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Dragons deployed – 91

Base gains Tree City recognition 13th time

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler New staff

Not even Hurricane Katrina could keep Keesler from being named a Tree City USA for the 13th year in a row.

The recognition is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The organizations provide direction and technical assistance, while focusing public attention on forestry programs in thousands of communities.

The base receives two symbols for the recognition — a Tree City USA banner and a plaque.

The extensive damage the hurricane of Aug. 29 caused to the base, including hundreds of trees, was no factor in the base receiving the award for 2005, according to George Daniel, Arbor Day Committee chairman.

Although the storm "did displace or destroy some of our trees," that had no effect on the recognition, he said. "We received the award based on meeting the

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'... and right over here, sir ...'



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Gen. Donald Wetekam, left, is escorted through the temporary commissary by Gordy Harris, store administrator, May 11. The general, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and support, toured several other facilities during his one-day visit.

This week in the Triangle

- Air traffic control-radar, 9 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
- Airspace control and warning, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Communications officer network, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
- Theater deployable communications-systems planning, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
- Ground radio, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.
- Information management, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
- Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.



April Honor Flight

Student numbers

- Total students — 3,506
- Non-prior service — 2,169
- Temporary duty — 1,319
- Combat controllers — 18
- Non-prior service arrivals — 126
- Guard, Reserve — 835
- International — 17
- Fiscal 2006 graduates — 14,084

COMMENTARY

Make 'safety first, safety last, safety always' your motto

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

What are your plans for this summer? Will you be traveling to visit family and friends? Will you be deploying to an unfamiliar place to accomplish our mission of defending freedom?

Regardless of where you'll be, I challenge you to make this summer the safest possible — with the goal of having zero mishaps.

During the next few months, our resolve and our mettle will be severely tested, not by a traditional enemy force, but by the timeless enemies of indifference, inattentiveness, carelessness and poor judgment. This weekend not only marks the beginning of school closings and family vacations, but also the beginning of the "101 critical days of summer," one of the deadliest periods for our people. This critical period begins the weekend before Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day.

Two of the most important processes we can use to help meet our zero mishap goal are operational risk management, and observation and intervention.

ORM requires us to spend a few minutes thinking about the task we're about to take

before we take it. ORM allows us to anticipate potential hazards and shortcomings and to minimize risk to accomplish the task at hand.

Observation and intervention is about establishing a culture where it's OK to intervene with someone who's committing an unsafe act. It's an environment, a culture, where we expect help from each other. With all that's going on in our lives, we all need help at one time or another.

I'm absolutely confident these simple activities have saved countless injuries, and perhaps, lives. They'll serve you well this summer.

Every individual at Keesler is responsible for safety — it's a personal and a shared responsibility as professional wingmen. Too many times we've seen summer holidays start off with the best intentions, only to end in tragedy.

Be involved — be the one who's responsible for breaking the chain of events leading to a disaster. I firmly believe obtaining zero mishaps during the 101 critical days of summer is achievable. Make "safety first, safety last and safety always" your motto this summer.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

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

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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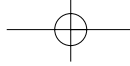
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Education high priority for Air Force leaders

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is the most technologically advanced and capable air force in the world, in part due to the professional and personal education Airmen obtain, the secretary of the Air Force said recently.

“We need our people to be highly qualified and we set that standard from the first line of accession, and we retain that standard throughout a person’s career,” said Michael Wynne. “We actively encourage this development and we want our Airmen to think of themselves on a quest for personal and professional development.”

The Air Force relies on many internal professional development courses for enlisted and officer education and training, but also seeks interaction and

support from educational institutions in the United States.

“We sit in the cradle of education throughout America; we revel in the fact that our educational opportunities are the best in the world,” he said. “We need to take advantage of that and leverage the investment made by our senior educators across America.

“We can do this by making sure our personal and professional education dovetail into accessible degrees,” he said.

The secretary said he has asked Air University leaders at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to come up with partnerships to ensure Airmen can receive transferable credit to civilian institutions for all courses offered by AU.

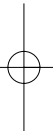
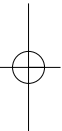
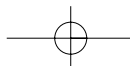
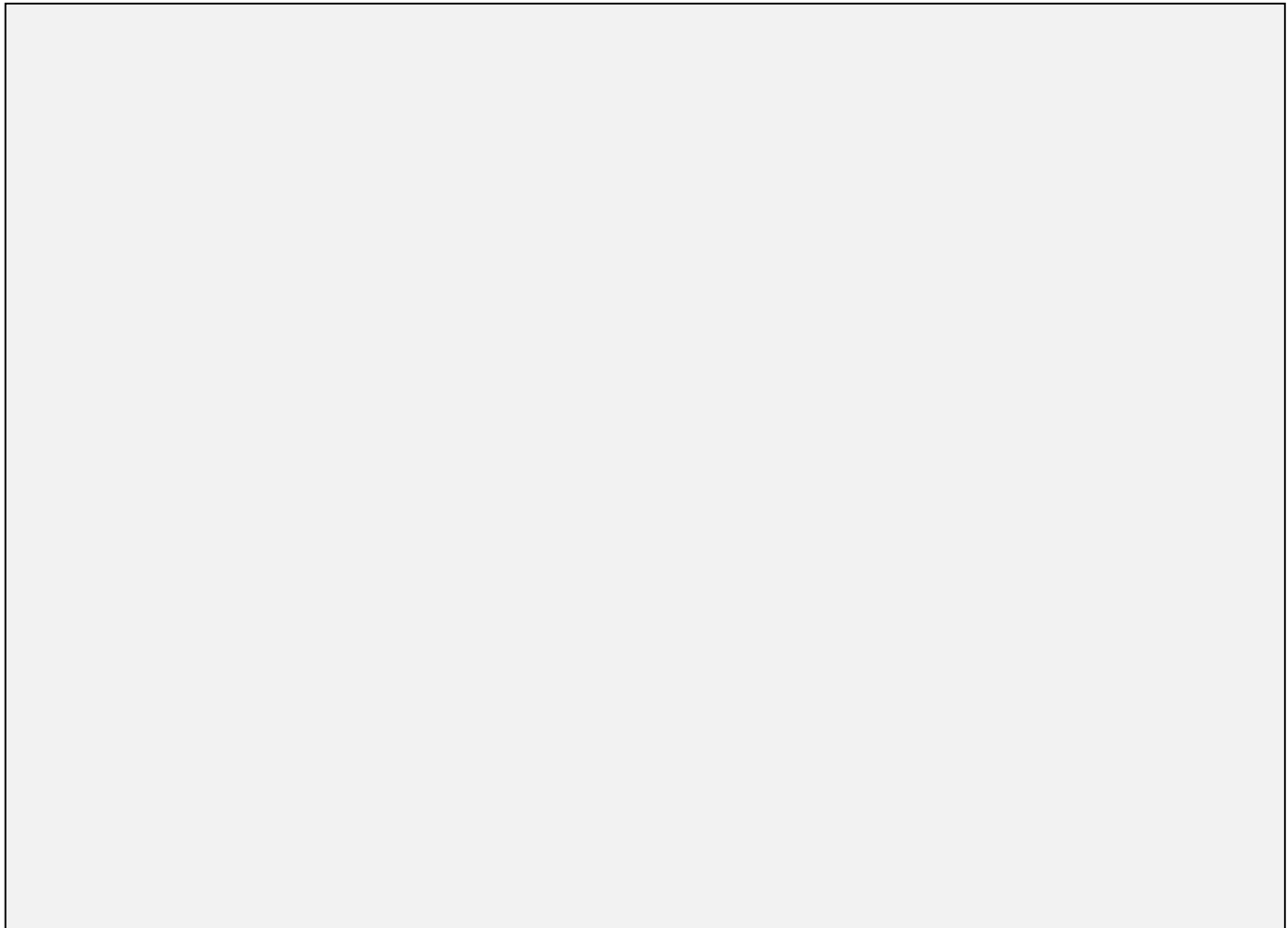
The pursuit of or earning a degree is a very per-

sonal decision, the secretary said.

“I don’t want to stretch our personnel to exhaustion, but we want to foster our Airmen to quest after personal and professional education in any ways or means they can,” Secretary Wynne said.

In a joint letter released from Secretary Wynne and Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff, they stated that promotion boards will once again consider officers’ educational progress as they advance in rank.

“Once a degree is achieved, you can (do an Internet search on) almost anyone’s background to see (if he or she) earned a degree, and we find that we are trying to withhold information from that most vital element — the promotion board,” Secretary Wynne said, adding the change in policy takes effect in fiscal 2008.



New training records system ready for field test

By Phil Berube

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Airmen in logistics career fields soon have access to an online tool that takes an Airman's training records out of a desk drawer and makes them available through a desktop computer.

The automated training records and management application, called "Training Business Area," on the Air Force Portal, replaces the need to file and maintain paper copies of the Air Force Form 623, On-The-Job Training Record.

Field testing of TBA is scheduled to start mid-year, followed by worldwide release this fall.

The initial version of TBA is projected to support the training of more than 200,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian personnel.

The TBA application gives supervisors access to virtual training products, such as career field education and training plans and Air Force job qualification standards. They're able to create individual training plans, document upgrade training and accomplish other related actions they

now do with paper and pencil.

The intent of TBA is to keep warfighters in the fight and not bogged down with paperwork.

"TBA will save warfighters thousands of hours in documenting, managing, completing and transcribing training actions," said Master Sgt. Cynthia Kaelin of the 754th Electronics Systems Group at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

Sergeant Kaelin is a member of the team that developed and loaded more than 290 training products into the TBA application.

"Another huge benefit is that supervisors will get near real-time access to revised (career field education and training plans) from their career field managers," Sergeant Kaelin said.

Supervisors will appreciate not having to transcribe paper copies of revised CFETPs, said Chief Master Sgt. Ellsworth Brown, the Air Force career field manager for aircraft maintenance systems specialties.

"This single capability is priceless," he said.

Once operational, TBA allows Air Force career field managers, major command functional managers, "school-

house" training managers and subject-matter experts to expedite CFETP revisions during utilization and training workshops, Chief Brown said.

"Once this group finalizes revisions to a CFETP, the (career field manager) can quickly gain publication approval and push the new change electronically Air Force-wide to everyone loaded into TBA for that particular (plan). The end of transcribing training records is near," he said.

Chief Brown was one of about 20 career field managers and senior Air Force leaders who witnessed TBA's capabilities during a product demonstration at the Pentagon in 2005. Sergeant Kaelin and a co-worker conducted the demonstration.

"They blew my socks off," said the chief of his initial impression of TBA. "My first comment was, 'We need this in the field ASAP.'"

Supervisors and trainees in the field gain the most from TBA, Chief Brown said.

Among its many features, TBA allows supervisors to develop virtual master and individual training plans that can incorporate efficiencies from other Air Force specialties loaded in TBA.

"For instance, work center supervisors can add tasks from other specialties that apply to their work centers without having to develop an Air Force Form 797 (Job Qualification Standard Continuation/Command QJS)," Chief Brown said.

"All technical references assigned to those tasks will flow with it. Trainees will now have access to their individual training requirements anytime through the Air Force Portal, enabling Airmen to play a more proactive role in their training and career development," he said. "Additionally, since TBA is accessed on Air Force Portal, it provides for a real-time, worldwide view of maintainers' qualifications and certifications by weapon system and equipment."

Creating automated training documents is only a hint of TBA's potential, Sergeant Kaelin said.

"We envision TBA's capability to extend to forecasting and tracking completion of formal training schools and managing career development courses and skill-level and upgrade training or just about any other action that has to do with training Airmen," she said.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Waste training

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

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

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 today 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 available.

For appointments or more information, call 377-2287.

Summer term

William Carey College's

summer term begins May 29.

Special tuition rates are available to active-duty personnel, their family members, retirees and Defense Department civilians.

For more information, visit Room 208, old Cody Hall, or call 377-0090.

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 Thursday afternoons in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2309.

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.

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.

Special duty jobs

An Air Education and Training Command recruiting team holds a special duty assignment briefing, 8:45-11:30 a.m. June 22 in Welch Auditorium.

Positions to be discussed are recruiters, military training leaders, technical training instructors, professional military education instructors and career enlisted aviators.

Positions are open to senior airmen with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active military service from all Air Force specialty codes.

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

Scholarship program

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

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

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

Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests. Deadlines are:

ACT — June 8 for July 11 test.

PRAXIS I — June 26 for Aug. 7 test.

PRAXIS II — June 26 for Aug. 8 test.

To schedule, call 377-2323.

Weapons training

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

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

Stellar student



Tech. Sgt. Rusty Shaffer, 332nd Training Squadron, completed the electronic principles course May 16 with perfect scores in all seven blocks of instruction. He's the second student in the past year to achieve this goal. He's retraining from flight engineer to F-16 aircraft avionics. He moves on to the F-16 avionics system apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Air Force award highlights Keesler's Katrina response

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

Keesler News staff

The 81st Mission Support Squadron is the Air Force's family support and readiness office award winner for 2005 in the large base category.

"We truly consider this an honor and a privilege," said Maj. Teresa Roberts, director of the airman and family readiness flight, formerly called the family support center. The Air Force-wide name change became effective May 11. "We've always known we've had an outstanding team. It's great to be recognized at this (Air Force) level."

Katrina response

During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the 81st MSS relocated to temporary facilities while maintaining family support activities.

Two days after the storm, the squadron established a family assistance center.

The center distributed more than \$2 million in Air Force Aid Society grants to military members, retirees and annuitants.

The squadron also created a distribution center for nationwide donations serving more than 5,000 military families. This involved coordinating logistical requirements for more than 28,000 pounds of clothes, toiletries, food, water and other essential items.

Helping hand for retirees

To assist retirees affected by Katrina, a retiree family assistance center was established. The center distributed aid to 648 retirees.

The center collected, accounted for and disbursed more than \$50,000 in cash donations to military, Department of Defense civilian and non-appropriated fund employees.

The family support center partnered with the chaplains and first sergeants to distribute \$400,000 to those affected by the storm.

Pointing out that the 81st MSS had lots of help, Major Roberts said other organizations made the squadron's Air Force recognition possible.

"The synergy we've been able to achieve at Keesler is evidenced by this Air Force-level recognition," she said. "It's important to acknowledge that this award was won with vital assistance from our sister agencies on the Keesler Integrated Resource Team."

Major Roberts stressed that the honor wasn't just for Hurricane Katrina-related activities.

"The response by the family support center after Hurricane Katrina warranted many kudos," she said. "Actually, it was just a continuation of the staff's everyday excellence."



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— Major Roberts

Keesler is the only Air Education and Training Command base with a family support student annex. It served more than 10,000 students with sponsor information, financial assistance, classes and other programs.

The squadron also led a team that identified problems and sparked a complete redesign of the reunion briefing process for troops returning from deployments. The team's expertise resulted in all deployment returnees receiving quality care and saved more than 1,200 man hours.

The 81st MSS also spearheaded the Southern Regional Military and Civilian Job Fair, the largest job fair in the southeastern United States. The job fair attracted more than 135 employers and more than 3,000 job seekers.

The family support center also managed the Mississippi State Special Olympics Summer Games.

IN THE NEWS

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.

Pride Week June 12-16

Units and organizations undertake base beautification projects during Keesler Pride Week, June 12-16.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's operations flight is coordinating this event, which is being held in conjunction with Keesler's 65th birthday celebration.

For more information, call 377-4115.

New gate hours

The Meadows Drive Gate is now open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. workdays, and the Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is now open 3:30-5:30 p.m. work days for outbound traffic only.

Both 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.

Identification card misuse

Person willfully altering, damaging, lending, counterfeiting or using identification cards in an unauthorized manner are subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

Also, ID cards can't have holes punched in them.

For more information, call 377-9463.

Foreign language proficiency pay

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A foreign language proficiency pay increase is effective June 1 for qualifying servicemembers.

The fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes an increase FLPP monthly pay from a maximum of \$300 to a maximum of \$1,000 for qualified active-duty members and offers a \$6,000 per year bonus for qualified Guard and Reserve members.

New enlisted leader sets priorities

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Incoming Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley said during a recent interview that when he assumes his new position July 1, he intends to help Air Force leaders achieve three top priorities — winning the war on terrorism, taking care of Airmen and recapitalizing the Air Force.

Air National Guard director retires

Air Force Print News

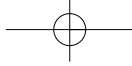
WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Daniel James III retired as the 11th director of the Air National Guard in a ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., May 10.

The next director hasn't been named.

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.



Tree City,

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four (selection) standards.

"The first one is there must be a tree board or department," he said. "Someone must be responsible legally for the care and management of the community's trees.

"Ours is the environmental occupational safety and health committee. For a city, it would be chaired by a mayor. Our committee is chaired by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander."

Another standard requires the community to have a tree

care ordinance in place.

"The tree ordinance must delegate the establishment of a tree board or forestry department and give this body the responsibility for writing and implementing an annual community forestry work plan," Mr. Daniel explained. "We actually have all of our maintenance work done by contractors, so our plan for caring for trees is outlined in our contract."

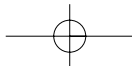
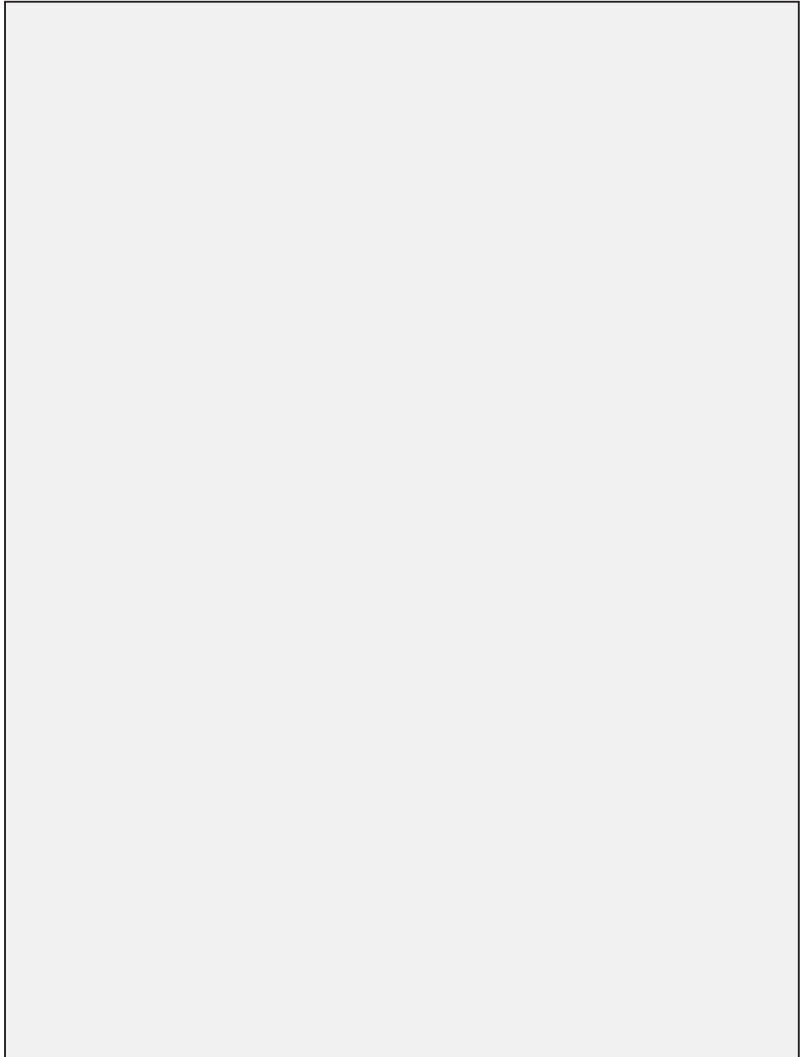
The third standard involves budgets.

"There must be evidence that the community has established a community forestry program that is supported by an annual budget of at least \$2

per capita," Mr. Daniel said. "Such a plan will address species diversity, planting needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems, and a pattern of regular care such as pruning and watering.

"When we receive our funding, we outline the total amount we need to take care of our plants," he added.

"The final standard involves an Arbor Day proclamation," he said. "It can be a tree planting event or an award ceremony that honors leading planters. Keesler's Arbor Day, April 20, and our proclamation, which was done earlier this year, took care of that requirement."



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.

Civilian system missions combined

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center is centralizing civilian personnel management into a single operation to better develop the civilian work force.

The missions of the directorates of civilian employment and civilian force management and the civilian field operations branch are being combined to form the directorate of civilian force integration, creating a "cradle to grave" civilian personnel function.

"Our vision is one Air Force, one civilian personnel system, one centralized civilian personnel process," said Col. James Sturch, who leads the new directorate.

Operations at the new directorate are expected to begin in July. In the interim, there's a comprehensive review of all business processes focused on increased effectiveness and better and faster customer service.

Employees may continue to access information and services using current methods. They may also continue using the same contact information to reach their career field functional managers.

Prospective employees can ask about job openings they've applied for by calling 1-800-616-3775.

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.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

MyPay processes pay items

81st Comptroller Squadron

For information on processing pay items through myPay, 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.

Verifying deployment credit

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

Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New CCB users need to establish an account.

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Wide range of offenses produce 4 courts-martial

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Four Keesler Airmen were court-martialed in April.

Offenses included theft and attempted theft, Phase I status violations, disobeying a lawful order, underage drinking, making a false official statement, reckless driving, making a counterfeit Phase IV card, child pornography and submitting a false stolen property claim.

An airman in the 332nd Training Squadron pleaded guilty to stealing and making purchases on a bank card.

The airman was reduced to airman basic and sentenced to confinement for 30 days.

An airman in the 338th TRS pleaded guilty to attempted theft, Phase I status violations, disobeying a lawful order, underage drinking, making a false official statement, reckless driving and making a counterfeit Phase IV card.

The airman was reduced to airman basic, sentenced to confinement for 16 days and hard labor for 15 days, and forfeited \$849 pay.

A senior airman in the 81st Training Support Squadron pleaded guilty to possession, distribution and solicitation of child pornography.

The senior airman was reduced to airman basic, sentenced to confinement for six months and given a bad conduct discharge.

An airman first class in the 81st Medical Support Squadron pleaded guilty to making a false official statement and filing a false stolen property claim.

The airman first class was reduced to airman, sentenced to confinement for four days and 26 days of hard labor.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



MILITARY JUSTICE

Alcohol leads to Articles 15

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Five Airmen at Keesler received Articles 15 in April for underage drinking.

Two airmen basic in Detachment 2 of the 336th Training Squadron forfeited \$400 pay per month for two months each.

An airman first class assigned to the 338th TRS was reduced to airman, forfeited \$713 pay and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days. The reduction was suspended pending successful comple-

tion of the suspension period.

An airman basic also assigned to the 338th TRS forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days. One month of the forfeiture of pay was suspended.

An airman basic in the 332nd TRS forfeited \$636 pay for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Driving under influence up Underage drinking less so

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Five Air Force members and four civilians were charged with driving under the influence at Keesler in April.

The total of nine shares the highest number of DUIs in a single month this year with January. February is at the other end of the scale with three.

For the year, 28 people have been charged with DUI, 10 Air Force members, one Sailor and 17 civilians.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Five Airmen, all students, were charged with underage drinking at Keesler in April.

That's the second lowest one-month total of the year behind March (four). The high end month for the year to date was February with eight.

A total of 23 underage drinking incidents have been recorded so far this year. All involved technical training students.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

'Swing space' vital as homes are demolished

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

"It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing."

That line from an Ella Fitzgerald classic could be the theme song for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron as it juggles "swing space" for internal moves for displaced families as demolition of old housing units makes way for construction of new homes.

To reduce overall costs, Air Education and Training Command is holding Keesler to 600 homes to accommodate families during new home development. Currently, 418 homes are occupied and the others are being repaired or used as swing space for families required to move as phased demolition progresses.

As of May 11, about 67 families are on the waiting list and 74 homes are retained for swing space, according to Brett Long, facilities chief for the housing flight.

Housing won't be rebuilt in Harrison Court military family housing, which has already been leveled, or in the section of Oak Park where removal of 17 houses is nearing completion.

Asbestos abatement began this week in North Thrower Park, Northwest Falcon Park and Maltby Hall housing areas to prepare for demolition of homes around the end of the month. Other demolition and new construction is scheduled in several phases in each housing area, finishing in East Falcon housing area.

The base is awaiting notification from AETC about the new home construction contractor.

"Originally we'd hoped to have our first new homes completed this fall, but contractor bidding challenges and escalating costs due to the Katrina effect have slowed our progress," said Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st CES commander.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Server Enola Burton, left, prepares a meal-to-go for Airman 1st Class Jeremy Anderson, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, while Staff Sgt. Brian Dunlap, 336th Training Squadron, waits to make his meal selections at the Pecan Dining Facility May 11.

Dining facility closes June 1

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Pecan Dining Facility closes June 1 as part of an Air Education and Training Command cost-cutting requirement, according to Donald Cook, 81st Services Division director.

The facility has served Keesler customers for 55 years.

The Live Oak Dining Facility is expanding its hours to accommodate former Pecan patrons.

As of June 1, Live Oak is open 5:15-7:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. On weekends, holidays and down Fridays, hours are 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For 403rd Wing training weekends, breakfast is also served 6-7:30 a.m.

Due to limited space in the dining facilities and time constraints for non-prior service students returning to class, permanent party officers are no longer authorized use of the dining facilities.

Also, permanent party enlisted members are authorized to dine from 12:15-1 p.m. only.

Officers, enlisted and civilians on official temporary duty orders for training can use the Live Oak, Azalea and Magnolia dining facilities during normal hours.

Special requests for use of dining facilities for meetings, reserved tables and other visits require approval in advance by the 81st Mission Support Group commander.

Self-help store moves temporarily for repairs

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The self-help store, Building 3517, is relocating temporarily while hurricane repairs and upgrades are made.

The interim location is Dock 4 on the east side of the Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, where the 81st Supply Squadron is located. Designated parking is available for customers.

"Hurricane Katrina caused damage, but with repairs, this facility can be a useable structure for several more years," said Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, commander of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's operations flight.

The project, estimated to cost \$70,000, began this week and should take six to eight weeks, according to Colonel Szatanek.

Restoration includes a new roof, electrical updates and ceiling, floor and drywall repairs.

To forestall future flooding problems, the 81st CES is also considering raising the pavement on the east and west sides of the facility by laying six inches of asphalt and feathering out to the drainage system.

Raising the floor with a deck drain and sump pump is also being considered.

2nd Air Force headquarters restored



Air Force photo

The 2nd Air Force headquarters building sustained significant wind damage from Hurricane Katrina. Repairs totaled nearly \$160,000 and



Photo by Kemberly Groue

included the building's facade and roof and replacing downspouts and gutters.

Keesler lends helping hands to Biloxi



Photos by Kemberly Groue

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Hurricane Katrina aid still available

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 han-

dle storm-related issues. Time is tracked on time cards in hourly increments.

For more information, call 377-3142.

Coins, patches

Operation Dragon Come-back coins and patches are still available.

The \$7 coins and \$5 patches benefit the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Contact unit representatives or e-mail eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil, or anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil.

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Operation Hero



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Senior Airman Brook Hoffman, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; Lt. Col. Teresa Millwater, 96th Medical Group, Eglin AFB, Fla., Senior Airman Mike Horwath and Capt. Karey Dufour, 81st MDOS, demonstrate the safe and secure way to load a patient, Airman 1st Class

Julien Martinez, 81st MDOS, onto a stretcher Saturday. The activity is part of Operation Hero, which was set up to give children of active-duty and civilian personnel ages 5 and up an opportunity to learn duties their parents might perform if deployed.



Six-year-old Ricky Miller, left, gets assistance from Tech. Sgt. Heather Watson, 81st Training Wing, while getting fingerprinted for an identification card. Ricky is the son of Lt. Col. Richard and Yolany Miller, 334th Training Squadron commander.



Sixteen-year-old Allison Balli, left, gives 11-year-old Ruby Sebastian and 7-year-old Brandon Edwards candy from a meal-ready-to-eat. Allison's parents are Tech. Sgt. Steve and Lisa Balli, 335th TRS. Ruby is the daughter of Capt. Martha and Leo Hainey, 81st MDOS. Brandon's parents are 1st Lt. Lisa and Dale Edwards, 81st Medical Group.



Airman Hoffman, left, and Lt. Col. Richard Miller, 334th TRS commander, show his 6-year-old son, Ricky, how to put on a gas mask and other deployment gear.



Taska, one of the 81st Security Forces Squadron's working dogs, lunges into attack mode during a demonstration with its trainer, Staff Sgt. Damian Phillips, explaining how the dogs are trained and used to fight crime.

Medical center's escort team transports patients to destinations

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Patients unable to climb the stairs or the incline driveways to Keesler Medical Center's A Tower entrance have been receiving valuable assistance from the facility's volunteer escort service.

Since limited medical care returned to the hospital in December, the primary entry has been through the A Tower. This entrance actually is located on the building's first floor, so patients with walking difficulties have been dropped off on the elevated driveway in front of the door.

Honk for help

The volunteers have established a pick-up and drop-off service to help patients meet their appointments.

Transportation from patient vehicles is available by pulling up to the stop sign on the ramp. If a few minutes pass and a staff member hasn't responded, patients are asked to honk their horns to alert the staff. The volunteers determine the type of transportation assistance.

Escort volunteers assist an average of 50 people daily by picking them up via a golf cart, dubbed a "gator," in the parking lots and handicap spaces, taking them to clinics or support services by wheelchair and returning them to their vehicles.

Between 20 and 30 times each day, the escort volunteers also greet people entering the facility and provide directions to wherever they need to go.

10,000 aided annually

Since the escort service was organized in December 1981, members of the volunteer team have averaged more than 10,000 wheelchair runs or assists annually or a total of 356,533. Most members are retired enlisted members and officers.

Retired Lt. Col. Dean Todd and Tom Vrable are among the 18 escorts current-



Photo by Steve Pivnick
Mr. Todd assists retired Army Sgt. Maj. John Watkins into a "gator" for a ride to his car in the Keesler Medical Center parking lot after an appointment May 4.

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— Mr. Todd

ly providing this valuable service to patients.

Mr. Todd has been with the escort service since its inception and has 20,000-plus runs to his credit. Mr. Vrable is a veritable "youngster" who has been with the service since 1998 and estimates he has more than 2,000 runs.

"This is a small ministry for me," Mr. Todd said. "It's people helping people."

Both said patients frequently pass on favorable comments for the assistance the volunteers provide. They also noted they're sometimes with patients or their family members when they hear bad news. The escorts are always willing to share with them spiritually.

In the end they agree, "We try to send them off with a

smile. We even call some of the ladies we transport in the carts 'Gator Girls,' after the nickname for the vehicles."

Escort service hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except compressed work schedule Fridays. Escort members are easily identified by their white shirts with escort services logo. Their desk is left of the A-tower entrance.

As the medical center rebuilds and services expand, the need for additional volunteers is growing. Hours and days worked are determined by the volunteers.

For more information, contact Mr. Todd or Mr. Vrable in person in the A-Tower on Thursdays or call Lt. Col. Wade Jenkins, military liaison for escort services, 377-6180.



Chief Barnes

Medic retires after serving for 30 years

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Lionel Barnes Sr. marks the end of a 30-year Air Force career, 2:30 p.m. today at a retirement ceremony in Welch Auditorium.

His retirement is effective Sept. 1.

Chief Barnes ends his service as the dental manager for the 81st Dental Squadron. He was responsible to the 81st DS commander for the leadership, mentorship and management of ancillary operations and all aspects of assigned enlisted resources.

He directly or indirectly supervised 84 enlisted personnel and 11 civilians. He also served as the primary adviser to the commander on enlisted issues and concerns and guided the enlisted force.

Chief Barnes, a New Orleans native, enlisted in the Air Force in 1976.

Following basic training and technical training, the chief was assigned as a dental assistant specialist at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. He also served at England AFB, La.; Yokota Air Base, Japan; McConnell AFB, Kan.; Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom; Barksdale AFB, La.; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; and Scott AFB, Ill.

The chief, who is engaged to Maria Patterson, plans to remain in Gulfport until he decides on his post-retirement occupation.

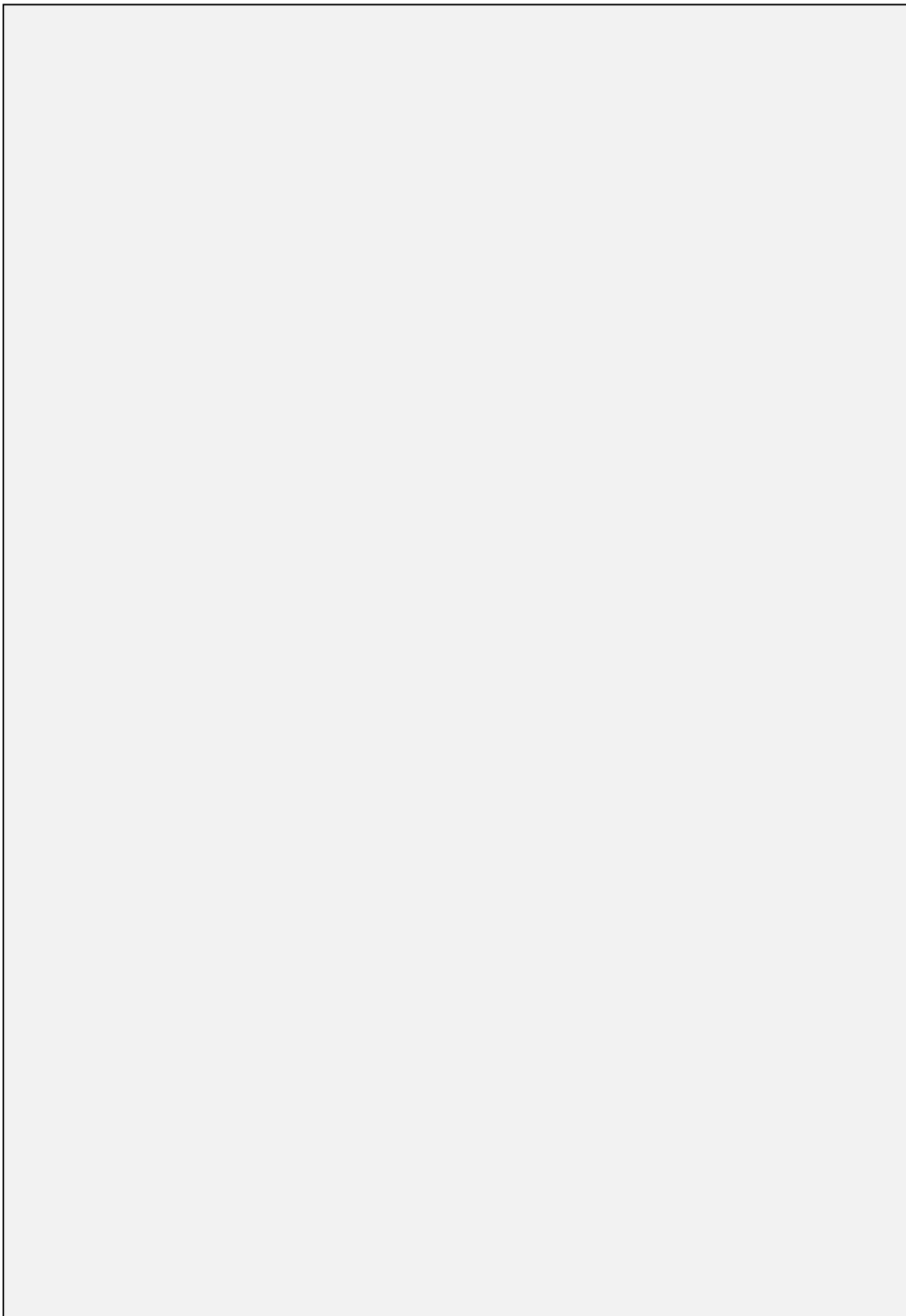




Photo by Adam Bond

Col. Richard Pierce, left, 81st Training Wing vice commander, listens to Lieutenant Rivera's input at a May 9 meeting to plan Keesler's 65th birthday celebration.

Company grade officers council offers leadership development opportunities

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's post-Katrina recovery includes not only the repair and rebuilding of facilities, but the revival of base organizations.

Since the beginning of the year, the company grade officers council has been working hard to give lieutenants and captains more opportunities for career and personal development.

There's plenty of room for the council's growth — of more than 400 company grade officers on base, the group only has about 25 active members.

"The CGOC is a catalyst to enhance effectiveness and communication among junior officers," said 2nd Lt. Joey Rivera, 81st Communications Squadron, the council's outgoing president. He arrived at Keesler in July for his first assignment and moved up from vice-president in December.

Capt. Michael Zink, the 81st Medical Group commander's executive officer, is the group's new president.

Lieutenant Rivera, officer

in charge of the 81st CS network control center, is at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., this week to represent Keesler at the National CGOC Professional Development Conference.

"Our organization tries to provide career development, social contacts and networking opportunities," he explained.

The group's monthly meetings, 4 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the 81st CS conference room, feature speakers who offer career insights.

So far this year, speakers have included Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air University commander; Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer for the Secretary of the Air Force and former 81st Training Wing commander; Maj. Gen. Robert Elder, Air War College commandant, and Col. James Poss, Air Combat Command's intelligence director.

Nine CGOC members recently represented the Air Force at Louisiana State University's Career Day. The group is involved with plan-

ning the summer ROTC Aerospace 100 special training, commonly referred to as the ASSIST program.

The CGOC is working with the 81st Services Division to organize a week-long celebration for Keesler's 65th birthday next month.

"The CGOC is a great way to network," Lieutenant Rivera pointed out. "For instance, if I need something from the civil engineers, I can usually find out who to talk to from another member of the group."

The group helped revive the wings-and-things night at the Katrina Kantina, attended a Mobile Bay Bears baseball game and enjoyed barbecue and music at The Shed in Jackson County. A canoe trip on the Biloxi River is an upcoming event.

"We're actively trying to appeal to officers with families, not just singles," Lieutenant Rivera said. "Our group is one avenue to get involved with everything on base."

For more information, call Lieutenant Rivera, 377-4362, or Captain Zink, 377-6510.

Keesler foursome shines in Helen Keller play

By Master Sgt.
Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

An interest in theater is the common thread that has drawn four Keesler people into the Biloxi Little Theatre's production of a play based on the life of Helen Keller.

Haley, Savannah and Hunter Stanley, the children of Lt. Col. Greg Stanley, 2nd Air Force director of operations, star in a performance of *The Miracle Worker*.

Judy Madden, training specialist for the 81st Training Support Squadron, is also in the cast.

Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. May 25-27 at the playhouse located at 220 Lee St., Biloxi.

How it started

"Two years ago, we took (the children) to Tusculumbia, Ala., and they all got to see *The Miracle Worker* at the Helen Keller home, which is called the Ivy Green," said Colonel Stanley. "That's when they first got interested in *The Miracle Worker*."

Savannah, 9, plays Helen Keller. She said Helen Keller is a role model, because of her intellect and ability to overcome adversity.

"She was very, very smart," said Savannah. "She went to one of the toughest colleges, Radcliff College, and she took some speaking classes so she could learn how to speak in public to tell about her life."

Research required

From her studies about Helen Keller, Savannah said she remembers reading about one of Helen Keller's public speaking experiences.

"She was asked some ridiculous questions, and one of them was, 'Do you shut your eyes when you go to sleep?' Her answer was, 'I've never stayed awake long enough to find out,'" Savannah recalled.

Savannah's interest in Helen Keller carried over to her interest in acting.

"I always thought I was a good actress, so I got to show



Photos by Kemberly Groue
From left, 12-year-old Bethany Bain of Biloxi, 11-year-old Haley Stanley and 18-year-old Laci Gagliano of Ocean Springs go over a scene from *The Miracle Worker* during a dress rehearsal at the Biloxi Little Theater Monday.



Judy Madden, left, touches the face of Savannah Stanley, 9, during a dress rehearsal Monday. Madden plays Aunt Ev, and Savannah is Helen Keller.

it when my dad heard they were doing *The Miracle Worker*," she said. "I (also) want to be in a play called Annie."

Hunter, Savannah's twin, said he hopes acting will help him in another interest — the martial arts.

"In Taekwondo, you would have to show the instructor a move, and because I really wasn't scared of it, I decided acting wouldn't be any different," he explained.

"When I grow up, I think I'd like to be a Taekwondo instructor, so getting up in front of people to show them

"We try to come up with things other than just sports that will challenge and keep them interested and motivated."

— Colonel Stanley

stuff is going to help me."

Hunter plays Jimmy Sullivan in the production. Jimmy is the brother of Annie Sullivan, who became Helen Keller's teacher.

Her role in Helen Keller's education and development is the theme of *The Miracle Worker*.

The Stanleys have been at Keesler for three years. The colonel remained at Keesler in the aftermath of Katrina. His family, including his wife, Sabrina, evacuated to Alabama for four months.

He said he connected with the Biloxi Little Theater as he



Hunter Stanley, 9, and Gagliano act out a scene during rehearsal. Hunter portrays Jimmy.

dealt with being separated from his family after the storm.

"I got involved in (theater's production of *Ordinary People*), because they were all living in Alabama. I said, 'I'm going to go do something to occupy myself,'" he said.

When his family returned to Keesler at Christmas, Colonel Stanley got his children involved in the theater as well.

"We try to come up with things other than just sports that will challenge and keep the kids interested and moti-

vated," he said.

The colonel said his February performance in *Ordinary People* allowed Haley to see behind the scenes.

"Haley got to kick around backstage because I was in the play," he said.

The fourth member

Ms. Madden has been involved with the Biloxi Little Theater since 1992. She's the president of the theater's board of directors.

Ms. Madden said the Stanley family has invigorated the theater during a challenging time.

"In the darkest of times, some special person comes along at exactly the right moment," she said. "(Colonel Stanley) auditioned for the show I directed in February, and besides doing a great job on stage, he saw what we were going through and offered his help. He has really become an angel among us.

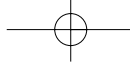
"When (Colonel Stanley) jumped in and started helping, the kids came along when they could and helped out," said Ms. Madden, who plays Aunt Ev in *The Miracle Worker*. "Now his children are on stage and doing a great job. Sabrina has supported us in everything we've done as well and has come up with some great ideas for (the theater)," she added.

Miracle work

Ms. Madden said *The Miracle Worker* has special significance as the Mississippi Gulf Coast recovers from Katrina.

"With what we're all going through right now, I think it sends a message that there is always hope in what seems to be a hopeless situation," she said. "It just takes the right person or event to show us the way. We've had some tough moments at (the theater) since the storm, but there always seems to be someone or something that comes along at exactly the right moment to help us through."

For more information on the upcoming production and the Biloxi Little Theater, go to <http://www.4BLT.org>.



Asthma: Diagnosis to treatment to prevention

By Jan Oglesby

81st Medical Group

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness month.

Asthma is a disease of the lungs in which the airways become blocked or narrowed causing breathing difficulty. This chronic disease affects nearly 20 million Americans, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

Asthma is commonly divided into two types: allergic (extrinsic) asthma and non-allergic (intrinsic) asthma.

In allergic asthma, symptoms are triggered by an

allergic reaction. With non-allergic asthma, symptoms are triggered by factors not related to allergies, such as exercise and/or upper-respiratory infections.

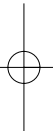
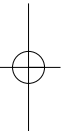
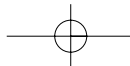
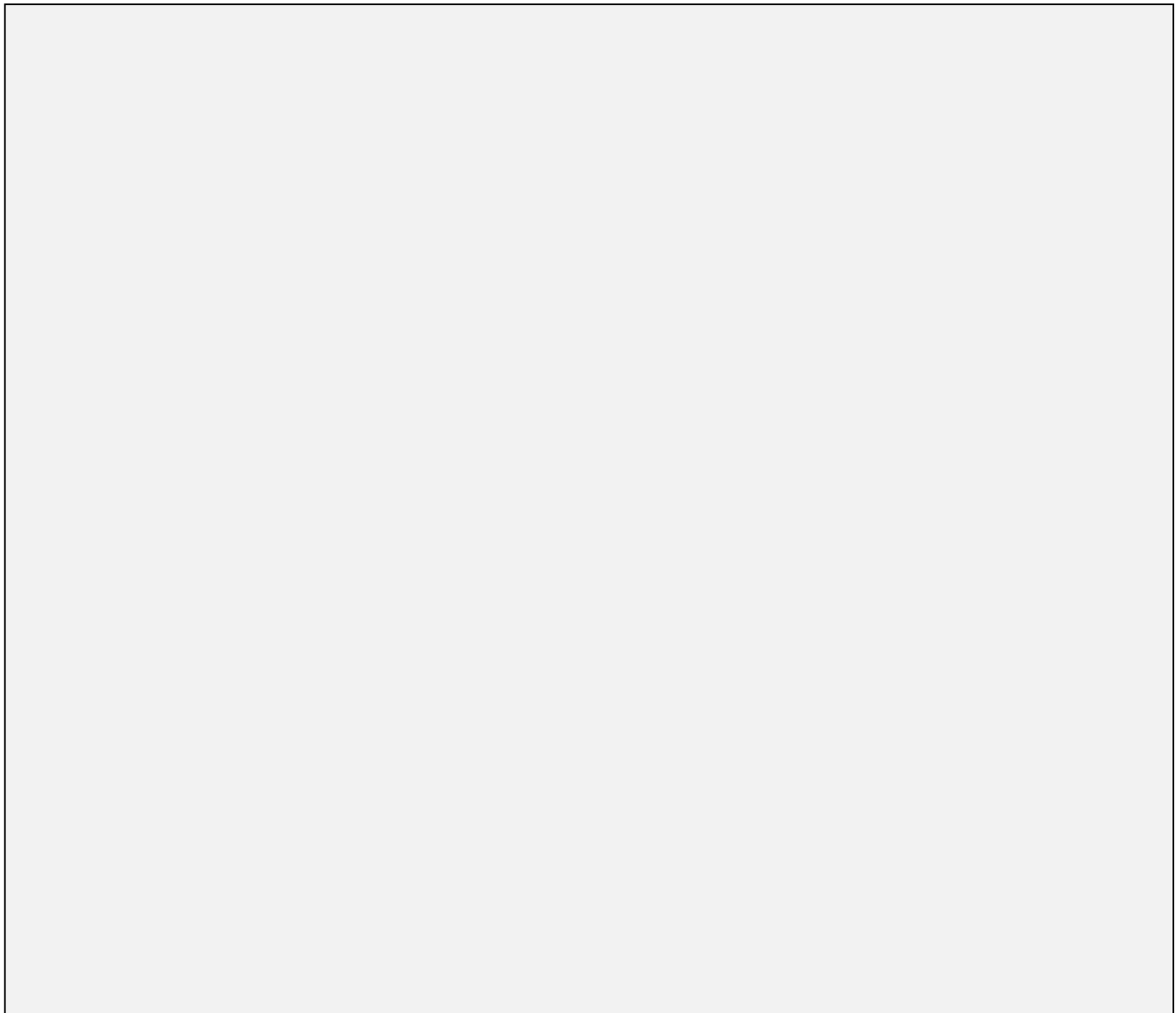
This health problem results in nearly 500,000 hospital stays each year and annual treatment costs in the billions of dollars. However, with proper management, people can live healthy and active lives with asthma.

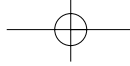
To properly diagnose asthma, discuss your medical history with a physician and have a physical exam. You may need lung-function tests to detect possible limitations in your breathing. In some cases, you may need additional tests, such as chest or sinus X-rays.

Asthma doesn't have to put major limits on your life. There are many things people can do to take control of their asthma and minimize its impact.

Because each case of asthma is different, treatment needs to be tailored for each person. One general rule does apply: remove the things in your environment you know make your asthma worse. When these measures aren't enough, it may be time to try medication.

An asthma management plan is the best strategy to prevent symptoms. This is developed by you and your doctor to help you control your asthma.





KEESLER NOTES

Civil engineers picnic

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

For emergencies, call 377-4179.

Case lot sale

The commissary holds a case lot sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Housing survey

Surveys are being mailed to housing area residents.

For residents' convenience, pre-addressed, stamped envelope addressed to CEL and 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.

Block party

The next monthly block party is 11 a.m. Saturday in Thrower Park.

The events are supported by the family support center, chapel and Keesler Integrated Resource Team members.

For more information, call 377-2179.

Comptroller closes

The 81st Comptroller Squadron is closed 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 25 for an official function.

For emergencies, call 365-8922.

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.

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>.

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.

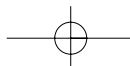
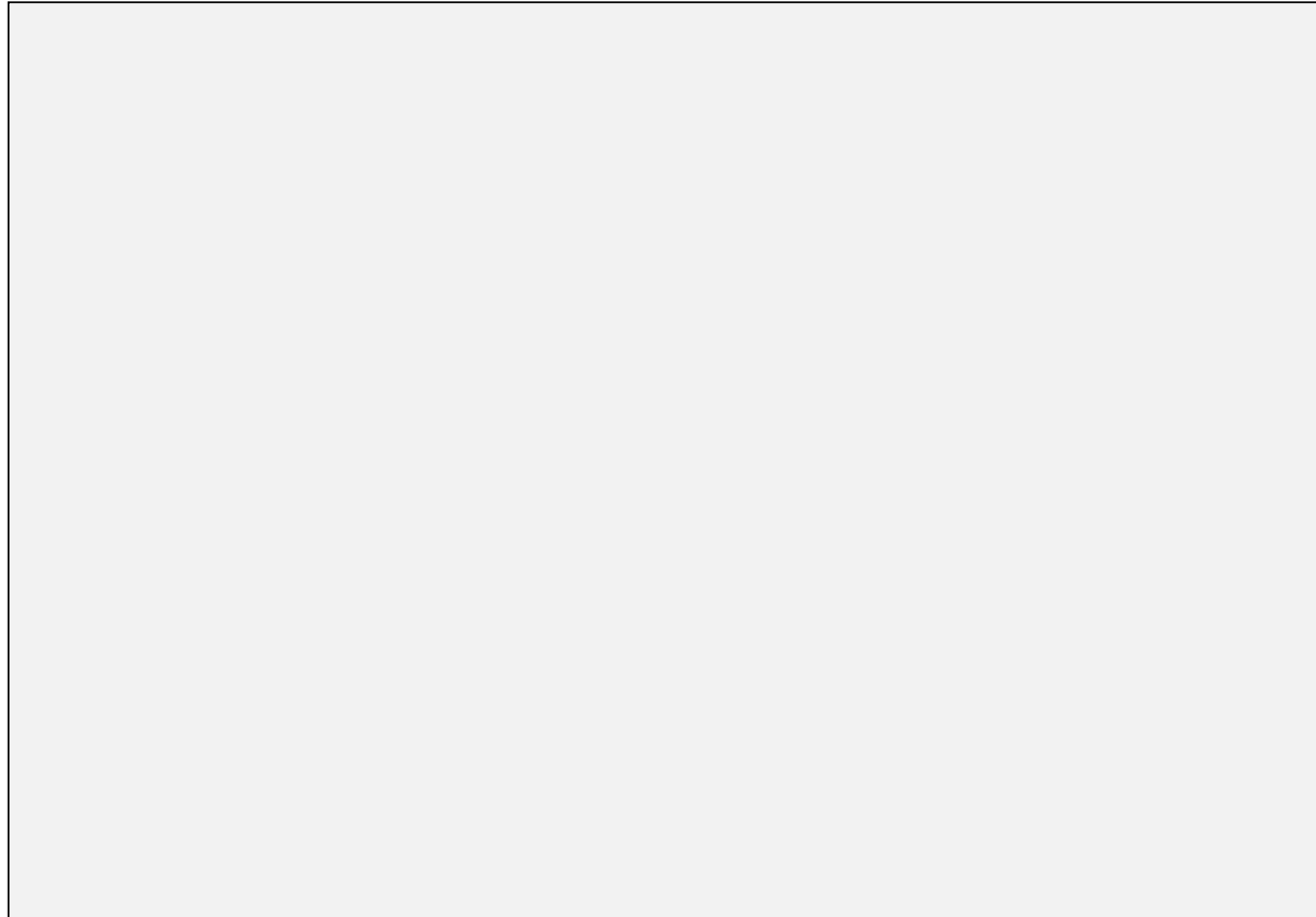
Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work days.

For more information, call 377-4454.

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

Playgroup

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



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Surface damage



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chuck Mengell, a Navy aviation electronics technician, checks out the damage while running at the Crotwell Track Monday. The track across from Blake Fitness Center is closed until Friday, according to 81st Civil Engineer Squadron officials. They're repairing hurricane damage to the surface and respraying the surface coloring. The surface is a recycled rubber product torn in several areas by falling trees.

Keesler pools to open May 27

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Swimmers will be able to get their laps in soon, as Keesler's swimming pools are scheduled to open May 27.

The main swimming pool is open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays, when it's closed.

The Triangle pool is open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays, when it's closed.

Lap swimming is during normal hours at the main pool and 11 a.m. to noon at the Triangle pool.

Water aerobics is 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays

at the main pool beginning May 30.

Both pools are open to anyone authorized to use Services' facilities. Military and civilian personnel must present an identification card or pass and have paid the entry fee.

The cost for a pass is \$1.50 for one day; \$20 for the season and \$60 for three or more members of one family.

There's no charge for children ages 5 and younger.

Passes can be purchased at each pool and at outdoor recreation.

Individuals purchasing season passes are responsible for

for lost passes, which can be replaced by re-purchase.

Swimming lessons are provided. Cost is \$20 per person per session, and \$15 for each additional person per session.

The first session begins June 6.

Both pools can host parties. Cost is \$50 for the first two hours and \$25 for each additional hour.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Water instructors are needed. To apply, call 377-0002.

For more information on other pool activities, call 377-3568.

They're here ...



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chris Papale, 81st Services Division, installs seats on one of the six new pontoon boats at the marina Monday. Keesler received the new boats to replace the six pontoon boats damaged by Hurricane Katrina last year. Each boat requires minor assembly to be ready by Memorial Day.

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.

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 tests — 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

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.

Miscellaneous

Keesler Fire Muster — the fire department sponsors the 2006 fire muster at 11 a.m. Friday at the marina. Six-member teams 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 judge the event.

For more information, call 377-0779.

Motorcycling

KRA rally — Keesler Riders Association meets at 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 11 a.m. 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.

Outdoor recreation

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.

Youth center

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

America's Kids fun run — 2-5 p.m. Saturday, 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

First Term Airmen Center Class 06-10

81st Communications Squadron — Airman Basic Tenika Thompson.

81st Dental Squadron — Airmen Basic Laken Harley and Meagan Jackson; Airman Choandya Pryme.

81st Medical Group — Airman Basic Jack Garrison.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airman Basic Malinda Hitchcock.

81st Supply Squadron — Airman Basic Ian Johnson.

81st Training Support Squadron — Airman Basic Ashley Leduc.

81st Transportation Squadron — Airman Basic Michael Freed.

334th Training Squadron — Airman Basic Staci Busse.

335th TRS — Airman Basic Christopher Hill.

336th TRS — Airman Basic Audrey Burns.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Dean Atwa, Joshua Baurd, Christopher Beets, Douglas Bein, Kurtis Blake, Hannah Bergstrom, William Branham, Sehle Burke, Corey Clines, Aaron Collins, Sheena Copeland, Corey Cowell, Marcus Davis, James Dobson, Bradley Filiault, Brett Flanders, Dustin Gains, Kyle Hopfensperger, Jerome Ibanez, William Kelemmer, Adrian Leflore, Elliott Lovelace, Nathan Miguel, Andrew Mitchell, Christopher Moore, Ford Moore, Justin Moore, David Morris, Bryan Newton, Don Nguyen, Christopher Ortiz, Jose Pena, Stephen Pontsler, Patrick Ridlon, Steven Ruiz, Austin Taylor, Daniel VanEaton, Jon Volden, Brent Wallace, Kyle Ward, Ricky Willard and Harrison Yoo; Airmen Ashley Bielecki, Derek Butler, Thomas Campbell, Joshua Donati, Michael Frost, Aaron Gedmin, Gregory Lane, Timothy Puckett, August Richard, Benjamin Schaffer and Daniel Smith; Airmen 1st Class Paul Barron, Lance Belobrajdic, Chun Chan, Cliff Chan, James Churchill, Andrew Cooper, Jason Collison, Curtis Erickson, Andrew Gaulden, Brian Gonzales, Joel Chaparro-Gonzalez, Kenneth Gross, Jason Ho, Jason Hultgen, James Knoas, Justin Kolb, Josue Laboy, Andrew Lavoy, James Lebschier, Ron Mercado, Joshua Neely, James Parmentier, Kermit Perez-Torres, Brian Picardo, Kevin Porter, Maria Revelo, James Robison, Francisco Rosa, Richard Schneider, Ivan Trejo, Gabriel Urteaga and Daniel White; Senior Airmen Charles Battle, Garron Dahle, Saul Gatica, Kale Hall, Christopher Manley and William

Mulvey; Staff Sgts. Lyza Beaidreailt, Michael Carrier, Richard Dorgan, Jerome Dunn, Jorge Familia, William Gonzalez, Antar Grier, Andy Guerra, David Jacobson, Rodney Lindemann, Richard Loudbear, Hugo Murillo, Jason Myerhoff, Kris Oshiro, Jose Peraza, Donald Pittman, Thomas Raynor, Jordan Stearn and James Whipkey; Tech. Sgts. Grant McKinney, Michael Pafford, Clinton Pilgrim, Rusty Shaffer and Scot Sparks; Master Sgt. Monte Cook; Maj. Ghazi Al Sawabken; Lt. Col. Tawfik Khattab.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Adam Burner, Thomas Comstock, John Henry, Danielle LeBlanc, Kristin Ormsbee and Samantha States; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Fujishin and Michael Sims; Senior Airman Emmanuel Lwando; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Crowe, Barry George and Jonathon Reid.

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

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kwadwo Agyenfrempong, Christopher Bing, Scott Caldwell, Kenneth Newton; Elisa Parris, Samuel Shim and Matthew Terkay; Airmen Carol Close and Vickie Erickson; Airmen 1st Class William Allen, Ryan Foster, Wayne Mace and Miyoung Song; Staff Sgt. Dawn Erdmann; Tech. Sgts. Katrina Cruz, Jerome Digennaro, Juana Hernal, Ruby McBride, Jill Miller and Sonia Walls; Master Sgt. Jeanie Helms.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Evan Bang, Nicholas Coffin, Aaron Gaston, Duane Postlethwait and James Williams; Airmen 1st Class Sheena Edwards, Alicia Laswell, Jenny Long, Mathew Mathenia, Aricka Mayer and Sharai McLaughlin; Senior Airman Christopher Alexander, Allison Cline, Chadwick Cofield, Dahlia Polk, Kyrsten Rilling, Latoshia Sheffield, Joy Suarez, Robert Vivar and Alicia Wallace; Staff Sgts. Christopher Belczyk, Mikal Dantley, Juanita Jones, John Kelly, Sheri Kelsey and Samuel Rios; Tech. Sgts. Marsha Abela, Andy Anderson, Lisa Clayton and Joyce Hanson; Maj. Ghulam Niazi; Diane Sullivan.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Dashaun Montanez, Tara Stone, Sara Wauer, Raymond Wolowicz and Philip Woodson; Navy Airman Recruit Nickolas Endicott; Airman Kevin Market; Navy Airman Apprentice Leana Casulla and Rhyann Winbush; Airmen 1st Class Lindsey Pleasant and Lance Stewman; Navy Airman Scott Garbera, Calvin Lepro, William Roberts, Jeffrey Seibold and Erica Triplett; Senior Airman Michelle Payne; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Julio Cruz; Staff Sgt. Timothy Mecalis; Tech. Sgt. Aaron Smith.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Lance Bowes, Rachel Chesser, Joshua Miller, Jared Van Orman, Jason Pedicord and Benjamin Symanowicz; Airman Lance Weston; Airmen 1st Class David Aiken, Andrew Burton, Daniel Routier, Megan Stockinger, Joshua York and Brandon Zahn; Senior Airmen Kenyouth Benloss, Mickey Gibbs, Wai Lee, Gene Pabs, Christopher Petro and Amber Stanley; Staff Sgts. Mark Heikell, David Morgan and Lucio Reza; Tech. Sgts. Derick Spruel, Rodney Thompson and William Wilcox; Tracy Mangino.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Stephanie Hawkins, Donald Greer, Kenneth Norwood and Robert Pelkey; Airman Ralph Santos; Airman 1st Class Monique McGruder; Senior Airmen Miguel Hurtando, Tommie Johnson and Heidi Perez; Staff Sgts. Paul Chavez, Stanley Dixon, Ray Martin and Audrey Roland; Tech. Sgts. Mitchell Damu, Kenneth Dotzler, Jonathan Eusebio and Betty King; Edward Laroche.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Gregory Cain, Keith Clause, Marcus Martin, Marquis Moore, Donovan Nay, Casey Snyder, Rodrigo Soza, Jeffrey VanCamp, Kyle Waddle and Jason Watts; Airmen Michael Gray, Justin Moore, Ignacio Rios, Matthew Smither and Christopher Tuter; Airmen 1st Class Justin Booker, Mathew Bray, Sean Chai, Alex Chavez, Sean Cochran, Sean Curtis, Andrew Debardeleben, Jeremy Driscoll, Shane Flot, Gabriel Flynn, Darrin Govan, Benjamin Hawkins, Matthew Hixson, Randall Hodkin Jr., Joshua McClain, Paula Olson, LaVerne Pettit, Jerry Priddy, Nicholas Rudder and Jason Unovitch; Senior Airman Jeremy Baca, Jonathon Bowles, Christopher Ferguson and Bradley Grundy; Staff Sgts. Gary Graham and Leslie Hubbard.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
: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
: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 Chapel10 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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Ground radio — Airmen Basic Kirk Alston, David Harvey, Aaron Hetman, Ryan Lee, Andrew Miller, Heather Potts, Michael Scarlata, Daniel Sleetter and Nathan Wheat; Airmen Jeremy Denney, Kevin Gibson, Mary Huggins, Jesse Leslie, Marcus Neal, Bradon Robinson and Angelica Stamper; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Arnold, Melissa Baringer, Phillip Capps, Michael Downs, Joseph Fields, John Gaines, William Huber, Brandon Johnson, Marcus Kimm, Christopher Lynch, Aaron Mitchell, Charod Moore, Gregory Nyahay, Benjamin Watson and Abraham Yi; Staff Sgt. Keith Tyska; Master Sgt. Willie Kinsey and James Schlehuber.

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.

Arts and crafts center

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

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday. 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. May 26. \$15. Intarsia is art form of inlaying pieces of wood in decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. 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. Friday. \$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. May 27 and June 10; free. For more information, call 377-4355.

Armed Forces Day dance — 6 p.m. Saturday. \$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.

Youth center

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

Classes — Mondays, gymnastics; Mondays and Wednesdays, taekwon 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, taekwon do; Tuesdays, 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.

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. Wednesdays.

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

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

Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. today, 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. 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.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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

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

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

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

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions, 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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Tuesday

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Dinner — barbecue ham steak, baked turkey and noodles, jalapeno cornbread, beef ball stroganoff, egg noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, calico corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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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.

Keesler Spouses Club — meets the second Tuesday of each month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, president, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.geocities.com/keeslersc/KSC.html>.

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

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

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

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

Smooth Moves — 9 a.m. Wednesday, 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.

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.

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.
Friday — 7 p.m., Take the Lead (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., ATL (PG-13); 7 p.m., Lucky Number Slevin (R).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Ice Age 2: The Meltdown (PG).