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Dragons deployed
— 130

Touhill comes 'home' to Keesler



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. James Clark, 336th Training Squadron military training leader, greets Colonel Touhill at the change-of-command ceremony Tuesday.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Twenty-four years ago Monday, a new second lieutenant began his Air Force career in basic communications officer training at Keesler.

Tuesday, now Col. Greg Touhill took command of the 81st Training Wing during a ceremony on the parade field.

"Over the past 24 years, my Keesler training has been invaluable," said Colonel Touhill after accepting the wing's guidon from Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso. "Although not targeted at any particular assignment, it prepared me for every posting I've had. From duties in air defense, radars, supporting strategic bombers, air mobility, space systems, logistics and programming — I was ready, thanks to Keesler's training.

"If there are any of my former instructors in the audience today, I'd like to thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience," remarked the new commander, whose previous assignment was director of communica-

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This week in the Triangle

- Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Command post, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. today, weather training facility.
- Personnel, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.
- Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.
- Radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



Student numbers

- Total students — 2,981
- Non-prior service — 1,991
- Temporary duty — 864
- Joint service — 94
- Combat controllers — 10
- Medical — 22
- Non-prior service arrivals — 187
- Guard, Reserve — 600
- International — 50
- FY07 graduates — 26,092

COMMENTARY

Thank you, Team Keesler, for great welcome home

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Twenty-four years ago this week, a very young second lieutenant from Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived at Keesler to begin an exciting Air Force career.

Back then, electronics technical training for officers was eight months long and I spent those months learning the basics of electronics, computers, telecommunications, radar and air traffic control — in addition to getting my first taste of Air Force life. Eight years later, my family and I returned for seven months of advanced training, a period we regarded as our most enjoyable assignment.

Now, nearly 24 years to the day from my initial entry into our great Air Force, we return home to Keesler.

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve alongside you in the finest training wing in the world. Over the coming weeks, I intend to conduct immersion sessions with every

squadron and division to learn about you and from you. Your performance in the recent Air Education and Training Command operational readiness inspection was impressive and I can't wait to see you in action.

As I start my tenure as your commander, I also look forward to partnering with the Mississippi Gulf Coast community as we continue to rebound from Hurricane Katrina. I'm amazed at the strength and resiliency of this community. While there's much more to do, you've come so very far through your hard work, tremendous energy and inspiring spirit. My family and I look forward to joining you on the rest of this journey.

Charlene and I are honored and delighted to be back to Keesler and the coast community. Team Keesler has a worldwide reputation for training excellence, and we're eager to meet you, learn from you and work with you to make our base and community even better.

Thank you for the great welcome home.



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WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

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ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY



ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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

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

Appointment line maze

Comment — It takes up to five minutes to work through the maze of the medical center's appointment line, only to find out there are no appointments available at the time you need.

It would be far more efficient for callers to be told the available appointment times up front.

Response — The 81st Medical Group's appointment line call tree is standard practice throughout the Air Force and routes beneficiaries' calls to the appropriate area as quickly as possible.

When reached, the appointment clerk must have the caller's name and the sponsor's social security number to verify eligibility for care before scheduling an appointment.

The option of simply searching for appointment availability isn't possible.

Seat belts: 1) save lives, 2) are the law.

What's your excuse?

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Report
sexual
assaults
to

377-7278.

DIAMOND NOTES

If you visit area casinos,
remember wear of the uniform
in gaming areas isn't authorized,
except to get to and from
dining facilities.

— Master Sgt. Steven Alford, 81st Civil Engineer
Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Alford



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

Personnel Accountability Team
1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center
1-800-435-9941

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

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

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

Keesler Public Web site
<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

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



Could your work center
run more efficiently?

Is time being wasted
where you work?

Do you have an idea
to save money
or streamline your job?

If so, we want to know.

Contact
81st Training Wing
Air Force Smart Operations
for the 21st Century Office,
377-4341

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Initiative speeds up aircrew training process

By Tech. Sgt.
Larry Carpenter Jr.

92nd Air Refueling Wing

FAIRCHILD Air Force Base, Wash. — Members of the 92nd Operations Support Squadron here have reduced the amount of training time required to get aircrews mission-ready and deployable through an AFSO 21 initiative.

The Fairchild Air Force Base AFSO 21 team came up with a plan that reduces the previous four-month training process to just 30 days.

“When someone shows up on base, they come with basic qualifications,” said Lt. Col. Kelly Martin, the 92nd Operations Support Squadron director of operations. “We then have to get them ‘mission ready,’ or deployable.”

The team asked some hard questions, the colonel said.

“Nothing was off the table,” Colonel Martin said. “We even challenged regulations.”

The changes ensure arriving crew



members focus on flying-specific tasks before returning to their squadrons to complete non-flying tasks. This time reduction allows crew members more time to become skilled in their jobs.

More crew members available to accomplish the mission, also equals

less strain on each individual.

“It’s important to reduce the training time because we have a lot of crew members who are deployed multiple times per year,” said Maj. Stephen Walmsley, 92nd Air Refueling Wing. “The sooner a crew member is ready,

the sooner he or she will be actively supporting the mission.”

The true test of these numbers will be verified down the road as training progresses, Colonel Martin said.

“I think that it’s easy to claim victory very quickly, and we don’t want to fall into the trap of doing that,” he said. “What we want to do is take a look (in) six months and see if it is giving us the response that we thought it would, and if not, figure out why.”

If response is good, the changes at Fairchild could affect the other tanker bases across Air Mobility Command, Colonel Martin said.

The new training process will also have great benefits locally.

“In the long run, our aircrew (members) will see fewer days in the area of responsibility, more time between deployments, and the capability to more rapidly execute the mission,” Major Walmsley said.

Air University

Authorization for 3 degrees pending congressional OK

By Carl Bergquist

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Air University officials are working with Congress for authorization to grant three new degrees.

Sen. Jeff Sessions recently proposed an amendment to the defense authorization bill that will give the university degree-granting authority for a doctorate of philosophy in strategic studies, master of flight test engineering and master of air, space and cyberspace.

Because the university is a federal institution, Congress must first approve degree-granting authority to the university before it can pursue accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

SACS plays a key role in evaluating and ensuring Air University meets specific standards and requirements for accreditation.

“I look at SACS as the academic ‘Red Team’ that measures us against best practices,” said Bruce Murphy, Air University chief academic officer. “Without that, we would not have a benchmark to know just how well we are preparing our Airmen.”

Much of the groundwork is already in place for two of the proposed degrees.

The Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., closely resembles an academic degree program. With a “little tweaking,” the course is ready for accreditation.

Once SACS accredits the course, the Test Pilot School will offer the master of flight test engineering degree. The program will run much as it is today, but the school will be affiliated with Air University.

“This is a great example of ‘giving credit where credit is due’ in that the program was already essentially in place,” Mr. Murphy said. “Awarding degrees and assuring they are

worthy of accreditation raises standards for these programs and assures we maintain a standard of excellence.”

The concept for a Ph.D. in strategic studies is that a handful of the top graduates of the School for Advanced Air and Space Studies will return to Air University to participate in the new Ph.D. degree program.

Once the Air Force identifies SAASS graduates to attend Air War College, the graduates return to AU to write their dissertation and receive their doctorate. Air University credits those completing the dissertation with the equivalent of Air War College attendance in residence, giving them the joint professional military education required to serve in a joint force.

The new degree isn’t intended to change the present SAASS program to a Ph.D. program. It’s intended to allow Air Force officers to stay current in their jobs while earning the degree.

The Air Force needs “warrior scholars” at the highest level, Mr. Murphy said. To do that, officers are sent to a civilian university for three years of graduate study, where they’re out of the “flow” for deployments or other regular Air Force duties. This program keeps them doing all the things they need to keep current in their careers.

The master of air, space and cyberspace degree will involve resident study and distance learning. University officials envision a mix of resident and distance learning to deliver the coursework, which primarily targets company grade officers.

Authorization to grant the degrees is “in conference,” but Mr. Murphy said he hopes they will be a part of the next defense authorization bill. Once approved by Congress, SACS reviews the program and accredits it, which can take up to two years.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group third quarter awards ceremony is 3:40 p.m. Wednesday on the parade grounds in the Triangle.

In case of rain, the ceremony is at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jodi Schmidt, 377-7679 or Tech. Sgt. Heather Watson, 377-5511.

Embry-Riddle classes

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers two weekly classes during the winter term that begins Oct. 15.

National security issues and terrorism deals with the three basic types of terrorism

— domestic, international or group-directed and state-sponsored.

Computer based instruction is the first course for the instructional system design certificate.

For more information, call 377-4271, visit the office in Room 217, old Cody Hall, or e-mail keesler.center@erau.edu.

Parades, drill down

A drill down is 8 a.m. Oct. 19 and student parade is 6 p.m. Nov. 15.

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

2nd Air Force unit gets new leader

Col. Mark McClelland relinquishes command of the 602nd Training Group (Provisional) to Col. Kevin McGlaughin, 9 a.m. Tuesday in the 2nd Air Force conference center.

Scholarships

The Keesler Chiefs Group sponsors three \$150 scholarships for enlisted personnel seeking their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Applications are available at the education office or from any permanent party chief. The deadline is Oct. 19.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Clarke, 377-1314.

William Carey signup

William Carey University is accepting applications for the winter trimester.

Classes start Nov. 5.

Flexible degree plans allow transfer of many Community College of the Air Force credits. Tuition discounts are available for active-duty military, dependents, retirees and Defense Department civilians.

For more information, call

377-0090 or visit the office in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian tuition assistance has been approved by Air Education and Training Command for fiscal 2008.

Only courses that began after Oct. 1 are eligible. Civilians are restricted to one course per academic term and must be Air Force mission related. The elective program is paid from the command's discretionary fund, not Air Force, and is a benefit, not an entitlement until funds are exhausted.

For more information, call 377-2323.

NEWS AND FEATURES



Ms. Tunstall



Ms. Pope



Sergeant Gray

Women, boss of year honored

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Five Women of the Year and a Boss of the Year were honored by the Keesler Federal Women's Program at its annual banquet Sept. 25 at the Vandenberg Community Center.

Awards were presented to:

Pamelia Tunstall, 81st Comptroller Squadron military pay technician, NSPS pay band 1 and General Schedule-6 or equivalent and below.

Jackie Pope, 81st Mission Support Squadron supervisory work/life consultant at the airman and family readiness center, NSPS pay band 2 and GS-



FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM

7 or equivalent and above.

Master Sgt. Shannon Gray, 2nd Air Force law office superintendent, enlisted.

Capt. Mishaun Johnson, 81st CPTS financial services flight chief, officer.

Irene Martin, 81st Services Division human resources assistant, nonappropriated fund employee.

Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, 81st MSS commander, boss of the year.



Captain Johnson



Ms. Martin



Colonel Valenzuela

IN THE NEWS

A-76 town hall meeting

An A-76 town hall meeting is 9 a.m. Oct. 11 at Welch Auditorium.

Military and civilian personnel specialists present briefings on processes and procedures, and a status update on A-76 milestones is planned.

Due to limited seating, only military and civilian personnel whose positions are in the study should attend, along with commanders, chiefs and first sergeants. A bus schedule will be announced.

Combined Federal Campaign

Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign continues through the end of the month.

For a list of unit representatives, see page 27.

Salute to Military Oct. 16

The 29th Annual Salute to the Military is Oct. 16 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, starting at 6 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 7:30.

Tickets, \$40 per person or \$400 for a table of 10, are available in the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs Office.

The event is sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot southeast of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed Oct. 17 until 8:15 a.m. for drill practice.

In case of rain, the lot is open.

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

Oak Park town hall meeting

A town hall meeting for Oak Park residents is 6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Biloxi Community Development Department Building, 676 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tops in Blue entries due Oct. 26

Applications for the Air Force's worldwide talent contest, which takes place Dec. 2-10, are due by Oct. 26.

Singers, dancers, musicians and technical team members are needed to travel with Tops in Blue 2008 to more than 120 locations in 20 countries.

Audition kits available at Blake and Dragon fitness centers and the Keesler Medical Center dining area.

For more information, log on to <http://www.topsinblue.com> or call 210-652-6566 or DSN 487-6566.

Former commander dies

Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore, 95, who served as Keesler's commander before his retirement in 1970, died Sept. 21 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Oct. 11 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, due to the Columbus Day federal holiday Monday.

The newspaper office is closed Monday.

Touhill,

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By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

tions at Air Mobility Command headquarters, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. “And for you Airmen out there, listen to your instructors — you never know when they’ll pass along that golden nugget that could make your career or save a life. Keesler training is the key to your success in the Air Force and throughout the rest of your life.

“Keesler is where the Air Force’s experts are created, and I’m so anxious to learn from you and with you,” he told the wing’s personnel. “Keesler has a global reputation as the world’s premier technical training location, and it’s because of you.”

Colonel Touhill thanked community leaders for welcoming him and his wife, Charlene, back to the Biloxi area. He also noted that his previous two training periods

at Keesler “were our favorite assignments — we had a wonderful time here, both as a family and as part of a great community.”

“Hurricane Katrina’s devastation was terrible, but we can’t help being incredibly impressed by your strength, character and grace in rebuilding an even better Gulf Coast community,” he said.

In acknowledging his predecessor, Colonel Touhill admitted, “I have size 50 shoes to fill. I want to thank the Capassos for all they’ve done for Keesler and the community during their tenure. In the aftermath of the nation’s worst natural disaster, your leadership, energy and vision have been nothing short of remarkable.”

General Capasso, who was awarded the Legion of Merit during the change-of-command ceremony, said he and his wife, Laura, were honored to be a part of Team Keesler for nearly two years.

“What you’ve accomplished and what you will accomplish to close the final chapter of Hurricane Katrina will define your legacy,” the

general pointed out. “Day by day, you’ve shattered the accepted notions of what is possible. There are no constraints on your ingenuity, no walls around your human spirit and no human barriers to your progress.

“You’ve brought new meaning to the term ‘excellence,’” he continued. “You’ve cared more than others thought was wise, dreamed more than others thought was practical and expected more than others thought was possible. I assure you, the summit is in reach and the view is magnificent.”

General Capasso, who’s headed to Stuttgart, Germany, as director of command, control, communications and computer systems for U.S. Africa Command, was recognized by Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 2nd Air Force commander, for his leadership during “the toughest time in Keesler’s history.”

General Gould, who presided at the ceremony, described Colonel Touhill as “the perfect officer to continue Keesler’s momentum full of energy, vigor and great vision to move this

CORRECTION

An article in the Sept. 27 Keesler News on the dismissal of a lieutenant colonel in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron incorrectly stated the action occurred at a special court-martial.

Actually, it was a general court-martial.

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.

Tricare during PCS moves

Enrollees in Tricare Prime scheduled for permanent change-of-station moves remain enrolled at Keesler Medical Center until arrival at their new duty location.

To prepare for transferring Tricare Prime enrollment out-process the local Tricare office. This protects members and their families from incurring unnecessary charges for unexpected or emergency health care needs while traveling to their 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 for information about Tricare programs.

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

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

One-stop pay, personnel service

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

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>.

Data theft protection resources

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For information on data theft protection resources and protecting against identity theft, visit First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal.

Saving your back by lifting correctly

81st Medical Group

Most backaches come from strained muscles in the lower back. Other causes include slipped or herniated discs, arthritis, osteoporosis and urinary tract infections.

The goals of treatment are to treat the cause of the backache, relieve the pain, promote healing and avoid re-injury.

Improper lifting causes many backaches. Here are some lifting tips to help you avoid back strain:

Wear good shoes with low heels, not sandals or high heels.

Stand close to the object you want to lift.

Plant your feet squarely, shoulder-width apart.

Bend at the knees, not at the waist. Keep your knees bent as you lift.

Pull in your stomach and rear end. Keep your back as straight as you can.

Hold the object close to your body.

Lift slowly, letting your legs carry the weight.

Get help or use a dolly to move something that's too big or very heavy.

Don't lift if your back already hurts or if you have a history of back trouble.



Don't lift heavy things over your head.

Don't arch your back when you lift or carry.

Don't lift too fast or with a jerk.

Don't twist your back when you're holding something — turn your whole body from head to toe.

Don't lift something heavy with one hand and something light with the other — balance the load.

Don't try to lift one thing while you hold something else. For example, don't try to pick up a child while you're holding a grocery bag. Put the bag down or lift the bag and the child at the same time.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt.
Danielle Hindel

Unit — 81st Medical
Support Squadron

Position — Customer
service representative, per-
sonnel and administration
flight.

Years in Air Force — 5

Years at Keesler — 2

Noteworthy — Her
efforts in the 81st MDG
orderly room raised an
“unsatisfactory” rating in
2004 to a “satisfactory” dur-
ing the 2007 Operational
Readiness Inspection. Her
group superintendent select-
ed her to work with group
computer programmers and
squadron administration spe-
cialists to design a data base
to track evaluations, feed-
backs and decorations, bring-
ing late submissions to near
zero.

Hometown — Orange,
Texas

**Why did you join the
Air Force?** To serve my



Photo by Steve Pivnick

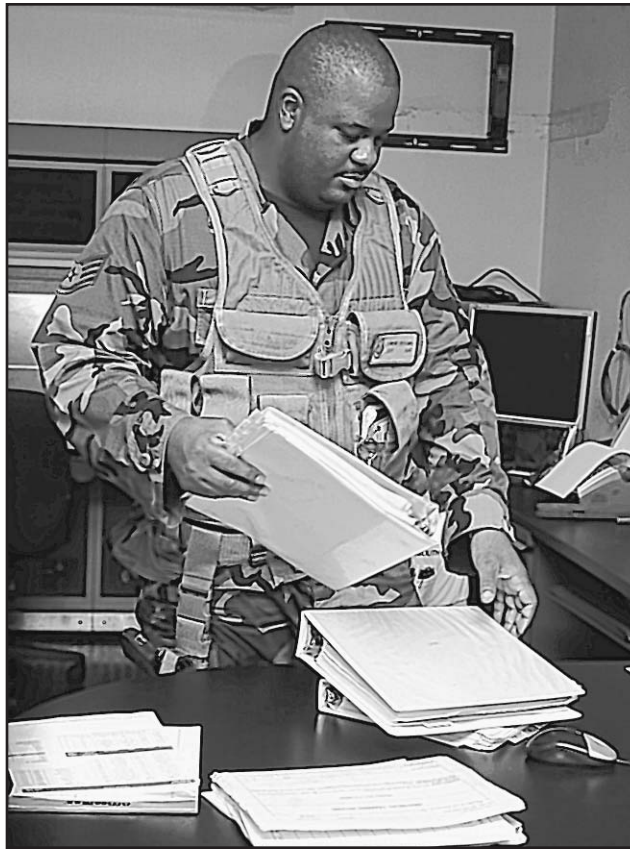
country, earn educational
benefits and travel outside
Texas.

**What are your short-
and long-term goals?** To
get my Community
College of the Air Force
degree, and to eventually
earn my master’s degree in
business administration and
become a chief.

What’s your favorite

quote? Leaders aren’t born
— they are made. And they
are made just like anything
else, through hard work.
And that’s the price we’ll
pay to achieve that goal or
any goal.” — Vince
Lombardi

What are your hobbies?
Scrapbooking, spending time
with my family and learning
new cooking techniques.



On the move

Staff Sgt. Tyrone Deckard organizes and unpacks binders and other records in the control center of the 81st Security Forces Squadron's building on Larcher Boulevard Friday. The unit began moving back to its offices last week after spending more than 15 months at Avery Manor while damage from Hurricane Katrina was repaired. The building's structural and roof system was upgraded to meet current building code requirements designed for 140 mph sustained winds. Walls, ceiling grids, electrical wiring, communication systems, flooring, gutters, downspouts and awnings were replaced and repaired, and hurricane screens were added.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Pediatric subspecialties return to Keesler Medical Center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Several pediatric subspecialties, absent since Hurricane Katrina, have returned to Keesler Medical Center.

According to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Nicola Choate, a pediatric endocrinologist and chief of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron pediatric subspecialties clinic, four subspecialties are now offered, and four more are planned for the summer of 2008.

In addition to her field of pediatric endocrinology, the clinic staff includes Maj. (Dr.) Stephen Nelson, pediatric neurologist; Maj. (Dr.) Tracy Alderson, pediatric cardiologist, and Capt. (Dr.) Jessica Cowden, a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases.

"Next summer we expect to have specialists in pediatric hematology/oncology, pediatric development, pediatric adolescence and the pediatric gastrointestinal area," Colonel Choate said.

The colonel recently arrived at the medical center after completing a three-year pediatric endocrinology fellowship in Washington, D.C., with the Capitol Consortium, which includes Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Bethesda Navy Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Major Nelson comes here following a three-year pediatric neurology fellowship at Stanford University in California.

Captain Cowden is a recent arrival who completed a three-year pediatric infectious disease fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and The Children's Hospital in Denver.

Major Alderson completed a three-year pediatric cardiology fellowship at Atlanta's Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

In addition to the physicians, the clinic is supported by a nurse, three medical technicians and a medical administration technician. Colonel Choate expects her support staff to increase as more specialists arrive.

The colonel noted that a referral from the patient's primary care manager is required for new patients to the pediatric subspecialties clinic. She added that the clinic serves referrals from the medical center as well as network primary care managers.

"We also plan to travel to other bases in the area to see patients and make ourselves available to advise medics at smaller bases," she said.

Colonel Choate added Major Alderson is also seeing adults with congenital heart defects.

The pediatric subspecialties clinic sees patients from birth to 23 years of age. It's on the medical center's first floor down the hall from the hematology/oncology clinic.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays and closed compressed work schedule Fridays.

Air Force Incident Management System

New approach standardizes emergency response

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Saving lives, preventing human suffering and mitigating damage to speed recovery in an all-hazards physical threat environment are the primary missions of the Air Force Incident Management System.

AFIMS is taking the place of crisis action teams and disaster control groups to provide a single entity to respond to domestic emergencies.

Delayed by ORI

Implementation of AFIMS, a unified command-and-control system initiated across the service in February, was delayed at Keesler until after the operational readiness inspection was completed in August.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's readiness and emergency management flight is responsible for the base program, which is directed by Air Force Instruction 10-2501, Air Force Emergency Management Program Planning and Operations.

"Across the federal government, there have been a bunch of different services with their own systems entrenched over decades," said Staff Sgt. Brad Baker, 81st CES noncommissioned officer in charge of emergency management operations.

9/11 drives changes

"Changes have been driven by 9/11 toward a common language with common tactics across all levels of government," Sergeant Baker continued. "An emergency isn't the time to worry about language or what we're talking about."

Establishment of the new system brings the Air Force in line with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, which calls for the establishment of a single, comprehensive national system for managing domestic incidents.

In 2006, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne



Airmen Shawn Edgecomb, left, and Roberto Rivera, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, go through decontamination procedures Sept. 24 during Keesler's first accident response exercise to test AFIMS. The scenario involved a chlorine tank leak at the Triangle Pool. A tabletop exercise was conducted Sept. 14.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

issued a memorandum introducing AFIMS in response to two initiatives created under HSPD-5 — the National Response Plan and the National Incident Management System.

The Air Force Emergency Management Program, which replaced the Full Spectrum Threat Response Program in January 2006, incorporates and applies key elements of NIMS and NRP across the Air Force.

NRP and NIMS work together to unify emergency management practices at all governmental levels by creating a comprehensive approach to incident management that bolsters the nation's ability to plan for, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

"This is a universal system currently used by state and county emergency manage-



ment agencies," Sergeant Baker explained. "For example, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has a state emergency operations center — Harrison and Jackson counties also use this system. The main purpose of this new system is to speak a similar language across the federal, state and county levels."

AFIMS takes an all-hazards approach to organization and integration of emergency responders at all levels, both civilian and military, and

applies to Air Force installations and responders within and outside the continental United States.

Full implementation and sustainment requires a two-phased approach to streamline present practices.

The first phase, scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, focuses on installation response procedures, including policy development, guidance, planning templates, inspection and evaluation criteria and training product fielding.

The second phase, scheduled for completion by the end of 2009, includes actions to improve and sustain training, expand cross-functional coordination and exercises, identify and resolve capability deficiencies, and incorporate the AFIMS capabilities within the Air Force Master Capabilities Library and the Air Force Chief of Staff concepts of operations.

The lengthy transition allows the Air Force to better serve its communities around the globe. Each phase identifies the tasks, timelines and responsibilities necessary to work successfully with the other services in terms of doctrine, organizations, training and exercises, material, leadership and education, personnel and facilities.

Same system overseas

"AFIMS is being implemented not just stateside, but will be the standard configuration for wartime overseas operations as well," Sergeant Baker pointed out. "All bases in the area of responsibility are transitioning to the new system under the same timelines as stateside bases. Using the same system at home or deployed makes things easier for all Airmen to understand."

Throughout the transition, organizational structure and Air Force-specific terminology becomes NIMS-compliant. For example, the former installation disaster response force organizational structure undergoes several name and role changes.

Emergency reporting

"Typical Air Force functions usually separated by squadrons or units get separated into emergency support functions, or ESFs," Sergeant Baker said. "Unit control centers remain an entity under AFIMS, so base personnel should continue to use the current 911 dispatch and UCCs to report during emergencies."

Currently, the disaster response force designates a disaster control group as well as an on-scene commander, usually the installation mission support group commander. An emergency operations center, under the direction of the mission support group commander, replaces the disaster control group, along with many of its duties. Many DCG functions will soon be performed by the AFIMS-designated EOC.

Base emphasizes fire prevention

Monday

8 a.m. — 81st Training Wing headquarters; Smoky the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog.

9 a.m. — medical center; Smoky and Sparky.

1:30 p.m. — base exchange; Smoky and Sparky, stove fire and fire extinguisher demonstrations, fire drill, firefighter bunker and equipment demonstration, literature and fire hat handouts.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — child development center; fire drill, Smoky and Sparky photos, literature and fire hat handouts.

10 a.m. — youth center; fire drill, Smoky and Sparky photos, literature and fire hat handouts.

3 p.m. — commissary; stove fire and fire extinguisher demonstrations, bunkers and equipment, literature and fire hat handouts.

4 p.m. — youth center; Smoky and Sparky return.

Wednesday

9 a.m. — family child care center; Smoky and Sparky, stove and fire extinguisher demonstrations, literature and fire hat handouts.

3:30 p.m. — mini-base exchange; Smoky and Sparky, fire extinguisher demonstration, firefighter bunker and equipment demonstration, fire truck display, literature and fire hat handouts.

Oct. 12

Noon to 4 p.m. — Triangle track; fire muster, Smoky and Sparky, static display and fire prevention literature. Fire musters: noon, permanent-party organizations; 2 p.m., 81st Training Group instructors; 4 p.m., students.

Oct. 13

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — fire department open house; fire truck, rescue, structural fire demonstration, fire truck rides and static displays, literature, fire hats, games, giveaways, door prizes and free hot dogs and drinks.

For more information, call 377- 2627 or 8440.



Lively dancing, tasty cuisine mark annual cultural event



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Joel Escobar, 17, dances a Panamanian Dance called "El Punto" with his sister Renitza, 21, at the Hispanic Heritage Committee's food tasting Sept. 26 at the youth center. Their parents are Rene and Itza Escobar, 333rd Training Squadron.

Juanita Harper, 81st Mission Support Group, gets toppings for her taco from Ann Olivo, child development center. The final two activities for Keesler's observance are a luncheon, noon Wednesday at El Rancho Restaurant in Biloxi, and Family Day, 2 p.m. Oct. 14 at marina park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-4780 or 424-7036.



Keesler nurse shaping health care in Afghanistan

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A deployed 81st Medical Group nurse has a unique mission.

Lt. Col. Karen Kinne is deployed to Afghanistan to help build health care infrastructures and processes for the Afghanistan National Army and Afghanistan National Police to make an Afghanistan national security system.

Senior nurse executive for the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, Colonel Kinne works in a joint setting in Kabul with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in the Command Surgeon Division.

Working toward a stable Afghanistan

Colonel Kinne, who learned she'd been selected for promotion to full colonel shortly after deploying, explained, "The mission of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, in partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the international community, is to plan, program and implement structural, organizational, institutional and management reforms of the Afghanistan National Security Forces in order to develop a stable Afghanistan, strengthen the rule of law and deter and defeat terrorism within its borders.

"After three decades of warfare in Afghanistan, both medical care and medical education have suffered," the colonel noted. "We stress principles in every aspect of mentoring and lay ground work to improve the practice of health care and the education of future generations of health care providers.

Mentor, instructor

"I am a chief nurse mentor for the ANA general of nursing," she continued. "I mentor and instruct nursing leadership in the development and implementation of policy, protocol and process from the departmental level to the regional level. I primarily work in the 400-bed national military hospital in Kabul and mentor ANA chief nurses in four regional hospitals throughout Afghanistan."

In this role, the colonel mentors key nursing personnel in developing and implementing nursing protocols and collaborates with doctors, pharmacists, the logistic command and biomedical workers on quality-improvement measures.

Colonel Kinne observed, "Clinical nursing practice is not the standard that we are accustomed to. Nursing personnel don't practice patient



Courtesy photo

Colonel Kinne, right, is shown with the emergency room chief nurse in the 400-bed National Military Hospital in Kabul.

"I've developed so many friendships with the Afghan doctors and nurses. They're so gracious and want to learn new skills. We're teaching them English. We've introduced computers into the hospital and are teaching computer skills."

— Colonel Kinne

assessment and no nursing documentation is completed. Communication between healthcare workers and patients or family members is sparse and there's no evidence of patient education, discharge planning or collaborative case management.

"Patient hygienic needs, medication administration and other bedside activities are not the normal daily

duties of a nurse on the ward," the colonel pointed out. "Logistical limitations are still a challenge, so we're somewhat restricted on patient care demonstrations at the bedside. Infection control practices aren't at all up to the standard we're accustomed to. Our highest priority of nursing mentorship is to get these practices in place. It helps that the Afghan nurses are very friendly and receptive to the mentorship.

"I've been mentoring intensive care unit nurses on new equipment as well as working to implement nursing documentation," she said.

She also assists the office of the surgeon general in implementing committee systems.

"I mentor a general and have established the ANA's first infection control committee," Colonel Kinne said. "We are establishing policies and setting the groundwork for standardized housekeeping and infection control measures throughout clinics and hospitals."

Bringing hospitals into 21st century

Colonel Kinne has established job descriptions for nursing, laid the foundation for the nursing education program, competency-based learning, inservices and annual training. In addition, she's participated in developing the nursing and medical curricula at Kabul Medical University.

"I presented an emergency burn management lecture to about 35 nurses to upgrade the bedside nursing care for burn victims," she remarked. "I've been in the emergency room and evaluated the triage and emergency care of mass-casualty patients after improvised explosive device detonations, debriefing after the event to discuss ways to improve patient assessment, stabilization and care."

Treating injured coalition forces

She's also working with chief nurses on septic and orthopedic wards where many soldiers and police from the southern provinces, injured fighting the Taliban while serving with coalition forces, are treated. Many of them lost limbs from gunfire, mine explosions and rocket-propelled grenade attacks.

"This deployment has allowed me to incorporate all the skills I've acquired throughout my nursing career," she remarked. "I've developed so many friendships with the Afghan doctors and nurses," she continued. "They're so gracious and want to learn new skills. We're teaching them English. We've introduced computers into the hospital and are teaching computer skills. Women were suppressed during the Taliban occupancy here and are now experiencing more opportunities to 'catch up' with education and work opportunities."

Base volunteers help build Habitat for Humanity home

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

In spite of threatening weather, members of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron spent Sept. 21 helping construct a Habitat for Humanity home in Gulfport.

They were joined by approximately 30 technical training students from the 338th Training Squadron.

According to Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes, 81st MSGS commander, he invited his unit to become involved because he "wanted to have a squadron function aimed at post-Katrina recovery." He coordinated the activity with local Habitat for Humanity officials.

After a safety briefing by Habitat staff, the Keesler volunteers went to work on the house on 42nd Avenue near the Naval Construction Battalion Center and Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

Among the 81st MSGS members were Colonel Hayes, Lt. Col. (Dr.) James Dolan, Lt. Cols. Angela Thrasher and Sharon King, Maj. (Dr.) Michael Morris, Master Sgt. Lorna Dembo and Linda Sarpy.

Colonel King, a reservist, had completed her two-week assignment with the squadron but volunteered to stay an extra day to help with the project.

"I learned a lot about Habitat for Humanity," Colonel Hayes said. "They partner with people who can afford to pay the mortgage for the new home, but are living in substandard housing, such as a FEMA trailer. The new homeowners volunteer as well, spending 80 hours in construction and 40 hours of classes. They pay \$50,000 for the house with an interest-free 20- to 30-year mortgage and in the end they have a 1,000-square-foot, three-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath-



Courtesy photo

Major Morris, part of the 81st MSGS volunteer team, drives a nail into the framework of the Habitat for Humanity house.

room brand-new home."

Construction is done by volunteer labor, and many companies donate construction materials. Some work, like plumbing and wiring, is done by professionals."

"The beneficiaries get a brand new, landscaped home," the colonel pointed out. "This helps improve a neighborhood which may be in some disrepair due to Katrina. When a Habitat for Humanity home appears, others in the neighborhood seemed to be inclined to improve their own property. Everyone realizes the efforts can help increase property values for all."

"It's a great way to support the local community and make a huge difference in people's lives," Colonel Hayes added.

Volunteer — get connected.

Base, USM partnership benefits 1st student

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

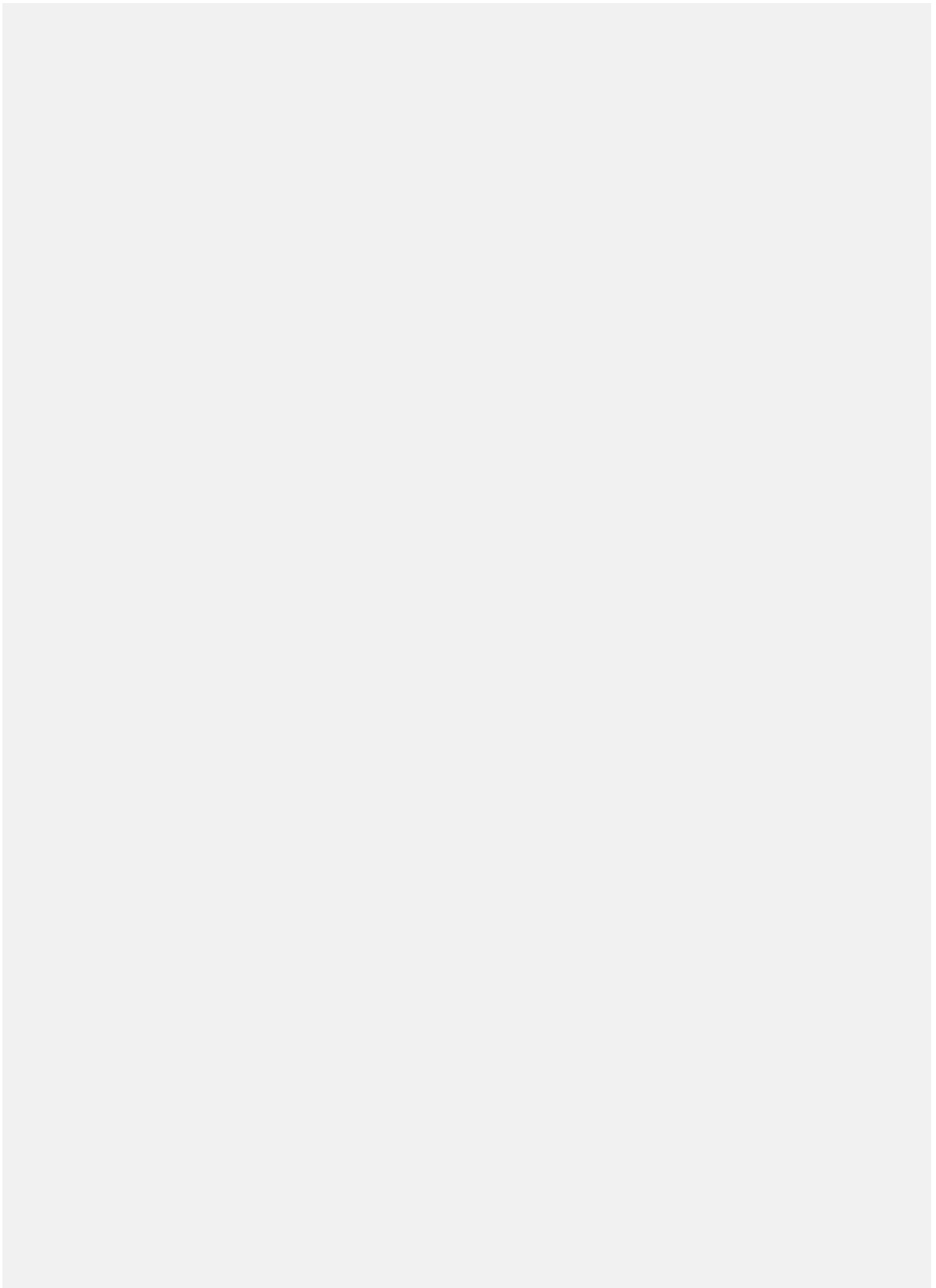
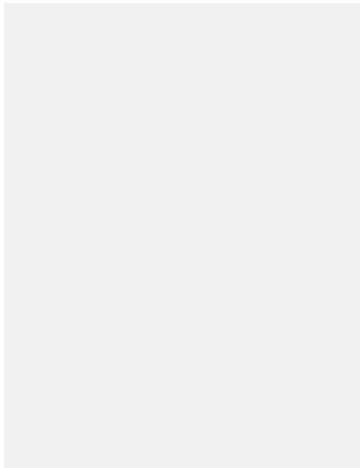
A recent University of Southern Mississippi graduate is the first student to benefit from a partnership between the Keesler Child Development Center and USM's Department of Child and Family Studies.

Before graduating from USM Aug. 3 with a bachelor's degree in child development, Gwendolyn McKinney served a supervised hands-on course for two months this summer at Keesler.

Although she's a recent college graduate, Ms. McKinney is no novice in the child care field. She served for 13 years in the Jackson County Civic Action Committee's Head Start program in Moss Point before her recent promotion to assistant center specialist at the Gautier Head Start Center.

"I had a wonderful experience at Keesler," she said. "The facility was incredible and the trainers were excellent.

"It's so nice to see concepts discussed in class so clearly demonstrated in practice," she continued. "The teachers at Keesler create a really safe environment for each child. The teaching is flexible and developmentally appropriate."



Physical therapy specializes in assessment, treatment, prevention of injuries

By Capt. Brandon Morgan and Master Sgt. James Gray

81st Surgical Operations Squadron

October is National Physical Therapy Month, an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of what physical therapy offers.

Physical therapists provide a wide range of services. They diagnose and manage movement dysfunction and enhance physical and functional abilities. In addition, they restore, maintain and promote optimal physical function and wellness as well as fitness and the highest quality of life relating to movement and health.

They also prevent the onset, symptoms and progression of impairments, functional limitations and disabilities that may result from diseases, disorders, conditions or injuries.

Basically, physical therapists are specialists in assessing, treating and preventing neuro-musculoskeletal injury. Physical therapy technicians perform treatments, monitor patients and assist physical therapists with workout programs. Anyone with pain, loss of joint motion or strength should see a physical therapist.

To support the operational mission, Air Force physical therapy deploys five therapists and six technicians with every air expeditionary force.

Keesler is one of six bases providing this support. At any given time, one of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron's four physical therapists or two of the eight technicians



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Physical therapy technicians Airman 1st Class Oruaro Idudhe, left, and Staff Sgt. Rachel Chiartana show patient Staff Sgt. John Walker, 81st Comptroller Squadron, the proper position on the Pro-Fitter, which helps develop agility and strength.

Physical Therapy Month events

There's an open house with refreshments, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at the outpatient physical therapy clinic in the Arnold Medical Annex.

The clinic joins the health and wellness center to host Keesler's first Physical Therapy Week 5-kilometer run/walk, 7 a.m. Oct. 25 at Blake Fitness Center. All participants are entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Physical therapy displays are planned at the HAWC, Keesler Medical Center, base fitness center and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

may be deployed. The primary role of deployed physical therapists and technicians is to return wounded personnel back to full duty status by assessing and treating neuro-musculoskeletal conditions as an extension of the physician.

A 3-5 minute steady tone on the base siren is a tornado warning — take cover.

KEESLER NOTES

Rally Day

Rally Day, an opportunity to acquaint families with chapel services, classes and resources, is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Triangle Chapel.

Lunch is served, and there's an inflatable bouncer for the children.

For more information, call 377-2520.

Spouses club

The Keesler Spouses Club October social is 10 a.m. Tuesday at the arts and crafts center.

Following refreshments, a vase painting class with Mary Martin is planned. The cost is \$13 to \$25, depending on the vase size selected.

To reserve a spot for the class, e-mail membership@keeslerspousesclub.com.

Office closure

The legal office is closed from 7 a.m. to noon Oct. 12 due to mandatory training.

The notary and power of attorney services won't be available during these hours.

For more information, call 377-3510.

Honor guard briefing

A volunteer briefing, 3 p.m. Oct. 18 in the auditorium at the Keesler NCO Academy, is for officers and senior noncommissioned officers interested in serving on the Keesler Honor

Guard's Brass Team.

Expectations, requirements and training are discussed.

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

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-2637, andrea.turner2@keesler.af.mil, or Tech. Sgt. David Warren, 377-1986, david.warren@keesler.af.mil.

Eldercare seminar

A caregiving/eldercare seminar is 5:15-7:15 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Triangle Chapel annex.

Topics include legal issues in aging, making a parent a dependent, resources and

services to benefit families and coping skills. Refreshments are provided.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179 or 5990, or e-mail Sandra.Brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Triangle Chapel.

To register, call 377-2179.

Hurricane guides

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

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

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

Vehicle decals

Base decals and expiration stickers are no longer issued Air Force-wide.

People may remove and destroy the decals and stickers on their vehicles, according to 81st Security Force Squadron officials.

When visiting other bases, obtain passes or decals there.

For more information, call 377-3844.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Medics shut out 336th TRS to wear base football crown

By Airman David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

After three years of getting to post-season play only to come up short, the 81st Medical Group finally wears the intramural football crown.

The medics put "Wait until next year" for a championship behind them with a 14-0 shutout over the 336th Training Squadron Sept. 27.

The Red Wolves made the medics earn it, though.

With only about one minute left in the game, the 81st MDG was able to seal a drive into the red zone with a touchdown reception by Gerald Kelley of a pass from Fred Fortenberry, followed by a two-point conversion run by Fortenberry.

The Red Wolves of the 336th TRS came right back, driving to the 81st MDG's 20-yard line with seven seconds to play. On the next play, Kelley reappeared, intercepting a pass and running it back for a touchdown with no time left on the clock.

"We really appreciate our leadership showing up and supporting us last night," said Edward Goldsmith, 81st MDG head coach, referring to Douglas Robb, the medics' commander. "We've been here the last three years in a

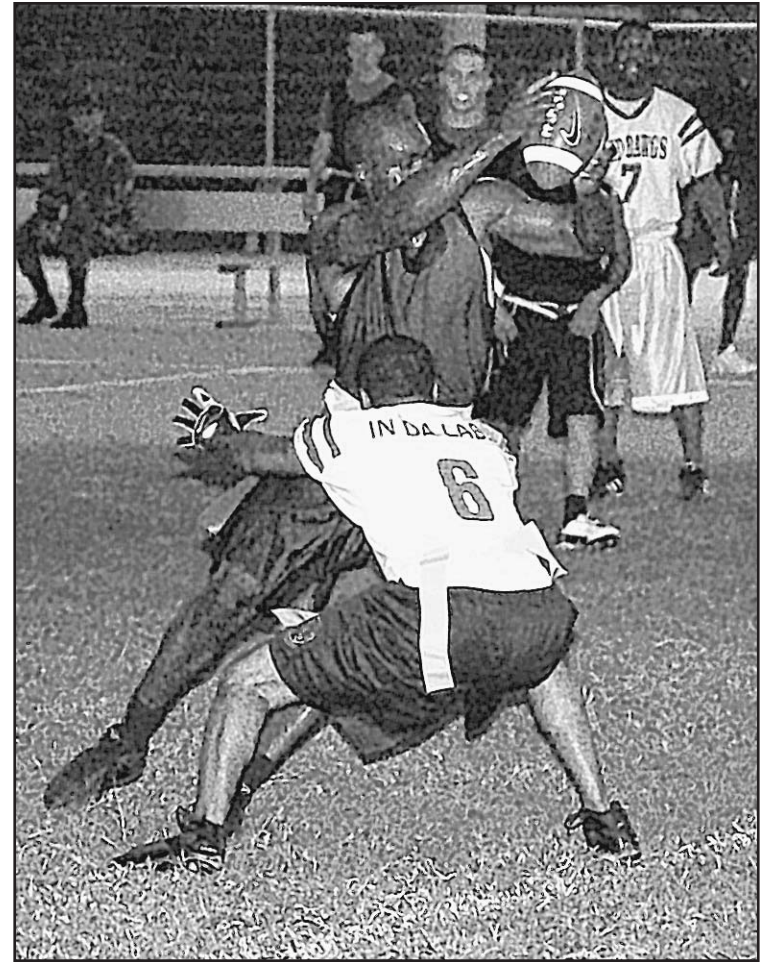


Photo by Airman David Salanitri
Steven Joyce, 336th TRS, with the ball, is confronted by Kerry Zorns, 81st MDG, during the intramural football championship game Sept. 27.

row and fell short. Last night is what we have been waiting for."

Now, according to assistant

coach John Blackmon, the medics "can't wait until next year so we can defend our crown."

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of Sept. 24)

Team	Won	Lost
Wayne's World	19	2
Man On	17	4
Old Skool	15	6
3 Steps Forward	14	7
Team 3	13	8
Slater's Shooters	12	9
Perry's Refrigeration	12	9
Endangered Species	11.5	9.5
Our Gang	11	10
Pin Heads	11	10
Gannon's Cannons	9.5	11.5
Wicked Women	9	12
Hoops Gang	9	12
B-Busters	7	14
Ghost Riders	5	16
Team 2	5	16
The Corner Pins	5	16
Martini's	4	17

Wednesday Mixed (as of Sept. 26)

Team	Won	Lost
Clyde's Team	23	5
Jokers Wild	21	7
Oceans Eleven	20	8
MUDD	19	9
Ichiban	18	10
3DR	15	13
Team 13	15	13
Hang Chucky	13	15
Lucky Strikes	12	16
70s Plus	10	18
Misfits	10	18
2 Old 2 Bowl	8	20
Neighbors + 1	4	24
Team 14	0	0

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Sept. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Freda's Kids	23	5
Team 16	21	7
2 Bees & a D	17	11
Amy's Bunch	16	12
Team 15	16	12
Team 5	15.5	12.5
Barb's Boys	14.5	13.5
Team 1	14.5	13.5
Delema	14.5	13.5
6-Pack	14.5	13.5

Dummys Dummies	12	16
Team 12	12	16
Team 8	12	16
Team 13	11	17
Full Speed	10	18
Team 6	9.5	11.5
Team 2	9.5	18.5
Team 14	10	18
Friends	9	19

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Sept. 27)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	22	3
332nd TRS	18	6
Team 4	16	8
Team 10	16	8
338th TRS	14	10
81st MSS	14	10
Team 15	14	10
85th EIS	12	12
81st TRSS	12	12
GCCS Squad	10	14
Misfits	10	14
Team 14	10	14
Team 5	8	8
403rd MXS	4	20
81st CPTS	2	14
Ghosts	0	16

Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	22	6
Pin Busters	21	7
Harry's Team	19	9
Lady and the Tramps	16	12
Team 10	12	2
3 Guys & A Babe	11	17
Pin Pals	9	12
Dreamers	7	21
Jax Hax	6	22
Sandbaggers	5	22

Other

Youth special — ages 17 and younger, \$1.50 game.

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

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

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

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

Location changes for boat safety class

Today's the last day to sign up for Saturday's free Mississippi boating safety course, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vandenberg Community Center.

This is mandatory training for people born after July 1, 1980, who want to rent a boat from the marina.

Nonprior service students bowling special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1.50 game including shoe rental.

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Hourly bowling — one hour \$12.95 per lane, two hours \$23.95 per lane; shoes included.

Hurricane alley and fundraisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Computer gaming

PC Wars — 4 p.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday, Pecan Food Court.

For more information, visit <http://www.keeslerpcwars.net> or call Saulo Ortiz, 377-3679.

Fitness centers

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

Volksmarch — Saturday, marina park. Sign up and begin, 8-10 a.m. Snacks at each mile marker; pin for all finishers.

Monster circuit challenge — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 30, Dragon Fitness Center. Choose to do each station at Level 1,

2 or 3. You're finished when you complete all 50 stations. For more information, call 377-2907.

Slugfest IV — 7 p.m. Oct. 19, Hangar 4. General admission \$15, reserved tables of 10 \$225, ringside tables of 10, \$250. Tickets on sale at Vandenberg Community Center or Gaude Lanes.

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.

Golf

Bay Breeze — course closed until November. Naval Construction Battalion Center's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494.

Temporary pro shop — 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; 40 balls, \$2.

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

Outdoor recreation

Cruisin' Keesler — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20 in marina park. Cars, trucks and bikes; vehicle entry fee \$10. Awards, music, activities for children and adults. For more information, call 377-3160.

October buddy days — bring a friend and get a 10 percent discount on skiff rentals all month.

Back bay fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Oct. 13 and 20. \$25 per person. Minimum six, maximum eight people. State fishing license required.

Deep sea fishing — charter the Boston Whaler for \$600. Captain and all tackle provided. \$300 deposit required.

Outdoor adventure trip aboard the Keesler Dolphin II — Oct. 16-17. Visit the Chandeleur Islands. Maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

Canoe trip — Oct. 20. \$20 per person. Maximum eight people. Call for time.

October fish of the month — weigh in the largest speckled trout and take home a \$100 savings bond.

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

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.

Canoe trips — for more information, call 377-3160.

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.

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

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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81st Communications Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Sabine Andrew and Keasha Johnson-Devost

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class William Raybon and John Sessums.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman Nathaniel Tait.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman Basic Tera Burk; Airman David Foss, Jacoby Thompson and Cody West.

81st Transportation Squadron — Airmen 1st Class William Bone, Jarod Sewell, Joshua Stringer and Matthew Wagner.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Shawn Andrews, Nils Asp, Phillip Beeslery, Nathan Boyd, David Bryant, Steven Carpenter, Randall Chapman, Adam Cook, Woodson Culp, Steven Denham, Kyle Deschamps, Jeb Dingeldein, Troy Dobbstein, Joshua Doberstein, Paul Doepker, Benjamin Draves, Bradley Evens, Daniel Feidner, Edwin Flores, James Forrest, Brian Freund, William Frey, Monique Fuller, Thomas Gregory, Luke Grice, Garrett Hetzel, Jeffrey Hughes, Zachary Julander, Sharrod King, Eric Krug, Billy Laird, Shawn Lamaster, Alexander Langford, Ryan Lawton, Joshua Leonard, Terrance Marx, Joseph Meade, Joshua Miles, Zachary Moore, Gregory Nelson, Deanthony Pierce, Joseph Pizzo, Zachery Puhalla, Justin Ragon, Christopher Reynolds, Noel Rivera, Will Robinson, Antonio Rosa, Kelby Rossmiller, Evan Rush, Joshua Santiago, James Schlimgen, Timothy Sheldon, Andrew Sickel, Ryan Smith, Saul Tamez, Gilbert Tarnate, Douglas Tead, Brian Thompson, Mitchell Turnbull, Thomas Vasquez, Koby Vinson, Robert Wall, David Walling, Joshua Wedmore, Alyssa Wetzel, John Whisenant and Michael Wilcox; Airmen Suzanne Attridge, Paul Farnum, Matthew Hardy, Toby Harter, Bobby Link, Kenneth Lombard, Joe Nguyen, Cory Sherman and Alan Stratton; Airmen 1st Class Samuel Acoff, Daniel Balcarcel, Anthony Bango, Casey Benner, Michael Biastock, Kyle Bradley, Timothy Bucholz, Shawn Chouinard, Chad Close, Von Collins, Ciara Desmet, Terrance Dove, Joshua Dunn, Peter Franaszek, Daniel Forman, Michael Ganas, Matthew Gasch, Maxwell Gumley, Douglas Hamilton, Christopher Harrelson, Joseph Hymel, Jeremie Jack, Darrin Johnson, Matthew Kidwell, Frederick Klein, Nicholas

Knowlton, Rashelle Kock, Jeffrey Landers, Matthew Lindsey, Kyle McDougal, Benjamin Miller, Christopher Payton, Wayne Reid, Andrew Robinson, Brian Rushing, Joshua Sanders, Stephen Scobee, Tiffany Stroud, Kosiasko Sullivan, Jacob Thacker, Richard Thorpe, Mark Tuttle, John Williams, Christopher West and Charles Yamada; Senior Airmen John Barnes, Brian Bennett, Jeremiah Bond, Michael Boyce, Raphael Hood, Christopher Marx, Bryan Massey, Brian Smit and Erik Trout; Staff Sgts. Andrew Burgert, Brad Dake, Christopher Hoffman, Joshua Isaacs, Angelo Johnson, Jonathan McLennan, Michael Morton, Kenneth Nelson, James Platten, William Rus, Nicole Shearer, Ousseynou Sonko, Jason Smith, Paul Thompson and Brian Williams; Tech. Sgts. Silvester Arrambide, Casey Harris and Charles Wootton; Master Sgts. Gordon Bosie, Robert Johnson and Troy Mitchell.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Thomas Bowyer, John Lowe and Javier Torres-Rios; Staff Sgt. Tracy Roberts; Tech. Sgts. Phillip Merritt and Daniel Wagley.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Laurenz Blanco-Arboleda and Ryan Murray; Airman Tiffany Dawson; Airman 1st Class Brent Nichols; Senior Airmen Todd Cox and Kyle Wilson; Staff Sgts. Nathan Beck, Kory Collier, Joshua Fustin, Jennifer Olson, Lance Petrie and Brian Voight; 2nd Lt. Miklos Bodai; Capt. Mircea Stoian; Maj. Khaled Bani.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jessica Balltzglier, Kaleb Kenyon, Deja Redhead, Dominick Streeter, Caitlin Tomlin and Matthew Wilson; Airmen Catherine DeLeon and Stephanie Tyrolt; Airmen 1st Class Danielle Davis, Leon Rice and Anna Solomon; Senior Airman Nicholas Himes; Staff Sgts Daniel Brasfield, Jeremy Clark, Terrence Freeman, Charles Gilbert and Cory Green; Tech Sgts Jamere Burpee, Michelle Curran, Robert Futrell, Justin Mayfield, Jennifer Miller, Preston Rider and DeShea Thomas; Master Sgt Joseph Goldsmith.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Antwon Bolton, Amanda Gladding, Justin Kakuda, Sondra Lanier, Joshua McCurry, Jennifer Miller, Jillian Mourier, Casey Rodriguez, Joshua Serrano and Alex Washburn; Airmen Christopher Michel and Sophie Penaflo; Airmen 1st Class David Dailey, Ronald Fallarna, Katrina Hargrave, Devery Herth, Sanaka Patrick, Mark Webb, Marilyn Woodruff and Kara Zigler; Senior Airman Molly Irwin; Staff Sgts. Daniel Boone, Timothy Chambers, Bien Covita, David Hamilton and Elizabeth Miranda-Santiago; Tech. Sgts Norma Hernandez, Shane Holden, Melanie King, Susan Koncz, Ronald Landis and Debbra Zimny.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Iris Franklin and He Xu; Airman Kelsey Huffman; Airman 1st Class Eric Cole; Senior Airman Zakia Walker; Staff Sgts. Michael Beltran, Theron Betsey, Lucas Newman, Vinton Wallace and Rhonda Wilson; Tech. Sgt. Catherine Alcivar.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Greene and Trystan Wirebaugh; Airmen 1st Class Dale Altman, George Jang, Ryan Keever, Shayna Moratt, Heather Stevens and Eric Streeter; Navy Airman Angela Koob; Senior Airman Sean Hartman; Marine Sgt. Colin Burch; Tech. Sgts. Steve Maiers and Kenneth Montenegro.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Jacob King; Airmen 1st Class Jon Blew, Christopher Brettelle, Stephen Burris, Donald Knight and Tracie Weaks; Senior Airmen Dennis Leamy, Jacqueline Lohn and Rodolfo Morales; Staff Sgts. Romeo Farinacci, Michael McKiernan and Richard Ryan; Tech. Sgts. T.J. Brown and Andrea Cox; Master Sgts. Dana Beavers and Paul Bryant.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Benjamin Aleshire, Colin Hart, Javek Ragadio; Airmen Bryan Behr and Saunder Simmonds; Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Bennett, Steele Cary, Nicholas Defranco, Kevin Glynn, Thomas Leneave, Kelli Miller, Philip Newquist, Lia Oyama, Jacob Palmer, Stephen Shambra, Andrew Stuhlmiller and Nathan Van Oort; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Jeffrey Campbell, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly and Ronald Wood; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Dwayne Blake, John Brown, Christopher Dudley, Cravadias Ferebee, James Griffis, James King, Keith Nelson, Damian Scott,

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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 Villas; 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 McClellan 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.

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Walter Shivel, Rene Teague and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman, Thomas Lawrence and Tina Williams; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Major Aamir Abro; David Forney, Gregory Hunter and Keith Lucas.

338th TRS

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jerrelle Marshall and Nathan Orwig; Airmen Brandon Hagerman and Daniel Pullen; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Bradford, John Christopher, Donald Duncan, Megan Engelhardt, Aaron Johnston, Loren Mikulski, Sondra Morgan, Michael Ryan, Benjamin Sexton, William Sheehan, Christopher Watho and Jason Zahne; Senior Airman Alan Plant; Staff Sgt.s Kenneth Jones, Tim Ortiz, Michael Poulter, Julian Rey, Mark Sellers and Granville Smith; Tech. Sgts. Bradly Ellsworth and John Pyeatt; Master Sgt. Douglas Dye.

Radar systems apprentice course — Airman John Benner; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Gisch, Carlos Lopez-Hernandez, Benett Mack and Lawrence Turgeon; Staff Sgt. Christopher Harper; Tech. Sgt. Glen Godsey.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Columbus Day

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

Keesler News — closed.
Commissary — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Main base exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Furniture store — closed.
Class Six — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Service station — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for attended fuel.
Military clothing sales — closed.
Mobile units — closed.
Charley's Steakery — closed.
Anthony's — closed.
Seattle's Best — closed.
Subway — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Beauty Shop — closed.
Barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Nail station — closed.
Optical shop — closed.
Force One Rental — closed.
Laundry/dry cleaners — closed.
Enterprise Car Rental — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
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 — graduation Oct. 12.
Class 08-1 — Nov. 1-Dec. 13.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-1 — graduation Nov. 9.

Arts and crafts center

Fall Festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27. Costume contests, craft booths, children's activities, door prizes, snacks, food. For craft booth information and registration, call 377-2821.

Youth craft class — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 13, ages 8 and older. \$7 including supplies.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Oct. 13. Duncan-certified class by Mary Martin.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 19. \$25 including first firing. Pour three projects.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. Oct. 20. \$40 includes 5 lbs of clay and project firings.

One-stroke painting — 10 a.m. Oct. 20. New project each month. \$32 including supplies.

Introduction to photography — 1-3 p.m. Oct. 11 and 18. \$38.

Beginner's woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, \$25 including materials. Earn safety certification and get operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday or Oct. 20. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of cutting and shaping pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Oct. 13. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginning auto care classes — available in oil changes, brakes, tune ups, tire changes and more. \$5 per class; call for times and dates.

Chapel

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

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

Team Kids — 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sunday, kindergarten through grade 6.

Men's luncheon Bible study — 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

Men's prayer breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Women's Bible study — 9-11 a.m. Wednesday.

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Wednesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner at 6.

Teen Bible study — 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Children's church — held during Sunday worship services.

Tuesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

Catholics seeking Christ — 11 a.m. Sunday, Fishbowl; informal gathering of Catholic students to meet, eat and share what Christ is doing in their lives.

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 computer classes — 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Oct. 17 for people ages 45 and older who completed the beginner's computer class or have knowledge of basic computer skills. Subjects include basics of e-mail, organizing your computer, saving information on disks, how to play games, make greeting cards or digital photo albums, and gadgets to add to your computer. Class limited to 12 students. To register, call 377-2181 by Oct. 15.

Data base reference orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 6 p.m. Oct. 30, 10 a.m. Oct. 31, ages 3-5. Come in costume and trick or treat.

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

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Columbus Day

Lunch — spaghetti with meat balls, veal parmesan, pasta with clam sauce, marinara sauce, pasta primavera, Italian pasta, Spanish rice, oven browned potatoes, Italian baked beans, steamed squash, mushrooms, peppers and onions, candy, Spanish soup, cucumber salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, grilled sausage and steak and cheese.

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

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.
House of cards building contest — 7 p.m. Oct. 11.
Free ping pong tournament — 7 p.m. Oct. 25.
Halloween dance and costume contest — 6 p.m. Oct. 27, \$3. Snacks, prizes.

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.
Lunch specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 15, 22 and 29. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. Different menu each week.

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

Oktoberfest — 5 p.m. Oct. 25. German food, beer specials. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

Halloween party — 5 p.m. Oct. 31. Food, drink specials, costume contest, karaoke. Free for members, nonmembers \$3.

Youth center

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

Basketball clinic — accepting registrations, ages 6 and older. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers.

Classes and programs — ages 13 and older. For more information, call 377-3349.

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

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

Flag football league — accepting registrations for ages 6-12. \$30 members, \$35 non members. Season starts in November. Parents needed to volunteer as coaches.

TRAIL — Training responsible adolescents in leadership, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, ages 13-17. Plan games, trips, activities and more.

Teen career expo — 6 p.m. Oct. 29. Businesses and individuals showcase their expertise with teen opportunities. Food, games, giveaways.

Art club — 4:30 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older. Learn about arts and complete a project.

Sewing club — 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9 and older. Learn basic hand stitch.

Friday night frenzy — 6:30-10 p.m. ages 13-17. Games, skating, music, snacks. \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Super Saturdays — 1-6 p.m. ages 6-12. Assorted activities.

Classes — register for martial arts, gymnastics, ballet, tap and jazz.

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, towellettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — to place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free

brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — noon 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. Oct. 15-17, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 10-12, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To preregister or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. today, 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 organizational meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.

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

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

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; 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 Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

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

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Room 121, 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.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., War (R, 91 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Invasion (PG-13, 99 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Superbad (R, 114 minutes).

Sunday — 12:30 p.m., Illegal Tender (R, 108 minutes).

Combined Federal Campaign

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Maj. Clinton Anderson, 377-6161.

81st Dental Squadron — Capt. Caroline Rhodes, 377-4570.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — 2nd Lt. Sara Wallace, 376-3328.

81st Medical Group — Master Sgt. David Muns, 376-5608, and 1st Lt. Connie Burnett, 376-3471.

81st MDG staff — Staff Sgt. Jeanette Marshall, 376-4347.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Master Sgt. David Boggs, 376-0471; Staff Sgt. Zarai Alvarez-Costeno, 376-5055; Airman 1st Class Amanda Burt, 376-4476.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Maj. Sam Silverthorne, 376-4512, and Staff Sgt. William Smithko, 376-4744.

81st Mission Support Group — Master Sgt. Rod East, 424-8275 or 376-6600.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Capt. Rebecca Thevenot, 376-6030.

81st Training Group — Senior Master Sgts. Colin O'Neill, 377-3494, and Nicholas Slater, 377-3051.

81st Training Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Craig Hawthorne, 377-7769; Carol Grisby, 377-2301; Master Sgt. Darryl Jackson, 377-5364; Tech. Sgts. Leslie Hochmeister, 377-0154, Shuntesia DuPree, 377-3671, Jason Cartwright, 377-0292, and Jeff Dean, 377-5080; Staff Sgt. Kira Thomas, 377-5180; Senior Airmen Roslyn Ball, 377-0403, and Aaron Eden, 377-1907.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — 2nd Lts. Nicholas Plante, 377-3163, and Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638; Staff Sgts. Bryan Valles, 377-4330, and Kimberly King, 377-7403; Tech. Sgts. Kista Quick, 377-7031, Melissa Mitchell-Cropper, 377-2759, and Jennifer Disch, 377-8929; Senior Airmen Charles White, 377-2530, and Michelle Clark, 377-3305.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Sandra LaBiche, 377-5087; Kenneth Grasle, 377-5049; Birch Rypka, 377-1607; Kenneth Parker, 377-6532.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgt. Troy Edwards, 377-1919; 1st Lt. Robert Patt, 377-2117; Pearl Webb, 377-0183; Petty Officer 1st Class Rhonda Combs, 377-4260; Senior Airman Katherine Virol, 377-5973.

334th TRS — Master Sgts. Jae Ewing, 377-0370, and Roderick Fernandez, 377-0322; Tech. Sgts. Alucia Davis, 377-5027, Jonas Paterno, 377-1377, and Michael May, 377-3275; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Potter, 377-2246, and Tiequanda Hayes, 377-1402; Airman 1st Class Staci Busse, 377-2990; Airman 1st Class Shelley Rechelulk, 377-2990.

335th TRS — Master Sgts. Rolando Espino, 377-2909, and Jeffrey Bloom, 377-7337; Tech. Sgts. David Rife, 377-7679, Scott Maier, 377-0346, and Asha Gray, 377-0244; Staff Sgts. Malcolm Summers, 377-3752, Barney Roberts, 377-0246, and Jeannine Wilson, 377-7672.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Josef Albert, 377-5263, Latonya Sarrett, 377-5241, and Robert Cowan, 377-5269; Master Sgt. Rudy Frescas, 377-2142; Staff Sgts. Andrew Reynolds, 377-4782, Donald McNair, 377-5264, and Jenira Boykin, 377-5745; Airman 1st Class Audrey Burns, 377-9020; Betty Johnson, 377-4310; Grace Elliott, 377-3206.

338th TRS — Master Sgts. Eric Crawford, 377-4607, and Robert Rodriguez, 377-7431; Staff Sgts. Christopher Stokes, 377-5877, and Seth Wilson, 377-4498.