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Dragons deployed
— 141

# **Precious cargo**

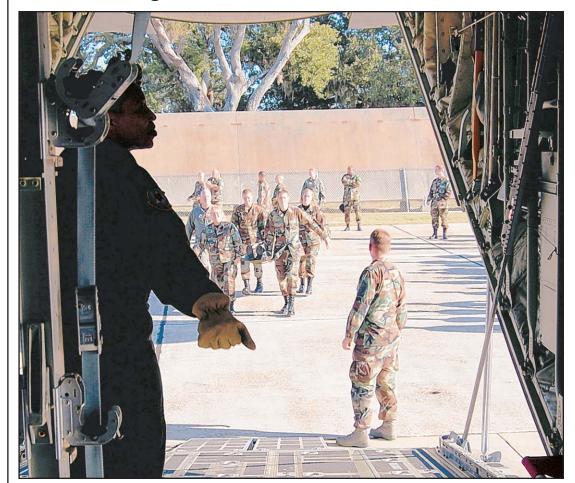


Photo by Steve Pivnick

Tech. Sgt. Sheronne Bunn, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, directs loading of patients onto a C-130 during the 81st Medical Group's training exercise Nov. 8. The exercise simulated air evacuation of patients in the event Keesler Medical Center became uninhabitable. Story, more photos, Page 4.

# Keesler employing 'balanced scorecard'

By Susan Griggs

**Keesler News staff** 

Who's keeping score?

When it comes to identifying and addressing challenges and issues that affect the Air Force mission, the "balanced scorecard" is being used to track progress from Keesler to Air Staff.

The widely-used approach to strategic management gives organizations a clearer look at what they do, how they do it and what benefits are realized. The system establishes and communicates an organization's mission, vision and strategy to customers, stakeholders and employees, while aligning daily operations to the strategy.

Accepted by many major corporations and smaller companies, the approach has been modified to suit the

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# This week in the Triangle

Financial management, comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Allee Hall
Information management, 10 a.m. today and Wednesday, Thomson Hall
Network infrastructure, 10 a.m. today and Friday, Bryan Hall
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Friday and Wednesday, weather training complex
Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jones Hall
Ground radio systems, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall
Aerospace control and warning systems, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall



October honor flight

### Student numbers

Total students — 3,154 Non-prior service — 2,058 Temporary duty — 921 Joint service — 120 Combat controllers — 23 Medical — 32 Non-prior service arrivals — 141 Guard, Reserve— 732 International — 39 FY08 graduates — 2,061 Total since 1942 — 2,267,256

# COMMENTARY

# Now's time to reinvigorate awareness of safety issues

By Maj. Gen. Mike Gould

#### **Second Air Force commander**

Please accept my thanks for another tremendous fiscal year in executing the 2nd Air Force mission of "Producing the besttrained, combat-ready Airmen."

Your extraordinary efforts resulted in the production of more than 119,000 technical training graduates and 29,000 new Airmen from basic military training. The technical training pipeline continues to surge despite manning challenges and a current deployment of 995 Airmen from 2nd Air Force.

We accomplish the mission with a keen focus on safety and risk management, but trends indicate now is the time to reinvigorate our safety awareness.

We experienced one vehicle mishap fatality in 2nd Air Force during the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign. Across our Air Force, we lost a total of 19 members during the campaign after losing 18 members during the summer 2006 campaign. For the fiscal year, we experienced seven mishap fatalities — six vehicular — in 2nd Air Force and lost an additional three Airmen who committed suicide. Overall in our Air Force, we experienced 70 on- and off-duty mishap fatalities — 49 vehicular — closely matching an average of 68 fatalities over the last 10 years.

I know that's a lot of data to process, but it simply shows that despite a lot of great effort

from unit leaders, we're still experiencing too many preventable mishaps.

I ask 2nd Air Force leaders at all levels to take advantage of the upcoming Wingman Day to brainstorm innovative risk management, mishap prevention and wingman culture ideas that reach our Airmen, both young and

As we debrief these tragic mishaps, the common triggers continue to include alcohol abuse and lack of a wingman plan. As we strive to achieve the goal of zero mishaps, it requires the recognition of every Airman that each of us is a valuable resource and in every circumstance, there must always be "Airmen taking care of Airmen."

Finally, please openly discuss the many holiday season stresses on our people. Alcohol use, relationship problems and financial distress cause enormous stress on our Airmen, and the holidays often aggravate the given situation. Know and care for your Airmen and Air Force civilians, and aggressively provide the support they need as the warning signs become known. Let's establish the goal of zero vehicle mishap fatalities and zero suicides from Wingman Day through the end of the fiscal year.

Thanks for all you do and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you continue to do great things for our Air Force and nation for many years to come.

# WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN? THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ... IF YOU NEED A WINGMAN THE BASE CHAPLAIN. THE LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS, AND THE PEOPLE AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) ARE READY TO HELP. ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY

# ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

### By Col. Greg Touhill

### 81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. 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 personal responses, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest

### **Base locator** — 377-2890 **Base operator** — 377-1110 Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430 Career assistance adviser — Central medical appointments - 1-800-700-8603 Child development center — Civil engineering — 377-5561 Civilian personnel — 377-2268 Military personnel flight -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

Legal assistance — 377-3510

**Library** — 377-2181

Inspector general — 377-3010

Lodging (reservations) — 377-

Comment — I'm happy to say that my recent same-day surgery at Keesler Medical Center was an outstanding experience from start to finish.

Everyone was truly concerned with my well-being. I received treatment that went above and beyond before, during and after the procedure.

This retired first sergeant is sincerely thankful to the entire medical staff for a job so well done. **Response** — Thanks for taking the time to acknowledge

Keesler is extremely fortunate to have such a world-class group serving the medical needs of our people.

our highly-capable, caring and professional medical staff.



### **Colonel Touhill**

### may appear in this column.

For your convenience, here are Some key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Medical center information — 377-6550

Military equal opportunity — 377-2759

**Military pay** — 377-7272 Pass and registration — 377-

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-

Shoppette, Class Six — 432-

**Telephone trouble** — 377-2130 Traffic management (out-

**bound**) — 377-2446 Traffic management (inbound)

- 377-7813

Visitor center — 377-2595

**Youth center** — 377-4116

**Outstanding experience** 

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

Personnel Accountability Team 1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center 1-800-435-9941

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

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

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

http://www.msema.org

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

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

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



Could your work center run more efficiently?

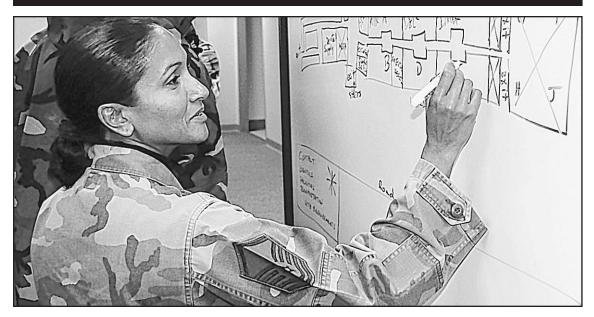
Is time being wasted where you work?

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,
377-0123.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



**Photos by Steve Pivnick** 

Master Sgt. Lisa Ware, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, marks a diagram to determine patient flow in the dental clinic, the new 81st Medical Group alternate medical facility. After being used in a real-word situation following Hurricane Katrina, the clinic proved to be a more suitable site than Vandenberg Community Center, the previous location. Team chiefs decided patient placement while awaiting final movement to the flight line for medical evacuation.

# Medics test 3 exercise objectives

By Steve Pivnick

**81st Medical Group Public Affairs** 

The 81st Medical Group had three objectives for its three-hour training exercise Nov. 8.

"First, it exercised our alternate facility capacity," said Col. (Dr.) Michael Johnson, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander and 81st MDG exercise evaluation team chief. "The medical group needs to be able to quickly move to an alternate facility and set up minimal operations for medical support of the base should our main facility become uninhabitable. Concurrently, we'd have to divest ourselves of any inpatients, as the alternate facility would only be capable of supporting inpatients for a very short time.

"Essentially, the alternate facility would be a temporary holding location for a few hours at the most for any inpatients that could not be moved into a civilian facility as they awaited medical evacuation," he pointed out.

The second requirement was to practice patient dispersion.

"As we moved inpatients out of the main facility, we simulated air evacuation," Colonel Johnson explained. "The 403rd Wing permitted use of a C-130 that was parked and configured for aeroevacuation."

Ambulances transferred simulated patients from the medical center to the alternate facility, then to the aircraft where medical personnel trained on loading and unloading the aircraft.



Tech. Sgt. Kelly Randolph, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, secures a litter into a litter stanchion on the C-130.

The third requirement covered exercising the nutritional medicine annex of the medical contingency response plan. EET inputs drove nutritional medicine activities.

Other details accomplished during the exercise included patient transfer paperwork, global patient movement requirements center notification, logistics, manpower, transportation, critical care air transport team and aeromedical staging flight functions.

# **Hands-on training**



**Photo by Steve Pivnick** 

Pharmacist Ed Mullins, left, assists pharmacy school student Kim Pham in the inpatient pharmacy at Keesler Medical Center. Ms. Pham, a student at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, is in a six-week clinical rotation in the pharmacy department as part of an arrangement with the university. She's the first Mississippi pharmacy student to train at Keesler since Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, according to Mr. Mullins. This training had been offered at the medical center for several years prior to the storm.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### **Parade**

A student parade is 6 p.m. today on the parade field.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245.

### **MGCCC** winter term

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center's winter term is Monday through Feb. 22.

Web registration for current students and registration by appointment are under way.

For more information, call 377-2287.

## **HAZMAT** training

The next hazardous waste

management training is 8-11 a.m. Nov. 29 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

For more information, call Thomas Minton, hazardous waste manager, 377-3004.

# **USM spring term**

The University of Southern Mississippi Keesler Center's spring semester starts Jan. 14.

Undergraduate degree programs in psychology, American studies and technical occupational education and classes in administration of justice and computer science are offered.

For more information, call Jennifer Williams, 377-2309; visit Room 208, Hangar 2, or

visithttp://www.usmedu/gulfcoast/military/index.ph.

### Officer training

Officer Training School applicants are considered if they have technical degrees or experience in technical Air Force Specialty Codes.

Bring completed applications to the education office at least 10 days before the due date to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and after review by squadron commanders.

Applicants should read Air Force Instruction 36-2013 and attend a scheduled commissioning briefing, 9 a.m. the first working Friday of the month in the education office.

### **Enlisted-to-AFIT**

**Air Force Print News** 

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Institute of Technology offers noncommissioned officers a chance to earn an advanced science, engineering or management degree.

These onsite AFIT programs are available at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information, visit https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/ or e-mail robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil.

### Officer records

For officers to update their

academic records, the Air Force Institute of Technology requires an official transcript sent to this address:

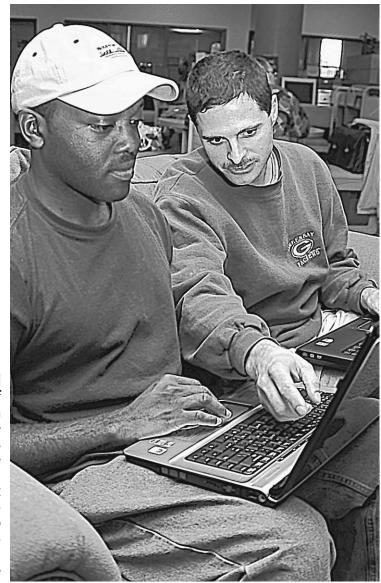
AFIT/RRE, 2950 P St., Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

### **CCAF** online

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

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

# **News and Features**



# Laptop 'hot spot'

Senior Airman Reginald Cainion, left, and Staff Sgt. James Platten, 338th Training Squadron, take advantage of the wireless communication upgrade at McBride Library Nov. 8. The library is now a "hot spot" for laptop computers equipped with a chip for wireless communication.

**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

# 'Letter to Airmen' targets leadership

**By Janie Santos** 

Air Force News Agency

SAN ANTONIO — In the latest Letter to Airmen, the secretary of the Air Force focuses on how Air Force people and the exchange of ideas are integral to the goals he laid out earlier this year.

"Whether deploying in combat or executing day-to-day missions, Airmen must understand how each decision they make or task they complete ties into our Air Force goals," Secretary Michael Wynne said.

The secretary said when leaders communicate the Air Force goals to their people, Airmen are enabled with the knowledge to perform their tasks.

"This mission-oriented open dialogue fosters increased satisfaction and meaning when Airmen understand the value and relation of their efforts towards the greater Air Force mission," Secretary Wynne said.

Secretary Wynne's Letter to Airmen along with other senior leader viewpoints are found in the Library section of Air Force Link.



**Secretary Wynne** 

# In the News

# Helicopter crash claims 4 Airmen

**Air Force Print News** 

AVIANO Air Base, Italy — A memorial service is held today at Aviano Air Base, Italy, for four Airmen killed when an Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed Nov. 8.

Staff Sgts. Robert Rogers and Mark Spence and Senior Airman Kenneth Hauprich Jr., assigned to the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, were killed. The fourth Airman's name is being withheld at his family's request.

Sergeants Rogers, 27, and Spence, 24, were avionic sensors team leaders and Airman Hauprich, 22, was an avionic sensors team member.

The accident, 22 miles southwest of Aviano, injured three Airmen who remain hospitalized — Tech. Sgt. Tanisha Pryor and Senior Airmen Michael Costley and Joshua Hanak.

The accident remains under investigation.

# Nov. 23 is 'family day'

Nov. 23 is an Air Education and Training Command "family day."

The day off applies to military members only.

Civilian employees who normally work Fridays must take leave to get the day off.

# Unit tax representatives needed

Requests have been sent out for volunteer individual tax assistors in preparation for the upcoming income tax filing season.

The legal office tries to have at least one VITA representative in each unit and several in large units. VITA representatives have the tax program loaded on the computer at his duty location and prepares returns during the duty day.

A tax office opens in 2008 in Room 229, Sablich Center, which is manned by a manager and volunteers.

For more information, call Dick Brock, 377-3510.

# Bikers raise money for relief fund

Nearly \$3,000 was raised for the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund by the Mississippi Chapter of the Armed Forces Motorcycle Club Saturday.

The event began and ended at The Phoenix, 4307 Dedeaux Road, Gulfport. Participants paid \$15 per rider and \$5 per passenger.

# **Early Keesler News deadline**

The deadline for submissions to the Nov. 21 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving Day federal holiday Nov. 22.

The Thanksgiving Day issue is published one day earlier than usual because the holiday falls on a Thursday.

The newspaper office is closed Nov. 22-23.

# **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.

# Scorecard,

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needs of government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

"The balanced scorecard is a plan to translate strategy into action," explained Lt. Col. Mack Breeland, 81st Training Wing plans and pro-



grams chief.

The balanced scorecard method requires organizations to concentrate on several perspectives to "balance out" overemphasis on any one aspect of performance. For example, some companies focus only on financial success, with counterproductive impacts on employee morale and customer service.

Nearly five years ago, the Defense Department adopted balanced scorecard as part of its effort to establish performance outcomes and track the results. Gen. William Looney, commander of Air Education and Training Command, began implementation throughout AETC more than two years ago after first-hand experience with the process at Air Force Materiel Command.

Almost 14 months ago, Keesler was designated the test base for 2nd Air Force and one of two AETC bases tasked to develop a balanced scorecard initiative. AETC and 2nd Air Force strategy maps were "cascaded" to Keesler to dis-

play 18 objectives divided into three main perspectives — mission impact (customer expectations), operational drivers (internal processes), and develop and support our people (learning and growth).

Keesler's responsibility was to come up with its own strategy map and establish measures worksheets to guide its creation. Each Keesler objective was assigned to a group-level "objective champion," or expert, responsible for developing the measures for tracking successful implementation.

"Measures is a different name for metrics," Colonel Breeland remarked. "Keesler is a training wing with a training mission, so a lot of our metrics are related to technical training. Other measures involve information that's tracked Air Force-wide. It's a way to gather a lot of information with a great deal of flexibility."

Colonel Breeland and Master Sgt. Debra Wright track about 100 different metrics, ranging from post-Katrina recovery to performance reports and decorations to the number of monthly family activities on base. Sergeant Wright is the base's program manager for balanced scorecard and Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

Some of these measures are tracked on a weekly basis, like the student numbers that run on the front page of the Keesler News.

"Some measures remain local, but others go up to major command or Air Force level," the colonel pointed

Measures are collected every month, and wing leadership is briefed every other month.

"Balanced scorecard continually assesses measures and targets, and develops strategic initiatives to close performance gaps," Sergeant Wright said. "We can use AFSO21 methodologies to close those gaps."

AFSO21 is another initia-

tive which borrows some of the best business principles from the corporate world and applies them to Air Force organization, structure and processes. Its primary goal is to eliminate waste of time, manpower and money.

One key to balanced scorecard success is maintaining two-way communication, not just a top-down flow from senior leadership.

In a recent commentary, General Looney said, "If wings are reluctant to highlight issues that block mission accomplishment, we at the headquarters will never be able to remove these obstacles or reassess performance goals ... good ideas that increase productivity or eliminate inefficiencies will never see the light of day."

Sergeant Wright stressed that "anybody can make a process better, not just the people in charge. Keesler's strategy map, objectives, measures and action plans are parts of an ongoing process that will continue to mature

# Personnel Notes

# Promotion lists go online

**Air Force Print News** 

WASHINGTON — Beginning with the November 2007 chief master sergeant promotion announcement, Airmen are able to access the results of their promotion consideration on their own from anywhere in the world.

Through the new virtual enlisted promotion release system, promotion lists are posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site on the public release date for all Airmen to view.

The goal of virtual promotion release is to improve notification procedures and customer service, better safeguard promotion lists, and save money and manpower.

Under the current system, deployed commanders and personnel support for contingency operations teams must identify those selected and assigned to their locations and try to ensure appropriate notification by the home station commanders.

While the goal is 100 percent notification of all selected on the public release date and time, some Airmen still don't learn of their status until after the fact. The virtual promotion release improves on-time notification and eliminate unnecessary work at deployed locations.

# Civilian retirement seminars

Three one-day civilian employee retirement planning seminars are scheduled this month,

**Federal Employees Retirement System employees** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 27 and 28.

**Civil Services Retirement System employees** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 29.

All three seminars are in Room 5, NCO Academy, Building 2901.

Deborah Hatch, Federal Benefits Services, LLC., conducts the seminars, which are intended for employees planning to retire within three to five years who've not previously participated.

Reservations are required because space is limited to 50 peiple. Those who don't make reservations are considered on a space-available basis the day of the seminar.

To register by today's deadline, first obtain your supervisor's approval, then e-mail Cecilia Schefsky, cecilia.schefsky@keesler. af.mil.

Spouses may attend and aren't counted against the 50-person limit.

# AFPC Web site on Air Force Link

**Air Force Personnel Center** 

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center's new public Web site, http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, is now part of Air Force Link,.

The public site features AFPC mission information of interest to the general public, along with information on civilian employment, personnel records requests, Worldwide Locator Service, Air Force Casualty Services and more.

Air Force members seeking detailed personnel information should update their Web browsers to http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil where such information is available for military personnel and Defense Department civilians.

People seeking additional personnel-related information find contact information for the Air Force Contact Center, a 24-hour, 365-day per year call center staffed by personnel professionals.

# 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.

# Smoke detectors — maximizing protection

Every day of the year, home smoke detectors save lives by warning people of a fire while they still have time to escape.

Here's how you can get the most protection from smoke detectors:

**Minimal protection** requires a smoke detector outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Make the best use of the time smoke detectors give for an escape by having a plan. At least once a month, perform an evacuation drill.

Test smoke detectors once a month and change batteries once a year. One-quarter of the smoke detectors in homes today aren't working because the batteries are dead or missing.

**Smoke detectors** don't last forever. Replace them every 10 years.

**Smoke detectors** can sometimes be set off by vapors from cooking or steam. Move them away from the kitchen or bathroom, and clean them according to the



manufacturer's specifications. If they still give off false alarms, replace them.

Install smoke detectors properly according to the manufacturer's specifications. Because smoke rises, mount detectors high: on a wall 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling or on the ceiling at least 4 inches from the nearest wall. In rooms with pitched ceilings, mount on or near the highest point.

# **D**RAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. David Warren

**Unit** — 81st Mission Support Group

**Position** — noncommissioned officer in charge of the honor guard

**Time in Air Force** — 17 years

**Time at Keesler** — four years

Noteworthy — completed tour as military training leader; now inspiring Airmen to represent the Air Force through honoring those who served before us.

**Hometown** — D'Lo, Miss.

Why did you join the Air Force? to travel, meet people and get the best out of what life has to offer.

What are your short- and long-term goals? short term, to make the honor guard a duty every Airman will seek to experience; long term, to own my own construction company when I retire from the Air Force.



**Photo by Kemberly Groue** 

What's your favorite quote? "Always do everything you ask of those you command." — General George Patton What are your hobbies? I'm a sportsman. I enjoy hunting, camping and traveling.

# New system enhances land mobile radio use

#### 81st Communications Squadron

Removal and replacement of Keesler's land mobile radio combiner system is providing flexibility to accommodate the most challenging communication plans, as well as the capacity for future expansion.

According to Master Sgt. Isaac Brown, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 81st Communications Squadron's personal wireless communications work center, the \$250,000 system improves effective LMR communications while reducing the number of required antennas from 36 to six.

"The new combiner system project was needed to meet a National Telecommunications and Information Administration mandate to convert all government-used frequencies to a narrowband channeling plan," Sergeant Brown explained. "This channeling plan was created to improve a very congested VHF frequency band for radio communications. NTIA's channeling plan affected more than 75



percent of Keesler's LMR frequency authorizations."

The combiner system upgrade also improved communications for several Keesler units, including the 81st

Medical Group, 81st Transportation Squadron and base operations. The project also integrated the 403rd Wing into the 81st Training Wing's LMR networks.

If users are having any problems with their handheld radios, it's possible they may not have been reprogrammed for use with the new combiner system.

Sergeant Brown, standing, programs the repeater while Tech. Sgt. Michael Moffatt changes the software on the newly-installed LMR combiner system. Photo by Kemberly Groue

For assistance, call your unit LMR custodian or the personal wireless communications work center, 377-4144.

# **Record time**



**Photo by Steve Pivnick** 

Airman 1st Class Gusmary Cueva, a health services administrator with the 81st Medical Support Squadron, prepares to pull medical records in the new outpatient medical records section Nov. 5. The outpatient medical records staff spent the preceding three-day weekend moving about 100,000 records from the Don Wylie Auditorium to their permanent location on the first floor, opposite the elevators on the corridor leading from Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance. The records had been in the auditorium since Hurricane Katrina when 81st Medical Group personnel formed a human chain to save them from the rising storm surge. No records were lost due to the storm. The department is open 7 a.m to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.

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# HOLIDAY Notes

# **Hosting Airmen**

Home Away From Home brings together families from the Keesler community with the nonprior service Airmen for Thanksgiving Day.

Host sign-up forms are available and can be turned in at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility and the Triangle and Larcher chapels. Families may also register by e-mail or phone, jeremy.gorline@keesler.af.mi 1 or 377-8256 or 2331.

Student sign-up forms are available in the Fishbowl.

### Thanksgiving meal

Commanders, chief master sergeants and first sergeants assist in serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal at the dining facilities.

The meal is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at Live Oak and Magnolia.

To sign up or for more information, call the food service office, 377-2200, or Glenn Jones, food service officer, 377-2946.

# **Mailing deadlines**

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Mail to deployed service members going first class must be sent by Dec. 10 to arrive by Dec. 25, according to the Military Postal Service Agency.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers "Gifts from the Homefront," gift certificates that can be redeemed.

"Gifts from the Homefront" can be sent to deployed troops by going to http://www.aafes. org or calling 1-877-770-4438.

# **Toys for Tots**

The annual Toys for Tots campaign continues through Dec. 18.

Donated new, unwrapped toys are given to needy children on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information or to volunteer to assist with the campaign, call Cheryl Moore, 81st Communications Squadron, 377-3900.

# **Keesler Notes**

### Advocate training

Victim advocate training is Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 5-6.

Times and locations may vary, according to sexual assault prevention and response officials.

For more information, call 377-8635.

### **Services hours**

For hours of operation of 81st Services Division facilities, go to http://www.keesler services.us.

### **Public affairs moves**

The public affairs office is in Room 201-A, Wall Studio.

Phone numbers are unchanged.

### **Lactation services**

Lactation services are available at Keesler Medical Center.

Included are prenatal teaching, breast-feeding education, breast-feeding assistance following discharge from the medical center, care for infants with special needs and breast care for non-breast-feeding mothers.

For additional information, call Brenda Valdez, the lactation consultant, 376-3121.

# **Supply visits**

Supply customer liaison visits units for feedback on support.

To schedule visits, call Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail

kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil.

# **Fingerprinting process**

The 81st Security Forces Squadron no longer accepts walk-ins for fingerprints.

For appointments, call 377-4660 or 5404.

### **Cycle courses**

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

# Data disposal

For appointments to shred personal data, call the records management office, 377-2571.

### **DRMO** withdrawals

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawals for organizational requirements must be for assets normally authorized for requesting organizations and specific customer requirements.

For audit purposes, base activities other than nonappropriated fund activities must request all property in DRMO through the retail supply activity.

## **DAPS** services

For information on document automation and production services, call 377-4057.

### **Multimedia services**

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

### Vehicle decals

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

People may remove and destroy the decals 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.

### **Historical items**

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

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

# Keesler helps AETC run to marathon victory

Air Force Materiel Command and Keesler News staff

Keesler runners helped Air Education and Training Command win the first Air Force Marathon Major Command Challenge Commander's Trophy.

"I am very proud of the men and women of AETC, and hope to improve upon our performance and participation for next year," said Gen. William Looney, AETC commander.

The MAJCOM Challenge is a service-wide competition initiated at the 11th annual Air Force Marathon, Sept. 15 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The competition was formed to serve as incentive for MAJCOM leaders to encourage participation in this nationally-recognized fitness event, said Molly Louden, marathon director. The challenge is open to active-duty and activated Air Guard and Reserve service members.

The competition is based on a point system which factors in both participation and performance in both the full- and half-marathon events and determines which major command in the Air Force has the best long-distance runners, Louden said.

All 10 of the service's major commands partici-

pated in the MAJCOM Challenge, with 438 service members completing the full-marathon and 462 completing the half-marathon — 900 runners total, or 17,527.8 miles run or walked.

Fifteen of AETC's 165 runners were from Keesler.

**Jennifer Lepper,** 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, ran on the third-place women's relay team representing the command.

**The Keesler Dragons** — Nick Plante, public affairs; Nick Vanni, 81st Security Forces Squadron; and Sheronne Bunn and Zach Wallick, 81st Medical Operations Squadron — placed third in the coed relay.

**A 336th Training Squadron team** — Melinda Fletcher, David Hughes, Larry Bright and Jennifer Koehler — was 96th in the coed relay.

Another team — Karla Proper, Robert Randall and Annette Owens, 336th TRS, and Annette's husband, Terry, 81st Training Support Squadron — was fifth in the masters category for runners over age 40.

**Nick Slater,** 81st TRSS, placed 11th in his age groupe, and Jennifer Plante, wife of Keesler Dragons runner Nick, placed fifth in her age group and 27th overall in the women's category.

The trophy continues to be awarded annually to the commander of the winning major command, Louden said.

The 12th annual Air Force Marathon is scheduled for Sept. 20. The full- and half-marathon races begin and end at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, in Dayton, Ohio. New to the 2008 marathon is the addition of a 10-kilometer race, which also starts and finishes on the museum grounds.

The course takes runners through historical sites on Wright-Patterson, such as Huffman Prairie, where the founding fathers of modern-day flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright, first learned to fly. The course was recertified this year, and now incorporates the streets of neighboring downtown Fairborn, Ohio, and Wright State University, enabling the public better access to the course to cheer on racers.

For more on the Air Force Marathon, go to http://www.usafmarathon.com.

Kathleen Lopez, Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs; Capt. Matthew Dolan, AFMC aide-de-camp to the commander; and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

# Scores and More

### **Basketball**

### Varsity home schedule

Editor's note: Home games played at Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call coaches Jesse Harris (men), 228-257-7756 or 376-3398, or Richard Vincent (women), 228-343-9951.

**Saturday** — Moody AFB, Ga., women 2 p.m., men 4 p.m.

**Dec. 8** — Ft. Benning, Ga., women 2 p.m., men 6 p.m.

**Jan.** 5 — Eglin AFB, Fla., women 2 p.m., men 4 p.m.

**Feb. 9** — Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla., men only, noon.

# **Bowling**

### **League standings**

# Monday Budweiser (as of Oct. 29)

(as of Oct. 2)		
Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	34	15
3 Steps Forward	33	16
Old Skool	32	17
Slater's Shooters	30	19
Wayne's World	30	19
Gannon's Cannons	28.5	20.5
Our Gang	28	21
<b>Endangered Species</b>	27.5	21.5
Man On	26	23
Hoops Gang	26	23
Team 3	23	26
Unpredictables	23	26
Team 2	18	31
Pin Heads	18	31
Ghost Riders	17	32
B-Busters	16	26
The Corner Pins	13	29
Martini's	11	38

# Wednesday Mixed (as of Oct. 31)

Team	Won	Los
Oceans Eleven	47	16
Clyde's Team	45	18
Jokers Wild	37	19
Hang Chucky	39	24
Ichiban	35	28
70s Plus	33	30
2 Old 2 Bowl	32	31

3DR	31	32
MUDD	28	35
Misfits	26	37
Neighbors + 1	23	33
Team 13	22	41
Lucky Strikes	17	39
Team 14	0	0

# Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Nov. 1)

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	40.5	22.5
Team 1	38.5	24.5
2 Bees & a D	38	25
Freda's Kids	37	26
Team 16	37	26
<b>Dummys Dummies</b>	36	27
Team 5	34.5	28.5
Delema	34.5	28.5
The Very Best	33	30
Team 2	31.5	31.5
Team 12	31	32
Team 15	29	34
Guys and Dolls	26	37
Friends	26	37
Amy's Bunch	26	37
Full Speed	24	39
Team 13	23	40
Barb's Boys	21.5	41.5

# Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Oct. 25)

(as of Oct. 25)		
Team	Won	Los
Team 3	46	10
85th EIS	42	14
332nd TRS	40	16
Team 4	36	20
Team 14	32	24
81st MSS	32	24
GCCS Squad	30	26
81st TRSS	30	26
403rd Rolling Thunder	30	26
Team 5	28	28
Team 10	22	34
403rd MXS	22	34
Misfits	20	36
81st CPTS	20	36
338th TRS	16	40
Ghosts	2	54
Friday Mixed		

# Friday Mixe

(as of Nov. 2)		
Team	Won	Lost
Lady and the Tramps	43	20
Team 10	41	22

Team 3	41	22
Pin Busters	39	24
Sandbaggers	28	35
Harry's Team	27	36
3 Guys and A Babe	26	37
Pin Pals	23	40
Dreamers	23	40
Jax Hax	19	44

### Other

**Logo apparel** — wear your college logo clothing on Saturdays and get \$1 off shoe rental. Wear Mississippi Sea Wolves apparel anytime and get \$1 off shoe rental.

**League event** — turkey shoot through Friday and Monday. \$2 per entry during league play only. One entry covers all three games.

Holiday youth special — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth 17 and younger bowl for 50 cents a game.

**Open play on league nights** — first come, first served. For lane availability, call 377-2817.

Children's birthday party package — available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1:30-3 p.m., or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Includes bowling and food package. Call for more information.

**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.

**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.

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

### **Fitness centers**

**Push/pull contest** — Friday. Weigh in at noon, start at 1 p.m. Push is bench press, pull is deadlift. Weight classes for men and women. Today's the deadline to egister at Triangle Fitness Center.

Walk your way through the holidays — record your daily steps Nov. 22-Jan 1. Register and pick up a free pedometer and log book, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Nov. 15 at Dragon Fitness Center or health and wellness center. Turn in log books Jan. 2-3. Medal ceremony and 1-mile walk, 11 a.m. Jan. 10, Crotwell Track.

**Fitness classes** — step aerobics, turbo-core, cycle/spin, slo-robics, boxing workout and new fencing class. 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. For massage appointments, call 263-5515. For more information, call 377-3056.

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondaysworking Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

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

### Golf

**Course open** — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times call 377-3832.

**Pro shop** — Open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Limited merchandise available.

**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**

Free turkey throwing contest

— noon Saturday. Longest throw

wins a Thanksgiving turkey.

November fish of the month — weigh in the largest crappie for the month and win \$250 savings bond.

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

**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. \$60 fee 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.

**Resale area** — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, Mississippi hunting and fishing licens-

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

### **Paintball**

**Paintball course** — open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays for recreational play. Group play by reservation only, compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays. For more information, call 377-3160.

# Running

Great American Smokeout "Run Your Butts Off" 5K fun run/walk — 7 a.m. today, health and wellness center; sign up 6-7 a.m. Gatorade, water and fruit provided; prizes to top finishers.

# **DIGEST**

# **Honors**

# Quarterly awards, July-September

#### 81st Training Group

**Airman** — Senior Airman David West, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Christopher Solomon, 81st Operations Support Flight.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Rolando Espino, 335th Training Squadron.

Company grade officer — Capt. Pamela Defazio, 335th TRS. Field grade officer — Maj. Leo Lawson Jr., 333rd TRS. Category 1 civilian — Bruce Bollacker, 81st Transportation

Squadron.

Category 2 civilian — Susie Cagle, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Category 1 civilian supervisor — David Weekley, 81st Supply Squadron.

Category 2 civilian supervisor — William Geary, 81st Contracting Squadron.

**Honor guard** — Airman 1st Class Candice Cimball, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

**Angel award** — William Cherne II, 2nd Air Force.

Airman Against Drunk Driving — Tech. Sgt. Glen Rathke, 81st TRANS

### Student honor roll

### 332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Eric Blakstad, Derek Case, Henry Chavez, Robert Consoletti, Trayse Cook, Dijon Cousins, Raul Dakins, Parker Feldmann, Joseph Galindo, Tim Gordon, Danielle Hansbury, Brandon Harry, Toby Harter, Kyle Harty, Crispin Hasley, Jennifer Hilsgen, Michael House, Cody Keitzman, Billy Kessell, Eric Kniffen, Jessica Koronich, Thomas Lenza, Nichkolas Lesley, David Martindale, Zachary McCann, Mark McClure, Daniel Meek, Adam Meyer, Arecenio Muniz, Aaron Munro, Jordan Myers, Joey Navarro, Milo Nunez, Paul Ohnemus, Benjamin Pecarina, Brandi Phillips, Dominic Reid, Daniel Reza, Lucas Rider, Noel Rivera, Andrew Roesler, Joel Rojas, Krystal Spangberg, Clinton Stanford, Sean Toomey, Dustin Trent, Justin Vest, Ashton VonBergen, Matthew Wade, Jordon Weaver, Donald Weber, Tyler Weese, Matthew Weigt, John Whisenant, James Willis and Nicholas Youmans; Airmen Drew Bellah, Katrina Christian, Charles Cox, Damon Daniels, Paul Farnum, Shawn Hastings, Justin Houghton, Melissa Knox, Troy Lemons, David Lipps, Aldridge Maurer, Erin Miller, Robert Momsen, Jorge Morales, Michael Nyman, Earl Paul, Brian Stephenson, Shane Swiatlowski, Michael

# **CHAPEL SERVICES**

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

### **Protestant**

Sunday					
Larcher	Chapel	traditional	service	8:30	a.m.
Triangle	Chapel	contempora	ary worship	service10:30	a.m.
Triangle	Chapel	gospel ser	vice	1	Noon
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### **Roman Catholic**

Sunday Mass	
Triangle Chapel	a.m.
Weekday Mass	
Medical Čenter chapel11:15	5 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.

Taylor and Michael White; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Baker, Michael Barber, Casey Benner, Gerell Bogle, Jamar Fowler, Jeanine Gilmore, Stephen Glosser, Chad Hirsch, Andrew Husk, Benjamin Lawlor, Nolan Mortensen, Tin Nguyen, Ian Norburg, Marvic Sibal, William Stanford, Jason Rogers, Barry Veale, Daniel Wass, Kristin Wellman and Joba Williams; Senior Airmen John Barnes, Gerald Brown, Clinton Carr, Nicholas Jenks and James Tykwinski; Staff Sgts. Donald Adkins, Bradley Beard, Michael Forte, Zachary Hibbert, Robert Raap and Marc Robertson; Tech. Sgts. Gilbert Chavez, Edward Koen, Marcos Saldana, Eric Wernet and Donnie Winter; Senior Master Sgt. Carl Collins.

#### 334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Jeremy Christ, Timothy Moynihan, Kevin Nelson and Jeremiah Tatum; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Johnson and Chrystal Stratton; Senior Airman Jeffery Reiman; Staff Sgt. Jessica Pena.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Michael Clay, Kyle Gibson, Taylor Groschick, Ashley Heidel, Dennette Russell, Lane Strunk, Jacob Titus and Kristina Zacherl; Airman Julio Massa; Airmen 1st Class Mayra Acevedo, Bryan Bentley and Nathanael Price; Senior Airman Christina Wegmann.

#### 335th TRS

Comptroller training squadron — Airmen Basic Antwon Bolton, Nicholas Ehlers, Courtnie Johnson, Justin Kakuda, Evan Poster, Casey Rodriguez and Wade Williams; Airmen Larissa Lilie and Sophie Penaflor; Airmen 1st Class Katrina Hargrave, Ian McClenny, Robin Smallwood and Mark Webb, Senior Airmen Molly Irwin; Michael Mechaley and Jacqlien Treager; Staff Sgts. Daniel Boone, Timothy Chambers, David Hamilton and Elizabeth Miranda-Santiago; Tech. Sgts. Norma Hernandez, Shane Holden, Susan Koncz, Ronald Landis, Joey Lease and Debbra Zimny.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Asia Bailey, Tatiana Cabarcas, Marquita Harrisand, Jonathan Hogue, Natalie Howe and Jodie Vahle; Airmen Eric Barrera, Chi Yi and Felicia Young; Senior Airmen Kimberley Brady and Barrie Ely; Staff Sgts. Ian Crowley, Charles Price and Jamie Vanmeter; Tech. Sgt. Deanna Haygood; Master Sgt. Jill Berg.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Jason Craig, Daniel Dieter, Airel Hulett, Matthew Lucas, Phillip Preston; Navy Airmen Recruits Sarah Andrus, Anthony Francis, Brandon Husted and Kevin McCroskey; Airmen Kestrel Carson and Kristen Nelson; Marine Pfc. Kevin Conner; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Britt, Michael Clevenger, Donavon Dye, Jonathan Kolbe, Stephen Shannon and Joseph Trudel; Navy Airmen Jessie Agte and Sarah McBride; Marine Lance Cpl. Fabian Rosales and Matthew Wilson; Marine Cpl. Kyle Ash; Staff Sgt. Thomas Brummer.

#### 336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Eric Baird, David Palas, Christopher Reynolds, Kyle Saxon and Kyle Woodward; Airman Travis Rich; Airmen 1st Class Austin Heller, Donald Knight, Ryan Orr and Quentin Schmick; Senior Airmen Eric Jochens and Jennifer Lohn; Senior Master Sgt. Fahad Al'Harbi.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Candice Chapin, Michael Fowler and Joshua Story; Airman Saunder Simmonds; Airmen 1st Class Bryan Behr, Steele Cary, Geoffrey Estes, Kevin Glynn, Brandon Hamilton, Philip Newquist, Jacob Palmer, Luke Sanders, Stephen Shambra, Andrew Stuhlmiller, James Walker and Benjamin Wilkie; Senior Airmen Bryant Marzan, Christina Wolf and Ronald Wood; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Jason Crossley, Renee Dedrick, James Griffis, Honorio Moya, Damian Scott, Walter Shivel and Chad Wallace; Capt. Ahmed Youssef; Maj. Aamir Abro; David Forney, Gregory Hunter and Keith Lucas.

Radar systems flight — Airman Sean Madigan; Airmen 1st Class Carlos Lopez-Hernandez and Alberto Padilla.

# **HOLIDAY HOURS**

# **Thanksgiving Day**

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Thanksgiving Day federal holiday, Nov. 22. Hours are for Nov. 22 only unless otherwise indicated.

Keesler News — closed Nov. 22-23.

Commissary — 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 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 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.

# Digest,

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Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Car wash — open 24 hours.

Mini-mart — open 24 hours.

**Fam camp** — open 24 hours.

**Arts and crafts center** — closed Nov. 22-23.

Auto hobby shop — closed Nov. 22-23.

**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** — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m.

**Magnolia Dining Facility** — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

**Blake Fitness Center** — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dragon Fitness Center — closed Nov. 22-23.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed.

Gaudé Lanes — closed Nov. 22-25.

11th Frame Cafe — closed Nov. 22-25.

Katrina Kantina — closed Nov. 22-23.

McBride Library — closed Nov. 22-25.

Outdoor recreation — closed.

**Vandenberg Community Center** — noon to midnight Wednesday through Nov. 24, noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 25.

**Veterinary clinic** — closed Nov. 22-23.

Child development center — Nov. 22-23.

Youth center — closed Nov. 22-23.

**Main base exchange** — closed Nov. 22; open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22-23.

Furniture store — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 23. Class Six — closed Nov. 22; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23.

Class Six — closed Nov. 22; 9 a.m. to / p.m. Nov. 23. Service station — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday for attended fuel.

Military clothing sales — closed Nov. 22-23.

Mobile units — closed.

Charley's Grilled Subs — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23.

**Anthony's** — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23. **Seattle's Best** — closed Nov. 22; 6:30-10:30 a.m. Nov. 23. **Subway** — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23.

**General Nutrition Center** — closed Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23.

Beauty Shop — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23. Barber shop — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23. Nail station — closed Nov. 22; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23.

Optical shop — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 23. Sprint — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday.

Force One Rental — closed Nov. 22-23. Laundry/dry cleaners — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Enterprise Car Rental** — closed Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 23.

# **COAST AREA TRANSIT**

**Keesler Express** — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

### Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

# **CLASSES**

# Airman Leadership School

Class 08-1 — graduates Dec. 13. Class 08-2 — Jan. 4-Feb. 13.

# Class 08-2 — Jan. 4-Feb. 13. Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.

### Arts and crafts center

Thursday night special in the multi craft shop — today, cookie making with discount for nonprior students; Nov. 29, holiday gift workshop. Fees based on chosen craft.

Clay hand building — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing.

One-stroke painting with acrylics — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Class does not require pre-painting experience. \$32 including project and paint.

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

**Picture framing and matting** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. \$60 includes materials, shop use and completed framing.

**Free auto care briefing** — 4:30-6 p.m. today. Hints and advice for do-it-yourself repairs.

Youth gift workshop — Dec. 1. Early registration encouraged.

# Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. **Protestant Sunday School** — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

# **McBride Library**

Commanders, first sergeants, instructors orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Pick a day to celebrate** — Nov. 23, National Flossing Day; pick up information on dental care.

Native American Heritage month — poster and book display. Data base reference orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders,

instructors and first sergeants. **Tours/orientations** — call 377-2827.

# **CLUBS AND CENTERS**

# Vandenberg Community Center

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

**Football on the big screen** — noon Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Free popcorn.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays. Animal shelter dance — 6 p.m. Friday. Bring donations for

local animal shelter. **Texas hold'em tournament** — noon Nov. 23; nonprior

service students only. Sign up early.

Movie day — 12:30 p.m. Nov. 23. Free popcorn. **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.

**End of hurricane season party** — 5 p.m. Nov. 29. Cajun dinner, tropical music and hurricane drink special. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

**Catering** — experts can assist with event planning.

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# **DINING HALL MENUS**

### Today

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

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

### **Friday**

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

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

### **Saturday**

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

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Monday

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

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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

**Lunch specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. Different menu each week. For menu information, call 377-2219.

**Taco Tuesdays** — members get two tacos for \$1, non-members pay \$2.

### **Youth center**

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

**TRAIL** — Training responsible adolescents in leadership; 6 p.m. Monday and Nov. 26, ages 13-17. Plan games, trips, activities and more.

**Thanksgiving camp** — Monday through Nov. 23, ages 6-12. Pre-registration required. Breakfast, lunch and snacks served.

**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 and how to sew on buttons.

**FitFactor Club** — 4:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older. Call for more information.

**Open recreation** — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older.

**Friday night frenzy** — 6:30-11 p.m. ages 13-17. Games, skating, music, snacks. \$5 members, \$7 non-members.

**Super Saturdays** — 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 24, ages 6-12. Assorted activities.

**Classes** — registrations being accepted 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, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

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

# TICKETS, 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.

University of Southern Mississippi vs. Arkansas football game — Nov. 24 in Hattiesburg. Vandenberg Community Center is offering a free trip, including game tickets. Bus leaves the center at 10 a.m. To register or for more information, call 377-3308.

# **TRANSITIONS**

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — Dec. 13, Room 151, Hangar 2. 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, Hangar 2. 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. Dec. 10-12, Room 151, Hangar 2. 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. Dec. 6, Room 151, Hangar 2. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

# **MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call 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 Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit http://www.Keesler SpousesClub.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; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech Sgt Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

**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 Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

# **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., The Heartbreak Kid (R, 115 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Game Plan (PG, 107 minutes); 6:30 p.m., We Own the Night (R, 117 minutes).

**Sunday** — 12:30 p.m., Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13, 114 minutes).