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Dragons deployed —
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2nd Air Force takes on new mission

Unit oversees preparation of Airmen who deploy

By Master Sgt Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Second Air Force has been tasked by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley to oversee Airmen throughout “in-lieu-of training” in preparation for deployment.

More than 800 Airmen are attending Army ground combat skills training at several Army installations, preparing them for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The training is required because the Airmen are assigned duties outside their normal Air Force specialties. Not only Airmen, but Sailors, Soldiers and Marines from a cross-section of all military specialties are performing non-traditional missions on these deployments.

“Our goal is to take care of our people, as our Air Force mission requirements contin-



Photo by Herb Welch

General Gould gives an orientation briefing for Airmen in-processing at Camp Shelby.

ue to evolve,” said Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 2nd Air Force commander. “We want to ensure our Airmen can perform safely and effectively in combat alongside our sister services while maintaining their Air Force identity.”

ILOT initiatives ensure Airmen are prepared for non-traditional combat environ-

ments in support of the combatant commander’s requirements where some Airmen are deployed to assist Army personnel. Second Air Force wants to support every Airmen engaged in this enhanced, realistic training and address their current and future service needs.

General Gould emphasized

Airmen deploying in support of Army mission requirements must maintain an Air Force chain-of-command.

“Airmen will continue to have readily-available Air Force leadership eager to address any concerns,” the

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This week in the Triangle

Weather officer, 8:30 a.m. today, weather training complex.
Air traffic control tower and radar, 9:30 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
Aerospace control and warning, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Airfield management, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Theater deployment communication-transmission network, 11 a.m. Monday, Stennis Hall.
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Tuesday, weather training complex.
Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.
Communications-computer systems control and operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Network administration Windows service, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Stennis Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jones Hall.
Theater deployment communication voice network, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.
Network management infrastructure, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.



June Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,354

Non-prior service — 2,060

Temporary duty — 1,281

Combat controllers — 13

Non-prior service arrivals — 118

Guard, Reserve — 782

International — 22

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 19,689

Total since 1942 — 2,227,750

COMMENTARY

AETC, you've been master of challenges of past year

By Gen. William Looney III

AETC commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – Recently, I celebrated my first anniversary as a member of the Air Education and Training Command team. During this time, we've faced a number of challenges and achieved tremendous success fulfilling our mission to develop America's Airmen today for tomorrow.

Shortly after I arrived, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Keesler and a large portion of the Gulf Coast region. Instantly, I was amazed by your willingness to roll up your sleeves, jump in and help those overpowered by these destructive storms. From performing heroic rescues to delivering emergency medical care to providing safety and security, First Command Airmen made a difference.

Despite heavy damage to its infrastructure, the arduous task of rebuilding Keesler was quickly under way, thanks again to your efforts. In fact, just days after Katrina wrought unspeakable destruction on the Biloxi and Gulfport areas, Keesler was back in business, training Airmen in critical career fields to keep our Air Force strong in the global war on terrorism.

Even through our recovery efforts, First Command Airmen remained focused on our mission, taking AETC to new heights in the process.

Our recruiters smoothly shifted efforts to help the Air Force meet our congressionally mandated end-strength, bringing in more than 20,000 new enlisted and officer personnel in the process. In addition, basic military training graduated more than 22,000 enlisted personnel and restructured the course to match a typical air expeditionary force cycle in order to provide our new recruits more readiness and combat skills instruction. Along with their BMT accomplishments, in the arena of initial and advanced skills training, 2nd Air Force and its technical training units graduated nearly 190,000 students.

Execution of the flying mission was outstanding. The organizations of the 19th Air

Force flew nearly 560,000 hours, graduated 1,259 pilots and almost 20,000 new aircrew members. Additionally, the modernized avionics and glass cockpits in the T-6A and T-38C, combined with the stand-up of the F-22A Raptor training program at Tyndall, allowed AETC-trained pilots to become combat ready and continue our tradition of air dominance.

All along, Air University continued to be a recognized pillar of excellence, providing educational opportunities to more than 179,000 graduates via residence and distance learning programs.

All total, AETC recruited, trained, and educated more than 432,000 Airmen for our Air Force and the joint commanders during our first year together. You accomplished all of this while deploying 3,822 AETC Airmen to fight the global war on terrorism.

Marilyn and I've had the opportunity to visit all of our installations and meet the magnificent men and women who make up AETC. At each and every stop, we're awed and overwhelmed with the dedication, commitment, and performance of our Airmen and their families.

It's so obvious that the strength and foundation of AETC is our people. Your commitment to integrity, service, and excellence keep us the recognized world center of excellence for training and education. You — the Airmen of the First Command — are the key in making AETC a "command of choice."

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all our family members for their unwavering support and sacrifice. Without you, we wouldn't be the world's greatest air and space force.

With all we've done so far, I'm excited to begin my second year as your commander, and look forward to even greater accomplishments as we continue to deliver unrivaled education and training to the greatest air and space force the world has ever seen. It's my great privilege and honor to serve with you as we develop America's Airmen today ... for tomorrow.

Drinking + driving
= deadly duo.

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.

Think safety
— an accident
is only
an attitude away.



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for information and accountability

for Keesler members:

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1-800-435-9941

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ndw>

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

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Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...

a core value,

a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

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



If you've had too much to drink,
call Airmen Against Drunk Driving,
377-7283,

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursdays

before down Fridays,
working Fridays and Saturdays.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Tech. Sgt. Paul Howell, left, instructs Airman 1st Class Brandon Howard on the equipment installed inside a Humvee used on deployments to coordinate air strikes during tactical air control party missions.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Humvees add realism to ground radio training

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Humvees are hovering in two classrooms at Jones Hall.

Instructors in the 338th Training Squadron's ground radio training flight teamed up with the 81st Training Support Squadron's trainer development flight to enable students to see what it's like to work on communication gear loaded inside the vehicles.

"They wanted a Humvee trainer as realistic as possible in a very short time frame," explained Don Wojcik, 81st TRSS project manager. "We could have built something out of wood and metal, but it wouldn't have been as realistic and would have taken a long time."

Getting a real vehicle wasn't possible because depots return reconditioned vehicles to the field, and there were also hazardous material considerations.

Master Sgt. William Dribergen, a ground radio instructor supervisor, compiled the names of some online vendors, and kits were purchased from a Texas supplier.

"The vendor cut the body kits in half for us and bolted them back together for shipping," Mr. Wojcik



From front, Airmen 1st Class Triston Fioretti, Stephanie Brown and Michael Downs and their instructor, Staff Sgt. Chris Simmering, review course materials in one of the Humvee classrooms.

said. "From a distance you'd swear they were ready to be driven, but they had pipes for axles, wheels without brakes and no steering at all. Basically we had a shell with a windshield and soft top with doors."

The trainer development flight's

fabrication section, metal shop and wood shop went to work on the steering columns, gear shifts, radio platforms and radio racks. An Army depot in Alabama provided used seats that were refurbished.

After that phase of the work was

done, Mr. Wojcik and team members Art Fountain, Alvin Carlander, John Rickman, Joel Spivey and Mike Hinds disassembled the two vehicles for transport from the trainer development facility near the flight line to the Triangle.

"We moved the small items, doors, windshields and brackets in my truck to Jones Hall," Mr. Wojcik recalled. "For the big items, we needed a forklift and the motor pool's biggest flatbed truck and most experienced driver. We had to make two trips because the Humvees were so long."

The forklift set the pieces on the ground near Jones Hall's side door. Then students got into the act, loading the Humvee halves onto two flat dollies and pushing them down the hallway to the classrooms.

"At first the halves didn't want to fit through the door, but Air Force ingenuity and persistence won out," Mr. Wojcik pointed out. "We reversed our steps to reassemble the vehicles in the classroom."

The project took two months from work request to completion.

"This is the first time I can recall ever ordering a body kit from a ven-

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Humvees,

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dor and installing it,” stated Mr. Wojcik, who’s worked at Keesler for 27 years, the past 11 as an engineering technician. “Most of our projects are one-of-a-kind trainers that we produce and install.”

Students who began the ground radio apprentice course June 13 are the first to experience the new training tool, according to Master Sgt. Ed Simpson, another instructor supervisor. That training takes place midway through the nine-block course which lasts 82 academic days.

“The students get a kick out of the Humvees in the classrooms,” Sergeant Simpson said. “It helps to keep our objectives in focus.”

The students work on racks of communication equipment in the classroom before they have to deal with the space constraints the Humvees present.

The Humvees are just another step toward injecting more realism into courses to prepare Keesler graduates for situations they’ll face as part of today’s air expeditionary forces.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Larry Watlington, former Air Force career field chief for 2-E communications-electronics maintenance technicians, challenged Keesler trainers to develop field environments in the schoolhouse whenever possible to ease the transition from the classroom to the battlefield.

Sergeant Driebergen served as the focal point in the 338th TRS to put the chief’s vision into action.

“Because of our air expeditionary course focus, we’re moving away from the cold-war mentality of the ‘80s,” he pointed out. “We’re modernizing training with more equipment from the field — less ‘smart board’ and more hands-on experience.”

“Every Jones Hall classroom now has an AEF focus, so when our students get to their assignments, they’re already spun up,” Sergeant Simpson said.

The ground radio career field prepares electronic tech-



Photo by Henry Nielsen

Ground radio students and instructors navigate one of the flat dollies down the Jones Hall hallway loaded with vehicle parts. The 81st TRSS team reassembled the two Humvees in the classrooms.

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and persistence won out.”

— Mr. Wojcik

nicians who perform a variety of duties all over the world. About 505 nonprior service students, Guard and Reserve members are trained at Keesler each year as jacks-of-all-trades — carpenters, mechanics, electricians and other skills all rolled into one. They’re responsible for “fixed” systems, defined as bolted to the floor, and “tactical” systems, on wheels or carried on one’s back.

As the AEF concept is fluid to needs, so is ground radio training. The 338th TRS added more deployment training days to the course to respond to changing field

requirements, complete with expeditionary scenarios staged in an area adjacent to the Azalea Dining Facility.

“Now when our graduates deploy, they’ll be better equipped to perform their duties as expeditionary Airmen,” Sergeant Simpson commented.

As those duties evolve, Keesler’s ground radio trainers plan to continue adapting the learning environment to reflect the needs in the field.

“Who knows what’s next?” Sergeant Driebergen asked. “Maybe a helicopter...”

NCO retraining

Current program to move people from overage to shortage areas hits 95 percent of Air Staff goal

Air Force Print News
and Keesler News staff

The noncommissioned officer retraining program has reached an unprecedented 95 percent of the Air Staff goal for the fiscal 2006.

Keesler's NCOs were exempted from the retraining program because of Hurricane Katrina's impact on the base and its personnel, according to Adrien Augustine, 81st Mission Support Squadron military personnel programs chief.

The program is designed to balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs from career fields with overages to those with shortages.

This is the most successful NCO retraining program to date, said officials from the Air Force Personnel Center.

The success can be attributed to a recent Air Force policy change requiring Airmen identified for retraining to complete the required administrative actions or separate on their current date of separation.

"The Air Force mission requires the right people, in the right (Air Force specialty

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codes) at the right time," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the AFPC enlisted skills management branch. "We have to realign our resources, and we must meet our NCO responsibilities to meet Air Force needs."

Thirty-six NCOs who failed to take action by the May 15 deadline now face mandatory separation.

Two of these individuals were selected for promotion to technical sergeant but won't pin on that rank as stated in the FY06 Phase II NCO retraining program memorandum they were required to sign.

Additionally, 22 NCOs chose to separate rather than retrain.

The two-phased FY06 program included a voluntary retraining phase that ended in October and an involuntary phase that began Nov. 30.

Future members identified for retraining should pick a career field that matches their interests in the voluntary phase rather than wait for the involuntary phase and have no role in the selection, officials said.

"During the voluntary phase, members have choices," Chief Williams said. "They have the ability to positively impact their future by being proactive."

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

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

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

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

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

Education fair

The four colleges represented at Keesler host an education fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the McBride Library conference rooms.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of South-

ern Mississippi, William Carey College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College fall applications, schedules, and catalogs are available. Representatives have registration and tuition assistance information for their schools.

Club scholarships

Six students receive a combined total of \$25,000 in the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

For more information, visit <http://www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm>.

Submit entries by Friday to Donald Cook, 81 MSG/SV, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Keesler AFB, MS, 39534.

Tuition aid change

Air Force tuition assistance

Hours change

New hours at the Triangle Post Office in the Levitow Training Support Facility are 11:40 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3:30-6:10 p.m. weekdays.

"It will make it more convenient to mail packages and get stamps," said Micki VanderMeer, 81st Communications Squadron.

now pays only for reimbursable class fees.

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Center's site when applying for tuition assistance.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Medical training

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physician assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

The selection board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center on March 27. Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 by Jan. 26. Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date are returned and won't meet the selection board, according to AFPC officials.

For more information, contact local military personnel

flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

Supply classes

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

Weapons training

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

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

Civilian tuition aid

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

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

From delivery boy to board president

Eddie Mullins, a contract pharmacist at Keesler Medical Center who began his career with a summer job as a clerk and delivery boy for a Biloxi drug store, was elected president of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy last month. Mr. Mullins is retired from the Department of Veteran Affairs and is currently employed by Wal-Mart. At Keesler, he provides backup support and is a consultant, adviser and preceptor for pharmacy students.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Stolen VA computer retrieved

By Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The stolen Department of Veterans Affairs laptop computer and hard drive containing the personal information of more than 26 million veterans were turned in to the FBI June 29, the Veterans Affairs secretary said before Congress June 30.

Reports indicate the FBI has made a preliminary determination that data contained on the computer and hard drive hasn't been accessed.

There have been no reports of identity theft or other criminal activity related to the stolen computer, R. James Nicholson told the House

Veterans Affairs Committee. He added that the VA would still honor its promise of free credit monitoring for a year.

An unnamed individual turned over the laptop and hard drive to FBI officials in Baltimore. No persons are in custody at this time.

The laptop and hard drive were stolen from the Montgomery County, Md., home of a VA employee May 3. Government officials don't believe the data on the laptop was the target of the burglary and consider the break-in a random theft.

"This has brought to the light of day some real deficiencies in the manner we handled personal data," Mr. Nicholson said. "If there's a redeeming part of this, I think we can turn this around."

Chief McKinley takes top enlisted post

By Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force welcomed new Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley as he was "passed the torch" by Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray in a ceremony here June 30.

Chief Murray retires with 29 years of service, the last four in the top enlisted position in the Air Force.

Chief McKinley said it was an honor to be the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. He said to say he was humbled would be an understatement.

"I've always been in awe of the chief master sergeants of the Air Force," Chief McKinley said. "They have inspired me and made me a better Airman."

Chief McKinley was the command chief for 11th Air Force and the primary enlisted adviser to the commander of Alaskan Command, Alaskan NORAD Region, at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, before assuming his new position.



Chief McKinley

IN THE NEWS

Top Airman in Keesler classroom

Air Education and Training Command News Service

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Sewell, Vance Air Force Base, Okla., was in a Keesler classroom when 2nd Air Force's commander, Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, notified her that she had been selected one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen for 2006.

Sergeant Sewell, a personnel specialist with the 71st Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight personnel specialist, is attending 7-level school at Keesler.

Monthly formal retreat today

The 81st Mission Support Group conducts the monthly formal retreat ceremony, 5 p.m. today at the flagpole in front of wing headquarters on Chappie James Avenue.

In case of rain, ceremonies move to the next duty day.

Civilian shopping at commissary

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

Life insurance premium increases

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — July 1, the monthly premium for basic Servicemember's Group Life Insurance increased by 5 cents per month for each \$10,000 of coverage.

The increase, from 65 to 70 cents per month per \$10,000, is necessary for the program to remain in sound financial condition, while covering the cost of peacetime claims. Wartime SGLI claims are borne by the uniformed services, not by service members.

On the same date, family SGLI premiums decreased across the board by an average of 10 percent.

Astronaut leads space command

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

PETERSON Air Force Base, Colo. — Gen. Kevin Chilton assumed command of Air Force Space Command in a ceremony here June 26.

He succeeded Gen. Lance Lord, who retired April 1.

General Chilton is the first astronaut to earn a fourth star. He pinned on the rank of general in a promotion ceremony the morning of his assumption of command.

Airman dies in Iraq

Air Force Print News

COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER, Southwest Asia — An Airman assigned to the 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Camp Bucca, Iraq, died July 1 in a non-combat related incident.

The name and home unit of the deceased Airman is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification. The incident is under investigation.

Parking lot closes

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

In case of inclement weather, the lot's open.

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

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general said. “I’m grateful that we have such high-caliber Airmen in our Air Force who can step up to these challenges, and their continuous feedback is essential for leadership to be able to respond to any training or personnel issues that might arise. Second Air Force will ensure

CORRECTION

An article in the June 29 issue of the Keesler News misidentified 10 members of the 333rd Training Squadron selected for promotion to master sergeant as being from the 332nd TRS.

They are Gregory Earp, Melissa Faircloth, Brian Frazier, Janiece Hardy, Nevin Joplin, David Leggett, Glenda Mosby, Thomas O’Connell, Meoyskie Porter and Andrew Weldon.

all Airmen have an Air Force chain-of-command throughout their time in ILOT.”

ILOT is designed to develop a population of Airmen combat-ready and able to fulfill duties outside their normal Air Force specialty. Prior to deployment, Airmen tasked to augment certain Army missions receive combat skills training at one of 14 Army training locations now designated as power projection platforms.

Current Army PPPs include Camp Shelby, Miss.; Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; White Sands, N.M.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort McCoy, Wis.; Camp Attebury, Ind.; Fort Dix, N.J.; Aberdeen, Md.; Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Fort Benning, Ga.

Typical skill sets taught during ILOT include enhanced combat weapons proficiency, land navigation and global positioning satellite, expanded self-aid and buddy-care called “combat lifesaver,” detecting and responding to improvised explosive devices

and a host of other current tactics determined to be relevant to certain theaters of operation.

Theater-specific training might vary, depending on the location of an Airman’s pending deployment.

“What we are trying to do here is train Airmen to do missions and roles they weren’t traditionally used to, because they’re helping their buddies in another service,” said Army Col. John Hadjis, commander of 3rd Brigade, 87th Division Training Support, at Camp Shelby.

“We developed this training out of what is commonly called ‘theater immersion,’ which is a philosophy of take the Soldier, take the Sailor, take the Airman and train him or her to fight in the same conditions and same missions as they would expect to see in-theater.”

Second Air Force officials said the training initiatives will be fully implemented by Sept. 30. A team from 2nd Air Force and a Central Command Air Forces Personnel Support

for Contingency Operations element, received and prepared 183 Airmen beginning training at Camp Shelby.

“When you get down here, things are a little hectic, but as time moves on, you’re getting into the training,” said Staff Sgt Matt Leas, a marketing information manager for the 364th Recruiting Squadron, Sacramento, Calif. “Some of it is intense — a lot of time (in small arms training) — which is good

“It’s good to work with the Army to find out what we’ll be doing down-range. The instructors are good — they really know their stuff, and that’s really what we’re looking for down here.”

Colonel Hadjis said the training was designed to improve competencies in essential combat skills.

“The training is built on 41 individual tasks and nine collective tasks — tasks an Airman would do as part of a team,” he said. “They’re centered around competencies and warrior skills like shooting, communicating, taking

care of your buddy, and surviving, dealing and negotiating in the culture you’re going to be in.”

Colonel Hadjis said the training exemplifies the concept of taking care of people, as military personnel in all services face non-traditional combat environments with “no front lines.”

“I think it’s the best possible example of taking care of folks, because we’re making them as ready as they possibly can be to succeed at their mission, safeguard their people and come home in good shape,” he said.

General Gould said he applauds the ability of today’s Airmen to adapt in overcoming the challenges of ever-changing combat environments.

“Today, more than ever, our Airmen are warriors,” the general said. “I am proud to be associated with Air Force people who are so devoted to defending our great nation while being true team players, even when it means stepping outside their normal duties and specialties.”

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.

Direct authority for civilian hiring

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Direct hire authority provides Air Force managers the capability to hire employees when the Office of Personnel Management determines a severe candidate shortage or critical hiring need exists.

Working with civilian personnel flight specialists, the program allows managers to recruit and hire applicants from the general public, whether or not potential employees have current or previous civil service experience or have served in the military.

"Normally, hiring is not limited to specific occupational series, and recruitment is dependent upon vacancies managers need to fill," said Cynthia Counts, chief of Civilian Field Employment Division 4.

"Through direct hire, managers can be proactive in using the program to post information regarding direct hire opportunities, and since direct-hire positions are deemed hard-to-fill, managers should consider the use of recruitment bonuses and/or relocation expenses as an incentive to fill these jobs," Ms. Counts said.

Direct-hire authority exists for nurses, medical officers, diagnostic radiologist technicians, pharmacists, police officers, specific information technology management and some engineers.

Managers may post information about direct hire opportunities and solicit applications through their local state employment offices and local newspapers. This proactive approach will expedite the recruitment process.

For installations serviced by the Air Force Personnel Center, open continuous announcements are posted to the OPM employment Web page at USA JOBS. Managers may also check the AFPC Directorate of Civilian Force Integration's employment Web page at Direct Hire.

Data theft protection resources

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For the latest information on this issue and for information on how to protect against identity theft, visit First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal, or call the VA call center, 1-800-333-4636.

Force shaping preparations

In preparation for the next officer force shaping board in the spring, officers are encouraged check their education levels in the virtual military personnel flight.

To correct errors, e-mail Air Force Institute of Technology's Academic Coding Branch, afit.coding@afit.edu, or send an official transcript from the college or university to AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

Emergency data cards

A recent law requires Airmen to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The designation becomes part of the member's record of emergency data. Most Airmen add the information to their virtual RED by following the instructions in the virtual military personnel flight.

Deployed personnel contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their records.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

The image shows the front page of the Keesler News newspaper. The masthead at the top reads "KEESLER NEWS" in large, bold, serif letters. Below the masthead, there is a date and issue information: "Volume 10, Number 10, October 1, 2005". The main headline is "Base improves safety record in fiscal 2005" in a large, bold font. To the right of this headline is a photograph showing a group of people walking on a paved area, possibly a runway or tarmac. Below the main headline is a sub-headline: "Their first look at Keesler". To the left of the main headline is a smaller headline: "Congress reviews new civilian personnel system". The page is filled with columns of text and several smaller images and graphics.

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Tricare

Defense Department's health care plan enhances benefits for military, retirees

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Department of Defense continues to enhance the Tricare benefit while providing cost-effective health-care for 9.2 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide.

Enhancements for this year include:

Colorectal cancer screening for beneficiaries age 50 and older who are at normal risk.

The Tricare Reserve Family Demonstration Benefit extension through Oct. 31, 2007, with a proposal to make it permanent.

Medically necessary obstetrical ultrasounds, which Tricare cost-shares separate from the delivery fee.

Dental implants and related prosthetics covered at a 50-percent cost share under the new Tricare Dental Program Contract that began Feb. 1.

"Since its inception more than a decade ago, Tricare continues to provide an increasingly comprehensive health care plan to uniformed service members, retirees and their families," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We must work to ensure this quality benefit remains a comprehensive benefit for all eligible beneficiaries."

In addition to DOD initiatives to improve the Tricare benefit this year, Congress legislated other program changes through its annual authorization known as the National Defense Authorization Act. NDAA authorized a number of additions to the Tricare program, effective Oct. 1, to include:

Expansion of the Tricare Reserve Select health plan offered for purchase by qualified National Guard and Reserve service members.

Enhanced mental health services such as additional coverage for post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, and mental health conditions; and development of plans addressing regional PTSD and mental health challenges.

Extended coverage under Tricare Prime for surviving children whose sponsor dies while serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days. Eligible beneficiaries should save their receipts for care received from Oct. 7, 2001, and submit them for reimbursement upon full implementation of this benefit.

Expansion of the Tricare Dental Program survivor benefit to include the surviving active duty spouse if both spouses are on active duty when one of the spouses dies; and the surviving spouse enrolls in the TDP after retirement or separation within three years of the death.

ROTC cadets and midshipmen on orders,

No more paper claims for retail drug refills

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tricare beneficiaries with other health insurance no longer have to file paper claims for prescriptions filled at most retail pharmacies.

Retail pharmacists can immediately submit electronic claims to Tricare when beneficiaries purchase medications.

"It is a great example of how collaboration with our pharmacy contractor significantly enhances our pharmacy program," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "This new process will significantly reduce the hassle factor for our beneficiaries."

Beneficiaries may still submit paper claims from pharmacies that don't yet participate in this new system.

Previously, Tricare paid claims for beneficiaries with other health insurance through a manual process. Tricare required the beneficiary to mail a claim form and their receipt to Express Scripts Inc., the pharmacy contractor.

The new process allows a pharmacy to receive Tricare's payment before requesting a co-payment from the beneficiary. In many instances, the beneficiary can leave the pharmacy with less out-of-pocket expenses and no requirement to file a claim.

Beneficiaries and pharmacies are pleased with the program.

"The ability to coordinate Tricare claims has been very positive for our pharmacy," said Joe Amaro, a pharmacist at Allen Drugs in Jones County, N.C. "Our customers are grateful when we inform them that they don't have to fill out any paperwork."

who have not yet reported for their initial period of active duty and are uninsured, may qualify for medical and dental care as an active-duty service member. Eligible beneficiaries should save their receipts for care received from Jan. 6 and submit them for reimbursement upon full implementation of this benefit.

For the most up-to-date information on the current benefit and changes, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

Give the gift of life — give blood.

Mental health task force mandated by Congress

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The formation of a congressionally directed task force to examine matters related to mental health and the armed forces was announced by Defense Department officials.

“This is an extremely important effort involving a collaboration of DOD, federal and private sector experts in mental health,” said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The Mental Health Task Force, comprised of seven DOD members and seven non-DOD members, submits a report to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in May. It includes assessments and recommendations for improving the efficacy of mental health services provided to service members by DOD and begins meeting in July.

“High on the list will be steps for improving the awareness of potential mental health conditions among service personnel and ways to improve the access and efficacy of our existing programs,” Dr. Winkenwerder said.

Congress directed the establishment of the task force as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2006.

The Army surgeon general, Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, and a non-DOD representative, to be elected by the task force membership, co-chair the task force.

“Because of the very challenging timeline established for the task force to do its work, the Armed Forces Epidemiology Board supports and serves as its parent organization,” Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The AFEB is an ongoing independent scientific advisory committee to the secretary of defense through the assistant secretary for health affairs and the military surgeon generals.

Walls come tumbling down



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Luke May, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, uses an excavator to demolish Building 6703, the munitions storage facility on Ploesti Drive Tuesday. The facility was swamped by Hurricane Katrina's storm surge from Biloxi's Back Bay to the north. The building, along with an asphalt road and an old restroom facility, is being leveled to make room for a new \$1.3 million facility for munitions inspection and storage. The Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board approved the building site earlier this month. Some revisions are still being made to the plan.

Service station closes retail store, repair bays

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The retail store and service bays at the base service station close Monday as the second phase of construction of a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service complex begins, according to Daniel Schmidt, general manager.

The \$5.9 million project, expected to be completed sometime next summer, includes a gas station, car care center, shoppette, Class Six and fast-food outlet with drive-up service.

"At some point during this phase, we'll have to shut down the gas pumps for several days, but we don't have a firm date yet," Mr. Schmidt pointed out. "Right now, we're only closing the service bays. Once the old pumps are closed, we'll probably only have four new pumps available while construction

continues. The building will be turned over, but the timing of it all being done has changed a little."

AAFES customers can order Bridgestone, Goodyear, Michelin and Firestone tires at the Class Six/Four Seasons, Building 1704, 607 Meadows Drive.

"AAFES is the middle man," Mr. Schmidt explained. "Customers pick up the tires and have them installed at specific off-base locations."

Bridgestone, Firestone and Michelin tires — Joe's Garage, 1811 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-8455, or Bobby Tyson's Tire and Automotive, 2701 Bienville Blvd. (Highway 90), Ocean Springs, 872-2932.

Goodyear tires — Goodyear Auto Service Center, 2585 Pass Road, Biloxi, 388-0942.

Dealerships charge \$14.99 per

tire for mounting, balancing and valve stems.

A road hazard warranty may be purchased through AAFES for \$7.95 per tire at time of sale, plus an additional 10 percent charge for tires more than \$150. Customers should review the warranty for specifics.

The tire service agreement covering free rotations and balancing isn't available at this time.

Customers with existing tire service agreements can go to Joe's Garage with their tire service agreement and military identification card. Customers without tire service agreements can use any location of their choice, but Joe's Garage will repair a tire for \$9.99 and rotate and balance for \$30.00 with a military ID.

Prices are subject to change, and customers should ask about current prices at the time of purchase.



Blood donor center opens new facility

By Jill Peterson

81st Medical Support Squadron

Today at 1 p.m., a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of Keesler's new Armed Services Blood Program donor center in the Arnold Annex, adjacent to the temporary lodging facility.

The center, one of only three ASBP centers in the Air Force, enables Keesler donors to give blood on a regular basis. The other locations are at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Lackland AFB, Texas.

ASBP is a joint-services mission that provides blood for American armed forces at home and abroad.

Blood donations through the ASBP benefit the military community and provide direct, immediate impact to support the global war on terror and ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ASBP donors help ensure the blood is available to the military community. More than 79,000 blood products are transfused at military hospitals each year.

The military has transfused more than 68,000 blood products in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Soon after Hurricane Katrina, the blood center began handling processing and blood distribution in a temporary shelter, rather than the former location in Keesler Medical Center's laboratory.

The 81st Training Group provided a room in Bryan Hall for a drawing location.

The staff sets up blood drives on base and throughout the region. The staff travels to other bases, such as Tyndall AFB and Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., and Maxwell AFB, Ala. The team has also participated in joint drives at the U.S. Military Academy in New York and the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

To learn more about donating blood or to schedule a donation appointment, call Jill Peterson, blood donor recruiter, 377-9324 or 251-367-4468.

Careful now ...



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airmen Basic Kevin Morton, left, and Kevin Curl, 334th Training Squadron, unpack furniture Monday at the Salvation Army warehouse in Biloxi. Students spent the day unpacking and assembling furniture donated by the Rooms to Go outlet to be distributed to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Despite stormy start, 'Katrina baby' thrives

Editor's note: Due to a mechanical malfunction during the press run for the June 29 issue of the Keesler News, several lines of text were dropped from the following article. It's reprinted in its entirety here.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

No, her name isn't Katrina.

Sage Madison Post's dramatic birth at Keesler Medical Center during a cesarean section by flashlight as Hurricane Katrina stormed ashore became an inspirational story in the tumultuous days after the storm.

However, without the family's consent, federal regulations to protect the privacy of personal health information kept many details of the birth from being released.

A handwritten note and photos slipped under the door of the 81st Training Wing's public affairs office almost 10 months later filled in the blanks of the family's story.

"I started carrying around a copy of Sage's birth certificate because people acted like they didn't believe me when I told them about her delivery during Katrina," said Stephenie Post, wife of Senior Airman Aaron Post, 81st Transportation Squadron.

Scrambling for shelter

The Posts and their then-2-year-old daughter, Austin, joined other expectant parents who sheltered at Keesler Medical Center. Mrs. Post was 39 weeks pregnant and scheduled for a repeat cesarean section Aug. 30, the day after the hurricane pounded Keesler.

"We watched the trees in the wind through little windows as the storm blew in," she remembered. "Before the power went out, we were watching TV and playing Xbox to keep from getting bored."

When the storm surge flooded the medical center's basement, the generators became inoperable and left the facility without power. Families had to drag their belongings upstairs in the dark to safety.

Tripping with a toddler

Mrs. Post carried Austin while her husband carried a portable crib and their hurricane supplies. Mrs. Post tripped with the toddler in her arms and her water broke, triggering labor.

"I had never experienced labor before," Mrs. Post explained. "My first two deliveries were planned C-sections, so I never experienced labor before."

Her first daughter, Brittney, who was born six years ago, "is in heaven now," she added.

The Posts and the medical team had decisions to make. There was no



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Life is getting back to normal for the Post family, now settled in a home on South Court Street in North Pinehaven military family housing area.

way to air-evac Mrs. Post because of the high winds. She could have proceeded with a vaginal delivery, but she'd been advised to have a repeat C-section. There are certain risks involved with any surgical procedure, even under optimal circumstances.

When Mrs. Post opted for the C-section, a team of about 50 medics and support personnel prepared the makeshift delivery room in the intensive care unit, performed the surgery and ensured the health and safety of the mother and child.

The ICU had windows where the afternoon sun provided some illumination.

Equipment had to be pushed about 500 feet down the dark hallways from the delivery room to the ICU. After furniture and equipment were rearranged, the floor was scrubbed and the walls were cleaned with anti-septic wipes to sanitize the area as much as possible. Sheets were taped up over the unit's windows to provide some sense of privacy.

"I wasn't really scared about the delivery — I was confident that these people knew what they were doing," Mrs. Post insisted. "But I was in a lot of pain, and I was ready for it to be over with."

The tiny room was packed with medics for the delivery, some holding

industrial flashlights to provide as much illumination as possible.

For the second time, Airman Post couldn't be present for his child's birth. When Austin was born, he was stationed in Korea. The makeshift delivery room was too crowded this time, so he waited down the hall with Austin.

"Considering what we were going through, the medical team was great," Mrs. Post said. "One lady was talking to me, putting me at ease and telling me everything that was going on."

The darkness, heat, humidity and lack of ventilation presented challenges during the delivery, but the medics did what they could to keep Mrs. Post comfortable.

The 8-pound, 9-ounce baby girl arrived at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 29. Not long after the storm had passed, the Posts and other medical patients were transported via a C-130 to Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, for follow-up care.

"We weren't allowed to return to our home to see what the storm had done or to get any of our things before we left," Mrs. Post noted. "After we were given the OK, we went to Oregon to stay with our families until things settled down."

The family's home in Harrison Court was flooded by Katrina's storm surge. They were able to salvage their bed-

room furniture and some of their clothing that was upstairs, but everything on the first floor was ruined.

"And we had moved a lot of things downstairs so that I wouldn't have to keep running up and down the stairs late in my pregnancy," Mrs. Post added.

The Post family moved into a vacant home in North Pinehaven that wasn't affected by the hurricane and began to put their lives back together. Their insurance covered the depreciated value of their possessions, not the replacement cost, but proceeds from a lawsuit that had been pending for several years finally came through and enabled them to replace their household belongings.

Mommy's hair, daddy's eyes

The baby's unusual name, Sage Madison, was chosen because Mrs. Post "wanted something original that wasn't hard to spell or pronounce. I let Aaron pick Austin's name because he was overseas when she was born."

Sage has her mom's dark hair and her dad's eyes and chubby cheeks. In spite of the stormy circumstances surrounding her birth, she has a sweet, sunny disposition.

"The people at the child development center just love her," said Mrs. Post, who's now attending a beauty college in Gulfport. "And Austin has learned so much there — she and Aaron just went to Oregon for three weeks to visit our families, and when she was around a cousin who was a little older than she was, it was obvious just how much she's learning at school."

Ready to move on

An assignment nearer Oregon and away from hurricane country may be the deciding factor in whether Airman Post re-enlists or not. He's been in the Air Force almost seven years and at Keesler nearly two years, working as an auto paint and body technician. He says he's acquired a lot of skills that will serve him well, whether he remains in the military or reenters the civilian work force.

The Posts have a boat and enjoy water activities, but "I really miss snowboarding and winter sports," Airman Post pointed out.

"We wanted everyone to know that with all of the horrible things that Katrina did to Keesler, something really good came out of it — our daughter," Mrs. Post remarked. "She's a very happy, healthy baby, and her sister loves having a playmate. Trying to recover what we lost has been hard work and has kept us very busy, but we want to thank everyone who's helped our family."

DAPS evolves as printing technology advances

Defense Logistics Agency

The Document Automation and Production Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, has served the Department of Defense for more than 55 years. Some simply call DAPS the "DOD's printer" or the "quick-copy guys". DAPS has evolved to be much more than that basic description implies.

DAPS provides best-value document services ranging from traditional offset printing, through on-demand output, to online document services through its 175 service facilities primarily located on U.S. military bases in 10 countries. The agency outsources nearly 70 percent of the DOD's document requirements through more than 400 commercial service contracts, including the Government Printing Office.

DAPS services include building of digital document libraries for online access, converting paper documents to standard digital formats and providing multifunctional devices that print from networks, copy, fax, and scan in customer workspaces.

"Online document services are now the largest part of our business," said DAPS director Steve Sherman. "They've increased by 114 percent in the past seven years."

Services include:

The Electronic Document Management Service assists the Defense Distribution Center in electronically capturing, processing, managing and storing millions of documents used in supplying U.S. military units worldwide.

The Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System is a document management and digital library providing Web access to all current military and federal specifications and standards referenced in DOD contracts. There are more than 47,000 active specification and standard documents online, with more than 15 million Web site "hits" each month at <http://assist.daps.dla.mil/online>.

DAPS Online allows customers to shop, order and obtain status of job delivery and accounts from their desktop. About 37 percent of DAPS orders are submitted digitally, and soon the service will include digital proofing of documents online.

Electronic document management builds digital document libraries with online access. DAPS established three centers of excellence to provide shared customer support for this service.

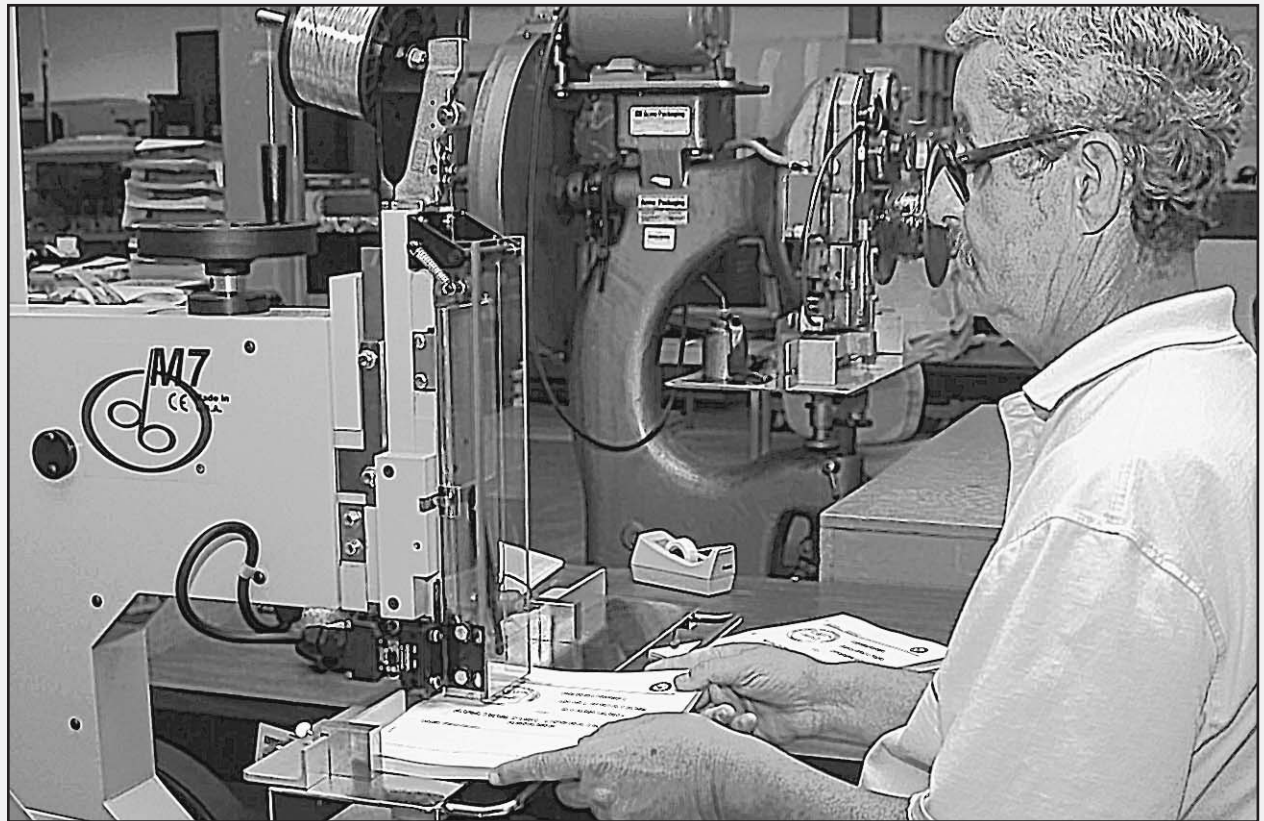
Distribution and print services send standard digital document files to DAPS production facilities with output on demand in hours to days, depending on the size of the job.

Equipment management solutions provide more than 44,000 pieces of output and scanning equipment directly into customer workspaces.

DAPS document conversion services is the federal government's leader in converting paper documents to digital files, with nearly half a billion pages converted in the past seven years.

Document assessments conduct inventories of office copiers, printers, faxes and scanners to determine current cost and make money-saving recommendations ranging from between 8 and 41 percent.

For more information on services and locations on DAPS, call 1-877-327-7226 or visit <http://www.daps.dla.mil>.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Copier operator Jim Moyer staples course booklets after printing at the Keesler DAPS facility.

5-member team keeps Keesler shop humming

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's Document Automation and Production Service facility, located just north of Wall Studio, is staffed by five employees, according to Carol Hazzard, document automation specialist supervisor.

"Most of our jobs consist of training manuals and items for classes held here at Keesler," Ms. Hazzard explained. "We also print forms, change of command programs, brochures and any other black and white or color printing needed by our customers. We also offer a variety of finishing solutions, including tape and comb binding.

"Most Keesler personnel are aware of our online services, but we want to get the word out about all of the services and products we provide," she continued. "Our goal is to offer document solutions to meet all of our customers' business needs."

Ms. Hazzard said online services have changed the way DAPS does business with its customers. Customers don't have to hand-carry their print



Ken Dellenger Jr., duplicator copier operator leader, uses a 30-station collator to print, assemble and fold programs.

requests and originals to the Keesler facility, but can submit jobs and provide digital copies without leaving their desks.

"Digital documents also produce a better-quality printed

product," she pointed out. "Our online capability offers a time-saving and convenient way to manage documents and submit printing orders."

Customers can also access their accounts to check billing and funding and to check the status of their jobs 24/7. To place orders online, register at <https://www.pcola.daps.dla.mil>. For assistance with registration, call Annie Azevedo, 377-4058.

"Most of the printing submitted to the Keesler facility is printed on site, but we have other locations that can provide printing and document solutions that aren't provided here," Ms. Hazzard said. "Our New Orleans location can produce spot color and overprinting of invitations and envelopes.

"DAPS also has resources through commercial businesses to ensure that our customers' requirements are fulfilled economically and efficiently," she added. "We can provide equipment management solutions, document conversion, decals, large document printing and lamination."

For more information, call 377-4057, 2612 or 2782.

KEESLER NOTES

81st MSS closure

The 81st Mission Support Squadron closes at noon today for an official function.

The student personnel center is minimally staffed.

The military personnel flight is open only for regularly-scheduled outprocessing at 2 p.m. There's no 4 p.m. short sheet briefing.

For emergencies, call Capt. Robert Roeckers, 377-2908.

Top III brisket sale

The Top III's annual brisket sale is Aug. 4, with an Aug. 1 deadline for orders.

A \$5 purchase covers two barbecue sandwiches, chips, pickle and a soft drink. Meals are served at the unit level.

For list of ticket sale representatives, see Miscellaneous

section of Digest, Page 25.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 81st SUPS, 377-9522.

Heart Link

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

Limited child care is available.

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

Keesler Thrift Shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop is located in the former Chapel One building adjacent to Sablich Center.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Hurricane guides

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

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

Live Oak dining hours

Live Oak Dining Facility's new hours are 5:15-7:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. weekdays.

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.

Permanent party enlisted personnel are authorized to dine in any of the dining facilities during all hours of operation. Officers, enlisted and civilians on official temporary duty orders for training can use the Live Oak, Azalea and Magnolia dining facilities.

Gate hours

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

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is 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 operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tax office

The 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.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Rally time

Club shows motorcycle riders 'wheel' fun



Tony Exline, 336th Training Squadron, checks out a Yamaha venture motorcycle at the motorcycle rally at marina park, June 29. The Keesler Riders Association sponsored the event to help bring in new members. The club for motorcycle riders and enthusiasts meets once a month, and the more experienced riders act as mentors to novice riders.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Mike Kesterson, left, 81st Training Support Squadron, shows off his FLX TI soft tail Harley Davidson to Bobby West, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, during the rally.



Ronney Spradlin, 81st Transportation Squadron, shines his Harley Davidson Road King.

SCORES AND MORE

Air Force Marathon

Participation — Air Education and Training Command fields men's and women's teams and four individual runners — two men and women each — for the 10th annual Air Force Marathon Sept. 16 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Keesler active-duty personnel who want to be nominated for the event must complete an Air Force Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, and submit it to Matthew Ochoa at the Blake Fitness Center no later than July 20.

Organizers for the event also needs volunteers beginning Sept. 6 to hand out T-shirts, help set up the race and more.

For more information on the marathon, go to <http://www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

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.

Free water aerobic classes — 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Triangle pool.

Towel service discontinued — Towel service at the Blake and Dragon Fitness Centers is discontinued as of July 1.

Customers must supply their own towels when using the centers.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 377-7858.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Carts available for rental, \$10 per person.

Keesler/Home Depot scramble golf tournament — 1 p.m. July 21, Gulf Hills Country Club, Ocean Springs. Two-person select shot, \$40 per person. Fee includes green fee, cart, lunch, and prizes. Limited to 50 teams.

For more information and to register, call 348-7589 or 990-3708.

Area course support — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and Great Southern golf courses are offering reciprocal playing privileges to current members of the Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Bay Breeze members must show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster. Once their names are verified, members only pay the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

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

Outdoor recreation

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

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

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

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

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

Private charter deep sea fishing trips — \$600 boat rental includes the captain and all tackle needed to fish. \$100 deposit at time of reservation, balance due day of the trip. Minimum one person, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — is necessary before renting a boat.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Pools

Main pool — open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays. Water aerobic classes are held 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lap swimming is available at any time.

Water aerobics is available for those with a pool pass 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those without a pool pass must pay a fee to participate.

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

Softball

Editor's note: All games are at the Triangle softball fields.

Intramural

Final regular season standings

American League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
332nd TRS	9	2	0
81st CES-A	9	3	0
CNATTU-A	9	3	0
81st MDSS-A	9	3	0
81st CS	8	4	0
333rd TRS	7	5	0
MARDET-B	6	6	0
335th TRS	6	6	0
81st TRSS	5	7	0
Firefighters	3	9	0
338th TRS-B	2	9	1
81st TRNS/SUPS	2	9	1
81st MDOS	2	11	1

National League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
403rd Wing	11	1	0
85th EIS	10	2	0
MARDET-A	10	2	0
81st SFS	8	4	0
USCG	7	4	0
USS Mesa Verde	6	6	0
81st MSS	5	7	0
338th TRS-A	4	8	0
81st MSGS	4	8	0
81st CES-B	4	8	0
CNATTU-B	3	9	0
81st MDSS-B	3	9	0
HQ, 2nd AF	2	9	0

Youth center

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.

Three-on-three soccer — accepting late registration for ages 5-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 377-4116.

CORRECTION

The June 29 Keesler News misidentified Shawn Fuller, son of Michael and Ricki Fuller, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Pool reopens



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Kyle Sheldon, left, 2, wades with the help of his mother, Jennifer Sheldon, at the main pool on Meadows Drive June 29. The main pool reopened June 23 after closing due to paint clouding up the water. Kyle's father is Mark Sheldon, 81st Operations Support Flight. The pool is open daily except Mondays from noon to 7 p.m.

12 teams compete for 2006 base softball title

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Now the fun begins.

Twenty-six teams began the 2006 Keesler intramural softball season in hopes of becoming the best softball team on base.

After a two-month regular season, the double-elimination tournament began Wednesday with 12 teams vying for the Keesler championship.

The best team in either league, the 403rd Wing, heads the list of playoff teams from the National League.

The 403rd Wing lost only one of its 12 games this year on the way to the regular season crown.

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, the Marine Corps Detachment-A team, the 81st Security Forces Squadron,

the USS Coast Guard Pirates and Mesa Verde round out the other National League qualifiers.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A team is one of six teams from the American League that earned a spot in the tournament.

The engineers were the 2005 tournament champions and finished second in this year's regular season standings with a 9-3 record.

The other five teams from the American League are the regular season champion 332nd Training Squadron, the Center for Naval Technical Training Unit-A team, the 81st Medical Support Squadron-A team, the 333rd TRS and the 81st Communications Squadron.

The championship game date has yet to be determined.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Glen Arnau, Joshua Bearinger, Christopher Chamberlin, Arron Clark, Winston Edward, Wolfgang Haeger, Willie Harrell, Christopher Harris, Nathan Hicks, Kenneth Human, Sabastian Jardine, Demetrius Jonson, Isaiah Kidd, John Kim, Brando Li, Jerred Lute, Justin McVey, Chad Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Michael Morris, Robert Patterson, Andrew Schloemer, Devon Suits, Daniel Tabb, Ronald Thomas, Alphonso Williams and Steven Yones; Airmen Patrick Butler, Aaron Gemalsky, Joshua Juskewitch, Larry Noonan, Christopher Schreiber and Yosuf Rahmatullah; Airmen 1st Class Jason Allen, Van Brewer, Jeremiah Bro, Timothy Criag, Anthony Cross, Mark Mayle, Peter Parker, Cyrus Perry, Eddie Sharp, Lonnie Stover and Melissa Wendt Senior Airmen Jon Blewett, Daniel Gruber, John Ludlow, Christopher Manley, Brandi Nealis, Brian Nichols and Abadia Torres; Staff Sgts. Lewis Banks, Richardo Camacho, Clayton Herron, Sean Mardis, Yi Cheng Pan Scott Richardson and Johnathan Willis; Army Sgt. Meter Zlokas; Tech. Sgt. Albert Medina; Senior Master Sgt. Watcharin Sai-in; Capt. Cho Yu Lee; Maj. Gazia Al Shawabkeh.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Travis Beeh, Alexander Benson, Jose Cisneros, Joshua DeWitt, Derin Ercin, Robert Ervin, Matthew Franklin, James Gerhardt, Devin Hennessy, Travis Hobbs, Jim Hulett, Ronald Hutchins, Autumn Knight, Geoffrey Stillwell, Jessica Stull and Jessica Witzke; Airmen Christopher Story; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Castrechino, Timothy Clark, Craig Evans, Joshua Harsh, Sohnia Henderson, Douglas Prawitt and Christopher Wilson; Senior Airmen Adele Brewer, Scott Close, James Deaton, Tyler Parsons and Laree Williams; Staff Sgt. Sean Thompson; Senior Master Sgt. Ya Ling Hou.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Justin Carlie, Mayra Estrada and Richard Pacelco; Senior Airmen Edward Savage; Airmen 1st Class Yelitzia Disla and Samantha Yeanish; Tech. Sgts. Janine Henderson; Shalisa Magee and Dorthy Wilson.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kimber Anson, Javier Guarderas, Diana Kahookele, Maurice Morrell, Kimberly Peck, William Suys and Micha Vickers, Airmen 1st Class Aleshia Bradford, David Graham and Andrea Murcia; Senior Airmen Sandra Memmel; Staff Sgts. Andrew Beeman, Benjamin Burreis, Matthew Dehart, Michael Heninger, Gasper

Persio and Bryan Thomas; Tech. Sgts. Ursula Howard, Monica Self and Larhonda Wells.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Jenna Takara; Marine Pvt. William Allen; Airmen Jacob Callahan, Weston Dahl, Joseph Edie, Quinn Halverson, Laura Groh, Courtney Johnson, Daniel Murphy, James Pann and William Yttre; Airmen 1st Class Casey Fletcher, James Gragg and Heather Tobin; Navy Airmen Timothy Johnson, Adam Moszkowicz and Aaron Phillips; Senior Airmen Craig Dunbar and Dwight Upton; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard Gross; Staff Sgts. Roy Bock, David Crabtree, James Henderson and Aaron Loucks; Tech. Sgt. Jack McDonald; Master Sgt. Christopher Carlock; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Bartlett.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Evan Franklin, James Harris, Michael Roper, Bradley Self, Matthew Theerman and Jared Van Orman; Airmen Koby Cole, Michael Flanigen, Brian Muir and Mark Withers; Airmen 1st Class Jack Dervin, James Egan, Richard Pilcher and Anthony Warfield; Senior Airmen Michael Doria and Todd York; Staff Sgts. Robert Baker, William Blake, Brad Brophil, Joseph Dysert, Steven Maestas, Jason Oliver, Sara Rought, Delone Rush and Jeffrey Withers; Tech. Sgt. Melroy Simmonds; Maj. Sameer Thodan.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Christina Bowdin, Mixon Darcy, Laura Dessouza, Daniel Flores, Noah Gray, Max Gomez, Daniel Hadder, Justin Rivera, Jessica Williams and Demetri White; Airmen Brian Gosha and David Miguel; Airmen 1st Class Jermaine Campbell, Rosie Dao, Xiomara Diaz, Jordon Johns, Joshua Kramer, Cesar Ocasio, Roque Otero-Ostolaza and Julie Underwood; Senior Airmen Marcus Alexander, Amanda Prater, Tracey Stevens and Ryan King; Staff Sgt. Trent Anderson, Michael Chenevert, Angela Daniel, Jacobs Lashonna Jacobs and Teresite Ortiz; Tech. Sgt. Faith Testerman.

338th TRS

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Terrance Bullock, Nicholas Comtois, Jesse Crawford, Jacob Krekelberg, Jeremy Palmberg, Lance Swinney and Nathon Wheat; Airmen Patrick Dermady, Kevin Gibson and Edmon Lyons Jr.; Airmen 1st Class Bryan Branham II, Timothy Collins, Mark Connatser, Angus Coy, Michael Downs, Joseph Fields, Jeremy Holder, Charles Howard, Benjamin Long, Gregory Nyahay, Dallas Pauls, Jesse Rheault, Joan Rosario-Torres, Clinton Rowlands, Jereme Sampson and Jonathan Short; Senior Airmen Travis Oder, Manuel Rivera-Toro, Marko Salopek and Adam Shifrin; Staff Sgts. Michael Cassidy, Brian Hatfield, John Hayes, Rafael Lara, Jason Morris and Joshua Ward; Tech. Sgts. John Rabaz and Michael Stofko; Master Sgts. Willie Kinsey and Timothy Vance.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-E — Aug. 1-Sept. 7.
Class 06-F — Sept. 19-Oct. 27.
Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-5 — graduation 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

Youth craft camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. \$25 per week.

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

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first firing.
Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. July 22. For more information, call 377-2821.

Pottery workshop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22. \$15. Introduction to pottery and use of pottery wheel.

End of summer camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 29. Games, projects, refreshments.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Beginning Intarsia woodworking — 5 p.m. Friday or July 21. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced Intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or July 22. A new project each month.

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. July 26. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

Framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 28. \$25.

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

McBride Library

Orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic computer for senior citizens.

Story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26 and Aug. 2 and 9, ages 2-5.

Read club — 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 and Aug. 2 and 9, ages 6-12.

We are America — display throughout the month.

Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

Auto skills center

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

Auto air conditioners — serviced at a reasonable price.

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

Vehicle resale lot — corner of M and T Streets, adjacent to former Pecan Dining Facility. Buy, sell or trade privately-owned vehicles. For more information, call 377-2821.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Pirate party — 8:30 p.m. today. Costume contest, free pirate movies, food and beverage specials.

Strut your mutt day — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 21. Veterinary check-ups, contests, parade, prizes and refreshments.

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

Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1.

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

Youth center

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

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

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

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. today and July 27.

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

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

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

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

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

Game room tournaments — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

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

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

Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. July 20, ages 10 and older. Sign up by Wednesday. Parent must accompany child.

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

Summer camp/clinics registration — track and field, basketball, and cheerleading. Members \$25, nonmembers \$35. For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen extreme camps registrations — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ages 13-15. Understanding Me/Understanding You, Weird Science, Backyard Mississippi and Teen Warrior camp. Members \$55 per week, nonmembers \$65.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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

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

Computer use

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

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

Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

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

Tour to New Orleans Saints football game — Sept. 25 vs. Atlanta Falcons. \$60. Sign up by Sept. 19.

Brochures — information on area attractions.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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, 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, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on 146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle1rn@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

Friday — 7 p.m., The Breakup (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13); 7 p.m., The Omen (R).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The DaVinci Code (PG-13).

Keesler Medical Center phones

Editor's note: These 81st Medical Group phone numbers have changed as the new phone system is phased in:
81st Medical Operations Squadron command section — 376-3304.

Allergy clinic — 376-0391.

Audiology, speech pathology and ear, nose and throat — 376-0418 and 0419.

Cardiovascular — 376-6663.

Coumadin clinic — 376-3494.

Customer relations — 376-3092.

Dermatology — 376-0458.

Flight medicine — 376-3132, 3135, 3136 and 3137.

Life skills — 376-0383.

Medical law — 376-3008.

Nutritional medicine — 376-0466 and 0467.

Occupational and physical therapy — 376-0464.

Ophthalmology clinic — 376-0453.

Orthopedics — 376-0428.

Outpatient records — 376-4735.

Pharmacy refills — 376-1000.

Public affairs — 376-3018.

Radiology — 376-0481.

Surgery — 376-0424.

Thoracic surgery — 1-866-801-2266.

Triangle annex — 376-0324.

Tricare office — 376-4752.

Women's health — 376-0172.

Top III brisket ticket sales

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgt. John Dawson, 377-1337.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 377-3252.

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Bradley Waid, 377-3541.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Master Sgt. Eileen Boles, 377-3845.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Master Sgt. Lisa Ware, 377-6216.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3165.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. William Crawford, 377-0615.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Rod East, 377-3040.

81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Lew Hansen, 377-1452.

81st Services Division — Master Sgts. Andrea Turner, 377-1986, and Tim Dutton, 377-2940.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Charles Turner.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Charles Watson, 377-1129.

333rd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Glenda Mosby, 377-1919.

334th TRS — Master Sgt. Jerry Simer, 377-3024.

335th TRS — Master Sgt. Robert Marlett, 377-0344.

336th TRS — Master Sgts. George Arthur, 377-0931, and Brent Misita, 377-0931.

338th TRS — Master Sgt. Robert Rodriguez, 377-0694.

366th TRS Detachment 6 — Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Jennings, 871-2860.

Airman Leadership School — Master Sgt. Keith Davis, 377-2096.

Keesler NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Phillip Brandley, 377-8621.

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.