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**Dragons deployed
— 100**



Airman 1st Class Li Jiang, left, and Staff Sgt. Kimmerly Merriman, 81st Supply Squadron, add fresh mulch to a flower bed outside Taylor Logistics Center Monday. Their efforts are in conjunction with Keesler Pride Week, the final preparation of the base for the arrival Sunday of AETC's ORI team.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Dragons welcome AETC IG team

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

The Air Education and Training Command inspector general and his team of as many as 110 inspectors arrive at Keesler Sunday.

The following day, they begin the first operational readiness inspection of the 81st Training Wing in more than three years.

Team members evaluate mission performance, contingency capabilities,

adherence to standards and compliance with Air Force instructions.

Individual units and the wing as a whole receive ratings that can range from outstanding to excellent to satisfactory to marginal to unsatisfactory. Keesler has received nothing less than an excellent rating in more than two decades.

As final preparations for the ORI wind up this week, Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st TRW commander, expressed confidence in the outcome at a commander's call Wednesday. A second session is 2

p.m. today in Welch Auditorium.

The heart of the general's message is that this inspection is an opportunity for Team Keesler to tell the wing's story of excellence — "excellence to our nation, our Air Force and our community."

Due to the inspection, next week's compressed work schedule Friday has been moved to Aug. 31. Aug. 24 is now a work day.

The ORI concludes with an outbrief, 11 a.m. Aug. 28 in Welch Auditorium. Ratings are announced at that time.

This week in the Triangle

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

Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Wolfe Hall.

Air traffic control-radar, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Friday, weather training facility.

Visual imagery and intrusion detection, 1 p.m. Friday, Jones Hall.

Personnel, 10 a.m. Monday, Wolfe Hall.

Communication-computer programming, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

Communication-computer operations, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Communication-computer planning, implementation, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



July honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,869

Non-prior service — 1,648

Temporary duty — 1,104

Joint service — 83

Combat controllers — 7

Medical — 27

Non-prior service arrivals — 140

Guard, Reserve — 701

International — 49

FY07 graduates — 22,631

Total since 1942 — 2,261,161

COMMENTARY

It's time to show inspectors how good we are, Keesler

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

It's showtime! This weekend we welcome the Air Education and Training Command inspectors to Keesler for our much-anticipated operational readiness inspection.

After many, many months of hard work and preparation, it's time to show our visitors how good we are and that we're the "best of the best" in the command.

I've seen how hard you've all prepared for this inspection, and I know that your hard work will pay off. We know what our mission is and the key for each of us during this inspection is to be good wingman, stay focused, have a positive attitude, master the '101' of our jobs and to do it well. Don't let the pressures of everything else going on keep you from doing the right thing. Abide by the rules and ensure safety is at the forefront of our minds.

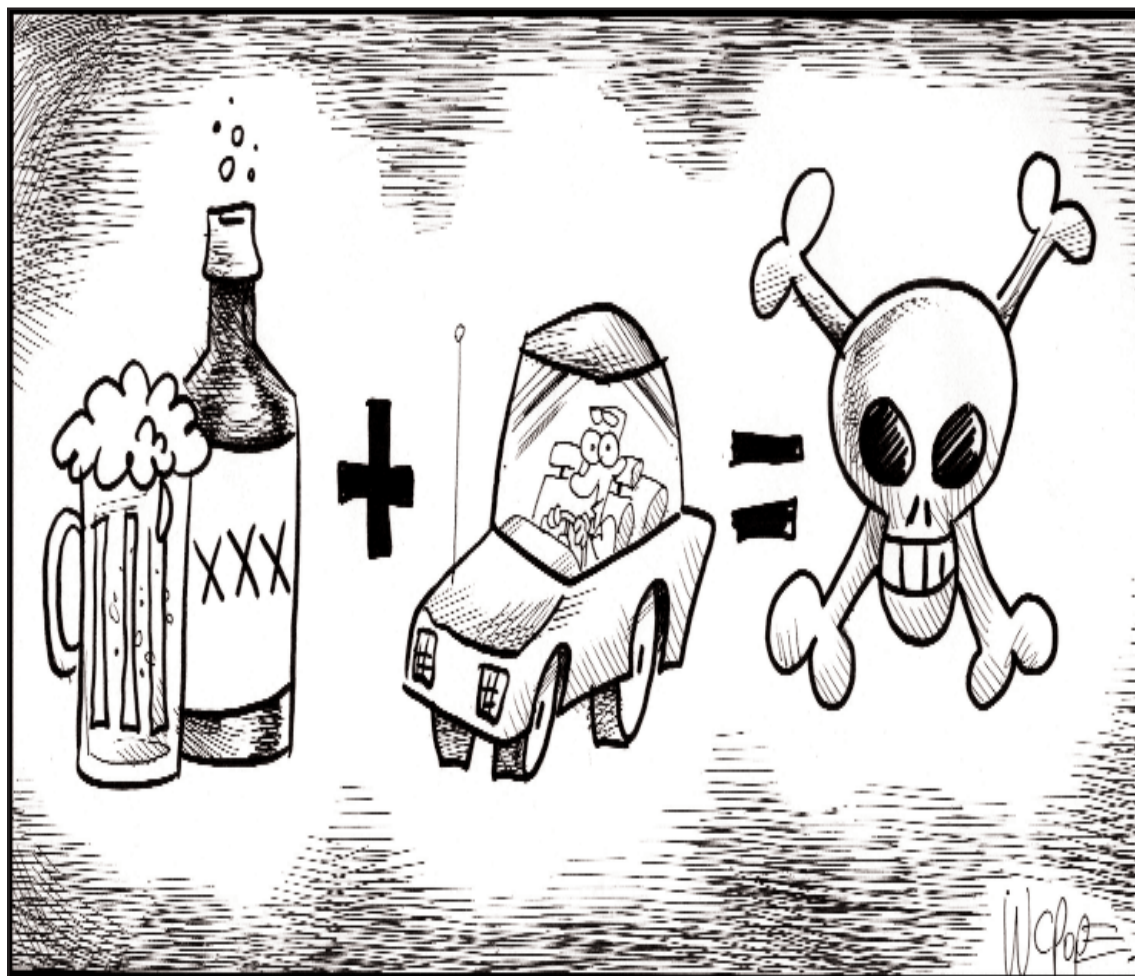
As we go through this inspection, keep in mind the importance of first impressions and appearances. Look sharp. Render the inspectors the proper courtesies, and greet them with a firm handshake. Tell the inspectors your story of excellence and show them your best

programs and practices as possible benchmarks for other units.

Be confident, but not overly confident. Be flexible, but anticipate the curve ball, then rely on your training to hit a home run. Accept in advance that the inspectors will find some areas that we can improve — that's one of the beauties of an ORI — we all learn and continue to improve. When they point out those areas of improvement, listen carefully, take notes, fix what you can on the spot, and ask them to suggest other units from which we might benchmark on those things which may take a little longer to implement.

I couldn't be more proud of Team Keesler. I have been thoroughly impressed with the professionalism and dedication of the entire Keesler team of military members, civilian employees and contractors. You've demonstrated day in and day out your commitment to our nation, our Air Force and our community. Together we have and continue to make a real difference.

This is your opportunity to shine ... charge ahead and take advantage of showing how good you are.



ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call the commander's action line for assistance.

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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

Base locator — 377-2890	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Base operator — 377-1110	Medical center information — 377-6550
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Military pay — 377-7272
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Pass and registration — 377-3844
Child development center — 377-2211	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1000
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Public affairs — 377-2783
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Red Cross — 377-0732.
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Emergencies — 911	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Family campground — 594-0543	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Housing — 377-9741	Visitor center — 377-2595
Identification cards — 377-3203	Youth center — 377-4116
Inspector general — 377-3010	
Legal assistance — 377-3510	
Library — 377-2181	

Pay proper respect during retreat

Comment — While I was stopped on a Keesler street for retreat the other day, nine vehicles went around me and on their way.

I could hear the national anthem with my windows rolled up, the air conditioner running and the car radio on, so I don't think that's the problem.

Response — Thanks for giving us the opportunity to remind people of paying proper respect for the flag and national anthem during retreat.

As stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2203, paragraph 7.37.2.5, "... the driver brings the moving vehicle to a stop at the first note of the national anthem or To the Colors. Personnel in vehicles, including the driver, remain seated at attention."

Retreat at Keesler is 4 p.m. daily.

Seat belts:

1) save lives, 2) are the law.

What's your excuse?

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Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability
for Keesler members:

Personnel Accountability Team

1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center

1-800-435-9941

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

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

Keesler Public Web site

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

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

For information on opportunities
with the Keesler Speakers Bureau,
call 81st Training Wing Public Affairs,
377-2783.



For ORI
preparation,
see ORI 2007
on Keesler
home page.

Report
sexual
assaults
to
377-7278.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Airman Basic Elizabeth Hayward, left, and Airman 1st Class Michael Shea twirl their rifles during the Dark Knights' freestyle routine. The 338th TRS took top honors in freestyle drill, open ranks inspection and regulation drill to earn the overall title Friday.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Dark Knights win drill down

By Airman David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

There's a new champion in the Triangle.

The 338th Training Squadron took home the overall title in the fourth drill down of the season Friday.

The Dark Knights captured first place in all three categories — open ranks inspection, regulation drill and freestyle drill — for 23 points.

The 334th TRS Gators were second, scoring 19 points by taking third in open ranks inspection, second in regulation drill and fifth in freestyle drill.

Third place went to the 332nd TRS Mad Dogs. They were fifth in open ranks inspection and third in regulation and freestyle drill.

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit placed fourth on fourth in open ranks inspection, fifth in regulation drill and second in freestyle drill.

The 335th TRS Bulls, winners of the previous drill down, were fifth this time. A



Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, presents an honorary commander pin to Darnell Iachino, president of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce and vice president of commercial lending for Wachovia Bank.

disqualification dropped them to sixth in open ranks inspection. They were fourth in regulation and freestyle drill.

Sixth overall were the 336th TRS Red Wolves, second in open ranks inspection and sixth in regulation and freestyle drill.

Airman Basic Dane Bryce is the drillmaster for the Dark Knights. Team members are

Airman Basic Daniel Baca, Anna Blankenship, Derrick Duncan, James Gillissen, Elizabeth Hayward and Brandon Proctor; Airmen Jacy Hoag and Jett Pirtle; and Airmen 1st Class Jordan Jones, Michael Shea, Jennifer Thomas and Christopher Wathor.

The last drill down of the season is 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

Enhanced training prepares Airmen to survive, evade, resist, escape enemy

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders plan to broaden the focus of survival, evasion, resistance and escape training for all Airmen due to the threat of isolation and capture for Airmen supporting the war on terrorism.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley met Aug. 10 at the Pentagon with several Air Force leaders to discuss the road ahead for SERE training.

“As we’ve seen recently, the capture of military personnel has the potential of exploding into a larger strategic event with global impacts,” General Moseley said. “Today’s battlefields are non-linear and non-contiguous; their shape and venue change constantly. I worry we’ve not prepared our Airmen for the world we’re operating in.”

In today’s ever-changing world, Airmen increasingly find themselves in a non-traditional environment outside the wire. SERE training teaches Airmen principles, techniques and skills to survive in any environment, avoid capture, resist and escape if captured.

SERE training is currently conducted on three levels:

Entry- or A-level — all Airmen receive this.

B-level — provided to those with a moderate risk of capture.

C-level — reserved for those with a high risk of capture.

B- and C-level training is provided primarily to aircrew members, those traditionally in higher risk duties.

Col. Bill Andrews, a guest speaker at the summit, was an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot flying his 35th mission in the final stages of Operation Desert Storm when he was shot down, captured and spent time as a POW.

“An Airman captured faces grave moral and physical challenges,” Colonel Andrews said. “My training gave me a gut understanding that I was still at war and not in a time-out. My SERE training at the Air Force Academy, 14 years earlier, was clear as a bell, giving me the confidence to not break in the face of the enemy.”

In addition to aircrews, advanced SERE training currently is provided to battlefield Airmen, those with the responsibility for combat control, pararescue, tactical air control and combat weather.

“This is a great day. For the first time in history, we’re talking about preparing all Airmen in the total force to deal with the increasing threat of isolation and capture,” said Chief Master Sergeant John Myers, SERE career field manager.

“With the issues we’ve addressed at this summit, we’ve taken a great step forward in facing this ultimate challenge that confronts our Airmen who fall into enemy hands,” Colonel Andrews added.

General Moseley’s new initiative is to incorporate SERE training throughout the Air Force.

Air Force seeks to fill 900 positions with NCOs

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The 2008 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program began Aug. 7 as the Air Force seeks to fill approximately 900 shortage career field and special duty positions.

NCOs notified of their vulnerability to retrain must submit their shortage career field choices they would most like to retrain into or apply for a special duty assignment identifier no later than Sept. 21.

“During the voluntary phase, members have the opportunity to set the course of their future as Airmen,” said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch here.

“Many Airmen fail to act during the voluntary phase and ultimately find themselves in the involuntary NCORP phase,” she continued. “Should an Airman not submit the mandatory package in Phase II, the Airman will be separated, so there is a consequence for not applying for retraining.”

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force Specialty Code are posted on the virtual military personnel flight accessible from the AFPC

home page, <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>. By clicking on their grade or projected grade, NCOs may view their ranking on the vulnerability list and apply for retraining.

Command support staff personnel manage the retraining program and notify members if they're eligible. Additionally, they suggest special duty identifiers such as recruiting, postal duty, military training instructor or professional military education instructor.

If voluntary measures are unsuccessful, the Air Staff implements Phase II, involuntary retraining. In Phase II, individuals identified as vulnerable in AFSCs not meeting retraining-out objectives, and without approved retraining or assignment to a special duty identifier by Sept. 21, are involuntarily retrained.

“It's important for all Airmen to understand once they are identified for retraining in Phase I, they will continue to be vulnerable in Phase II unless they are retrained, released or separated from military service,” said Chief Williams.

For more information, Airmen should contact their CSS personnel, their base career assistance adviser or the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800- 616-3775.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Dental residency graduates, from left, Captains Alley, DiFelice, Lobre, Richardson, Roberson, Rhodes and Rhodes-Sisson.

Another post-Katrina milestone 9 dentistry residents complete training

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center graduated its first class of advanced education in general dentistry residents since Hurricane Katrina, Aug. 9 in the 815th Airlift Squadron auditorium.

Graduates and their first permanent duty assignments: Cpts. (Drs.) Merrill Alley (Misawa Air Base, Japan), Michael DiFelice (Lackland Air Force Base, Texas), Wendy Lobre (Royal Air Force Menwith Hill, England), Jared Richardson (Hill AFB, Utah), Martin Roberson (Cannon AFB, N.M.), Caroline Rhodes-Sisson and Lloyd Sisson (Keesler).

According to Staff Sgt. Jill Higgins, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of dental education, the 12-month ADGD program “produces competent, well-rounded Air Force general dental officers who can effectively manage the comprehensive, multidisciplinary oral health needs of the Air Force community and eligible beneficiaries.”

The program includes didactic and clinical training in endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, periodontics, fixed and removable prosthodontics, treatment planning, operative dentistry and pediatric dentistry.

In addition to these disciplines, forensic dentistry, infection control, preventive dentistry, special needs dentistry, advanced cardiac life support, oral pathology, radiology, IV sedation/pain/anxiety control, anesthesia/operating room, physical diagnosis and medical risk assessment are emphasized.

Residents are also exposed to implant dentistry, cosmetic dentistry and computer-generated crown restorations.

**The Keesler Honor Guard
needs new members.
For more information,
call 377-1986 or 2081.**

Raising the roof

Tech. Sgt. Mike Rosales, left, and Master Sgt. Rogers Trahan attach a tent top to a frame Aug. 9 during a contingency exercise in preparation for next week's operational readiness inspection. Sergeant Rosales is assigned to the 335th Training Squadron and Sergeant Trahan is from the 336th TRS. The scenario tested the ability of Airmen to survive and operate under hostile circumstances, as well as self-aid and buddy care techniques.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Stripes to bars



Staff Sgts. Juanita Dukes, left, and Judd Hailey have been selected to attend the Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program. They begin studies at the University of South Alabama Monday. Sergeant Dukes, 81st Mission Support Squadron enlisted promotions office, has been in the Air Force seven years, all at Keesler. Her husband is Senior Airman Kenneth Dukes, 81st Transportation Squadron. Sergeant Hailey, a surgical technician in the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron for six years, has been in the Air Force almost 7 1/2 years.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

William Carey fall term

William Carey University is accepting applications for the fall trimester which starts Monday.

Reduced tuition rates are available for active duty, their family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

Degree plans allow for the transfer of many Community College of the Air Force credits.

Bachelor's degrees are offered in psychology, education, nursing, art, business and general studies. Master's degrees are available in business, education, psychology and nursing.

For more information, call 377-0090, or visit Room 209, old Cody Hall.

Scholarship deadline

Wednesday is the deadline to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Mississippi Gulf Coast chapter of the Society of Amer-

ican Military Engineers.

Eligibility requirements and applications are found at <http://posts.same.org/gulfcoast/>.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed until 9 a.m. Friday and all day Sept. 10 for drill practice and evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-2740.

CCAF deadline

Aug. 31 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class.

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

Virtual education

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

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

Airmen are required to satisfactorily complete Law of Armed Conflict training every 15 months.

Online training is at <http://development/81trss/ancillary/training.htm>, and click on the flash or text versions. The system asks for first and last names, rank, unit and office symbol.

After reviewing the material, take a 10-question quiz. A score of 70 is required. After training, print a dated certificate. Keep a copy and give one to your unit deployment manager, who notifies the legal office.

Parades, drill down

Student parades are 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and Nov. 15, and a drill down is 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.

GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

Tuition assistance covers 100 percent of tuition and fees.

For more information, call the education office, 377-7059. testing credit can be used toward a 64-hour Community College of the Air Force degree.

For more information, call 377-0090.

Scholarship program

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

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

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Air Force's in-lieu-of taskings explored by House subcommittee

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — An Air Force general spoke before the House Armed Service Committee Subcommittee on Readiness July 31 about the state of in-lieu-of taskings Airmen fill for the Army.

Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson, the Air Force director of operations, answered questions for the subcommittee, reaffirming the service's commitment to the war on terrorism.

"Of the 25,453 Airmen deployed right now, 6,293 of them are filling ILO taskings," General Gibson told the congressmen. "Since 2004, we have deployed roughly 22,000 Airmen to perform ILO tasks."

General Gibson, along with a panel of witnesses from other services, explained that there are three ILO categories:

Joint sourcing — Airmen fill a role similar to their own core competencies, like a civil engineer possibly working in an Army Corp of Engineers unit.

Retrained ad hoc — Airmen working within their normal duties, but as part of a unit where no service necessarily has a core competency, like provincial reconstruction teams.

Remission — A unit trained for one mission deploys to fill a totally different mission, like an artillery unit that instead performs convoy duties. No Airmen have deployed in this category.

Over the last few years, the number of Airmen filling ILO deployment taskings has increased 33 percent, up to 57 percent this year. General Gibson also expects ILO deployments to increase this year.

Air Force leaders have said, however, that Airmen need to deploy and operate in their core competencies. Therefore, over the next 12 months, fewer Airmen deploy to fill positions that are related to their job, but not within their normal duties, like security forces Airmen performing detainee operations.

Regardless, all Airmen deploying get pre-deployment training to be ready for their deployed duties, General Gibson said.

"When Airmen perform duties outside of their core competencies, it costs money to train them and impacts their primary mission and the missions of the Air Force," General Gibson said. "We're proud to be part of the joint fight, but we want to get our Airmen out of those roles and back to working within their Air Force duties."

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— General Gibson

2nd Air Force provides 'blue lifeline' for Airmen during ILO training

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Fourteen months ago, 2nd Air Force was tasked by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley to add oversight of Airmen throughout their ILO training cycle to its technical training responsibilities.

Since then, about 9,000 Airmen have trained at Army posts across the country, according to Capt. Scott Crum, 2nd Air Force.

Currently, training is conducted at Camp Shelby; Ft. Hood and Ft. Bliss, Texas; Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. McCoy, Wis.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; and Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The 602nd Training Group-Provisional was activated April 27 under the leadership of Col. Mark McClelland, commander. Its mission is to provide positive command and control for Airmen undergoing Army combat skills training prior to being assigned to perform Army missions.

The group has seven detachments, one at each Army training location.

IN THE NEWS

Commander's call today

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is 2 p.m. today in Welch Auditorium.

Glitch with electronic payments

81st Comptroller Squadron

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has discovered a problem with several electronic fund transfer payments, from multiple entitlement systems, going to USAA using an erroneous account number.

In these limited cases, the USAA company code was used instead of the individual's account number.

"Fraudulent activity isn't suspected at this time, and we'll keep members informed as we get additional information," said Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander.

All members sending military and/or travel pay to USAA should check their myPay and Defense Travel System profiles to ensure correct routing and account numbers. The USAA routing number is 314074269. Members contact their DTA to update DTS account information. Members can update myPay account information by logging in via Pay Changes: "Direct Deposit."

If either the routing or checking account number is incorrect, notify the finance office after updating the appropriate system.

For more information, call the financial services office, 377-4210, 2074 or 2089.

Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 17

Retiree Appreciation Day is 9 a.m. Sept. 17 at the youth center.

Displays and booths include representatives from various sections of the hospital, finance, legal and other agencies across the base. Food and entertainment is provided.

For more information, call Capt. Michelle Salgado, 377-0170, or e-mail michelle.salgado@keesler.af.mil.

AAFES has new commander

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — Army Brig. Gen. Keith Thurgood took command of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Wednesday from Maj. Gen. Bill Essex, who retires from the Air Force Oct. 1.

Former Air Force leader dies

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — John Stetson, 87, who served as 12th Secretary of the Air Force from June 1978 to May 1979, died Aug. 2 at his home in Lake Forest, Ill.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Sept. 6 issue of the Keesler News is noon Aug. 30, four days earlier than usual, due to the Labor Day federal holiday, Sept. 3.

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.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Chief master sergeant — Sept. 11-14.

Senior master sergeant — Dec. 3-14.

Master and technical sergeant, — Feb. 1 to March 31.

Staff sergeant — May 1 to June 15.

People unavailable during the entire testing cycle due to permanent change-of-station moves or scheduled temporary duty should be prepared to test before departure, even if departure is before the first day of the testing cycle. Testing up to 10 duty days before the cycle is authorized.

All members should be prepared to test on the first day of the testing cycle.

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

Tricare during PCS moves

Enrollees in Tricare Prime who are scheduled for a permanent change-of-station move in the near future remain enrolled at Keesler Medical Center until arrival at their new duty location.

To prepare for transferring Tricare Prime enrollment to the new location, out-process the local military treatment facility Tricare office. This protects members and their families from incurring unnecessary charges for unexpected or emergency health care needs while traveling to the new duty location. The address and phone number of the Tricare Service Center at the new location is also available from this office.

Upon arrival at the next assignment, visit the military treatment facility to obtain information about locally-available Tricare programs.

If emergency health care is required while in transit, go to the nearest military or civilian emergency room. If the care you need is not an emergency, but can't wait, contact the losing Tricare Service Center or military treatment facility to ensure care received was authorized and claim is properly processed.

Care received from a civilian provider during PCS may require payment prior to filing a claim. Providers who are part of the Tricare network normally file claims for members. To locate Tricare providers, first find the nearest Tricare Service Center at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

One-stop pay, personnel service

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

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

Retirement applications online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

Members requesting an action related to retirement can log onto the personal services delivery transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>.

Coming soon: Full coverage for personal goods shipments

Air Force Print News

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Department of Defense customers, including service members and civilians, soon become eligible for full replacement value protection on most DOD-funded personal property shipments.

Full replacement value coverage applies to personal property shipments with a pickup date on or after:

Oct. 1, for international shipments to and from outside the continental U.S.

Nov. 1, for domestic shipments within the continental U.S.

March 1, for long-term storage.

March 1, for local move/direct procurement method shipments.

Under the full replacement value program, the transportation service provider is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per shipment, or \$4 times the net weight of the shipment, in pounds, up to \$50,000.

Customers must provide prompt notice of loss and damage. They must submit a Defense Department Form 1840 listing all damage discovered at delivery or DD Form 1840R listing all damage discovered after delivery to the provider within 75 days of delivery. The provider has the right to inspect the damaged items once the notice forms are received.

Customers won't face an additional charge for full replacement value coverage and must file the claim directly with the transportation

service provider within nine months of delivery by using DD Form 1844 to receive full replacement value. The provider settles the claim by repairing or paying to repair damaged items. The provider pays full replacement value cost on items that need replacing or have been lost or destroyed. When the claim is filed directly with the provider, the provider is responsible for obtaining all repair and replacement costs.

If the provider denies the customer's full claim, makes an offer on the claim that isn't acceptable or doesn't respond within 30 days, the customer may transfer the claim to the military claims office. If a customer files a claim with the provider after nine months, but before the two-year time limit for filing the claim, the provider is only liable for depreciated value of lost or damaged items.

If the customer transfers the claim to the military claims office within nine months of delivery, the claims office is only responsible for depreciated replacement costs. The claims office then attempts to recover full replacement value from the provider. If successful, the claims office then pays the customer the difference between the depreciated cost already paid and the full replacement value cost.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command has detailed full replacement value guidelines that govern coverage on its Web site, <http://www.sddc.army.mil>.

Fire drills prepare for emergencies

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Fire drills are important, required in all occupied base facilities and have to be practiced, according to James Palmer Jr., assistant chief of fire prevention.

“Exit drills are necessary to ensure the efficient and safe use of the exit to make an orderly escape from a facility during a fire or emergency,” said Mr. Palmer. “Proper exit drills prevent the panic that has been responsible for the greater part of lives lost in major fire disasters.”

All facility occupants are required to know reporting procedures and where the fire alarm pull stations and fire extinguishers are in their buildings.

“Supervisors at all levels are responsible for briefing all personnel on fire safety and reporting procedures,” Mr. Palmer said. “Facility managers are responsible to see that their facilities receive a fire drill at least annually.”

Drills allow occupants to become familiar with evacuation signals, horns, strobe lights, voice evacuation and routes used during real fire evacuation, according to Mr. Palmer.

“Primary and alternate



routes should be established and all occupants should be trained to use either route,” he said. “When the signals are activated, it’s time for all personnel to exit the facility immediately in an orderly manner and close all doors as they leave the work area.”

Keesler Instruction 32-2002 states facilities must have an evacuation point 75 feet from the fire for accountability and control purposes.

“In an actual fire, the senior fire officer will give the all-clear to the occupants to re-enter the facility when it is safe to do so,” Mr. Palmer said.

To schedule a fire drill, call the base fire department, 377-2627 or 8440.

145 Keesler names on staff sergeant promotion list

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler has 145 names on the staff sergeant promotion list released Wednesday.

With 398 eligible, Keesler had a 36.43 percent selection rate. Last year, Keesler had 107 of 327 selected for a 32.72 selection rate.

Senior airmen selected for promotion are:

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — John Blackmon, Rommel Hernandez, Magen Thomas and Justin Worth.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Wally Colon, Patrick Costello, Aaron Fetz, Robert Haddox, Joshua Hewitt, Matthew Osborn, Christopher Perry, Adam Smith, Stephen Townsend, Brian Turbide and Kenneth Tuten.

81st Communications Squadron — Marcus Anderson, Rafeal Hughley, Phillip Lopez, Jason Meuse, William Morrison, Dustin Reed, Taveres Simpson and Cheyenne Youngbird.

81st Contracting Squadron — Adam Barnes.

81st Dental Squadron — Chique Cooper, Dayne McKnight, Rodan Ubungen and Rachel White.

81st Inpatient Support Squadron — Candace Baylor, Stephen Hoffman, Christine Jestice, Rebecca Love, Jessica Lynn, Sadie Pellew, Calvin Ripp and Carly Shangreaux.

81st Medical Group — Deshyra Maxwell.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Stephanie Bangora, Richard Bonsra, Whitney Bulgin, Cocoa Collins, Christina Gagnon, Yanet Gallo, Kerry Henderson, Tameka Hill, Heather Hines, Mario Ibarra, Heath Ilderton, Vanetta Jackson, Schuyler Jenkins, Tanya Kacsan, Brandon Kahli, Patricia Lock, Terrence Marshall, Susan Matthews, Shane Matti, Ngwa Ntumngia, Vincent Raynor, Trisha Rittenhouse, Jessica

41.33 percent selected Air Force-wide

Air Force Personnel Center

Across the Air Force, 15,130 of 36,608 eligible senior airmen were selected for promotion for a 41.33 percent selection rate, up 5.46 percent from last year.

The list of those selected is posted at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

To enhance customer service, beginning with this promotion release, eligible Airmen who tested will find their Weighted Airman Promotion System score notices posted on their Air Force Portal personal page and on the virtual military personnel flight.

Score notices allow Airmen to see how

their promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores rank against those they're directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average score for those selected was 270.71 points based on:

131.72 points, enlisted performance reports.

55.99, promotion fitness exam.

54.33, specialty knowledge test.

2.15, time in grade.

4.72, time in service.

0.85, decorations.

Scott, Larwens Subtil, Thomas Vaghy, Devvon Walker, Jonita Williams and Kimberly Zimlich.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Natasha Carter, Marissa Caton, Jan Gonzales, Aaron Gunn, Darragh Hogan, Contraze Isaac, Karina Lawson, Emmanuel Lizan, Laura Perez and Kirstin Wilson.

81st Mission Support Group — Justyn Holt.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Ashanta Conway.

81st Operations Support Flight — Tyrone Edwards and Jessica Martin.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Mary Ballesteros, Thomas Bauhs, Cecilia Cardenas, Suge Chong, Scott Clement, Brandon Harty, Theodore Scott, Keishonda Signater, Jamaal Smalls, Cheryl Trexler and Nicholas Whitney.

81st Supply Squadron — Ralph Davis, Diedra Hargress, Julia Jackson, Melinda Woods and Brandon Wright.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Janel Kumse, Jermeka Howard, Laquita Hambrick and MariaKristina Santos.

81st Training Support Squadron — Joy Baker, Aaron Eden and Matthew Falanga.

81st Training Wing — Tomeka Jackson, Tanya Holditch and Ashante Ross.

81st Transportation Squadron — Brian Bradley, Kenneth Dukes, Melanie Ebanks,

Keith Fuell, Christopher McShan, Jose Ramos, Leviticus Robinson, Robert Shavers and Jason Sweigart..

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Sidney Crawford, Statler Frydenlund, Eric Hafner, Cody Johnson, Jonathan Montgomery and William Vickers.

332nd Training Squadron — Ryan Bush.

333rd TRS — Kyle Beshears, Charles Knowles and Jason Samuel.

334th TRS — Cassandra Alejandro, Sabrina Booker, Rachel Keener and Nancy Rahmaan.

335th TRS — Oscar Gonzales.

336th TRS — Jay Bushman, Zachary Lehmann, Shirmica Ndeti and Amanda Saenz.

338th TRS — Joshua Baker, Michael Burton, Ashley Campbell, Kervin Dupart, Kevin Emerich, Patrick Etheridge, Alan Gerdtts, Jonathan Ghahary, Brandon Hill, Stephen Langdon, Richard Lowe and Tobiah Walter.

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Restructured Tricare system

Some reservists may see cost of premiums drop to one-third what they're now paying

Air Force Print News

ROBINS Air Force Base, Ga. — Reservists began signing up Saturday for more affordable Tricare Select Reserve health care that starts Oct. 1.

For some, it means they pay a third of what they are paying today.

“All drilling reservists, including individual mobilization augmentees, will have access to the health-care benefit at its lowest premium rate,” said Lt. Col. Alexander Alex, Air Force Reserve Command’s health benefits manager.

“Interested reservists, including those who are currently enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, must fill out a newly-developed Defense Department Form 2896-1 to take part in this restructured program.”

Payment system restructured

In the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress told Defense Department officials to restructure the plan’s three-tier payment system, which has been in effect since 2006. David Chu, deputy secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed the new policy Aug. 3.

Under the system that ends Sept. 30, only reservists on or recently returned from a contingency operation qualify for Tier 1, the lowest cost premium.

Reservists in Tier 3 pay the most each month, \$247 for the reservist alone and \$767.41 for the reservist and family. They include people who haven’t been in a contingency recently, who aren’t self-employed, who work for an employer who offers a health care plan or who don’t qualify for unemployment compensation as determined by state law.

‘Big step in process’

That all changes starting Oct. 1. All drilling reservists pay the lowest premium, \$81 a month for single coverage. Monthly premiums for reservists and families is \$253. Tricare adjusts premiums annually on Jan. 1.

“We’ve been working hard for years to improve health care benefits for all reservists, and this is a big step in that process,” said Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, AFRC’s vice commander.

The general encourages all reservists to study the program to see if it meets their needs.

“As a health care consultant, I have looked at numerous plans,” Colonel Alex said. “This is a very competitive 80/20 indemnity plan where the government pays 80 percent and the member pays 20 percent of the cost share.

“One of its huge benefits is the pharmacy program,” he said. “If used wisely, members can get a 90-day supply of medicine for \$3 per prescription.”

Another plus to the plan is its \$1,000 catastrophic cap, among the lowest in the industry,

“If used wisely, members can get a 90-day supply of medicine for \$3 per prescription.”

— Colonel Alex

according to Colonel Alex.

“Once a member has paid \$1,000 in a fiscal year, Tricare will pay 100 percent of the Tricare allowable cost after that,” he said.

About 11,500 members of the reserve components across all services are enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select. They include some 2,700 Air Force reservists.

Beginning application process

Colonel Alex said these people are required to re-enroll in the program using a DD Form 2896-1 if they want to keep their coverage.

To begin the application process, reservists should visit the Guard and Reserve Web portal, a restricted site. DOD officials said they’re looking into a simpler application process.

For more specific information, go to the Tricare Reserve Select Web site or contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center toll free, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 926-6730. The fax number is commercial 1-478-327-2215 or DSN 497-2215. Online customer service is available by going to the Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve Web site and clicking on “New Request.”

All drilling reservists are qualified for the restructured Tricare Reserve Select program starting Oct. 1 with one major exception: If they’re eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits or are currently covered under FEHB (either under their own eligibility or through a family member’s eligibility), they aren’t eligible to purchase Tricare Reserve Select.

‘Something they have earned’

“We want reservists to know that Tricare Reserve Select is something they have earned through their service to their country,” said Colonel Alex. “And it is a benefit that our senior leaders have worked very hard to obtain. We hope all of our reservists will take a good look at what the program has to offer.”

If Air Force reservists can’t find more information about Tricare Reserve Select medical coverage or have general questions about it, they can e-mail Colonel Alex at AFRC/TRICAREreserves@afrc.af.mil.

Online civilian services continue to grow

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For 10 years, the Air Force has provided some civilian employees access to online self-service benefits and entitlements programs.

Personnel services delivery seeks to establish convenient and simple access to other personnel programs just as the employee benefits information system provides Air Force appropriated fund civilians.

PSD isn't new. The name is new; however, Air Force civilian personnel officials have been doing innovative things for more than 10 years.

Currently, Air Force civilians are using online applications that aren't available throughout the federal government. As the transformation continues, PSD provides civilians with greater control of personnel services and information.

EBIS is a Web-based automated benefits election and information system that streamlines the benefits and entitlements process. It provides electronic enrollment in health and life insurance and the Thrift Savings Plan, and also provides retirement information and calculators.

Through EBIS, civilians can access and complete certain forms online, such as those required to designate beneficiaries.

Once the applicable form is completed, the employee can print, obtain necessary ink signatures and mail it to the benefits and entitlements service team for processing at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

The process is virtually paperless for most health and life insurance and Thrift Savings Plan transactions.

New service dress heritage coat



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos models the new Air Force service dress heritage coat, designed on the uniform worn by Gen. Hap Arnold. The Air Force launches a fit test this fall with an actual 90-day wear test in the spring of 2008. According to Air Force leaders, the heritage coat gives the service a more military look that reflects the warrior ethos Airmen have today.

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Workers for Hunt-Yates Construction team up to smooth the 30th out of 99 slabs to be poured for new duplexes in Thrower Park. This work is done in the early morning hours so the concrete doesn't dry while being poured in the summer heat.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Air Force's largest housing project picks up momentum

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

That's not thunder you hear in the distance — it's the rumble of progress as Keesler's housing construction program picks up speed.

The largest military family housing project in Air Force history, with a price tag of \$287.8 million, kicked off March 30, about a year before the first homes are slated for delivery.

A project management review took place July 31 with officials from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Air Force Center for Engineering Excellence and TEAM Integrated Engineering inspection services subcontractor. Also attending were representatives of Hunt Building Co. and Yates Construction Co., partners in building the homes.

Originally, 1,067 homes were being built, but that number has been reduced to 1,028. Eleven fewer homes are being built in Bay Ridge to accommodate the new road for the Bay Breeze Events Center. Another 28 homes were eliminated in Thrower Park because funding wasn't received to relocate the family campground.

Floor plans for the single family and duplex units meet or exceed the Air Force's benchmark square footage standards. All have three or four bedrooms and two stories, except for handicapped-accessible homes, and include a garage.

Headway is most evident in Thrower Park, according to Craig Merkerson, base housing program manager. The first walls are being raised there Monday.

Earthwork, which involves site grading and filling, removal of old utilities, digging for new utilities, removal of undesirable soil and vegetation and compacting dirt for roads and foundations, is more than 91 percent complete.

"To a kid, playing in a sandbox is earthwork — our contractor just has much bigger, more technically advanced toys to push their earth around," Mr. Merkerson said.

"Hunt-Yates utilizes state-of-the-art electronic

equipment on tractors and dozers to set the elevation of the site, roads and foundations — saving time saves money," he explained. "In almost all areas, the ground elevation has to be raised higher than new FEMA flood plain requirements. The new homes will all have a finished floor elevation of at least 18 feet."

In Thrower Park, underground wet utilities are 90 percent complete, and nearly half of the underground dry utilities such as electrical, television and phone cable installation have been laid. Completion for under-slab plumbing is 23 percent and building foundations is 15 percent.

"The goal is to pour two foundations a day," Mr. Merkerson stated. "Then crews start framing, roofing, wiring, insulating, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and ductwork, above-ground plumbing, interior wall-board, and keep going until the first home, possibly three homes, is delivered in late March.

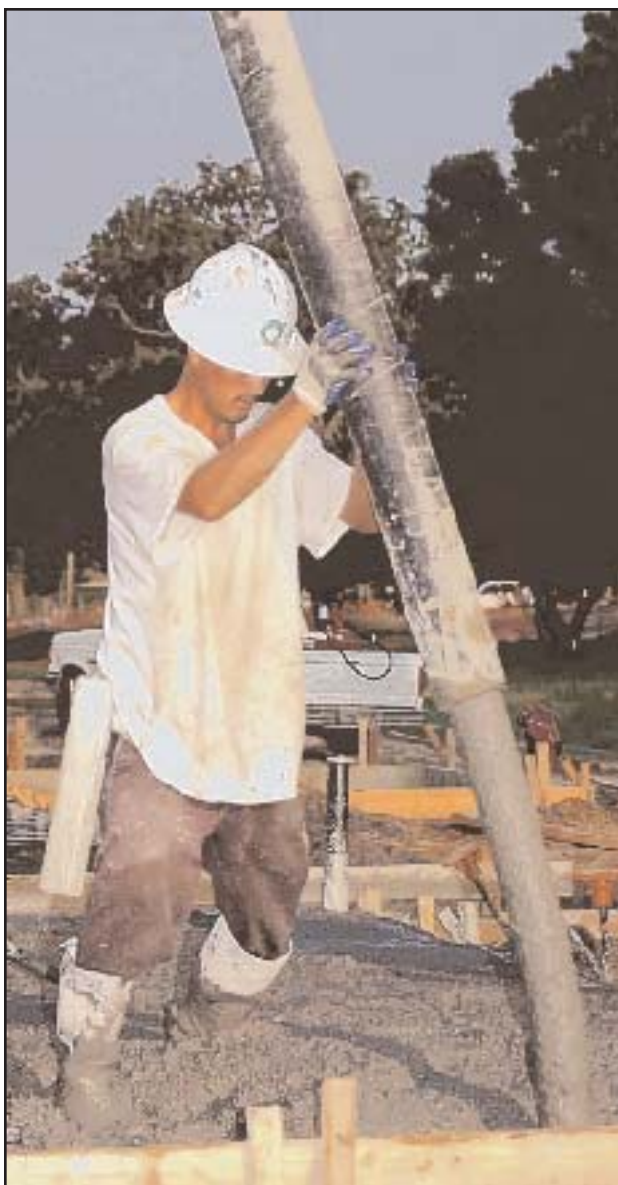
"All the Thrower Park homes are planned, and I anticipate the roads will come later than some of the homes, if not after all homes in a section are completed," he continued. "Hunt-Yates will build a section of Thrower Park, one street with 18 homes, and try to turn that over for use as soon as possible."

In Northwest Falcon Park, earthwork is 14 percent completed and underground wet utility work has begun.

The first home was leveled in the Shadowlawn area Monday. Asbestos abatement is under way.

A new construction fence in the area serves as the base perimeter fence to allow contractor use of an off-base staging site, similar to the one off Forrest Avenue that leads to the new base exchange and commissary building area. The setup eliminates some of the traffic tie-ups with construction vehicles at the base gates.

A lay-down area in the former Oak Park housing area is fenced for use by Hunt-Yates. Two pre-engineered metal storage facilities are being built at the corner of Bayview Avenue and Kensington Drive across from the youth center for subcontractor material storage.



Tobias Acosta controls the flow of concrete for a slab in Thrower Park Aug. 8.

Quality of life emphasis buoys base's recovery

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

An indicator that Keesler's heart and spirit are intact two years after Hurricane Katrina is found in the facilities, programs and services that have been resurrected or created since the storm.

"I'm proud to serve with a great team of military and civilian professionals dedicated to improving Keesler's quality of life," said Col. Rodney Croslen, 81st Mission Support Squadron commander. "They've worked hard over the last two years to restore our places to work, live, eat and recreate for Keesler members and their families. Their desire to sustain the mission has been unwavering and their spirit has soared."

Bob Moseley, program management office chief for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, noted, "To date, more than 210 facilities have been repaired and 430 repair projects have been accomplished."

Colonel Croslen added, "This includes restoring the

Air Force's second largest medical center, plus the temporary commissary and base exchange, important facilities that sustain us as a community. Our team always found a way to turn challenges into opportunities. They faced the country's worst natural disaster in history and brought the base facilities and infrastructure back."

In addition to facility repairs and new construction, the colonel stressed that restoration of programs and services for Airmen and their families is vital to Keesler's rebuilding process.

"More important than taking care of the base is the way we take care of people," he pointed out. "Taking care of people and each other is the focus of achieving quality of life on a military installation."

Colonel Croslen said two major forces for programs and services for the Keesler community are the 81st Services Division and the airmen and family readiness center.

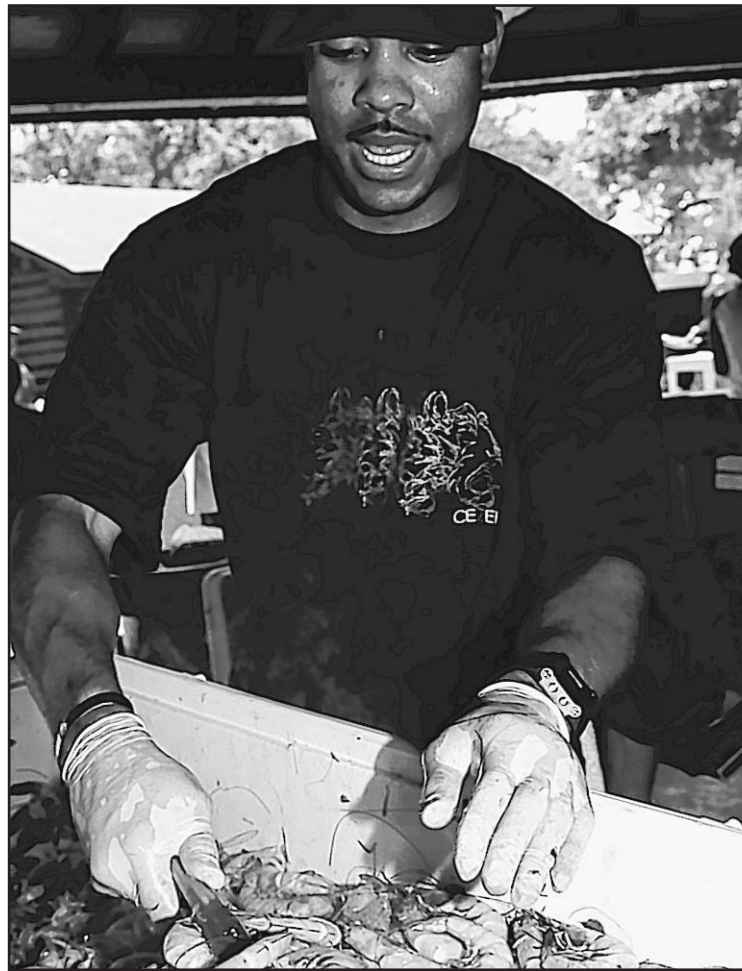
Right after the storm, Services moved into high gear to provide food and lodging for displaced Keesler members and relief workers, according to 81st SVD director Don Cook. Additionally, fitness and recreation facilities geared up to bring relaxation and a sense of normalcy to the base community.

Vandenberg Community Center, which primarily serves students, opened a week after the storm and was back to full operation two weeks later. McBride Library opened a week after Katrina with extended operating hours.

The child development center reopened for limited operation two weeks after Katrina. The youth center was back in business at the same time with a regular schedule.

Blake Fitness Center was open for full service a week after the storm, and Dragon Fitness Center reopened that November without use of the basketball court.

Three weeks after the storm, Gaudé Lanes offered bowling at no charge on usable lanes and free use of amusement machines and big-screen televisions for active-duty members



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Second Lt. Laymond Wilburn, 81st Communications Squadron, serves boiled shrimp at Keesler's 66th birthday celebration, June 14 in marina park.

and relief workers before extensive repairs began.

With the Keesler Club out of service and the Keesler Community Center converted to a temporary commissary, the main marina building became the Katrina Kantina, an all-ranks lounge in the evenings and a site for special daytime events.

Although Bay Breeze Golf Course's pro shop was destroyed, free golf was offered on the front nine holes of the golf course before extensive repairs to the course began. The reconstructed 18-hole course, scheduled to open in October, will meet U.S. Golf Association standards.

Special programs in the first four months after the storm included an outdoor concert by Lonestar, two Texas hold 'em tournaments, a comedy show, monster circuit challenge, Slugfest boxing, Jingle Bell run and

Christmas in the Park.

In the past 23 months, the expanding Services schedule has included a number of new programs and events, such as celebrations to mark Keesler's 65th and 66th birthdays, a dinner theater, martini and jazz nights, professional wrestling and boxing and car and cycle shows, to augment the regular activities at the base's recreational and fitness facilities.

The airmen and family readiness center, recognized as the Air Force's best last year, met the many immediate needs of the Keesler community after Katrina. The center barely missed a beat in spite of being relocated from its quarters in the damaged Sablich Center to old Cody Hall, a building slated for demolition that's being used for office space.

The center sponsors spouse appreciation events, Child Pride Day, neighbor-

hood block parties, workshops and job fairs.

Families of deployed members look to the center for support, including monthly activities such as fishing trips, excursions and a Mardi Gras party on the parade route with reserved seating, food and fun.

Operation Hero acquaints children with the deployment process. Heart Link acquaints spouses with the military community, and Bundles for Babies provides information and baby items to first-time parents.

The airman and family readiness center operates a separate office in the Levitov Training Support Facility to serve nonprior service students and their families with classes and resources to smooth their transition into the Air Force lifestyle.

Colonel Croslen recalled Gov. Haley Barbour speaking of his desire to develop a rebuilding plan worthy of the spirit and character of the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Keesler is delivering on this desire, not only for South Mississippi and Keesler, but in a way that's worthy of the spirit of the Air Force," the colonel said. "We've overcome challenges and fulfilled opportunities in a way that proudly represents the Air Force."



Tanyana Carrasquillo, 3, and her mom, Idaliz, print a pillowcase with her handprint at an arts and crafts night for families of deployed members May 25. Tanyana's dad, Tech. Sgt. Roberto Carrasquillo, 81st Transportation Squadron, was on a remote assignment to Korea.



Airman 1st Class Alex Potter, 81st Contracting Squadron, enjoys the paintball course that opened in April.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Tech. Sgt. Ayhan Ozturkoglu, Staff Sgt. Nelson Castillo, Senior Airman Charles Lewis, Staff Sgt. Nancy Kindle and Russell Davis, 81st Supply Squadron delinquent document section, display the coins they received from Chief Owens.

Zero delinquencies warrant recognition from command chief

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The 81st Supply Squadron has delivered perfection for 365 consecutive days and counting.

No delinquent documents in any supply assets have been received, issued to its base customers or shipments off-base since Aug. 1, 2006.

“When there’s a delinquent document, that means someone isn’t doing what they need to make the process run smoothly,” said Russell Davis, 81st SUPS document control technician.

Supply received approximately 15,268 replacement shipments with receipts for use on base last year. Of these, about 8,178 were issued to customers and another 2,754 were shipped off base. The remaining receipts were placed in stock.

Once the documents for all shipments are received, issued

or shipped, the 81st SUPS has five days to process the assets into the Automated Imaging System for accountability purposes.

There have been no delays in the process in a year.

“We’re certainly the best in the Air Force on this metric,” said Chief Master Sgt. Gwendolyn Rucker, 81st SUPS-Transportation Squadron chief enlisted manager. “I’ve been in the Air Force for over 26 years now, and I’ve never seen a supply or logistics readiness squadron account accomplish this.”

For their efforts, Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Owens, 81st Training Wing command chief, presented his coin to five members of the delinquent document team Aug. 1. They are Mr. Davis, Tech. Sgt. Ayhan Ozturkoglu, Staff Sgts. Nancy Kindle and Nelson Castillo, and Senior Airman Charles Lewis.

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Trip for families

A trip to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport for families of deployed Airmen is 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Bus transportation is provided.

Participation is limited.

To register by Tuesday, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2593 or 2179.

Surplus property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is Sept. 11-13 in the Keesler Club building on Larcher Boulevard.

Furniture, small appliances, televisions, microwaves, pictures and ironing boards are available.

Hours on Sept. 11 are 9-11 a.m. for E4s and GS-3s and

below, NA1s and 2s, and NF1s only, and noon to 3 p.m. for all other identification card holders.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12-13 for all authorized buyers.

Transactions are on a first-come, first-served cash-and-carry basis. All items must be removed immediately, and customers must load purchases into their vehicles.

Commercial outlet representatives shouldn't expect to make large quantity buys.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Deployed family meal

Dinners for families of deployed Keesler members are 5:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays at the Live

Oak Dining Facility.

The chapel and Top III pay for all first-time attendees.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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>.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic's inventory of donated household items is low.

This program serves airmen through staff sergeants and their families.

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

To donate items, volunteer or for more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 377-2702, archie.evans@keesler.af.mil, or leave a message at 377-3814.

Entrance closed

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

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>.

Patients sought

The dental clinic's periodontics department seeks patients for its dental residency program.

Eligible patients accepted as teaching cases receive their periodontal care at no charge. Patients need to be readily available for appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

For more information or to schedule a screening examination, call 376-5225.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Keesler runner lands spot on AETC marathon team

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A Keesler runner is on the Air Education and Training Command women's team for the Air Force Marathon, Sept. 15 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Jennifer Lepper, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, is one of four members of the command's marathon relay team. The other three are from Lackland AFB, Texas, Maxwell AFB, Ala., and Columbus AFB, Miss.

"I sent a form up through the fitness center," Lepper explained. "It was basically a running résumé, with a list of finishing times from races I've run, as well as approval signatures from my chain of command."

Lepper, a 2004 Air Force Academy graduate, believes each of the relay runners completes 10 kilometers. The first runner starts with the mass of runners competing in the entire marathon and the others pick up at predetermined relay points.

Lepper said she began running about 18 months ago, "mostly to lose weight, but then it started to be fun."

She has already completed a full marathon, the February 2007 Mardi Gras event in New Orleans, and is training for another scheduled for October in Washington, D.C.

She usually runs about five miles daily on Keesler's I-81 during the week. Weekends, she ups the distance to 6-12 miles.

"I will go up to 20," said the bioenvironmental engineer who's been at Keesler since August 2004.

In addition to running, Lepper has been riding a bicycle along a 25-mile route in D'Iberville north of I-10.

"Although I like to run alone, I will run with others after a bike ride," she said. "I also have been participating in triathlons all summer, about 10 in Louisiana, northern Mississippi and Florida."



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Lepper runs about five miles daily.

Commands compete for bragging rights

By Kathleen Lopez

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Which Air Force major command comprises the fastest, fittest flock of fine physiques?

The answer may come here Sept. 15 when a new type of competition for active-duty Air Force members debuts at

the Air Force Marathon.

The Major Command Challenge is intended to spur friendly competition among Airmen assigned to the Air Force's nine major commands.

The MAJCOM Challenge winner is the Air Force major command with the highest participation rates and best performances in the full- and half-marathon races. In turn, that MAJCOM retains brag-

ging rights for having the best runners in the service until next year, when the trophy travels to the next winning command.

Points are awarded according to the percentage of a command's active-duty members who participate. Overall and age group winners in both the half- and full-marathon also earn points for their commands



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lee Young, left, 336th TRS, goes for the flag of Narungdai Jackson, 333rd TRS. The 336th TRS won, 12-0, Aug. 9.

Intramural football Marines start season 2-0, outscoring opponents 41-6

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Once intramural football cleared some early bumps in the road, “the first week went well,” said Laurence Wilson, sports director for the 81st Services Division.

No doubt the Marine Corps Detachment would agree with that assessment. At week’s end, only the Marines had played and won two games.

Convincing victories over the 333rd Training Squadron, 22-0, and the 332nd TRS, 19-6, put MARDET at the top of the National Conference standings.

Three of the Marines rivals were also scheduled to play twice last week. Two — the 334th and 336th TRS — got one game in and won it, while the third, the 335th TRS, didn’t play at all. The games those teams missed are going to be rescheduled, according to Wilson.

Base championship runner-up of 2006, the 81st Medical Group, got off to a back-to-the-playoffs start with a 21-13 victory over the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron in an American Conference opener.

The 81st Security Forces and Communications Squadrons and 403rd Wing were also successful the first time out.

The 81st Medical Support Squadron, the ninth team in the American Conference, had to wait until this week to kick off its season.

The season’s bumpy start began with a disconnect with game officials over the starting date, resulting in the first games being played Aug. 7 instead of one day earlier.

Then, the original format of three leagues and schedule which had some teams playing as often as three times in the same week were scrapped in favor of two leagues and a less rigorous schedule.

Coaches signed off on those changes only hours before the first games were played.

“They (coaches) didn’t feel three games in one week was something they could do,” said Wilson. “This program is for the squadrons, so we want to do what works best for them.”

For complete scores, schedules and standings, see Scores and More, Page 24. For more information on intramural sports, call Wilson, 377-2444.

Falcons' new football coach charts '07 course

By Wayne Amann

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Unlike previous seasons, the 2007 Air Force football team has no catchy slogan to use as a rallying cry, sound bite or headline.

Instead, first-year head coach and 1989 Academy grad, Troy Calhoun, told reporters at the Aug. 1 media day his club's pre-season ranking of seventh in the nine-team Mountain West Conference poll was generous.

"I told them we were overrated," Calhoun said. "And I was serious about it, too. There's nothing etched in stone at the Air Force Academy. We have to earn everything that comes our way. We've yet to earn anything, as players, as coaches, as a team. You start from the ground and build up."

The Falcons' mission is to bounce back from three consecutive losing campaigns. Calhoun is depending on his senior-laden roster for leadership.

"This is the world's finest leadership institution," said Calhoun, who's one of 17 Division I-A coaches to head the program at his alma mater. "Whenever we have good teams, we have phenomenal senior leadership. That will be crucial to our year."

Among the upperclassmen Calhoun counts on are quarterback Shuan Carney, free safety Bobby Giannini, wide receiver Mark Root and place kicker Ryan Harrison.

Carney enters his fourth season as the Falcons' signal caller determined to correct the mistakes that haunted Air Force the past two seasons. The Falcons dropped four games by a total of just 10 points in 2005 and five games by a total of only 14 points a year ago.

"The learning is over," Carney said. "There are no excuses for this team. Winning is something we need to do. We always expected to win the last couple of years, but now we have to. We've got our horns flared. We're ready to go."

Carney is climbing in the all-time Air Force record book. He's second in touchdown passes (30) and third in passing yardage (3,900). He owns the top three single-season pass-completion percentages, including a career-best 64.2 percent in 2005.

The time leading up to the Sept. 1 opener at home against South Carolina State is Calhoun's opportunity to evaluate his team's makeup.

"I want to play more than one deep (at various positions)," Calhoun said. "You're better if you can, but it's not a given. Our players have to prove they're ready to perform at the level we have to in order to win. I think we can get to that point."

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity

Active duty and Reserve/Guard members assigned to Keesler are eligible. Teams compete in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference this fall and winter.

Men — sign up 6:30 p.m. today, Blake Fitness Center. Tryouts 6:30-8:30 p.m. through today, Blake Fitness Center.

Women — sign up 6 p.m. today, Blake Fitness Center. Tryouts 6:30-8:30 p.m. through today, Blake Fitness Center.

Bowling

Intramural captains' meeting — 3 p.m. Sept. 6, Gaude Lanes.

Free one-hour clinic — 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 22. Learn bowling basics.

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

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

Lunch and bowl — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Bowl free game with 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.

Football

Intramural National Conference (as of Aug. 9)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	2	0
334th TRS	1	0
336th TRS	1	0
338th TRS	1	1
81st MSS	1	1
335th TRS	0	0
332nd TRS	0	2
333rd TRS	0	2

Scores

Aug. 7 — 334th TRS 13, 338th TRS 7; 81st MSS 14, 332nd TRS 13; MARDET 22, 333rd TRS 0; 335th TRS vs. 336th TRS, rescheduled.

Aug. 9 — 336th TRS 12, 333rd TRS 0; MARDET 19, 332nd TRS 6;

338th TRS 20, 81st MSS 19; 334th TRS vs. 335th TRS, rescheduled.

Schedule

Today — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 336th TRS, Field 4; MARDET vs. 334th TRS, Field 5. 7 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 335th TRS, Field 4; 81st MSS vs. 333rd TRS, Field 5.

Tuesday — no games.

American Conference (as of Aug. 8)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	1	0
81st SFS	1	0
81st MDG	1	0
403rd Wing	1	0
81st DS	0	1
81st CES	0	1
81st TRANS-SUPS	0	1
85th EIS	0	1
81st MDSS	0	0

Scores

Aug. 8 — 81st MDG 21, 81st CES 13; 81st SFS 12, 81st TRANS-SUPS 6; 403rd Wing 15, 81st DS 14; 81st CS 21, 85th EIS, 14.

Schedule

No games next week.

Golf

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.

Free golf clinics — 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 28 and 30, ages 18 and older. For reservations, call 424-0479.

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

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 closed on weekdays starting Monday, remains open noon to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Triangle pool remains open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesday. For more information and costs, call 377-3568.

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

Back Bay fishing trips — Saturday and Aug. 25, \$15 person, minimum six, maximum eight people. Call for time.

August fishing tournament — weigh in largest red drum 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 — compressed work schedule 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.

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

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

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

Honor guard tournament — 9 a.m. Aug. 25, Triangle fields; double elimination, games start each hour. \$100 team; limit 10 teams. Prizes for first and second place. For more information, call Andrea Turner, 377-1986, or T'erricka Rush, 377-5763.

Information dominance wins wars — protect it!

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airmen Basic Brandon Clemons and Joshua Miller; Airman Sara McHugh-Grant; Airmen 1st Class Beau Dicken, Andrew Doman and Kyle Martin; Staff Sgt. Nikolas Henry.

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Robert Arismendez, Gregory Beardsley, Sean Berry, Tyler Bigler, Anna Blankenship, John Boerger, Bradley Bunt, Merlin Dartz, James Dontis, Brian Force, Schuyler Hardesty, Derek Harris, Jeffrey Hunsberger, Justin Key, Michael Kim, Alan Johnson, Christopher Lang, Adam Lindgren, Paul Linski, Ryan Macatugal, Jerrelle Marshall, Micah McDonald, Brandon McDonough, Joshua Miles, Phillip Myers, James Nartowicz, Christopher Reyes, John Rhoads, Gabriel Rienks, Porter Rollins, Christopher Rush, Addison Tibe, Michael Wilcox and Steven Witt; Pfc. Christopher Appleby; Airmen Nicholas Andrus, Dana Macmillan, Tereasa Moffett, Alexander Pettit, Arin VanWagenen and Daniel Webber; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Barksdale, Michael Barton, Gerardo Chirichigno, Joseph Copley, Irvin Derington, Partick Edds, David Gindorff, Timothy Hawks, Dustin Jones, Elvin Leivestad, Antonio Mumfrey, Scott O'Neal, Paulo Panaligan, Nicky Polo, Nathan Reesman, Peter Sittinger, Scott Sorensen, Patrick Tinney, Mario Turner and Patrick Williams; Senior Airmen Tyler Bowen, Emre Dogru, Thomas Harris, Brandon Hill, Justin Kuper, Brian Law, Pamela Register, Ryan Thompson and Kelly Toppin; Staff Sgts. Chad Blackburn, Thad Bond, Edmond Cagnolatti, James Jordan, Rory Lapres, John McMickle, Craig Meyer, Keith Ruhl, Sean Stringer, Robert Thompson and Jeremy Witmer; Master Sgt. Brett Pier; Chief Master Sgt. Marzouk Ghazna.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic Nicholas Palmer and Jerry Suter; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Morgan, Thomas Morris and Michelle Walters-Hernandez; Senior Airmen Brian Modest and Timothy Richter; Tech. Sgts. Marc Bolinger and Tyler Hutchens.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Donald Craig, Sean Daly, James Lacy, Luke Miller, William Putnam, Ruben Rivera, Stephanie Russell, Amanda Thompson and Vincent Walthers; Airmen Darin Brownlee, William Hunter, Roy Rogan and Jasmine Schaefer; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson, Kurt Lind, John Lofton and Christopher Washington; Senior Airmen Oskars Abolins and Joseph Pollock; Staff Sgts. Ahmadou Fisher and Stephen Skidmore; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulrahman Al Aqeen; 1st Lt. Roman Pivovarnik; Maj. Daifallah Sahawneh.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Michelle Cooper and Santos Rosario; Airman 1st Class Brandie

Ring; Senior Airmen Nichole Buckner and Allison Weiser; Staff Sgts. Carlisle Baptiste, Jeffery Firth, Devon Mayo and Matthew Trissel; Tech. Sgts. Shane Hickman and Lucas McCullough.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Osvaldo Alcaraz, Holly Allen, Christopher Borland, Steven Colletta, Ryan Hutchinson, Larry Jackson, Joel Kampert, Sergio Klassen, Michael Kropp, Lisa Luder and Fabeanna Ward; Airmen Brandi Ault, Orlando Infante and Brandon Payne; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Lindey, Justin Lozado, Francisco Manitas, Eric Plack, James Quarmyne, Steven Swafford and Justin Viola; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond, Kanada Vang and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Charles Bland, Jacob Cournoyer, Colyn Funakoshi, Donna Jernigan, Matthew Lies, John Proetta and Adam Walter; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Chamberlain, Melanie King, Andrew Labadie, Kirk Martin and Edwin Perez; Master Sgt. Cheryl Sheeder.

Personnel apprentice course — Airman Basic Ashly Lyons; Airman Karen Rivas; Airmen 1st Class Whitney Olson and Gregory Linker; Senior Airmen Michael Bishop, Andre Gaston, Lance Sunio, Rynisha Thompson and Danny Yager.

Weather training flight — Marine Pfc. Sean Carr and Jason Lukasek; Airmen 1st Class Marvin Howdershell, Marlowe Pery, Jesse Miller and Richard Schermerhorn; Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew James; Senior Airman Jacob Huffstetler; Staff Sgt. Andrew Lehman; Tech Sgts. Anthony Lapore and James Rosebrock.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Daniell, Jason Robertson and Dana Schultz; Airman Christopher Morgan; Airmen 1st Class Aja Cornella, Mario Flores, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas, Thomas Rhodes, Hache Stossmeister and Ying Pang; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Erin McKenzie, Shannon Mimms, Richard Ryan and Leo Taylor; Tech. Sgts. Dennis Egbert and John Graber; Master Sgts. Paul Bryant, Timothy Foreman and Kenneth Law.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Irna Diaz, David Grubs, Scott Long and Kadi Randall; Airmen Vanessa Clem and David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Sophia Alexander, Nicholas Defranco, Matthew Hensley, Thomas Leneave, Kelli Miller, Lia Oyama, Jacob Palmer, Bryan Severs, John Schilling, Stephen Shambra and Nathan Van Oort; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Michael Caputo, Keith Eccles, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones and Damon Kelly; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Daphne Clemons, Christopher Dudley, James King, Steven Light, Adriana Marquez, Christopher Meyer, Keith Nelson, Samantha Newcomb and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman and Thomas Lawrence; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulshakur Turkistani.

338th TRS

Airfield systems basic course — Airman Basic Joshua Oates; Airmen 1st Class William Brown, Christopher Clifton, John Dean, David Hendrickson, Matthew Howley, Aaron Iacovazzi, Robert Milwood and Johnathon Parker; Senior Airman Michelle Smith; Staff Sgt. Derrick Glover; Tech. Sgts. Casey Brock and Jerry Cleveland; 1st Lt. Khaled Al-Sarhan.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic Michelle Abrera, Cory Aita, James Burbage, Michael Dodds, Lynnette Frank, Steven Grethe, David Harris, John Hooper, Matthew Klabunbe, Joshua Mahoney, Mychal Mankin, Christa Maxwell and Ronnie Sneed; Airmen Mitchell Arne, Joshua Cowger, Taurel Davenport, Adrian Goss, Richard Hendricks, Jarod Martinez and Michael McCullough; Airmen 1st Class Cody Chiasson, Richard Dehay, Anthony Figueroa, Brannon Fissette, Joshua Hofmann, Jordan Jones, Michael Joyner, Jarod Martinez, Jarod Petry, Matthew Rexrode, Nicholas Rodriguez, William Sheehan, Ryan Valdez, Gerald Williams and Danette Wise; Senior Airmen Jeremy Bork, Ryan Hughes, Jason Krohn, Douglas Lambert, Christopher Raulerson and Eric Talbur; Staff Sgts. Joshua Cash, John Cleland, Christopher Gill, Troy Greeness, William Hutto, Jeffrey Lacey, Peter Littlefield, Gregory Mills, Christian Roblewsky, Joseph Schescke, Mark Sellers and Joseph Wengerd; Tech. Sgts. Emily Cantrell and Howard Dukes.

Radar systems flight — Airman Basic Rey Arellano; Airmen John Benner, Bryon Mathews and Lawrence Turgeon; Airmen 1st Class Daneil Gisch, Michael Pritchett, Adam Splattoesser, Lawrence Turgeon and Joshua Warner; Senior Airman Jon Jenkins; Staff Sgt. Richard Lundberg; Senior Master Sgt. Mink Yu Kim.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

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

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33 and 5:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36 and 5:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38 and 5:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls; 3:41 and 5:41, front of Muse Manor.

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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CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-6 — Sept. 4-Oct. 12.
- Class 08-1 — Nov. 1-Dec. 13.
- Class 08-2 — Jan. 4-Feb. 13.
- Class 08-3 — Feb. 29-March 28.
- Class 08-4 — April 14-May 21.
- Class 08-5 — June 2-July 10.
- Class 08-6 — Aug. 4-Sept. 11.
- Class 08-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 28.
- Class 09-1 — Nov. 3-Dec. 11.

Keesler NCO Academy

- Class 07-6 — graduation Sept. 11.
- Class 08-1 — Oct. 2-Nov. 9.
- Class 08-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.
- Class 08-3 — Feb. 26-April 3.
- Class 08-4 — April 15-May 22.
- Class 08-5 — May 29-July 9.
- Class 08-6 — Aug. 5-Sept. 12.
- Class 08-7 — Sept. 22-Oct. 30.

Airmen and family readiness center

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

- Craft demonstrations** — 1-2 p.m. nonworking Fridays. Aug. 24, wooden pen demo on the lathe in the wood shop.
- Annual artist/craftsman and photo contest** — Deadline for adults is Sept. 14.
- Beginning pottery** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.
- One-stroke painting** — Saturday; call for time. New project each month. \$30 including supplies.
- Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5 p.m. Saturday. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying wood pieces in a decorative pattern.
- Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. Aug. 25. \$20. New project each month.
- 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.
- Beginning auto care classes** — oil changes, brakes, tune-ups, tire changes and more. \$5 per class. Call for times and dates.
- Shadow boxes** — custom made.

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.

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 376-3457 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

McBride Library

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

Back-to-school orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 29, college students.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to New Orleans Saints preseason games at the Superdome — Aug. 30, Miami Dolphins, sign up by Aug. 28. \$50 includes ticket and transportation.

Saints home opener — Sept. 24, Tennessee Titans, sign up by Sept. 19; \$50 includes ticket and transportation.

Gulf Islands Water Park trip — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 1, nonprior service students only. \$25; sign up and prepay by Aug. 25 at Vandenberg Community Center. Limit 20 people.

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

Remembering Elvis — 6 p.m. today; dance and sing karaoke to his music.

Chess tournament — 7 p.m. today.

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

Movie night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

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

Katrina Kantina

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

Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.

Fish fry — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Aug. 23. Cook your own steak for \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers; chicken \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

Back-to-school program — registrations accepted, ages 6-12.

Club registrations — being accepted for TRAIL (Training Adolescents in Leadership) ages 13 and older, Smart Girls ages 8-18 and FitFactor, ages 6-18.

Classes — gymnastics, 4-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 3-5, 5-6 p.m. ages 6 and older. Dance, 4:15-4:45 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5, 5-6 p.m. ages 6 and older.

Auto hobby shop

Air conditioning checks — no reservation required.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

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

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

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

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

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

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

Tuesday

Lunch — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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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 today, 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. 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. 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.

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.aadd.officers@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. 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 chellelm@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Live Free, Die Hard (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., 1408 (PG-13); 6:30 p.m. Harry Potter (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Dead or Alive (PG-13).