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Dance fever



Photo by Adam Bond

Tops in Blue Senior Airman Wallis Payano finds a willing partner in Airman Basic Tyler Bigler during a dance number at the concert in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Tuesday night. Airman Bigler is a student in the 338th Training Squadron. More photos, Page 16.

Stress Airmen, families only call away from assistance

By Staff Sgt.
Monique Randolph

Air Force Public Affairs
WASHINGTON — Military life presents a wide range of stressors for total force Airmen and their families.

Deployments, increased operations tempo and decreased manning can have negative effects in both the workplace and the home if Airmen don't know where to turn for help.

The Air Force tries to combat the negative effects of stress at the lowest possible level through several key programs and agencies dedicated to identifying, managing, treating and reducing sources of stress affecting Airmen and their family members. These agencies are part of the integrated delivery system, cross-functional experts dedicated to the well-being of Airmen and their families.

Airmen and family readi-

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Chapel — 377-2520.

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Mental health — 376-0385.

ness — One resource available to Airmen and their families is the Airmen and family readiness center. The center offers individual relationship consulting services as and other relationship-building classes.

“Airmen have a continuous

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This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

Ground radio communications, 10 a.m., Monday, Jones Hall.

Ground radar maintenance, 9 a.m., Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Bryan Hall.

Radio communication, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



June honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,631

Non-prior service — 1,596

Temporary duty — 915

Joint service — 85

Combat controllers — 15

Medical — 20

Non-prior service arrivals — 106

Guard, Reserve — 388

International — 49

FY07 graduates — 19,774

Total since 1942 — 2,257,442

COMMENTARY

38 days and counting ... are you ready for our ORI?

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

As you're all well aware, the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General and a team of 100 inspectors arrive Aug. 19 to begin our operational readiness inspection.

Our goal is simple — to receive an excellent or higher rating during this inspection with no repeat write-ups.

The 81st Training Wing is a great wing, and you've proven this time and time again over the past two years. This ORI is just another opportunity to showcase how great you are.

Let me leave you with some thoughts as we focus on the last 38 days until our inspection:

Making a good first impression is key to our success. It sets the stage for events to come during the inspectors' visit. Being brilliant in the basics, exceeding standards and paying close attention to detail should be on everyone's mind.

It's not too early to get out there and start cleaning up your work centers. Don't wait until the weekend the inspection team arrives to start this process. There's lots of work to be done in some of our older facilities, especially in and around storage and construction sites.

Pay special attention to dress, appearance, customs and courtesies. Haircuts and uniforms are always favorite inspection items. Recent AETC ORIs have also highlighted write-ups regarding folks walking and talking in uniform with cell phones to their ears. Additionally, you can expect to see up to five colonel inspectors with eagle placards on their cars — so be on the lookout and render the proper salute and respect.

Be proactive. When an inspector walks into your area, take the lead and say "I'm Staff Sergeant Smith — let me show you our

program." Show them the great things you've done and are doing. You have a great story to tell, so let them hear it.

You've already been running your inspection checklists. Now is the time to put the finishing touches on any open items. If you can't close an open item before the inspection, have a written plan, with milestones, showing how and when you're going to fix the problem you've discovered. It's important to have a written plan to close open items.

Review the appropriate guidance and Air Force instructions within your functional areas. Self-inspection checklists are only a guide and aren't all-encompassing. Surprise write-ups need to be avoided at all costs.

If you haven't finished your annual training requirements, get it done. It's an individual responsibility to ensure these requirements are met.

Take time and review your Airmen's Manual. AFMAN 10-100 covers basic warfighting skills and points of knowledge to be effective as an "Expeditionary Airman."

Be professional and courteous to the inspectors. Getting into an argument with them won't help any situation.

There are going to be several exercises during the week, including force protection changes, major accident response and a field test of our warfighting skills. Showing a sense of urgency and ensuring safety is observed at all times must be on the forefront of everyone's mind.

Be a good wingman and help those around you — teamwork is crucial.

Our biggest opportunity now lies on the horizon. Each and every one of you plays an important role in our success.

I've no doubt that at the ORI outbrief, you'll prove again that Keesler is the "best of the best" in AETC.

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.

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Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
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Identification cards — 377-3203	Youth center — 377-4116
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Ancillary training: From 9 hours to 90 minutes

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — After examining how much time Airmen spend on annual ancillary training, Air Force leaders have decided that time should be allocated more efficiently.

As of Oct. 1, ancillary training requirements are reduced to 90 minutes, as opposed to almost nine hours per Airman spread throughout the year.

“An Airman’s time is valuable, one of the most precious commodities we have,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. “I want a lot of our ancillary training to be combined so Airmen can spend more time concentrating on their jobs.”

The goal is to cut the time spent on ancillary training to the “minimum level necessary,” General Moseley said in his latest “Chief’s Scope.”

The initiative is part of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, an Air Force-wide

program where organizations reexamine their own procedures and processes to find ways to save time and money.

Under the new 90-minute “block instruction” plan, Airmen save almost an entire workday, or about 8.65 hours per person, according to Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services.

General Brady’s team examined 16 different training courses and redesigned how Airmen receive that information. In 1 1/2 hours, Airmen receive blocks of training organized into categories that simplify the training process without greatly diminishing the value of the training itself.

“I will not let ancillary training overshadow our combat focus,” General Moseley said. “These concrete steps will tip the scales to give Airmen more time to focus on their primary mission.”

For even greater convenience, units have several options for completing all three blocks. Commanders have the choice of holding the entire

90 minutes at once in a mass briefing, or split up into three segments throughout the year. The blocks are also available as both group and individual computer presentations.

While the 90 minutes of instruction meets annual requirements for Total Force Airmen, there continues to be additional, specific training for select Airmen. For example, new Airmen still need to attend initial security orientation at their first duty station and Airmen changing duty stations to go overseas require counterintelligence training.

Although courses like these are still in addition to the annual required 90-minute training, there’s a plan now that also reduces the time it takes for these extra courses by up to 72 percent, General Brady said.

“Our approach is aggressive and will force everyone to justify how the benefits of their proposed training outweigh the burden on our Airmen,” he said.

Instructor augments classroom skills during deployment

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

In Southwest Asia, the Army is the occupying force, and the Air Force is the eye in the sky, according to 1st Lt. Robert Patt.

The lieutenant, a basic communications officer instructor in the 333rd Training Squadron since May 2006, returned in May from a four-month deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

He’s no newcomer to deployment, having served in Saudi Arabia twice and Thailand three times in his 17 years in the Air Force.

At Al Udeid, Lieutenant Patt was the Combined Air and Space Operations Center’s mission systems flight commander. He was responsible for operation and maintenance of high frequency and tactical satellite radios supporting aircraft communications from the CAOC to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

He was also in charge of the U.S. Central Command Air Force commander’s video teleconference system in the CAOC, as well as secure

telephones, deployable and contingency communications systems and the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle video distribution network.

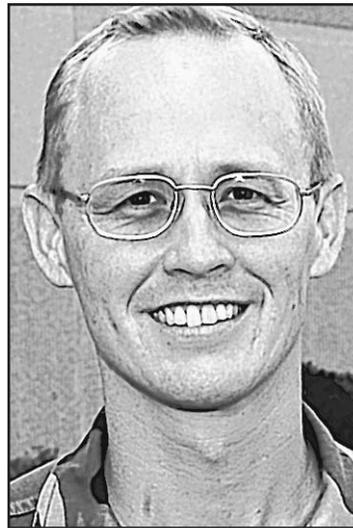
In addition, Lieutenant Patt’s duties included receipt, processing and dissemination of the “common operational picture” that shows leaders the position of all friendly and hostile land, air and sea assets in Iraq, Afghanistan, HOA and the Persian Gulf and coordinated radar coverage of these areas with the forward operating bases.

Keeping up with the high operations tempo was Lieutenant Patt’s biggest deployment challenge. He worked 12-16 hours a day, six days a week.

“When you walked in the morning, it was go-go-go until you could catch a breath,” he recalled.

The lieutenant is proud of the Air Force’s vital daily role in the war against terrorism.

“The Air Force scans for improvised explosive devices from the air with special sensors and calls in explosive ordnance disposal to check it out,” he pointed out. “We see people moving across



Lieutenant Patt

international borders and through mountains in the black of night and engage them.

“When troops on the ground need help from above, we’re there at a moment’s notice with heavy guns, AC-130 gunships, B-1 bombers and A-10 Thunderbolts,” he continued. “We bring in massive amounts of supplies to all the bases because ground-based convoys are dangerous. We medevac wounded, we send in rescue helicopters.”

As a flight commander in Qatar, Lieutenant Patt had to deal with a variety of personnel issues.

“The deployed environment is hard on folks — you have Airmen with relatives diagnosed with terminal cancer, dealing with difficult marriages and other things that you had to take into account,” he explained. “We still did awards packages and programs, monthly barbecue socials and things to get folks comfortable.”

At Al Udeid, he shared a small room with one roommate who worked the opposite shift, so they rarely saw each other. The food and recreational facilities were good, “but whether you got to use them much depended on your work schedule,” he remarked. “I need good sleep to perform, so I didn’t spend too much time on recreation. I also took two master’s level college courses online so that ate up more time.”

Being separated from his wife Mikiko and their two children, 10-year old Tiffany and 5-year-old Samuel, was difficult. However, e-mails and packages from his family

and co-workers eased his homesickness.

Now that he’s back at Keesler, the lieutenant stressed that the deployment experience gives him an added dimension as an instructor.

“I can share the latest and greatest real-world experiences, the challenges we faced, and how we overcame them,” he said. “At Keesler, I talk about how communications supports the warfighter in an operational environment. While deployed, I was that communicator who provides the comm to the warfighters — convoy communications, bombing, tanker or intel air missions, to distinguished visitor aircraft. We made sure comm was there to talk with and monitor the aircraft.”

“The best part of the assignment was getting the job done — knowing that the pilots and controllers had the comm they needed to do their jobs,” he added. “If the comm doesn’t work, radar feeds go down, command and control networks go down, telephone lines go down — command and troops in the field get left in the dark.”

Master Sgt. Jack Smith, center, teaches students in the advanced contingency skills training course one of the moves in linear infighting neural-override engagement training during a class session at the Air Force Expeditionary Center, Ft. Dix, N.J. LINE training is one of the newest training techniques offered at the center. Sergeant Smith is a 421st Combat Training Squadron instructor.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol



Deploying Airmen prepare to enter 'wolf's den'

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Air Force Expeditionary Center Public Affairs

FORT DIX, N.J. — Traditional thinking for Air Force pre-deployment preparation may have Airmen reading the Airman's Manual from front to back and getting in some form of combat skills training at home station.

Would that same effort include learning about the linear infighting neural-override engagement, or LINE, combative system? Probably not, but leaders at the Air Force Expeditionary Operations School here introduced a new LINE course for Air Force Advanced Contingency Skills Training taught by instructors from the Air Force Expeditionary Center's 421st Combat Training Squadron. The results were positive.

The LINE combative system is a form of self-defense invented by Ron Donvito, a former Marine and martial arts expert.

According to Lt. Col. Kevin Krause, deputy commandant of the EOS who introduced the training to ACST, Mr. Donvito's combative training experience is derived from extensive research and more than 38 years of traditional martial arts and military close-combat training. This training includes 20 of years service with the Marine Corps as an infantryman where he trained extensively with special operations units throughout the world.

Colonel Krause took the instructor certification course for LINE while attending the Army Command and

Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., in 2004.

"After that, I took LINE to my next assignment and taught more than 200 Airmen at MacDill Air Force Base (Fla.) while serving as the 6th Communications Squadron commander," he said. "I conducted seven initial training courses there, and we taught it at squadron physical training sessions. We also ran one instructor course before I left MacDill."

Colonel Krause said he always received tremendous feedback from those taking the course, and he noticed the impacts were immediate with his students.

"There were obvious improvements in self confidence and overall military performance from my graduates in all of their duties," Colonel Krause said. "I had one lieutenant who had to fend off an attacker (while) on a temporary duty assignment a week after completing the instructor course, and she performed exactly as we had taught her and escaped harm."

The LINE course made its way into ACST in March; however, Colonel Krause said he ran an initial basic-level course in November.

"That first course was to expose interested members of the then Air Mobility Warfare Center — particularly the cadre from the 421st CTS and EOS — to LINE," he said.

In January, a LINE instructor course was approved and given as a test to provide more exposure to cadre and to determine where LINE would best fit. In the instructor

course were students from the 816th and 818th Contingency Response Groups and 305th Communications Squadron from nearby McGuire AFB, N.J.; 1st Combat Camera Squadron from Charleston AFB, S.C.; and from the expeditionary center, students from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 1, EOS and the 421st CTS.

One of the students in the instructor course, Master Sgt. Jack Smith of the 421st CTS, then recommended using the March ACST 07-2B class as a test for training students prepping for upcoming deployments.

"We used three to six primary instructor graduates along with helpers from an executive-level course we held and taught six hours of LINE to all ACST students," Colonel Krause said.

The colonel said the full LINE course has 27 techniques and counters to attacks for self defense.

"With only six hours available in ACST for LINE, we focused on 10 of the techniques," he said. "A full basic-level LINE course takes about 22 hours, while the instructor course takes 50 hours."

Capt. Nora Eyle, a student in the ACST 07-2B class from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., who received the LINE training, said she enjoyed the "realness" of the LINE instruction.

"It's about how it may come down to you or your enemy — it's as simple as that," Captain Eyle said.

"When someone's holding a knife to your throat, for example, it clicks that you may have to defend yourself and

ultimately end someone else's life to save your own. That was very sobering."

Sergeant Smith said the greatest benefit from LINE is a basic level of self-defense skill. The training also provides enhanced self confidence as well as a venue to think about facing a violent situation.

"This mindset applies whether you're using your hands to defend yourself or your M-16," Sergeant Smith said.

"Our Airmen are entering the wolf's den on deployments, and they need to understand this," the colonel said. "Thinking through how you would react in the face of a violent attacker, whether on the streets of Baghdad or in a department store parking lot in the U.S., must happen now if you are to succeed when the time comes."

LINE instruction continues for all future ACST courses and Colonel Krause said they're going to build up the instructor pool with another instructor course. Additionally, there's planning in progress to incorporate LINE training into other expeditionary center courses.

"LINE provides the perfect baseline set of self defense skills to all full-duty military personnel regardless of age or Air Force specialty," Sergeant Smith said. "It can be safely taught anywhere with no special equipment required. This training can go far in giving Airmen a true expeditionary warrior mindset."

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parade has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. July 19.

Other parades are 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. 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.

USM courses

The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast offers fall classes in computer science, religion and criminal justice.

For more information, visit Room 208, old Cody Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, e-mail stephanie.coover@usm.edu or chris.burkett@usm.edu, call cell 228-229-3397, DSN

228-597-2309 or commercial 228-377-2309, or go to <http://www.usm.edu/gulfcoast>.

Fall classes

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

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.

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.

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.

JROTC openings

Junior ROTC positions are available to retired officers and noncommissioned officers.

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, extension 35275 or 35300.



DECA scholar

Anastassia Fagan, 18, a graduate of Petal High School, received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Defense Commissary Agency. She earned a full tuition scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where she'll major in international affairs. She's the daughter of Lesley Fagan of Petal and Army Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Fagan, who was killed on active duty in the Czech Republic.

NEWS AND FEATURES

New uniforms

Senior Airman Tom Bauhs, left, 81st Security Forces Squadron, is issued the new airman battle uniform by Robert Rempson, 81st Supply Squadron. The 81st SFS is the first Keesler unit to receive the new garb. The ABU is issued to Airmen in basic military training starting in October. Sales in Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores begin next June. The mandatory wear date is October 2011.

Photo by Adam Bond



Tricare tests prescription switch with free over-the-counter drugs

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A two-year test authorized by the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act allows Tricare beneficiaries to substitute over-the-counter versions of certain prescription drugs without a co-payment.

For now, the test includes the Tricare mail order pharmacy only, but plans call for later expansion to retail network pharmacies.

The test includes “proton pump inhibitors” prescribed to treat gastro-intestinal disorders, such as Nexium, Prevacid, Aciphex, Protonix, Zegerid and Prilosec. Beneficiaries receiving a prescription proton pump inhibitor are eligible to receive Prilosec OTC, the only proton pump inhibitor available over the counter.

The Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee found there’s no significant clinical difference between Prilosec OTC and its prescription-only counterparts. By requesting the OTC version, beneficiaries can save on their copayment, as well as save the

Dental coverage expanded

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tricare implemented coverage for anesthesia services and associated costs for dental treatment for beneficiaries with developmental, mental or physical disabilities, and for children age 5 or under July 1.

Also, Tricare encourages beneficiaries who received these services between Oct. 17, 2006, and July 1 to contact their Tricare regional contractor for help with reimbursement.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 legislated the change, and Tricare revised regional contracts to expand coverage. The services require preauthorization through regional Tricare contractors.

The change in statute doesn’t provide coverage for the actual dental care services. Coverage for dental care services is available through the Tricare Dental Program and the Tricare Retiree Dental Program.

government money.

Through the mail order program, initially beneficiaries can get up to a free 90-day supply.

Once the OTC test works its way to retail pharmacies, beneficiaries still have to get a prescription from their doctor for the OTC drugs.

Beneficiaries already taking the selected prescription proton pump inhibitors through the mail order pharmacy get a letter about the new program when

they order medications that qualify them to participate in the test project.

Beneficiaries who haven’t used the mail order pharmacy in the past, but are taking medications included in the test, can sign up at <http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm>.

Medications being considered for future testing include topical antifungals and non-sedating antihistamines.

IN THE NEWS

Medics welcome new leader

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Douglas Robb assumes command of the 81st Medical Group, 8 a.m. Wednesday in Welch Auditorium.

A reception follows in the medical center.

General Robb replaces Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, who retired June 8. The new commander comes to Keesler from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he served as U.S. Central Command surgeon.

Mullen president’s choice

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George Bush has nominated Navy Adm. Michael Mullen to serve as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright as his vice chairman.

Admiral Mullen serves as chief of naval operations, and General Cartwright is commander of U.S. Strategic Command.

If confirmed by the Senate, they succeed Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Navy Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, vice chairman.

Special catalog for retirees

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS – In conjunction with its annual “Still Serving” weekend of Sept. 28-30, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is creating a special catalog geared specifically to the unique needs of military retirees.

This first-time, 24-page issue is mailed in September and includes special “Still Serving” weekend sales and sweepstakes, select merchandise available through the Exchange Catalog or Exchange Online Store and exchange benefits information.

The “Still Serving” catalog reaches across all AAFES shopping channels, including the base and post exchange Web and catalog, to give retirees multiple opportunities to participate in exclusive “Still Serving” savings.

Contact information for AAFES exchanges is available through the “store locator” link at <http://www.aafes.com>.

Former supply leader dies

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Gen. Howell Estes Jr., who once led the command charged with re-supplying deployed U.S. forces, died July 2 at his home in Bethesda, Md.

From July 1964 until he retired in August 1969, he commanded the Military Air Transport Service, later known as the Military Airlift Command, during the Vietnam War.

General Estes was 92 years old.

Death claims notification

Any persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Javaris Barnes, call Capt. Brandon Diamond, summary court officer, 376-3494.

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.

10 officers at Keesler gain rank

Four lieutenant colonels and six majors at Keesler have been selected for promotion.

The new colonels:

Second Air Force — Shane Smith.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Kevin Blakley.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Karen Kinne.

336th Training Squadron — Kimberley Ramos.

The new lieutenant colonels:

81st IPTS — Alina Khalife.

81st MDOS — George Carter, Jere Pound and Larry Taylor.

81st Medical Group — Kirk Tresch.

Multi-service market office — Paulette King.

Hayes takes surgical unit leadership

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs
Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes assumes command of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron from Col. (Dr.) Virgil Jefferson, 8 a.m. July 19 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

Colonel Hayes entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant in 1982 through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. He's served as a general medical officer, clinic chief of medical staff, staff ophthalmologist, chief of ophthalmology service, flight surgeon and surgery division chief.

He comes to Keesler from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, where he was an ophthalmologist and chief of the surgery division.

Colonel Jefferson becomes 759th MSGS commander, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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juggling act trying to meet the requirements of the Air Force mission and the needs of their families," said Brenda Liston, the chief of community support and family readiness at the Pentagon. "Whether it's your co-workers, your neighbors or your nearest and dearest, it's important to look at ways of maintaining your core relationships and working to make them stronger. Every relationship can benefit from a little bit of maintenance."

Some Airman and family readiness center services:

Marriage-enrichment classes: Couples seminars and retreats focus on relationship dynamics.

Communication classes: Facilitates positive communication skills and effective listening.

Understanding yourself and others: Classes are for Airmen and family members. Program uses learning tools to explore personality differences and ways to work through those differences.

Heart Link spouse orientation program: An interactive learning experience geared toward new military spouses, but open to all, which informs spouses about the Air Force mission and military programs, services, benefits and entitlements available to them and their family members. Each spouse is "graduated" from Heart Link by the installation commander and receives an official Air Force spouse coin at the end of the day.

"The relationship consulting programs offered by the Airmen and family readiness center provide a foundation for communication, particularly in an age when many younger people are more comfortable communicating virtually rather than face-to-face," Ms. Liston said.

"Even Heart Link, although geared toward the spouses, benefits the entire family," she said. "Heart Link gives the spouse the sense that he or she is also part of the mission and an understanding of what is expected of their

Air Force member day to day. They are in this together, and when they understand the mission, they can speak the same language."

Chapel — The chapel also offers services to help military members maintain healthy relationships, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Mathis, a staff chaplain at the Office of the Air Force Chief of Chaplains.

"A healthy relationship is one in which there is open communication," Chaplain Mathis said. "Certainly, it's not going to be free of all conflict because conflict is really a part of intimacy. But, having a healthy relationship means you find healthy ways of dealing with that conflict and disagreement.

"All of life happens in relationships," he said. "Maintaining unhealthy relationships can be detrimental over time. It deteriorates your capacity to live a full and meaningful life. So, if a relationship is struggling or having trouble, you need to go and get some help with it."

The chapel reaches more than 9,000 military and family members across the Air Force every month through pastoral counseling, he said. With the support of chaplain assistants, chaplains provide counseling for workplace relationships, and marriage and family relationships.

"Often times, people will seek out chaplains for counseling, because we're afforded the highest level of confidentiality of any other helping agency in the military," the chaplain said. "When people come and talk to a chaplain, anything that is shared is completely off the record and completely protected.

"People often think of the chapel in strictly religious terms, and of course, that's our first job," Chaplain Mathis said. "But the chaplain service is also about developing healthy relationships. Relationships take a lot of work and a lot of communication, and we're well trained and more than happy to help with that process."

Family advocacy — Family advocacy has a variety of formal programs that focus on building and maintaining healthy relationships. The goal of the program's preven-

tion and outreach activities is to support mission readiness by promoting resilience in families and communities.

"Healthy relationships are associated with physical and emotional well-being and life satisfaction in general," said Maj. David Linkh, the chief of family advocacy policy and research. "We have also come to recognize that healthy relationships promote mission readiness, allowing our Airmen to be at their best in performing the mission."

Family advocacy's formal programs include:

Strengths-based therapy: Professional assessment and counseling for couples and families in crisis.

Preventive relationship enhancement: A divorce-prevention, marriage-enhancement program designed to help partners improve communication, work through relationship problems and strengthen relationship bonds.

The power of two: Helps couples develop necessary skills for a successful marriage. It focuses on three principles of zero fighting, everyone wins all the time and mistakes are for learning.

Facilitating open couples communication understanding study: A self-diagnostic tool designed to help engaged or cohabiting couples identify and work through issues before marriage.

Family advocacy also offers briefings for couples on maintaining long-distance relationships, reconnecting as a couple, love after marriage and more.

"All the programs currently in use have important things in common," Major Linkh said. "They educate couples about relationship fundamentals such as communication, managing stress and resolving conflicts, and also promote better understanding and more positive interactions between partners.

These services are provided under the auspices of prevention and outreach to the Air Force community, Major Linkh said. They don't require referrals and aren't documented in medical records.

"These programs are not offered by family advocacy exclusively, although we do play a vital role in terms of

guiding such activities and providing resources and expertise," he said. "Our IDS functions at the base level share a common interest in promoting healthy relationships. Very often these agencies collaborate to provide programs to their communities, pooling their resources and skills or providing different opportunities and options in a coordinated manner throughout the year."

Mental health — The mental health clinic, formerly the life skills support center, is yet another avenue for Airmen seeking ways to strengthen their relationships.

Mental health has clinical social workers, clinical psychologists and psychiatrists on staff to provide counseling to members and their families.

"It's important that people seek help before things get bad, because any personal or marital problem left long enough will ultimately impact the mission," said Lt. Col. Steven Pflanz, the senior psychiatry policy analyst for the Air Force surgeon general.

"In my experience, Airmen are reluctant to seek treatment through mental health because they are worried about the stigma — that people will think less of them, that there will be adverse career outcomes or that people will be involved in their personal business," he said.

"The truth is, 97 percent of Airmen who seek treatment suffer no adverse career outcomes, and in 90 percent of cases of Airmen who seek treatment, the unit is never notified. Unless a risk to safety or the mission is present, Airmen need to know that privacy is the norm," he said.

Mental health provides clinical counseling for couples who are having significant communication or relational problems, Colonel Pflanz said. Mental health can provide a safe, neutral environment that is comfortable for both partners to communicate with each other.

"We're all people with everyday problems," he said. "The healthy, well-adjusted Airmen try to fix problems before they get worse. Going to see a counselor will not get you in trouble."

PERSONNEL NOTES

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E-mailing deployed troops

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

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

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

Emergency data cards

Airmen are required to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

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

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

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

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

Traveling on temporary duty doesn't require orders to make reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office, 377-2600, as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger standby services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

The Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

Force shaping preparations

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

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

Temporary duty and test cycles

If members' temporary duty period begins before the testing cycle starts and extends beyond the end of the testing cycle, they should test at the TDY location if facilities are available and requirements permit.

Testing up to 10 days prior to the announced cycle is authorized for members TDY during the entire testing cycle who can't test at their TDY location.

Members who decline to test early when so directed are ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the current test cycle.

For more information, see Air Force Instruction 36-2605, Air Force Military Personnel Testing System.

Residency programs resume at medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center achieved a major step in its return to pre-Katrina operations July 1 as medical and surgical residents arrived. This follows an almost two-year period without physician residency programs.

Twenty-three first-year residents arrived in mid-June for a two-week orientation program. This included in-processing into the Air Force system, being issued identification cards, enrollment into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, upgrade training in advanced cardiac life support and training in military equal opportunity, use of medical computers and other general subjects as preparation for their next three to five years of residency as Air Force physicians.

Following Hurricane Katrina, all Keesler residents were sent to military or civilian hospitals accredited for training to continue their residency programs at Air Force expense.

According to Dr. Alvin Cotlar, director of graduate medical education for the 81st Medical Group, members of the American Medical Association's residency review committee visited in November for a site survey to determine whether the medical center could return its residency programs as planned on July 1.

"Two programs, internal medicine and general surgery, received full accreditation," Dr. Cotlar observed. "Surgery is accredited for a five-year program and internal medicine for a three-year program."

However, the population demo-



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Capt. (Dr.) Andrew Matthies, Joseph Lotterhos, Mark Lytle and Charles Woodham, first-year surgical residents, visit the inpatient surgery unit with Colonel Dolan during an orientation tour of the medical center June 22. The colonel is director of the 81st Medical Group's surgery residency program.

graphics changed considerably post Katrina, due to an initial surge of younger, unmarried service members. This led to an insufficient number of children and expectant mothers among the beneficiary population to sustain independent pediatric and obstetrics/gynecology residency programs.

As a result, the medical center and the residency review committee delayed the restart of the facility's three-year pediatric and four-year obstetrics/gynecology programs until the populations of children and expectant mothers return to sufficient numbers to sustain those residencies.

In the meantime, the Air Force has

established an affiliation with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, allowing the medical center to place military residents in those specialties, to do part of their training at UMMC.

"OB/GYN residents will spend six months in Jackson and six months at Keesler Medical Center," Dr. Cotlar said. "Pediatric residents will also be assigned to the UMMC, but will complete two-month rotations at Keesler each academic year."

One pediatric resident will attend the pediatric residency program at the University of Louisiana Medical School in New Orleans.

The current group of doctors, mostly recent graduates of medical schools from throughout the U.S., includes six general surgery and seven internal medicine first-year residents assigned to Keesler. There's also a Keesler surgeon in a thoracic surgery fellowship at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Three OB/GYN and six pediatric first-year residents start at UMMC in August.

Another factor affecting the residency program is the number and type of medical specialists assigned to Keesler who would provide valuable training in their respective fields.

"The Air Force Medical Service is committed to replacing all the specialties Keesler Medical Center had prior to Katrina," Dr. Cotlar said.

As the medical center rebuilds, several specialties arrive this summer and fall, including vascular and cardiovascular surgeons and a pediatric oncologist, among others.

Commenting on the incoming class, Dr. Cotlar said, "This is the sharpest, most professional-looking group of first-year residents I've seen in the 12 years I've been here. They meet or exceed all Air Force standards in every way. They're all eager to go to work."

Directors of the four Keesler residency programs are Lt. Cols. (Drs.) James Dolan, surgery; Todd Boleman, pediatrics; William Moore, OB/GYN, and Maj. (Dr.) William Hannah, internal medicine. Dr. Letch Kline, a retired colonel, is chief of surgery at the VA medical center and is program director for the thoracic fellowship.

Gastroenterology services continue rebound from hurricane's aftermath

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center's gastroenterology clinic is steadily rebounding from the aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina.

Maj. (Dr.) Hyon Kang, chief of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's gastroenterology clinic, arrived at the medical center in late July 2006 and reopened the "GI" clinic in late August with a very limited staff — himself and GI technician Tech. Sgt. Brian Shaw. Before the storm, the staff included two physicians and many associated support personnel.

"We initially saw patients in our clinic which was set up in the internal medicine clinic," the major explained. "If a procedure was required, we did it in one of the main operating rooms. We were allotted one day a week in the operating room, allowing us to do a maximum of five

procedures a week," the major explained.

In November, Major Kang opened a procedure clinic in the medical center's first-floor general surgery clinic and he was able to increase the number of procedures to five per day, normally in the morning.

In March, the GI procedure clinic moved to an unused portion of the second-floor intensive care unit because of water damage to the surgery clinic. This was the result of a minor fire which, as it was supposed to do, activated the sprinkler system.

The major currently performs about six procedures most mornings. He hopes to increase the number once new personnel are fully trained.

Now Major Kang is looking forward to moving to a new, permanent endoscopy suite in

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Oncology clinic reopens

Keesler Medical Center's medical oncology clinic reopened Monday.

This is another step in the medical center's continuing effort to return to pre-Katrina operations.

Maj. (Dr.) Pamela Tuli, a medical hematologist/oncologist, arrived from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to begin seeing previous follow-up patients. The staff is booking appointments for prior patients displaced by Katrina in August 2005 who want to return to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron hematology/oncology clinic for followup.

For an appointment, prior follow-up patients call 228-376-0460 or 376-0461.

Clinic hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays; it's closed on compressed work schedule Fridays. It's in Room 1G-100 on the first floor opposite the surgery clinic.

Other staff members are Theresa Stuart and Kari Mayorga, oncology nurses; Staff Sgt. Camille Scott, non-commissioned officer in charge and medical technician; Airman 1st Class Shandrika Smith, receptionist, and Bonnie Mount, clinical research associate.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Major Kang, left, prepares to perform a colonoscopy procedure in his clinic's current procedure room in the medical center's intensive care unit. He's assisted by Captain Anshutz and Ms. Dawson.

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the former labor and delivery unit on the facility's third floor. The area, currently scheduled to open in August, will provide "one-stop" service for patients with the clinic and procedure areas located together.

"This is more efficient from the medical center's perspective," Major Kang, observed. "We'll combine our resources and have a central location for endoscopic procedures. Staff surgeons can also use the procedure rooms for their routine procedures."

Among the procedures he and his staff perform are colonoscopies, upper endoscopies, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (exploration of the bile and pancreatic ducts) and liver biopsies. As he noted, he does "a little bit of everything, top to bottom."

Major Kang is excited about a new, state-of-the-art system he recently added to his "arsenal." The wireless capsule endoscopy consists of

a capsule, about the size of a large multi-vitamin, containing a miniature camera.

"It's used to evaluate the small bowel which is too long to use a routine 'upper scope,'" the major explained. "The camera takes two images a second for eight hours which is then downloaded onto a computer and reviewed."

Because he's Keesler's only gastroenterologist, Major Kang is unable to see all eligible patients. When there were two doctors, some patients had to be referred off base for routine procedures. He makes every effort to see as many patients as possible. However, if he's unable to accommodate a patient within 30 days, the patient is referred "down-town."

Major Kang's staff includes Capt. Richard Anshutz, nurse, and Sergeant Shaw, Senior Airman Carline Chery and Yvette Dawson, technicians. Maj. Vicki Skupski and Eileen Highsmith also often augment the team when there's a shortage of nurses.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Mary Schramko, molecular technologist, prepares to analyze clinical specimens in a 3100 Genetic DNA Analyzer.

Genetics lab now accredited

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Air Force Medical Genetics Laboratory at Keesler Medical Center has been awarded accreditation by the College of American Pathologist's Commission on Laboratory Accreditation.

The Keesler facility is among more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP formally advised Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Bashford, the lab's molecular director, and Maj (Dr.) Daniel Wattendorf, Medical Genetics Center flight commander, that the genetics laboratory "successfully met the laboratory accreditation program standards for accreditation in cytogenetics, director/organizational assessment, laboratory general and molecular pathology."

The official notification also congratulated the lab for the "excellence of the services being provided."

According to the CAP, its lab accreditation program, began in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

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

"The stringent inspection program is designed specifically to ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients," the CAP noted.

Accreditation is awarded for two-year periods.

Inspection includes dress, appearance standards

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Along with mission performance, the upcoming operational readiness inspection examines how dress and appearance standards are being met and enforced in the 81st Training Wing.

“First impressions of a base, a unit or an individual are key to any inspection,” said Lt. Col. Mack Breeland, project officer for the inspection set for Aug. 19-28. “Similar to customs and courtesies, how an individual looks in their uniform impacts the first impressions made by the inspector general team.”

The ORI team from Air Education and Training Command provides a rating of the wing’s compliance with standards.

“Standards are one of the first areas evaluated during the ORI and they are evaluated under the wing commander portion of an inspector general report,” Colonel Breeland said.

Air Force Pamphlet 36-29, Military Standards, states all Air Force members will adhere to standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety and military image to provide the appearance of a disciplined service member when wearing the uniform.

All 81st TRW personnel are expected to familiarize themselves with the pamphlet, as well as Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. The AFI states clothing will be neat, clean, pressed, properly fitted, in good condition, zipped, snapped or buttoned.

Failure to follow Air Force guidelines can negatively affect a wing’s ratings, according to Colonel Breeland.

ORI inspection teams rate different aspects of a wing’s functions as outstanding, excellent, satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

“The 81st TRW received a satisfactory rating for standards during the March 2004 ORI for simple discrepancies like improper wear of name tags, wearing sunglasses on top of the head, no headgear, hair out of standards and a few others that are specifically addressed in AFI 36-2903,” the colonel explained. “It’s everyone’s responsibility to know how to properly wear their uniform.”



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Staff Sgt. Eric Hurtado, 81st Supply Squadron, checks his uniform in the mirror. Proper dress and appearance will be rated in the operational readiness inspection Aug. 19-28.

Other examples of what not to do were highlighted in a recent ORI report from another AETC base. Inspectors recorded these findings:

Members carrying backpacks over their right shoulder only. According to AFI 36-2903, attaché cases, gym bags or backpacks are to be carried over the left shoulder or both shoulders leaving the right

arm accessible for saluting.

Personnel driving and talking on cell phones while on base. AFI 31-218(I), Military Police Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, prohibits cell phone use while driving on Air Force bases unless using a hands-free device.

Members in uniform walking and talking on cell phones on base. AFI-36-2903 prohibits cell phone use, radios or hands-free headsets while walking in uniform unless required in the performance of official duties.

An individual was wearing his flight cap backwards.

A female carrying a purse with a chain strap and another carrying a purse with white stitching. Both chain strap and the white stitching purses are unauthorized. The AFI outlines acceptable purses with the appropriate uniform.

Two females had hair accessories that didn’t match their hair color. The instruction states hair accessories must match hair color.

One individual’s battle dress uniform cap was modified improperly with a ranger roll. The AFI 36-2903 specifically states the BDU cap is not be ranger rolled, folded, pushed or tucked in.

One person was wearing an unauthorized black T-shirt with writing on the back. The AFI makes no mention of authorized writing on the back of T-shirts.

“As military members and as supervisors and leaders we need to ensure all members are meeting standards,” said Colonel Breeland. “When you see someone out of standards it’s your responsibility to point it out. Don’t look away — take action.”

The 81st TRW Commander, Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, summed up the importance of standards during a recent commander’s call: “Standards are the heart and soul of our profession and provides the fuel for excellence in all of our endeavors. The upcoming operational readiness inspection is just one more opportunity to tell the Keesler story — that you are the best and that through teamwork, nothing can stand in your way.”

Tech. Sgt. Keith Martin Sr., left, and Senior Airman Tyrece Robertson take the spotlight during Tuesday's Tops in Blue performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. The 35 vocalists, musicians and dancers are all active-duty Air Force members who compete in base talent competitions each year to earn a spot with the team. Sergeant Martin is from Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., and Airman Tyrece is from Minot AFB, N.D.

Photos by Adam Bond



Tops in Blue toasts 60 years of Air Force history



Senior Airmen Jonathan Hayden, left, and Nicholas Amari belt out a Charlie Daniels classic, *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*. Airman Hayden is from Shaw AFB, S.C., and Airman Amari is assigned to Ft. Wayne International Airport, Ind.

From left, Airman Lauren Russell and Airmen Basic Countney Jeffery, Leisha Ross, Cameshia Jones and Latrice Bush enjoy the program, one of more than 7,000 Tops in Blue performances around the world since 1953. The five students are from the 336th TRS.



Senior Airman Wallis Payano, Tyndall AFB, Fla., sings a soulful song from the 60s as part of this year's show theme, *"The Fly-By Tour — A Musical Tribute to 60 Years of Proud Air Force History."* Sponsors included AT&T, Coca-Cola, Allegiant Air, GEICO, MILES, Champion Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep and Wing Zone.



Airman Amari, left, Staff Sgt. Keith Loudermill and Senior Airman Rick Rosales serenade Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hunter on stage. Airman Hunter is a student in the 336th Training Squadron. Sergeant Loudermill is from Randolph AFB, Texas, and Airman Rosales is stationed at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.





3 new leaders explore units

Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, left, new commander of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Michael Reese, 81st CES housing flight chief, review plans for Keesler's \$287 million military family housing project. Colonel Szatanek took command June 22.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Calvin Jackson, left, 81st Supply Squadron, and Maj. Clarence Lee, new commander of the 81st SUPS and 81st Transportation Squadron, discuss contents of the high priority mission support kit. Major Lee took command June 26.



From left, Capt. John Wilkins and Lt. Col. Ray Adams Jr., new commander of the 81st Communications Squadron, are briefed by Senior Airman Taveres Simpson on the system management server. Colonel Adams took command July 2. He comes to Keesler from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he was U.S. Transportation Command's test and transformation branch chief in the command, control, communications and computer systems directorate.

Personnel chiefs in reserve components' corner

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The reserve components are vital to the military and its ability to fight the war on terror, so it's essential they're properly managed and compensated.

This was the message service personnel chiefs gave to the Commission on the National Guard and Reserve recently.

The chiefs shared insights into better ways to integrate Guard and Reserve members into the total force and ensure the reserve components get the resources and manpower they need.

"The current environment, and I predict, the future, requires the seamless integration of the active and reserve military, civilian employees and support contractors into a cohesive and rapidly tailorable force," said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, in his prepared statement.

He noted almost 382,000 reserve-component soldiers have mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, to fight the terror war, and that more will be called as the war progresses.

"Never before in the history of the United States have members of the Air Force reserve components played such a pivotal role in the defense of our

homeland and our national security objectives around the globe," said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

More than 10,000 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members are currently on duty at home or abroad, he reported.

Just as the military depends on these troops to carry out its mission, the services' personnel chiefs agreed it needs to ensure they and their families receive the compensation and support they deserve.

That's particularly important for the Army and Marine Corps as they increase the size of their forces, but no less critical for their sister services as they reshape for the future, they said.

Rear Adm. Edward Masso, commander of Navy Personnel Command, said as the Navy continues reducing the size of its force, it needs to do so in the smartest way possible.

"We need to apply both small adjustments and major course corrections in order to shape our force into a smaller, more effective and cost-efficient total force," he said in his prepared remarks.

These changes have far-reaching implications for the force, he told the commission.

"What we do today, the decisions we make, will dictate our situation tomorrow and determine what

we are capable of in the future," the admiral said.

Lt. Gen. Ronald Coleman, the Marine Corps' deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs, called individual Marines the most effective weapon in the Corps' arsenal.

"Accordingly, our manpower and personnel plans must support the accession and retention of this vital resource," he said.

The long-term success of the reserve components depends on managing them in a way that meets troops' and their families' expectations and needs, as well as operational requirements, he said.

The personnel chiefs' testimony reflected comments offered earlier by Michael Dominguez, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

During his appearance before the commission, Mr. Dominguez urged more flexibility for reserve-component members that enables them to better balance their military and civilian obligations and encourages them to serve.

Mr. Dominguez also endorsed a "continuum of service" that enables military members to shift between the active and reserve components, more full-time support for Guard and Reserve units, expanded opportunities for joint training and qualifications and a more competitive compensation package.

SBA offers extension of financial assistance

Small Business Administration

WASHINGTON — The Small Business Administration launched the Patriot Express Pilot Loan as the latest extension to financial, procurement and technical assistance programs it provides to the military community.

Patriot Express is a streamlined loan product based on SBA's highly successful SBA Express Program, but with enhanced guarantee and interest rate characteristics.

"With military activations and extensions having a profound impact on entrepreneurs in the military community, SBA is committed to helping America's service men and women during the continuing war on terror," said Steven Preston, SBA administrator. "We believe that Patriot Express, supported by SBA's other services, goes directly to the needs of these patriots who wish to start businesses, and encourages job creation and growth."

Patriot Express is available to military community members including veterans, serv-

ice-disabled veterans, active-duty service members participating in the military's Transition Assistance Program, Reserve and National Guard members, current spouses of any of the above, and the widowed spouses of service members or veterans who died during service or of a service-connected disability.

The new loan is offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and features SBA's fastest turnaround time for loan approvals. Loans are available up to \$500,000 and qualify for SBA's maximum guaranty of up to 85 percent for loans up to \$150,000 and up to 75 percent for loans \$150,000 up to \$500,000. For loans above \$350,000, lenders are required to take all available collateral.

These loans feature SBA's lowest interest rates for businesses, generally 2.25 percent to 4.75 percent over prime depending upon the size and maturity of the loan.

For more information, go to <http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress>.

New wing, playground open at CDC

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Wing 3 and the new playground at the child development center are officially open.

Actual construction of the \$2.9 million wing was completed in August 2005, right before Hurricane Katrina. However, because of a decrease in staffing levels as a result of the storm, and a delay in funding for furnishings and equipment, the first room in the new wing didn't open until last September.

5 more rooms

The additional five rooms opened as staff became available, with the final room ready for occupancy in May.

As the new rooms became accessible, the 3-5-year-old children in Wing 2 were moved into Wing 3, and the younger children in Wing 1 moved into Wing 2.

That left much needed additional space in Wing 1 for children six months to one year old.

"The capacity at the center has increased by 62 children," said Maria Ochoa, CDC director. "We're happy to say that's made quite a dent in our waiting list."

Self-help project

The delay in funding also impacted the completion of the new playground. The \$300,000 project began last November and opened in January with all new equipment. The management and staff worked did the landscaping as a self-help project and the playground was declared finished in May.

"This has been a long and challenging process, with many organizations and individuals involved every step of the way," Mrs. Ochoa said. "We're grateful to them for their contributions, and to our professional and motivated staff for their accomplishments."

Mold

Warm, humid weather wakes sleeping spores

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Lepper

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Keesler has experienced a rise in mold “sightings” as warm, humid weather has settled in and caused dormant spores to grow.

Mold is all around south Mississippi, but its effects can be mitigated by practicing proper prevention and control techniques

Officials of the 81st Civil Engineer and 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadrons have developed a standard procedure to handle mold complaints at Keesler. The new plan closely mirrors a 2005 Air Force policy on mold contamination.

If there are no symptoms but mold is visible, the building manager should be notified so he can take appropriate steps.

If repairs can't be made by a facility manager or housing resident, call 377-7771 for base facilities or 377-0003 for housing maintenance.

Most mold problems can be prevented or eliminated in-house by creating an atmosphere that's not conducive to growth:

A dehumidifier goes a long way toward ridding a home of a mold-friendly environment.

Keep windows and doors closed to keep out humidity.

If the contaminated area is less than 10 square feet, it can be wiped down with a solution of one part of bleach and 10 parts water.

Never mix bleach with ammonia; it creates harmful vapors.

Wear gloves and eye protection to protect skin and eyes from irritation.

N-95 respirators can be purchased at hardware stores.

Big areas may need professional help

If the moldy area is larger than 10 square feet, it may be better to hire a professional to remove the water-damaged area, but be wary of businesses claiming to test or sample mold.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't advocate mold testing because results provide very little useful information. No matter what species or how many spores are present, the remediation process is the same.

Also, every person has a different mold sensitivity threshold, so a higher quantity of airborne mold doesn't always indicate more health problems.

They look like dust masks, but fit snugly around the mouth and nose to provide more adequate protection.

Large, porous items are difficult to clean thoroughly and mold is likely to return, so it's best to dispose of heavily-contaminated items.

For symptoms such as sneezing, congestion and eye irritation that could be caused by mold, visit a health care provider. The provider can direct an evaluation of the home if necessary, but it's very unlikely mold in the home is an issue unless visible, water damage is apparent or there's an unusual moldy smell.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/mold> or <http://www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm>.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Todd Boleman, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, contributed to this report.

KEESLER NOTES

Change of command

Lt. Col. Tracy Jackson replaces Lt. Col. Paul Farkas as commander of the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 8 a.m. today at the squadron facility.

Blood drives

Upcoming Armed Forces Blood Donor Center blood drives are 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Manor, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20 at Stennis Hall and July 24 at Wolfe Hall (time to be announced).

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>.

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>.

Office relocates

The medical center's patient registration office is now in

Room 1G-400 (urology clinic) on the first floor.

The phone numbers remain 377-6149 or 6276.

Historical items

For information on loaning or donating historical items for display at Keesler Medical Center, call Steve Pivnick, 376-3018, or Capt. Neil Clark, 376-6000.

Entrance closed

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

Supply issues

For supply-related issues or concerns, visit the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002.

Customer service may also

be reached by phone, 377-2005, and e-mail, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

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>

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.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays in Building 823.

Donated household items in good to excellent condition are available to Airmen and their families.

For more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 377-2702, archie.evans@keesler.af.mil, or Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, lonnie.bacon@keesler.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photo by Adam Bond

Matthew Catella, 81st SFS, tags Rick Blaney, 81st CES, out at home plate July 2. Although Catella's play prevented this run from scoring, the civil engineers didn't really need it — they overpowered the cops, 16-5.

Civil engineers hammer another win

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz
Keesler News staff

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron handily defeated the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 16-5, in the American League's divisional playoff round, July 2.

"With this win, we now have home team advantage and momentum is on our side," said Kendell Jones, 81st CES head coach.

The convincing victory put the engineers in a good posi-

tion to advance to the final championship playoff round, scheduled to begin Monday.

The engineers' heavy hitters wasted no time in putting runs on the board. The team's home run king, Joshua Wiggs, slammed a three-run homer in the first inning. The offensive onslaught continued with a three-run dinger by Dave Blaney and a walk-off grand slam by Mike Kehoe in the bottom of the fifth.

"Everyone hit and fielded the ball well," Coach Jones added. "We played as a team and kept each other motivated and focused."

The engineers won the American League crown with a 7-1 record.

For current standings and complete scores, see Scores and More, Page 24.

For information on schedules, call Laurence Wilson, intramural sports director, 377-2444.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Thursday Seniors Mixed (as of July 5)

Team	Won	Lost
Groovy "3"	28	14
Team 5	28	14
Team 11	26.5	15.5
Team 4	25	17
FIBO	24	18
Team 7	22	20
Me and the Guys	21.5	20.5
Team 8	19	23
Team 12	18.5	23.5
Team 6	15	27
RBR	14.5	27.5
Go Getters	10	32

Other

Free one-hour clinic — 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, ages 18 and older. Learn bowling basics.

Winter leagues — Register now. For more information, call 377-2817.

Open bowling — for days and times, call 377-2817.

Summer strike force — pick up punch cards and become eligible to win weekly prizes and a \$500 grand prize or \$250 second prize.

Lunch and bowl — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Bowl free game with the purchase of a lunch combo or buffet.

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. Seabees bowl for half price.

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.

Sports advisory council meeting — Wednesday at Vandenburg Community Center. For time, call Laurence Wilson, intramural sports director, 377-2444.

Golf

First sergeant fundraiser tournament — 1 p.m., July 26, Mississippi National Golf Course, Gautier. \$50 per person includes green fee, cart, lunch and mulligans. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Registration, lunch starts 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Scott Passman, 377-7788.

Free golf clinics — 5-6 p.m., July 26, ages 18 and older. For reservations, call 424-0479 or 377-0002.

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.

Pool parties — available at a base pool. For information, call 377-3568.

Knockout performance

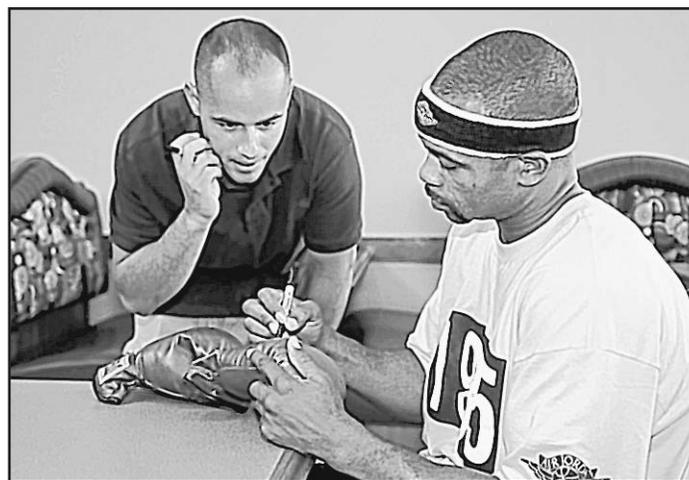


Photo by Dean Ross

Joshua Cubero, left, 334th Training Squadron, receives an autographed item from pro boxer Roy Jones Jr. at the Magnolia Dining Facility July 4. During his visit, the former champion spoke to fans, signed autographs and posed for pictures. Jones' record is 50-4, with 38 knockouts.

Disk golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

July fishing tournament — weigh in largest flounder 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 — non-working Fridays and Saturdays. 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 — open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays for recreational play. Group play by reservation only, compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays. For more information, call 377-3160.

Running

5-kilometer "Summer Fun Run/Walk" — 7 a.m. Aug. 2, Blake Fitness Center. Free refreshments available. Run benefits Mississippi Chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. No entry fee, but donations are accepted. For more information, call Stacy Kincy, 376-3339.

Air Force Marathon — Sept. 15, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. For details log on to <http://www.usafmarathon.com/>

Soccer

Base teams practice 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and working Fridays and 10:30 a.m. compressed work schedule Fridays on the base soccer fields.

For more information, call Eric Hernandez, 377-1991.

Softball

Intramural standings

American League (Final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES	7	1
81st TRSS	6	1
81st MDOS-MDSS	5	3
81st SFS	4	3
81st DS	4	4
333rd TRS	4	5
81st MSS-CPTS	3	5
338th TRS	2	6
CNATTU	2	4
81st MSGS	0	9

Playoffs

July 2 — 81st CES 16, 81st SFS 5; 81st MDOS 11, 338th TRS 10.

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

National League (Final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	7	1
MARDET	7	2
336th TRS	6	2
85th EIS	5	3
335th TRS	5	4
332nd TRS	5	4
81st TRANS-SUPS	4	5
403rd Wing	2	6
2nd Air Force	1	7
81st AMDS	0	8

Playoffs

July 2 — 81st TRANS/SUPS 24, 335th TRS 7; 336th TRS 6, 403rd Wing 5.

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

Varsity

Biloxi Softball League schedule (all games at Biloxi Sportsplex)

Monday — Broadwater Marine, 7:30 p.m., Field 3.

Wednesday — Chilis, 7:30 p.m., Field 3.

July 23 — Biloxi Fire Department, 7:30 p.m., Field 2.

July 25 — Fundamentally Unsound, 6:15 p.m., Field 3.

July 30 — Uron Men, 6:15 p.m., Field 2.

Aug. 1 — Team Worldwide, 6:15 p.m., Field 2.

Aug. 6 — Stokes Cleaners, 6:15 p.m., Field 3.

Aug. 8 — Back Bay Drugs, 6:15 p.m., Field 1.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 07-13

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Timothy Bush and Shawn Dorsey.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman Fabrian Consbruck; Airmen 1st Class Trey Garner, Jonathan Lee and Shelby Williams.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Oleskiy Redko.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman 1st Class Justin Caudill.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Basic Floyd Smith; Airman 1st Class Jesse Cook.

81st Training Wing — Airman 1st Class Cynthia Hayes.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Airman 1st Class Roderick Hall.

336th Training Squadron — Airman 1st Class Christopher Miller.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, April-June

81st Training Group

Airman — Senior Airman Dallas Ebanetz, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 332nd Training Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Gabriel Lacayo, 335th TRS.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Robert Patt, 333rd TRS.

Entry level civilian — Florence Clay, 334th TRS.

Intermediate level civilian — David Bouis, 81st TRSS.

Senior level civilian — Donald Alexander, 338th TRS.

Airman instructor — Staff Sgt. Jennifer Potter, 334th TRS.

NCO instructor — Tech. Sgt. BobbiJo Turnier, 334th TRS.

Senior NCO instructor — Master Sgt. Robert Marlett, 335th TRS.

Officer instructor — Capt. Robert Curran, 333rd TRS.

Civilian instructor — Mark Kolath, 338th TRS.

Military training leader — Staff Sgt. Dorian Dejean, 334th TRS.

Student honor roll

332th Training Squadron

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Crystal Aikins,

Steven Austin, Gregory Beardsley, Wesley Catlin, Isaac Choi, James Dontis, Edward Dressler, Keith Goldsby, Schuyler Hardesty, Adam Harris, Christine Heitkamp, Lewis Holston, Vincent Hopson, Jeffrey Hunsberger, James Izatt, David Jewell, Nathaniel Kearn, Michael Kim, Alicia Pasela, Christopher Reyes, Matthew Riedesel, Jared Ross, Clinton Thompson and Nicholas Zahler; Airmen Jason Degering, Jacob Johnson, John King, Leslie Planas, Daniel Pullen, David Myers, Justin Norman and Michael Rueda; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Ballow, Brandon Barksdale, Kyle Bible, Eric Blossom, Dale Cochran, John Fletcher, Richard Hamel, Daniel Jamison, Matthew Klein, Carlos Lopez-Hernandez, Brett Lynch, Charles Maloy, Nicholas Martin, Ronald Morrison, Robert Nine, Scott O'Neal, Andrew Roberts, Brad Scala, Jennifer Thomas, Jesse Tosi and Christopher Wathor; Senior Airmen Ace Asis, David Brzeczek, Thomas Harris, Wesley Mills, Michael Morales, Morris Niibu, Nishant Patel and Shane Tucker; Staff Sgts. Josh Devoe, Wayne Garner, Steven Goodson, Lawrence Hanson, Nikolas Henry, Lamont Johnson, Travis Kennison, Jong Lee, Carlos Moralejo, Crisman Renee, Julian Rey, Jacob Riesgaard, Nicholas Scherbring, Anthony Williams and Jeremy Witmer; Tech. Sgts. Jerry Gillman, Terry Giles, Joseph Macmillen and John Pyeatt; Master Sgt. Saud Al Saqri; Lt. Mufarej Suliman; 1st Lt. Ali Al Sadoon.

334th TRS

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Brett Ringie; Airmen 1st Class Evelyn Quansah, Brent Martino, James Konopitski and Aaron Woods; Tech. Sgts. Jason Barnes and Michael Deasy; Senior Master Sgt. William Stephens.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Christopher Carl, Sarah Chinchar, Rachel Harris and Sharae Soileau; Airmen 1st Class Takneisha Boatright, Benjamin Cook, Sara Eighmey, James Nash and Brian Schmeling; Senior Airmen John McWilliams, Bradley Stahl and Yocia Watson; Tech. Sgts. Kelly Banta, Jesse Lippincott, Thomas Marsden and Steven Stevenson; Master Sgts. Rachel Polite and Shirley Wiggins-White.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Borland, Larry Jackson, Sergio Klassen and Lisa Luder, Airmen 1st Class Sutanya Allen, Jomer Bautista, Monique Cumbie, Kristina Heino, Francis Henderson, Brandon Herr, Daniel Howell, Francisco Manitas and James Quarmyne; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond, Kanada Vang and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Brian Anderson, Charles Bland, Kerry Brown, Jacob Cournoyer, Joel Greene, Donna Jernigan, John Proetta and Adam Walter; Tech. Sgts. Nicole Branson and Edwin Perez.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Sasha Alejandro and Antonio Sharp; Airman Shavonne Taylor; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Bright and Robert Byrd; Senior Airmen Larissa Bell, Maria Perez and Anthony Sutton; Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Gieras and Rachel Lackey; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Drum, Ronda Fawber, Monte Goldring and Sonya Pinkney.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Brandon Epperson, Mary Horton and Anthony Rich; Airmen Janet Alvarado, Sergio Martinez, Jakira McCambel and Teena Robinson; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Beccue, Derek Bernard, Javareous Garland, Brandon Greenwaldt, Joshua Harvey, Nicholas Krauss, Christopher McCullough, Ryan Nevius, Erin Thompson, Warner Watkins, James Wheeler and Erik White; Marine Cpl. Justin Lecklider; Marine Sgt. Mitchell Archbell and Pelita Young; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Brown and Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Miller; Marine Lt. Col. Angela Hoffa.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Daniell, Steven Luckert and Jared Long; Airmen David Mooers, Christopher Morgan and Mathew Weber; Airmen 1st Class Aja Cornella, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas, Christopher Logsdon and Yang Pang; Senior Airmen Jonathan Beck, Kristin Caswell, LaTrice Freeman and Michael Versailles; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Cathey Bronson, Rena Dillard, Vernon Maher, Erin McKenzie, Alex Michel, Quinn Peters, Leo Taylor and Jeremy Yates; Master Sgt. Kenneth Law.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bauman, Jessica Dibble, Maricela Gonzales, Isabel Ochoa, Benjamin Palmer, Abel Quinonez, Simeon Smeltzer and Victor Vrigian; Airmen Paul Adams and David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Nicholas Defranco, Robert Ernst, Kristin Estremera, Nicholas Freet, Jaysiel Garcia, Matthew Hensley, Anthony Martin, Everette Pennington, Royce Rezendes, Bryan Scharman, Noah Smith and James Thomas; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Bren Calpin, Christina Conyers, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52

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 Villas; 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-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Jones and Sonny Rasay; Staff Sgts. Walter Atamanczyk, William Bechard, Kenneth Braden, Julia Garrison, Brad Johnson, Christopher Kerens, James King, Christopher Meyer, Johnny Stewart, Kimberly Washington and Nathaniel Wiley; Tech. Sgt. Januari Chapman; Master Sgt. Jerome Martin; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Maggiacomo, Chief Master Sgt. Sami Al Majhed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Airmen and family readiness center

How to buy a home seminar — 2 p.m. July 20, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Different financing methods, forms and acronyms, dealing with realtors and other subjects are covered. Limit 30 participants; to register, call 377-2179.

10 steps to a federal job — 1 p.m. July 23, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Learn how to search for federal employment, decipher announcements and prepare a federal-format resume. Bring a complete federal job announcement to class for practice in finding critical information. Limit 12 participants; to register, call 377-2179.

Virtual assistants course — for military spouses of all branches of the service is Sept. 17-19. Deadline is Aug. 22 for online reservation at http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm. Ten participants are needed, and acceptance is based on the online application. The course prepares virtual assistants, self-employed people who provide offsite business support services to their clients, such as administrative tasks, research, Web site design, resume writing, accounting, bookkeeping, marketing support, translation and graphic design. For more information, call instructor Lana Smith, 377-2179 or 8593.

Arts and crafts center

July special — free demonstrations, 1-2 p.m. nonworking Fridays. July 13, mold pouring; July 27, mat cutting; Aug. 10, mug sublimation with a 50 percent discount on personalized mugs ordered at that time.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday. Butterfly dish Duncan certified class by Mary Martin. Call for details.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; \$40 for five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. Learn basics from Sara Miller of Ohr-O'Keefe Museum.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. July 21, ages 13 and older. \$25 includes first firing.

Summer youth craft camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Tuesday through July 19, wood-working; July 24-26 beginners ceramics II. \$25 per week includes snack.

Family craft camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 28. Camp kids and their families play games, do projects and enter projects in the annual artist/craftsman and photography contests. Free; refreshments served.

Annual artist/craftsman and photo contest — youth entry deadline Aug. 9; adults, Sept. 14.

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.

One stroke painting — July 21. Learn the basics from a Donna Dewberry certified instructor. \$30 including video and practice sheets. Call for time.

Beginner photography — learn basics of technique and composition. \$40. Call for date and time.

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

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or July 28. \$20; new project each month.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 25. \$25. Beginning framing is prerequisite. Call for date and time.

Shadow boxes — custom made.

Engraved going-away gifts — mugs, plaques, and many unique items available.

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.

Patron appreciation day — 2-4 p.m. July 24 and 31; refreshments served.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to New Orleans Saints preseason games at the Superdome — Aug. 10, Buffalo Bills, sign up by Aug. 8; Aug. 30, Miami Dolphins, sign up by Aug. 28. \$60 includes ticket and transportation.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <https://www.mil.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

Free wacky games day — 10 a.m. to noon July 21 for non-prior service students; games, races and contests.

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

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

Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Fish fry — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20. \$5 members, \$7 non members.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. July 26. Oldies night with burgers, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, soda floats or ice cream sundaes. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

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

Give parent a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday, kindergarten-grade 6. Parents night out \$3.50 per hour.

Teen adventure camp — through July 30. Weekly sessions available. Call for times and price.

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

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

Kids fashion extravaganza — 1 p.m. Friday at Welch Theater, ages 6-18. Sports wear and back-to-school fashions. Sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

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, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Marketing yourself for a second career — 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 19, Welch Auditorium. Program is presented by retired Navy Capt. Brian Blanchfield, Military Officers Association of America. Recommended for military members within three years of separation or retirement. Spouses encouraged to attend. Topics include job competition, transition planning, resumes, salary negotiation, networking and interviewing. For more information, call Lana Smith or Steve McDaniel, 377-2179.

Veterans benefits briefing — noon 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-Wednesday, 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, 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

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.

“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.

Computer use

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

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

Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 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 cshelle1rn@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 Tailon, 377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 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. Information on this week’s features wasn’t submitted for publication. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

At retreat:

All personnel in uniform

who aren’t in formation should stand and face the flag, or in the direction of the music if the flag isn’t visible, and salute. Hold the salute until the last note of the music is played.

All military personnel

in civilian clothes should face the flag or the sound of the music if the flag is not visible, and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

All vehicles in motion

should come to a stop at the first note of the music, and the occupants should sit quietly until the music ends.