsman, 9 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Monday, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.  
Financial management and comptroller apprentice, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Wolfe Hall.  
Communications-computer systems operations craftsman, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.  
Ground radio apprentice, 10 a.m. Friday, Jones Hall.  
Radio communications apprentice, 11 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.  
Base information protection, external control, 3 p.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.  
Airborne mission systems specialist apprentice, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dolan Hall.  
Precision measurement equipment laboratory apprentice, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dolan Hall.



### Student numbers

Total students — 3,398  
Non-prior service — 2,197  
Temporary duty — 1,183  
Combat controllers — 18  
  
Non-prior service arrivals — 181  
Guard, Reserve — 698  
International — 15  
  
Fiscal 2006 graduates — 13,515

# COMMENTARY

## AFAF, Special Olympics — you shine again, Keesler

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

For the men and women of Team Keesler, the past six months have been ones of progress and achievement.

You've risen to every occasion and made opportunities out of unprecedented challenges.

Your accomplishments to date have not only shown your strength and determination, but celebrate the promise you represent of even greater accomplishments in the days and months ahead.

To me, your spirit defines the spirit of our Air Force, and what's possible in all kinds of ways as we move Keesler and our Mississippi Gulf Coast community forward.

Two of your most recent accomplishments highlight this fact: the Air Force Assistance Fund and the State of Mississippi 2006 Special Olympics Summer Games.

Your commitment to caring has never been greater than your dedication to make a difference over the last six weeks to support AFAF. Team Keesler raised \$121,670.39 for this charitable organization that focuses on helping Airmen (active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and their dependents, including surviving spouses) in need. Through your hard work, we were able to raise 197 percent of our goal.

AFAF data indicates Keesler has raised more money, percentage-wise, than any other

Air Education and Training Command base. This is a tremendous feat by any standard.

Your generosity continued last weekend when Team Keesler hosted the Special Olympics. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

For 21 years, Keesler has hosted this event. Through your unselfish volunteer efforts, you allowed more than 600 athletes a continuing opportunity to develop their physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympians and the base and coast communities.

Your leadership, courage and compassion have shown Keesler's best days are yet to come, and our most glorious achievements are just ahead. Although our future undertakings won't happen overnight, in my judgment, the road before us is paved with limitless opportunities.

With each Mississippi Gulf Coast sunrise, a new day dawns. And a new chapter in the proud story of Keesler Air Force Base begins.

I'm excited about the future of Keesler. Together, we'll continue to ensure the needs of our people, our mission and our community are well served. Thank you for what you've already done and for what we'll do together.

## If call comes to deploy, we must be ready to go

Editor's note: Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray sends the following message to Airmen.

We all have a role to play and we must continually evaluate whether we're doing everything we can to support the war and combat operations.

If the call comes tomorrow for you to deploy to Baghdad, Kandahar or wherever our Air Force needs you, are you ready to go?

You must be. We are the nation's warriors.

As the requirements for more six-month and one-year taskings and deployments continue to rise, more Airmen will be called upon to deploy, and in many cases, perform duties in different organizations and environments than they've known before.

These are different times, the war on terror is a different kind of war, and it requires Airmen to be adaptive, courageous and ready to fight.

Drinking + driving = deadly duo

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

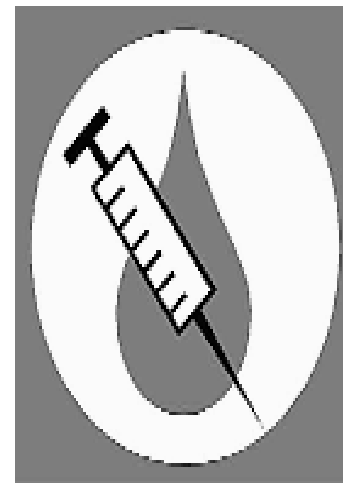
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First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

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.



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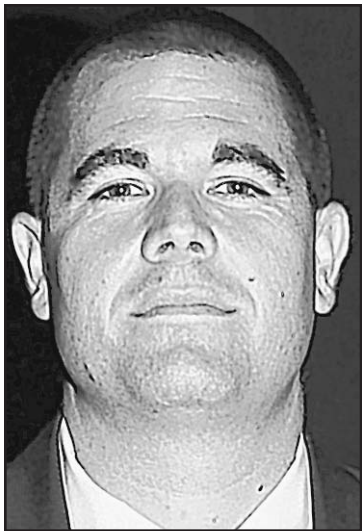
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## **Keesler's 2006 safety goals**

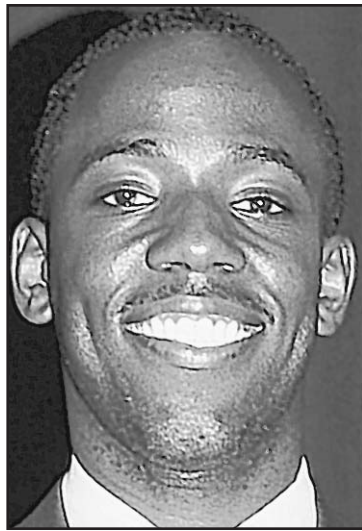
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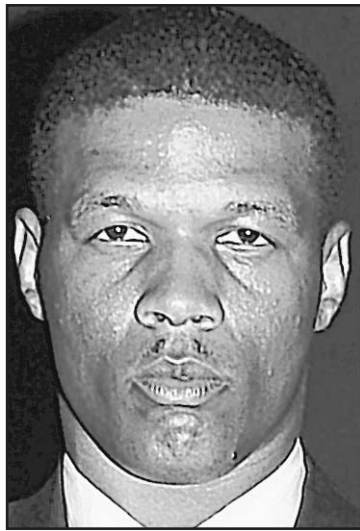
# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Sergeant Ball



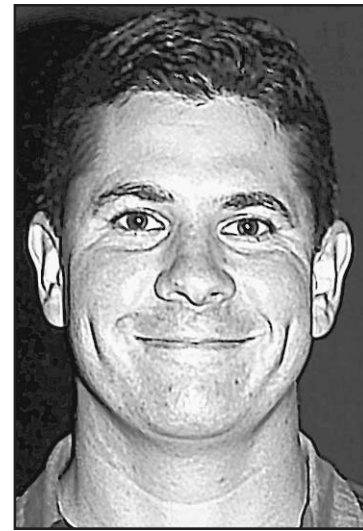
Sergeant Brave



Sergeant Hartson



Sergeant Mathieu



Sergeant Norris

## CCAF graduates claim Pitsenbarger Awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

May 2, 285 enlisted members garnered 347 associate degrees during the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony at Vandenberg Community Center.

The ceremony included both fall and spring graduates, since the fall commencement was cancelled in Hurricane Katrina's wake.

Pitsenbarger Awards were presented by Kirt Quist, president of Air Force Association Chapter 332, to selected outstanding CCAF graduates pursuing bachelor's degrees.

Job performance, academic achievement, educational goals and leadership qualities were considered in awarding the \$500 scholarships.

Winners also received Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University excellence awards worth \$184 toward tuition or books.

Recipients are:

**Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ball**, 333rd Training Squadron, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Bellevue University. He'd like to teach or continue in the communications career field.

**Staff Sgt. Mondlie Brave**, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, begins classes at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing this fall through the Airman Education and Commissioning Program. He plans to become a nurse anesthetist.

**Staff Sgt. Michael Hartson**, 335th TRS, has applied for the

one-year accelerated degree program in business administration at Faulkner University and hopes to attend Officer Training School.

**Staff Sgt. Dave Mathieu**, 81st Security Forces Squadron, is completing classes at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for credit transfer to Excelsior College toward a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a concentration in homeland security. He hopes to attend OTS or work for the Department of Homeland Security.

**Staff Sgt. Mark Norris**, 338th TRS, is completing his junior year at the University of Phoenix toward a bachelor's degree in information technology. He plans to earn a graduate degree in computer science or

business administration.

**Staff Sgt. Anthony Williams**, 81st Medical Support Squadron, attends MGCCC and plan to pursue a management of computer information systems degree program at the University of Maryland.

Two other recipients are no longer at Keesler — Staff Sgts. Laura Heffer, formerly of the 333rd TRS now stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and Angie Cox, formerly of the 338th TRS, who separated from the service.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, presented the diplomas, assisted by Airman 1st Class Jose Madrigal, the wing's 2005 Airman of the Year.

Dr. Duane Geiken, director of the logistics and readiness



Sergeant Williams

division at 2nd Air Force headquarters, gave the commencement address.

For a complete list of graduates, see Pages 24-25.

# Keesler training translates into real-world proficiency

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler training provided a young airman with the tools she needed to handle a catastrophic situation — on her second day on the job.

Airman Basic Alexandria Pickering, a February graduate of the 334th Training Squadron's aviation resource management course, is assigned to the 62nd Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

## Smoke signals

She and her superintendent, Master Sgt. Lon Sage, and Staff Sgt. Tomekia Lamb were working the squadron's duty desk April 11 when a student F-16 pilot crashed on take-off.

"We got the radio call from another pilot, looked out the window and saw smoke," Sergeant Sage said.

"In the minutes following the crash, you could cut the tension in the 62nd FS operations center with a knife," said Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, the career field's functional manager at Luke, who arrived five minutes after the crash occurred. "The tension wasn't created by the members around the duty desk, but from what had just occurred and the unknowns about the crash — What happened? Was the pilot alive?"

## Not just a bystander

Sergeant Grengs found the team members engaged and functioning at full speed. They had already initiated the aircraft mishap procedures, coordinated requirements with senior officials, securing critical documentation and were keeping the safety officer informed of their progress.

"In the middle of this tremendous effort was Airman Pickering — I emphasize she was in the middle of the effort, not on the sidelines looking



"The only thing I wasn't prepared for was the adrenaline rush, which was a good thing because it kept me focused."

— Airman Pickering

in," Sergeant Grengs commented. "I was excited and proud to see her making a positive difference during a terrible situation.

"By the way, the pilot survived the crash — receiving that news definitely deflated the tension around the ops desk that morning," he added.

"It was evident that Airman Pickering had received in-depth training on aircraft accident procedures," Sergeant Sage recalled. "She knew exactly what to do. She ran the squadron aviation resource management checklist and ensured that Sergeant Lamb and I were informed of all items that still needed to be accomplished.

"In 20 years on the job, I had never been involved in an aircraft accident, and here was Airman Pickering, her second day on the job, calmly and professionally doing what she was trained to do," he continued. "We were the test squadron for these procedures during Luke's last Operational Readiness Inspection, so we knew what to do, but when it really happens, it's very different."

## Prepared for crisis

"My technical training prepared me fully for the experience," said Airman Pickering, who hails from San Diego. "I was able to run the aircraft accident checklist smoothly with little or no help.

"The only thing I wasn't prepared for was the adrenaline rush, which was a good thing because it kept me focused," she pointed out. "While the training at tech school was good, nothing compares to a real-world situation."

The training team back at Keesler was thrilled to learn of Airman Pickering's success.

## Putting training to test

"She performed flawlessly in the middle of a catastrophic situation," remarked Capt. Scott Walker, commander of the 334th TRS airfield operation training flight. "When training is put to the test like this, it provides wonderful motivation for both our students and instructors."

"This is what being an instructor is all about," commented Master Sgt. Philip Kreiser, aviation resource management instructor supervisor.

Even the career field manager at the Pentagon praised the young airman and the trainers who prepared her for the job.

"Kudos to Airman Pickering," said Chief Master Sgt. David Boseman. "It looks like our schoolhouse is teaching the right stuff and doing it well."

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Keesler Center's summer term is May 30 through Aug. 11.

Web registration for enrolled students is under way. Registration by appointment in Room 214, old Cody Hall, begins May 18 for new active-duty students.

The schedule is available at <http://www.mgccc.edu>.

Students taking English composition I, oral communication or mathematics classes for the first time are required to have an assessment of skills. A computer version of the assessment is now available.

For appointments or more information, call 377-2287.

## USM program

The University of Southern Mississippi offers a technical and occupational educational bachelor's degree program on base.

The next term starts May 30.

An academic adviser is at Keesler Tuesday and Thurs-

day afternoons in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2309.

## Supply classes

General supply indoctrination, bench stock management, repair cycle management and equipment management classes are available monthly in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Center.

To schedule a class, call 377-2270.

## Waste training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. May 18 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

For more information, call Thomas Minton, 377-3004.

## Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed May 31 for drill evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot will be open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Cliff Nicholson, 377-2780.

## Partners in preparation



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Adrienne Tisdale, left, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and Tony Stuckey and Kevin Barnes secure Airman Basic Benjamin Holmes, 338th Training Squadron, to a stretcher for transport during a medical exercise May 4. Mr. Stuckey, an emergency medical technician, and Mr. Barnes, a paramedic, work for American Medical Response, an exercise participant. The scenario involved a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a group of students.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## 81st Mission Support Group's new leader



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Col. Rodney Croslen, left, who assumed command of the 81st Mission Support Group May 1, is briefed by his secretary, Lenna Davis, on lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. Colonel Croslen replaces Col. Bruce Bush, who's retiring. Colonel Croslen's last assignment was ranges and munitions response deputy for the assistant secretary of the Air Force for environment, installations and logistics.

## Medic wins Air Force award

By Steve Pivnick

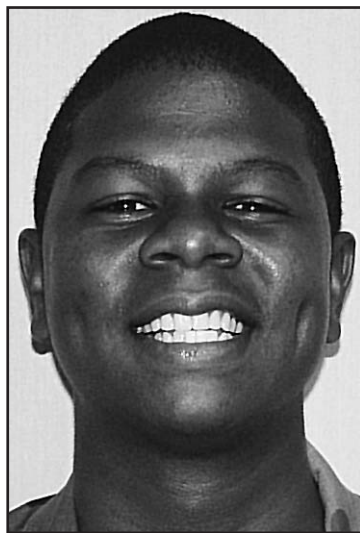
### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Senior Airman Vincent Raynor is the Air Force's top diagnostic imaging technician for 2005.

Airman Raynor was presented the Chief Master Sgt. Anton Zembrod Diagnostic Imaging Technician of the Year award, airman category, during a ceremony April 27 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The award nomination cited Airman Raynor as a "superior technologist who independently performed 165 exams monthly, a 20 percent higher workload than his peer group. He flawlessly instructed 20 Phase II students in 50 core tasks. This bolstered the class competence and skill and resulted in a 100 percent graduation rate."

In addition, Airman Raynor



Airman Raynor

was selected to fill a vital computed tomography position.

He volunteered as a third-country national escort to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. He observed more than 30 workers for \$3.1 million-worth of

construction projects and assured 100 percent mission-security compliance.

Airman Raynor executed his duties while the base received 70 missile attacks. His vigilance led to confiscation of two cellular phones, preventing unauthorized communications by TCNs.

He also implemented a TCN surprise barracks inspection which led to the recovery of illegal uniforms, weapons and \$7,000 in stolen goods and detention or dismissal of 13 contractors suspected as insurgents.

Airman Raynor augmented a radiology shortage in the expeditionary medical support medical facility during his off-duty time, performing more than 500 patient exams.

During Hurricane Katrina, he helped save 100,000 medical records.

## IN THE NEWS

### 3 captains selected for promotion

Three Keesler captains have been selected for promotion:  
**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Ada Collier.  
**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Mary Wrighton.  
**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Todd Woltman.  
Air Force-wide, 600 captains were chosen from 1,651 eligible officers for a 27.5 percent selection rate.

### Monthly formal retreat today

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

The ceremony is conducted by the 81st Training Group.

### Asian-Pacific American Month

Keesler's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month cultural extravaganza is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center gym.

Food tasting, dance and kickboxing demonstrations are planned. Donations are accepted at the door to defray the cost of the event.

Another fundraiser for the extravaganza is a frozen lumpia sale. Orders are accepted through Wednesday and delivered May 18. The cost is \$10 for 25 pieces.

To order, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-5181, or Senior Airman Amy Rock, 377-6745.

### New gate hours

Starting Monday, the Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. workdays.

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

The Judge Sekul and Meadows gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and compressed work schedule Fridays.

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

### Commander's call

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is 9 a.m. May 31 and 3:30 p.m. June 1 in Welch Auditorium.

### Maximizing AAFES benefits to base

#### AAFES Corporate Communications

Using bank cards at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities costs Keesler thousands of dollars that could be directed to morale, welfare and recreation efforts.

Last year, bank-issued card processing expenses at Keesler's AAFES facilities sapped more than \$547,000 from the exchange and, in turn, base programs.

"Using the Military STAR® Card reduces processing expenses and maximizes the dividend AAFES returns to Keesler," said Daniel Schmidt, AAFES general manager.

For more information, visit the Triangle Mini Mall exchange or log on to <http://www.aafes.com> and click on the Military STAR® Card icon.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the June 1 issue of the Keesler News is noon May 25 due to the Memorial Day federal holiday May 29.

The newspaper office is closed May 29 in observance of the holiday.

# Prepare,

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conference was how to coordinate a federal response with state and local officials, including the Army and Air National Guard units assigned to them.

“Duplication of command and control functions among the services initially hampered the relief effort during Hurricane Katrina,” said Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Leonard, National Guard Bureau senior enlisted advisor. “We’re trying to pre-

vent that from happening again by coordinating here to improve future disaster relief processes.

“That’s the ultimate goal: to learn from our mistakes,” said Sergeant Major Leonard.

During the conference, representatives described their agency and its role in providing humanitarian relief operations. Each enlisted leader also highlighted the capabilities of his component, the command authorities and interagency coordination.

“As senior enlisted leaders, we’re light years ahead of where we were last year around hurricane season, because we’re here now talking

about the lessons learned and everyone’s different capabilities,” said Chief Usry. “This creates a very good environment for us to go into the season with.”

Commands and agencies represented included the Northern Command, Air Forces Northern, Army North, Marine Forces North, Coast Guard Atlantic, Joint Forces Command, Joint Task Force Civil Support, Federal Aviation Administration, National Guard Bureau and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The 2006 hurricane season begins June 1.



# 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.

## Virtual outprocessing requirement

**Air Force Print News**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — All Airmen undergoing permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual outprocessing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site where they can view their vOP checklist from the individual actions menu.

The vOP checklist includes requirements based on the Airman's unit and other associated base agencies, such as the transportation management office, finance, medical clinic and Tri-care, and the time frame required for clearing actions at each location. The online process also eliminates paper checklists and most in-person outprocessing requirements.

Bases currently not using the vOP system are required to transition to it no later than May 30.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

## MyPay processes pay items

**81st Comptroller Squadron**

MyPay is an automated system that puts customers in control of processing certain pay items without having to visit a financial services office and using paper forms.

The system can be accessed around the clock by active-duty and Reserve members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and annuitants.

For more information, call the 81st Comptroller Squadron's customer contact center, 377-7272 or 4212. A PIN for myPay can be issued or reset by e-mailing TRAVEL@keesler.af.mil from a government computer.

## DTS transforms travel processing

**81st Comptroller Squadron**

The Defense Travel System is an electronic travel order and settlement voucher producing system that's transforming the Defense Department's current processes into a single, streamlined, paperless system.

With DTS, travelers can input travel authorizations, review and pick available flights, make hotel and rental car reservations, electronically fill out travel vouchers, pay Government Travel Card accounts and receive direct deposit reimbursements in about one week.

For more information or training needs, call your unit ODTA or visit <http://www.dtstravelcenter.dod.mil/>.

## Force shaping

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

## Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

## 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.

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

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**Base improves safety record in fiscal 2005**  
By David L. Engle  
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# New medical records system coming to Keesler

By Capt. DiAnna Calvin  
81st Surgical Operations Squadron

A new medical records system is coming to Keesler Medical Center.

It's called AHLTA, the new electronic health record system for Tricare beneficiaries, the largest electronic health record system of its kind, and is leading the way in health care management.

AHLTA replaces the current paper-based system with a permanent computer-based patient record.

It provides 24/7 access by authorized providers and staff to the patient's medical and health records throughout the military health system.

The new system enhances health care delivery from the time a patient checks in to checkout, including vitals, wellness and screening, physician encounter and patient education, all documented electronically.

The Defense Department partnered with leading information technology companies to create the system.

By computerizing all health records, DOD reduces health care costs, avoids dangerous mistakes and improves overall medical care through accountability.

An electronic health record is the most efficient way for providers to access information regarding patients' prescriptions, medical histories, diagnostic tests, treatment plans, surgical procedures and any other essential information.

The system even alerts

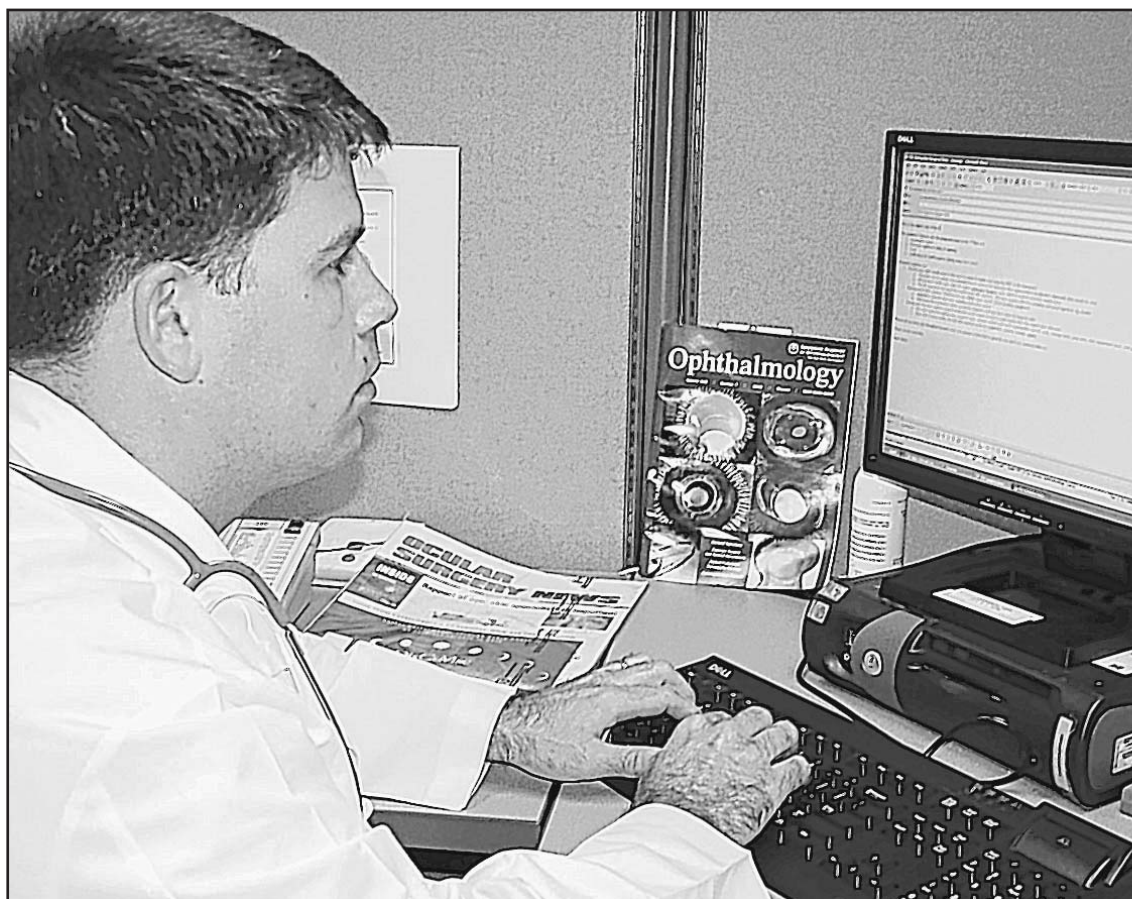


Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Maj. (Dr.) G. Keith Berry, chief of ophthalmology and refractive surgery with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, types patient information into the new AHLTA system at Keesler Medical Center.**

providers about possible drug allergies and interactions and offers wellness reminders for their patients.

AHLTA is a proactive system. It provides critical information allowing health care providers to discover disease outbreaks and intervene early in targeted populations.

In an average week, AHLTA supports 2.1 million prescriptions, 1.8 million outpatient visits and 400,000 dental procedures for military

members, retirees and their families worldwide. When fully deployed, AHLTA supports 9.2 million Tricare beneficiaries.

The new system could be the difference between life and death when seconds matter.

It redefines the entire health care delivery experience due to its secure, patient-centered dataentry design, according to Capt. (Dr.) Adrian Letz, 81st Medical

Operations Squadron, the 81st Medical Group AHLTA project officer.

"AHLTA allows medical records to be available to doctors anytime, anywhere in the world," Captain Letz said. "We don't have to worry about records not making it to appointments, and patients know that when they see a new doctor, the physician has the necessary information."

Each provider has computer access in every office,

treatment and exam room. In most cases, instead of writing information from patients into their paper records, providers input the information directly into the computerized electrical records as the patient answers their questions.

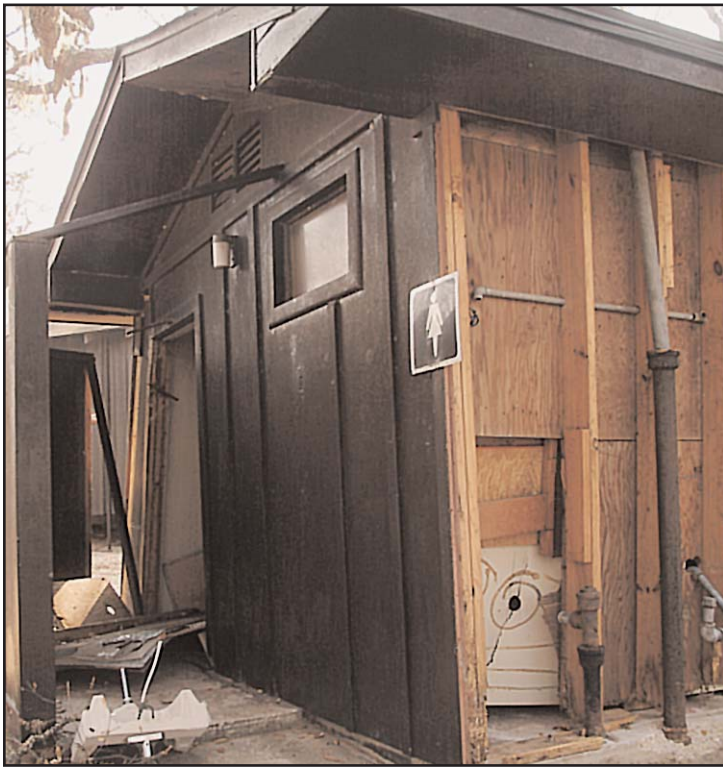
Several different phases are implemented during AHLTA training, which begins May 30.

Access to care may be reduced during the AHLTA transition, according to Capt. Tera Carter, AHLTA information systems officer.

"During AHLTA implementation, our goal is to provide a seamless transition for our patients as we move towards an electronic medical record system," Captain Carter said. "As we prepare our medical staff for training, we anticipate this system will enhance the delivery of medical and dental treatment to our patients. All clinical staff will attend mandatory training during June to ensure they use proper techniques to complete patient documentation."

In the future, medical records are constantly updated with critical information from the battlefield which can be forwarded to military facilities in the United States.

This information can be transferred to Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and provides the most up-to-date, dependable health care records system in the world, according to Captain Carter.

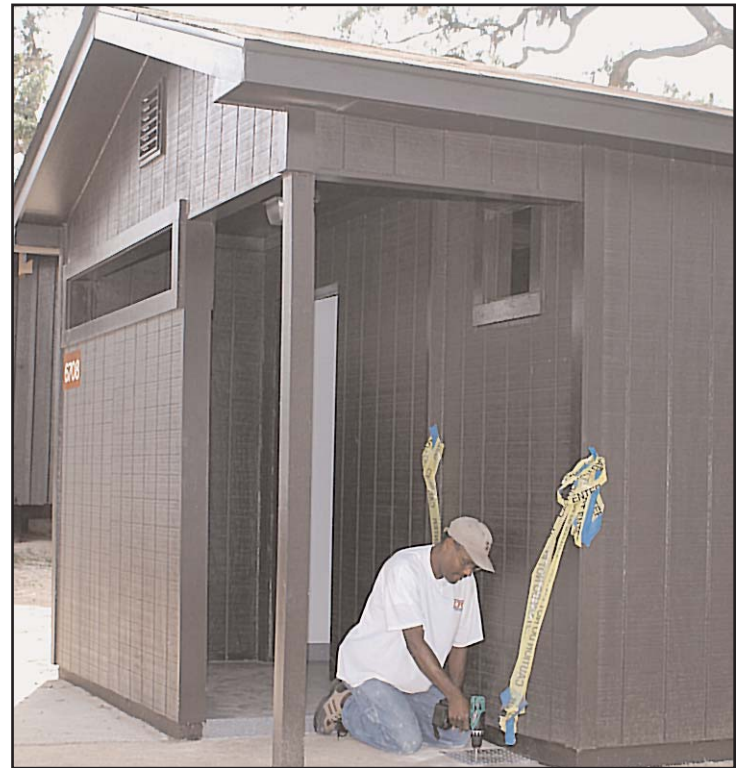


## Restroom rebuilt

Left, Building 6708, marina park's restroom facility, received extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina's storm surge and winds.

Right, John Luvene from LJC Defense Contracting of Dothan, Ala., puts the finishing touches on the rebuilt facility. The project cost \$73,442.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



# Keesler closes grant program service center

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

## Keesler Public Affairs

The Keesler Service Center that processed applications for the Hurricane Katrina homeowner grant program closed Friday.

The program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority, provides grants of up to \$180,000 to eligible applicants.

According to Lt. Col. Gregory Stanley, director of the service center at 2nd Air Force headquarters, \$73,620,000

in grant applications were processed.

Though the Keesler center has closed, grants are still available through the Mississippi Homeowner Grant Program.

For information about the grant program or to make an appointment, call toll-free at 1-866-369-6302 through May 22.

## Parent Community College

To help families with children prepare for the upcoming storm season, Capt. Liz Najera, a life skills support

center psychologist, conducts Keesler Parent Community College, 4:30 p.m. Monday at the youth center.

Parents are invited to come and talk about things they can do to stay healthy, what to expect from kids and how to help them feel calm and reassured.

Space is limited. To register, call Paula Tracy, 377-7006 or 6216.

## Air Force Aid Society

Assistance requests are taken at the family support center, Room 117, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2179.

## Civilian absences

May 31 is the last day for civilians to use up to 30 days of excused absence to attend to personal issues caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Employees don't get more than the original 30 days, but can continue taking leave to handle storm-related issues. Time is tracked on time cards in hourly increments.

For more information, call 377-3142.

# Katrina fund helps medic's family relocate

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

## Keesler Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Billy Wince needed help to get his family to New Jersey as a safe haven in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The bioenvironmental specialist for the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron received \$500 from the Katrina Relief Fund right after the storm, just in time to ensure his family's well-being.

"The relief fund helped my family immensely by covering food costs, clothing and incidentals during their stay in New Jersey," he said.

Sergeant Wince said knowing his family was OK was true relief for him, as he stayed

behind to help the base deal with the effects of Katrina.

"I remained (at Keesler) to support the recovery efforts," he said. "I was just glad that they were safe. Though being away from my family was tough, my family's safety is more important than my own."

"The support systems from the family support center, first sergeants and commanders made a difference," he added.

Sergeant Wince also was surprised by the support he witnessed from within and outside the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"The support from the local community and throughout the nation was overwhelming," said the sergeant. "People wanted to help from as far

away as New Jersey.

"I quickly learned that families and people of different walks of life — total strangers — can and will come together in disastrous situations to help those who are less fortunate. I am very thankful," he added.

Sergeant Wince found out from his first sergeant, Master Sgt. John Geboy, that a relief fund had been set up by base officials to assist Keesler personnel with their urgent needs after the storm.

"Sergeant Geboy was very helpful throughout the recovery process by always keeping our squadron informed," Sergeant Wince said. "The (leadership) support was helpful, considering the new challenges created

by such a costly disaster."

Sergeant Geboy said he values the experience he gained serving as a first sergeant in the aftermath of the storm.

"Katrina was a bad situation helped out by a lot of good people," said Sergeant Geboy, now the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant. "In times of struggle, you can see how people come together."

Sergeant Wince said preparation and optimism are among the lessons he learned from his Katrina experience.

"I've learned how to prepare my family for life changes and to believe in a positive outlook on life to help overcome tough times," he said.



Sergeant Wince

# Medics reopen entrance to outpatient clinic

## 81st Medical Group

The outpatient clinic entrance to Keesler Medical Center reopened to patients and 81st Medical Group staff at 10:30 a.m. Monday following the completion of repairs to damage from Hurricane Katrina.

The new escalator was operational Monday. However, a safety inspection and certification of the the new passenger elevator wasn't expected to be complete until Wednesday or today, according to 81st MDG officials.

The status of other services through the 81st MDG:

**Patients who've changed** phone numbers or moved since Hurricane Katrina are asked to go to patient registration, Room 1A-200 in the medical center or call 377-6149 or 6276 to update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Tricare is unable to change beneficiary status in DEERS. This must be done at the military personnel flight, first floor, old Cody Hall.

**Family practice clinic** staff in the former medical specialties clinic area sees patients with acute uncomplicated illnesses, handles personal health assessments and provides medication refills. Urgicare and walk-in services aren't available. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. A case manager and social worker are available.

**Coumadin clinic** is now in Room 1F-167, in the family practice clinic. Hours are 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 taking this medication. Patients are seen by referral only, meaning a physician at Keesler must submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled in the clinic. For more information, call 377-6104.

**Ophthalmology clinic** operates part-time in the general surgery clinic in the medical center. The staff see patients for standard, non-surgical consults and follow-ups. Appointments are limited because the staff shares equipment with the optometry clinic and is unable to see patients every day. Consults are sent to the referral management center and reviewed by the ophthalmology staff. PRK/LASIK patients who didn't receive all of their required postoperative exams (monthly for one year following the procedure), call or e-mail Master Sgt. Rickey Mann, 377-6671, or Rickey.Mann@keesler.af.mil.

**First aid station** closes at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday until at least June as an electrical contractor completes repairs and upgrades to the medical center's electrical system. The work requires 12-hour power outages from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday until the electrical work is complete. Otherwise, the hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The last appointment for check-in is 5 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. Patients with urgent and emergency problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — can 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 appoint-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Retired Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith and Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, ride the new escalator during the reopening of the outpatient clinic entrance Monday.**

ment line, 1-800-700-8603.

**Clinics are closed** for warrior training, 1-5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. The family practice and pediatric clinics have limited access. Acute care appointments are available in the morning; however, the clinics close at noon and reopen at 7 a.m. the next day. The first aid station is open for simple acute needs. Medication refills and urgent or emergency care aren't available. Pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are available with reduced staffing. Be prepared for longer waits for these services. For emergencies, go to the nearest emergency room.

**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.

**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.

**To access care** on the first floor of the 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.

**Off-base prescriptions** are filled by the night shift in the pharmacy and delivered for pick-up at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center after noon the next duty day. Refills continue to be processed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for pick-up at the VA site four duty-days later. Service hours for processing off-base prescriptions are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday in Room 1D-103 of the medical center.

**Genetics** is located in the medical center. The office provides case-by-case genetic counseling and cystic fibrosis testing for Tricare Prime beneficiaries

only who are referred through their primary care managers.

**Nutritional medicine** is in the health and wellness center. The flight provides nutritional consultations through consults from clinic PCMs.

**Chiropractic clinic**, in the medical center's surgery clinic, sees active-duty military only. Active-duty members need to see their primary care provider for a referral and then can call 377-6608 to schedule an appointment. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

**For blood donor center** donations, call 377-9324.

**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 377-6177. 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.

**Clinical laboratory** is in the medical center. The phlebotomy station is open in the main lab and routine blood testing is provided for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center. Reduced staffing means longer waits for these services.

**Radiology** is in its previous location. Provided are routine radiographs, computerized tomography and ultrasounds for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center. Reduced staffing means longer waits for these services.

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

**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 subspecialties.

**Optometry clinic** staff on the first floor within the internal medicine clinic sees active-duty patients only. All exams are by appointment only through the Tricare appointment line, 1-800-700-8603. The clinic orders spectacles and gas mask inserts for active duty and eligible retirees with current prescriptions.

**Pediatric clinic** in the former oncology and hematology clinic area provides scheduled acute medical care, well-baby/child visits, routine appointments, Q Code exams, 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.

## Little engines, future racers?



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Three-year-old Memmy Tieu, left, Airman Basic Courtney Lehman, 334th Training Squadron student, and Memmy's 5-year-old brother, Andy, play with a race car set May 3. The three played in the kiddie corner at the Salvation Army tent at Biloxi's Yankee Stadium while Memmy and Andy's mom, Cam Tran, a Biloxi native, received assistance from the American Red Cross. Airman Lehman is one of many Keesler students who are providing assistance to surrounding communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Traffic passes one of the lights on Ploesti Drive along I-81.

## Traffic lights on Ploesti target driver, pedestrian, pilot safety

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith  
Keesler News staff

Anyone who enters the base through the Pass Road Gate and travels north along Ploesti Drive may have noticed the two traffic lights on the same side of the road as the flightline: one across from the marina, the other close to the softball fields.

It may be inconvenient when running late to have to stop when the lights are flashing, but the lights are there for a reason: to prevent a possible accident.

According to Capt. Justin Cooper, 81st Operational Support Flight, the lights are there for pedestrians, vehicle drivers and pilots.

“Our air traffic controllers turn the light on to prevent access to the very north end of Ploesti Drive,” Captain Cooper said. “A red flashing warning light and a loud buzzer comes on to let people know to stop immediately. When aircraft back-taxi to the very end of the runway, there is a risk of jet blast when the aircraft starts its take-off roll immediately behind the aircraft.”

“Another reason the traffic lights are there is to protect

drivers at night,” he said. “When a vehicle drives around the north end of the runway, it can temporarily block the pilot’s view of some of the approach lights used to visually determine the landing area of the runway at night.”

Though Keesler is a training base and has few aircraft besides the Hurricane Hunters’ C-130s, the base does see its fair share of other aircraft, including those that come in on in-flight emergencies.

The traffic lights are especially important in this instance, said Captain Cooper.

“There could be a situation when an aircraft runs completely off the end of the runway,” he said. “There have been a few incidents of that happening here: in December 1990, a Marine KC-130 rolled off the end of the runway and ended up in the water near the marina; in August 2003, a T-1 ran off the end of the runway and was about 15 feet away from Ploesti Drive and the I-81 running track, and Oct. 10, 2003, an F-18 rolled off the runway and ended up roughly 10-15 feet from both Ploesti Drive and the I-81 running track.”

He said the best way for

people to avoid a potential disaster is to be aware of the potential danger.

“People should use vigilance and situational awareness when driving, walking or running near the runway,” Captain Cooper said. “Drivers, as well as pedestrians, should visually scan to see if the traffic light is on because there could be situations where personnel are running with their earphones on or drivers may have their radio turned up, which would prevent them from hearing the buzzer.”

Captain Cooper said though there have been no accidents here, a lot of aircraft accidents happen in an area known as the clear zone.

“The clear zone is a 3,000-foot by 3,000-foot area off the end of active runways,” he said. “Sixty-two percent of all aircraft accidents happen in this area, and both Ploesti Drive and the I-81 track go through our clear zone at the north end of the runway by the marina.

“Ultimately, we are looking out for the safety and well-being of the people who drive, walk and run around the perimeter off the airfield,” Captain Cooper said.

# OPSEC

## Looney: Protecting operational information is responsibility shared by every Airman

By Capt. Gideon McClure

### AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — “Do you think you’ll deploy this year? How long will you be gone? What will you be doing? Where? Will you be going with a lot of people?”

At this point in the conversation, Air Force members should be wondering who’s asking, why they’re asking and who else might get their hands on the answers.

Although the answers to these questions may not be classified, when put together the information could reveal sensitive details of military operations that could endanger mission effectiveness or lives.

“Whether deployed or at home, every Airman has a responsibility to safeguard operational information,” said Gen. William Looney, commander of Air Education and Training Command. “Airmen need to be aware of what they are saying and who might be listening. We need to realize security starts at the source.”

### Not a new idea

This idea isn’t new. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed National Security Decision Directive 298, which required each executive department and agency supporting national security missions to establish an operational security program.

The objective of this OPSEC program was clear — to prevent the inadvertent compromise of sensitive U.S. government activities, capabilities or intentions through an adversary’s collection of unclassified information.

While security programs were already in place to protect classified information, the OPSEC program was intended to protect pieces of publicly available information that could jeopardize military actions or intentions.

NSDD 298 laid the foundation for the OPSEC process and established actions different agencies were required to take.

### Renew vigilance

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley encouraged all Airmen to know and understand the critical information essential to mission success in a message released March 27. He also called on Airmen to recognize vulnerabilities in Air Force processes and apply OPSEC measures when a commander’s risk assessment deems it necessary.

“Understanding and using OPSEC will protect our personnel and enhance our ability to conduct operations safely, securely and effectively,” General Moseley said in his message.

The general not only called on Airmen to renew their OPSEC vigilance, but also said as the Air Force becomes more reliant on new technologies, such as Web logs and wireless communication devices, their attention to OPSEC should be heightened as well.

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“Our enemies know how to use technology as well, and they are on the prowl.”

— General Looney

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In 1988, when the OPSEC program was formed, blogs and personal digital assistants didn’t exist. Sensitive information was more likely obtained through telephone lines, public conversations or discarded documents.

Today, the old adage “Loose lips sink ships” still applies, but now critical information can be compromised through a variety of electronic means. The Internet — particularly personal sites and blogs — is fertile ground for adversaries hunting for sensitive operational information.

### Increased responsibility

“Our Airmen are technologically savvy. That’s one of the keys to our flexibility as a fighting force,” said General Looney. “But from an OPSEC perspective, there are vulnerabilities associated with cell phones, PDAs, flash drives and blogs. With the increased use of these technologies comes an increased responsibility to carefully guard operational information from improper disclosure.

“Our enemies know how to use technology as well, and they are on the prowl,” he added.

According to an al-Qaida training manual found by police in Manchester, England, terrorists have distinct guidelines on how to obtain information that would assist in subverting U.S. interests, policies and operations.

“Spying on the enemy is permitted and ... winning the battle is dependent on knowing the enemy’s secrets, movements and plans,” the manual says.

### OPSEC ‘critical’

When Airmen post information to a blog about where they’re deployed, what they’re doing and when they’re coming home, they run the risk of exposing military actions or intentions — a point General Moseley drives home in his message.

“We have been fighting the Global War on Terror for more than 1,500 days,” he said. “Never before has it been more important for the Air Force to protect and control its critical information. Effective OPSEC practices are critical to Air Force operations and serve as the cornerstone to our efforts, both in war and peace.”

## Green thumbs

Chap. (Capt.) David Barns, left, selects from an assortment of flowering plants at the self-help store, May 4. The store offers a variety of items for use by base housing residents. Flowering plants are offered yearly while supplies last.

Shannon Howard, right, wife of Chap. (Capt.) Michael Howard, makes her selection. Shannon's final choices included impatiens, red dianthus and purple alyssum. The self-help store is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton





# Virtual Commissary

## 37 more items available online

### Air Force Print News

FORT LEE, Va. — The future is now at the Defense Commissary Agency.

It's not the "final frontier" by a long shot, but DeCA's Virtual Commissary has added 37 new item selections, including snack packs and special occasion baskets. This brings the total number of gift baskets on Virtual Commissary to 44 with more on the way.

"We began Virtual Commissary just before the holidays with seven gift baskets," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of DeCA. "The customer reception was promising, and now we're pleased to offer many more items, all at great prices."

Authorized commissary shoppers in the United States and military shoppers overseas can check it out at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Customers can check for availability of delivery to APO and FPO addresses, as well as more information on what's in the gift baskets by clicking on the image.

To access the extended commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal under the shopping link at the

Web site. Access is dependent on whether the customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Civilians stationed overseas who are authorized to shop at commissaries may not be able to access Virtual Commissary until programming changes are made by the Defense Manpower Data Center, DeCA officials said. Those upgrades are targeted for completion this year.

Virtual Commissary customers can make selections and fill in their payment and shipping information in one secure step. They're then transferred to the manufacturer's site where they can get total cost for the product (including shipping) and finalize their purchase.

Items offered on Virtual Commissary are well below average retail prices found at other online services. Charges vary depending on the item size or weight, method of shipping, location and speed of delivery.

Payment can be made with any credit card accepted in real commissaries.

Customer information isn't archived by DeCA.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Housing survey

Surveys are being mailed to housing area residents.

A pre-addressed, stamped envelope addressed to CEL & Associates is enclosed with the survey.

Housing officials ask that completed surveys be returned within two weeks of receiving them.

For more information, call Brent Long, 377-0668.

## Civil engineers picnic

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron is closed May 18 for a unit picnic.

For emergencies, call 377-4179.

## New hours

New hours for the customer service section of the 81st

Mission Support Squadron:

**Five-day weeks** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Compressed work schedule weeks** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Troy Taillac, 377-6281.

## Surplus furniture

Surplus office furniture is available in Hangar 3.

Items include desks, chairs, filing cabinets, tables and lockers.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Cherry Dunn, 377-3902, or Tech. Sgt. Greg Spinney, 313-0948.

## Military rental moves

Force One Rental has

moved to 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818.

Services include truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

## MEO office

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

For more information, call 377-2759.

## Honor guard

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

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details

throughout the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Honor guard members receive a ceremonial uniform, free dry cleaning for ceremonial dress and honor guard battle dress uniform, and the opportunity to honor fellow Airmen and their families.

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

## Playgroup

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

For more information, call 377-8612.

## Tax office

The Keesler Tax Office, Room 234, old Cody Hall,

remains open through Sept. 15 because of filing extensions due to Hurricane Katrina.

Extensions apply to federal and state tax returns.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work days.

For more information, call 377-4454.

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

## PT uniform wear

Air Force members are required to wear physical training shorts and T-shirts together, not mixed with other items.

However, the running suit may be worn in any combination or with civilian clothes.

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

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Saturday sure was something special



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Richard Moss, left, 403rd Wing commander, gives Britini Welch, Natchez, a gold medal during a ceremony at the Triangle Track Saturday. Welch received the medal for winning the 25-meter assisted wheelchair race.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek

DeShun Stockard, Tupelo, throws a softball through a hole at the Olympic Village Saturday. The Olympic Village, located on the parade fields, was a common area for the athletes and their sponsors to hang out

and relax before or after an event. At this year's Special Olympics Mississippi State Summer Games, there were 557 athletes and 112 national games delegates at Keesler.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Penny Burchfield, left, Columbus, decorates a hat with help from Audra Justice, 334th Training Squadron, during arts and crafts at the Olympic Village Saturday. The village also hosted concession stands and activities.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Kayla Crocket, Tina Marie Randle, Jaymee Miller, Lacey Pierce and Christy Harvis run the 50-meter dash at the Triangle Track Saturday. Other track and field events included wheelchair races, running and standing long jump and shot put.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

John Toche, Hattiesburg, dips Karla Isanette, 335th TRS, at the dance at the Vandenberg Community Center Saturday. The dance was the last official activity of the games.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Beth Ann Sullender, Vicksburg., competes in the 50-meter freestyle race at the Biloxi Natatorium as part of Saturday's aquatic events. Though Keesler hosted the Special Olympics and most competitions took place at facilities on base Friday and Saturday, other venues in the surrounding area also hosted activities, such as rollerskating and sailing, both held in Ocean Springs.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Michael McBride, 81st Transportation Squadron, runs the Olympic Torch from the intersection of Hangar Road and Phantom Street to the Levitow Training Support Facility Friday. McBride, 18, earned the right to carry the torch because he's Keesler's youngest Airman.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Perry Taylor, left, prepares to throw a bocce ball as Jonathan Carter, 334th Training Squadron, looks on. Carter and Christopher Bahlman, also from the 334th TRS, were Taylor's sponsors. Sponsors accompanied athletes to events and did activities together throughout the weekend.



Photo by Adam Bond

Jose Madrigal, Keesler's 2005 Airman of the Year, carries the torch during opening ceremonies Friday. He's assigned to the 81st Communications Squadron. The torch relay originated in northern Mississippi and was picked up by local law enforcement officers before it was given to Keesler.

# SPORTS NOTES

## Motorcycle rally

A meeting of the Keesler Riders Association is 3:15 p.m. June 6 at The Joys of Coffee outside the Pass Road Gate.

The meeting is to make preparations for a rally beginning at noon June 29 in marina park.

The KRA provides camaraderie and group rides while teaching and mentoring inexperienced cyclists.

For more information on the club and these events, call Lynda Richmond, 377-0749.

## Fire muster

The Keesler Fire Department sponsors the 2006 Fire Muster, 11 a.m. May 18 at the marina.

Teams of six will compete in fire drill events such as hot

shots, bucket brigade, rescue Randy and hose drill.

Team members can be made up of squadrons, units, or base organizations. Keesler firefighters will judge the event.

For more information, call 377-0779.

## Wrestler honored

### Air Force Print News

Air Force Academy senior Beau Tresemer of Norman, Okla., was one of 68 wrestlers named to the National Wrestling Coaches Association's 2005-06 All-Academic Team.

A 2006 NCAA qualifier at 165 pounds, Tresemer has compiled a 3.210 cumulative grade point average while majoring in legal studies at the academy.

Tresemer, the team co-captain, finished the year with an 18-12 overall record after missing nearly two months of action due to injury.

After finishing third at the 2006 West Regional, Tresemer earned an at-large bid to the NCAA championships.

He placed eighth at the Las Vegas Invitational in November.

In addition to Tresemer's selection to the individual All-Academic Team, the rest of the Falcon squad was honored as having one of the top-30 team GPAs.

Air Force tied with Rider University in New Jersey for 18th place on the list with a combined GPA of 2.925.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

**Gaude Lanes hours** — 5-9:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday; 5-10 p.m. working Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. non-working Fridays; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; 1-7 p.m. Sunday; closed holidays.

**Mother's Day special** — Moms bowl free Saturday.

**Nine-pin, no-tap tournament** — noon, May 26. Limit 24 teams, \$75 per team. To register, call 377-2817.

**Youth special** — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 per game.

**Number of lanes available for open bowling** — evenings: 10 Monday, 12 Tuesday and Wednesday, eight Thursday and 14 Friday. Twenty-four lanes are open 1:30-10 p.m. Saturdays.

**Reserve a lane for your child's birthday** — for more information, call 377-2817.

**Lanes and 11th Frame Cafe** — closed Sundays.

**Memorial Day** — closed.

## Fitness centers

**Memorial Day 5-kilometer fun run/walk** — 3 p.m. May 26, marina park.

**May fitness challenge** — pick up activities list at Blake or Dragon Fitness Center.

**Air Force fitness test** — official or unofficial, administered by certified Air Force physical training leader. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 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 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays.

**Free aerobic and yoga classes** — for more information, call 377-2907.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — closed until further notice.

## Golf

**First sergeants tournament** — 1 p.m. Saturday, Sunkist Golf Course, at Sunkist Country Club. Cost is

\$40 per person. Proceeds benefit Project Cheer and Diamond Assist fund. For more information, call Steven Alford, 377-1691, or John Geboy, 377-5807.

**Bay Breeze Golf Course** — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 16 of 18 holes available. Free for walkers only. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker.

**Two-for-one golf lessons** — schedule a half-hour lesson for \$25 and receive a second half hour lesson free. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

## Outdoor recreation

**Mother's Day special** — Sunday, Moms get 10 percent discount on boat rental.

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

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

**For sale** — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks and beverages.

## Softball

**Women's tryouts** — 5 p.m. Friday, Field 9. Open to all Keelsers personnel. Experienced preferred. For more information, call 365-4977.

## Youth center

**Three-on-three soccer registration** — through May ages 5-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Swimming lessons preregistration** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through May 11. Pools open Memorial Day weekend.

**America's Kids fun run** — 2-5 p.m. May 20, Crotwell Track across from Keesler Medical Center; ages 5-13. Sign up now.

**Classes** — gymnastics, taekwondo and dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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## GRADUATIONS

### Airman Leadership School Class 06-C

**2nd Air Force** — Senior Airman Chiquita Green.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Reginald Demps (leadership award, Dragon flight sergeant.)

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airman Michael Nissen.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airmen Joseph Giametta (academic award and distinguished graduate), Lashaun Logan (distinguished graduate) and Vanessa White-Eagle.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen Portia Les-Pere, Laarni San-Augustin; Staff Sgt. Fatina Brave (class commander).

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Christopher Chucta, Andrew Lomeli, Jennifer Nelson, Alexander Nieto-Avila, Nicholas Scott and Casey Straka.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airman Bryan Hirzel and Roderick Holmes.

**81st Training Wing Legal Office** — Senior Airmen Courtney Carroll (John Levitow Award).

**81st Training Wing Command Post** — Senior Airman Shawna Meza; Staff Sgt. Carlos Ramirez.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Senior Airman Edgar Manalo.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Dale Franklin.

**338th TRS** — Senior Airmen Adam Cone, Kevin Emerich and Troy Grimes.

### Community College of the Air Force

**2nd Air Force** — Staff Sgt. Shantay Aldrich.

**53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Timothy Long; Master Sgts. James Lachute and Ruby Young.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Mondlie Brave; Master Sgt. Jessica Liegegott.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airman Charles Bischoff; Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Poole.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airmen Joseph Giametta, Brian Grainger and Austin Hershey; Staff Sgts. Carla Bailey, Michael Brown, Michael Clark, Marisha Garriss, Brian Granger, Eric Hernandez, Jakedrick Pearson, Steve Temple and Casey Walters; Tech. Sgts. Daphne Davis, Joan Harris and William Irvine; Master Sgts. Andre Bush, John Herrington, Timothy Johnson and Randy Schneider.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Michael Conway; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Albertson.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Senior Airman Donald Sanders; Staff Sgt. Melanie Guptill; Tech. Sgt. Brian Tilton; Master Sgt. Eileen Boles.

**81st Medical Group** — Staff Sgt. Rebecca Head.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Angela Ibarra; Staff Sgts. Sabrina Christian, Matthew Hudnall and Susie Hughes; Tech. Sgts. Bradley Markwood and Sharonda Miles; Master Sgt. Todd Harmon.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Dyanith Axsom, Joseph Casares and Jennifer Patterson; Staff Sgts. Terry Brann, Michael Dolan, Jessamyn Hogue, Chassity Hudson, Sandra Krueger and Anthony Williams; Tech. Sgts. David Boggs and David Gobin; Master Sgt. Edward Jones Jr.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Staff Sgt. Amanda Taylor; Master Sgt. Gerald Hotchkiss.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Paul Heinig.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Staff Sgt. Erika Hickman.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airman David Mathieu; Staff Sgts. Allan Arguello, Felicia Johnson, Brian Patterson, Eric Stanton and Wesley VanMieghem; Tech. Sgts. Mandy Catella and Blane Walter.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Senior Airman Roshunda Jones; Staff Sgt. Damien Johnson; Tech. Sgt. Brian Mercer.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airmen John Brooks III and Jia Hawkins; Staff Sgts. Lisa Gamble and Doren Kolasa; Tech. Sgt. Candida Davis; Master Sgts. Lorna Denbo and Steven Lacy.

**81st Training Group** — Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Gregory Bidwell, Nicholas Brautigam and Joseph Garza; Tech. Sgts. Richard Hetfield and Bernice Springfield; Master Sgts. Michael Fontenot, Robert Register and Robert Woods.

**81st Training Wing** — Staff Sgts. Brandon Ferris, Vicki Gonsalves and Kanisha Williams; Tech. Sgt. Christopher Moore; Master Sgts. Kevin McDowell and Pamela Henry.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Senior Airman Jamelia Butler; Staff Sgt. Micah Getter; Tech. Sgts. Eugene Berg, Mark Harrell and John Smith.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Cody Baker, Jessica Cobb, Richard Dougherty, Ian Harbaugh, Camellia Love and Bernard Ramsey; Master Sgts. David Dahl and Kenny Kyle.

**96th Aerial Port Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Nick Paladino.

**255th Air Control Squadron** — Staff Sgt. John Oberhart.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Senior Airman Sean Clark; Staff Sgts. William Diamond Jr., Jana Jacobs, Jeremiah Jacobs, Len Kedrow, Jolene Taylor and Andrew Yturaldi; Tech. Sgts. Gregory Earp, Chad Heilman, Kevin Moss, Taite Randolph and Andrew Weldon.

**333rd TRS** — Staff Sgts. David Gerosolina, Michael Harvell, Laura Heffer, Stanislaw Kansiewicz, Christopher Kolin, April Malloy, Kevin Morris, Joshua Richey, Avis Smith, Deanna Smith and Jennifer Soemisch; Tech. Sgts. Peter Anthony, Bill Collum, Troy Edwards, Darrell Evans, Melissa Faircloth, Brian Frazier, Christopher Geiger, Velma Green, Glenda Mosby, John Neal, Benjamin Smith and Timothy Wilson; Master Sgts. Jeffery Ball, Lorna Dembo and Steven Parks.

**334th TRS** — Senior Airman Phyllis Amos and Tracy Lynchard; Staff Sgts. Richard Bakewell, Dustina Coblentz, Joshua Cubero, Kenneth Engledow, Paul Herkamp, Atisha Hunt, Cherlyne King, Naomi Kraima, Louis Lanton, Ken Marcomb, Kristina Moseley, Stacey Perkins and Erica Stokes; Tech. Sgts. Thomas Autorino, Robert Barber, Lori Derr, Marion Fletcher, Shane Grosso, James McAnelly, Jerry Simer, Albert Stallcup and Bobbijo Turnier; Master Sgts. James Groce, Benjamin Hammond and Pamela Nelson.

**335th TRS** — Staff Sgts. David Blankenship, Barney Burr, Deanna Green, Michael Hartson, Zachery Mieko, Beau Nelson and Mary Rodriguez; Tech. Sgts. Jerome Adams, Israel Barron, Shuntesia Dupree, Kathy Hunley, Rafael Kaup, Gregory Krems, Krista Landreneau, Scott Maier, Sunday Mangum, Robert Marlett, Todd Martin, Christopher Polk, Michael Poole, Joey Scott, Anthony Walborn, Debra Wright and Tony Yaughn; Master Sgts. Donald Biddle, Nartarsia Jones and Richard Righetti.

**336th TRS** — Senior Airman Tamika Walker; Staff Sgts. Thomas Barnes, Eric Blissmer, Terri Dizon, Brian Herre, Colin Oestreich, Katrina Penny-Tilghman, John Pickard and Annette Sanders; Tech. Sgt. James Bissell, Randal Blanchette, Douglas Brock, Paula Charvat, Joel Culbreth, Gregory Fuller, Chad Grant, Lionel Rose and Isaac Sharp; Master Sgts. James Bailey, Tom Banger, Ricky Crawford, Sammie Hodges, Stephen Parshall and Matthew Steinbeigle; Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Keeton.

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## SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:05	:35
:08	:38
:10	:40
:11	:41
:13	:43
:14	:44
:16	:46
:17	:47
:19	:49
:21	:51
:22	:52
:23	:53
:24	:54
:25	:55
:27	:57

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

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

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

## COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel .....10 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Triangle 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 contemporary worship service...11:30 a.m.

Triangle 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, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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**338th TRS** — Senior Airmen Nickole Arbuckle, Adam Cone and Leandro Herrera; Staff Sgts. William Boatwright, Joseph Bock Jr., William Christian, Angie Cox, Luis Curro, Glenn Dennison, Carl Gonyea, James Harvey, Jacob Hess II, John Hornsby, David Lees, Duane Lydecker, Allen Marks, Patrick McKimmie, Marc Norris, Keith Peters, Daniel Potter, Calvin Roebuck, Stacy Stewart and Haley Tislow; Tech. Sgts. Benjamin Aldrich, Timothy Bradford, Lance Brownlee, Jason Cartwright, Michael Caspari, William Catts, Dessery Grubbs, Brian Keiser, Timothy McGowan, Rodney Norman and Nathan Radke; Master Sgts. Joe Bryant, John Lindquist and Scott Sippel.

**366th TRS** — Staff Sgts. Jeremy Etzkin, Michael Moore, Wendell Snider, Michael Underbrink and Brian Woods; Master Sgt. Benanthony Rosario.

**403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Jamie Granilla, Jamie Stevenson and Nicole Varnado.

**403rd Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airman Angela Albert; Staff Sgt. David Swanson.

**403rd Communications Flight** — Senior Airman Jamal Henry; Tech. Sgt. Gregory Garcia.

**403rd Logistics Readiness Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Tonya Stallworth.

**403rd Maintenance Operations Flight** — Tech. Sgt. Kelly Luke.

**403rd Maintenance Squadron** — Senior Airman Doris Henry; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Broman; Master Sgt. John Beck III.

**403rd Services Flight** — Senior Airman Jessica Wilson.

**403rd Wing** — Tech. Sgt. Desirae McIntyre.

**608th Air Communications Squadron** — Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bork.

**815th Airlift Squadron** — Senior Airman Shari Belcher; Staff Sgt. Elisabeth Davis; Master Sgt. Ronald Taglieri.

**Gulf Coast Multi-Service Marketing Office** — Tech. Sgt. Kristie Gonyea.

**Keesler NCO Academy** — Tech. Sgts. Lisa Arnold, David Bandyk and Andrea Johnson-Young.

## HONORS

### Quarterly awards, January-March

#### 81st Training Wing

**Airman** — Senior Airman Taveres Simpson, 81st Communications Squadron.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Shundra Bowdidge, 81st Training Support Squadron.

**Senior NCO** — Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Marotte, 81st CS.

**Company grade officer** — 2nd Lt. Mark Williams, 81st Supply Squadron.

**Honor guard member** — Staff Sgt. Brandon Ferris, 81st Training Wing.

**Entry level civilian** — Shelly Khan, 335th Training Squadron.

**Intermediate level civilian** — Joyce Moore, 335th TRS.

**Senior level civilian** — Neal Hrabak, 81st TRSS.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Bartek, Douglas Bein, Corey Clines, Nicholas Delio, Oscar DelToro, James Dobson, Jeremy Fazely, Bradley Filliault, Dustin Gains, Alicia Garcia, Justin Guyor, Jerome Ibanez, Jacob Kregelberg, Laura Magee, Nathon Miguel, Ford Moore, Anthony Morio, Stephen Pontsler, Sean Sherman, Michael Simmons and Kyle Ward; Airmen Michael Frost and Mitchell Mead; Airmen 1st Class Sarah Dorris, Curtis Erickson, Luke Goodnight, Kenneth Gross, James Knoas, James Lebshier, Kevin Porter, Jesse Rheault, Clinton Rowland, Eric Sarno and Simon Stewart; Senior Airmen Charles Battle, Adam Fry, Kale Hall and Brian Kendall; Staff Sgts. Michael Carrier, Jerome Dunn, Williams Gonzalez, Hugo Murillo, Kris Oshiro, Thomas Raynor, Melody Tucker and James Whipkey; Tech. Sgts. Grant McKinney and Michael Stofko.

**Metrology flight** — Airman Basic Jens Knudsen; Airman Edward Sayers; Airmen 1st Class Brian Bianco, Len Carter, Derrick Dugay and Matthew Sanderson.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen

Basic Jonathan Armstrong, Jared Bavender, Cristoval Benavidez, Nicholas Loerch, Garrett Sauer and Nicholas Vifquain; Airmen Oryan Ballard and Quintin Echols; Airmen 1st Class Jason Brown, Joseph Monet, Evan Poole, Charles Simper, Kimberly Strother and Jim Yang; Senior Airman Brian Degregio; Staff Sgts. Lawrence Huffman, Scott Hupp and Richard Mallow; Tech. Sgt. Stefano Guadagnuolo.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Matthew Rowley, Alexandra Schirmer and Kelly Walsh; Airmen 1st Class Sean Gilrein, Joseph Gorgoglione and Vania Mar; Senior Airman Daniela Smith; Staff Sgts. Bart Grant and Ernest Owens; Tech. Sgts. Dru Duran, Shawni Hedberg, Xavier Manderson, Martin Rivera, Bryan Tweedie and Douglas Waithe; Jeffrey Waithe.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Kwadwo Agyenfrempong, Kenneth Newton; Elisa Parris, Brandi Romaella, Samuel Shim and Matthew Terkay; Airmen Vickie Erickson, Jenna Pennington and Ebony Scott; Airmen 1st Class William Allen, Andreea Amadi, Jared Felix, Seth Yates; Senior Airman Laura Rissler and David Warner; Staff Sgts. Misty Brumitt, Dawn Erdmann and Barou Yoplo; Tech. Sgts. John Bey, Katrina Cruz, Ruby McBride, Jill Miller and James Moneyhun; Master Sgt. Jeanie Helms.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Broc Eichhorst and James Pann; Airmen Weston Dahl, Laura Groh, Courtney Johnson, Shawn Morris, Irati Victoria and Brian Wilder; Airmen 1st Class Alison Archangeli, Aaron Barnes, Meghedie Dersarkissian, Adam Duncan, Alejandro Gomez, Eric Hartigan, Carl Kemper, Scott Lowrey, Bradley Martin, Regina Owens and Ustem Nu; Senior Airmen Fred Horner and Michael Kolenic; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brittaney Waddell; Staff Sgt. Roy Bock; Tech. Sgts. John Endzelis and Steve Strick; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Karen Aquino.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Mark Bowes, Corey Hyers, Kristine Jones, Joshua Miller, Jason Pedicord, Benjamin Symanowicz and Robert Watts; Airman Lance Weston; Airmen 1st Class David Aiken, Andrew Burton, Megan Stockinger and Joshua York; Senior Airmen Damon Farr, Gene Pabst and Wai Lee; Staff Sgts. David Avalon, Elijah Blackwell, Brian Harrison, Mark Heikell and David Morgan; Master Sgt. Mark Petot.

**Communications and information management training flight** — Airmen Basic Shawna Bittler, Latoi Booth and Atalya Hamilton; Airmen 1st Class Melissa Nash, Stephanie Page and Krystal Waite; Senior Airman Danielle Gantt; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Gilchrist, Aileen Pule, Lisa Rodriguez and Audrey Ronald; Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Damu; Gerald Currington.

#### 338th TRS

**Computer, network, cryptographic systems course** — Airmen Joey Anderson, Abigail Bjorkman, Eric Cerda, Emmett Clark, Ian Covington, Michael Hayden, Marques Moore, Ignacio Rios Jr., Cory Schwartz, Matthew Smith and Christopher Stroup; Airmen 1st Class Kyle Amburn, Dustin Bates, Richard Bittenger, George Black, Joshua Brown, Alex Chavez, Michael Clemens, Dane Collins, Sean Curtis, Steven Dobbs, Jeremy Driscoll, Shane Flot, Gabriel Flynn, Kenneth Fray, Robert Gatlin, Jason Hart, Benjamin Hawkins, Randall Hodkin, Eric McChord, Malosi Toilolo, Oni Ung, Nathan Welch, Jonathan West and Christopher Zoglemann; Senior Airmen Sean Abene, Jennifer Gannon, Bradley Grundy, Matthew Hagadone, Donald Hess and Norman Wathey; Staff Sgts. Marino Chesmore and Gary Graham; Tech. Sgts. Tyrone Grant and Emmanuel Lumbres.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 06-D** — graduation June 15.

**Class 06-E** — July 12-Aug. 12.

**Class 06-F** — Aug. 24-Sept. 29.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 06-4** — graduates June 1.

**Class 06-5** — June 12-July 20.

**Class 06-6** — Aug. 7- Sept. 14.

**Class 06-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

**Class 07-1** — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue port sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cornbread, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

### Wednesday

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

**Dinner** — Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines, jalapeno cornbread, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, Mexican corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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## Arts and crafts center

**Scrapbooking** — 1 p.m. May 19. \$15 including supplies for two-page layout. Bring your photos.

**Ceramic painting** — 10 a.m. May 20. Create a patriotic item.

**Mold pouring** — 10 a.m. May 27. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older welcome.

**Macrame** — Learn this old craft that's been made new again. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5 p.m. Friday or May 26. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday or May 27. New project each month.

**Beginners woodworking** — 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 31. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

**Frame shop** — 10 percent off framing of graduation certificates. Now open Saturdays.

**Advanced matting** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19. \$25. Beginners framing a pre-requisite.

**Youth summer craft camp** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays for 8 weeks beginning June 6. Ages 8 and older. For more information, call 377-2821.

## McBride Library

**Orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

**Storytime** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 2-5.

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

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**X-Box tournament** — 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27, and June 10; free. For more information, call 377-4355.

**Armed Forces Day dance** — 6 p.m. May 20. \$3. Dance contest and prizes.

**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 Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

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

### Katrina Kantina

**Home Depot night** — 5 p.m. Wednesday with free food and giveaways; 5:30-6:30 p.m. random club card drawing for \$50 cash giveaway.

### Youth center

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

**Classes** — Mondays, gymnastics; Mondays and Wednesdays, tae kwon do; Tuesdays, dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

**Summer camp registration** — through May for school-age program, cheerleading, basketball, theater and teen camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

**Classes** — Mondays, gymnastics; Mondays and Wednesdays, tae kwon do; Tuesday, dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

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

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

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

**Game room tournaments** — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Torch Club** — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.

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

## KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

**Life skills enhancement center** — 377-6216.

**Family support center** — 377-2179.

**Family advocacy** — 377-7006.

**Family member program** — 377-3077.

**Health and wellness center** — 377-5305.

**403rd Wing** — 377-3277.

**Chapel** — Larcher, 377-4859; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

### Classes, briefings

**Keesler Parent Community College** — 4:30 p.m. Monday, youth center. Capt. Liz Najera discusses the stress of severe weather for children, particularly in the post-Katrina environment. Child care is extended to parents with children already at the youth center. Space limited; to register, call Paula Tracy, 377-7006 or 6216.

**Budget management, credit, investments and insurance** — 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Geared for high school graduates headed to work or college, spouses and those facing lifestyle and income changes. To register, call 377-2179.

**Tobacco cessation program** — noon or 5 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 17 for six weeks; includes behavior modification, dental health, nutrition and more. Nicotine replacement therapy available. To register, call 377-5305.

**Resume writing, job search and applications for first-time employment** — 3 p.m. Wednesday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

**Federal resume and job search** — 1 p.m. May 22, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

**Resume writing for military spouses** — 9 a.m. May 23, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

**Smooth Moves** — 9 a.m. May 24, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For members and their spouses facing permanent change-of-station moves. To register, call 377-2179.

**Interview skills and salary negotiation** — 9 a.m. May 25, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

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

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

**Creative corner club** — 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Read by mail program** — 4:30 p.m. today and May 25.

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

**Congressional award program** — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 14-21.

**Creative corner** — 4:30 p.m. May 17.

**Free home alone safety workshop** — 6 p.m. May 18, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child.

**Three-on-three soccer registration** — through May, ages 5-12.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, 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. 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.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>

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

## TICKETS AND TOURS

**Editor's note:** Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818.

## MEETINGS

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

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

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

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

**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](mailto:chelle1rn@yahoo.com).

**Keesler 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.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, president, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note:** Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

**Friday** — 7 p.m., Slither (R).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Larry the Cable Guy (PG-13); 7 p.m., ATL (PG-13).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Basic Instinct 2 (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](mailto:torrejonspainreunion@yahoo.com).