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Dragons deployed
— 104

Keesler 'excellent'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Welch Auditorium erupted with cheers, clapping, sirens and high-fives Wednesday as Keesler reacted to its "excellent" operational readiness inspection rating.

"Dragons, you've proved it to the world — excellence is your trademark," said a jubilant Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "You've done it again — you came through with flying colors."

Across the board, overall "excellent" ratings were earned by the 81st Training, Mission Support and Medical Groups. Commander's items were rated excellent, and wing staff agencies met or exceeded all requirements.

The wing received "excellent" ratings for its deployment of 129 personnel to demonstrate their combat skills, as well as several local security exercises. The base's major accident response exercise was rated "satisfactory."

Col. Carlton Eberhart II, Air Education and Training Command inspector general, said it was obvious Keesler was "getting up, moving on and getting the job done" just two years after Hurricane Katrina pounded the base.

"A lot of people talked about Hurricane Katrina, but it was evident throughout the inspection process that people didn't hang on to that disaster as



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Michelle Coleman, 81st Medical Support Squadron, leads a round of applause during the ORI outbrief Tuesday in Welch Auditorium.

an excuse," the colonel observed.

"The biggest compliment I got from the IG was that despite Katrina, there were no excuses," General Capasso pointed out. "You showed them how hard you worked. You didn't say, 'Oh woe is me — Katrina was here.' You got the job done."

The general assured the audience Keesler wasn't given special treatment because of the hurricane's impact on the base.

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This week in the Triangle

Air traffic control-radar and tower, 9 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

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

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

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

Communication-computer system control, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

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



July honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,945
Non-prior service — 1,712
Temporary duty — 1,095
Joint service — 90
Combat controllers — 17
Medical — 31
Non-prior service arrivals — 126
Guard, Reserve — 693
International — 53
FY07 graduates — 23,852
Total since 1942 — 2,262,382

COMMENTARY

Thank you, Team Keesler, for your 'excellence' in ORI

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

In one word, "EXCELLENT!"

Congratulations, Team Keesler! The Air Education and Training Command Inspector General's results are in and your trademark of excellence shines bright for all to see.

Excellence never occurs by accident; it's the result of preparation, hard work, attitude, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities. As I look back over the last year, it's clear leadership at every level of this organization has been the unstoppable force which has allowed this wing to succeed.

I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you.

The last two years have been a remarkable journey. Your passion for excellence has been the fuel to attain uncommon results and has made a difference for our Air Force and our community. You are deserving of the IG's "EXCELLENT" operational readiness inspection rating. Bask in its glory — it's yours to savor.

Congratulations again on a job well done and thank you for what you do on a daily basis to make Keesler the showcase in AETC. I'm proud to be your wingman.

Make safety your motto for Labor Day weekend

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

Where did the summer go?

I can't believe that the Labor Day holiday is upon us already. Summer certainly seemed to slip by quickly.

As you know, Labor Day marks the end of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

So far this summer, Air Education and Training Command has lost nine Airmen to vehicle mishaps — five in automobiles and four on motorcycles. With the end of summer, thousands of drivers take to the highways for the long Labor Day holiday weekend. By taking some simple safety precautions, you can help ensure your last trip of the summer is a safe one.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce your chances of being involved in a traffic-related mishap during this weekend:

Always fasten your safety belt if you're in a vehicle. It's a simple act that only takes a few seconds, but has life-saving consequences. If you're riding a motorcycle, wear your helmet and proper protective clothing.

Cell phones can be your worst enemy. Using a cell phone while driving can distract you while you're operating your vehicle. Pull over to the side of the road when making and answering calls.

Always maintain a safe distance between vehicles and use the proper turn signals. Pay attention to your surroundings.

If taking a long trip, plan ahead and map out your route. Avoid unnecessary distractions by pre-setting your radio or compact disk player before taking to the road. When traveling long distances, be sure to take frequent breaks.

Don't speed. Know and obey the traffic laws. Adjust your speed to the road and weather conditions. Speeding reduces your ability to steer safely around curves and objects in the road. You never know what's around the curve — a deer, stalled car or child playing in the roadway.

Pay particular attention when traveling through construction work zones. Even though it's a holiday weekend and workers aren't present in the work zone, there are still equipment, barriers and altered traffic patterns which necessitate a reduced speed limit.

If you're going on a trip, have a basic automobile inspection done on your vehicle. Checking your brakes, wind shield wipers and fluid, and tires can prevent accidents and unnecessary headaches.

Don't drink and drive, and equally important, don't get into a vehicle with someone who has been drinking. Use designated drivers, take a taxi, or call a friend but don't get behind the wheel.

By taking a few moments and adhering to these basic safety tips, you and your family will have a safe Labor Day weekend. Make "Safety first, safety last and safety always" your motto this holiday weekend.

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:

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Base operator — 377-1110
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603
Child development center — 377-2211
Civil engineering — 377-5561
Civilian personnel — 377-2268
Military personnel flight — 377-2276
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
Emergencies — 911
Family campground — 594-0543
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510
Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Medical center information — 377-6550
Military equal opportunity — 377-2759
Military pay — 377-7272
Pass and registration — 377-3844
Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1000
Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Public affairs — 377-2783
Red Cross — 377-0732
Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
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Youth center — 377-4116



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WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

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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>

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and activate it at the first sign
of a hurricane threat.**



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Contact the 81st Training Wing
Air Force Smart Operations
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(AFSO21).

Capt. Scott Lamont,
377-4341



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377-3901.

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sexual
assaults
to
377-7278.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Conference honors contributions of women to Air Force history

Air Force Print News

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — In conjunction with the Air Force's 60th anniversary celebration this year, the country's youngest military service is paying tribute to women's contributions to its rich history and heritage.

"Heritage to Horizons: Earning Our Wings and Reaching the Stars" is the theme of the 2007 Air Force Heritage to Horizons Women's Training Symposium Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at the Waterford Receptions Center in Springfield, Va.

"We anticipate attendees will gain an understanding of the accomplishments and challenges faced by women in the Air Force, both past and present, and grow an appreciation for the potential women have in our future Air Force," said Col. Kim Bowling, event organizer and commander of the Air Force Institute of Advanced Distributed Learning at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Scheduled keynote speakers and panelists include Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, vice commander of Air Force Materiel



Command and currently the highest ranking female in the Air Force; retired Maj. Gen. Jeanne Holm, the first woman to be promoted to brigadier general in the Air Force and the first woman in the armed forces to serve in the grade of major general; and Tech. Sgt.

Kathy Shaw, the first female enlisted tactical combat convoy commander.

Air University organized the symposium.

The symposium also features "Heritage Panels," where veteran and active-duty panelists share their experiences from their respective slices of Air Force history.

An exhibit hall features heritage displays and experts on hand to discuss women's issues.

Several professional development forums covering topics such as pregnancy and Air Force careers, women's contributions to medical advances on the battlefield and serving overseas in male-dominated cultures.

The symposium is open to women and men who've served or are serving and Department of Defense civilians. The first day is for Air Force people only, while the second and third days are open to members of all services.

For more information, visit <https://maxlogin.maxwell.af.mil/airforcewomenssymposium>.

Academy ranks among academic elite

Air Force Print News

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy was named the best baccalaureate college in the west and received top rankings in several engineering programs in U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges 2008 rankings, released Aug. 17.

The magazine evaluated the 320 universities in the nation that offer only undergraduate degrees and ranked them in four geographic regions.

In the west region, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, and every state north, south and west of Colorado, including Alaska and Hawaii, the academy led the list as best baccalaureate college.

The ranking was based on student-faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, acceptance rate, average class size and freshman retention rates.

At the academy, the student-faculty ratio is 8-to-1, 100 percent of the faculty is full-time, the acceptance rate is 19 percent and 81 percent of classes here have fewer than 20 cadets.

Several of the academy's undergraduate engineering disciplines also received top national rankings. Overall, the academy's engineering programs tied with Pennsylvania's Bucknell University for seventh best in the nation this year.

Several engineering specialties also were ranked among the nation's best.

The academy ranked second in the nation in aeronautical and astronautical engineering for the seventh consecutive year, behind Embry Riddle University.

In civil engineering, Air Force tied Virginia Military Institute, Pennsylvania's Lafayette College and Illinois' Bradley University for the seventh slot. In electrical engineering, the academy tied New Jersey's Rowan University for the eighth best in the nation.

The academy's management department also made the charts, tying for 83rd of 320 in the best undergraduate business program rankings.

Merger combines doctrine, education centers

By Christine Harrison

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — The Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center here stood up in August with the leaders of Air University, the 42nd Air Base Wing and local business and government agencies in attendance.

The new center is the result of a merger between the Air Force Doctrine Center, which was stood up 10 years prior, and the College for Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education Center.

Both organizations were deactivated during the ceremony.

Air Force doctrine has deep roots at Air University, as the forefathers of airpower have historically gathered at

Maxwell Air Force Base to cultivate doctrine, and those pioneering decisions influence warfighters from the past, present and the future.

The new organization's mission is to serve as the lead in the development of operational-level doctrine and establish the Air Force position in joint and multinational doctrine. The Air Force Doctrine Development and Education Center is headed up by Maj. Gen. Allen Peck, vice commander of Air University and former commander of the Air Force Doctrine Center.

"Today we honor the giants who made great strides in expanding the Air Force's capabilities to operate in air, space, and cyber power through doctrine development and education, research, wargaming, strategic com-

munication and intelligence. Our new combined organization will build on those legacies," he said.

Also included in the merger are the educational courses conducted at CADRE each year, and the Warfare Studies Institute and Public Affairs Center of Excellence, which educates flag officers attending courses across Air University to better understand and use the military public affairs and media relationship.

AFDDEC's first milestone passed the same day the organization was stood up, General Peck said. The chief of staff of the Air Force approved and signed Air Force Doctrine Document 2-3, Irregular Warfare, the organization's first publication, Aug. 2 as well.

Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, com-

mander of Air University, presided over the ceremony and also spoke of the leaders who founded what has become the "intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force."

"This is a journey that began with the Air Tactical Corps and continues today and into the future," he said. "Our faculty is the greatest in the world, and that faculty provides great students. Standing together, our students and faculty create great ideas, and great ideas are what will win the long war."

CADRE was formed in 1983 to carry on the missions and traditions of the Air Corps Tactical School. The Air Force Doctrine Center was stood up to facilitate doctrinal research in 1997.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF deadline

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

For more information, call the education office, 377-2323.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed Sept. 10 for drill practice and evaluations.

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

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.

Pitsenbarger awards

The deadline for fall Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$500 Pitsenbarger Award is 4 p.m. Sept. 20.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at <http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp>.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Work study

Part-time employment is

available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs people enrolled in college or vocational programs.

For more information or applications, call Robin Manson, 377-5149, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

Manpower openings

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematics background and in balanced or overage career fields with 4- 15 years of service are candidates for retraining into the manpower and organization career field.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Robb on the job

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Douglas Robb, new 81st Medical Group commander, signs a certificate for Staff Sgt. Jill Higgins, noncommissioned officer in charge of dental education, at the recent graduation of advanced education in general dentistry residents. General Robb assumed command of the 81st MDG July 18. He's also the federal coordinator for the Gulf Coast National Disaster Medical System. He previously served as U.S. Central Command command surgeon at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Security, cost, duplicated effort cited as reasons for decal demise

By Senior Master Sgt. Matt Proietti

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are working with other services to allow their people to enter installations without requiring them to display base decals on their vehicles.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently ended use of the sticker, officially called a DD Form 2220, on Air Force installations due to cost, a lack of utility and long-term threats facing bases.

The decal was developed in the 1970s as part of a vehicle registration and traffic management system, not to bolster security, said Col. William Sellers, Air Force chief of force protection and operations for security forces.

"There was a clear and definable need for this system (then)," he said. "A nationwide vehicle registration database did not exist, insurance was not required by all states and a process was needed to expedite vehicle entry onto installations."

The Air Force began questioning the value of the vehicle registration system in 2005 for security reasons.

Many people incorrectly viewed the decal as being designed to bolster security. Actually, the decal lessens it by identifying vehicles of Airmen and civilian workers as potential terror targets and may lure gate guards into complacency.

Laws now require motorists to have a legal driver's license issued by a state, proof of vehicle ownership/ state registration, evidence of insurance, and safety and emissions inspections. A national vehicle registration system is

used by all civilian and military police departments in the country.

"We've been putting our own personnel through a process that simply duplicates state and federal mandatory requirements," Colonel Sellers said.

If a vehicle from a Navy base is parked illegally on an Army installation, the military police can't use its DD Form 2220 to track the owner because the two services don't share vehicle databases. Instead, police use the license plate number or vehicle identification number to obtain information via two national systems that provide comprehensive driver, vehicle data and access to law enforcement agency information.

Security forces and gate guards now check the identification card of each person entering an Air Force base, which provides better security than a decal because:

The vehicle displaying it could've been sold with the decal on it.

Its owner may have left the service and not removed the decal.

The decal number could be duplicated.

The decal could be counterfeited.

The decal may have been removed from another vehicle.

The vehicle may have been stolen.

Air Force officials have asked other services to allow its people to enter their installations by honoring their common access cards, appropriate identification or even by issuing them a DD Form 2220, which would enter them in another branch's database. In many cases, Air Force people visit other installations to shop.

IN THE NEWS

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

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign at Keesler is Oct. 3-31. The base's goal is \$107,947.28.

For more information, call or e-mail Capt. Breanne Roeckers, 377-3101, breanne.roeckers@keesler.af.mil, or Master Sgt. David Muns, 376-5608, david.muns@keesler.af.mil.

Dental residency accreditation

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation conducts an inspection of the 81st Dental Squadron's dental residency program Nov. 29 to evaluate compliance with ADA accreditation standards.

The commission is soliciting third-party comments from dental students/residents, dental residency staff and dental residency patients pertaining to the program. Comments must pertain only to the standards for the program or policies and procedures used in the commission's accreditation process. Comments are due by Sept. 29.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the commission's policy and procedures for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling 1-800-621-8099, extension 4653.

VA launches suicide hotline

Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON — To ensure veterans with emotional crises have round-the-clock access to trained professionals, the Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a toll-free national suicide prevention hotline, 1-800-273-8255.

Bucks to ducks giveaway

Authorized Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppers can win one of nine prizes with a total value of more than \$20,000 through Sept. 6.

Prizes include an all-terrain vehicle; elk, deer or duck hunts; two telescopes and two wildlife viewing cameras.

The drawing is held on or about Oct. 12. No purchase is necessary, and winners don't need to be present.

Early Keesler News deadline

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

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.

Air Force fitness test now either pass or fail

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials here recently announced a change to physical fitness test standards for all Airmen.

The “marginal” category has been eliminated, and the test is now either pass or fail.

Previously, Airmen who scored below 70 on the fitness test failed, and those who scored between 70 and 74.9 received a marginal rating, while Airmen who scored 75 or above passed. With the change, a score below 75 is considered failing, and those

Airmen have to test again within 90 days.

“The change was made to support a defined standard for fitness testing,” said Maj. Dana Whelan, chief of health promotion operations at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. “With the implementation of the new officer and enlisted performance reports, we needed to define a score that qualifies as meeting standards.

“Furthermore, Airmen who scored in the (marginal) range were not where the Air Force needed them to be (physically), and were still required to attend a healthy living workshop and retake the test to score

75 or above,” the major added.

The fitness test change comes just weeks after the implementation of the new performance reports.

“I applaud our Airmen who realize the importance of peak physical fitness,” Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley wrote. “However, I realize there are also Airmen who are not living up to their health and fitness potential.

“With every Airman critical to completion of Air Force air, space and cyberspace missions, we need all Airmen physically capable of performing at the highest level,” he said.

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on the base.

“We were subjected to the same standards as every other base — no deal was cut,” he said.

All seven squadrons in the 81st TRG received “excellent” ratings.

The 81st Services Division led the way for the 81st MSG with an “outstanding” rating. The 81st Mission Support, Civil Engineer, Transportation and Contracting Squadrons were “excellent,” and the 81st Security Forces, Communications and Supply Squadrons earned “satisfactory” marks.

The one rating received by the 81st MDG for medical readiness was “excellent.”

Of the 91 people who earned “by name” recognition from the AETC inspectors, five outstanding performers were presented with command IG coins — Ruthie Atchley, 81st CS; Airman 1st Class Michael Freed, 81st TRANS; Staff Sgt. Shawna Blankinchip, command post; Master Sgt. Brad Belford, 81st CES, and Capt. Anthony Phillips, legal office.

Also on hand for the out-brief was Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, 2nd Air Force commander, who thanked the IG team for “helping the 81st Training Wing continue to improve every day.

“This was unlike any ORI I’ve ever seen — you’ve come back from adversity and proven that you’re champions,” General Gould remarked. “It’s an unbelievable accomplishment.

“Now that the inspection is

Picnic today

An end-of-summer bash to celebrate completion of the ORI is 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in marina park for all permanent party military members, Department of Defense civilians, nonappropriated fund employees and temporary duty members.

Free barbecued ribs and side dishes, games, disk jockey, dunking booth and other activities are planned. Winners must be present for door prizes given away throughout the day.

Dining facilities serve barbeque for nonprior service students, and special activities are planned at Vandenberg Community Center.

Sponsors are Abita Springs, Allegiant Air, Barry’s U-Pull-It Auto Parts, Coca-Cola, D’Iberville Equipment Rental and Sales, Gulf Islands Water Park, Kim Beck Kia, MILES, Mississippi Sea Wolves, New Orleans Saints, Sea World Orlando, University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles and Universal Studios Orlando.

over, give thanks that you’re able to serve,” he reminded the audience. “Spend some special time with your family, and take good care of yourself.”

“We’re not going to rest on our laurels — we still have work to do,” General Capasso insisted. “Next week is a new week, with new opportunities for all of us. We’re going to

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.

Updating LeaveWeb

On the first duty day upon returning from leave, military members are required to update LeaveWeb.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 81st Mission Support Squadron superintendent of customer service, 377-5455.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

E-mailing deployed troops

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

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

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

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

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

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.

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>.

Pre-conditioning key to avoiding injuries

Safety office

Nine times out of 10, people injured while playing sports say they did everything possible to avoid the injury.

But did they, really?

The majority of people consider sports safety limited to using the right equipment. This line of thinking ignores injuries caused by improper pre-conditioning.

Maintaining an adequate level of pre-conditioning for a sport actually helps prevent injuries while enhancing performance. A pre-conditioned body's ability to walk away from an unexpected hard hit or fall is far better than an unconditioned one.

Another advantage is that pre-conditioning appears to aid a quicker recovery if an injury does occur.

There are four basic categories of conditioning: strength and endurance, coordination and skill, cardiovascular fitness and flexibility.

Most accidents are associ-



ated with flexibility because many people jump right into the game without preparing. Flexibility refers to the looseness of the joints and body. Loosening up can be accomplished during warm-up and cool-down periods by stretching. The warm-up period is the first 10-20 minutes of light to moderate activity, such as a slow jog prior to actual competition.

A little preparation can prevent a lifetime of pain.

Force shaping

FY08 plan cuts 5,400 bluesuiters

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently announced plans to meet the 2008 fiscal year end-strength of 328,600,

The plans call for a force reduction of about 5,400 officers and enlisted members through normal attrition, retirement or force-shaping measures.

The reductions are in line with Air Force efforts to balance the force and recapitalize and modernize aging weapons systems.

Officials believe a vast majority of the reductions come from normal attrition, said Col. Chuck Armentrout, chief of the military force management policy division.

This leaves only about 645 officer losses as a result of force-shaping measures, a number significantly lower than last year's goal. To achieve the required end strength, Air Force officials offer limited programs for voluntary separations and retirements, as well as a force-shaping board to achieve a limited number of involuntary separations.

"The (2008) force-shaping program will again be targeted by skill and year group, and primarily officer-focused. However, we will require far fewer losses in fiscal 2008," Colonel Armentrout said.

The Air Force begins the 2008 force-shaping program by offering voluntary separation pay to approximately 200 officers in overage career fields with 12 to 15 years time in service. Officers approved for VSP receive a lump sum payment equal to three times the standard involuntary separation pay rate, but must separate before June 30, 2008. Eligible officers can

submit applications for VSP from Sept. 5 until the force-shaping goals are reached, or March 31, whichever occurs first.

Additionally, under the 2008 program, officers with a minimum of 20 years active service and at least eight years of commissioned service may apply for retirement.

Eligible colonels and lieutenant colonels may also apply for a waiver to retire with two years time in grade instead of three. Retirement dates must be no later than Sept. 1, 2008.

The Air Force also holds a force-shaping board in March to reduce the force by approximately 130 officers in overage career fields in the 2005 year group. In addition to career fields that are short or balanced, Airmen in the 14N and 32E specialties are exempt from the board.

Currently, no service commitment waivers are offered to enlisted members under the 2008 force-shaping program.

"For the enlisted force, we will be able to use the tools we have in place to adjust and keep the force balanced," Colonel Armentrout said. "As we go through the year we assess (the process), and if it doesn't look like the goal is going to materialize, we'll look at waiving service commitments for enlisted."

The new force-shaping message supersedes prior messages.

Other force-shaping programs such as "Blue to Green," for officers and enlisted, and the enlisted retraining program remain open. The expanded Palace Chase program for fiscal 2008 remains open only for officers in the 2005 commissioned year group. Other officers and enlisted Airmen may apply for Palace transfers to the Guard or Reserve, according to Air Force Instruction 36-3205.

Fernando Mora removes the sill plate for the threshold of a home under construction in Thrower Park. Using mass-produced walls allows construction to proceed more quickly and efficiently.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Homes take shape in Thrower Park

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Walls started going up Aug. 23 in Thrower Park for the first new homes being built for Keesler families.

Plans call for 1,028 homes to be built as part of the largest military family housing project in Air Force history at a cost of \$287.8 million.

Craig Merkerson, base housing program manager, said since several homes of each floor plan are being built, mass-produced walls enable construction to be completed more quickly and efficiently.

“An advantage is the walls can be built square or true to required dimensions and with less labor hours at an off-site plant,” he explained. “The risk is foundations may not be square or true to dimension, so the walls may be too short or too long when delivered. The key to success is quality control of the measurements taken to ensure walls produced at the off-site plant match the foundations on site.

“When a contractor builds one custom home at a time, there’s little benefit to having the wall sections built off site,” Mr. Merkerson added. “However, the number of homes to be built at Keesler in the time frame required drive the contractor to find the quickest way to provide a quality product.”

The first Thrower Park homes are scheduled for delivery in late March.



Diego Alvarez plumbs the interior walls in the first framed house in Thrower Park.

Fire inspector Ernest Snyder, exercise evaluation team member from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, takes notes while David Mounsey, an inspector general team member from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, evaluates Keesler's performance during a major accident response exercise Aug. 21.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Decontamination team members at Keesler Medical Center wash down an injured person from the MARE. After the process was complete, patients were transported to the emergency room for treatment.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Maj. (Dr.) Lynn Berry, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, calls the medical center with an injury update.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Charlie Lawson, 338th Training Squadron, portrays an accident victim during the MARE. In the scenario, a truck carrying tear gas collided with a truck carrying herbicide near the marina.



Second Lt. Laymond Wilburn schedules an M-16 weapons training demonstration for inspectors during the Aug. 23 contingency exercise. He's inside the command tent, also called the survival recovery center.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

AETC team evaluates Keesler's best during exercises

Keesler firefighters Cole Ballard, left, and Guy Chadwick put a neck brace on an accident victim portrayed by Airman Basic Loganna Gregg, 334th TRS, before moving her to the triage area during the MARE.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Brian Webb, left, Tech. Sgt. Charles Haddock and Master Sgt. Gary Pierson run through their tactical checklist during the MARE. Mr. Webb is the assistant chief of special operations and Sergeant Pierson is assistant chief of operations for Keesler's fire department. Sergeant Haddock is assigned to the 81st SFS.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Benjamin McQuagge, 81st Security Forces Squadron, stands guard at the entry control point of the tent camp during a contingency exercise. The exercise tests the ability of participants to survive and operate under hostile conditions.

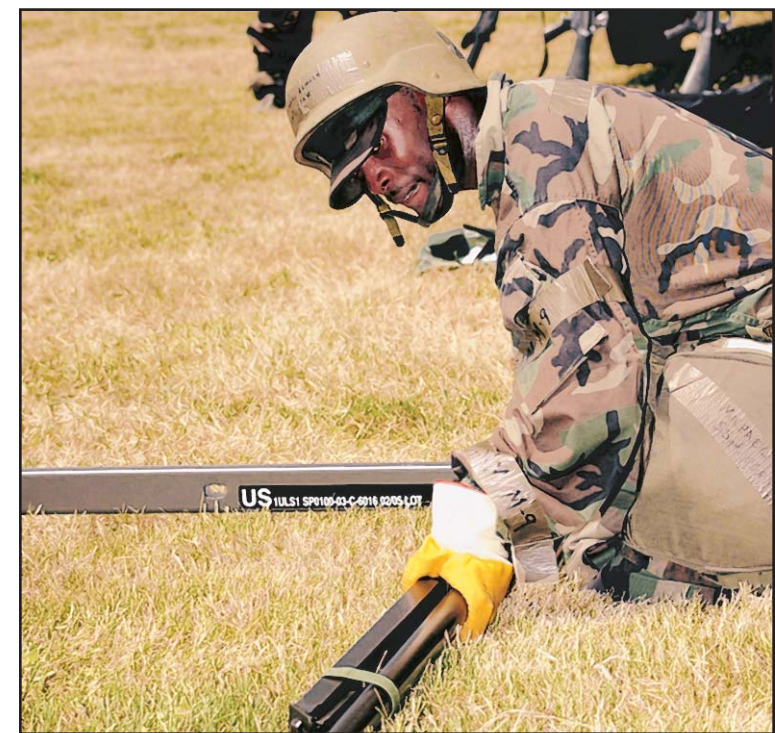


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Michael Elmore, 81st CES, assembles a tent frame during the contingency exercise.

Service kicks off Hispanic Month

By Airman David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Hispanic Heritage Month at Keesler is Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

The national theme focuses on excellence, direction, knowledge and commitment for a multicultural rich Hispanic culture.

A Hispanic service kicks off the base observance, 2 p.m. Sept. 16 in Larcher Chapel. The service is in both English and Spanish. Refreshments are served after the service.

Other events:

Food tasting — 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26, youth center. Traditional Hispanic dishes served free by the Hispanic Heritage Committee. Entertainment by a dance group from the base.

Luncheon — noon Oct. 10, El Rancho Restaurant, Pass Road, Biloxi. Menu: chicken or steak fajitas, rice and beans plate or salad selected at time of reservation. Joseph Garcia of Gautier, a retired Air Force colonel, is the guest speaker. Music by Mariachi Sol Del Valle. For reservations and menu choices, call Maria Ochoa, 424-7036 or 377-4780.

Family day — 2 p.m., marina park. Bring picnic lunch. Games for children and piñatas.

CORRECTION

Madison Kirkbride was incorrectly identified in a caption for a photo published in the Aug. 23 issue of the Keesler News.

The 7-year-old is the daughter of Capt. Troy and Spring Kirkbride, 334th Training Squadron.

Her dad is deployed to Pakistan.

She's living legacy of Tuskegee Airmen

By Senior Airman Olufemi Owolabi

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — The saying that Air Force history is easily found among its Airmen and their units became a reality for an Airman deployed here as she followed in her grandfather's footsteps and joined an elite group called Tuskegee Airmen.

Tech. Sgt. Rose Noches, a surgical service craftsman with the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group at Balad Air Base, is a living legacy to the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II.

The legacy and history began in Tuskegee, Ala., 66 years ago when African-Americans proved themselves worthy in the sky and on the battlefield as an all African-American unit. They proved they could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft.

With a rally cry of "The Legend Continues," the Tuskegee Airmen of the 332nd Fighter Group not only fought the Germans during World War II, but also they fought and overcame prejudices and prevalent racism within their own military. Tuskegee Airmen included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance, support staff, instructors and staff who kept the mission going.

Balad AB's 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing draws its heritage from these heroes of World War II, and now every Airman assigned here is referred to as a Tuskegee Airman.

"Coming here has really opened my eyes to my history," said Sergeant Noches, who deployed from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. "It is great to see how much the Tuskegee Airmen's heritage is embraced here."

Sergeant Noches is the granddaugh-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gerard Sabido
Sergeant Noches sets up equipment for an exploratory laparotomy procedure at Balad AB.

ter of 1st Lt. Ramon Noches, a Tuskegee Airman. After his flight training in 1943, he was assigned to the 477th Bomb Group at Godman Field, Fort Knox, Ky.

Lieutenant Noches flew numerous training missions in a B-25G aircraft until he was killed in an accident June 6, 1945, during night-flying training at Gunter Army Air Field in Montgomery, Ala.

Lieutenant Noches died, but left a legacy behind. His son, born four years before his death and now a retired Air Force colonel, followed in his footsteps. Col. Ramon Noches was commissioned 18 years after his father's death. He retired in January 1990 after almost 27 years of serving his country. His legacy

continues with his children, one of whom is Sergeant Noches.

"I never met my grandfather," she said. "The most that I've heard about him was not only being a pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen, but that he was a great mathematician."

Deploying to Balad AB has been an eye-opening experience for her about how important her family history is to the Air Force.

Not long after Sergeant Noches arrived here, she e-mailed her first sergeant, asking if she could display her grandfather's picture somewhere on the base. She described the response she got as amazingly surprising. Not only did she get a positive response from her first sergeant, but she has her own picture inserted in a big frame with her father's and grandfather's pictures. This frame is displayed in the 332nd AEW headquarters building.

"It has been amazing, the way the Tuskegee spirit is preserved here," she said. "I feel extremely proud."

Serving here on her second deployment, the sergeant is all about saving the lives of those who serve.

"It certainly feels like everything has come full circle, being a part of the 332nd AEW as my grandfather was," she said. "The day-to-day experience has been a challenge; just about all the knowledge and skills I've acquired since I was an Airman are being put to use. The payoff is saving Americans, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines or Iraqi men, women and children. The work is rewarding."

Sergeant Noches said she is proud to be a Balad AB Tuskegee Airman and a member of the 332nd EMDG, and she also plans to leave a legacy for her two daughters and their future generations.



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Air Force

Aug. 17, 1978 — The Air Force accepted the first production F-16.

Air Education and Training Command

Aug. 10, 1990 — Then-Air Training Command deployed 397 people to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield.

Keesler

Aug. 21, 1941 — The first group of recruits arrived for basic training.

Female generals share passion for profession

By Staff Sgt.
Monique Randolph

Air Force Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Earlier this year, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne released a “Letter to Airmen” about diversity in which he recognized several Airmen whose actions highlight the ever-changing, ever-growing roles of women in the Air Force.

Minority in Air Force

Women make up less than 20 percent of the active-duty Air Force, and while achieving general officer ranks is no small feat for anyone, women make up less than 8 percent of the entire active-duty general officer corps. Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski and Brig. Gen. Dana Born are part of this group.

In the Air Force Reserve, there are 75 general officers, only seven of whom are women. Maj. Gen. Linda Hemminger is one of them.

These three women have more in common than the stars on their shoulders. They’ve seen the Air Force through periods of major transition, overcome stereotypes and opened doors. Today, they continue to balance their personal lives and careers, and they all agree they wouldn’t change a thing.

Part of bigger team

“There is no finer commitment in your life than to serve your country,” said General Gabreski, vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. “If you’re in the Air Force only to achieve higher rank, you’ve got the premise all wrong. Your goal is to be part of a bigger team that actually makes a difference.”

General Gabreski said in her 33 years in the Air Force, the percentage of women has increased and the number of career fields in which they serve has expanded.

In fact, the general served a large part of her career in aircraft maintenance. As a woman and a leader in what’s considered a male-dominated career field, she said the best way to defy



General Gabreski



General Born



General Hemminger

“The Air Force has been a shining example to the rest of society. We’ve gone a long way to show that women in the military, serving shoulder to shoulder with men, are not a social experiment. It’s an example of professionals doing what they were trained to do.”

— General Gabreski

stereotypes and change negative perceptions is to be knowledgeable and competent.

“(Maintenance) is a tough and demanding career field, and the Air Force has done a really good job of ensuring they choose and train the right person for the job, man or woman,” General Gabreski said. “I work hard, do my best and know my job. I am an Air Force officer first. The highest compliment I get is to be acknowledged as a maintenance officer, not a ‘woman’ maintenance officer, and as a trained professional and coworker.

“The Air Force has been a shining example to the rest of society,” she said. “We’ve gone a long way to show that women in the military, serving shoulder to shoulder with men, are not a social experiment. It’s an example of professionals doing what they were trained to do.”

General Born, the first woman dean of faculty at the

Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, echoed these sentiments.

“I’m often asked how it feels to be the first female dean,” General Born said. “I really don’t see a distinction because of the climate and culture of the Air Force. There’s something special about being part of the Air Force; about the camaraderie, team mentality, rituals, traditions and celebration of service we have in the Air Force. These are all genderless.

“We take responsibility for each other,” she added. “And, we have a shared passion for the mission because (the military) is a profession, not a job. We’re all part of something bigger than ourselves.”

While General Born doesn’t want to be known only as the “first woman dean,” she knows such distinctions are necessary to recognize the contributions of women in military service. She also said it’s important for female Airmen to have strong role

models and mentors.

“Mentorship is gender-blind, but we all know that often times we look to people similar to ourselves as role models,” she said.

General Born said when she was a lieutenant, there were some perceived glass ceilings in the Air Force just as in the rest of society. As a result, some women generals felt they had to choose either a career or a family.

“A quarter of a century ago, that was the sacrifice some made to serve,” she said. “Today, that seems no longer the case because more opportunities and role models are present. Young Airmen now see the Air Force offers both an incredible opportunity to serve alongside phenomenally talented and dedicated teammates, and an unsurpassed quality of life for service members and their families.”

As a reservist, General Hemminger balances a civilian career, a family and a military career. She’s a wife,

mother of three, registered nurse in Iowa and deputy joint staff surgeon and director for joint reserve medical readiness operations and affairs at the Pentagon.

Work hard, smart

“I figured out very early on that you have to work hard, but you also have to work smart,” she said. “You have to prioritize your responsibilities, manage your time and decide what you can and cannot do.

“If you want to have a family, you have to decide how you’re going to manage that,” she added. “You have to go into it being a parent and a (military) member at the same time. Your children need to know what you’re doing, that you’re serving your country and you’re trying to make a better world for them. And you have to have a strong support system.”

Family support

General Hemminger attributes much of her success to the tremendous support and encouragement she received not only from her biological family, but her Air Force family as well.

“Twenty years ago, someone saw something in me. They identified my talent as a leader and wanted to help me succeed,” she said. “There were times when a path was selected for me that I may not have chosen for myself, but someone believed I would do well. The bottom line is helping people succeed while we accomplish the Air Force mission.”

The Air Force continues to create opportunities for everyone to excel, not based on gender or race, but on the diverse strengths and capabilities of each individual, General Hemminger said.

“America’s finest young men and women from all walks of life are drawn to the Air Force and we celebrate the diversity, passion and perspective they bring,” Secretary Wynne said. “Talent does not discriminate among any category of people, and neither can we.”

KEESLER NOTES

Offices close

The housing and consolidated dorm management offices close 11:30 a.m. today for an official function.

Entrance reopens

Keesler Medical Center's A Tower entrance reopens Tuesday following extensive renovation.

Remodeling included installation of a new fire sprinkler system, ceiling grid, ceiling tile, lighting, walls and finishes, floor tile and reception desk.

Coastal cleanup

Monday is the deadline for individuals or groups to sign up to participate in the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Sept. 15.

Keesler is a partner in the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, sponsors of the annual event.

For more information or to sign up, call Dave Bedwell at the airmen and family support center, 377-1676 or 2179.

New phone number

The new main phone number for the women's health clinic at Keesler Medical Center is 376-0433.

Technology expo

A technology exposition is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort on Bayview Drive in Biloxi.

The event is sponsored by the 81st Training Support Squadron's instructional technology unit.

For more information, call Larry Monroe, 377-7799.

Lunch special

A luncheon special is available, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at the 11th Frame Café in Gaude Lanes.

The menu changes every four months.

For more information, call 377-2036.

Surplus property sale

An excess property sale is Sept. 11-13 in the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Food handler training

Food handler training is

required for unit fundraisers involving food, according to base public health officials.

For more information, 376-3161 or 3155.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is held for Air Force members or spouses expecting a baby, 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 28.

Participants receive parenting pointers and baby items valued at \$75.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-2179.

Information booth

Peripheral arterial disease information is available, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 and 27 in the medical center's outpatient clinic entrance lobby.

Visitors to the booth may also schedule PAD screening appointments. This screening

is for complications that occur in arteries.

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.

Supply source

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

For more information, visit, call or e-mail the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002, 377-2005, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Intramural football

Season resumes following 'bye week' for inspection

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Borrowing a page from the National Football League, intramural football took a "bye week" Aug. 20-23.

While each NFL team gets one week off in the regular season, all 17 intramural teams took a breather during the operational readiness inspection by Air Education and Training Command's inspector general team.

With the first ORI in more than three years behind Keesler, football resumed this week.

As the week began, three teams were perfect: Marine Corps Detachment, 4-0; 81st Security Forces Squadron, 3-0; and 81st Medical Support Squadron, 2-0.

The Marines have been overwhelming their National Conference opponents, offensively and defensively. Their scores through the first two weeks: 22-0, 19-6, 18-0, 27-0.

Quarterback David Williams makes the offense go, according to Coach David Hale. Williams has rushed for more than 100 yards and two touchdowns, and passed for more than 400 yards and six touchdowns. His favorite receiver, Albrey Benard, has six catches for scores.

Defensively, Hale said Wilnick Toussaint averages two sacks a game and Cavin Williams has intercepted four passes.

"Those guys kind of stand out," the coach said, "but we couldn't have done as well as we have without the play of everyone on the team."

MARDET, which has already handed the 336th and 334th Training Squadrons

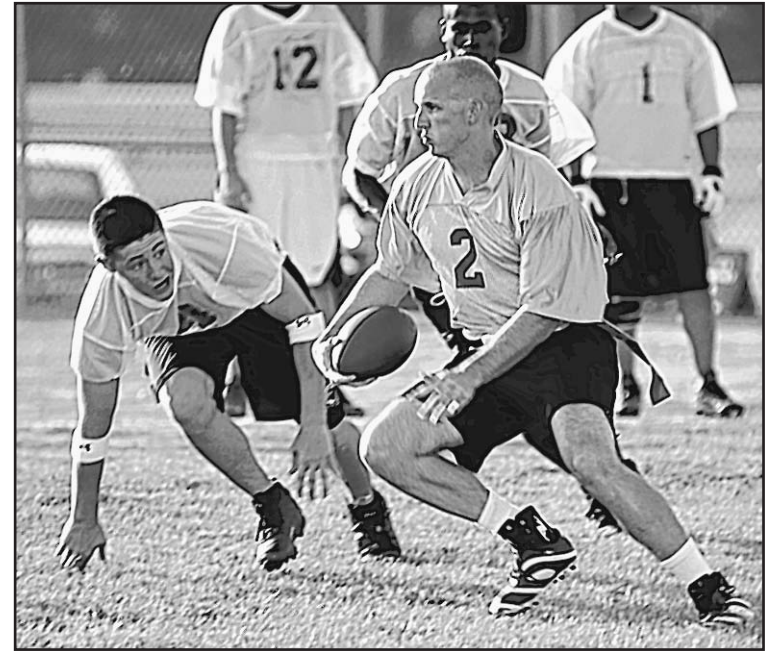


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Nicholas Palmer, left, 334th TRS, pursues MARDET quarterback Williams in a National Conference game won by the Marines, 27-0, Aug. 16.

their first losses, squared off against another challenger, 81st Mission Support Squadron, 2-1, Tuesday.

It's decidedly defense that has propelled the 81st SFS to the top of the American Conference, where the 81st MDSS also entered this week unbeaten.

Like MARDET, the cops have allowed only six points. Unlike the high-scoring Marines, they've mustered just 24 points.

Coach Latrell Ball, 81st SFS, was unavailable for comment on his team's 3-0 start.

The 81st SFS sought a fourth straight victory Monday against the 403rd Wing, 1-1.

Of the three unbeaten teams, the 81st MDSS may be the hardest to figure. One of its two victories was by forfeit and the other by a narrow 8-6 margin over an 81st

Supply-Transportation Squadron, a team that started this week 1-2.

Player-coach George Brooks said the 81st MDSS defense was "the star" in the victory over 81st SUPS-TRANS.

"The play that stands out was the safety that gave us the two-point win," he said, citing the pass rush of Jason Charity, Kerry Tillman, Mike Hughes and the coach himself. "Mike also got two interceptions and scored our only touchdown while on offense."

The 81st MDSS was being tested twice this week, by the winless 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Monday and the cops' Monday opponent, the 403rd Wing.

For complete schedules and standings, see Scores and More, Page 24.

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

Still swimming

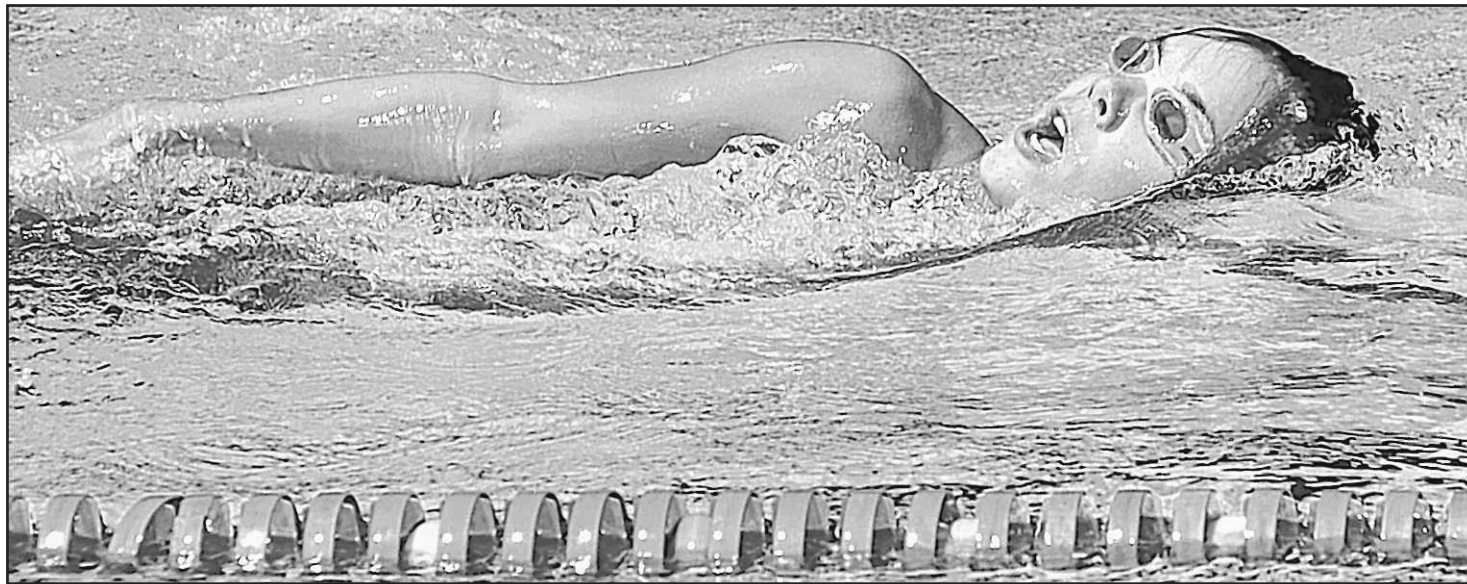
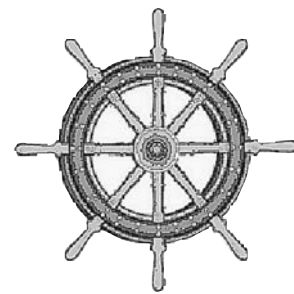


Photo by Airman David Salanitri

Suzie Steed, lead lifeguard at the Triangle Pool, swims laps five days a week, 500-1,000 meters each session, to stay in shape. Her mom is Carmen Steed, 81st Services Division. The Triangle Pool is open daily except Wednesday. Weekday hours are noon to 2 p.m. for lap swimming and 2-7 p.m. for recreational and lap swimming. Weekend hours are noon to

7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for recreational and lap swimming. The main base pool on Meadows Drive is open noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Pools are also available for parties. For more information and costs, call 377-3568. Pools remain open for the season, weather permitting, as long as lifeguards are available.



Boating safety training offered

Oct. 4 is the deadline to register for a free boating safety course, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at the marina.

Anyone born after July 1, 1980, must complete a boating safety training course, conducted by the Department of Marine Resources, in order to rent a boat at the marina.

Training also may be completed on line at <http://www.mdwfp.com/level2/education/boatered.asp>.

For more information, call 377-3160.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Thursday Seniors Mixed (Final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	52	39
Me and the Guys	51.5	39.5
Geaux Bowl	51	40
FIBO	49	42
Team 11	48.5	42.5
Team 5	48	43
Team 12	47.5	43.5
Team 6	45	46
Groovy "3"	42	49
Go Getters	38	53
Team 8	38	53
RBR	35.5	55.5

First-place team members — Marie Frentz, Chuck Province and Don Mieger.

Highest averages — Bea Cargill, female, 179; Jack Wright, male, 199.

Seniors winter league — starts Sept. 6 with 8:30 a.m. meeting, 9 a.m. bowling. For more information, call Tricia Toth, 594-0237.

Other

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

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.

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.

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.

Football

Intramural

National Conference

(as of Aug. 9)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	4	0
334th TRS	2	1
336th TRS	2	1
338th TRS	2	1
81st MSS	2	1
335th TRS	1	1
332nd TRS	1	3
333rd TRS	0	4

Scores

No games last week.

Schedule

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

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

American Conference

(as of Aug. 8)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	3	0
81st MDSS	2	0
81st CS	2	1
81st MDG	2	1
403rd Wing	1	1
81st DS	1	2
81st TRANS-SUPS	1	2
85th EIS	0	2
81st CES	0	3

Scores

No games last week.

Schedule

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 81st TRANS-SUPS vs. 81st CES, Field 4; 85th EIS vs. 81st DS, Field 5. 7 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 81st CS, Field 4; 403rd Wing vs. 81st MDSS, Field 5.

Golf

Salute to the Military tournament — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21, Gulf Hills Golf Club in Ocean Springs; registration deadline Sept. 3. Free golf, food, beverages and prizes for active-duty members. Shotgun starts 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Format is two-man scramble with handicap. Play limited to 144 players in the morning and 144 in the afternoon. If enough military players don't sign up, spots may be filled by military retirees. For more information or to register, call 424-0479.

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

Disk golf — distance, fairway,

multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

Back Bay fishing trips — Saturday, \$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.

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.

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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, Kyle Martin, Sean Mommerency and Jeffery Schlitter; Senior Airman Badar Al Rashdi; Staff Sgts. Fadhel Al Sanaei, Nikolas Henry and Brent Hollar; Master Sgt. Sulaman Al Badi; 1st Lt. Ali Al Sadoon.

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Daniel Baca, Anthony Baker, Phillip Ballenger, Neil Barrett, Jeffrey Belin, Joshua Bell, Sean Berry, James Blair, David Bryant, Evan Bunch, Bradley Bunt, John Coben, Howard Daniels, Katielynn Danks, Merlin Dartz, Daryl Davison, Gerald Dickinson, Jared Donahoo, Justyn Dunham, James Forrest, Stephan Gattuso, Rodolfo Guzman, Derek Harris, Nicholas Holsclaw-Rusho, James Ivey, Tashia Kamper, Thomas Kennedy, Robert Klebes, Matthew Laine, Miguel Lanegra, Joshua Leonard, Dustin Little, Joseph McNutt, Ryan Macatugal, Arli Mancilla, Joseph Meade, Joshua Miles, Timothy Miller, Timothy Moyer, Gregory Nelson, Kevin Nichols, George Persico, Joseph Pizzo, Giovanni Portillo, Matthew Richards, Gabriel Rienks, Will Robinson, Glen Sconiers, Christopher Sherrod, Derek Squitieri, Jason Tiedel, Robert Wall, Cody Walters, Richard Watkins, Michael Wilcox, Travis Wollensen and Francis Woodmansee; Airmen Janjorrell Abad, Nicholas Andrus, Mark Cherra, Kyle Conrad, Kody Freyou, Evan Gossell, Jeffrey Hancock, Jason Jewell, Sarah King, William Littledale, Kenneth Lombard, Zachary Murtiff, Christopher Nava, Alexander Petit, Nathaniel Ward, Daniel Webber and Justin Wyatt; Airmen 1st Class Michael Barton, Travis Carlson, Andrew Chadwick, Jason Chandler, Gerardo Chirichingo, Christopher Cleek, Julio Colon, Frederick Danneman, Terrance Dove, Evan Ensey, James Gale, Henriquez Gomez, Adam Grable, Maxwell Gumley, Jason Hubbart, Jeremy Jolin, Anna Jones, Ryan Kappel, Nicholas King, Jordan Marinovich, Antonio Mumfrey, Christopher Peters, Mary Price, Jeffrey Recco, Kristopher Robichaud, Robert Rockenstire, Julia Rossney, Joshua Sanders, Michael Shea, Albert Simonik, Peter Sittinger, William Spradlin, Kosiasko Sullivan, Adrian Vargo, Patrick Williams, Stephan Williamson, James Wilson and Djoanna Zablan; Pfc. John Nelson; Senior Airmen Rainer Elliott, Holie Grueshaber, Brandon Hill, Raphael Hood, Justin Kuiper, Aurelio Magallon, Pamela Register, Ricky Riggs, Brian Smit, Kelly Toppin and Erik Trout; Staff Sgts. Charles Binder, Shawn Bitzel, Chad Blackburn, Thad Bond, Joshua Clifton, Donald Friendly, James Jordan, Terry Little, John McMickle, Llewyn McFarlane, Craig Meyer, Kenneth Patrick, Keith Ruhl, Rodney Seirsen, Robert Thompson and Brian Williams; Tech. Sgt. Gregory Repucci; Master Sgts. Troy Mitchell and Brett Pier.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airman Basic Calvin Camacho; Senior Airmen Jason Medina and Donald Meissner; Staff Sgts. Nathan Beck, Kory Collier, Joshua Fustin, Jennifer Olson, Lance Petrie and Bryan Voight.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Michelle Cooper and Courtney Foreman; Airman 1st Class Andrew Swanson; Senior Airman Nichole Buckner; Staff Sgts. Amy Busman, Brent Kolves and Devon Mayo; Tech. Sgts. Jeremy Lucas, Todd Phelps, Christopher Robbins and Gary Zahn; Master Sgts. Randy Hume and Jon Nicholas.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Holly Allen, Steven Colletta, Ryan Hutchinson, Joel Kampert, Sergio Klassen, Michael Kropp and Fabianna Ward; Airmen Brandi Ault and Orlando Infante; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Lindey, Justin Lozado, Eric Plack and Steven Swafford; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Jacob Courmoyer, 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 Jonathan Hunter; Airmen 1st Class Ada Grafals, Jacob Patterson and Pauline Rosemoore; Staff Sgts. Raymond Mendez-Colon and Dana Watson; Tech. Sgt. Jason Fritz.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Brainard, Anthony Camper, Christopher Conley, Cory Davis, Eric Johnson, Charles Koons and Steven McCutchan; Airmen Steve Hannah, Elizabeth Lockemer and Nathan Wesley; Navy Airmen Apprentices Kyle Larkin and Matthew Thomas; Marine Pfc. Billy Dement; Airmen 1st Class Rudy Belew, Elizabeth Boulet, Kyrie Duez, Elizabeth Hallett, Kenneth Oliver and Neal Willoughby; Navy Airman Michael Thompson; Senior Airman Elizabeth Camery; Staff Sgt. Michael Relyea; Marine Sgt. Jacob Wooten.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Hornsby, Shane Jones, Jacob King, Dean Walker and Tracie Weaks; Airman Matthew Amacker; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Burris, Mario Flores, Thomas Rhodes, Hache Stosmeister and Neil Novosad; Senior Airman Dennis Leamy; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Shannon Mimms, Leo Taylor and Sonya Williams; Tech. Sgts. T.J. Brown, Andrea Cox and John Graber; Master Sgt. Dana Beavers.

Communications and information management flight — Airman Basic Kelvin Sims; Airman David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Defranco, Matthew Hensley, Thomas Leneave, Kelli Miller, Lia Oyama, Benjamin Palmer, Jacob Palmer, Stephen Shambra and Nathan Van Oort; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Keith Eccles, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Christopher Dudley, James Griffis, James King, Christopher Meyer, Keith Nelson, Walter Shivel and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman and Thomas Lawrence; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulshakur Turkistani; David Forney, Gregory Hunter and Keith Lucas.

338th TRS

Ground radio apprentice course — Airman Basic Sondra Morgan; Airmen James Gillissen, Cory Littlefield and Ryan Yarcho; Airmen 1st Class Eric Basinger, John Bille, Brannon Fissette, Brannon Hofmann, Aaron Johnston, Latoya Morgan, Michael Rickard and Gerald Williams; Senior Airman Ryan Hughs; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Carter, Steven Izibicki, Lamont Johnson, Christopher Medaugh and Joseph Wengerd; Tech. Sgts. Howard Dukes and John Pyeatt.

Radar systems flight — Airman Basic Jaredlee Futch; Airman Halvert Robert; Airman 1st Class Joshua Warner; Staff Sgt. Richard Lundberg; Senior Master Sgt. Minkyu Kim.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Labor Day

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Labor Day federal holiday, Monday.

Keesler News — closed.

Commissary — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Arts and crafts center — closed.

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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 Vilas; 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-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Auto hobby shop — closed.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — closed; driving range open 7 a.m. to dusk.
Child development center — closed.
Family child care office — closed.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Azalea Dining Facility — closed.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed.
Gaudé Lanes — closed.
11th Frame Cafe — closed.
Information, ticket and trip office — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.
McBride Library — closed.
Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.
Halftime Café — closed.
Veterinary clinic — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-6 — Tuesday-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

Car buying tips — 2 p.m. Sept. 10, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Open to anyone working at Keesler and their family members. Class limited to 15 students. To register, call 377-2179.

Financial information seminar — 11:30 a.m. Sept. 12, Room 122, old Cody Hall conducted by the USAA Education Foundation. Covers investments, mutual funds, stocks and sim-

ilar programs. Military members, retirees and family members encouraged to attend; only 15 seats available. To register, call 377-2179.

Home buying seminar — 10 a.m. Sept. 14, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Covers forms, terms, different financing options and what to look for in a realtor. Open to anyone working at Keesler and their family members. Class limited to 35 students. To register, call 377-2179.

Troops to Teachers — 4 p.m. Sept. 27, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For people leaving the military and spouses to get into the classroom while completing teaching requirements. To register, call 377-2179, or if you can't attend, call 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

Arts and crafts center

Annual artist/craftsman and photo contest — Deadline for adults is Sept. 14.

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

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.

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

Free beginners computer class — 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Sept. 19 for people ages 45 and older who have no, or few, computer skills. Week 1 focuses on terms and familiarization with computer components. Week 2, students learn mouse and keyboard skills and how to use Windows XP. Week 3 covers cruising the information highway and an introduction to the World Wide Web. Week 4 includes information on buying and caring for a computer. Class size is limited to 12 students. To register, call 377-2181.

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

Back-to-school orientations — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for college students.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

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

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

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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 almonidine, 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

Labor Day cookout — grilled bratwurst, grilled loin strip steak, barbecue chicken, rolls, coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, corn on the cob, canned drinks, assorted pastry, fruit and candy.

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 — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, 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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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, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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

Veterans benefits briefing — noon 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.

MEETINGS

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

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-5566 or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information,

call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

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

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

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

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and 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, Thomson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13, 93 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Transformers (PG-13, 144 minutes); 6:30 p.m., I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13, 110 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Hairspray (PG, 107 minutes).

September weather outlook

September marks the transition from summer to fall. Temperatures and thunderstorms decrease. Total rainfall increases slightly and an increase in cloudiness occurs. Hurricane activity peaks early in the month, causing wide variations in precipitation. Pay close attention to any tropical disturbances in the Gulf of Mexico during this period.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....98

Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....86

Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....72

Extreme minimum temperature (F).....45

Mean relative humidity (percent).....73

Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....6.36

Mean number of days with precipitation.....8

Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....8

Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....10.22

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet.....1.8

1,000 feet.....0.7

300 feet.....0.1

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles17.5

3 miles0.1

1 mile.....0.1

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots.....37.3

4-10 knots.....57.9

11-21 knots.....4.5

22 knots or greater.....0.3

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

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Space available accommodations — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts around the world.

Affordable price — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$329.

To reserve — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

Adult artist/craftsman contest — entry deadline Sept. 14. Craft categories: drawing and painting, sculpture and multi-media, crafts from original designs, crafts from kits and patterns. Registration forms available at the center.

Photography contest — entry deadline Sept. 14. Categories are black/white and color photos of military life, nature/scenic, people and creative effects. Photos must be 8x10 inches on mounting board. Registration forms available at the center.

October Fest — Oct. 27. Call for registration and craft booth information.

Multi-crafts shop

Stamp card — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing. When card is full turn it in for a free mold rental or firing costs.

Ceramics — 10 a.m. Sept. 8, ages 13 and older. \$25 including first firing. Pour three projects and learn about techniques and paints for finishing.

Photography — one class, two sessions, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15. Linda Nix teaches the basics of technique and composition, \$38.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. Learn the basics of pottery taught by Sara Miller from the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum.

One-stroke painting — Sept. 15. Learn how to blend colors and paint in one-stroke from Donna Dewberry certified instructor Karen Ray. New project each month. \$32 including supplies. Call for time.

Parent 'n me class — 1 p.m. Sept. 29. \$5 per couple. Make caramel apples in the kitchen.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Duncan certified class by Mary Martin. Learn painting techniques on ceramics. Call for date.

Frame shop

Stamp card — earn stamps when you have your framing done in our shop. Fill the card and receive 10 percent on your next order.

Custom shadow boxes, flag boxes and name plates — personalized gifts and local artists' prints available. Great for retirements.

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 11, 13, 18 and 25. \$60 includes supplies to complete your own picture frame and qualify to return to use the shop.

Engraving shop

Custom items — available for gift giving, special mementos and squadron awards.

Gifts to go — great for last minute gifts. Get a décor mug, gift box, candy dish or basket filled with goodies; a variety available for \$10 each.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 12. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or Sept. 22. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 8 or 29. \$20. New project each month.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3872.

Beginner auto care classes — Learn something practical that will save you money. Classes available in oil changes, brakes, tune-ups, tire changes, etc. \$5 per class. Call for times and dates.

Qualified mechanics — on staff to assist you with vehicle maintenance. Indoor and outdoor stalls available.

Used oil collection site — amount of oil must be logged in before being deposited into the tank.

Vehicle storage lot — Going on temporary duty? Need a place to store your vehicle? Call us.

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

Resale lot

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue behind the Keesler Club.

Buy, sell, trade — place your vehicle on the lot; \$5 for two weeks. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. working Fridays at the human resource office in Locker House, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Room 5417. For current job openings, employment information pamphlet and complete job listing, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link to the human resource office. A 24-hour job line is also available at 377-9055.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576.

Center closes — 4 p.m. Sept. 19.

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

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

Congressional award program — for nonprior service students ages 18-23. Set and achieve personal goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. Earn a gold, silver or bronze award or certificate. Awards are presented locally by congressional representatives. Gold Congressional Award recipients are honored at an annual ceremony, presided over by the leadership of Congress at the Capitol. Program is transferable to your next duty location.

Late night dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission.

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Sept. 21. People with September birthdays enter free.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the vet office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the veterinary clinic.

Veterinarian on staff — call for an appointment.

Microchip identification — \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Flea and tick control — singles available in popular brands for dogs and cats. Buy one or stock up.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 9 and older. Discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 15, for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. GPAB certificates must be coordinated through the Airman and Family Readiness Center. PNO is \$3.50 per hour per child.

Youth basketball league — for ages 6 and older. \$25, nonmembers \$35. Register now. League begins in October.

Youth classes and programs — available for ages 13 and older.

Instructors needed — gymnastics, martial arts, piano, ballet, tap and jazz.

Before- and after-school program

Registrations accepted at the youth center. Program is open to dependent children in grades kindergarten through 6 of active-duty military and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

Breakfast and afternoon snacks served daily.

Before school	5:30-8:30 a.m.
After school	3:15-6 p.m.
School holidays	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fees are based on total family income.

The program is designed to meet the needs of youth, parents and the mission. Age-appropriate activities promoting the individual development of each child are provided. The before- and after-school program is devoted to the children's health, safety, recreation and enrichment.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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QUIET RIOT LIVE - FREE CONCERT



7 p.m. SEPT. 19

♪ "Get Crazy" ♪ "Feel the Noize"
♪ "Bang Your Head"

*Drawing for two round trip
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Open air concert in the Triangle
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Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles and USAA.



Sept. 15

Pro wrestling

- See Page A-2 for more information.

Sept. 18

Vandenberg Community Center

- Free use of amusement machines all day

McBride Library

- History display and refreshments 2-4 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- Free rod and reel rentals
- 10 percent discount on boat rentals

Gaudé Lanes

- Free bowling 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 19

Blake Fitness Center

- 8 a.m., three-on-three basketball tourney

Sign up by Sept. 17.*

- 9 a.m., home run contest, Field 4.

Sign up by Sept. 17.*

*Sign up at Blake, Dragon or Triangle fitness centers.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

- Noon, longest drive contest

Outdoor recreation

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free fishing tournament
- Noon to 2 p.m., free pontoon boat rides

Gaudé Lanes

- 12:30 p.m., Air Force bowling tournament
\$20 per four-person team including shoes.
Register up to the day of the event.

Sept. 21

- 8 a.m., free mini-triathlon at the Triangle pool for ages 18 and older — swim, cycle, run. Sign in 6:30-8 a.m. New this year is relay event with teams of three with at least one female; and Clydesdale division for men 200 pounds and more and Athena division for females 150 pounds and more. Register by close of business Sept. 17 at Blake Fitness Center.



Here's what's happening!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211. School-age children go to the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Free parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 15. Air Force-funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center.

Parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 15, child care for ages 6 to 12 years, \$3.50 per hour per child.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — call the Dine Line 377-DINE (3463) or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the dining facilities link.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Expanded duty, permanent change of station, and returning home child care — is available. Call for details.

Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are needed to care for children who are mildly ill and children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

FITNESS

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — step aerobics, Turbo-Core, boxing workout, cycle/spin-anaerobic/aerobics, and Slo-Robics. For more information, call 377-2907.

New hip-hop fitness class — free at Dragon Fitness Center. Dance-oriented cardio class for beginner and advanced participants. For more information, call 377-2907.

Parent and child fitness room — inside Dragon Fitness Center features workout equipment for parents and a play area for children ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be supervised at all times.

Smoothie shops — inside Blake and Triangle Fitness Centers. Order four smoothies and get free delivery on base, 377-4385.

Massage therapist available — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 263-5515.

Annual Cruisin' Keesler

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22
in marina park.

Sponsored by: Advanced Auto Parts, Astro Ford, Auto Zone, Champion, Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep, Classy Chassis, Coca-Cola, H&W, ICO, J&K Kustoms, Kim Beck Kia, Mandal Pontiac, Mike's, MILES, Pat Peck Nissan, and Performance Off Road.



For more
information,
call 377-3160.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 12 lanes by reservation for ages 11 and younger.

Storm and Roto Grip open house — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 8. Factory representatives on hand. Try out the newest bowling balls and bag releases.

Call for information — on Saturday night Hurricane Alley, nine-pin no-tap tournaments and have-a-ball fun leagues.

Youth bowling registration — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 8. Ages 4 and older register for the youth bowling program. Coaching available on Saturdays during the league.

Winter leagues — sign up now for Monday Budweiser, Wednesday and Friday four-bowler mixed leagues, Thursday seniors and Saturday youth leagues.

Open bowling — 5-9:30 p.m. nightly; call for lane availability.

Birthday parties — Saturdays, \$8.95 per child includes food package, 1 1/2 hours of bowling and shoes. Birthday child is free and gets a T-shirt. Reservations required.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1.50 a game.

Nonprior students' special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays bowl for \$1.50 per game, shoes included. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Fundraiser — make money for your organization and enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

Information — large variety of brochures available on local and out of state attractions.

Tickets — discounted tickets available to major attractions in three-state area. For a complete list of ticket prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT.

Trips to New Orleans Saints games at the Superdome — \$50 including transportation and ticket. Tennessee Titans, Sept. 24, sign up by Sept. 19, depart at 4 p.m., return by 1 a.m. Atlanta Falcons, Oct. 21, sign up by Oct. 16, depart at 9 a.m., return by 6 p.m. Jacksonville Jaguars, Nov. 4, sign up by Oct. 30, depart at 9 a.m., return by 6 p.m.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Free Saints watch party — 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6. Saints vs. Indianapolis Colts. Club members watch the game and enjoy free hot dogs and chili.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Sept. 26. Entertainment, martini specials and free finger foods.

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

We cater — let our expert caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. You choose your details; we'll do the work and the dishes.



Call the "4 FUN" line
for information on weekly Services events.

377-4FUN (4386)

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Free beginners' computer class — for ages 45 and older. No, or few, computer skills. One class, four sessions, 9-11 a.m. Sept. 19, 26, and Oct 3 and 10. Refreshments served. Maximum 12 students; call now to register. Sept. 19, introduction, terminology, familiarization with computer components. Sept. 26, mouse and keyboard skills, and how to use Windows XP. Oct. 3, cruise information highway and introduction to the World Wide Web. Oct. 10 computer care and tips for buying a computer.

Gale data base orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, Sept. 12, 19 and 26.

Copy machine — available for personal use. 10 cents per copy.

Hispanic Heritage Month — display throughout September.

National library card sign-up month — sign up and receive a free mouse pad.

Audio books — large selection available.

Free high-speed cable Internet and e-mail — now on 40 computers.

Free movie rentals — check out up to five movies and keep them for up to two weeks. Large selection of DVDs and VHS.

Music CDs — available for checkout.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good shape and of same genre.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: Located in the enclosed pavilion in marina park. Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses available for sale. For more information, call 377-3160.

Rental equipment — for a complete price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the outdoor recreation link.

Back bay fishing trips — Sept. 15 and 29. \$25 per person. Minimum six, maximum eight. Come learn to fish.

17-foot Back Bay Cruiser — available for rent. Mississippi boaters registration card required.

Recreational vehicle storage lot — \$15 monthly fee.

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

Pontoon boats — available for rent.

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

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. \$60 per person including everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum maximum 22 people. Call to reserve.

Overnight adventure trip aboard the Keesler Dolphin II — Sept. 26-27. Visit the Chandeleur Islands. Bring food and drink and enjoy fishing, bird watching, camping and flounder fishing. Maximum six people.

Boat rental special — 10 percent discount Sept. 23.

September fishing tournament — weigh in the largest all-tackle tor gar for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Interested in going on a canoe trip? — Call for information.

Need a place for a picnic? — Reserve one of our outside picnic areas and enjoy the marina park.