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Assistance drive gets first check



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton
Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, left, 81st Training Wing commander, makes out the first check for this year's Air Force Assistance Fund drive for Maj. Gregory Kendrick, 333rd Training Squadron, who serves as the installation project officer. Keesler's campaign kicked off Wednesday. The base raised more than \$44,000 last year and received more than \$2.1 million in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This year's goal is \$66,145. For a list of unit representatives, see Page 25.

Airman rescues man from overturned car

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

March 6, Airman 1st Class George Olivo III, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, received a phone call from his sick wife, Anna, asking him to take her to their physician.

Little did he know the drive to his Biloxi apartment would end up being a heroic event.

"I was driving westbound on Highway 90 behind a silver Pontiac when a Toyota truck veered into the Pontiac's lane," Airman Olivo said. "We were both in the right lane and the truck started pulling over and hit the Pontiac, forcing him off the road."

The Pontiac cut a hard right into concrete debris from Hurricane Katrina.

"All I remember seeing in my rearview mirror is the car doing flips in the air and landing on its top," he recalled.

After parking his car about a block away, he ran back to see if the driver needed assistance.

"The closer I got, the more I could see and smell gaso-



Airman Olivo

line," Airman Olivo said.

He said that at first he was afraid of getting too close to the car because he thought it was going to explode.

"Then I thought, 'What if he has a family?,' and that's when I rushed to the driver side of the car.

"I took my (battle dress uniform) top off, wrapped it around my fist and forearm, grabbed a rock and yelled at the man to move his face," the Airman said.

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This week in the Triangle

Keesler's newest technical training graduates

Airborne mission systems specialist apprentice course — 9 a.m. today, Dolan Hall.
Computer network and switching — 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Weather forecaster apprentice course — 10 a.m. Friday, weather training facility.
Computer systems programming craftsman — 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
Air traffic control radar — 10 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.
Aviation resource management — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.
Radio communications apprentice course — 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Basic instructor course — 2 p.m. Wednesday, Hewes Hall.



February Honor Flight

Student numbers

Non-prior service — 2,330
Non-prior service arrivals — 171
Temporary duty — 1,132
Guard, Reserve — 645
International — 3
Total — 4,281

10 master sergeants selected for 7th stripe

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton
Keesler Public Affairs

Ten Keesler Airmen have been selected for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Keesler had 160 eligible master sergeants, with a selection rate of 6.25 percent.

Air Force-wide, there were 1,303 master sergeants selected from the 15,104 eligible members, for a selection rate of 8.63 percent.

Keesler's selectees are:

332nd Training Squadron — Dean Ross.

334th TRS — James Groce and Philip Kreiser.

338th TRS — Scott Sippel.

81st Communications Squadron — James Howard and Randy Schneider.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Terry Augustine.

81st Mission Support Group — Sandra Lepine and Lori Orslene.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Cipriano Zarate.

Olivo,

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“He couldn’t hear me because he was screaming ‘Someone help me — I don’t want to die,’ but I went ahead and smashed the window open, and all I could smell were gas fumes that had filled the cab.”

After breaking the window, Airman Olivo unclipped the man’s seat belt and removed the remaining glass around the edges of the window.

“Then I started to pull him out, and boy, was he a little heavy!” he said. “I moved him about 20 feet away and put him on my BDU top and used my body as shade against the sun.

“The driver was in a panic, but I did my best to keep him calm. A few minutes later, the fire department, police and an ambulance showed up,” he said.

After the accident, Airman Olivo found out that the man’s name was Lonnie Hale and that he was treated and released from Biloxi Regional Medical Center March 8.

“I didn’t get to see him in the hospital to see how he was doing, but I thank God that he is still alive and has another chance at life,” Airman Olivo said.

Taking care of your troops — what's it mean to you?

By Chief Master Sgt. James Erwin

407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

ALI Base, Iraq — What does taking care of your troops mean to you? Does it mean giving in to every want, concern or need?

To me, it means to give the troop everything he needs to be successful. After all, they're the Airmen who'll replace today's leaders, and we owe it to them to make sure they're prepared. Troops need education, discipline, opportunities and role models.

Education is important to our young and upcoming Airmen. In some ways, they're already smarter than us.

Don't believe me? Grab a young Airman and a VCR, IPOD and computer and find out who gets at least two out of three working first.

Our Airmen need mentors to be competent and confident in their duties and the lifestyle of the Air Force. The philosophy I've been brought up with is to get qualified or certified on your duties first and then knock out your career development courses. These simple actions make new Airmen valuable members of the team — members who can be relied on to complete any task or assignment.

Challenge Airmen with the opportunity of off-duty education after they're duty-qualified and have proven themselves competent. This won't only benefit the Air Force but makes the Airmen more productive because they're doing something for themselves. With formal education, their thinking becomes clearer and their ability to communicate is enhanced, often reducing the workload of the supervisor.

I don't mean do the supervisor's work. Even if they make a career out of the Air Force, at some point they'll need to close that chapter in their life and walk into the civilian world. What a great feeling it is to know you've helped them along the way.

Troops also need discipline. When most people hear the word discipline, they immediately think of the old sergeant chewing out a troop or an Airman standing in front of the commander's desk receiving some form of administrative action. Unfortunately, there are times when these things are necessary and these actions aren't taken lightly. These actions can often be avoided if supervisors are actively engaged with their troops and encourage conduct that warrants rewards instead of punishment.

The side of discipline that goes unnoticed is the reinforcement or reward side. It doesn't take a lot of time to give a deserving Airman a pat on the back, type a quick thank-you note

or letter of appreciation or say thanks for a job well done in front of their peers and supervisors. Little things such as these are money in the bank for the leader who recognizes the individual's efforts and sets a marvelous example for the Air Force.

As Airmen grow, they need opportunities to enhance their skills. They need to be allowed to stumble, but not fall. Some experiences are best learned from failure and serve as tests of character.

This is a fine line supervisors need to monitor. Supervisors don't necessarily have to be right over the shoulder, but close enough to step in if things start to go off course or situations move too fast for the troop.

Experience is the best teacher; troops learn what to do and what not to do. Give them the opportunity to succeed. Even if they fail, they should learn something that makes them a little smarter and a little better prepared for the next time. No leader or supervisor has gotten where they are by being perfect.

Education, discipline and opportunities are all important, but to make sure Airmen understand the path, they need a map. They need role models. Often the role model is the immediate supervisor or trainer, but this is only the tip of the iceberg. Anyone who has more rank or time in the service automatically becomes a role model, and that's not always the best thing.

Positive role models are vital, not only for the Air Force to complete its mission, but to set the tone of what's expected from troops as they grow into the Air Force family. Supervisors and leaders need to set a positive example because the higher we move up the chain of command, the more closely we're scrutinized.

United States Air Forces Europe Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman told a group of new chief master sergeant selects, "Welcome to the top 1 percent. You are now living in a fish bowl. People will be watching you just to see what you do. They don't mean to, but they do. Because of the stripes you wear, you are the 'know all' of everything in the Air Force, and what you say and do will be considered gospel to some."

In a nutshell, there are good role models and bad ones; both can be positive learning experiences for the new Airman. They learn what not to do from the bad role models and they learn to do what's right from the good ones.

So, what does taking care of your troops mean to you?

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.

Thumbs up, Class 2006 Bravo!

Comment — Today, the instructors and students of Airman Leadership School Class 2006 Bravo completed the task of flying the state flags along Larcher Boulevard.

The Airmen I spoke with were enthusiastic, respectful, professional and keenly aware of the post-Hurricane Katrina symbolism of the flags being displayed again.

Response — Thank you for sharing your recognition of the efforts of our first Airman Leadership School class since Katrina.

The students wanted to do something to help bring back some normalcy, beautification and esprit de corps to Keesler.

It's nice to know their hard work and community spirit are noticed and appreciated by the rest of the base.

Why no hats, no salutes?

Comment — I'm concerned with the no-hat and no-salute policy at the child development center.

Every morning, I watch parents get out of their car without putting on their hats to drop off their children. It's the same in the evening when parents pick up their children.

I see parents wearing their hats and saluting as they take their children to and from the medical center, commissary, base exchange and off-base establishments, so I see no reason why the child development center should be an exception.

Response — The decision to designate the child development center a no-hat and no-salute area was a direct result of a quality of life council initiative last summer.

The policy allows parents to concentrate on the transportation, safety and well-being of their children without the hindrances of headwear or saluting. Because children can behave in unpredictable ways and due to the congestion at the child development center, it's prudent in this case to place their safety first.

Seat belts:

1) save lives,

2) are the law.

What's your excuse?

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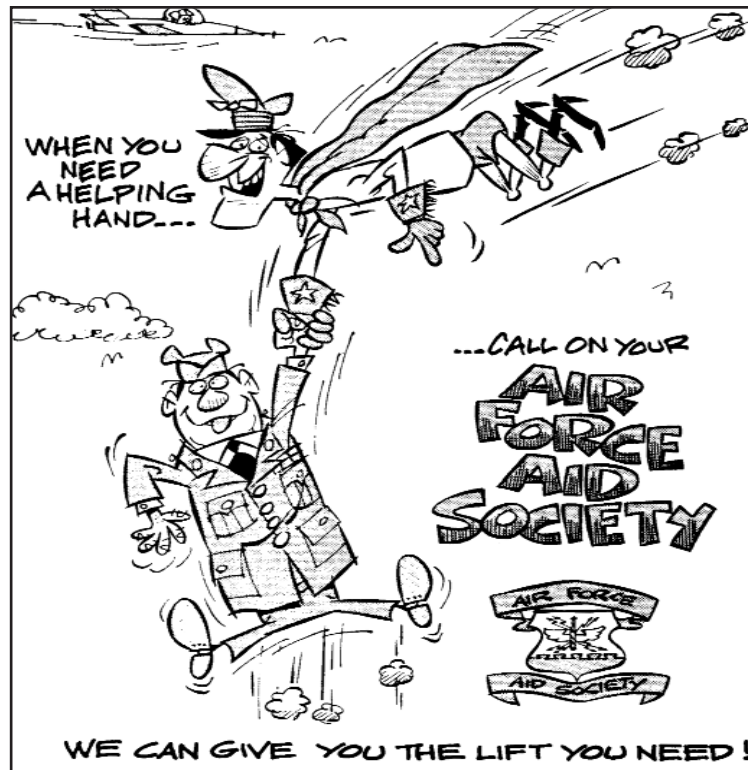
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Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...
a core value,
a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photo by Mike Jones

From left, Staff Sgt. Dorian Dejean, 332nd Training Squadron military training leader, and color guard members Airman Charles Roscoe, Airman 1st Class Kelvin Craig, Airman Basic Shawn Corral and Airman 1st Class

Shawn Petri march in front of their squadron's 50-member state flag team in the North Bay Carnival Association's Mardi Gras parade in D'Iberville Feb. 26.

Keesler trainees serve as marching ambassadors

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When parades wind through the streets of south Mississippi communities, Keesler students are marching to represent the base and the Air Force.

Saturday at 2 p.m., a 50-member state flag team from the 334th Training Squadron marches in Biloxi's St. Patrick's Day parade, just the latest in a string of parade performances by the 81st Training Group's non-prior service trainees.

"We rotate parade details among all five non-prior service training squadrons," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Cavanaugh, superintendent of military training for the 81st Training Group. "If for some reason a particular squadron can't support an event, we take a few representatives from each squadron to fill the team."

"Our Airmen march in all the parades that don't impact their academic or military training days," explained Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, a military training leader who handles taskings for area

"They take a lot of pride in their performances, especially when they pass the crowds and everyone stops to clap and cheer for them."

— Sergeant Attaway

parades. "The requests come to us through public affairs after asking if the honor guard's color guard detail can support."

"We usually accommodate about eight parades a year," Sergeant Attaway continued. "The color guard we send usually consists of four Airmen, one with the American flag, one with the Air Force flag and two carrying rifles. On occasion, the sister serv-

ice flags can be carried by a joint service color guard. Often the team carries the 50 state flags as well."

"A couple of our military training flights received special recognition by these parade committees for their expert marching," Sergeant Attaway commented. "They take a lot of pride in their performances, especially when they pass the crowds and everyone stops to clap and cheer for them."

Jerry Taranto, 81st Training Wing community relations chief, stressed the impact the appearances have on relationships with surrounding communities.

"They reinforce Keesler's ties with our neighbors," Mr. Taranto pointed out. "Seeing our students involved in these events is an effective reminder that Keesler wants to be an integral part of our community."

"Our students benefit from knowing that they are representatives for this entire installation," Sergeant Attaway. "They're seen frequently by downtown folks as volunteers for cleanups and other humanitarian projects — it's just one more way our Airmen are positively impacting the community."

Security forces transformation: More than meets the eye

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a “refocus” on how his people train and fight.

“We’re not in the Cold War any more; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today’s reality,” the general said.

Essentially, security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force task force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches and individuals who threatened the base.

“Our Airmen are going ‘outside the wire’ to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe, not only for the folks stationed at

“Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack.”

— General Holmes

the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well, General Holmes said.

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques and in doing so, they’ll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

“We need to be prepared for a full-spectrum of threats against an airfield,” General Seip said. “We need to understand how they operate, so we’re working closely with the Army to identify ways to train our Airmen.”

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competen-

cies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DOD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field presents the opportunity for other Airmen to participate in installation security. While that doesn’t necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, the general said.

“Will every Airman be a cop? No.

But every Airman will be a warrior,” General Holmes said. “Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills.”

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

“Right now our folks are going out for 179-days,” he said. “It’s important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that.”

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

“We’re going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures, and the Air Force will be better for it,” Gen. Holmes said.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are:

ACT — June 8 for July 11 test.

SAT — April 13 for May 16 test.

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

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

To schedule, call 377-2323.

KOSC scholarships

Friday is the deadline to apply for the Keesler Officers Spouses Club's annual scholarship program.

The four \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships are for 2006 high school and home school

graduates and spouses of military members.

Eligibility requirements and application packages are available from area high school guidance counselors, the base education office, family support center, the Fishbowl Student Center, McBride Library and Keesler Thrift Shop.

For more information, call Shannon Sanders, 374-2368.

Technology expo

The 11th annual Information Technology Expo sponsored by the 81st Training Support Squadron is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 23 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino, Royal Ballroom A.

In addition to three 81st TRSS exhibits, at least 36 vendors are expected.

The free expo is open to

Department of Defense, government and contractor personnel.

For more information, call 1-877-332-3976.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Wing holds drill downs every other month, and student parades in alternate months.

Parades — 6 p.m. March 23 and Nov. 16; 7 p.m. May 18, July 14 and Sept. 21.

Drill downs — 8 a.m. April 21 and June 16; 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

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

Special duty briefing

Air Education and Training Command's special duty assign-

ment team conducts a briefing, 1:30-3-30 p.m. March 28 at Welch Auditorium.

The briefing is aimed at Airmen from all Air Force Specialty Codes interested in becoming a military training instructor, military training leader, technical training instructor or professional military education instructor.

Assignments are open to airmen first class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeant with less than 17 years service.

For applications or more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

ASMC scholarships

The Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers offers a \$1,000 scholarship to

an outstanding high school senior entering a collegiate financial or resource management course of study.

Application packages have been forwarded to area high school guidance counselors.

Application deadline is March 31. For an application or for more information, call Kristin Vollbrecht, 377-7013.

Pitsenbarger Award

Fall 2005 and spring 2006 Community College of the Air Force graduates are eligible for \$500 Pitsenbarger Awards from the Aerospace Education Foundation.

April 3 is the deadline for graduates pursuing bachelor's degrees to apply. Prior winners aren't eligible.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Look Mom! No hands! Hands-free phones required for drivers

Air Force Print News
and Keesler News staff

Keesler is following Air Force guidance concerning the use of cell phones while driving and violators could be fined or assessed points against their driving records.

Drivers aren't allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device.

This restriction also applies to all government owned vehicles at all times. No GOV drivers are permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device on or off base.

Joint Traffic Regulation, Air Force Instruction 31-218 (I), Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, restricts the use of cell phones while driving.

The Defense Department's joint traffic document states vehicle operators on a DOD installation and operators of GOVs shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Angela Rack, 403rd Wing
safety office, uses a hands-free device for cell phone use while driving.

Wearing any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices, except for hand-free cellular phones, while operating a

motor vehicle is prohibited.

Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles, and human speech.

DOD notes that when possible, activities such as eating and drinking and operating radios, compact disk players and global positioning equipment should be done only when the vehicle is safely parked.

Using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device is a primary offense, meaning violators can be stopped just for this offense. They're given three assessment points against their driving records or an appropriate fine.

Drivers should be aware that if two or more violations are committed, even on a single occasion, a ticket may be given for each violation.

For more information, call 377-3762.

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

Post-Katrina landscape renewal under way

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

Lately, the word "timber" has been a frequent warning at Keesler.

A project funded by Air Education and Training Command is removing more than 1,800 trees to help return the base to an environmentally-safe state, according to George Daniel, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron natural and cultural resource manager.

Keesler continues to assess the health and well-being of its trees as part of ongoing Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Modern geographic information system technology is being used to develop a management data base and tree management plan, Mr. Daniel said.

Tree-removal locations are all around the base, including military family housing areas.

The tree-removal project actually began immediately after the hurricane. Trees that were identified as an immediate danger or safety hazard began coming down in September.

Remaining trees are now being removed, and the base's policy is to replace them one-for-one. They'll be replanted in phases.

"The remaining trees were identified through a three-month Katrina Urban Forest Tree Inventory Survey by Tree City, USA," Mr. Daniel said. "These are classified as hazard trees posing a risk of danger to safety of the public."

Once the survey was conducted, the engineering and environmental flights of the 81st CES shared responsibility for the project.

"We also have a special project management office to help the base manage its recovery efforts," said Michael Ehrlich, 81st CES landscape architect. "The main contractors working on the tree removal are (Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency) contractors, Shaw, CH2MHill, North Wind and various (Air Force Contract Augmentation Program) contractors that work in the housing areas."

Tree removal, pruning, stump removal and ground restoration should take 60-120 days.

Mr. Daniel explained that the tree-removal process "goes far beyond landscape. It will definitely change and create a thinning of the base's tree canopy."

"It'll cost a lot to replace all the trees we've lost, but it's worth every penny spent," Mr. Ehrlich said.

IN THE NEWS

Fraudulent data requests

The Air Force Services Agency reports that fraudulent e-mails have been received by some club members asking for personal information about their card accounts.

"The e-mail looks official, but Chase Bank has confirmed that it's fraudulent and under no circumstances should recipients respond to it," said Don Cook, 81st Services Division chief.

For more information, call Jeanie Lessley, 377-8313.

Community survey available

The Keesler community survey began Monday and runs through March 31.

The anonymous Web-based survey takes less than five minutes to complete. It's intended to assess the needs of the base community, availability of resources, effectiveness of information flow and ways to improve morale.

It's for permanent-party active-duty members and their spouses, retirees and their spouses and civilian employees.

Access the survey at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>. For people who don't have a computer, survey sites are available at the military personnel flight and retiree activities office in old Cody Hall, the Keesler Thrift Shop, McBride Library and the Triangle Shoppette.

For more information, call Capt. Kristi DiVirgilis, 377-2308, or Maj. Teresa Roberts, 377-2179.

7-digit phone numbers coming

April 1, Keesler begins a seven-digit intrabase calling plan.

Customers dial 377-XXXX instead of 7-XXXX for base extensions. Units using modem services with on-base dial-up capability and phones with call-forwarding features must be reprogrammed to accommodate the new system.

Off-base, FTS and DSN dialing aren't affected.

For more information, call 377-2130.

Sidewalk closed

The sidewalk along Ploesti Drive leading to the turnstile entrance to Jeff Davis Elementary School remains closed until further notice for fence replacement, but the turnstile remains open and accessible.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Vivian Burgess, 377-5858 or 348-2697.

Physical training uniform wear

Air Force members are required to wear physical training shorts and T-shirts together, not mixed with other clothing, but the running suit may be worn in any combination or with civilian clothes.

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

PERSONNEL NOTES

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E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" to deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

AFOQT score reporting

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

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

Hurricane relief medals

Air Force Print News

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

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

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

Commander selection meetings

81st Mission Support Squadron

During May and June, Air Force Personnel Center hosts calendar year 2007 medical squadron commander candidate selection development team meetings.

Candidates are selected to fill C-prefix squadron commander positions scheduled to rotate in 2007. Many units are reorganizing to the new Air Force Medical Service flight path, and the goal of the meetings is to provide wing commanders enough qualified candidates to choose medical squadron commanders based on their new organizational structure.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

Force shaping

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

Sexual harassment reporting

The Air Force wants military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service's sexual harassment hotline.

AFPC operates the hotline to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949, or commercial 1-210-565-2949.

An AFPC call center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor.

Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT. After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages for emergencies.

At Keesler, Liz Waters is the sexual assault response coordinator. She can be reached at 377-8635, 8637 or 8638.

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LOVE STAR
Display members hand place America flag in front of base

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Display members hand place America flag in front of base

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Civilians also face severe penalties for DUI

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the last in a five-part series on alternatives to the unsafe and illegal use of alcohol, and the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol, underage drinking and providing alcohol to minors.

Legal actions for Keesler civilians driving under the influence of alcohol differ from those involving military personnel who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Any person not subject to the UCMJ, including dependents, civilian employees and contractor employees, who commits a first offense DUI on Keesler is normally considered to have committed a misdemeanor and generally appears before a U.S. magistrate judge," said Ted Jordan, special assistant United States attorney and attorney advisor for the base legal office.

"Since there is no federal DUI statute, the federal government assimilates the DUI (implied consent) provisions of the Mississippi Code and the range of punishments for DUI in federal court is the same as if the offense occurred in the civilian community."

Mr. Jordan said DUI punishments under Mississippi law vary with such factors as the age of the offender and whether or not the offender has prior DUI convictions.

"First and second offense DUIs are misdemeanors," he said. "However, a third offense is a felony and can result in a fine of \$2,000 to \$5,000, and one to five years years in state prison."

Possible legal actions against DUI offenders include suspension of their driving licenses for five years and seizure of their vehicle, according to Mr. Jordan.

"There is also a provision under

federal law which increases potential jail time if a person under 18, other than the offender, is present in the motor vehicle when the offense is committed," he said.

Non-affiliated civilian offenses for DUI rose considerably in January and February compared to 2005, according to 81st Security Forces Squadron officials.

"Our Air Force leaders care deeply about the well-being of non-affiliated civilians on base, as well as our military personnel," said Maj. Alexis Sotomayor, 81st SFS commander. "When anyone at Keesler drives under the influence, that person jeopardizes the safety of all."

Major Sotomayor defined "non-affiliated civilians" as temporary contract employees, visitors and non-Defense Department people who mistakenly approach one of the gates.

The 81st SFS logged six of these civilian offenses in January this year and three in February. In 2005, there was only one such DUI in January and none in February.

Keesler's top cop praised DOD, non-appropriated fund and affiliated civilian employees for their excellent record on DUIs.

"They had zero DUIs last year," said Major Sotomayor. "They deserve some praise."

The major stressed the long-term punitive ramifications of drinking and driving make it a risk not at all worth taking.

"Whether you are civilian or military, the consequences of DUI are severe," he said. "Choosing to drink and drive is a choice you'll eventually regret for a very, very long time."

Take precautions to avoid becoming ID theft victim

By Special Agent James Williams

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MCCONNELL Air Force Base, Kan. — Identity theft is an increasingly common occurrence. Two studies concluded that there were 7 million victims between June 2002 and 2003. The Federal Trade Commission number is closer to 10 million, but also includes credit card takeover.

According to the FTC, identity theft is the most common form of consumer fraud, with thefts totaling more than \$100 million from financial institutions, an average of more than \$7,000 per victim.

Since law enforcement agencies nationwide don't collect statistics often about ID theft, it's difficult to document the severity of the problem; however, the growth rate for this crime was estimated to be about 25 percent between 2003 and 2005. Estimates on losses range from \$100 million to more than \$1 billion.

With awareness comes the ability to avoid becoming a victim.

Despite your efforts to manage the flow of personal information or to keep it to yourself, skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to gain access to your data:

Personal information — Identity thieves obtain personal information from businesses or other institutions by stealing records or information while they're on the job, bribing an employee who has access to these records, hacking these records or conning information out of employees.

Mail — Thieves may steal mail, including bank and credit card statements, credit card offers, new checks and tax information.

Trash — They may rummage through household trash, the trash at businesses or public trash dumps in a practice known as "dumpster diving."

Credit reports — They may get credit reports by abusing their employer's authorized access to them, or by posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who may have a legal right to access.

Skimming — They may steal credit or debit card numbers by capturing the information in a data storage device. They may swipe your card for an actual purchase, or attach a device to an automatic teller machine where you may enter or swipe your card.

They may steal your wallet or purse or complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location.

Phishing — They may steal personal information from you through e-mail or phone by posing as legitimate companies and claiming that you have a problem with your account. This practice is known as "phishing" online, or pretexting by phone.

Here are tips on what to do if you lose your wallet or checkbook, as well as steps you can take now to prevent identity theft:

Order checks with your first initial instead of your full name and last name printed on them. A random person trying to use your checks won't know whether you sign your name or first initial last name, but your bank will know.

Use your work number and address instead of your home information on your checks.

Never have your social security number printed on your checks.

Photocopy, front and back, all of the contents of your wallet. It will be easier to account for items in your wallet if it's taken, as well as facilitate the cancellation of credit cards.

Call the police immediately if your wallet or any of the contents are stolen. If you delay, creditors may think you didn't try to mitigate your damages.

Contact all three of the national credit reporting agencies to place fraud alert on your name and social security number. It alerts companies that your information has been stolen. If someone tries to get a credit card using your name, you have to be contacted before new credit can be authorized.

The numbers of the credit reporting organizations are:

Equifax — 1-888-766-0008.

Experian — 1-888-397-3742.

Trans Union — 1-800-680-7289.

A recent amendment to the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the major nationwide consumer reporting companies to provide a free copy of your credit reports, at your request, once every 12 months. Since September, free reports are accessible to all Americans, regardless of where they live.

To order a free annual report from one or all the national consumer reporting companies, call toll-free 1-877-322-8228. Don't contact the three nationwide consumer reporting companies individually.

Other numbers that could come in handy are the Social Security Administration fraud line, 1-800-269-0271, and the Federal Trade Commissions' Identity Theft Hotline, 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338).

The FTC address is Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

AFOSI is the office of primary responsibility for identity theft investigations for the Air Force.

If you are a victim with monetary loss, please contact Keesler OSI Detachment 407, 377-3420, or 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

Dragons come home

Two Keesler personnel part of Tops in Blue performance



Senior Airman Daniel Rankin, Fort Gordon, Ga., plays the bass during the show.



Senior Airmen Jaamal Soloman, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and Erika Plaencia, Buckley AFB, Colo., show their best dance moves.



From left, Staff Sgt. Cetericka Lomas, Fort Meade, Md.; Senior Airman Aisha Smith, Nellis AFB, Nev.; Keesler Capt. William Middleswart, 334th Training Squadron; Airman 1st Class Beverly Sadural, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; Keesler Senior Airman Brook Hoffman, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; 1st Lt. Tamilyn

Becker, Hanscom AFB, Mass., and Staff Sgt. Amber Young, Lackland AFB, Texas, perform "Putting on the Ritz" during Monday's Tops in Blue performance at the parade field. Tops in Blue is a group of traveling Air Force entertainers and musicians. The group performs 100-plus shows a year.



From left, Senior Airman Erika Placencia, Buckley AFB; Staff Sgt. Terra Mason, Andersen AFB, Guam; Airman 1st Class Beverly Sadural, Spangdahlem and Senior Airman Tiffany Vidal, Lackland AFB, sing "Freedom" during Monday's performance.



Airman Hoffman dances in front of her home base Monday.



Airman 1st Class Julio Alarcon, left, 81st Medical Support Squadron, walks towards the stage with Sergeant Mason, who sang to him.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

AFCEA grants offered for math, science programs

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association is offering area schools two \$2,500 grants to enhance their science and math programs.

"We're excited to be able to offer these grants because of the generosity of the Dayton-Wright (Ohio) chapter," said Lt. Col. Randy Coats, Gulf Coast chapter president and 333rd Training Squadron commander. "It's just another example of folks wanting to help the Gulf Coast."

After Hurricane Katrina, the Dayton-Wright chapter contacted the Gulf Coast chapter to help coast education programs.

The Ohio group gave a \$5,000 donation to the Gulf Coast chapter's education Fund to support local math and science education programs.

Schools in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties are eligible to apply for the grants. Applications are taken through April 6.

Each school must supply a point of contact, school information and a short paragraph limited to a half-page on why their school should receive the grant.

For more information, call Capt. Grace Beck, chapter vice president, 377-2669.

Air Force Aid Society

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

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

Civilian assistance

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

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

Relief fund check jump-starts hurricane recovery for Attaways

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, an 81st Training Group military training leader, feels fortunate that Keesler's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund was there to help Keesler people jump-start their own personal reconstitution.

Her family's home in South Pinehaven, behind the base exchange, was inundated by Katrina's storm surge.

Sergeant Attaway and her husband, Jason, a civilian Web designer, evacuated to his hometown, Shreveport, La., with son Taylor, 11, and daughters Kristina, 9, and Alyssa, 6.

"My supervisor apparently sympathized for my husband — evacuating with three kids by yourself is no joke," she pointed out. "My hat goes off to those who did it and remained sane. For a previous storm, it took us 24 hours to get to Shreveport (normally a six-hour drive), so I think that is why my boss let me go."

The Attaways were unable to find accommodations in Shreveport, so they headed to her parents' home in Ottawa, Ill.

"They were thrilled to have my family living with



Sergeant Attaway

them," she said. "To our knowledge, we were the only evacuees in that town, so my kids were little celebrities when they started school."

Sergeant Attaway, a former security forces troop stationed at Keesler for nine of her 10 years in the Air Force, signed up for the relief fund at her first sergeant's suggestion.

She used the \$500 check to purchase the uniform items she lost in her home, as well as to replace basic kitchen items until her personal property reimbursement came in.

"I really didn't think I needed it until I realized everything I needed in order

to get my home to a point that my husband and children could come back," she explained.

She described her Pinehaven home as a "significant loss, not a total loss, because I was able to salvage most of my shoes."

The Attaways also lost "one of our cars I had been begging my husband to trade in — it looks like I won."

The family lost the entire contents of the first floor of their house, including a big screen TV, and many items upstairs.

"But it's the sentimental things we miss the most, like the kids' first kindergarten projects and the Christmas and birthday family videos," Sergeant Attaway said.

The family is living in an East Falcon Park home until their new home in Woolmarket is completed.

Sergeant Attaway's Katrina experience has put many things into perspective.

"I find myself being more sympathetic to those who haven't been able to rebound from the storm yet," she commented. "I remind myself that when I feel loss, there were a lot of people off base who had it a lot worse than we did."

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

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

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 extra time added to the original 30 days approved, but can continue to take the leave to handle 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 patch-

es benefit the base's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

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

Government travel card

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

Before filing a dispute, try to contact the merchant to see

if charges can be credited to the account.

If that isn't possible, submit the dispute form found at <https://www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/forms/maintenance.asp>.

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

Safe haven extensions

The safe haven per diem entitlement for dependents of Keesler's uniformed members displaced by Hurricane Katrina has been extended through March 31.

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

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

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

All entitlements to include in-place per diem and safe haven allowances for civilian personnel and their dependents terminated on Feb. 23.

Basic allowance for housing also ended Feb. 23 for members receiving single rate BAH living in government quarters.

Final approval is still pending for nonconcurrent travel entitlements.

SGLI

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

Sept. 1, eligible members were automatically insured for the maximum coverage of \$400,000.

These changes don't affect coverage under Family SGLI.

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

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

Child care facility bounces back after Katrina

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

The child development center didn't expect to be able to reopen for six months to a year after Hurricane Katrina pounded the base, but two weeks after the storm, the center reopened its doors to four children.

Director Maria Ochoa said attendance has grown every week since the storm.

In December, the center reached its capacity of 244 children.

"We now have 100 children on the waiting list," said Mrs. Ochoa.

The center's new wing, scheduled to open in May, will enable another 120 children to attend.

"I am so proud of our staff," Mrs. Ochoa said.

She credited her staff's hard work and determination for allowing the center to reopen so quickly after the storm.

During April, the center plans to celebrate the Month of the Military Child with activities and events honoring children, parents and families.

Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

For more information, call 377-2211.

Open base facilities are:

81st Services Division

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

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

Half Time Café — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-working Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. non-working Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cafe offers breakfast 6-9 a.m. Monday-working Fridays.

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

Arts and crafts, frame and engraving shops — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. A mini arts and crafts center in the Vandenberg Community Center is open 5-9 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. non-working Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays following down Fridays.

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

For more information, call 377-2821.

Auto skills center — 1-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and non-working Fridays.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Three-year-old Curtis Liebegott tries for a basket as 3-year-old Yvonte Larosier, left, and 4-year-olds Brantly Shows and Billy Mann await their turns on the child development center playground. Their parents are Master Sgt. Jessica and Shawn Liebegott, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Yvon and Staff Sgt. LaKeisha Larosier, 81st Dental Squadron; Staff Sgt. Alexander and Tonya Shows, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Rickey and Brenda Mann, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

The car wash is open 24 hours a day.
Information, ticket and travel — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays in Vandenberg Community Center.

McBride Library — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon to 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

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

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

AAFES

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

For more information, call 432-2404.

Class Six/Shoppette — open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Concessionaires — Backyard Burger and Cat's Catering have trailers set up in front of the Class Six/Shoppette on Meadows Drive.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Home furnishings store — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Mini-mall — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Subway — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Gates

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

Housing

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

Moves

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

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

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

Finance — is on the second floor, Vosler Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. working Fridays. For military and travel pay questions, call 377-7272 or 4212.

Legal office — aid is available from attorneys, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. workdays; notaries and powers of attorney, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. workdays, Room 246, Levitow Training Support Facility. For appointments, call 377-3510. For Katrina claims, call 377-3630. The fax number is 377-5949.

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

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

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

For more information, call 377-4454.

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

Self-help store

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

Thrift shop

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Repairs require changes in first aid station hours

81st Medical Group

The status of services through the 81st Medical Group:

The first aid station closes at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays until sometime in April, and possibly May, as an electrical contractor completes repairs and upgrades to the medical center's electrical system. The work requires 12-hour power outages from 6 p.m. Fridays to 6 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 a.m. Sunday until the electrical work is complete. The goal is to streamline electrical work outages while minimizing the impact on patient care, 81st MDG officials said.

Otherwise, the hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last appointment for check-in is 5 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. They don't have the capability to treat urgent and emergency problems. Patients with urgent and emergency problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — can go to the nearest off-base urgent care facility or emergency room. Ambulance coverage for Keesler is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the base 911 line. Patients are taken directly to off-base medical facilities by the contracted ambulance service. Active-duty sick call at the first aid station is scheduled through the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

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

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

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

Genetics is located in the medical center. The office provides case-by-case genetic counseling and cystic fibrosis testing for Tricare Prime beneficiaries only who are referred through their primary care managers.

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

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

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

Mental health flight is in 1D in the medical center. Services include life skills (377-6216), family advocacy and exceptional family member program

(377-7006) and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment (377-8960). Signs to the applicable check-in areas are posted at the entrance. Patients may use the entrance at the west end of the building. Call 377-7006 or 6216 to confirm appointments or the information desk, 377-6550. The off-base civilian prescription pharmacy currently occupies Room 1D-103, the first office on the right where life skills customers previously were checked in.

Tricare office is in Room 1A-200. For patient registration or eligibility, call 377-6149 or 6276. For Tricare enrollments or MEB, call 377-9962. For the referral management office, Room 1A-201, call 377-6177. For health benefits advisors, visit Room 1F-306 or call 377-6580. Tricare Prime beneficiaries, call 1-800-700-8603 for appointments, leaving phone consults for their primary care managers or requesting authorizations for any non-emergency services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

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

Coumadin clinic in Room 1F-158 in the family practice clinic area is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays. Coumadin is an anticoagulation medication requiring close monitoring of certain blood levels. The staff monitors and manages the dosage for patients. Patients are seen by referral only, requiring a physician at Keesler to submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled. For more information, call 377-6104.

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

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

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

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

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

Optometry clinic is on the first floor within the

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

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

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

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

General surgery is in the former orthopedic clinic. Surgery is available by primary care manager consult only. No orthopedic services are available.

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

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

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

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

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

Physical and occupational therapy see patients at the health and wellness center. Services include assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders such as upper and lower extremity dysfunction and neck and back pain. Treatment is limited to gym and home exercise programs, heat, ice, ultrasound and electrical stimulation modalities. Once patients receive referrals from their primary care managers, the referral management center calls them to schedule the appointment.

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

Air Force Assistance Fund — have you given your fair share?

Tricare enrollees call toll-free number for after-hours needs

By Maj. Patricia O'Donnell
81st Medical Group

All Tricare Prime enrollees must call 1-877-794-4629 after duty hours, weekends and holidays, to speak with a provider about urgent or immediate needs or concerns.

Always call 911 if a true emergency exists.

Tricare Prime enrollees requiring guidance for an immediate health care problem between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday need to call the appointment line, 1-800-700-8603, to leave a telephone consult for their provider.

A telephone consult may be left at any time the appointment line is open. Telephone consults are answered according to priority and may take up to 72 hours to be returned.

There are a variety of ways to access general health care information at Keesler.

Every medical appointment and telephone consult is a chance for patients to address

health concerns with their provider or nurse.

The Internet is an excellent resource for health care information.

WebMD, <http://www.webmd.com>, is a source for current and accurate information. In addition, Humana offers health and wellness tips at <http://www.humana-military.com>, as do many of the major health care networks such as the Mayo clinic, <http://www.mayoclinic.com>.

Humana also offers a clinical topic audio library available 24 hours a day, 1-877-217-7946.

The health and wellness center provides information on healthy living including diet, exercise, stress management and tobacco cessation.

Finally, patient education on a variety of topics is available throughout the medical group.

Patients should contact the clinic where they receive care if they have further questions or concerns.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Larry Simmons

Airman Marcus Straughn hangs donated clothes at the Gulfport Salvation Army. Keesler Airmen have logged more than 38,000 volunteer hours since Hurricane Katrina, Aug. 29. Airman Straughn, from Georgiana, Ala., is an aviation resource trainee in the 334th Training Squadron.

Doing unto others Keesler volunteer team tackles recovery projects

By Tech. Sgt. Larry Simmons

Air Force Print News

After Hurricane Katrina's devastation left Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast in dire straits, the community desperately needed help to recover. Keesler Airmen here have answered that call.

"We were in crisis mode right after the hurricane trying to make sure people had the bare minimum to survive," said Maj. Teresa Roberts, family support center director.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the center has logged more than 38,000 volunteer hours supporting all facets of the rebuilding effort. They're still handling about 10 requests per week for assistance in clearing hurricane debris and programs sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and other agencies.

Major Roberts credits the overwhelming numbers of volunteers from Keesler in ongoing recovery efforts, not just on base, but in the surrounding communities as well.

"Their hearts are so in it, we have people coming out on their down days to help," she said. "They just have the desire to do more and more."

Volunteers include non-prior service Airmen attending Keesler's technical training schools. One volunteer, Airman Marcus Straughn, an aviation resource management trainee, said he's happy to be part of the recovery effort.

"It all goes back to elementary school where I learned to do unto others as you would have them do unto you," he said. "It gives me a warm feeling in my heart knowing I've been able to make a difference."

With the recovery effort still going strong and volunteers still doing what they can to make a difference, Major Roberts summed up the process.

"Being a volunteer is being a part of a winning team," she said. "As a community we're starting to rebuild, but the need is going to be here for a while."

KEESLER NOTES

Hypertension briefing

The medical center sponsors a hypertension educational offering, 8-9 a.m. Friday in the medical specialties classroom, Room 1F-121, family practice clinic.

Tax office

The tax office is in Room 234, old Cody Hall.

The office provides free tax information and preparation to base personnel, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. workdays.

For more information, call 377-4454.

Preschool openings

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

Classes are Mondays through

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

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

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

For more information, call 377-2211.

Preschool playgroup

A preschool pals playgroup is offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 100-B of the former Chapel One.

The group is a joint venture of the chapel and the family support center. The hour offers toys, games, music and

a chance for parents to visit.

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) John Vander Kaay, 377-2520, or the family support center, 377-2179.

Zero overpricing

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

Playgroup

The family advocacy staff sponsors a playgroup, 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

The program provides support for anyone with military privileges and is directed mainly at preschoolers.

For more information, call 377-8612.

Lithographs

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

Air Force core values.

Safety/operational risk management.

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

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

Lithographs may be picked up by first sergeants in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center (Building 4002).

DRMO withdrawals

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawals for organizational requirements must be for assets nor-

mally authorized for requesting organizations and specific customer requirements.

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

Speed limit up

The speed limit on Bayview Avenue behind Keesler Medical Center has been increased from 15 to 25 mph, according to safety officials.

Supply visits

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

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Double threat

12-year-old Keesler girl thrives at football, swimming competitions

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders were football stars in the 80s and 90s who excelled in a second sport.

A 12-year old girl here has also had success in two sports.

Samantha Stanley, daughter of Sabrina and Gregory Stanley, 2nd Air Force, won a regional punt, pass and kick competition in Baton Rouge, La., at a New Orleans Saints' home game in December.

Samantha, a student at Mary Michel Seventh Grade School in Biloxi, also finished first in Mississippi in the 50-yard backstroke for 11-12 year-old girls in February.

She'll compete in the Southern Zone Eastern Sectional swim meet Friday through Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Pigskin competition

The punt, pass and kick competition is an annual event sponsored by the National Football League in which children ages 8-15 compete in NFL cities across the country in November and December.

Each contestant must pass, punt and place-kick a football. The participant with the best total score, determined by the farthest kick and punt measured in feet and the most accurate place-kick, wins.

Starting early

Mrs. Stanley said that each of their four children are involved with some sort of extracurricular activity, and it took a few tries to find out which ones were the best choices for Samantha.

"We signed her up to play soccer and basketball when she was little, but we could tell she didn't like either one," she said. "When she

was 8 years old, she played flag football. At one of the games she played when we were in Mobile, Ala., they just happened to be looking for participants for the local PPK competition. We signed her up, and she did OK, finishing third. When the time for the competition came around the next year, she wanted to do it again, and she has competed every year since."

Can't stop her

Last year, Hurricane Katrina forced the Stanleys to evacuate from Keesler to Pensacola, Fla.

Samantha still found a way to compete.

"There was a PPK competition for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and I wanted to try," Samantha said. "I ended up finishing second. The Saints were looking for qualifiers from this area, so when we came back here, I was invited to participate in the PPK competition at a Saints' game. I wound up first and then at halftime, I got to run out onto midfield with the other participants. That was cool."

She represented the Saints nationally, finishing 28th overall in her age group.

Aquatic appetite

Samantha said she has liked swimming since the first time she entered a pool.

"I've been swimming for six years now," Samantha said. "I really like it because it's good exercise, and I'm good at it."

Mrs. Stanley said that her daughter has put in many hours in training.

"During the season, Samantha gets up at 4:30 a.m. to swim," she said. "After school, she's at it again from 5:30-8 p.m.; sometimes, her dad will swim with her.

"He tries to keep up with me, but I'm really fast!" Samantha said with a smile.

The future

"I went to my mother when I was 9 and said, 'I want to be an Olympic swimmer,'" Samantha said. "She said, 'OK.'"

Mrs. Stanley said that her daughter has really gotten into swimming.

"She has been to a few swim camps, and I can tell that she has picked up some techniques," she said. "At her age, some swimmers are out there to have fun. Samantha has fun, but she really wants to win every time she enters the pool."

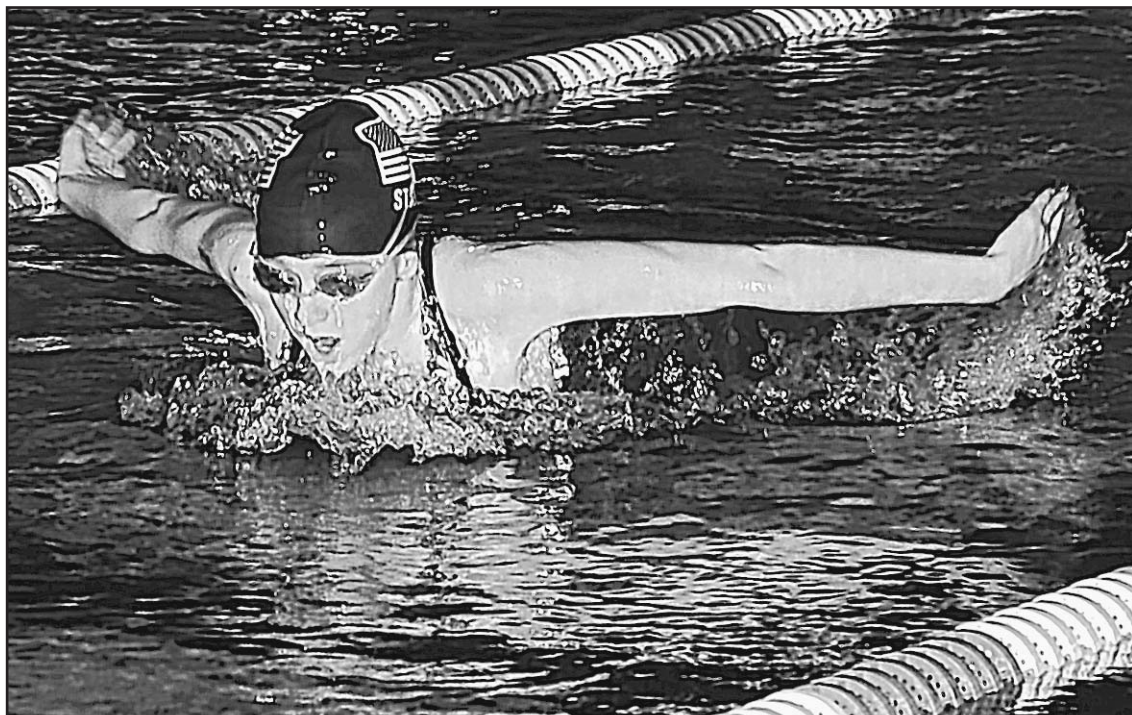
Samantha said she may pursue football even after she is no longer eligible for the PPK competition.

"We have talked about perhaps trying out as a punter for the high school team," she said. "But I really like swimming and I'm unsure if I should take the risk."



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Samantha punts at the soccer field March 8.



Samantha swims at the Biloxi Natatorium March 9.

Soccer visit

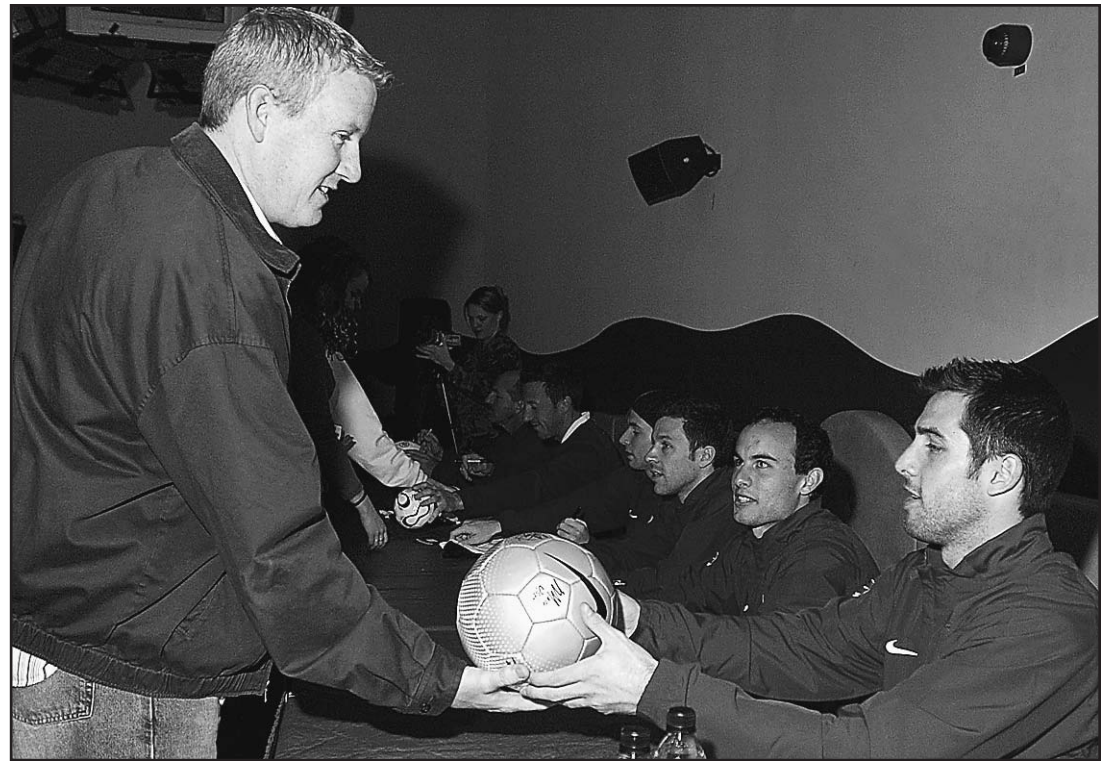


Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Willis
Larry Way, left, gets an autograph from U.S. Men's National Soccer Team defender Carlos Bocanegra at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Feb. 27. The team also held a pep rally for fans Feb. 28. The team played against Poland in Kaiserslautern March 1. Way is assigned to the 435th Vehicle Maintenance Squadron.

SCORES AND MORE

Boxing

Operation Slugfest 2 — 7 p.m. Friday in Hangar 4. A women's division has been added. General admission \$15, table reservation \$20. Tickets on sale at Gaude Lanes and Vandenberg Community Center. Presented by Bomber Promotions.

Bowling

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 and 1-7 p.m. Sundays.

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

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

Fitness centers

Free wearin' o' the green 5-kilometer run/walk — 3 p.m. Friday at the marina. Sign up day of the race. Wear green and get four-leaf clover. T-shirts to top finishers.

Blake Fitness Center — 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-through working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — basketball court is now ready for use. All cardio equipment has LCD TV/DVD players. Users must supply their own headphones.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

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

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

St. Patrick's Day special — Friday. Wear green and get 10-percent discount on all rental equipment.

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

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

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

tion, call 377-3160.

For sale — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks and a variety of beverages.

Softball

Coaches meeting — 2 p.m. April 5, Vandenberg Community Center.

Free pre-season tournament — April 17-27 for the first 20 teams to enter.

Regular season — begins April 8.

Sports advisory council

Meeting — 2 p.m. Wednesday at Vandenberg Community Center for all unit sports representatives.

Youth center

Free Junior Olympic tennis skills competition — 2 p.m. March 25 for ages 8-13. Sign up through March 23.

Baseball/T-ball — accepting registrations for ages 5-12.

Operation Night Hoops — for ages 13-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

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.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Chris Boulanger, Jarrett Bowling, James Brooks, Stephaine Brown, Jeremy Cain, Shawn Cotter, Kenneth Dawson, Joshua Dukes, Kyle Duley, Seth Flaten, Jamie Felkins, Kevin Gibson, Michael Godlewski, David Harvey, Alexander Hawksley, Jeffery Haviland, Aaron Hetman, Antonio Hill, Jacob Horvath, Robert Kepner, Christopher Kohan, Allyson Lettie, Dustin Matchinski, Matthew McAllister, Marques Moore, Justin Mongoso, Adam Myers, Patrick Nunes, Brenton Pistek, Skyler Poole, Aaron Raschel, Paul Richard, Robert Rhoads, Michael Scarlata, Daren Schiele, Daniel Sleeter, Jeffrey Smith, Kyle Waddle and Jeffrey Wilmoth; Marine Pvt. John Schaffer; Airmen Kenneth Derkatz, Dallas Koenke, William Mullins, Christopher Tuter and Janden Velante; Army Pfc. Scott Suess; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Acres, Sabrina Alkire, Alexander Babbie, Peter Bernheim, Christopher Beumer, Bryan Branham, Joshua Brown, Christopher Cowan, Tristan Fioretti, Gabriel Flynn, David Fouts, Matthew Hembree, Joseph Hill, Brian Housholder, Stephen Johnston, Christopher Konze, Jonathan Langdon, David Leon, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Marquardt, DeVere Micheau, Sergio Molas, Stephen Montoya, William Mullins, Joshua Niesen, Christopher Paxton, James Randolph, Vernon Reed, Jeremy Sampson, Jonathan Short, Dalphine Simmons, Nathaniel Steele, Malosi Toilolo, Teresa Wallace, Taylor Williams and Robert Woodham; Army Spc. Bruce Virgillo; Senior Airmen Jeremy Baca, Malcolm Boston, Lawrence Gabriel, Jonathan Garro, Jonathan Grigg, Jason Hofstetter, Timothy Holcomb, Matthew Moser and Bobby Trichel; Staff Sgts. Robert Adams, Steven Bolli, Jose Costoya, Aaron Daigle, Adam Crawford, Ray Duke, McArthur Fountain, Chad Gibson, Leslie Hubbard, Ronald King, Ronald Lebeau, Tavares Lowery, Jason Morris, Mchael Pennell, Christopher Pygott, Seraphim Resendes, Timothy Sherman, Gabriel Stock, Kyle Strait and Tim Wooten; Tech. Sgts. Philip Barry, Robert Butterfield, Clovis Carter, Bradley Ellsworth, Alexander Mitchell and Stephen Schwartz; Master Sgts. Gary Critchfield and Willie Kinsey.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Carrel, Jacob Clinesmith, Bradley Ford, Janice Goldstein and Tyler Wynne; Airmen Amanda Boettcher, Noel Foley and Jennifer Hullak; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Adock, Charles Butler, Brian Chisham, Tina Hawkins, Marsha Holmes, Michael Hutchins and Steven Sorensen; Staff Sgts. James Duncan, Bryce Hamilton, Cephus McMillian and Justin Wutzke.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Larcher Chapel10 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

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

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

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-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, 3 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl Student Center.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Fawn Lawrence, Winnie Otieno, Joshua Rotondo and Thomas Starling; Airmen Jenna Pennington, Lourditha Quintanilla and Ebony Scott; Airmen 1st Class Andreea Amadi, Jessica Camacho, Jared Felix, William Lockhart and Kurt Saine; Senior Airmen Charlie Belton, Sonia Jones and Brian Pereira; Staff Sgts. Misty Brumitt, Lisa Krejci, Stephen Libertini, Marshalle Lorenzo, Charles Moore, Lance Terrell and Holly Tompkins; Tech. Sgts. Caroline Cousineau, James Moneyhun and Mark Morgenstern; Rachel Wood.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Jason Balanzategui and Brandon Gilliland; Navy Airmen Recruit Edward Cassard and Sarah Hebbeln; Airmen John Aspell and Francisco Machado; Navy Airman Apprentice Stella Swartz; Airmen 1st Class Travis Baldwin, John Gaston, James Holzer, Eryn Morales, Stefani Murphy, Jeffrey Treacher, Angela Warren, Joellen Ybarra and Matthew Yore; Navy Airmen Christopher Hanson, Christopher Lutzke, Dana Pander, Justin Reed and Preston Watts; Navy Seaman Lindsay Moore; Marine Lance Cpl. Patrick Kinsella; Senior Airman Craig Dunbar; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jordan Brown and Jesus Suarez; Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Maria Alfaro; Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Corder; Tech. Sgt. Thomas Young.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Jensen, Christopher Miller, Christopher Parker and Damian Reyes; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Nordhogen and Daniel Ogburn; Senior Airman Jake Monroe, Carlos Sober and Yolanda Yu; Staff Sgts. Keith Browning, Nicholas Cichon, Jeremy Flint, Thomas Sheffer and Brian Smith; Tech. Sgt. Julie Clark..

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Lissette Barril, Joseph Carr, Holly McCampbell, Chad Paul and Michael Respicio; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Levandoski; Senior Airmen Summer Anderson and Juan Matias; Staff Sgts. Jose Barba-Alcala, David Erickson, Orasa Glenn, Stephen Morgese and Rance Streeter; Tech. Sgt. Deborah Walker.

338th TRS

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Phillip Capps and Latoya Stewart; Airmen Orlando Dejesus, Cory Fillis and David Jones; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Luckert, Robert McClister, Cory Menchofer, Elizabeth Parsons and Eric Ratajczak.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-C — April 3-May 9.

Class 06-D — May 22-June 27.

Class 06-E — Aug. 1-Sept. 6.

Class 06-F — Sept. 18-Oct. 25.

Class 06-G — Nov. 1-Dec. 12.

Arts and crafts center

National Craft Month — drawings, special demos, promotions and giveaways in each shop throughout the month.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. March 25. \$20.

Frame shop demonstrations — 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

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

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. March 25. \$25, two-for-one special; ages 13 and older.

Wood shop demonstrations — 2:30 and 3:20 p.m. March 25.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. March 29. \$15. Receive safety certification and operator's card.

Chapel

Faith-based military marriage workshop — 6-9:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Fishbowl Student Ministries Center, Levitow Training Support Facility. Children's programs available. To register or for more information, visit the chapel or call Chaps. (Capts.) John VanderKay or Robert Schobert, 377-2520.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road WalMart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road WalMart
: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.

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Mini crafts center

Editor's note: Located at Vandenberg Community Center. New hours — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m. Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays after working Fridays.

Ceramic painting — every Thursday. Complete kit \$10. **Pottery wheel class** — 4-8 p.m. Thursdays. \$10 for one hour; pick convenient time. Maximum four students.

Air Force photography contest — photos accepted now for the student base-level competition in April.

McBride Library

Electronic reference orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. **Orientations and tours** — for more information, call 377-2181. **Umbrella month** — stop by and see our umbrella display.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, April 6, May 11, June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 3-5, May 8-10, June 12-14, July 10-12, Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays
Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
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 breakfast 6-9 a.m. workdays. 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, tae kwon do; Tuesday, dance. For more information, call 377-4116.
Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.
Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.
Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16; girls-only topics.
Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.
Game room tournaments — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.
Torch Club — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.
FitFactor fitness club — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18.
Friday dances — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15.
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. today.
Read-by-mail program — 4:30 p.m. today.
Teen aviation camp — applications accepted through Monday from current sophomores and juniors. For more information, call 377-4116.
Free Junior Olympic tennis skills competition — 2 p.m. March 25, ages 8-13. Sign up by March 23.
Baseball/T-ball registration — throughout March, ages 5-12.
Operation Night Hoops registration — throughout March; late night basketball league, ages 13-18.
Youth of the year — quarterly nominations for January-March accepted now. 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.

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 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

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

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

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Jeanette Jackson, 872-0626.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

Friday — 7 p.m., The Matador (R).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Underworld: Evolution (R); 7 p.m., Annapolis (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Nanny McPhee (PG).

Air Force Assistance Fund contacts

Project officers — Maj. Greg Kendrick, 377-1766, and Capt. Stacey Van Orden, 377-6850.

2nd Air Force — 1st Lt. Horace Lynch, 377-1342, and Master Sgt. Ronald Warr, 377-1433.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams, 377-7909.

81st Communication Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Bonham, 377-0066, and Senior Airman Taveres Simpson, 377-0066.

81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Todd Erp, 377-1839, and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Albertson, 377-1836.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Danielle Hindel, 377-0956.

81st Medical Group — 1st Lt. Jennifer Lepper, 377-6545, and Master Sgt. Steven McCrum, 377-8359.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Elyot Selman, 377-6216.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Tammy Down, 377-6640.

81st Mission Support Group — 2nd Lt. Mark Williams, 377-4480, and Master Sgt. Aaron McKenzie, 377-1091.

81st Security Force Squadron — 2nd Lt. Schneider Rislin, 377-3040, and Senior Airman Cecilia Cardenas, 377-3721.

81st Supply and Transportation Squadrons — Master Sgt. Chad Jacob, 377-7800, and Tech. Sgt. Desmond Johnson, 377-5886.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Maj. William Gress, 377-6305.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Brent Misita, 377-0931, and Tech. Sgt. Larry Bright, 377-2325.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Eric Alvarez, 377-0872, and Staff Sgt. Craig Hawthorne, 377-2243.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Staff Sgt. Lee Smith, 377-7340, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Rella, 377-4330.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — 2nd Lt. Jennifer Danner, 377-2100; Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bernard, 377-1045.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Grasle, 377-5049, and Staff Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgts. Sidney Hataway, 377-1928, and Jason Motte, 377-0019.

334th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Tisha Bradley, 377-0886, and Staff Sgt. Phyllis Amos, 377-0476.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Deanna Green, 377-0217, and Breanna Sage, 377-5142.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Robert Cowan, 377-5269, and Larry Bright, 377-2325.

338th TRS — Staff Sgt. Lance Davis, 377-5432, and Master Sgt. Eric Crawford, 377-1780.

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Dinner — pita pizzas, country-style steak, fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.