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Honoring Old Glory



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Saturday is Flag Day, a national celebration of the history of the American flag and a time to remember proper etiquette for its display, such as that shown by Airmen at a formal retreat ceremony in front of the 81st Training Wing headquarters building. Flag Day recognizes the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States 231 years ago on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia.

Nominations announced for top Air Force leadership posts

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WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has recommended that President Bush nominate Michael Donley, the Defense Department's director of administration and management, to be the next secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz, commander of U.S. Transportation Command, to become Air Force chief of staff.

Mr. Donley would replace Michael Wynne, and General Schwartz would replace Gen. T. Michael Moseley, both of whom resigned June 5 in the wake of a report critical of the service's oversight of its nuclear weapons program.

In a statement released Monday, Secretary Gates described Mr. Donley's current position as being "essentially charged with running the Pentagon and its many complex operations," and noted that Mr. Donley served as assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management in the first Bush administration and, for a period, as acting secretary of the Air Force.

Secretary Gates also recommended that the president designate Mr. Donley as acting Air Force secretary, effective June 21.



Mr. Donley



General Schwartz

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Details matter

Let's recommit to discipline, high standards

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

I've been very fortunate in my career to have served in a number of assignments that span several decades and several major commands. While my first command was the Tactical Air Command (TAC), where innovation was cherished and competition fostered constant improvement, I have a special place in my heart for the lessons I learned in the Strategic Air Command (SAC).

In SAC, the command fostered a culture of discipline and rigor ... the core value of "excellence in all we do" was exemplified in SAC well before it became a formal Air Force core value. In SAC, standardized procedures and processes were codified in regulations and checklists. You knew the "regs" and followed the checklist and didn't deviate from them without permission from your commander. Innovation was built into SAC through a well-defined process that allowed you to suggest changes to the regs and

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checklists; changes which would be independently tested and evaluated before being implemented command-wide. It was said that in SAC you always knew where you stood; the processes were well-defined, predictable, and measured.

Now, as we reflect on where we've been and where we're going in our Air Force, it is appropriate to recommit ourselves to that culture of discipline and rigor to ensure excellence in all we do.

Recent events in our Air Force showcase the need for

all Airmen to refocus ourselves on paying attention to details to ensure mission accomplishment. Well-publicized and alarming incidents involving loss of positive control of sensitive weapons, security lapses, and safety incidents highlight the catastrophic effects that "simple mistakes" may have. Frankly, these "simple mistakes" are unacceptable and we should not tolerate them. Paying attention to details and doing things right are the keys to success in everything we do to protect our nation.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357



Colonel Touhill

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).

As Airmen, we need to do a gut-check to ensure we are paying attention to details, following proper procedures and checklists, correcting mistakes, and ensuring the high standards the nation expects of us.

First-line supervisors are the key to doing things right the first time, every time. They need to be training their Airmen, empowering them, holding them accountable for their actions, and coaching them to success. Supervisors aren't supposed to be your buddy; they are your boss and

are responsible for maintaining good order and discipline...and guess what? So are you!

Each of us needs to know and follow "the regs" and checklists to do our jobs right and have the courage to raise our hands when we need help or when something needs to be changed for the better. We did not become the world's greatest air, space, and cyberspace force by cutting corners and we will not start now. We will not accept anything but the best from ourselves and our fellow Airmen.

Blogging — potential threat to national security

Airman's Roll Call

Airmen have a responsibility to the Air Force, each other and the American public.

As our Air Force becomes more and more reliant on new technology to conduct day-to-day missions, it's only natural that this reliance carries over into the personal lives of our Airmen. With the push of a button, Airmen are able to send messages, pictures and other information to family and friends across the globe, and more recently, social networking Web sites and Web logs (or blogs) have become a popular means of staying in touch.

When associating your military

affiliation on a public Web site, remember that you represent the Air Force as ambassador for the United States and Air Force. In carrying out this awesome responsibility, the lives of others and the security of our nation rest on your shoulders.

As Airmen, we swore to defend the Constitution of the United States and abide by military regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. You are not prohibited from using blogs or social network sites, but you must consider the following before posting information to the public Web:

Classified information — this includes information that is not avail-

able to the public and would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Releasing classified information to the public — intentionally or otherwise—could result in UCMJ action, or worse, the compromise of national security.

Operational security — while certain pieces of information may not be classified, when put together, there can be detrimental results. Writing about current or future operations, locations of personnel or equipment, or arrival and departure information are all sensitive details that, if pieced together, could endanger the Air Force mission and the lives of our friends and allies.

Illegal acts or incidents under investigation — a blog can be considered as evidence of guilt or personal knowledge of a crime. Illegal acts discussed in blogs could be used as evidence for UCMJ action.

Use of government computer systems — personal blogging on a government computer system is strictly prohibited. Government servers are reserved for the conduct of official business, and violations are punishable under the UCMJ. Moreover, personal blogging on a government computer places the government's ability to protect national security at risk.

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AETC leader earns top honor from enlisted corps

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, received the highest honor the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow at a formal ceremony in San Antonio May 30.

General Looney was presented the Order of the Sword on behalf of the men and women of AETC by the Air Force's top enlisted member, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley, and Chief Master Sgt. Mark Luzader, AETC command chief master sergeant.

The Order of the Sword is patterned after an order of chivalry founded during the Middle Ages: the Swedish Royal Order of the Sword. Ancient noncommissioned officers would honor leaders and pledge loyalty by ceremoniously presenting them with a sword. The sword — a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used — served as a token of esteemed leadership.

General Looney's long history of caring for enlisted members made him an ideal recipient for the honor, according to Chief McKinley.

"General Looney did not begin caring for the enlisted force just when he arrived at AETC," Chief McKinley said. "He has been taking care of enlisted men and women for a very long time."



Photo by Joel Martinez
General Looney greets an Airman after arriving for the Order of the Sword presentation ceremony.

As AETC commander, General Looney has made it a priority to secure funding for quality of life initiatives at the bases under his command. During his tenure, he continued the FOCUS program begun in 2002, which targets money for specific quality-of-life areas.

In fiscal 2007, the general set aside \$2 million for fitness projects, programs and equipment across the

command, saying, "Our commitment is to fund not only our daily business of recruiting, training and educating, but also quality-of-life programs for the command's most valuable asset — our people."

General Looney has also taken a personal interest in wounded Airmen returning to San Antonio for treatment and rehabilitation.

"As I look back, I think of individuals such as Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro, Staff Sgt. Matt Slaydon and Senior Airman Dan Acosta, who went into harm's way willingly and suffered grievous, grievous injuries," the general said. "And when I met them and went to console them, I was the one who was inspired and motivated.

"The only thing they asked of me was 'General, can you please find a way to get me back and keep me in the Air Force?'" he said. "As I left that hospital, I thought to myself, 'Am I worthy of Del Toro ... Acosta ... Slaydon?'"

The general said being presented the Order of the Sword is a highlight of his life.

"It will be a memory that will last forever — even in the twilight of my life. I will look back on this night and remember every piece and every act and every event that occurred and the honor that you have bestowed upon me," General Looney said.

General Looney retires this summer after more than 36 years of service.

Earning the Gray Beret

Senior Airman Michael Pastrone received the Gray Beret at his graduation from weather forecasting school June 5. The Gray Beret represents his completion of the course along with Army Basic Airborne School and other unique requirements for the Air Force Special Operations Weather Team career field. Team members collect atmospheric data, assist mission planning, generate accurate and mission-tailored target and route forecasts in support of global special operations, conduct special weather reconnaissance and train foreign national forces. Airman Pastrone, who's been in the Michigan Air National Guard for three years, is assigned to the 107th Weather Flight at Selfridge ANG Base, Mich. He's headed to Camp Blanding, Fla., for additional training.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Change of command June 19

Maj. Scott Solomon takes command of the 333rd Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Kay Spannuth, 9 a.m. June 19 outside the Levitow Training Support Facility adjacent to the drill pad.

Major Solomon, who's been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, has been the chief of strategic communications for the Air Force's Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer at the Pentagon.

Colonel Spannuth, who's led the unit for the past two years, is retiring.

Club scholarships

July 1 is the deadline to apply for one of 25 \$1,000 Air Force club scholarships.

Applications are available at McBride Library, Blake Fitness Center, Katrina Kantina, Gaudé Lanes, arts and crafts center, outdoor recreation and <http://www.afclubs.net>.

Submit packages to Dave Bowers, Room 5405, Locker House, Building 3101.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group holds drill downs and parades on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The schedule:

Drill downs — 6 p.m. July 17, 7 a.m. Sept. 19 and 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

Parades — 6 p.m. Aug. 21 and Oct. 16.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

Airman selected for AECP



Senior Airman David Seok, vehicle aintenance journeyman in the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, has been selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program. He joined the Air Force and came to Keesler in 2004. Aug. 20, he begins classes full-time at the University of Southern Mississippi to earn a bachelor's degree in computer Science. After graduation, he'll attend Officer Training School and be commissioned as a second lieutenant.



CDC top scorers recognized

Airmen 1st Class Angelica D'Amore, left, and Steven Caste, who's currently deployed, 81st Security Forces Squadron, made 95 percent on their career development course test. Other high scorers last month were Airmen 1st Class Kyle McGrath, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Christine Villarreal, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, both with 93 percent, and Sean Hikes, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, 91 percent.

Got an idea?

Trainers win \$ by saving Air Force \$

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News staff

Two Keesler members were each awarded \$4,119 May 29 for a money-saving idea they submitted to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program.

Through the IDEA program, Airmen can submit ideas which have the potential to save their units money. In exchange for the possible long-term Air Force savings, Airmen receive a portion of the projected saving as a reward.

Capt. Darrell Apilado and Master Sgt. Len Finnie, 338th Training Squadron, submitted an idea to use money allocated for manning they didn't need in order to purchase updated equipment.

When the two learned that five of their military manning slots would be eliminated in fiscal year 2009, they said they saw an opportunity.

Four of the five positions were already unmanned, yet funded because they had not received replacements for those they had lost to other bases or retirements. The fifth position belonged to a retiring major. This meant that for the rest of FY 08, those positions were funded, but unmanned — those were wasted dollars.

"We realized we could do the mission with fewer people and use the money to buy equipment," said Sergeant Finnie.

"We needed resources to continue our mission because Keesler is the center of excellence for communication and maintenance training," said Captain Apilado. "We wanted to make sure we had a plan for that mission."



Captain Apilado



Sergeant Finnie

"The good ideas are out there. You have to push the idea through and these gentlemen did it. They saved the Air Force money and they got us a whole bunch of great equipment."

— Colonel Yike

"This is filling four years of no computer funding," said Sergeant Finnie.

By converting manning dollars to equipment dollars, the two were able to purchase 100 computers and 140 monitors.

"The good ideas are out there," said Lt. Col. Stacy Yike, 338th TRS commander. "You have to push the idea through and these gentlemen did it. They saved the Air Force money and they got us a whole bunch of great equipment."



For more information about the IDEA program, call Chris Slusher, 376-8173.

IN THE NEWS

Navy unit gets new commander

Cmdr. Cristy Treharne takes command of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit from Cmdr. Dean Sadanaga, 10 a.m. today at Welch Auditorium.

Cmdr. Treharne reports from the Defense Intelligence Agency measurement and signatures intelligence and technical collection directorate, where she served as the agency's first meteorological and oceanographic liaison officer. She was commissioned in 1992, and returns to command the school where she began her naval career.

Cmdr. Sadanaga, who commanded CNATTU for two years, is headed to a new post at Stennis Space Center.

Change of command for Marines

Maj. Byron King turns over command of Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment to Maj. Nieves Villasenor, 9 a.m. Friday at Welch Auditorium.

Major King, MARDET's commander for five years, is retiring with 26 years of military service.

Major Villasenor comes to Keesler from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Construction relocates road

Construction of the new Bay Breeze Events Center, west of the golf course's practice driving range, requires moving Ploesti Drive to the west along Vandenberg Drive.

Access to the Bay Ridge housing area and golf course remains open, but detours and minor delays may be experienced. The speed limit is 15 mph while construction is under way for the next 90 days.

For more information, call Vic Tilley, 377-9346.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy Building is closed until 8:30 a.m. June 25 and noon July 9 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

Military customer course

Air Education and Training Command hosts a two-day Defense Reutilization and Marketing Supply Service military customer course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Dates are July 29-30, July 31-Aug. 1 and Aug. 26-27.

The course is unit funded and taught by Defense Logistics Agency instructors.

For more information, call the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron's customer service element, 377-2005.

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; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

General Robb has new assignment

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Doug Robb, 81st Medical Group commander, has been selected to become the command surgeon for Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

His successor is Col. (Dr.) Daniel Wyman, currently command surgeon for Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Colonel Wyman has been selected for promotion to brigadier general.

General Robb assumed command of the 81st MDG in July 2007 following a three-year tour of duty as command surgeon of the U.S. Central Command at MacDill AFB, Fla. He was responsible for all joint and coalition health service support activities in the USCENTCOM Theater of War consisting of 27 nations on the Arabian Peninsula, the Horn of Africa, Northern Red Sea and Central Asia.

General Robb is also the senior market manager for TRICARE's Gulf Coast Multi-Service Market, which includes five military medical facilities stretching from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans.

The general is responsible for the direct delivery of health care by the largest medical group in the Air Force to more than 27,000 enrolled patients among almost 48,000 eligible people in Keesler Medical Center's catchment area and coordinates care for more than 79,000 beneficiaries along the Gulf Coast. He ensures the availability of major war and peacetime medical readiness response forces.

He directs nine graduate medical and dental education programs and an extensive clinical research program. He leads more than 1,300 health-care professionals and manages a local budget of more than \$75.5 million.

In addition, General Robb is the federal coordinator for the Gulf Coast National Disaster Medical System.

The general has led wide-



General Robb

ranging improvements to patient care since assuming command. The medical center continued its monumental recovery from the affects of Hurricane Katrina, increasing numbers and varieties of services. The medical center provides care to more than 27,000 currently-enrolled patients.

"We've spent a total of \$183 million on past, present and future construction projects," the general said. "This includes more than \$61 million to reconstitute our basement, which was completed in April. Additionally we've spent about \$9 million to 'move up' our high-value, state-of-the-art medical systems and irreplaceable medical records to upper levels to keep them safe from any future storm-surge damage. This effort was completed in March.

"To further protect our infrastructure, we began construction of an \$8.6 million central energy plant in September that's scheduled to be finished this October," General Robb continued. "In addition, we're building a new radiation therapy center; with groundbreaking scheduled in mid-April. It should be 'open for business' in September 2009. Finally, we plan a \$76.8 million inpatient medical tower to meet Base Realignment and Closure Commission guidelines. We have scheduled construction to start in March 2009, with completion in the summer of 2011."

Ceremony marks leadership change

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Doug Robb turns over command of the 81st Medical Group to Col. (Dr.) Daniel Wyman during a formal change of command ceremony, 8 a.m. Wednesday in front of Keesler Medical Center.

Commenting on his tenure as the medical group's leader, General Robb said, "I am proud of how our medics have striven to maintain the highest standards of currency and competency and provide the best quality of care for our patients.

"We've also made tremendous strides to enhance our close relationship with our partners at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center. VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Director Charles Sepich and I have worked diligently to create a partnership where we continue to develop areas in which both facilities can share our expertise to the benefit of our beneficiaries, both the active duty and military veterans who utilize us.

"In addition, 81st Medical Group members continue to deploy in support of our forces fighting the global war on terror, saving lives on a scale never before experienced in the annals of warfare. Keesler Medical Center is the second largest medical deployment platform in the Air Force. I can't say enough about the tremendous effort our deployed members display daily to ensure our wounded heroes receive superior care and are able to return home to their families."

"We've been humbled by the dedication, resiliency, compassion and just plain good old citizenship of our neighbors and the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast," General Robb added. "Gloria and I will cherish our time at Keesler Medical Center and the Coast."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Retirement annuity information

Personnel affected by A-76 can get estimates of their retirement annuities at the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureMainMenu.asp>.

Click the link for the entitlements and benefits section. First-time users are required to register.

Personal retirement computations are also available by calling 1-800-616-3775.

For more information related to A-76, call 376-8176.

Virtual service from personnel center

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – The Air Force Personnel Center opened the virtual communication lines with monthly Internet based information sessions launched late last year for military and civilian personnelists.

The webcasts provide preliminary details on upcoming personnel programs and procedures to ensure mission or force support squadron commanders and personnelists have questions and concerns addressed before program implementation or changes.

Web seminars, or webinars, are also arranged by AFPC's subject matter experts to provide more specific details to personnelists on a new process or personnel change. Since October, AFPC has produced more than 57 webcasts and webinars covering a variety of personnel topics.

One benefit of webcasts is they can be conducted on a desktop computer. AFPC performs the monthly webcasts using the Defense Connect online platform which can be accessed instantly and is accessible through the AFPC Web site, the Air Force portal, or via a link provided by the webcast host.

The webcast is one AFPC initiative that provide Airmen with product lines or practices that are simple and integrated, referred to as Personnel Service Delivery. PSD enhances Airmen's ability to conduct transactions through improved Web-based applications and the Air Force Contact Center.

Separation actions centralized

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — As of Friday, the Air Force Personnel Center becomes the service center for all separation actions to include providing Airmen with their separation orders and Defense Department Forms 214 under the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation initiative.

Using a new automated notification method, Airmen approaching their normal expiration term of service or mandatory date of separation receive an e-mail reminding them to make a separation or reenlistment decision using the virtual military personnel flight.

An Airman's ETS occurs when he or she completes an enlistment contract or term of active service required by active duty orders. Airmen who have completed their obligated term of service and are approaching their ETS or E-4 High Year tenure receive an e-mail notification at 180 days prior to their DOS and every 30 days thereafter.

Airmen can access vMPF on the AFPC secure website within six months of DOS and select "Initiate my DOS Separation." Once they receive confirmation, they complete a vMPF initial separation briefing, pre-separation order worksheet, initiate DD Form 214 and all base outprocessing items including unit and virtual out-processing checklists.

This final piece previously released and completes the centralization of all separation actions to AFPC. The MPF continues to assist Airmen with the new Web-based notification process and provide commanders with training and assistance.

For more information, call 1-800-616-3775.

Sweet treats from sweet kids



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Four-year-old Daylen Walker serves homemade ice cream prepared by boys and girls enrolled at the child development center to Annette Gardner, a child care professional from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Ms. Gardner attended the Air Force Worldwide Child Care Conference at Keesler June 4 through Friday. Daylen's parents are Staff Sgts. Daylen and Sandra Walker, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron.

AAFES delivers \$272 million to military bases

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — Right-sized inventories, streamlined logistics and a sustained focus on

accountability paid off for military families last year as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service delivered more than

\$272 million in support to morale, welfare and recreation programs in fiscal 2007.

“The dividend represents

an increase of approximately 17 percent over FY 2006,” said AAFES’ Commander Brig. Gen. Keith Thurgood.

Purchases made in the past 10 years have provided more than \$2.4 billion to military MWR programs such as youth services, installation functions and recreation centers.

“AAFES continues to be a major non-pay benefit, of nearly \$2 billion annually, for today’s military because the dollars troops and their families save and spend at the exchange generate a healthy return on investment that directly improves critical quality-of-life services,” said Thurgood.

Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs. In addition to funding MWR efforts, AAFES earnings are used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities without expense to the Federal government. Funds to contract these new or replacement facilities also come entirely from sales of merchandise and services.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. Judy Khamphan

Position — noncommissioned officer in charge of the medical information management flight

Unit — 1st Medical Support Squadron

Time in Air Force — 12 years

Time at Keesler — nine months

Hometown — Oklahoma City

Why did you join the Air Force? to travel

Your favorite quote? There are two — “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, but felt in the heart.” The other, by Brandi Snyder, is, “To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.”

What are your short- and long-term goals? get a master’s degree and travel the world



Photo by Steve Pivnick

What are your hobbies? watching and reading anything by Jane Austen, going to

a symphony or play, collecting gemstones and jewelry, baking, shopping and golf.

DIAMOND NOTES

Gen. Colin Powell said, “Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions. It’s inevitable, if you’re honorable.”



— Master Sgt. Steven Wise, 81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

January-June 1953

Airmen began occupying the new dormitory-style barracks in the area nicknamed the Triangle.

New commander for force supporters



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Secretary Sandy Potter, left, goes over staff summary sheets with Maj. Rich Cole, new commander of the 81st Force Support Squadron. Major Cole, who's been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, comes to Keesler from Air Force headquarters, where he was the executive officer for the Directorate of Force Development for the deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. He took command June 5 from Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, who'll be deployed to Southwest Asia for the next year.

Pediatric clinic encourages parents to schedule school physicals

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The pediatric clinic at Keesler Medical Center invites parents to take advantage of the summer school vacation to schedule their teens for well visits and school physicals.

"Summer is a great time to bring children to our clinic for a routine physical so they do not miss any school," According to Capt. (Dr.) Melissa Mauro-Small, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. "There have been some changes to the immunization schedules for children and adolescents over the past few years and a well-visit is the perfect opportunity to review these changes with parents. In addition, we can evaluate your teen's growth and discuss any concerns you have about your teen's health or your teen has about their own health.

"Most summer camps and sports teams require preparticipation physicals," Captain Mauro-Small continued. "Since well-visits

**To schedule an appointment,
call appointment services
1-800-700-8603.**

book up to 28 days in advance, if we see your child for a physical, we can either complete a generic sports form after the visit or fill out paperwork that you provide any time in the next month.

"Regular well-visits to our clinic help ensure that your teen remains in good health and up to date with immunizations," the captain added. "They will also reduce the stress of trying to schedule a short-notice sports physical. In addition, these visits are an opportunity for us to fill out school forms and refill long-term medications."

Keesler cops on patrol save stranded boaters

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Training and timing were key elements in a recent rescue by members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

On the first official night on duty for Falcon Flight, three 81st SFS members rescued three people on a sailboat that ran aground during low tide, leaving them stranded in Biloxi's Back Bay.

Maj. Joseph Musacchia, 81st SFS commander, said Falcon Flight had just completed a week of rigorous training.

"Their training covered all-terrain vehicle operation, mountain bike law enforcement patrol procedures, physical training, boat safety and operation, interpersonal communication skills and problem-oriented police methods," the major explained. "The

course gave them additional skills to protect and secure Keesler within the integrated base defense concept."

June 2, Staff Sgts. Douglas Wickline and Cheryl Trexler and Airman 1st Class Sarah Coble were three hours into Falcon Flight's first night patrol along the base's shoreline in a 19-foot center console boat.

"The training we'd just received included knowledge on different types of boats and their hulls — how they moved through the water," Sergeant Trexler said. "We also learned about channel markers, low and high tides and mandatory boat lighting. Our general training also covered watching surroundings and being aware of which boats were in our area of responsibility.

As Falcon Flight returned to the marina, members saw a 30-foot sailboat near the channel

"The incident helped us realize how important it is to watch the tides and to stay in established channel ways."

— Sergeant Trexler

marker north of the marina.

"We watched the boat for awhile, then I noticed a white flashing light that looked like an SOS signal — we didn't learn these signals in class, but I knew them from boating experience as a child, so we went to check it out," Sergeant Trexler recalled.

The sailboat's hull had a 4-foot drop, but the water was only 3 feet deep, according to

Falcon Flight's depth finder. The craft had drifted about 100 feet outside the channel.

The boaters, two active-duty members and a child, "had been on the water for two days — they'd been stuck twice and the engine was inoperable, so they were using only sails," Sergeant Trexler stated. "The incident helped us realize how important it is to watch the tides and to stay in established channel ways."

Falcon Flight tried to call the Coast Guard and the state Department of Marine Resources, but both had ceased patrols for the night.

The team had two options: Call a commercial company and have the stranded boaters towed in for a fee.

Let the boaters abandon ship and return to the base on the security forces' vessel.

The boaters opted to return to shore with the Keesler cops, who took them home.

"Without us being on the water, they could have been stranded several more hours before the tide came back in," Sergeant Trexler said. "Who knows how many other boats have been in the same situation?"

"Our folks had limited experience in this particular type of situation, but they reacted swiftly and professionally to develop a quick solution to the problem," Major Musacchia pointed out. "They performed this rescue operation in the dark of night in very low tide.

"All the training paid off," he added. "They did an outstanding job and some quick thinking. It was problem-oriented policing and positive community interaction at its finest."

2nd Air Force commander visits events center site



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Jerry Wages from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's office at Keesler goes over construction plans for the new events center with Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, new 2nd Air Force commander; Col. Norm Ham, 2nd Air Force, and Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron commander, during a familiarization tour May 3.

**Keesler Honor Guard
needs new members.**

**For more
information,
call 377-1986 or 2081.**

Leaders,

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As leader of U.S. Transportation Command, General Schwartz is in charge of the Defense Department's extensive transportation network and worldwide operations. He has served in senior joint military positions as director of the Joint Staff, director for operations for the Joint Staff, and deputy commander of

U.S. Special Operations Command, Secretary Gates noted in his statement.

The defense secretary also recommended that Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Force vice chief of staff, succeed General Schwartz at U.S. Transportation Command. General McNabb has spent most of his three-plus decades in the Air Force in the areas of lift, refueling and logistics, "making him an ideal candidate to assume the helm of this command," Secretary Gates said.

The secretary also is recommending that the president nominate Lt. Gen. William Fraser III, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to follow General McNabb as the next Air Force vice chief. In his current position, General Fraser is the chairman's chief liaison and advisor on international relations and political-military matters.

"In addition to his numerous flying and command assignment in the bomber community, General Fraser has extensive wartime, contingency and humanitarian relief operational experience," Secretary Gates said.

"I am confident that Mike Donley, General Schwartz and the new Air Force leadership team have the qualifications, skill and commitment to excellence necessary to guide the Air Force through this transition and beyond," he concluded.

In last week's resignation statement, Secretary Wynne said, "Recent events convince me that it is now time for a new leader to take the stick and for me to move on ... even as I do, my heart, my thoughts and prayers remain with America's Airmen who will continue to do magnificent things for this great country."

General Moseley's resignation statement stated, "Recent events have highlighted a loss of focus on certain critical matters within the Air Force. As the Air Force's senior uniformed leader, I take full responsibility for events which have hurt the Air Force's reputation or raised a question of every Airman's commitment to our core values.

"I think the honorable thing to do is to step aside," the statement continues. "After consulting with my family, I have submitted my request to resign to Secretary Gates. " The Air Force is bigger than one Airman, and I have full confidence that the Air Force will continue working with the joint team to win today's fight, take care of its Airmen and meet tomorrow's challenges. I love the Air Force and remain proud of America's Airmen."

Instructor deploys with Army in Afghanistan

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

As a communications officer, Capt. Robert Curran is usually in a support role, making sure the communications infrastructure is in place and working to enable the operators to fight the war. But during his six-month deployment to Afghanistan, he had the opportunity to be actively engaged in the operational side of the house.

Captain Curran, an instructor for the deployed and tactical communication officer course in the 333rd Training Squadron, returns to work at Keesler Monday as the unit's C-flight commander.

While stationed at Camp Blessing in the Kunar province of Afghanistan, the captain served as battalion electronic warfare officer and "wore two hats."

"As counter-improvised explosive device representative, I was responsible for the training of hundreds of soldiers and the upkeep of well over a hundred C-IED systems in my area of operations," he explained. "As EWO, I coordinated electronic warfare effects in support of the battalion commander's operations with the soldiers on the ground in an area of responsibility about the size of Connecticut."

Captain Curran knew he brought an important force-multiplying capability to the Army through electronic warfare.

"I also saw firsthand how the equipment I train the soldiers to use and maintain has literally saved their lives," he pointed out.

Being assigned to "Task Force Rock" gave the captain a chance to learn the similarities and differences between Air Force and Army deployable communications systems.

His living conditions varied by location.

"Camp Blessing had a 24-hour dining facility, a nice workout building, a morale building with pay phones and Internet connections, a laundry, barber shop and gift store," Captain Curran recalled. "The base was mostly unpaved, so when it rained, it got muddy. I lived in an open bay brick and mortar building with six other officers and civilian equivalents."

The captain visited other bases which were all a little different.

"Most didn't have running water, but most had field kitchens which had a soldier dedicated to feeding the base — these bases seemed to have the best food in my AOR," he reported. "I've been in an air control squadron and a combat communications squadron in the Air Force which were both mobile units, but until this deployment, I never had



Courtesy photo

Captain Curran traveled on Chinooks, Blackhawks and Humvees to ensure soldiers had the proper training and maintainance was being performed on electronic warfare equipment. He was awarded two Army Achievement Medals, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and NATO's International Security Assistance Force Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal for his service.

the chance to experience what it's like in a truly austere and kinetic environment."

Captain Curran had a few opportunities to mingle with the Afghan people, sometimes distributing candy and cookies to the children gathered just outside the camp's front gate. He observed three different types of Afghan people during his deployment.

"First are the people that understand they can have a strong government and who want the safety, security, and prosperity that it offers," he observed. "The second type only has history as a guide and fears that Americans aren't there for the long haul — they don't want to put much energy into the government, only to have the Taliban come back later, dismantle it and punish the people who supported it. The third group of people, in my opinion, has some sort of agenda that could stem from a thirst for power, a desire to continue some sort of illegal activity or just plain lack of awareness about what we are doing for their country.

"I think the first group loves us, the second group could take or leave us depending on if we're doing anything for them at the time, and the third group would rather we not be here," he continued.

The captain had a variety of memorable experiences — watching a missile launched at night through night vision goggles, riding in a convoy when an improvised explosive device went off (no one was hurt), assisting an explosive ordnance disposal team when it blew up an IED and hiking to the top of the mountain near Camp Blessing.

"Once I was out at an IED site early in the afternoon and got caught unprepared — we'd rolled out early enough in the day that I didn't remember to bring night vision goggles," Captain Curran remembered. "As darkness fell, I remembered where I left them — back at the base. The walk back to the outpost was pretty comical because I wasn't the only one without NVGs. I didn't trip over the rugged terrain, but others weren't so lucky. After that, my NVGs were strapped to my body armor and went with me everywhere, no matter what time of day it was."

The captain said the most challenging thing about being deployed was being away from his wife, Mary Ellen, and his children, Kayla, 13, and Logan, 11.

"I can handle cold, wet, dirty, tired or uncomfortable, but being away from my family was the truly tough part of being deployed," he admitted.

Captain Curran said that his squadron and the airman and family readiness center gave his family great support during his deployment.

"The airman and family readiness center has a wonderful program for families of deployed troops," he stated. "They set my family up with a ride and great seats for the Biloxi Mardi Gras parade, took them to a hockey game and bowling, gave them a voucher for a free oil change and put on a Valentine's Day event where they made me a video and a picture pillowcase. The center even mailed the care package for them. My wife and kids really looked forward to the events, which helped pass the time while I was gone.

"I also want to thank my squadron and my fellow instructors for all of their support," he stressed. "When you're deployed, the one thing you don't want to worry about is your family. I know my fellow instructors kept in touch and even threw a party for my wife's birthday. This kind of support for a family at home lets the deployed member concentrate on the job they were sent to a war zone to accomplish. We really appreciate everyone who supports our troops."

KEESLER NOTES

Auditions

Wall Studio is conducting auditions for people to go on camera for a series of video projects in support of the 81st Training Group.

Positions are open to military members and civilians.

For more information and to schedule an audition, call Bruce Norton, 377-2793.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is 9 a.m. to noon Monday through June 13 at Triangle Chapel for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

For more information, call Sheila Shepard, 377-2520.

Hurricane supplements

Extra copies of the Keesler News hurricane supplement are available in the public affairs office, Room 201-A, Wall Studio.

Airmen's Attic hours

Airmen's Attic is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-5 p.m. Fridays during June.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Steven Dickinson, 377-3814.

Dental clinic renovation

Renovation of the dental clinic has split it into two separate sections.

The center of the clinic, including six dental treatment suites, administrative offices and main waiting area, is under construction.

The front door from the dental parking lot is closed and the front desk is temporarily located in the dental conference room.

Access to the temporary front desk is through the door on Fisher Street, nearest to Second Street and across from the child development center. Patients check in and then may need to leave the building and re-enter at the west end toward First Street.

All telephone numbers remain the same.

Work on this phase, which began in early May, is expected to take about three months.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Linda Whiteley takes time for a drink at a water fountain at the Crotwell Track. Her fiancée is Tony Bridgewater, 334th Training Squadron.

Summer swelter Don't let fast feet get heat beat

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Summer heat and humidity brings risks for runners, joggers and distance walkers in south Mississippi.

Several running Web sites offer these hot weather running tips:

Avoid dehydration. You can lose 6-12 ounces of fluid for every 20 minutes of running. Drink 10-15 ounces of fluid before running, and drink fluids every 20-30 minutes along your running route. Thirst isn't an adequate indicator of dehydration — a persistent elevated pulse and dark yellow urine are.

Get acclimated to heat and humidity over a one- to two-week period.

Avoid running outside during midday hours, especially if the heat is above 98.6 degrees and humidity is above 70 percent. The best time for hot weather running is before sunrise.

When running, your body temperature is

regulated by sweat evaporating off the skin. If the air humidity is so high that it interferes with this process, you can quickly overheat.

When running, if you become dizzy, nauseated, have the chills or quit sweating, stop running, find shade and drink water or a fluid replacement drink. If you don't feel better, get help immediately.

Monitor any medical conditions you may have such as high blood pressure. Certain conditions can worsen by summer running.

Run in the shade and avoid direct sunlight and blacktop whenever possible.

Use sunscreen and protective eyewear.

If not in organized physical training, wear a hat and loose, light-colored, breathable clothing.

Plan your route so you can refill water bottles or find drinking fountains.

Tell someone where you're running, how long you'll be gone and carry identification.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity teams — organizing for the 2008-09 season. Games are played on a collegiate skill level.

For women's team, call Richard Vincent, 343-9951. For men's team, call Jesse Harris, 376-5723. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, sports director, 377-2444.

Bowling

Summer league

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of June 5)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 9	16	0
Team 3	15	4
Krauts	15	4
TNT Express	12	7
Oldies But Goodies	12	7
Shot in Foot	12	9
Team 12	11	10
Team 2	7	7
Team 7	6	10
The "A" Team	6	8
Left-Right-Left	5	11
No Shows	0	0

Father's Day special — Sunday, fathers bowl for \$1.50 a game, limit three games.

Team building special — 1-5 p.m. working Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, call 377-2817.

Nonprior service student special — 2-5 p.m. Sundays bowl for \$1 per game including shoes. 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays bowl for \$1.50 per game, shoes included. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Birthday party package — Saturdays 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m., and Sundays 2:30-4 p.m. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

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

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

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

Fitness centers

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. 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. 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.

Free fitness classes — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, slo-robics, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only at the Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday of every month, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes for men, 10 for women. Set a record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Intramural

Division A (as of June 3)

Team	Points
81st FSS-A	63
333rd TRS	46
335th TRS	44
81st CS-A	31
81st CPTS	27
81st CES-B	25
81st TRSS	24
MARDET	0

Division B (as of June 3)

Team	Points
81st FSS-B	45
81st CES-A	40
334th TRS	39
81st MDOS	37
338th TRS	29
81st SUPS-TRANS	17
81st MDSS	16
81st CES-C	1

Other

Club championship — 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Individual stroke play by flights. Open to everyone eligible to play Bay Breeze Golf Course. Must have a verifiable handicap. Register and prepay by Friday. Members \$50, nonmembers \$75, including greens fee, cart, food and beverages, prizes and giveaways.

First sergeants fundraiser tournament — June 20 at Bay Breeze Golf Course; registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. shotgun start. Four-person team scramble; \$40 per person includes green fee, cart and lunch; muligan and string together, \$5. Respond by June 16; proceeds benefit Project Cheer and Diamond Assist funds. Rain date June 26. For more information, call Scott Passman, 376-8442, or John Geboy, 377-5315.

Dragon fun league — Thursdays. Meet at 5 p.m., shotgun start 5:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as two-some or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

Course and pro shop — 7 a.m. to

dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

Martial arts

Editor's note: Classes at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

Shaolin pentjak silat — 7-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, all ages. \$65 month. Striking, kicking, grappling, weapons and internal energy; sash ranking system.

Pukulan pencak silat tempur — 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$65 month. Closequarters combat class; used for personal protection.

Mixed martial arts — 8-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. \$65 month; muay thai, western boxing, kung fu, wrestling, judo and jujitsu.

Women's self defense — 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 month. Mental, physical and tactical training.

Outdoor recreation

Canoe trip to Black Creek — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21. \$20 per person. Sign up by June 18. Bring food and beverages. Maximum eight, minimum four people.

Back Bay fishing trip — Saturday and June 28; call for time. \$20 per person. Minimum four, maximum seven people. Mississippi fishing license required.

Father's Day special — Sunday. Free rod and reel rental for all dads.

Trip to Chandealeur Islands — Tuesday-Wednesday. \$150 per person; minimum six people, or \$900 for the boat. Bring food, drinks and lures. Preregistration required.

June fish of the month — weigh in the heaviest bass for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

RV, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per month.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent, \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

Bicycles for rent — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

Wet slip fees — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

Deep sea fishing trips — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. \$60 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$700 for first six people, \$35 each additional person Mondays-Thursdays, \$40 weekends and holidays. \$350 deposit required.

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

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

Canoe trips — for more information, 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, hunting and fishing licenses.

Paintball

Paintball course — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Intramural

American League (as of June 6)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	5	1
MARDET	4	1
338th TRS	4	1
335th TRS-A	5	2
332nd TRS	4	2
81st SUPS-TRANS	2	3
336th TRS-B	1	4
335th TRS-B	1	6

June 2 — 336th TRS-A 17,

332nd TRS 16; 338th TRS 1, 81st SUPS-TRANS forfeit; MARDET 11, 336th TRS-B 9; 335th TRS-A 15, 335th TRS-B 10.

June 4 — 338th TRS 17, 336th TRS-B 2; 332nd TRS 10, 335th TRS-A 7; 336th TRS-A 18, 81st SUPS-TRANS 3; MARDET 10, 335th TRS-B 0.

National League (as of June 6)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	5	1
81st CES	5	2
81st MDSS	4	2
81st MSGS	4	2
81st CS	3	2
81st SFS	3	4
81st DS	2	2
403rd Wing	1	5
2nd Air Force	0	5

June 3 — 81st FSS 28, 403rd Wing 3; 81st SFS 8, 2nd Air Force 6; 81st MSGS 16, 81st DS 19; 81st CES 25.

June 5 — 81st SFS 17, 81st CS 15; 81st FSS 18, 81st MDSS 9; 81st CES 14, 2nd Air Force 4; 81st MSGS 1, 403rd Wing forfeit.

Varsity

Women's team — for more information, call Jody Deknikker, 377-0222 or 376-6354.

Men's varsity team — for team information, e-mail joseph.hudson@keesler.af.mil, or call 860-8040.

Whatever your game ...

Play it safe!

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HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Ryan Adkins, Juan Alcaz, Andrew Anderson, Luke Anfinson, David Caudle, Anthony Chambers, Lauren Chong, Ebone Cleveland, Monte Cook, Brian Covert, Nicholas Davis, Benjerman Deming, Devin Depaoli, Richard Dougherty, Xavier Duenas, Levi Eckstein, Kevin Finstuen, Var Gehron, Isaac Granados, Derek Grisard, Brandon Guillory, Robert Harmon, Andrew Harrison, Claude Horne, Alan Huntington, Jonathon Hunziker, Jennifer Hurley, Thomas James, Kenneth Labrum, Timothy Lowe, David Mathews, Juan Mercado-Guzman, Andrew Montague, Westley Nelson, Michael O'Brien, Falcon Pereira, Veer Phanouvong, Angus Quaid, William Rickert, Jon Sadler, Joseph Sanders, Joseph Sato, Chase Scott, Cody Snodgrass, Melissa Spence, Paul Szymanski, Bryan Thayer, Mathias Turbessi, Christopher Turner and James Turner; Airmen Jeremiah Abellanosa, Cory Brower, Isaac Chiellini, Adam Corey, Kristen Davidson, Bryant Draper, Scott Goldsberry, Darick Harris, Lucas Horn, Sebastian Jimenez, Kyle Lassiter, Todd Mulroy, Joseph Perez and Matthew Spagnola; Airmen 1st Class Timothy Aguon, Adam Bailey, Todd Bedo, Jesse Benson, Benjamin Digiammo, Eric Eberhardt, Tyler Eggold, Kyle Eckert, Jacob Enyart, Steven Finnell, Jessie Hinton, Jason Hodges, Trenton Hoffeditz, Joshua Howerton, Ryan Hehl, Matthew Jones, Robert Jones, Amy Klein, Brandon Knapp, Bryant Laris, John Loving, James McClean, Bart Mullins, Barry Pulley, Dustin Roberts, Jorge Sanz, Anthony Sullivan, Michal Szczepanik, Michael Twarozynski, Ian Velez, Antwan Williams, Daniel Williams, David Williams, Zachary Wirfs, Devon Whitaker and Zachary Zellmer; Senior Airmen Daniel Blondell, Anthony Fuentes, Brandon McGlinton, Brian Olsen, Bradley Pike, Seith Redick, Michael Walko, and Terrol Williams; Staff Sgts. Frank Carter, Daniel Gish, Richard Grubb, James Hollingshead, John Leuthauser and Amanda Perrizo; Tech. Sgts. Waleed AlShehri and Arthur William.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen 1st Class Brian Kulp; Senior Airmen Christopher Couchman and

Amber Urich; Staff Sgts. Artemio Idelbong and Chad Minkel.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Michael Alba, Ricky Anderson, Jacky Andrews, Christopher Baradat, Ty Barnes, Robert Buckhanan, Ryan Connors, Jason Legore, Aaron Lynde, Jeremy Lyons, RicFrancis Mantanona, Sean Neilan, Timothy Neilson and Jeffrey Rowe; Airmen Dylan Brandt; Airmen 1st Class Tiffany Adams, Justin Anderson, Joshua Biggs, Rachel Helsten, Justin Horn, Akilah Howard, Charity Kuberek, Issac Ottaway, William Pearce, Phonevilay Phasavath, Brandon Schutz and Colby Vallee; Senior Airmen Samuel Benedict, Lucas Kelsey and Joshua MacDonald; Staff Sgts. Christopher Adams, Brandon Lockhart, Renaldo Miller, Juanjose Moran and Matthew Richardson; Senior Master Sgt. Ibrahim Al Harbi.

Aviation resource management — Airmen Basic Adam Tollett; Airmen 1st Class Maxwell Fox, Amy Malheim and Tuan Pham; Senior Airmen Jeffrey Rehan; Tech. Sgts. Anthony Garrett, Peggy Kiefer and Chasity Roush.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Frederick Chamberlain, Timothy Higgs and Damien Lee; Airmen Cody Nichols and Brent Prazak; Airmen 1st Class Winston Alspaugh, Carey Bowman and Mitchell Emerick; Marine Lance Cpl. James Bragg; Marine Sgt. Jessica Cavender; Tech. Sgts. Conway Kangas and Brian Roell.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic James Cazares, Levi Farstad, Kurt Rotzler, Thomas Stabler and Derek Wilson; Airmen 1st Class John Barrett, Michael Conklin, Matthew Killion, James Lucas and Scott Resetar; Senior Airmen Cory Lamp and Angela Moyler; Staff Sgts. Justin Lanati and Brian Piazzisi; Tech. Sgt. Carl Summerlot; Master Sgt. Thomas Schonborg.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Bradley Allen, James Baker, Daniel Chaffee, Tekoa Edwards, Ian Fischer, Melvin French, Joshua Gonzales, Dawn Haynes, Ronald Hummel, Kendall Haynes, Philip Kaneshiro, Nadia Kelly, Ernest Leon, Jerell Leonard, Nicholas Patterson, Richard Phillips, Christopher Redman, Moses Ross, Eileen Siemsen, Charles Weddington, Deric Wilson, Marcus Wimbush and Leah Wood; Airmen Samuel Cox, Pornivsanu BangChang, Marques Johnson, Richard Phillips, Christopher Redman, Nicholas Riascos, David Su, Brittnay Waite, Deric Wilson and Cassandra Ybarra; Airmen 1st Class Arnold Appel, Luke Bullard, Nicholas Campbell, Adam Carroll, Gina Custer, Adam Falcsik, Allen Hood, Alejandro Jimenez, Matthew Martinez, Jodi Mahoney, Sean O'Daniel, Atom Peppe, Jamie Rupp, Joshua Russell, Troy Scarborough, Christopher Shaad, Nathan Shideler, Michael Smith, Stacy Steele, Steven Su, George Walker, Corey Wileman and Michael Winchell; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez, Shane Anderson, Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Steven Lovell, Caleb Sears, Juan Gonzalez-Seda, William Stevenson, Joshua Surrat, Nathan Svenkerud, Alex Tavarez and Timothy Turner; Staff Sgts. Donald Abell, Broc Gallman, Ronell Buchanan, Adam Krueger, Rexford Sheldon, Dylan Turner and Daniel West; Tech. Sgt. Mary Thompson; Master Sgts. Chad Johnson and Lane Philbeck; Maj. Mohamed Sarhan.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Christopher Patricelli and Nicholas Irwin; Airmen 1st Class Alex Morgan; Staff Sgt. Ricky Roque.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Robert Crosier, Jeffrey Davis, Gregory DeFilippo, Kyle Hynds and Wesley Orr; Airmen Joey Pregont and Jeffrey Rose; Airmen 1st Class Allen Cantrell, Alvaro Cermeno, Daniel Collins, Keith Dengel, Michael Diehl, Douglas Frites, Andrew Lavender, Jonas Pelayo, Lauren Persico, Janell Stokes, Wesley Theulen, Ian Wagner and Zachary Wagner; Senior Airmen Patrick Ceaser and Callie Rios; Staff Sgts. Charles Breaux, Geoward Eustaquio and Joshua Henley; Tech. Sgts. Michael Goth, Jessica Reynolds and William Walsh

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Randall Pierce; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Anzures, Leland Ellis and Jonathan Johnson.

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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

Call vehicle operations, 377-2432, to coordinate taxi service to and from the base.

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.

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235.

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 1-801-694-8900.

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CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-5 — graduates July 9.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-5 — graduates July 9.

Arts and crafts center

Summer craft camp — 12:30-4 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays, through July 24, ages 8 and older. New craft each week. \$28.50 weekly includes all supplies and daily snack. Sign up for individual weeks or entire session. Space limited; preregistration required. For weekly agenda, call 377-2821.

Father's Day special — drawing Saturday; register through June 13 by dropping shop use register receipt in the box.

Multi-craft shop

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Learn to paint with a certified Duncan instructor; no prior experience needed. Call for more information.

Pottery-clay handbuilding — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 21; \$40 for five pounds of clay and project firing. Bring a bag lunch; preregistration required.

Frame shop

Customized picture framing and military flag and shadow box design. Special orders Tuesday-Friday, self-help weekdays and Saturdays.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: open shop use, preregister for classes.

Father's Day special — Sunday, fathers get a shop use discount.

Free auto care briefing — 4:30 p.m. June 19.

Vehicle resale lot — one block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump — wash, rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum.

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 pre-school, 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.

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

McBride Library

Gale data base orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Fax machine for public use — first page \$2, each additional page \$1; local and 800 numbers 50 cents a page.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

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.

Katrina Kantina

Editor's note: In the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.

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

Dinner and music under the oaks — 5 p.m. June 26, marina park. Cook your own steak or chicken; members pay \$6 for steak, \$5 for chicken; includes potato salad, green salad and roll. Nonmembers add \$2.

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

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

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

Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Archery, tennis and golf clinics — 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays through June 26, ages 6 and older. \$25 per person per clinic, including T-shirt and completion certificate. For dates of individual clinics, call 377-4116.

Summer camps — ongoing registrations for youth camp, ages 6-12, and teen camp ages 13 and older. Fees based on total family income. Leave and earnings statement and youth shot records required. For information on camp dates, call 377-4116.

Open house/membership drive — 4-6 p.m. June 27, showcasing youth programs and events; snacks and souvenirs provided.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Tour to Pensacola Beach, Fla. — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 21; \$20 including round trip transportation; bring lunch. Sign up and prepay by June 18.

Gulf Islands Water Park — season tickets available.

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.

Here's to the Heroes — program provides a single day's free admission to any Sea World or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman and as many as three direct dependents. Register online at <http://www.herosalute.com> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show Department of Defense photo identification. Also included are members of foreign military coalition forces in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

For more information, visit <http://www.4adventure.com> or call toll-free 1-800-4ADVENTURE.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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Exceptions to Keesler's
25 mph speed limit:
15 mph in housing areas,
flight line
and unpaved surfaces;
10 mph in close proximity
to marching formations
and when waved through
base gates;
5 mph in parking lots,
and 35 mph
in some sections
of perimeter roads.

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honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for personnel who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Individuals with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through June 19, July 14-17, Aug. 11-14, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business

casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Employment opportunities

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik, 376-8502 or 376-8728, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, visit Room 216, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 216, Sablich Center.

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 Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hat-away, 377-1389, 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 — For more information, call Senior Airman Aaron Eden, 1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714 or call 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 377-2179, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

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; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626, michael.newson@keesler.af.mil.

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.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

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

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

Top III — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 376-6346.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. 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 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.