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Tree conservation on base rewarded with state honor

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Keesler's tree conservation efforts have produced flowers in the form of national recognition for 14 years.

This year, a new blossom has appeared.

The base has received the Mississippi Urban Forest Governor's Award, the state's most prestigious forestry award.

Ellisville Mayor Tim Waldrup presented George Daniel, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron natural/cultural resource manager, with the award June 7 in Jackson.

"It's the first time Keesler has received this award," said Mr. Daniel. "This award gives me personal satisfaction, but it's to the credit of the people I manage."

Donna Yowell, executive director of the Mississippi Urban Forest Council, said Keesler competed against 27 cities in Mississippi. The

award's been presented for 15 years to cities recognized with the Tree City USA designation by the council.

Earlier this year, Keesler was designated a Tree City USA for the 14th consecutive year.

Ms. Yowell said the award was based on the amount of money spent maintaining and managing trees, as well as other programs.

After Hurricane Katrina, the base's budget for tree conservation increased from about \$3 million to approximately \$7 million, according to Mr. Daniel. The increase in funds allowed Keesler to plant new trees — more than 2,000 in the past 10 months.

"Keesler's history of and attention to tree conservation shines through with this recent award," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "We're

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Farewell, Doc



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, accepts his one-star flag from Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, deputy Air Force surgeon general, at General Dougherty's retirement ceremony Friday. Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Douglas Robb becomes the 81st Medical Group commander later this month.

This week in the Triangle

Ground radar systems apprentice course, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.

Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.

Air traffic control apprentice-tower, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Air traffic control apprentice-radar, 9 a.m., Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Ground radio communications apprentice course, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall.



May honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,929
Non-prior service — 1,718
Temporary duty — 1,078
Joint service — 90
Combat controllers — 15
Medical — 28
Non-prior service arrivals — 85
Guard, Reserve — 740
International — 49
FY07 graduates — 17,521
Total since 1942 — 2,255,858

COMMENTARY

Successful Air Force recruits represent best of the best

By Master Sgt. Gerald Cross

81st Training Support Squadron

After completing a 12-year stint with Air Force Recruiting Service and returning to an Air Force installation, it didn't take long for my peers to ask, "How hard can it be to put someone into the Air Force?"

I must admit, I'm surprised at how many Air Force members don't know much about the qualification process for a new recruit or realize they belong to such a quality organization.

I'm proud to let them know the Air Force has the highest qualifications of any federal, state or local agency. In order to help them understand how high our standards are, I ask them to visualize a classroom of 100 high school students. This provides a perfect setting for my elimination process.

My first question to the students is on height and weight. Your allowable weight is based on height in inches. For example, the maximum allowable weight for a male at 72 inches is 202 pounds. With today's steady diet of fast foods, soda, and snacks, I can easily dismiss 35 of the 100 students for being overweight.

My next question involves illegal drug use. Any drug use other than the experimental use of marijuana is permanently disqualifying, including a one-time offense from 10 years ago. This is the factor that separates the Air Force from other agencies. In a society where drug use is widespread, I ask 15 students to leave.

All new recruits initiate their background check in the recruiter's office with the completion and submission of the Security Form 86, Questionnaire for National Security Form. An in-depth police check is under way and

many of our youth have juvenile criminal records. A charge of fighting and underage tobacco use combined in a three-year period is disqualifying. I ask 15 more students to leave.

The Defense Department 2807, Medical Pre-Screening Form, is probably the most frustrating aspect for recruiters. This form asks approximately 75 potentially disqualifying questions. When an applicant answers yes to any of these questions, they're required to retrieve all medical records pertaining to that response. These records are forwarded to the military entrance processing station where they're reviewed by a chief medical officer who then makes a qualification determination. Unfortunately, due to their "yes" responses on the DD Form 2807, I have to ask 15 additional students to leave for a variety of medical reasons.

All applicants must take and pass the armed services vocational aptitude battery with a score of 36. It isn't uncommon to see single-digit scores. I have to ask 15 more students to leave. Single parents and married applicants with more than one child are also disqualified.

So out of 100 potential applicants, five meet initial qualifications for Air Force service. At this point, I usually get this response from my peers: "I had no idea that it was that difficult." I remind them we're getting a quality person in every recruit who makes it into the Air Force.

From there, it's our responsibility to be positive role models, lead by example, get to know them, challenge them and help them grow. This is how we ensure we maintain our position as the world's greatest Air Force.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call 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, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st 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.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Base operator — 377-1110	Medical center information — 377-6550
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Military pay — 377-7272
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Pass and registration — 377-3844
Child development center — 377-2211	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Public affairs — 377-2783
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Red Cross — 377-0732
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Emergencies — 911	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Family campground — 594-0543	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Housing — 377-9741	Visitor center — 377-2595
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Inspector general — 377-3010	
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Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability
for Keesler members:

Personnel Accountability Team
1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center
1-800-435-9941

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

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness
377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

Keesler Public Web site

<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

**Create a family checklist,
review it often,
make changes as needed
and activate it at the first sign
of a hurricane threat.**



How should you A-C-T?



A - Assess The Situation

- DUI can cost as much as \$20,000 in legal/insurance fees
- DUI can (will) ruin your reputation and your career
- DUI can cost you life or that of someone you love

C - Consider Your Options

- **Never drive after consuming** any amount of alcohol
- **Always use a designated driver** when you go out
- **Never drink with car keys** under your control
- **Hand off your keys** before your first drink
- **Always take a cab** to a place you plan to drink

T - Take Appropriate Action

- Make a plan...then stick to it
- Listen to your Wingman



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Foreign students fill airfield operations class

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It's a first for the 81st Training Group — a class comprised entirely of foreign students.

The nine students in the 334th Training Squadron's four-month airfield operations flight officers course represent six countries — Azerbaijan, Egypt, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia and South Korea. Four of the officers are Polish.

Working toward common goal

"A class with all international students is significant to us because it shows that countries, when they're willing, can work together to achieve a common goal," said master instructor David Reese. "As instructors, our main interest is to ensure proper training in a fun-to-train environment.

"Naturally, the students are looking forward to graduating and don't hesitate to help each other achieve that goal," Mr. Reese continued. "We enjoy watching these students interface with each other and work together to get through the academic and practical portions of the course."

It's the first time for all nine students to visit the U.S. They spent nine weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for the specialized English course before coming to Keesler.

"It's always interesting to see international students in a classroom when the only thing they seem to have in common is English," Mr. Reese remarked. "We're always interested in learning about the cultural differences of the countries. It's enlightening to hear what our international students have to say about our culture and how well they get along together away from the base. All of them blend in very well."

Live, eat, study together

The students live on base, eat meals at the dining facilities and use the fitness centers. They can rent cars to visit surrounding areas in their free time.

"This country seems safe, with very nice people and not too expensive," said South Korean Capt. Dong Chul Lee. "I've been treated the same as U.S. officers."

"Actually, I understand English about 70 percent, and it hasn't become a problem so far," he added.

Captain Lee's wife, Jina Lim, and their 20-month-old daughter, Yoonseo

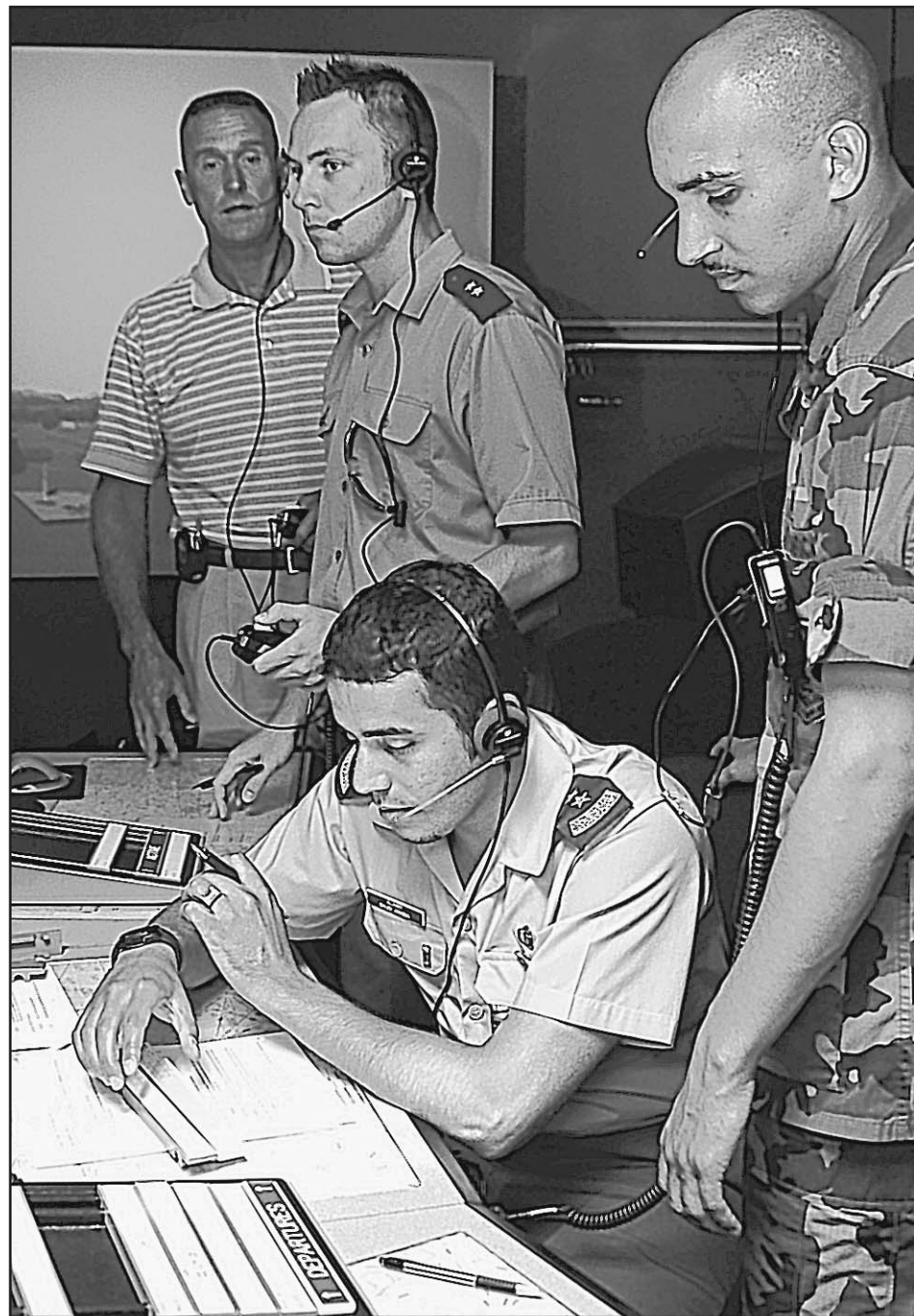


Photo by Kemberly Groue

From top left, instructor Steve Harberson, Lieutenants Wadowski and Alamri and Capt. Jason Newcomer, another instructor, train inside the air traffic control tower simulator in Cody Hall.

Lee, came with him and live off-base.

When he learned that he'd be coming to the United States to train, Polish Capt. Dariusz Czyk was excited.

"I wanted to go and try something different — different country, different people, different aviation rules," he explained. "At the very beginning, it was difficult sometimes, but now almost everything is OK. I've been treated in a very polite way, and everyone is extremely helpful."

"People here are pretty friendly and

open to foreign people," Polish 2nd Lt. Michal Bromowicz observed. "But it's very difficult to live here without a car, because public transportation isn't that good. And I thought that since Americans love to eat, the food would be better."

America is very much like what Egyptian Capt. Mohamed Mahmoud Salama and Saudi Arabian 1st Lt. Salman Salem Al Amri had expected.

"I found nice people, and I've enjoyed time in beautiful places,"

"A class with all international students is significant to us because it shows that countries, when they're willing, can work together to achieve a common goal."

— Mr. Reese

Captain Salama said. "People here like foreigners and like to talk with us and exchange ideas, culture and traditions."

Lieutenant Al Amri has encountered a few language problems, "especially when I go to a restaurant and order something to eat." He also expressed some concerns about being in Mississippi during hurricane season.

Polish 1st Lts. Dariusz Wadowski and Maciej Ruszek commented on the signs of destruction still obvious after Hurricane Katrina struck the area nearly 22 months ago.

"There is still a lot of damage," Lieutenant Wadowski said, to which Mr. Reese replied, "You should have seen this place right after the storm — there have been big improvements since then."

Lieutenants Wadowski and Ruszek said they've enjoyed the friendly people at Keesler, but complained about the long lines and monotonous food selections at the dining facilities.

The chance to train in the U.S. presented a dilemma for 1st. Lt. Marek Oravec from Slovakia.

"It was a great challenge that I had been waiting for," he pointed out. "On the other hand, I had to leave my wife alone with two small children. She didn't jump for joy, really. I hoped I could arrange for them to come with me, and I'm very disappointed that they couldn't."

"I was happy to come to the United States for training," said 1st Lt. Yasin Abbasaliyev from Azerbaijan. "It's a good chance to learn English and more about American culture. People here are polite to me, and I respect them."

Mad Dogs get new place to study



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Andrew Doman, left, who's taking the precision measurement equipment laboratory course after completing the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron, tutors Airmen 1st Class Chase Dowd and Matthew Shedd in the squadron's new student resource center in Connor Manor. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place May 31. The center has computers for the use of nonprior service students, as well as space for group study and tutoring sessions.

Summer programs give cadets view of 'real Air Force'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Cadets from the Air Force Academy and ROTC programs from across the country get an introduction to "the real Air Force" through two programs taking place at Keesler this summer.

Operation Air Force

Twenty-six academy cadets spend three weeks shadowing Keesler members as part of Operation Air Force.

The first group of eight cadets arrived last week and leaves June 23. The second and third groups, with nine cadets each, are on base June 25 through July 16 and July 16 through Aug. 4.

Cadets are involved in one of three OAF components: "Non-comm" exposes cadets to an enlisted perspective of the Air Force by assigning cadets to a unit, training them in specific enlisted tasks and participating in duties of an entry-level Airman. Cadets are also assigned to a senior noncommissioned officer as a mentor to foster an appreciation for enlisted teamwork, duties and culture.

Third lieutenant demonstrates duties of company grade officers in specific units, where they may work independently on various tasks or projects or as a intern working alongside an officer. A field grade officer also mentors each cadet to learn the expectations squadron leaders have for junior officers.

Brevet lieutenant, for first class cadets, gives specific experiences in a career area of the cadet's interest.

Cadets are invited to participate in recreational programs or family activities with active-duty members to learn what off-duty life in the Air Force is like.

ASSIST

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

The first five-day session took place last week, and the second began Monday and runs through Friday. Other sessions are June 18-22, July 9-13, and July 16-20.

"There are going to be between 10 and 12 cadets each week from a variety of colleges and universities," said 1st Lt. Michael Newson, who's coordinating this summer's program. "We're giving them a broad introduction to the base's mission and operations and are trying to make each tour and activity exciting and informative."

ASSIST's goal is to recruit, retain and train cadets by exposing them to the daily operations of an active-duty base. They're introduced to as many facets of the base's mission as possible. Tours and demonstrations are highlighted and briefings are kept to a minimum.

The schedule includes a windshield overview of the base and tours of many base agencies and facilities. The cadets meet with a panel of company grade officers, as well as a group of enlisted leaders who share their insights with the future officers.



Better prepared Airmen goal of AETC training symposium

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The 2007 Air Education and Training Symposium is Sept. 5-7 in San Antonio.

The symposium aims to adapt training programs to better prepare Airmen to operate in a wartime environment.

Featured are four tracks of instruction: Expeditionary warfighter, deciphering culture, the long war and accelerating change.

AETC officials play both an initial and recurring role in the careers of all Airmen — from introductory and technical training to professional military education.

"Each track will have many courses available to those attending," said Col. David Clark, the individual mobilization augmentee to the AETC vice commander. "Participants can choose lectures from any track, essentially tailoring their experience at the symposium to their own professional needs and interests."

Events begin Sept. 5 with a luncheon and

golf tournament at Pecan Valley Golf Club. In addition to the tracks of instruction, luncheons are Sept. 6 and 7, with Gen. John Corley, Air Force vice chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. Gary North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

AETC, 2nd Air Force, 19th Air Force and Air Force Recruiting Service commanders field questions from the audience during a general officer panel.

The symposium concludes with the Air Force 60th Anniversary Ball Sept. 7. Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne is the keynote speaker.

"For 60 years, the United States Air Force has provided top cover for our great nation," said Gen. William Looney, the AETC commander. "As we celebrate our proud heritage and boundless horizons, I hope you'll join me for this fantastic event. Together we'll honor the magnificent accomplishments of Airmen past, as we renew our commitment to develop America's Airmen today ... for tomorrow."

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parades are July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. Friday and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Joyce, 377-2737.

Parking lot closes

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed July 6 for drill evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-8622.

HAZMAT training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. June

27 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

Graduate courses

The University of Southern Mississippi offers six graduate courses in adult education, including three online.

For more information, call Christopher Burkett, 377-2309.

Fall classes

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University undergraduate and graduate courses begins July 16.

Classes are Aug. 6-Oct. 15.

For more information, call 377-4271, or visit Room 217, old Cody Hall.

Embry-Riddle degrees

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a wide variety of undergraduate degrees online and in a traditional classroom setting.

For more information, call 377-4271, or visit Room 217, old Cody Hall.

Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, commanders and law enforcement officials.

Training is 9 a.m. Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 in Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call 377-3510.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, [\[www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/\]\(https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/\). Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.](https://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online.

Members can accomplish this request from their workstation through the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

AFVEC may be accessed through the Web site, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>, or through the Air Force Portal using the portal's reduced sign-on technology. New My AFVEC users are required to create an account.

Upon registration, select the

"Request TA" option. A PowerPoint tutorial in this section provides instructions on processing online applications.

It's important to know and enter basic course registration information in the request.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

With the tools, people can request Community College of the Air Force transcripts, track receipt of civilian transcripts, view degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Supply classes

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Up in arms

Maj. Susan Wagonlander, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron occupational therapist, helps Navy Chief Electrician Phil Earhart, Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport, put his lower arm into a fluidotherapy machine. The heated dry whirlpool device is used to help patients regain range of motion. Outpatient occupational therapy services for referral patients are in Room BC300, Keesler Medical Center. Hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. working Fridays.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Lab earns accreditation

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's pathology and clinical laboratory flight has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.

The accreditation is based on the results of an onsite inspection conducted by a team of eight laboratory professionals April 30. The team found zero discrepancies after reviewing more than 2,000 regulatory requirements.

Col. Steven Putbrese, 81st Medical Operations Squadron pathology and clinical laboratory flight commander, called the inspection results "a total team effort."

The laboratory is led by Colonel Putbrese and medical director Col. (Dr.) Daniel Smith.

"As an internationally-sanctioned organization and recognized by the Joint Commission, the CAP laboratory accreditation program is the only one of its kind that utilizes teams of practicing laboratory professionals as inspectors," Colonel Putbrese noted. "This is a sig-



nificant accomplishment by a dedicated laboratory team."

"The goal of the program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services through education and standard setting and ensuring laboratories meet or exceed regulatory requirements," said Master Sgt. Glenn Dewgarde, flight non-commissioned officer in charge. "The accreditation makes Keesler part of an exclusive group of more than 6,000 laboratories worldwide that have met the highest standards of excellence."

The program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more strin-

gent than the government's own inspection program, according to the news release announcing the accreditation.

During their accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory.

This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. According to the news release, the organization is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

IN THE NEWS

2 NCOs die in Iraq

Air Force Print News

ANDREWS Air Force Base, Md. — Two agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations were killed June 5 in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Balmer, 33, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Kuglics, 25, Lackland AFB, Texas, were in a convoy struck by an improvised explosive device.

Keesler's birthday party today

Keesler celebrates its 66th birthday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at marina park, with a 5-kilometer run, children's run, volleyball tournament, cake cutting, fishing tournament, games, prizes and giveaways, including a pair of round-trip tickets to Las Vegas.

Lunch is free — either a plate of shrimp with potatoes and corn or hot dogs with chips.

Welcome home picnic

A welcome home picnic for troops returning from deployment is 11:30 p.m. June 22 at marina park.

Fried fish, hamburgers and hot dogs are served to members, their families and others as quantities permit.

The honor guard, 81st Training Group's Drum and Bugle Corps and winning team from Friday's drill down perform. Horseshoes, volleyball and a kids coloring contest are planned, in addition to a dunking booth manned by unit deployment managers. The \$1 dunking booth charge helps fund events for families of deployed members.

For more information, call the airmen and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Tops in Blue on coast July 10

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's musical showcase, presents a free performance, 7 p.m. July 10 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-2958.

CWS Friday change

Due to the operational readiness inspection Aug. 19-28, the Aug. 24 compressed work schedule Friday becomes an eight-hour duty day, according to Keesler officials.

Aug. 31 is now a CWS Friday, creating a four-day Labor Day holiday weekend.

ORI preparation tools

Operational readiness inspection preparation tools are available on the ORI 2007 site of the Keesler home page.

No Keesler News July 5

The Keesler News isn't published July 5.

Publication resumes with the July 12 issue.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Life skills support centers renamed mental health clinics by Air Force

Air Force Public Affairs and Keesler News staff

Keesler joins the rest of the Air Force in renaming the “life skills support center” as the “mental health clinic.”

The service-wide name change is effective immediately, according to Air Force health care officials.

After a poll of subject matter experts, first sergeants, command chief master sergeants and mental health patients, it was determined the name “life skills” was confusing and didn’t appropriately reflect the mission of providing mental health services.

“To most people, and particularly to professionals, ‘life skills’ refers to youth programs and services for the developmentally disabled,” said Lt. Col. Steven Pflanz, senior psychiatry policy analyst for the Air Force surgeon general. “Traditionally, ‘life skills’ refers to teaching people how to get dressed, prepare meals or balance a checkbook, not psychotherapy.

“So, Airmen seeking counseling wouldn’t necessarily think to go to the life skills support center,” he said. “Likewise, when an off-base mental health professional wanted to speak with their on-base counterpart, they were confused when they were referred to the life skills support center.”

At Keesler, “We have always called our flight the mental health flight, which includes three elements: life skills support center; alcohol, drug abuse prevention and treatment/drug demand and reduction; and family advocacy,” said Lt. Col. Abbie Luck, 81st Medical Operations Squadron mental health flight deputy commander.

The colonel said life skills support center at

Keesler Medical Center has been renamed the mental health clinic in compliance with the Air Force directive.

The name “mental health” was used prior to 2001, but was changed to “life skills” to combat the stigma associated with seeking and receiving mental health care, Colonel Pflanz said.

“But changing the name alone doesn’t eliminate the stigma,” he said. “Stigma is best addressed through ongoing education efforts. Changing deeply-held societal beliefs about mental health care takes time.”

Contrary to popular belief, only a small percentage of Airmen who seek mental health care actually experience adverse career outcomes or even unit notification of treatment, Colonel Pflanz said.

“The Air Force medical service must constantly work to overcome barriers associated with seeking treatment for behavioral and emotional problems,” said Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, Air Force deputy surgeon general.

“To address the concerns of Airmen about seeking treatment for mental health issues, it should be clear that privacy is the norm when their issue does not represent a danger to themselves, the mission or others,” the general said.

The name change is being accomplished at Air Force installations within a few months, Colonel Pflanz said. Although the change is immediate, practical details such as posting signs and updating regulations take some time.

Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph, Air Force Public Affairs, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Tree,

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committed to protecting the natural environment at all times and more so through the rebuilding process.”

Mr. Daniel said the Mississippi Urban Forest Council bases its selection on information provided on the applications for Tree City USA recognition.

Tree City USA recognition there requires a board that cares for and manages the community’s trees, and the community must have a tree care ordinance, forestry program with an annual budget meeting certain standards and an Arbor Day proclamation.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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Pre-separation counseling required

Military members of all branches of service are required to receive congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling from the airman and family readiness center no less than 90 calendar days before separating, retiring or outprocessing to go on terminal leave.

Briefings are 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 122, old Cody Hall, for routine separations and 2:30 p.m. for routine retirements.

Members receiving medical retirements, less than full honorable discharges or force-shaping transition benefits, call 377-8645 or 8593 to schedule individual briefings.

8 officer career fields off RIF list

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — New vulnerability charts for force shaping have been released on the Air Force Personnel Center Force Shaping Web site, removing eight officer career fields from the reduction in force.

Based on current Air Force projections for operational stress and strong voluntary separation rates, officers with Air Force specialty codes 11R, 12R, 13B, 14N, 21R, 31P, 64P and 71S have been removed from consideration by the June RIF board.

Officers with approved voluntary separation pay packages may not request withdrawal of their separation date except in cases of "severe personal hardship or selection for promotion," according to the force shaping Web site.

Final vulnerability charts were posted June 7.

LASIK surgery policy change

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have changed the policy to allow people applying for aviation and aviation-related jobs to have had LASIK surgery.

The change became effective May 21. It also removes the altitude and high-performance aircraft restrictions for people who have had LASIK.

The decision to make these changes was based on studies that showed there was little to no effect on LASIK-treated eyes when subjected to the wind blast experienced during aircraft ejection or exposure to high altitude.

For more information and guidance can be found at the Air Force Knowledge Exchange by accessing the restricted "Dot Mil" site: <https://kx.afms.mil/USAF-RS> or public access: <http://airforcemedicine.afms.mil/USAF-RS>.

Travel health information

81st Medical Group

People planning vacations or permanent change-of-station moves outside the U.S. are encouraged to visit the travel medicine clinic at Keesler Medical Center at least one month before departure.

The clinic staff provides the most current travel health information and determines the immunizations and prophylactic medications required based on destinations, planned activities, length of trips, health history, travel conditions and risks.

Walk-in hours are 8-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Bring immunization records.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or going online to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Handgun regulations protect Airmen's lives

By Virgil Mitchell

Safety office

Firearm users have to follow basic handgun safety rules and base instructions to protect themselves and others.

Safety should be the prime consideration of anyone who owns or handles firearms.

The following are the basic handgun safety rules:

Treat all firearms as if they're loaded.

Don't point at or cover anything with the muzzle until ready to shoot.

Keep trigger finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

Be certain of your target and your line of fire.

It's prohibited to use alcohol or drugs before or while handling a firearm.

Don't take anyone's word that the firearm is unloaded — always check for yourself.

Never pass a firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it's unloaded.

Users are responsible for the firearms at all times.

Safe storage is the user's responsibility. Store firearms and ammunition where they aren't accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

According to Keesler Instruction 31-101, personnel living in base housing may keep their privately-owned firearms in their home. However, they must complete Air Force Form 1314, Fire-



arms Registration Form. One copy is forwarded to the 81st Security Forces Squadron and one is maintained in the individual's orderly room.

Possession of weapons, firearms, or ammunition in bachelor living quarters, transient quarters and billeting is prohibited.

There are mandated storage requirements for firearms in quarters. Personnel living in base dormitories are required to store their firearms in the 81st SFS armory which provides safe storage for privately-owned firearms and up to 500 rounds of ammunition per person.

Transporting or carrying privately-owned weapons or firearms on Keesler is prohibited except to register or store them with the armory, and to and from military housing to go hunting or to attend authorized shooting activities.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2915.

Tricare

Coming soon: Easier access to information tailored to individual program beneficiaries

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Getting information is going to get easier for the 9.1 million Tricare beneficiaries.

Soon they're going to be able to access Tricare information tailored for them through the new My Benefits portal.

In addition to simplified navigation, beneficiaries can compare plans, get detailed information on services covered by Tricare and much more.

The improved portal also allows beneficiaries to print content easily, as well as save multiple sections of content into a single document, in what might be called a personalized Tricare handbook or E-book. With just a few clicks, beneficiaries can quickly find all the information they need about their health care benefit.

"It is important for us to meet the needs of our beneficiaries, and making sure we communicate with them clearly is a top priority," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, Tricare Management Activity deputy director. "The site redesign saves time and gives beneficiaries up-to-date information."

Results of an online survey revealed visitors to the original Tricare Web site were overwhelmed by the amount of content and complexity of the Tricare benefit. Users expressed frustration with surfing through the numerous benefit options and content redundancies.

"Because of the feedback," said General Granger, "we redesigned the site and beneficiaries participated in the process through hands-on testing of the new features."

Upon entering the My Benefits portal, beneficiaries answer a few questions about themselves, including their military status, where they live and their Tricare health plan. By answering these three questions, content is tailored to meet their needs.

Beneficiaries no longer have to wade through pages of content to find the information that pertains to them. If beneficiaries aren't sure about their Tricare plan, the Plan Wizard, one of the revamped site's new features, shows them the plans for which they may be eligible.

The Tricare Web site has an online demonstration of the new portal available.

If hurricane threatens, teams ready to mobilize

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When it comes to preparing for hurricane threats, Keesler is teeming with teams.

Different teams with various responsibilities are in place to provide base leadership with flexible response options if a storm or other natural disaster threatens Keesler.

Here's a brief outline of each team's duties as outlined in Keesler's hurricane plan:

Crisis action team — is comprised of senior leaders who discuss and advise the 81st Training Wing commander on options affecting personnel during a contingency.

Group control centers and medical control centers — provide critical accountability before and during a storm. GCCs are the primary interface with the CAT in coordinating hurricane-related issues.

Unit control centers — are the command and control element for squadrons and a conduit for information from the GCCs.

Hurricane response team — is a multi-function group of about 750 people that provides the wing commander's core capability to prepare, ride out and recover from a significant storm event.

The HRT provides information to the wing commander and the CAT on the status of impending storms, legal and financial considerations, personnel issues, transportation for evacuations and continuity of mission operations.

During a storm, the HRT gives ride out capability as determined by the wing commander. The developing storm scenario greatly influences whether the team shelters on base or evacuates to a safe area.

In the recovery phase, the HRT provides detailed damage assessment, opens the airfield and readies the base for the safe return of personnel.

Personnel accountability team — part of the HRT, is made up of 24 members that evacuate to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to ensure accountability of Keesler personnel and prepare statistics for the commander and higher headquarters. If directed by the commander, the PAT performs functions necessary to maintain command and control of Keesler personnel in case of a large-scale evacuation, perhaps for a long period of time.

PREPARING for the storm



Rapid recovery team — is the largest HRT contingent. These personnel prepare the base to ride out the storm and evacuate students and personnel. If personnel are evacuated, the RRT is the first to return to recover the base. The RRT remains on base during a storm only if students are sheltered.

The RRT has several subsets:

Advance beddown element — led by the 81st Mission Support Squadron, leaves in advance of the RRT to secure lodging, meals and office space in the event of an evacuation. More than one ABE may be needed based on the number of bed-down locations.

Training reconstitution team — evacuates to Maxwell and reports to the 81st Training Group commander. After returning to Keesler, the TRT assesses damage to training facilities and recommends what training should continue at Keesler or be transferred to other locations.

Damage assessment team — an asset reconstitution unit from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron that's responsible for bringing the base's real property and infrastructure back on line after a storm. The DAT reports to the squadron's UCC about prelimi-

nary inspection of the base and housing areas for initial damage reporting.

Emergency operations team — performs command and control operations throughout all emergencies and supports the vital control center.

Ride out command and control element — small group which shelters on base during a hurricane to provide minimal command, security, medical support and immediate damage assessment and control. Members provide base security and minimal medical support and damage assessment. Size ranges from about 198 to 44 members, depending on the severity of the approaching storm — the greater the threat, the fewer members remain on base.

Other teams and their functions:

Harrison County Emergency Operations Center liaison team — staffs a desk to compile and pass information between county and base leaders at the EOC in Gulfport.

Shelter management teams — the 81st TRG provides the primary component of each of six shelters, including a shelter commander, manager and team chiefs for safety and security, personnel and administration, supply and subsistence, along with any assistants deemed necessary.

SMT support teams — each shelter has two people from the 81st CES who become part of the DAT to assess damage after people are released from the shelter. Each support team also includes a member of the chapel staff and a four-member medical team to care for those in shelters.

Pet shelter team — cares for registered dogs and cats for military members required to shelter on base who don't have dependents who can evacuate with the animals. The team shelters with animals at Pet Haven in the Blake Fitness Center racquetball courts.

81st TRG student support team — includes permanent party members who help shelter or evacuate with the students. Responsibilities include shelter preparation and management, student processing and accountability, supervisory oversight, stand-up of particular training courses at dispersal bases and return of students to Keesler after post-hurricane assessments of lodging, dormitories, food services and training facilities are complete.

Flag Day — special time to honor ‘Old Glory’

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Today is Flag Day, a national celebration of the history of the American flag and a time to remember proper etiquette for its display.

Flag Day recognizes the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States 230 years ago on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia.

A resolution was passed specifying that the flag have 13 alternating red and white stripes, and the union have 13 white stars on a blue field. The resolution didn't specify the arrangement of the stars, but a full circle was adopted later.

On May 1, 1795, the flag was changed to 15 stars and 15 stripes. This flag stood over Fort McHenry as the British attacked during the War of 1812, Sept. 13-14, 1814. This flag, found still standing after the attack ended, inspired Francis Scott Key to compose The Star-Spangled Banner.

On April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law limiting the flag's stripes to 13 and providing for a star to be added to the blue field for each new state. This flag evolved into the flag flown over the United States today, with its last star added for the state of Hawaii in 1960.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Staff Sgt. Courtney Carroll, Airman Jounel Caceres, Capt. David Redmond, Senior Airman Tomeka Jackson and Tech. Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield fold the flag at the 81st Training Wing's formal retreat, May 17. Sergeant Carroll and Captain Redmond are from the legal office, Airmen Caceres and Jackson are from the chapel and Sergeant Brumfield is from the exercise evaluation team.

Flag Day was first observed in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the adoption of America's red, white and blue banner.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag

Day as an annual national celebration. It didn't become a national holiday until Aug. 3, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed a resolution denoting June 14 as the offi-

Flag display guidelines

Always hoist the flag briskly and lower it ceremoniously.

Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. The flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it's properly illuminated during hours of darkness. Each Air Force installation is limited to one illuminated flag staff.

When displayed vertically or horizontally on a wall, the union should always be to the flag's uppermost right (the observer's left). In a window, the union should be to an outside observer's left.

When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north on an east-west street and to the east on a north-south street.

The flag shouldn't be displayed during inclement weather, except when an all-weather flag is used.

The flag shouldn't be displayed on a parade float unless from a staff.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.

The flag shouldn't touch anything beneath it, such as the ground or water.

The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. Flag patches may be used on the uniforms of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations. A flag lapel pin is considered a replica and should be worn on the wearer's left lapel near the heart.

For more information on the proper use and display of the flag, call the 81st Training Wing Protocol Office, 377-3359.

cial birthday of the Stars and Stripes.

As America's flag developed throughout history, so too did traditions and proper etiquette guiding the proper use

and display of "Old Glory." The United States Flag Code adopted by Congress states, "The flag represents a living country and itself is considered a living thing."



Honoring those who served

Army veteran Jesse Womack watches the 81st Training Group's student parade June 7 in the Triangle. He and 16 other patients from the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center were honored at the event, followed by dinner at Magnolia Dining Facility.

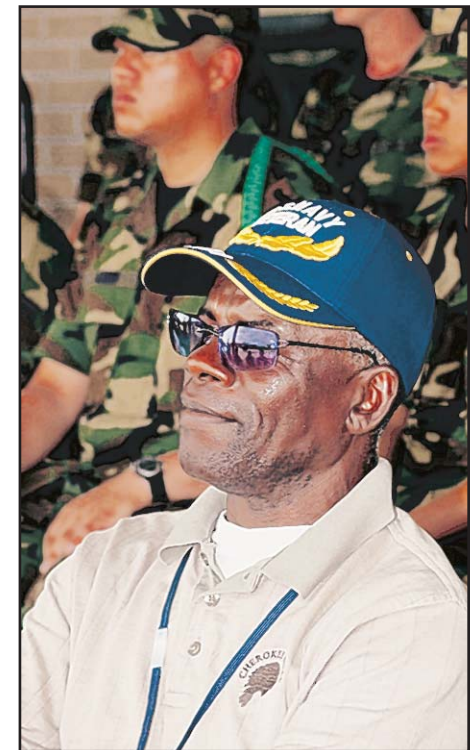
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From left, Army veterans Stephen Fisher and Jesse Womack and Navy veteran Glenn Lambert shake hands with Airmen 1st Class Ryan Nevius, 335th Training Squadron, and Benjamin Ward and Ryan Shimeck, 336th TRS, after the parade.



Airman 1st Class James Asher, 334th TRS, chats with Navy veteran Arvie Seals at dinner. Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, and other Airmen joined the veterans for the meal.



Navy veteran John Winston sat in the reviewing stand as the students march by.



Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 81st TRG commander, visits with Army veteran Dan York after dinner.



More help for smokers ready to quit

By Maggie Landry

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

There's more than one way to get help to quit smoking at Keesler.

In addition to the health and wellness center's tobacco cessation classes, the base is now connected to the American Lung Association Quit Line, 1-800-548-8252. This phone-in line connects participants to ALA counselors trained to help people quit smoking.

The line is open to callers from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Callers who have trouble getting through are encouraged to leave a message. They receive a return call within 24 hours.

Quit Line callers are eligible to receive Zyban and nicotine replacement patches. They're required to dial in weekly for counseling and go to the HAWC for weekly blood pressure screenings.

Medications can be picked up at the main pharmacy in the medical center each week participants call in.

A new drug option is available for those attending tobacco cessation classes. Chantix is the only drug FDA-approved specifically for tobacco cessation. It's designed to block the brain's nicotine receptors, making smoking an unpleasant experience.

For more information, call the HAWC, 376-3170.



Let's get physical(s)

Capt. (Dr.) Melissa Mauro-Small, 81st Medical Operations Squadron staff pediatrician, examines Torie Zimmer, 14, in the Keesler Medical Center pediatric clinic. The clinic is performing school physicals for children ages 3-17. Capt. Andrea Trout, nurse manager for the clinic, reminds patients, "Physicals book up to 28 days out. Call now to schedule your school, sports or camp physical." The clinic is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m to 4 p.m. Friday. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. Torie's parents are retired Tech. Sgt. Mark and Janice Zimmer of Biloxi.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

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Yard sale

The 333rd Training Squadron's booster club sponsors a yard sale, 9 a.m. Saturday in the Stennis Hall parking lot.

Table rent is \$7.

For more information or to reserve a table, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Smith, 377-1261, or Tech. Sgt. Ben LaBelle, 377-5838.

Office closure

The housing and consolidated dorm management office close 11 a.m. Wednesday for an official Squadron function.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program for Air Force spouses of less than five years, is 7:30 a.m. June 21 in the Triangle Chapel.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

For information on limited child care, call Jackie Pope, 377-5346.

Cafeteria open

81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center's cafeteria reopened April 23 for the first time since Hurricane Katrina, Aug. 29, 2005

The renovated cafeteria is available only to 81st Medical Group staff, patient visitors and personnel on temporary duty with the group.

Lunch only is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. normal duty days. Coffee bar hours are 7:30-9:30 a.m.

SARC drive

The sexual assault prevention and response office is col-

lecting book bags and supplies for the Gulf Coast Women's Center through July 11.

Drop off items 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday at the SARC office, Room 126, 81st Training Wing headquarters.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lutz, deputy sexual assault response coordinator, 377-8638.

Customer survey

Upon delivery of household goods, military members are asked to complete a customer satisfaction survey.

The survey is the primary source of data used in determining the performance portion of each transportation service provider.

To access the survey, go to <https://icss.eta.sddc.army.mil/>

Survey/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%fSurvey%2fDefault.aspx.

Hurricane guides

A limited number of copies of the Keesler News' 2007 hurricane guide are available in the newspaper office, Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center.

To reserve copies, e-mail kn@keesler.af.mil or call 377-4130, 3163, 7340 or 3837.

The guide is also available online at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a source of supplies.

For more information, visit, call or e-mail the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building

4002, 377-2005, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call the multimedia manager, 377-2793, or multimedia quality assurance personnel, 377-4636.

Entrance closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until early July.

Food handler training

Food handler training is required for unit fundraisers involving food, according to base public health officials.

For more information, 376-3161 or 3155.

Honor guard

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

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

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

Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn and Pinehaven, with Tuesday as the recycling day. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 377-5822.

Inspection stickers

Mississippi law requires all vehicles registered within the state be inspected annually.

A current inspection sticker must be displayed on the lower left corner of the windshield visible from the outside.

Vehicles manufactured before 1961 are exempt.

For more information, call 377-3762.

Cycle courses

For information on motorcycle safety courses, call the safety office, 377-2910.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Heat, humidity present significant health risks

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

South Mississippi summers can render the hardiest souls "heat beat." The searing heat, coupled with blazing sunshine and oppressive humidity, can cause serious health risks while working, exercising or playing outside.

Heat injuries can range from fainting and cramps to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which may result in brain damage or death unless treated promptly.

Monitoring potential dangers

To monitor heat dangers, the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron's bioenvironmental engineering flight uses special monitoring equipment to perform wet bulb globe temperature measurements during the summer months to determine work and rest cycles.

The device is used to take a reading in direct sunlight in front of Building 0420 north of Sablich Center. On weekends, Blake Fitness Center personnel take the readings.

The WBGT index considers dry air temperature, air movement, relative humidity and radiant heating. The WBGT index must be measured when the predicted or actual outside temperature reaches 85 degrees Fahrenheit as a daily high, according to Air Education and Training Command Instruction 48-101, Prevention of Heat Stress Disorders. Keesler specifics are outlined in Supplement 1 to the instruction dated Oct. 23, 2001.

At Keesler, bioenvironmental engineering technicians and base fitness personnel monitor heat conditions with official readings 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 1 through Sept. 30. Times and dates may be extended based on weather conditions.

Shifting weather conditions

WBGT readings can change significantly during the day, depending on how quickly the weather changes. Readings can go from 80 degrees to 75 degrees within minutes if wind increases and clouds move in.

That information is given to the command post, which disseminates it to unit control centers across the base. Supervisors determine the type of work their staff is performing and implement the appropriate work-and-rest cycles based on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's technical manual for heat stress that's produced by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists.

Flags are posted outside the base fit-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Billy Wince, 81st AMDS, takes a WBGT reading.

ness centers and the south side of the Levitow Training Support Facility to signal the degree of heat intensity. Colors, WBGT readings, hazard explanations and work-rest requirements are:

White flag (78 to 81.9) — Normal activity for people accustomed to climate; extremely intense physical exertion may cause heat stroke for people who aren't. No limits light and moderate work; heavy work 40 minutes, rest 20 minutes.

Green flag (82 to 84.9) — Normal activity for those accustomed to the cli-

mate; people who aren't should use discretion in planning intense physical activity. No limit light work; moderate work 50 minutes, rest 10; heavy work 30 minutes, rest 30.

Yellow flag (85 to 87.9) — People accustomed to the climate should use caution in planning intense physical activity; those who aren't should curtail strenuous activities. No limit light work; moderate work 40 minutes, rest 20; heavy work 30 minutes, rest 30.

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Physical conditioning guidelines for students

Physical conditioning training for students at Air Education and Training Command installations is outlined in AETC Instruction 48-101, Prevention of Heat Stress Disorders.

Physical conditioning for the sole purpose of fitness improvement should be conducted before the onset of heat categories when possible, according to the instruction.

Physical conditioning may be conducted in shorts and T-shirt continuously up to one hour in all but black flag heat conditions. Limit physical conditioning in black flag to 40 minutes of continuous activity.

Under AETC Instruction 36-2216, Administration of Military Standards and Discipline Training, Keesler won't accomplish physical readiness training for nonprior service Airmen under black flag conditions.

At Keesler, NPS Airmen accomplish a 30-minute self-paced run on Mondays and Thursdays and a 1.5-mile run on Tuesdays for progression in the AETC phase program in place of the regular self-paced run, according to Senior Master Sgt. James Lane, superintendent of military training for the 81st Training Group.

Runs take place at 10 a.m. or 4:30 p.m., depending on class schedules. Workouts also include a 20-minute warm-up and 10-minute cool-down periods. Wednesdays, other military training activities such as open ranks inspections take place.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Darryll Stewart, 81st Services Division, posts a heat flag outside Blake Fitness Center.

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Red flag (88 to 89.9) — Those accustomed to the climate should curtail strenuous exercise and limit conditioning for periods not exceeding six hours; people who aren't should terminate all physical conditioning. No limit light work; moderate work 30 minutes, rest 30; heavy work 20 minutes, rest 50.

Black flag (90 and above) — Light work 50 minutes, rest 10; moderate work 20 minutes, rest 40; heavy work 10 minutes, rest 50.

Clothing types may add to the WBGT factor. Cloth coveralls add 3.5 degrees Fahrenheit, body armor adds 5 and mission-oriented protective posture gear adds 10 for light work and 20 for moderate and heavy work.

Experts note that the most important safety measure during hot weather is to drink plenty of water or sports drinks a few hours before and during heavy work or exercise.

However, hourly fluid intake shouldn't exceed 1 1/2 quarts, and daily fluid intake shouldn't exceed 12 quarts.

Rapid ingestion of large amounts of water may lead to hyponatremia, or acute water intoxication, a life-threatening condition that may lead to weakness, convulsions, loss of consciousness and death if not recognized and treated promptly.

Also, eat balanced meals, avoid products with caffeine and ensure appropriate work and rest cycles are observed.

If a person is unsteady, weak or has muscle cramps that don't go away with rest and fluids, he should seek medical attention immediately.

If you notice someone who is confused, unresponsive or vomiting, get them into the shade, remove any excess clothing and call for medical assistance. If he isn't perspiring, try to help him cool off by fanning him or dabbing his face and neck with a cool cloth, but don't throw or pour cold water on him.

For more information about heat-related illnesses, call public health, 377-6896. For current heat conditions, call bioenvironmental engineering, 376-0590, or the command post, 377-4330.

First Lt. Jennifer Lepper, 81st AMDS, contributed to this report.

Engineering installers hand Marines their first loss, 14-8

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

In an intramural softball version of "Last Man Standing," only the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron remained unbeaten after games of June 4-7.

The civil engineers swept two American League opponents last week, including the previously undefeated 81st Security Forces Squadron.

An 11-1 handcuffing of the cops and 14-4 sinking of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit left the 81st CES alone atop the league at 5-0.

The 81st SFS, which played only once last week, slipped from a tie for first to sharing third place with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron at 3-1.

The new No. 2 team is the 333rd TRS, 2-0 last week and 4-1 overall.

There was bad news and good news for the Marine Corps Detachment.

The bad news was a 14-19 loss at the hands of the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron. It was the Marines' first defeat after six straight victories, including a 15-2 rout of the 335th Training Squadron earlier in the week.

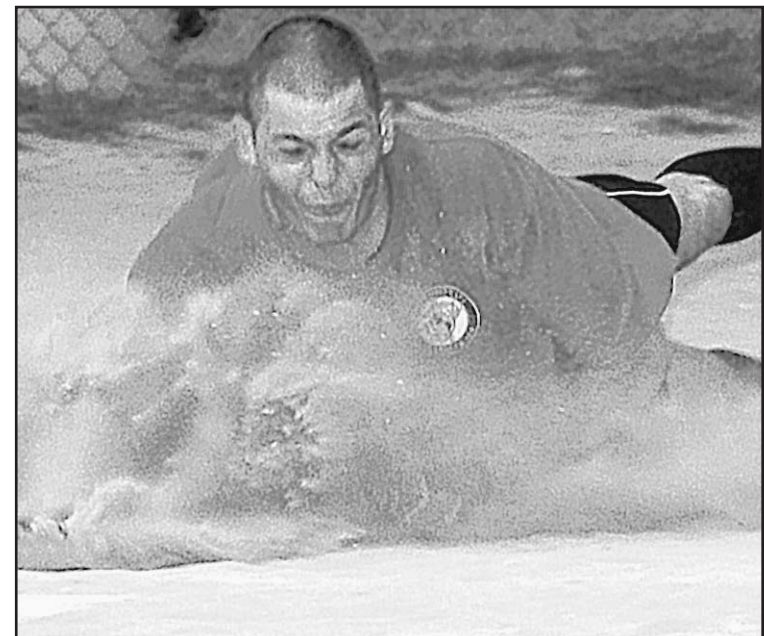


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David Hale, MARDET, slides into home plate with a run. However, it wasn't enough as the 85th EIS handed the Marines their first loss, 14-9, June 7.

The good news: MARDET hung onto a share of the American League lead. The co-leader is the 81st Communications Squadron, winners of two games during the week. Both teams are 6-1.

For the 335th TRS, there was only bad news. The Bulls entered the week 4-1 and tied with the 81st CS for second in

the league, one game behind the Marines. Blowouts by MARDET and the 403rd Wing left them among the also-rans.

For all scores from June 4-7 and current standings, see Scores and More, Page 24.

For scheduling information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.



Baseball's Phillies select Falcon

Karl Bolt, then a senior cadet at the Air Force Academy, connects on the first of his two home runs during a game March 22 against San Diego State. Recently graduated from the academy, Bolt was selected Friday by the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League in the 15th round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Photo by Mike Kaplan

Gaudé Lanes launches Summer Strike Force

Gaudé Lanes customers can win prizes and cash in the Summer Strike Force program through July 31.

Sponsored by QubicaAMF and Coca-Cola, bowlers earn rewards by collecting 10 punches on two levels of punch cards. Punches are earned for every game bowled or large Coca-Cola drink purchased at the snack bar. Completed Strike Force One cards earn coupons for free soft drinks and bowling.

Strike Force 2 cards earn male or female beanie bears, "Bud E. Bowler" and "Iwanna B. Bowlin." Other prizes include T-shirts or twist-lock key holders, while supplies last.

Completed cards are entered for weekly prize giveaways such as a bowling shirt, collectible bowling pin; Raw Hammer bowling ball, Coca-Cola bowling bag, desktop bowling clock and more. They're also entered for a chance to win a \$500 cash grand prize or \$250 second prize.

No purchase is necessary to enter to win weekly and grand prizes. Patrons may print their complete name, street address and city, state and zip code on a 3x5-inch piece of paper or index card and bring it to the center.

For contest rules and entry information, visit Gaudé Lanes.



Sod squad

Equipment operator Brad Andrews from Southern Grass, West Point, rolls out sod on Hole 12 of Bay Breeze Golf Course June 6. It's part of a \$4.5 million project that's repairing damage from Hurricane Katrina and bringing the course up to U.S. Golf Association standards. Bay Breeze is expected to reopen early this fall.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser (as of May 21)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	82	51
Martini's	74	59
Perry's Refrigeration	73	60
Wayne's World	72	61
Bam! Bam! Bam!	70	63
Slater's Shooters	67	66
Hoop's Gang	66	67
Spare Time Pro Shop	64	69
Our Gang	64	69
Gannon's Cannons	61	72
Endangered Species	54	79
Wicked Women	51	82

Tuesday Night Hospital (Final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	112	32
Dirty O's	102	42
Scrubs	100	44
Team 5	95	48
Team 2	77	67
Team 1	74	70
The Big O	60	84
Spare Ballz	51	93
Juggonauts	22	122
Team 10	10	126

Thursday Seniors Mixed (as of June 7)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 11	11.5	2.5
Groovy "3"	11	3
Me and the Guys	9.5	4.5
Team 5	9	5
Team 4	8	6
FIBO	7	7
Team 8	7	7
Go Getters	6	8
Team 7	6	8
Team 12	4.5	9.5
RBR	2.5	11.5
Team 6	2	12

Other

Penny a pin — 5 p.m. to closing Thursdays. Price of your game is your score; over 225 is free.

Stars and Strikes — coming soon. For information, call 377-2817.

Tuesdays — teenagers bowl for \$5. Ten lanes available.

Saturdays — birthday parties available. For information and reservations, call 377-2817.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 5 p.m. to closing Monday-Friday and all day Saturday. Bowl two hours for \$10.95, including shoe rental.

Nonprior service students bowling special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1 game, plus \$1 shoe rental.

Fundraisers available — for more information, call 377-2817.

Fitness centers

Fitness classes — step aerobics, turbo-core, cycle/spin, slo-robics and boxing workout. For more information, call 377-2907.

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

Dragon Fitness Center — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. Smoothie bar open. For massage therapist appointments, call 263-5515.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Temporary pro shop — open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays in the starter shack. Gloves, golf balls and tees available.

Bay Breeze — course closed until October. Naval Construction Battalion Center's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494. St. Andrews and Gulf Hills offer military discounts.

Bay Breeze driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 30 balls, \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Outdoor recreation

Swimming pools — main base pool on Meadows Drive is open noon to 5:30 p.m. daily except Monday. Triangle pool is open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesday. For more information and costs, call 377-3568.

Father's Day special — Sunday, all dads get a 10 percent discount on a boat rental.

June fishing tournament — weigh in largest bass and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing boat — available for charter; \$700 for first 10 people; \$35 for each additional person Monday-Thursday, \$40 weekends and holidays; \$350 deposit required.

Deep sea fishing trips — June 15, 17, 24 and 29. Fee of \$60 includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. No fishing license required. Bring food and beverage. Minimum 10, maximum 22.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental. For more information, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3180.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, and Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses available.

Paintball

Paintball course — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays open play, 1-3 p.m. tournaments or group play with reservation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Soccer

Gulf Coast 7-Aside Tournament — Keesler's A-Team finished 1-3 and B-team finished 0-3 over the weekend at the Gautier Soccer Complex. Josh Warren, 81st Communications Squadron, earned a "hat trick" in Keesler's only win and scored the only goal in the consolation final.

Practices resume next week, 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and working Fridays and 10:30 a.m. compressed work schedule Fridays. For more information, call Eric Hernandez, 377-1991.

Softball

Intramural standings

American League (as of June 8)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES	5	0
333rd TRS	4	1
81st TRSS	3	1
81st SFS	3	1
81st MSGS	3	1
81st MDOS-MDSS	2	2
338th TRS	2	3
81st MSS-CPTS	1	3
81st DS	1	4
CNATTU	0	4

June 4 — 81st DS 12, 338th TRS 6; 333rd TRS 6, 81st MDOS-MDSS 5; 81st TRSS 18, 81st MSS-CPTS 10; 81st CES 14, CNATTU 4.

June 6 — 81st TRSS 7, 338th TRS 3; 333rd TRS 14, 81st DS 11; 81st MDOS-MDSS 21, CNATTU 3; 81st MSGS 14, 81st MSS-CPTS 4; 81st CES 11, 81st SFS 1.

Schedule — of upcoming games wasn't available at press time. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

National League (as of June 8)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	6	1
81st CS	6	1
335th TRS	4	3
85th EIS	5	2
332nd TRS	4	3
336th TRS	5	2
403rd Wing	2	5
81st TRANS-SUPS	2	5
2nd Air Force	1	6
81st AMDS	0	7

June 5 — 336th TRS 17, 81st TRANS-SUPS 5; 332nd TRS 8, 403rd Wing 7; 85th EIS 15, 2nd Air Force 3; 81st CS 17, 81st AMDS 4; MARDET 15, 335th TRS 2.

June 7 — 403rd Wing 12, 335th TRS 2; 81st TRANS-SUPS 6, 2nd Air Force 5; 85th EIS 14, MARDET 9; 81st CS 20, 332nd TRS 18; 336th TRS 13, 81st AMDS 5.

Schedule — of upcoming games wasn't available at press time. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

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GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 07-11

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Jeremy Landis, Joseph Roach and Nathan Whatley.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airman Jay Hagen.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman Javarius Barnes.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Tammy Hall.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airmen Basic Tranisha Brown and Elizabeth Denz.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Matthew Hemphill and Kaitlyn Hemphill.

334th Training Squadron — Airman 1st Class Lashanda Brown.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, January-March

Second Air Force

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Nashona Ragland, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Student honor roll

332th Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airmen 1st Class Eric Atkinson, David Hallinan and Taylor Warren; Staff Sgts. Joshua Baxley and Alan Ebanks.

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Aaron Ackley, Seth Allpin, Stephanie Arnold, Nathan Ashly, Steven Austin, Timothy Bakke, Nathan Brazelton, Brebt Breault, Kent Brinson, Jonathan Burt, Joshua Carter, Zachary Cervantes, Ryan Cook, Lawrence Diccico, Edward Dressler, Benjamin Dykstra, Ryan Eaker, Jonathan Fox, Christina Garon, Kelse Hoffman, John Hooper, Thomas Koppie, James Izatt, Michael Kushma, Timothy Lawrence, Andrew Leming, Jonathan Matthews, Anthony Merriman, Loren Mikulski, Joshua Miller, Davis Moreno, Sondra Morgan, Elizabeth Moss, Spencer Munson, Johnny O'Hagan, Luis Perez, Michael Price, Stephen Runge, Faustino Sanders, Scott Short, Brett Smith and Robert Taylor; Airmen Jason Degering, Jennifer Hardin, David McMahan, Jeremy Pitman, Mary Rodriguez, Jonathan Sanoval-Barba and Joseph Wanroy; Airmen 1st Class Scott Anderson, Sergio Baez, Andrew Boerger, Jarad Branch, Sean Cleary, Terence DelRosario, William Dixon, James Easterling, Aaron Elliott, Clayton Etter, Joshua Fennell, Jon Frank,

Brian Fuchs, Bradford Gallatin, Lara Galloway, Aaron Grime, Kellan Hawks, Colin Hoard, Babac Izadi, Daniel Jamison, Aaron Jenkins, Austin Jenkins, Devin Jester, Joshua Johnson, Jesse Lesueur, Corderro Martin, Jeffrey Moffitt, Melisha Reese, Matthew Nezat, Hector Reyes-Ortiz, Joshua Peeples, Nicholas Ponce, Mitchell Price, Tyson Puetz, Daniel Rawlings, James Rickert, Bradley Riemann, Jonathan Rivera-Colon, William Sheehan, Ashley Smith, Alena Spears, Seth Spores, Jennifer Thomas, Jesse Tosi, Ronn Wade and James Wilson; Senior Airmen Derrick Cox, Brandon Grissom, Gabriel Howard, Wesley Mills, Michael Morales, Anthony Morgan, Roland Odermann and Alan Plant; Staff Sgts. Tyehimba Ames, Ryan Carlson, Renee Crisman, Wayne Garner, Jason Greer, Christopher Harper, Nikolas Henry, Travis Kennison, Jong Lee, Edwin Leon-Rivera, Warren Macomber, Terry Neff, Tim Ortiz, Michael Poulter, Julian Rey, Nicholas Scherbring, Mark Sellers, Granville Smith, Steven Thornton and Anthony Williams; Tech. Sgts. Jerry Gillman and John Pyeatt; Lt. Sulaimian Al Mufarej; Gregory Bartel.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Anderson, Candice Clark, Christopher Evans, Molly Lewis, Matthew McClement, Melody McKee, Rosalexis Mulgado, Jacob Mullins, Mitchell Schulz and Alisha Williams; Airman Kristen Graeter; Airmen 1st Class James Asher, Timothy Barclay, Tyler Brown, Blake Green and Nicole Nadeau; Senior Airman Kenneth Kippley; Staff Sgts. Dustin Brown, Malcolm Carv, Jonathan Kendall, Nicoli O'Gilvie and Stephen Studenny.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rondarius McDonald and Lawrence Stephens; Airman Brett Ringie; Airmen 1st Class Leona Kendrick and Brent Martino; Staff Sgt. Micheal Mitchell; Master Sgts. Lawrence Aragon and Brian Thomas; Senior Master Sgt. William Stephens; Chief Master Sgt. William Sumner.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Ashley Brock; Airman Christopher Morales; Airmen 1st Class Takneisha Boatright, Cassie Lehmer, Grace Pomele and Athena Talleos; Senior Airmen Daniel Fritch, David Havice and Bradley Stahl; Staff Sgts. Christina Leyva and Michael Weeks; Tech. Sgts. Jason Ellis, Charles Lanigan, Joseph Lopez and Debra Spencer; Master Sgts. Blenda Mease, Eric Mills and Michael Weeks.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Loieni Mouna; Airman Malissa Deleon; Airmen 1st Class Sutanya Allen, Jomer Bautista, Kristina Heino, Francis Henderson, Daniel Howell, Phatsalavanh Oukham, Melissa Ramsey and Christiana Schaefer; Senior Airmen Robert Carman and Oliver Perez; Staff Sgts. Brian Anderson, Kerry Brown, Dawne Crichlow, Joel Greene and Arkeisha Lawrence; Tech. Sgt. Nicole Branson.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Mary Horton and Catherine Wagner; Airmen Rocky Garcia and Regis Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Chris Braxton, William Cammarn, Jinny Liechti, David O'Brien and Andrew Stephens; Senior Airman Matthew Polen; Marine Cpl. Jerrod Vaughn; Staff Sgt. Jennifer Sorenson; Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Monica Yazno; Marine Sgt. Esmeralda Ortega; Tech. Sgts. Kenneth Eberman, Shaun Erickson and Jason Neugebauer; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Miller; Master Sgt. Timothy Braley.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic James Beck and Joel Duncan; Airman Mathew Weber; Airmen 1st Class Donald Bathurst, Aja Cornella, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas, Carlin Kubenka, Farris Skaff, Jeremy Twidt, Samuel Vazquez-Ayala and Benjamin Ward; Senior Airmen Jeremy Albrecht, Jonathan Beck, LaTrice Freeman, Elizabeth Kerber and Michael Versailles; Staff Sgts. Sacrial Howard, Barrette Lafrance, Vernon Maher and Quinn Peters; Tech. Sgts. David Guy, Dean Peterson and Steve Wilburn; Master Sgt. Kenneth Law; Senior Master Sgt. Robert Baker.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bauman, Isabel Ochoa, Benjamin Palmer and Simeon Smeltzer; Airmen Paul Adams and David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Robert Ernst, Kristin Estremera, Nicholas Freet, Jaysiel Garcia, Matthew Hensley, Anthony Martin, Everette Pennington, Bryan Scharman; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Bren Calpin, Jonathan Jones and Sonny Rasay; Staff Sgts. Kenneth Braden, Christopher Kerens, Christopher Meyer and Johnny Stewart; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Maggiacomo.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Vil-las; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls.

Wait at the main entrance of hotels for pickup. Allow a five to 10 minute window on arrival time. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs for classes starting after 6:30 a.m. or for service to hotels not listed.

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.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Medical Center chapel.....Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

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338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Richard Krotchie and Brett Schroder.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-5 — graduation July 10.
Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-5 — graduation July 10.
Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Airmen and family readiness center

Basic resume preparation techniques — 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To register, call 377-2179.

Basic interviewing skills — 1-2:30 p.m. June 25, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To register, call 377-2179.

Arts and crafts center

Summer youth craft camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday for six more weeks. \$25 per week includes snack.

Special for fathers — all dads who register for a craft class this month receive free gift.

Sewing — 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Make a beach bag. \$20 including supplies.

One-stroke painting — Saturday. \$30 including supplies. Call for time.

Cooking — 11 a.m. June 23. Cool summer treats. \$10 including supplies.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. June 30, ages 13 and older. \$25 includes first firing. Pour a summer fun project.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. For date, call 377-2821.

Introduction to photography for amateurs — One class, two sessions, 1-3:30 p.m. Friday and 1-3 p.m. June 29. \$40.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. June 23. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or June 30. \$20. New project every month.

Beginner framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays starting today. \$60. Sign up in the multi-craft shop.

Advanced matting — beginner framing is prerequisite. \$25. For date and time, call 377-2821.

Stamp cards — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing in multi-craft shop. Fill card and get free mold rental or firing. Fill card having framing done in the frame shop and get 10 percent off next order.

Auto hobby shop

Beginner auto care classes for groups — oil changes, tune-ups or brakes. For more information, call 377-3872.

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. compressed work schedule Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays. The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

Men's Tuesday luncheon Bible study — noon-1 p.m.

Wednesday night Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m.

Friday night youth teens — call 377-2520.

Family advocacy

Anger management — 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For more information, call 377-6216, 376-3458 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

McBride Library

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

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827

Summer story time — 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 3-5.

Read club — 2 p.m. Wednesday, ages 6-12.

Book display — new selections for ages through grade 3.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Strut your mutt day — 10 a.m. to noon Friday. Parade, contests, prizes and refreshments.

Dance, pool party and boat building contest — 5 p.m. June 29. \$5. Duct tape and cardboard provided for boats; two-person teams. Barbecue, disk jockey and prizes.

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

Board game night — 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Survivor night — 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Katrina Kantina

Comics on duty — free show, 6 p.m. June 21. Light snacks available.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. June 28. Shrimp boil. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

It's your choice — select between two club cards.

Dr. Dick's karaoke show — 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Taco Tuesdays — members two tacos for \$1, nonmembers \$2.

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

Babysitting course — ages 13 and older; minimum 10 participants. Call for date and time.

Missoula Theater Camp — grades 1-12. Sign up now for production of Robin Hood, July 30 through Aug. 4.

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 6 p.m. June 27, ages 13 and older.

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. June 27, ages 13 and older. Sign up by previous Friday.

Youth employment service — ages 15 and older volunteer to work in various base organizations and some may earn money toward college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

Auto hobby shop

Air conditioning checks — no reservation required.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash — wash, rinse, wax system, towlettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — on Tingle Street. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops with mushroom gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

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

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

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

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 p.m. for retirees. Briefings are in Room 122, old Cody Hall. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation/retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through June 20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 10-12, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To

preregister or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. today, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Palace Chase briefings — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search; located in Room 121, old Cody Hall. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness center, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30 program at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.afoats.af.mil> and select

“AFJROTC” or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Opportunities for medics — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

Opportunities for medics — Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active-duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.

Trip to Pensacola Beach, Fla. — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 23. \$20 per person. Sign up and pay by Wednesday.

MEETINGS

Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organizational 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 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-5566 or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aaddofficers@keesler.af.mil.

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

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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

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

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

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

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

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

Top III — meeting times and locations vary. For more information, call Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6510.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 11 a.m. third Wednesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Glenda Mosby, 377-0178, or e-mail gmosby1@bellsouth.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are 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 recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Georgia Rule (R, 113 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Disturbia (PG-13, 104 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Spiderman III (PG-13, 139 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Lucky You (PG-13, 124 minutes).



Fun in the Sun

June 14 in the Marina Park

Relax before the ORI and celebrate Keesler's 66th Birthday!

-  5K Run 10 a.m.
-  Volleyball Tournament 11 a.m.
-  Food & Beverages served 11 a.m. throughout the day, while supplies last
-  Cake Cutting Ceremony 12:30 p.m.
-  Fishing Tournament 12:30 p.m.
-  Dominoes, Board Games, Cards and Contests
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