

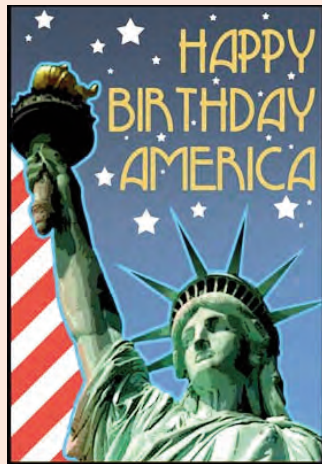


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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Basic Joshua Cochran, an airfield systems apprentice student in the 338th Training Squadron, climbs a 53-foot tower behind Maltby Hall on his first day of climbing training, June 18. Last week was the first time climbing skills were incorporated in the course. Story and photos, Page 4.

Vice chairman of joint chiefs: break barriers among services

By Chuck Paone

66th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

MARLBOROUGH, Mass. — Attired in his khaki-and-olive uniform, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. James Cartwright squinted through the stage light glare before beginning to speak at the second annual Air Force Cyberspace Symposium here June 19.

Looking out at a sea of blue uniforms and business suits, the general joked briefly about the seeming incongruity of a Marine addressing an Air Force conference, and then spoke passionately about the need to break down service barriers.

Much of what tends to hamper joint warfighters' ability to share and fully exploit critical information stems from individual services' inherent desire to control their systems and processes, he said.

"The technology is not what paces us, it's the culture," General Cartwright said. "And that needs to change."

He said that culture is based on a sense of ownership, a belief that, "I've got to own it. If I don't own it, I can't defend it. If I don't own it, I can't operate it."

When the only ownership construct is a service ownership construct, "that's not serving us well," the vice chairman said.

Speaking of his recent tenure as commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., he said he had no cyber identity, "other than pretending I was an Air Force person and then getting an e-mail account. That just doesn't work."

It's not the way U.S. combat forces fight, he said.

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Remember guardians of America's freedom

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

On July 4, 1776, the signers of the Declaration of Independence boldly asserted that all are "created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With these words, our forefathers formed a new nation and put forth a vision of liberty and democracy that would forever alter history. Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate this pivotal moment in our history, which set into motion the development of a land of freedom and opportunity unequalled in the world.

July 4, 2008, marks our nation's 232nd year of independence. Traditionally,

Americans celebrate the Fourth of July with family picnics, community parades, patriotic concerts and colorful fireworks. This year, as you commemorate the birthday of our great nation, I would ask that each of you in uniform pause and consider how your dedication — and the dedication of those who have come before you — ensures America's freedom.

As our nation celebrates Independence Day, many will miss the family gatherings and hometown parades. They stand guard protecting the freedoms we all cherish. With a full understanding of exactly what service to this nation means, they serve with exceptional courage and selflessness. While many of us are fortunate enough to spend the holiday with our families, let us remember those who

are deployed in combat zones. They make this sacrifice for freedom, and like all of us, remain committed to making a difference.

During this holiday, I hope you and your family remain safe. Make sure you keep safety first and foremost in all your activities. Having a good plan is the key to success. If you are driving to visit friends and family, make sure your vehicle is in good shape, you have your route well planned, and you are well rested before heading out. Also, make sure your supervisor has good points of contact for you. If you are on the water, make sure you take proper safety precautions: be trained and certified to pilot your watercraft, wear personal flotation devices whenever appropriate, and maintain safe speeds and follow proper navigation on the

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).

waterways. If you are on the beach, stay protected from the sun, wear appropriate footwear to protect yourself, and watch traffic when crossing the highway. And, in all of these activities, be responsible with alcohol, watch out for the other guy, and be a great wingman!

To you — and to your families who sacrifice and

serve as well as anyone in uniform — you have my heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a happy and safe Independence Day. As commander of the 81st Training Wing, I am privileged to serve alongside you, and I'm profoundly grateful for the commitment you show, which this holiday honors.

Unpleasant tasks part of devotion to profession

By Chief Master Sgt. Mark Rodriguez

Air Combat Command first sergeant

LANGLEY Air Force Base, Va. — As a new first sergeant at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., I was at a staff meeting when a chief, the mission support group superintendent and great personal mentor, gave us a heads-up about a small trash detail requirement to clean up after the Fourth of July fireworks display. As we filed out at the end of the meeting, I made what I considered an innocent, trivial remark to the chief.

"Not to worry, chief; if I can't find anyone, I was going to go out there to help clean up anyway. I'll do it myself."

The chief stopped me and called me back into her office. She explained to me that as a senior noncommissioned officer, I needed to shy away from that way of thinking. Since making chief and working at higher levels, she said she'd noticed a change in today's noncommissioned officers — more and more of us aren't supervisors anymore. Instead, we've taken on a protective role for our Airmen.

"When we were 'coming up,' our NCOs actually ran their work centers," she said. They tasked us Airmen to do details, good and bad. We were their

Airmen, and the good supervisors knew it was their duty to recognize us and make us well-rounded individuals. Plus, they knew it had to be done because if we, as younger Airmen, had a choice, most of us would never have volunteered to work weekends, extra hours or take on the dirty jobs.

Now, she constantly hears supervisors saying, "Not my Airmen," or "My Airmen don't work weekends," or "Why are you asking my Airmen to pick up trash? That's not their job."

But the Air Force is not a job, it's a profession. We are expected to do things for the greater good — the mission and the community — and doing unpopular things is sometimes a part of that devotion.

So she asked, "What's so special about these Airmen that differs from us when we were Airmen?" She remembered her supervisors saying, "I need you to work this Saturday, but you can have Monday off." They knew their section and ran it, and they directed the efforts of their people. So now, we, the older Airmen, have grown accustomed to saying, "Oh, it's no big deal; I'll do it."

Why? What are we protecting our Airmen from? A letter of appreciation, a below-the-zone or airman of the quarter or year bullet, or just the pride in being

a part of something greater than themselves?

The chief said that as NCOs, and especially senior NCOs, we have more authority now than ever before to lead and run our duty sections. But many of us are giving that authority away. We wait until the commander or chief forces us to make an unpopular decision before we act, or worse, make the decision for us.

The most dangerous byproduct of this type of supervisor is that these new Airmen are growing up to believe that unpopular details, weekend or after-hours work, or supporting unit functions are "not their job." As today's leaders, we are responsible for the leaders of tomorrow. We cannot have the leaders of tomorrow believing that unpopular tasks, "are not their job." We need to set our Airmen up for success and help them see that even unpopular tasks and details are just another opportunity to excel. It's great recognition for them, and they learn to appreciate the greater good.

So the next time you find yourself with a tough task, remember: this is your section and it's up to you to run it, not wait for someone to force you to make a decision.

It's up to us as NCOs to "take care of our Airmen," sometimes whether they want us to or not.

So, what kind of supervisor are you?

Fraternization: Don't cross the line

Airman's Roll Call

While most Airmen are familiar with the definition of unprofessional relationships, they may need further clarification about fraternization. Fraternization is actually a type of unprofessional relationship — one that can have major repercussions for Airmen, both professionally and personally.

An unprofessional relationship can occur between two offi-

cers, two enlisted members, an officer and an enlisted member, a military member and a civilian employee, or a military member and a defense contractor. When the relationship creates either the reality or perception of a superior exercising favoritism, misusing his or her office, or abandoning organizational goals for personal interests, it is considered unprofessional.

Fraternization refers to an unprofessional relationship between an officer and enlisted member specifically. Here are a few points to consider:

“Fraternization” refers to an offense under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for which officers may be punished. It occurs if an officer interacts with an enlisted member on terms of military equality such that respect for the officer's professionalism, integrity and leadership is compromised.

Fraternization need not include dating or sexual relations. It is any activity in which the parties, regardless of gender, are relating to each other on terms of military equality.

Under Air Force Instruction 36-2909, Professional and Unprofessional Relationships, both officers and enlisted members involved in unprofessional relationships (to include fraternization) may be given an order to terminate the relationship and may receive adverse administrative action. Other actions may also be taken when appropriate.

Fraternization and unprofessional relationships adversely affect the morale and discipline of our force. Understand where the line is, and don't cross it.

For more information, refer to AFI 36-2909 or contact your base legal office.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Expanded airfield systems training takes students to new heights



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Oliver keeps a close eye on his student, Airman 1st Class Joseph Matthews, to make sure he follows safety procedures while honing his climbing skills.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Airfield systems apprentice students in the 338th Training Squadron are scaling new heights ... literally.

Last week, trainers began to incorporate climbing instruction into the course to prepare Airmen to safely perform periodic and corrective maintenance on equipment mounted on the towers, according to Terry Campbell, airfield systems training manager.

"Previously, airfield systems personnel with a climbing mission had to attend a three-day climbing course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas," Mr. Campbell said.

To make this possible, six instructors from the 338th TRS' special training and technology flights and four climbers from the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron were trained by Sheppard's mobile training team earlier this month. About \$8,000 was saved by doing the training at Keesler instead of sending the 10 climbers to Sheppard.

Staff Sgt. Seth Stanko from the 85th EIS provided initial climbing training for Tech. Sgts. Daniel Wilburn and Staff Sgts. Richard Oliver, Geoffrey Gagnon, Maranatty Martin, Jonathon Ghahary and Adam Runquist from the 338th TRS and Staff Sgts. Ben Green and Jose Rodriguez and Tech. Sgts. Michael Hoelzer and Jeffrey Zabawa from the 85th EIS.

June 11, they were certified by Tech. Sgts. James Norton and Matt Cagle from Sheppard's 364th TRS.

Students do their academic training in Jones Hall and are transported to Maltby Hall to climb the 85th EIS' 53-foot tower. Even though the additional training is being added, the revised course is actually nine days shorter than the previous 110-day course.

"Other items were removed from the course last July during a utilization and training workshop under the direction of Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Nelson, our career field manager," Mr. Campbell explained. "All course changes need to be validated to ensure we can meet the training requirements.

"We validate courses by running three classes through the course, keeping meticulous notes on what does and doesn't work well," he continued. "If any changes are required at the end of the validation period, the training development element and training manager make changes and finalize the course. This course won't be validated until December, based on the graduation date of the third class."



Airman Basic Timothy Collar, a student in the 338th TRS, practices tying a bow line knot before climbing the tower behind Maltby Hall, June 18.

Mr. Campbell said 166 students pass through the course in fiscal 2008, with an increase to 173 the following year.

"We train Air Force, Air National Guard and foreign students," Mr. Campbell said. "With this addition to their training, our graduates will be more mission-ready than in the past."

Future plans call for construction of a 40-foot tower in the bay area of Matero Hall to provide an all-weather climbing training facility.

"A lot of folks have worked really hard to get this training for Chief Nelson off the ground — no pun intended," Mr. Campbell pointed out. "Mr. Ken Powell and Tech. Sgt. Billy Landreneau put in a lot of hours to get all the equipment and handle the coordination with base transportation, the 85th EIS and the climbing school at Sheppard, and the climbing instructors put a lot of effort into the preparations."

Changes affect senior rate educational requirements

By Carl Bergquist

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force, Ala. — Before senior noncommissioned officers are eligible for a senior rater endorsement, they must meet certain educational requirements.

The first is a Community College of the Air Force degree, and the second is completion of either Course 12 or 14, senior NCO professional military education distance learning courses.

Headquarters College for Enlisted Professional Military Education has changed the current Course 12 and 14 enrollment periods from 12 months to an open enrollment not to exceed 72 months.

In the past, coursework was available to senior NCOs through two methods: Course 12, which provides the curricula on a CD-ROM, and Course 14, the online version. Both courses offer the exact same material.

The college also lifted all Course 12 and 14 student enrollment restrictions. Students currently serving an enrollment restriction are eligible to re-enroll.

Students who decide to re-enroll after restrictions are lifted will have to start from the beginning of the course. Partial course credit won't be granted to previously disenrolled students."

Currently Course 14 can only be accessed through an active Internet connection; but an off-line option is slated to start Jan. 1.

Students can enroll in Course 12 until Dec. 31, when all distance-learning students must enroll in Course 14.

For students with current active enrollment, data is automatically adjusted to meet the new policy.

For more information, visit <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afiadl/curriculum/catalog/html/sncoa00.htm>, or <http://afiadl.custhelp.com>.

Club scholarships

Tuesday 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.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy Building is closed until noon July 9 for drill evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot is open.

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

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.

Penn State grant-in-aid

Penn State World Campus has established a pilot military grant-in-aid that reduces per semester hour undergraduate tuition rate from \$423 (lower division) and \$454 (upper division) to \$299 for all undergraduate courses.

The Grant is available to all members of the armed forces, including Guard and Reservists, while serving on active duty for all branches of the Defense Department and Coast Guard under the Department of Homeland Security.

This grant is available on a limited basis to all undergraduate degrees, certificates and courses offered by the World

2 squadrons get new leaders

Today — 11 a.m., Lt. Col. Russell Voce takes command of the 336th Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Kimberley Ramos in Welch Auditorium. Colonel Voce previously served as director of the practice of command course for the online master's degree program at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Colonel Ramos, who is promoted to colonel Monday, will be director of command and control communications systems for Special Operations Command-Africa, Stuttgart, Germany.

Monday — 11 a.m., Lt. Col. John Thomas takes command of the 338th TRS from Lt. Col. Stacy Yike in Welch Auditorium. Colonel Thomas previously directed the Air Force's national media outreach office in New York. Colonel Yike heads to Maxwell to attend Air War College.

Campus, Penn State University's distance education delivery unit.

For more information, go to http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/StudentServices_Military.shtml.

Academic counseling

For college counseling, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Student health center

The student health center in the Triangle is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, call 377-7016.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

From left, Maj. Nieves Villasenor, new commander of Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment, gets acquainted with Lance Cpl. Joshua Whittaker and Pfc. Thomas Nelson, students in the meteorology and oceanography course, June 19 inside the MARDET dormitory. Major Villasenor, who came to Keesler from Camp Lejeune, N.C., took command of the unit June 13 from Maj. Byron King, who retired.

Command changes hands for Marines, Sailors



From left, Electronics Technician 2nd Class William Sullivan and ET3 Daniel Williams, students in the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, discuss data collection processing equipment with Cmdr. Cristy Treharne, the unit's new commander, June 19 outside Allee Hall. Commander Treharne came to Keesler from the Defense Intelligence Agency. She took command from Cmdr. Dean Sadanaga June 12. Commander Sadanaga is now assigned to Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

Valle view

Melva Kroll, secretary to the 81st Training Wing vice commander, brings documents for signature to her new boss, Col. Christopher Valle. Colonel Valle, an Air Force Academy graduate, is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours in the C-141B, C-20A and C-21A. His last assignment was at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he completed a joint tour in U.S. Transportation Command, serving as airlift team/industry branch chief and executive officer to the deputy commander.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Secretary Wynne bids farewell

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Beneath the spires of the Air Force Memorial erected under his watch, the secretary of the Air Force bid farewell to Airmen June 20.

"I started out as a futurist and still am," he said earlier in the day. "We are facing stark modernization upgrades and choices. Unfortunately, there is a widely held perception that the Air Force legacy capability that the country has relied on for so long to ensure U.S. global reach will exist without significant modernization and upgrading."

The secretary highlighted his efforts to prepare for both the current war on terror as well as future challenges, such as:

Adopting cyberspace as a warfighting domain.

Integrating remote operated video enhanced receiver systems with ground combatants.

Properly training Airmen to deploy for new roles and responsibilities.

Incorporating unmanned aerial vehicles to help warfighters overseas as well as emergency responders here at home.

Acquiring weapon systems needed to sustain missions.

Synthetic aircraft fuel development.

Secretary Wynne pushed for the recapitalization of the Air Force fleet. The F-22A Raptor and F-35 Lightning II are essential to the Air Force mission, he said.

He said the Government Accountability Office announcement this week will delay the acquisition of the service's top priority — a new air refueling tanker.

"We're disappointed with the outcome of the report, especially for the people who worked hard to make sure we were open and transparent in our process," Secretary Wynne said at the Pentagon before the ceremony. "But they'll pull up their socks and keep working on it to make it happen."

"It's been an honor and a privilege to be your secretary," Secretary Wynne said. "The Air Force is in your hands. I wish you all the best of luck and know you'll do our nation proud."

Tanker bid decision eyed

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON —

June 18, the Government Accountability Office officials announced their findings and sustained portions of the Boeing protest of the KC-45A aerial refueling tanker competition.

The contract, originally awarded to Northrop Grumman, is for development and procurement of up to 179 tanker aircraft for about \$35 billion.

Air Force officials are currently reviewing the GAO decision.

"The Air Force will do everything we can to rapidly move forward so America receives this urgently needed capability," said Sue Payton, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. "The Air Force will select the best value tanker for our nation's defense, while being good stewards of the taxpayer dollar."

IN THE NEWS

July 7 is 'family day'

July 7 is an Air Education and Training Command "family day."

The day off applies to military members only. Civilian employees who normally work that day must take leave to get the day off.

Q Street closure

Q Street between Chappie James Avenue and L Street closes permanently July 28 to allow for construction of the new training aids facility.

New lodging phone system in place

The phone system for base lodging operations has been completely replaced with an up-to-date system capable of handling the volume of calls received daily.

To reach any department dial 377-4900 or 9986. For more information, click on the Inns of Keesler icon at <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Government travel card changes

Citibank is taking over from Bank of America as the service's new government travel card provider effective Nov 30.

The new Citibank card distribution begins in mid-August. Current GTC cardholders don't need to take any action at this time, except ensure their current GTC mailing address with Bank of America is correct. Citibank will use that information for their card distribution.

More information on the transition to Citibank will be provided Aug. 1 to ensure everyone receives and is prepared to use the new GTC.

"Receiving your new GTC should be a seamless process, as long as you have your address updated in the EAGLES system," said Capt. Jeffery Rich, 81st Comptroller Squadron commander. "If you're unsure if your address is correct in the system, get in touch with your unit GTC point of contact to have it updated."

For more information, call 377-7272.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped and ticketed for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

No Keesler News next week

By contract, the Keesler News isn't published July 3 in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday.

Publication resumes with the July 10 issue.

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.

Detour makes way for events center construction

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Now that site work for the new Bay Breeze Events Center is in progress, there's a detour for a segment of Ploesti Drive that runs between the construction site and the entrance to Bay Ridge military housing area.

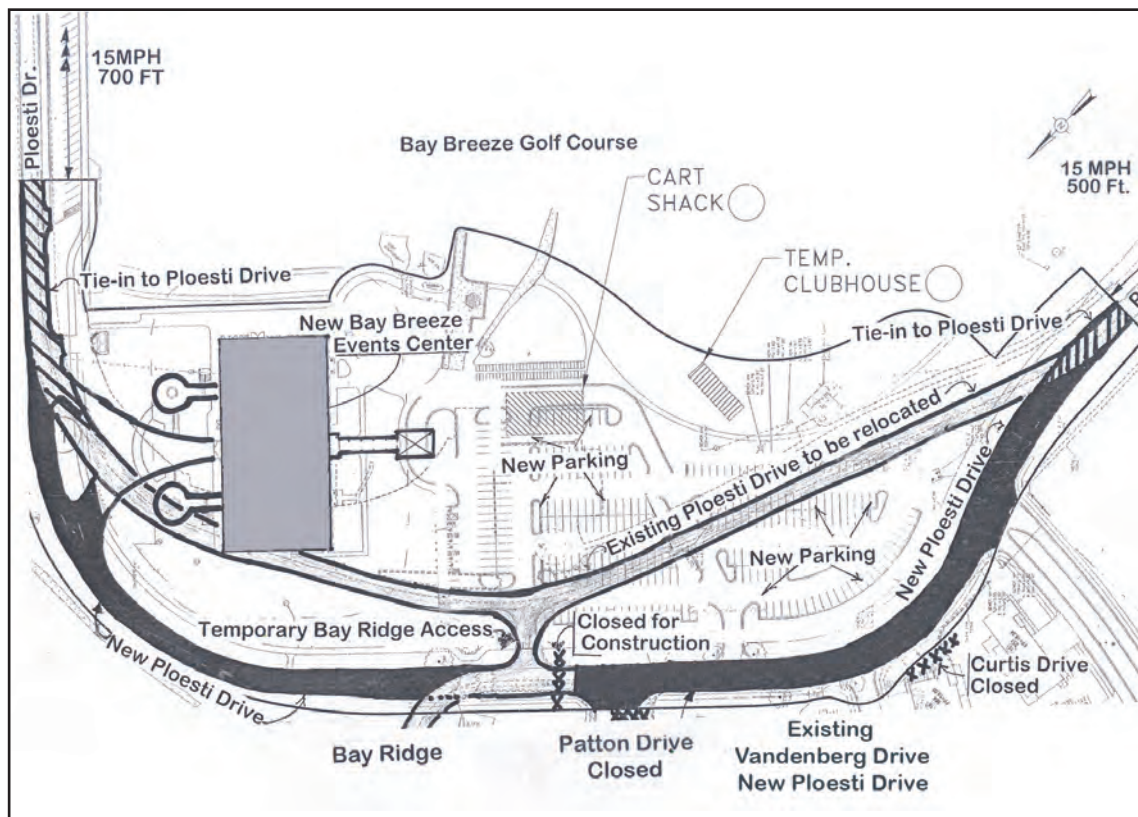
According to Vic Tilley from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's program management office, part of Ploesti has to be relocated to make way for the events center.

"The contractor will build the north and south sections of the new road, leaving a center section open for access to Bay Ridge," Mr. Tilley explained. "A new section of Ploesti Drive will overlay the section on Vandenberg Drive west of existing Ploesti Drive. This requires closing Patton Drive, Curtis Drive and a section of Vandenberg for the new road."

After the south and north sections of the new road are built, Patton Drive will be opened to the south part of Ploesti Drive for Bay Ridge access. This will allow closing the existing access to complete the new roadway.

The speed limit in the construction area is reduced to 15 mph. Detours and minor delays may be experienced while work is under way.

"The roadwork around the events center site should be completed in 60 to 90 days," Mr. Tilley said. "Access to the golf course and the housing area will be maintained. The temporary inconvenience will make way for an outstanding facility that all will enjoy."



Cartwright,

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"We fight joint, we fight as a coalition, we fight as a government, not as services," the general said.

He also noted that dot-mil addresses are organized around bases and stations, but, he added, "The last time I looked, we don't fight as bases and stations. We fight as operational forces."

Plenty of technical solutions for achieving more jointness exist, he said, mentioning one, a trusted workspace construct, which primarily serves the intelligence community. The general said this tool allows him, simply by plugging his identification card into his computer, to access the military's open and secure networks, as well as those of other U.S. agencies and coalition-nation partners.

"Wherever it is that I want to pipe into, I've got it," he said. "Wherever my card goes, those networks go with me."

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— General Cartwright



He said that while this particular system isn't large enough to be available for all to use, it provides the right model.

"We've got to start to create these systems for what our job is, which is being warfighters."

This, he said, is not about taking on service culture.

"Service culture is still — at the end of the day, at the high stress (point), whether it's in a foxhole or in a cockpit — what convinces you

that you must continue on," he said. "It is what convinces you that your buddy next to you is going to get you out of whatever you've gotten yourself into. Only service culture will do that for you."

However, "we don't fight as services," but rather as joint, interagency task forces, he said. Therefore, "if we provide weapons and capabilities for services, they are misaligned with our mission."

As for the specific ways in which the Air Force is han-

dling cyber challenges, General Cartwright said he thought highly of the approach being taken. He commended the service, and each of the others, for taking steps to organize, train and equip their cyber forces "in such a way that they can present those forces to combatant commanders," who will use them to fight.

At the Defense Department level, while all of this "may seem pretty straight forward," it's not settled yet, General

Cartwright said. He said there's still much discussion about centralization versus decentralization, for instance.

"That's not a bad thing," he said. "Rather than trying to argue over the shape of the table before you know whether the table's valuable, we need to get out there and experiment. We need to get out there and try some of this activity."

"Culturally we like to pour the cement first and then figure out where the value is," he said. Yet the Defense Department needs to do it the opposite way.

"We need to figure out exactly where the value is, and then worry about the organizational construct," the general said.

"We're on that path, but we're not there yet," he said.

The symposium was sponsored by the Air Force Electronic Systems Center, headquartered at Hanscom AFB, Mass., as well as by Air Force Cyber Command (Provisional) at Barksdale AFB, La., and the Paul Revere Chapter of the Air Force Association.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Death benefit changes start Tuesday

Legal office and Air Force Print News

As of Tuesday, service members can choose to whom a \$100,000 death gratuity will be disbursed if they are killed in action.

When the policy takes effect, each service branch adopts a revised version of Department of Defense Form 93, known as the Record of Emergency Data. Troops then can select up to 10 beneficiaries, regardless of relationships, allotting the whole of the \$100,000 in 10-percent increments.

To implement the change, the Air Force Personnel Center will update all vREDs to reflect a “by law” death gratuity election. Airmen can immediately make changes to this death gratuity election if wish to designate one or more persons by name and percentage to receive the death gratuity payment.

The term “by law” means that 100 percent of the death gratuity payment is paid in this order of precedence:

Surviving spouse;

Surviving child(ren) in equal amounts;

Descendents of any deceased children in equal amounts;

Surviving parent(s) of the service member in equal amounts;

The appointed executor or administrator of the service member’s estate;

Other next of kin entitled under the law(s) of domicile at the time of death.

Airmen who want to designate a specific beneficiary or multiple beneficiaries by name must access the virtual military personnel flight on or after Tuesday to provide the information on their beneficiaries. They’ll be required to enter the beneficiaries’ contact information in either the next-of-kin or the interested parties block if not already reflected on their vRED before making an election by name in the death gratuity block.

Married Airmen may elect to leave less than 100 percent of the death gratuity to their spouse, but the law now requires the spouse to be notified in writing when an election of less than 100 percent to the spouse is made. The letter is sent from the AFPC Contact Center whenever such an election occurs and won’t disclose any percentages or identify any additional beneficiaries.

Airmen are responsible for keeping beneficiary information up to date.

Preparing household goods move

Ensure residence or pickup location is clean and free of soil and pest infestation.

Empty, defrost and thoroughly wash the inside of your refrigerator and freezer.

Disconnect all appliances. If shipping or storing a front-loading washer, provide necessary hardware (retaining and shipping bolts).

Dispose of foods that could spill or spoil in transit or storage.

Dispose of worn out and unneeded items.

Safeguard cash, jewelry and important documents.

Dismantle outdoor equipment and structures. Drain all gasoline, oil and water and remove the battery from power equipment.

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/AFPCSecureMain Menu.asp](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.

Report provides snapshot of military force

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center has published its demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty force as of April 30.

Statistics are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Active-duty members

323,889 individuals are on active duty.

64,198 are officers and 259,691 enlisted personnel.

There are 13,195 pilots, 4,207 navigators, 1,251 air battle managers and 29,639 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below.

Age

The average age of the officer force is 35; for enlisted Airmen, it's 29.

38.5 percent are below the age of 26.

44.8 percent of enlisted Airmen are below 26 versus 13 percent of officers.

Gender

19.6 percent of the force are women.

18 percent of the officers and 19.9 percent of the enlisted corps are women.

56.5 percent of the female officers are line officers; 43.5 percent are non-line.

85 percent of the male officers are line officers; 15 percent are nonline.

The population of women is 63,365.

Women first entered pilot training in 1976, navigator training in 1977 and fighter pilot training in 1993.

Currently, there are 585 (4.1 percent) female pilots, 231 (5.1 percent) female navigators and 147 air battle managers (11.3 percent).

Race

The following percentages, which are self-reported, cover Air Force military members' racial information.

0.6 percent reported their race to be American Indian or native Alaskan.

2.5 percent reported their race to be Asian.

14.7 percent reported their race to be black or African American.

0.9 percent reported their race to be native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

73.7 percent reported their race to be white.

1.8 percent reported their race to be more than one of the categories.

5.8 percent declined to report their race.



For more information,
visit the Air Force Personnel Center's
analysis branch Web site,
<http://wwa.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics/>.

Ethnicity

"Hispanic or Latino" is now considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately and in addition to the above racial categories.

9.5 percent of Airmen call themselves "Hispanic/Latino."

86.9 percent "not Hispanic/Latino."
3.6 percent declined to respond.

Marital status

60.6 percent of the current force is married — 73 percent of the officers and 57.6 percent of enlisted Airmen.

There are 19,338 couples in the Air Force with both spouses in the military.

1,383 of these are married to members of other military services.

Family members

Active-duty members supported 496,425 family members.

392,291 family members reside in an Airman's household.

Overseas

21.1 percent of the current force is assigned overseas, including Alaska and Hawaii.

9,874 officers and 58,421 enlisted personnel serve overseas.

Total active military service

The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and nine years for enlisted Airmen.

Officer academic education

52 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees.

41.1 percent have master's degrees, 9.5 percent have professional degrees and 1.4 percent have doctorate degrees.

25.8 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees, 18.7 percent have master's degrees, 6.8 percent have professional degrees and 0.3 percent have doctorate degrees.

85 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees, 69.3 percent have master's degrees, 12.9 percent have professional degrees and 2.7 percent have doctorate degrees.

Enlisted academic education

99.96 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education.

71.3 percent have some semester

hours towards a college degree.

17.6 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours.

5.1 percent have a bachelor's degree.

0.8 percent have a master's degree.

.01 percent have a professional or doctorate degree.

Component

99.7 percent of the officers have a regular commission.

99.8 percent of the line officers have a regular commission.

Developmental education

61.9 percent of the officers have completed one or more professional military education or developmental education courses either in residence or by correspondence.

9,531 have completed at least one senior service school or senior developmental education course, 12,496 have completed an intermediate level course and 17,694 have completed squadron officer school.

Source of commission

19.9 percent of the officers were commissioned through the Air Force Academy, 43 percent through Reserve Officer Training Corps and 19.9 percent through Officer Training School.

The remaining 17.3 percent were commissioned through other sources (direct appointment, etc.).

Seeking shelter from the storm



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Michael Gargiulo, 14, loads his family's dog, Pepper, into the car. There won't be a pet shelter available on base if a hurricane should threaten the area, so Keesler families must make other arrangements, either finding a kennel to care for them or taking them along during an evacuation. Michael's parents are retired Lt. Col. Robert and Jackie Gargiulo of Long Beach.

Force shaping takes new direction

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials here currently are deciding how to carry out force shaping plans in the coming year following an announcement by Defense Secretary Robert Gates Monday to halt personnel cuts.

Active-duty end strength was projected to decrease from 328,600 to 316,600 by the end of fiscal 2009.

Stating his desire to ease the burden reduced staffing has created for some Airmen and their families, Secretary Gates told Airmen at Langley Air Force Base, Va., he intends “immediately to stop further reductions in Air Force personnel.”

“This is good news for our Airmen,” said Col. Chuck Armentrout, chief of the military force policy division at the Pentagon. “We’ll have the resources we need to carry out the mission requirements of the required force.”

The halting of force reductions does not mean those officers and enlisted members already in the pipeline to separate will be required to stay, Colonel Armentrout said.

“We’re not talking large numbers here,” he said. “We’re talking about staying where we are (in terms of personnel numbers) for 2009, and then increasing slightly to 330,000 in 2010.”

While force reductions will be halted, other force shaping measures are still necessary to balance the force, Colonel Armentrout said.

The first step for Air Force manpower and personnel is to identify the skills needed in the increase to 330,000. Simultaneously, the Air Force will be focusing on ensuring Airmen who are in overage specialties are retrained into shortage career fields.

Officials are also looking at the possibility of initiating a cross-flow program for junior officers — beginning with a small test group — to explore the possibility of retraining officers currently in overage career fields.

“The personnel increases that do take place will be targeted toward new and emerging missions and high-demand areas,” said Colonel Armentrout.

“Obviously, there will be no reduction in force, voluntary separation pay or selective early retirement boards for 2009, but we will continue to shape the force using other force shaping tools already in place,” he said. “We’ll continue programs to retain people in the ‘in-demand’ skills, retrain when possible and target accessions toward those skills.”

Secretary Gates’ announcement came June 9 this week, but “as specifics become clearer, we’ll have a better site picture (of how we’ll proceed),” Colonel Armentrout said.

Looney's legacy — AETC is 'command of choice'

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — As commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. William Looney III sought to make AETC “a command of choice” for Airmen while concentrating on providing combat-focused training to everyone who comes to or through the command.

As he prepared to retire after more than 36 years of service, the general reflected on a number of initiatives the first command has taken to ensure all Airmen enter with a warrior mentality and the skill sets necessary to operate in today's environment.

By increasing basic training to 8 1/2 weeks in length, providing combat convoy and battlefield Airman training and advancing the use of tech-

nology to improve training efficiency and effectiveness, AETC has consistently developed Airmen today for tomorrow under his command.

To accomplish that mission, General Looney said it was important for members to be proud to be on the team.

“Possibly one of the greatest accomplishments during my time was to come very close to achieving my vision to make AETC a command of choice, a place Airmen and their families wanted to be assigned — they wanted to be part of the recruiting, training and educating mission,” the general said. “We needed two things to make that happen. First, the role you played in the command had to be rewarding and satisfying to the individual — and they had to be recognized for the significant contribution they made to the Air Force and the nation by



General Looney

being a part of AETC.

“The second part is that families and Airmen would enjoy a quality of life that is second to none,” he said. “I wanted AETC's quality of life to reflect

that these were the world's greatest Airmen and families.”

By supporting and bringing to reality various improvements around the command, such as new fitness centers, dormitory improvements, and the benefits of privatized housing, the general had a reputation for backing his intentions with the funds to get it done.

Despite the legacy of improvements and innovation he leaves behind, General Looney was quick to point out that the focus should never be on him as commander, and that leaders at all levels “shouldn't allow it to be about them — it should be about the people.

“It's our job as leaders to care about our people — to motivate them, to inspire them, and to provide them the support they need to do what's being asked of them,” the general said. “It's not necessarily the

leaders who are getting the mission done. It's the Airmen.”

General Looney stressed the vital importance of keeping a positive attitude in the current climate, with challenges like high operations tempo, frequent deployments related to the global war on terror and reduced manning in offices and shops around the Air Force.

“Regardless of your career or the role you play in life, you are going to be faced with peaks and valleys. That's life,” he said. “What's important from my perspective is facing each challenge with a positive attitude. Even if you aren't sure what's being asked of you can be done, you have to think that if it can be done, if anybody can do it, you can. And I think 90 percent of the time the capa-

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bility you possess and the resources you have allow you to be able to do that. The positive attitude fuels the desire and also the capability to accomplish the job.”

When asked what he will remember most about the Air Force and his career, he cited three unique attributes of the Air Force:

First, the Air Force provides everyone opportunities. “I believe it doesn’t really hit you in the early stages, even the later stages, of your career: that the Air Force gives us tremendous opportunities,” General Looney said. “... If you have a dream in this Air Force that you want to achieve, you have a chance to fulfill that dream if you make the effort. That is a unique organization to be in.

Second, the quality of people we associate with. To be able to come to work every day with people who are committed, dedicated, professional, drug-free, with high integrity, and respect for each other’s dignity — regardless of race, gender, religion, or social class — is another thing that makes this Air Force so very special,” the general said.

Third, we get to contribute to something greater than ourselves by wearing this uniform and serving this nation. There are very few organizations where service before self is a core value or a core descriptor of what you do,” General Looney said. “But the day will come when all of us will sit on that front porch in a rocker reflecting back on what exactly we did with our lives ... what contributions did we make?”

“Those of us who wear Air Force blue will never have a problem answering that question — and feeling proud of the answer.”

General Looney retires Wednesday. Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, formerly Air University commander, will be promoted to general and take command of AETC.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Williams
Position — noncommissioned officer in charge of vehicle maintenance
Unit — 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron

Military service — 18 years
Time at Keesler — two years
Noteworthy — I served in the Navy for nearly 11 years.

Hometown — Yorktown, Ind.

Why did you join the Air Force? I decided to join the Air Force to continue my military career and so I could be with my wife, Master Sgt. Mandy Williams, an instructor supervisor in the 335th Training Squadron. It just made more sense for me to finish my military career in the Air Force instead of the Navy.

Your favorite quote? “Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress.” — Mahatma Gandhi

What are your short- and long-term goals? short term, to earn promotion to master sergeant and complete my Community College of the Air Force degree; long term, to coach high school baseball

What are your hobbies? playing softball, golf, spending time with my children and working on my 1966 Mustang



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DIAMOND NOTES

Let's remember how important proper training is. General Douglas MacArthur said, “In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling or so irrevocable as in the military.”



— Master Sgt. Sherman Miller, 81st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Sept. 26-28, 1998

Hurricane Georges slammed into the Mississippi coast, causing major damage to Keesler and surrounding areas. The Category IV storm struck Keesler with sustained winds of 142 mph and gusts to 179 miles per hour, flooding 100+ family houses, downing hundreds of trees and power lines and disrupting power to major pockets of the base. While Keesler suffered no fatalities during the storm, elsewhere over 400 people were killed, including 201 people in the Dominican Republic.

Promotion lists for technical, master sergeants released today

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — At 8 a.m. today, Air Force Personnel Center officials post selection lists for technical and master sergeant promotions on the Air Force Portal and AFPC public and military Web sites.

Keesler News publishes the lists July 11, its next issue.

It's the third major enlisted promotion release using the Web-based process, and the largest release at 12,614 names.

The virtual promotion release ensures timely world-wide access to all Airmen and their families. This is one more initiative AFPC has taken to expand on technology through delivery of personnel services via 24-hour access to Web-based personnel information.

Due to the large number of Airmen on this release, AFPC has increased its systems capabilities 30 percent to ensure everyone has access to the list promptly this morning.

In addition to the AFPC public Web site, the list is also posted to three other Web sites to decrease the possibility of overloading a single server — Air Force Portal, AFPC Spotlight and the promotions page on the AFPC "Ask" Web site.

Airmen can access their score notices via Air Force Portal and virtual Military Personnel Flight.

The Web-based, virtual promotion release system resolves several challenges from the former promotion notification process: notifying Airmen all over the world on a specific date and time, safeguarding the integrity of the list against unauthorized release and premature notification, as well as letting non-selects determine their status at the same time.

For more information, visit the enlisted promotions page on the AFPC "Ask" Web site or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Uneasy riders

Keesler sees trend in unprotected motorcyclists

By Staff Sgt. Larry Norsworthy

81st Training Wing Safety Office

As the cost of gasoline continues to skyrocket, the popularity of motorcycles as a more economical transport of choice is following a similar trend.

But as Keesler safety and law enforcement officials have seen an equal proliferation of the two-wheeled machines here, they've also witnessed an unfortunate trend in riders disregarding the equipment designed to protect them in the event of an accident: personal protective equipment, or PPE for short.

It's important to remember that whether you're on base or off, there are strict training and PPE guidelines outlined in Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 and Air Force Instruction 91-207 that must be followed at all times while riding either as a passenger or operator of a motorcycle, scooter, dirt bike or all-terrain vehicle.

All too often, people who are off duty feel they're free to ignore these strict regulations and not wear the required PPE. In reality though, if you fail to wear your PPE and you're involved in an accident where your injuries could have been prevented if the correct PPE was worn, it could come back to a "not-in-the-line of duty determination" where you could be held liable for your medical expenses.

A recent poll of gate personnel revealed that an increase of riders have been leaving the base without meeting the PPE requirements, only to do it upon return to the base. The 81st Security Forces Squadron and Southeastern Protective Services personnel have been cracking down and denying access to the base when riders approach without the required PPE. There are some questions as to who's required to wear it though, and the answer is clearly stated on the title page of AFI 91-207:

"This instruction applies to



The motorcyclist on the left is attired for safe travel with an approved helmet, full-face shield, long-sleeve reflective jacket, gloves, long pants and boots. The one on the right has no protection for his hands, arms and legs, and there's no reflective material to improve his visibility to other drivers.

all people in or on moving motor, bicycles and other non-motorized transportation devices on Air Force installations, Air Force employees operating a motor vehicle conducting official duties off base, Air Force military personnel (including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard on Federal Service) at all times regardless of location, and foreign students in training with the Air Force (who must complete applicable traffic safety courses)."

Once you purchase a motorcycle, contact your squadron's motorcycle safety representative. They'll help you coordinate your training and get you registered as a motorcycle rider within the squadron. If you're a first-time rider, you'll need to attend the beginners' rider course. If you've already attended the BRC, you can be scheduled for the experienced riders' course. AFI 91-207 recommends experienced riders complete refresher training every three years. Prior to attending these courses, motorcycle owners aren't allowed to operate a motorcycle on roads on or off base.

Approved PPE for operation of a motorcycle:

Head protection —

A helmet designed to meet or exceed Department of Transportation standards shall be worn and properly fastened under the chin. Overseas, host nation equivalent is acceptable if it meets or exceeds the DOT standard.

Eye protection —

Goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield properly attached to helmet, designed to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute Standard Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance will be worn. A windshield doesn't constitute proper eye protection. Overseas, host nation equivalent is acceptable if it meets or exceeds ANSI Standard Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance.

Protective clothing —

Wear of long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full-fingered gloves is required. Gloves should be sturdy, non-slip type to permit a firm grip on the controls. Wear of a motorcycle jacket and pants constructed of abrasion resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar, and/or Cordura con-

taining impact absorbing padding is strongly encouraged.

Foot protection — Riders will wear sturdy over the ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn). Sandals, low quarter sneakers and similar footwear will not be used.

Garment and motorcycle visibility — Motorcycle riders will wear a brightly-colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer, upper garment shall be visible and not covered. Wearing a backpack is authorized if it has brightly colored/reflective properties.

There's some controversy as it concerns to garment and motorcycle visibility, and that's because people tend to be opinionated as to how the words "brightly colored outer upper garment" can be defined. To make this clear, let's break down the phrase and define each word.

Bright(ly) — emitting or reflecting a high degree of light.

Colored — having color.

Outer — situated or belonging on the outside.

Upper — means higher in physical position. (such as the upper portion of the body above the waist)

Garment — used as a noun, means an article of clothing.

Having looked at the definitions, there still may be a little confusion as to what is considered brightly colored. The 81st Training Wing Safety Office defines these colors as white, yellow, orange, pink, blue, red, silver and lime green. Some items that don't meet these definitions are going to be the drab olive flight suits and reflective belts.

Wait a minute — why don't reflective belts meet those definitions? They're reflective, right?

Yes, they're reflective, but a reflective belt is designed to be used for pedestrian traffic and worn around the waist, not over the shoulder where in an accident, it could cause a choking hazard or a dismemberment of a body part. If it's worn around the waist while riding, you have to take into consideration that the shirt, coat or whatever is worn on the upper portion of the body could cover it and keep it from being seen by another motorist.

Something else that is commonly seen is the affixing of reflective belts to backpacks to signify something brightly colored on the outer upper portion of the body. Once again, the backpack is not a garment of clothing — it's an equipment item. Clearly stated in AFI 91-207, "wearing a backpack is authorized if it has brightly colored/reflective properties," meaning that the brightly colored/reflective properties are manufactured into it and not added by a reflective belt.

Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Have a happy, safe 4th of July weekend!

Canal zone reopens Endodontic treatment resumes

The 81st Dental Squadron's department of endodontics has resumed the endodontic residency.

All authorized beneficiaries, including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired, may be eligible for root canal treatment. Patients accepted for treatment would be treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or residents in the general dentistry residency. Referrals from civilian dentists for root canal treatment will be considered.

For more information, those needing root canal treatment call 376-5227.

Identical twins finish nurse transition program

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

People in Keesler Medical Center's inpatient care units have been seeing double lately but it's not due to a medical malady. Friday, a set of identical twins graduated from the 81st Medical Group's nurse transition program.

Second Lts. Erin and Maria Horn have been in the 11-week course to familiarize them with Air Force nursing since early April. Both received their nursing degrees from the University of South Carolina Upstate, in Spartanburg, in December and were commissioned in the Air Force Feb. 13. Both will be assigned to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

The Blythewood, S.C., natives said they were home schooled except for kindergarten through part of the second grade. They attended community college while still in high school.

"This gave us a head start on nursing school," Erin said. "We completed nursing school in 3 1/2 years."

"We were some of the youngest officers in Commissioned Officer Training (at Maxwell AFB, Ala.)," Maria said. They turned 21 Aug. 22 last year.

The diminutive duo — they are just 5 feet tall — were born two months premature, weighing just 3 pounds each.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Second Lts. Maria, left, and Erin Horn

"We almost didn't make it through the night," Maria said. "Our mom said it was a miracle we survived."

The rest of the family has a height advantage: Their father is 6-foot 2-inches and their mother and 18-year-old sister are both 5-foot-7.

When they were younger, Erin and Maria participated in a twin study. They made an interesting observation about being identical twins — their fingerprints are exact opposites of one another.

"We normally finish each other's sentences and sometimes thoughts," said Erin.

"We share everything," Maria added. "We even shared a checking account but now have individual ones."

"Some people don't understand the close relationship between twins," she continued. "If something happened to Erin, I would lose a part of me."

They are both pleased with their decision to enter the Air Force.

"We turned down some nice civilian job offers while waiting to join the Air Force," Erin commented. "We thought we would have more opportunities in the Air Force."

"We love the challenge," Maria said.

Maria would like to become an obstetric nurse and is currently on that track. Both are interested in the oncology field.

Their Travis assignment will give them an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, which they both "love." They participate in horseback riding, rock climbing and even skydiving. They hope to be able to do some skiing, which they took up this past winter.

In addition, they are heavily involved in volunteer search and rescue. They have two SAR-trained dogs that they hope to bring with them to Travis.

Free fun day for military

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport offers free admission to active-duty, retired and reserve military families, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 5.

For more information, call 897-6039.

Housing office closed

The housing office closes at 3 p.m. Wednesday for an official function.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed until noon July 9 for drill evaluations.

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

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

Senior NCO induction

The 15th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney McKinley, speaks at the senior NCO induction ceremony, 6 p.m. July 17 at the Imperial Palace Resort.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and business suit or evening wear for civilians.

Tickets are \$30 and available from unit first sergeants.

Gospel celebration

The Keesler Gospel Service celebrates its 37th anniversary, 10:30 a.m. July 20 at Triangle Chapel.

Guest speaker is retired Chaplain (Col.) Robert Jemerson, who was the first chaplain assigned to the gospel service back in 1971.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 2111.

Heart Link

Heart Link, a spouse orientation program, is July 24 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

Limited child care is available.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

No consignments

The Keesler Thrift Shop isn't accepting consignments until Aug. 4.

Hurricane supplements

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

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron customer service, Attention Michael Cashion, 377-5208, or e-mail michael.cashion@keesler.af.mil.

Data disposal

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

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states "any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval."

It states that the "installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked."

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

"We feel people living in base housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Pleasant, family childcare program coordinator. "We want not only to bring the

information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a licensed family child care provider."

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days after initial provider training, background screenings and home inspections are completed.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Licensed providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. The FCC staff assists in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials which help keep costs down. Providers set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Fireworks follies can ruin 4th of July celebrations

Safety office, fire prevention office and Keesler News staff

The lingering drought in south Mississippi makes fireworks a dangerous proposition for Independence Day.

James Palmer, Keesler's fire prevention chief, stressed that fireworks are strictly prohibited on base and in surrounding cities, but fireworks continue to be sold in Harrison and Jackson counties outside city limits.

"Some people insist on buying and using them, regardless of the dangers," Mr. Palmer said.

Although fireworks are a traditional part of many celebrations, reckless or illegal use can be a serious threat.

A May 2008 report from the NMPA noted that in 2006, the most recent year for which statistics are available, 9,200 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. emergency rooms.

About 49 percent involve injuries to the extremities and 46 percent to the head. About 75 of the injured people were male, and a third were under the age of 15. Small firecrackers accounted for 31 percent of the injuries, followed by rockets at 21 percent. Sparklers, often considered "safe" for young children, caused 20 percent of the injuries.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at an outdoor public display put on by professionals. Stay in the designated viewing area at least 500 feet from the launch area.

For people who opt to light their own fireworks, here are some safety reminders and guidelines:

Fireworks are not toys. They burn at about the same temperature as a household match.

Buy fireworks from reliable merchants.

Never attempt to make your own homemade fireworks. Mixing chemical powders can result in an untimely explosion that can



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Public fireworks displays on July 4 are at dusk near Pascagoula's Beach Park, 8:45 p.m. at Gulfport's Jones Park and 9 p.m. near Biloxi's town green and Ocean Springs front beach.

cause death or injuries.

Know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are federally-banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death. If you know of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Different fireworks mean different hazards, so read the instructions on each one and follow them carefully.

Light the tip of each firework at arm's length, using a fireworks lighter or fuse wick. Move back immediately.

Light one firework or sparkler at a time. Rockets should be launched from a rocket launcher, not from glass or metal containers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, so make sure that anyone holding one wears gloves and puts each spent one into a bucket of water as soon as it's gone out.

Never give fireworks to small children. Close adult supervision of all fireworks activities is necessary.

Don't throw fireworks onto a bonfire.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.

Always ignite fireworks outdoors.

Never throw fireworks at another person.

If a firework doesn't go off, it could still be live and could go off unexpectedly. Douse the "dud" with water, then bury it.

Pets hate bangs and flashes and get frightened around fireworks, so keep pets indoors and close curtains to make things calmer.

Before lighting any fireworks, make sure enough room is available in a safe place.

Have a full bucket of water handy for any emergency, and for disposing of used sparklers.

Loose clothing or scarves can catch on fire very easily. If clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over to put out the flames.

Drinking alcohol adds to the danger when there are fireworks and bonfires around. Consider not having any alcoholic drinks available until after all fireworks have been set off.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910, or fire prevention office, 377-8441.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Civilian jobs — begin earlier to fill vacancies

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — One way to cut down on the time needed to fill a civilian vacancy is to begin earlier, Air Force Personnel Center officials said recently.

“Supervisors can submit a request for personnel action at any time to their local Civilian Personnel Office,” said Cathy Smoak, Human Resource Specialist, Air Force Programs Oversight office at AFPC. “You don’t have to wait until a vacancy actually exists to start the recruitment process.”

When a civilian vacancy is anticipated, a supervisor can begin the formal process of finding a replacement by completing an RPA. Once the supervisor obtains all the approvals required to fill the position, the RPA can be submitted to their local civilian personnel office to begin recruitment. Early lead times for recruitment may be appropriate, especially for “hard-to-fill” positions like nurses, engineers, unique equipment specialists and overseas positions.

If a supervisor knows that an employee is going to resign or retire, he can immediately begin the recruitment process. The individual selected for the anticipated vacancy can’t start until the existing employee vacates the position.

Although there’s no specific time frame for a supervisor to submit an RPA, the supervisor should take into consideration the mandatory Department of Defense Priority Placement Program and the possibility of a PPP match. If an RPA is submitted too early or based on an anticipated vacancy that doesn’t materialize, a supervisor could face having both the current employee and the PPP match on the rolls counting against the organization’s manpower and budget for an extended period of time.

Keesler's annual water quality report released

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Is my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards. Local water vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

Where does my water come from?

The drinking water being delivered to Keesler is pumped from the Lower Graham Ferry Aquifer, a ground-water source. All water provided to Keesler is pumped from wells located on base property. The water from the wells is mixed, treated, stored and distributed.

Source water assessment and availability

The purpose of a source water assessment is to determine the quality of the raw water used for drinking water. At Keesler, the only treatment performed on source water is the addition of chlorine and fluoride. Because of the limited chemical treatment, the analytical results for Keesler's drinking water are representative of its source water.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants doesn't necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result

of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved

For more information on how to get involved in water quality, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791, or the bioenvironmental engineering flight, 376-0590.

Conservation tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 350 gallons of water per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost or no-cost ways to conserve water. Water your lawn at the least sunny times of the day. Fix toilet and faucet leaks. Take short showers — a five-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and shaving; 3-5 gallons go down the drain per minute. Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill.

Water quality data table

The table at right lists all drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water doesn't necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants don't change frequently.

Table terms and definitions

ppm — parts per million or milligrams per liter

ppb — parts per billion or micrograms per liter

NA — not applicable

ND — not detected

NR — monitoring not required, but recommended

MCLG — maximum contaminant level goal; the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there's no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL — maximum contaminant level; the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

TT — treatment technique; required process intended to reduce level of contaminant.

AL — action level; concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Variations and exceptions — state or EPA permission not to meet a MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

MRDLG — maximum residual disinfection level goal; level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs don't reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MNR — monitored, not regulated

MPL — state assigned maximum permissible level.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)								
THMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	10.22	NA		2007	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; test addition.
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.010881	0.004487	0.010881	2007	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	2007	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	2007	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide [as Free Cn] (ppb)	200	200	5	5	5	2007	No	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.57	0.90	1.57	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.08	0.08	0.08	2007	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Thallium (ppb)	0.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from electronics, glass, and Leaching from ore-processing sites; drug factories
Volatile Organic Compounds								
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	200	200	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)	3	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	7	7	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	70	70	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Benzene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon Tetrachloride (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	70	70	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	600	600	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	75	75	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Styrene (ppb)	100	100	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Toluene (ppm)	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from petroleum factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	100	100	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	0	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastics factories
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	0.5	0.5	0.5	2007	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Mondlie Brave, 376-0590 or 0197; e-mail mondlie.brave@keesler.af.mil

SPORTS AND RECREATION

For best summer cookouts, don't forget barbecue safety

Fire prevention office

Summer has finally arrived in south Mississippi. In one hand, you're holding a cool drink; in the other a spatula. Juicy burgers are sizzling on the grill, and you're savoring the aroma. The last thing on your mind is safety, right?

It shouldn't be.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, warm-weather activities such as barbecues led to product-related injuries for more than 3.7 million people in recent years.

With just a few precautionary steps, you'll ensure a safe cookout.

Gas grills

Propane is a popular fuel source for many barbecue grills. Propane burns cleaner, cheaper and cooks faster than other fuel sources.

For safe grilling:

Inspect tank cylinders for bulges, dents, gouges, corrosion, leaks, or evidence of extreme rusting and replace if necessary.

Examine hoses for brittleness, leaks, holes, cracks, or sharp bends. Replace the equipment before using

Keep tanks upright.

Move gas hoses away from dripping grease and hot surfaces.

Never use lighters, cigarettes or matches near your gas grill, whether or not it's in use. There may be a slight gas leak somewhere in the unit.

Propane tanks require sophisticated valve equipment to keep them safe for use with grills. Never try to remove the valve from your propane tank, because you'll risk an explosion, and always close the tank valve after use.

Never bring propane tanks



indoors or store spare gas containers under or near your grill.

Don't store other flammable liquids, such as gasoline, near propane tanks.

Keep your barbecue covered when it's not in use to reduce weathering effects and increase life expectancy of your grill.

Keeping containers or other grill parts that are under pressure in a hot car causes an increase in gas pressure, which could cause an explosion.

Don't dispose of propane tanks in the trash. Check to see if there are municipal collection programs.

For disposable tanks, take care to use up all the residual gas before discarding it.

Charcoal grills

Charcoal produces carbon monoxide, which is highly toxic, so never burn your charcoal grill inside your

home, a tent, a vehicle or any enclosed area. Even if you think coals are extinguished, they're still producing carbon monoxide

Don't wear loose clothing, especially long sleeves.

Charcoal tends to flare up, so keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Use charcoal lighter fluid to light new coals — don't use it on coals that are already lit.

Barbecues on base

If you are barbecuing on base, you must follow Keesler Instruction 32-2002. Paragraph 12.11 states barbecue grills won't be used inside or within 25 feet of any Air Force facility. Special events require inspection by the fire department prior to the event and approval, in writing, by the fire chief or his designated representative.

For more information, call the fire prevention office, 377-2730 or 3330.

Sizzling summer softball

Pitcher Kenneth Williams, left, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, steps to the side as second baseman Joe Lockman tags second base and looks to first for a double play during a June 18 intramural softball game with the Marine Corps Detachment. The 81st SUPS-TRANS won, 18-6, moving the team into fourth place in the American League behind the 336th Training Squadron, 8-2, and the 335th TRS-A and 332nd TRS, both 8-3. MARDET fell to 5-4. For scores and standings for intramural softball, see Scores and More.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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

Monday Night (as of June 16)

Team	Won	Lost
Speer Family	16	5
Fosters	16	5
Team 9	15	6
High Gas Strikers	13	8
SELOHSSA	13	8
Team 3	12	9
Mudd	12	9
Team 8	11	10
Booker's Bowlers	11	10
Team 6	10	11
Braves	9	12
Team 2	9	12
Team 7	8	13
403rd	8	13
Team 12	8	13
Pot Luck	7	7
Team 15	4	17
Team 18	2	5

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of June 19)

Team	Won	Lost
Krauts	27	8
Oldies But Goodies	24	11
TNT Express	23	12
Team 12	23	12

Team 9	18	17
Team 3	17	18
Shot in Foot	16	19
Team 7	13	22
Left-Right-Left	8	20
Team 2	12	23
The "A" Team	11	24
No Shows	0	0

Golf

Intramural

No updates submitted.

Other

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.

Softball

Intramural

American League (as of June 19)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	8	2
335th TRS-A	8	3
332nd TRS	8	3
81st SUPS-TRANS	6	4
MARDET	5	4
338th TRS	5	5
335th TRS-B	2	9
336th TRS-B	1	8

June 16 — 332nd TRS 15, 336th TRS-B 5; 81st SUPS-TRANS 8, 335th TRS-B 5; 336th TRS-A 14, 338th TRS 4; 335th TRS 9, MARDET 7.

June 18 — 81st SUPS-TRANS 18, MARDET 6; 332nd TRS 18, 335th TRS-B 3; 335th TRS-A 21, 338th TRS 5; 336th TRS-B 18, 336th TRS-A 7.

National League (as of June 6)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	7	2
81st MSGS	6	2
81st CES	6	4
81st MDSS	5	3
81st CS	5	3
81st SFS	4	4
81st DS	4	5
2nd Air Force	1	6
403rd Wing	1	7

June 17 — 81st SFS 18, 403rd Wing 7; 81st MSGS 28, 81st CES 14; 81st FSS 7, 81st DS 6; 81st CS 19, 81st MDSS 9.

June 19 — 81st MSGS 18, 2nd Air Force 4; 81st MDSS 16, 403rd Wing 5; 81st DS 13, 81st CS 12; 81st CES 13, 81st FSS 3.

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.

GRADUATIONS

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

45th Airlift Squadron — Staff Sgt. Harry Barrett Jr.
81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Amy Sharpe.
81st Supply-Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Marcomb Jr.
81st Training Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Christopher Mossor.
81st Training Wing Public Affairs — 1st Lt. Nicholas Plante.
85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Melissa Eady.
332nd Training Squadron — Juan Cobar and Kenneth Mabou.
334th TRS — Staff Sgt. Kasey Crowe; Tech. Sgts. Darrell Lee, Michael White and John Wylie. Master Sgts. Jae Ewing, David Naker and Michael Polley.
335th TRS — Michael Wieand.
336th TRS — Capt. Ryan Robinson.
338th TRS — Kenneth Powell.
403rd Wing — Tech. Sgt. Ralph Guevara; Master Sgt. Elijah Ramsey III.
Navy personnel — Christopher Cantu, Timothy Norris and Michael Roberts.
Others (civilians, contractors and retirees) — George Hammer III, Jerry McGarity, Amanda Mills, James Shafer, Michael Stanford and Jeffrey Welte.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Antonio Bell, Alysia Braswell, Cody Briggs, Cody Bryant, Lauren Bullock, Ryan Carter, Balrup Chhina, Ebone Cleveland, Brian Covert, David Crowley, Jennifer Czap, Brennan Doty, Tyreek Duffie, Brandon Duncan, Eric Edmunds, George Fleming, Var Gehron, Dallas Harmon, Andrew Havenner, Lucas Horn, Jonathon Hunziker, Jennifer Hurley, Thomas James, Jason Kerwin, Timothy Lowe, Michael Macbrien, Matthew Magyar, Colin Malcolm, David Matthews, Mark Mederski, Michael Miller, Nicholas Mladineo, Bryan Morris, Andrew Mundy, Christa Nash, Patrick O'Neil, Jonathan Osborne, Bryson Parrish, Chas Poteat, William Rickert, Ebony Scarlett, Daniel Synder, Paul Szymanski, Matthew Tarpley, Christopher Turner, Aaron Walker, Matthew West, Brody Wilcock, Michael Yates and Ahmad Zeidan; Airmen Jeffrey Alexandre, Kevin Beveridge, Adam Corey, Christine Granados, Brendan Howard, Sebastian Jimenez, Carl Mcquillen, Joseph Perez, Ryan Rozelle, Joseph Smathers, Clinton Smit, and Dustin Steele; Airmen 1st Class Adam Bailey, Jesse Benson, Daniel Brown, Ehren Brown, Alex Bruce, Ronald Cameron, Greg Carpenetti, Benjamin Digiammo, Christopher Downing, Eric Eberhardt, Jacob Enyart, Steven Finnell, Eric Green, Antonio Hernandez, Trenton Hoffeditz, Michael Hussey, Jessica Jewett, Robert Jones, Ridge Krawczyk, Christopher Kuzmitsky, John Loving, Andrew Masterson, James McClean, Shaine McDaniel, John Mcmillion, William Mendoza, Andrew Menkes, Bart Mullins, Heber Ortiz, Barry Pulley, Khalid Rodriguez, Steven Rogers, Jason Rothwell, Joseph Shirley, Christopher Smith, Cody Snodgrass, George Trujillo, Daniel Williams, David Williams, Zachary Wirfs, Zachary Zillmer and Chad Zucchetto; Senior Airmen Daniel Blondell, Gregory Freeman, Bradley Hebert, and Brandon McGlinton; Staff Sgts. Douglas Cadman, Carl Denuna, Christopher Doriott, Joshua Iles, John Leuthauser and Tammy Schultz; Tech. Sgts. Michael Durham, Daniel Olmstead and Jeremy Roering; Master Sgt. Russell Atwater.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen 1st Class Austin Hill and Tyler Wahls; Senior Airman Shaina Davidson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Ricky Anderson, Jacquelyn Andrews, Christopher Baradat, Robert Buckhanan, Brianna Day, Kolton Glasoe, Carl Henry, Jason Legore, Sean Manning, Ricfrancis Mantonona, Timothy Nielson, Brett Smith, Philip Stallings, Jeremy Welch, Kenneth Wiedemann and Stephen Zone; Airmen Dylan Brandt and Jillian Clark; Airmen 1st Class Rachel Helsten, Akilah Howard, Kelsey Weinzierl and

Brittney Wood; Senior Airmen Joshua MacDonald, Welby Ramos and Matt Richardson; Staff Sgts. Christopher Adams, Brandon Lockhart, Renaldo Miller, Juanjose Moran and Michael Moran; Senior Master Sgt. Ibrahim Al Harbi

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Emily Benitez and Jesse Sullins; Airmen 1st Class Jilayne Coale, Zachary Everson, Jose Gonzalez-Fernandez, Heather McElroy, Donald McKeown and Benjamin Vail; Senior Airmen Hailie Risdal, Kevin Schloemp and Tina Spivey; Staff Sgts. Christian Gutierrez, Candler Horton, Laesha Koon, Lisa Narum, Michael Pearce, Julius Rolland, Darell Shaw, Michael Smith, Derrick Stone, Amanda Taylor and Stephanie Vandehaar; Tech Sgts. Bryan Chamberlain, Max Polakowski, Richard Schuster and Elliott Weir.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Crystal Arnold, Maxwell Bowes, Tiffany Coleman, Todd Coleman, Kaleigh Gressett, Felicia Lorocco, Jace McCarthy, Elizabeth Stegman and Daniel Welker; Airman Cody Frasch; Airmen 1st Class Cory Damico, Janene Douglas, Logan Fuller, Fritz Julian, Carlos Soto, Wesley Tuttle, Jason Wiggins and Nathanael Wood; Senior Airmen Jeannette Dineros Edie, Nidia Ituarteolivas, Dane Thorson and Erich Wenkman; Staff Sgts. Brian Brooks, Nicholas Carroll, Ryan Dobey, Laura Enlow, Joyce Quick and Bethany Vital; Tech. Sgts. Lonnie Carrillo and Richard MaCumber; Master Sgt. Karen Inman.

Weather training flight — Airman Nick Elwell and Cory Hall; Airmen 1st Class Charles Colclasure, Jared Lindley and Heather Monaco; Senior Airman Jill Thompson; Marine Sgt. Gary Stein; Tech. Sgts. Angelique Gunton and Thomas Weideman.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Jacob Lee; Airman Timothy Cooper; Airmen 1st Class Orion Gilliam and James Lucas.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Karen Apsey, Bradley Allen, Ryan Austin, James Baker, Christopher Barrow, Daniel Chaffee, Darren Diones, Tekoa Edwards, Ian Fischer, Jerrell Leonard, Travis Ng, Correy Pickering, Eileen Siemsen, Charles Weddington, Marcus Wimbush and Leah Wood; Airmen Michael Butler, Brian Gratton, Tori Knight and David Su; Airmen 1st Class Celestine Alicia, Nicholas Campbell, Austin Carroll, Gina Custer, Adam Falcsik, Melvin French, Brandon Hill, Craig Johnson, Evan Lovell, Jodi Mahoney, Matthew Martinez, Atom Peppe, Ryan Poster, Jamie Rupp, Joshua Russell, Troy Scarborough, Christopher Shaad, Jessica Sherman, Michael Smith, Stacy Steele, Steven Su, George

Walker, Patrick Weller, Corey Wileman, Michael Winchell and Cassandra Ybarra; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez, Seda Gonzalez, Matthew Ingebrand, Regina James, Hyun Lee, Steven Lovell, Caleb Sears, Coleen Schoelen, William Stevenson, Joshua Suratt, Alex Tavarez, Michael Teel, Lugenia Vaughn and Nicole Williams; Staff Sgts. Donald Abell, Kisher Bland, Ronell Buchanan, Nicole Carattini, Adria Hadlock, Leonor Herrera, Jayson Maxwell, Marcus Moulton, Chad Rybicki, Veneta Rusalova, Rexford Sheldon, Maria Shoenbeck, Stephanie Tracy, Dylan Turner and Daniel West; Tech. Sgts. Vivian Bailey, Giovanna Boyer, Elizabeth Neri and May Thompson; Master Sgts. Shelley Hart, Chad Johnson, Lane Philbeck Alfred Stuart and Erin Wilber; Maj. Mohamed Sarhan; Angela Cichetta.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airman Basic Benjamin Cristofich; Airman Steve Landmesser; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Anzures, Ricardo Diaz-Rodriguez, Jonathan Johnson and Michael Williams.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Christopher Johnson and Craig Lowe; Airmen Michael Bishop, Nicholas Prosser, Oracio Salinas and Michael Viau; Airmen 1st Class Michael Albright, Matthew Clifford, William Dowling, Dylan Gooding, Kyle Hynds, Justin Gresavage, Christy Lingo, Patrick O'Hara, James Ostler, Lauren Persico, Robert Reed, Adam Roush, Thomas Sherrill, Justin Stone, Derrick Tuomi and Joshua Wilkison; Senior Airman Timothy Meyers; Staff Sgts. Richard Baker, Landon Elfstrom, Geoward Eustaquio, Joshua Henley, Randall Main and Jessica Reynolds.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday, July 4.

Keesler News — closed.
Commissary — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Main base pool — noon to 5:30 p.m.
Triangle pool — noon to 7 p.m.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Child development center — closed.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Azalea Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Magnolia Dining Facility — closed.
Family child care office — closed.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers — closed.
Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café — closed.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
Auto hobby shop — closed.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk.
Information, ticket and tours office — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.
Veterinary clinic — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.
Main exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..
Class Six — regular hours.
Car care center — closed.
Military clothing sales — closed.
Furniture store — closed.
Subway — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mobile units — closed.
Seattle's Best — closed.
Charley's Grilled Subs — closed.
Anthony's — closed.
Optical shop — closed.
Nail shop — closed.
Welch Theater — closed.
General Nutrition Center — closed.

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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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Beauty shop — closed.
Mini-mall barber shop — closed.
Shoppette/car care center barber shop — closed.
Medical center barber shop — closed.
Laundry/dry cleaners — closed.
Enterprise Car Rental — closed.
U-Haul — closed.
Force One Rental — closed.

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.

Multi-craft shop

Pottery-clay handbuilding — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; \$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.

Free auto care briefing — 4:30 p.m. today.

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. today, 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

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

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.

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 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. 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 top-

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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 pizza.

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ics 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 Hataway, 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.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., What Happens In Vegas (PG-13, 99 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Iron Man (PG-13, 126 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Strangers (R, 85 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., The Chronicles Of Narnia; Prince Caspin (PG, 144 minutes).

Frame, engraving shops offer personal touch

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By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

"Knowledgeable, extremely helpful, outstanding work, excellent customer service" are just some of the comments used by customers to describe their experiences in the frame and engraving shops at the arts and crafts center.

They're referring to Linda Bowers, recreation assistant-framer; Jerry Miller, wood-crafter-framer; and B. J. Greenwold, engraver.

If you want to preserve memories, or create new ones; or if you're looking for a lasting keepsake, a perfect giveaway or a one-of-a-kind gift, visit the frame and engraving shops, where skilled professionals go out of their way to ensure your selections meet the highest standards.

The full-service frame shop is stocked with superior quality materials offered at competitive prices, according to Ms. Bowers.

"We have the capability to frame a large assortment of articles using conventional frames or shadow boxes," she said.

Customers make selections from 40 different moldings and more than 200 colors of matting in stock.

Matting can be cut into

1,000 different shapes from ovals, rectangles and squares; to animals and sports items. The Wizard machine used to cut the matting is also used for stenciling and lettering.

"There are times when having so many choices makes it more difficult for a customer to make a decision," Ms. Bowers pointed out. "That's when our staff steps in, assisting them in picking the perfect design and colors to enhance any item. If we don't have exactly what they're looking for, we're more than happy to special order."

"People bring in all sorts of things to be framed," Ms. Bowers added. "We get the usual art work, certificates, signs, posters, graduation diplomas, tassels and programs, and we get some rather unique requests — we've framed bath towels, baseball gloves, football jerseys, baby items, computer discs, needle-point and even someone's cut-off ponytail."

"If a memento is too large to frame, we recommend protecting it in a shadow box," Ms. Bowers said.

"We'll put anything into a shadow box that'll fit," said Mr. Miller. "In addition to flags, coins, insignia and patches, we've used shadow



Photos by Earlene Smith

Ms. Greenwold prepares a display of mugs, coasters and key chains made in the engraving shop. The items make unique gifts and giveaways.

boxes for articles of clothing, headsets, guns, a telephone, bayonets and sabers, and a military dress hat."

Customers can save additional money on framing by learning to do it themselves. A framing and matting class is held at the center, noon to 4 p.m. every nonworking Friday. For just \$30 you learn to measure a picture and cut the mat, frame and glass using professional framing equipment. When you've successfully completed the class, you can use the frame shop equipment for savings on future work.

The engraving shop at the arts and crafts center is another service area for the selection of gifts and remembrance items.

Using a laser, Ms. Greenwold can etch lettering and graphic designs on acrylic, metal, wood and specialized plastics. The designs can be original, clip art, or a combination of both. The largest laser piece offered is 24 inches x 18 inches. Popular items include plaques, signs and key chains. Special requests are welcome. The laser was

recently used to etch wedding glasses and champagne flutes.

Sublimation is the method used for full color. Here you can let your imagination run wild. Use photos from a disk or flash drive, graphics and wording on metal, ceramics, specialized plastics, mouse pads, coasters, coffee mugs, porcelain, Christmas ornaments, certain types of T-shirts and more.

"It's amazing what people can come up with," Ms. Greenwold remarked. "I can use their original designs, or if they just have an idea of what they'd like I'll work with them to create a design. Being creative is what it's all about in this shop."

The engraving shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. The hours at the frame shop are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

The arts and crafts center is located behind the tennis courts, adjacent to the Meadows Drive Gate. Other areas available for use include the multi-craft, wood and auto hobby shops.



Using the Wizard machine, Ms. Bowers a mat to order in a matter of minutes. More than 1,000 different shapes are available.

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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. No calls 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contractors welcome. Menu subject to change without notice due to staff shortage.

Daily lunch specials — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays-working Fridays. Mondays, country fried steak \$6.95; Tuesdays, chicken parmesan \$6.95; Wednesdays, meatball sub \$5; Thursdays, meatloaf \$6.95; and work Fridays shredded barbecue pork sandwich \$6.95.

Breakfast served — 8-10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3832 or 424-0479.

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course. Call for tee times.

Driving range — \$2 for 40 balls.

Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction.

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates, and more.

Youth golf clinics — three-day clinics (Mondays-Wednesdays) July 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 or Aug. 4-6. 8-9:30 a.m. for ages 6-10, 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 11-15. Learn the fundamentals. \$40 including lesson, shirts, various golf accessories and refreshments.

Dragon "fun" golf league — Thursdays, show up at 5 p.m., shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. \$20 includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four person teams. Two person blind draw, sign up as a twosome or single. Weekly format decided by draw. Limited to the first 44 golfers. Sign up at the golf course.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. July 12. Air Force funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. For a yearly schedule log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the child development center link.

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

DINING FACILITIES

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

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

Monthly birthday celebration — 5 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month a birthday dinner is hosted for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. A special dinner with all the trimmings and accolades is catered to each member by Keesler's first sergeants, officers, directors and others. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

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

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

FITNESS

Powerlifting meet — 1 p.m. July 25 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Weigh in at noon. Men's and women's weight classes. Sign up by July 24. Sponsored by Keesler Federal Credit Union, GEICO and Rex Distributing.

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

Massage therapist — at Triangle Fitness Center. To schedule an appointment, call 263-5515.

INNS OF KEESLER

Rooms available — space-available reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters, \$23.25 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitors quarters, \$27 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility, \$36 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional charge of \$10 per night. For reservations, call 377-4900 or 9986.

Mini-mart — open 24 hours, seven days a week inside Muse Manor. Snacks, drinks, health/hygiene items available. For more information, call 377-2752.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

Wing logo shirts — \$22 in the pro shop.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 per game; \$1 for shoes.

Red, white and blue special — wear red, white and blue in July and bowl for \$2 a game with shoes; and receive \$1 off a meal consisting of a main entree, side item and medium drink.

Club member special — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

Down Friday special — 1-4:30 p.m. bowl for \$2 per game, \$1 for shoe rental. Not valid with any other discounts or specials.

Team building — 1-5 p.m. working Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call to reserve.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

Glow bowling — 6-11 p.m. July 3; and 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays by reservation. Basic party includes bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid package includes table supply and T-shirt \$11.95 per child. Premium party includes games and a pin \$15.95 per child.

Nonprior service students specials — show your phase card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Plan a fundraiser — make money for your organization.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

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

Gulf Islands Water Park — daily \$18, under 42" tall \$13, ages 2 and younger free. Season pass is \$74.95 per person.

Shopping tour to Foley, Ala. — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 19. 120 outlet stores. \$20 for round trip. Sign up and prepay by July 16.

KATRINA KANTINA

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

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Monday madness lunch specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 for members, nonmembers add \$2. Lunch specials include rolls, dessert and iced tea. July 7 lasagna, corn-on-the-cob, and tossed salad; July 14 meatloaf, rice with gravy, green beans and tossed salad; July 21 stuffed chicken breast, stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetables and salad; July 28 pot roast, roasted new potatoes, corn and tossed salad.

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

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Wednesday. Keesler Club members get in free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Martini and jazz nights — 5 p.m. Wednesdays listen to smooth jazz music, watch the sun go down and enjoy a martini special.

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

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: Copy machine available for a nominal fee. For more information, call 377-2181.

Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

We've got Gale — Gale database.

Summer story times — 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays and 2 p.m. Thursdays for ages 2-5.

Patron appreciation day — 2-4 p.m. July 23. Meet the staff, tour the library and enjoy refreshments.

Need a place to hold a meeting? — Two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library are available. For more information, call 377-2827.

Wireless Internet service — now available. Please check at the circulation desk to get the network key/password.

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Wet slip fees — boats in excess of 32 feet are \$3.75 per foot, boats 32 feet and below are \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

Gulf Coast Fishing Rodeo — July 3-7. Sign up for the Armed Services Division. Outdoor recreation awards savings bonds for the largest fish caught daily.

July 4th special — 10 percent discount on camping/fishing rental equipment. One day only.

Extended deep sea fishing trip — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 7. \$75 per person including everything you need to fish.

Outdoor adventure canoe trip — 7 a.m. July 11. \$20 per person. Bring food and beverages. Maximum eight people, minimum four. Return approximately 4 p.m.

Back bay fishing trip — July 12 and 26, call for time. \$20, bring your own food and drinks. Miss. state fishing license required. Learn where, when, what, and how to fish the Biloxi Back Bay. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Overnight trip to Chandeleur Islands — July 22 and 23. \$150 per person. Minimum six persons or \$900 for boat. Bring food, drinks and lures. Register early.

Fishing/hunting camps in Delacroix, La. — two self-contained campers available. Camp sites are located within 75 yards of only bait shop/boat launch in Delacroix. Bring food, drinks, cooking utensils and sleeping bag or bedding. \$50 per night, \$125 weekend special, \$300 weekly rate. Maximum four per camper. La. state fishing license required.

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

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

Resale items — snacks, soft drinks, beer, fishing and rental equipment, and MS state hunting and fishing licenses.

Rental equipment — visit our website for a complete price list, <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

RV storage slot — monthly fee, \$20.

Paintball course — call to schedule play.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$60 including everything you need to fish. Space is limited.

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

Disc golf — course use is free. Distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent/sale.

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Sandwiches Pizza Calzones
Rotisserie Chicken Tuesdays & Thursdays
Lunch Buffets Wednesdays & Work Fridays
Inside Vandenberg Community Center ~ Dine-In or Take-Out

377-2424

Rotisserie take out Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Reserve Your Bird!

\$10 includes a whole rotisserie chicken and two large side orders of your choice. Serves four!

Call by 11 a.m. to reserve, pick up after 5 p.m. on your way home. Payment by phone required at time of reservation.

STRUT YOUR MUTT

10 a.m. to noon July 25
Vandenberg Community Center
First and second place awards

- Dog most resembling its owner
- Most creative/themed costume
- Most talented dog
- Best trick
- Cutest dog
- Ugliest dog
- Smallest dog
- Largest dog

FREE to enter! 377-5576

Sponsored by Penny's Pampered Pets, Powers K-9 Dog Obedience, Two Dogs Dancing, and the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Multi-crafts shop

Ceramics technique — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12. Paint with a certified Duncan instructor. No experience needed.

Pottery on the wheel — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Bring a bag lunch.

Bob Ross painting class — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19. Paint a 16x20 inch landscape with a certified instructor. \$60 includes canvas, all supplies and a snack lunch. Class is limited to 10; register early.

Nonprior service students ceramics — noon to 3 p.m. July 25. Learn to cast ceramics and use paints for finishing techniques. \$8 includes two chessmen, supplies and firing. Come back and complete your own chess set.

Engraving shop

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

Ready-made gifts to go — great for the last minute office gift. Get a décor mug filled with goodies; a variety available for \$10 each.

Vandy Shuttle

Free ride to Services facilities — pick up at the Welch Auditorium bus stop, Gaude Lanes, McBride Library, Muse Manor, Tyer House, arts and crafts center, auto hobby shop, marina park (outdoor recreation, marina and Katrina Kantina), Bay Breeze Golf Course and Vandenberg Community Center. Shuttle runs 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before down Fridays, 1 p.m. to midnight down Fridays, and 6 p.m. to midnight work Fridays and Saturdays.

Frame shop

Editor's note: customized picture framing and military flag and shadow box design. Special orders Tuesdays through Fridays; self-help weekdays and Saturdays.

Beginners framing — 12:30-4 p.m. July 11 and 25. \$30, call to preregister and for more information.

Wood shop

Supplies — hard woods and plywood in stock.

Instruction — books and plans are available.

Equipment — a variety of industrial wood working equipment and hand tools are available for your use in our spacious work shop making project construction easy and fun.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Open shop use. Preregister for classes. For more information, call 377-3872.

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. July 17.

Qualified mechanics — on staff to assist you through your own vehicle maintenance.

Summer check-ups — auto air conditioner serviced at a reasonable rate. Stop by and pick up one of our free safety check lists.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids. Please log fluid deposits at front desk.

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

HELP WANTED

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

Nonappropriated Fund jobs — apply Mondays through Thursdays noon to 5 p.m. and work Fridays noon to 4 p.m. at the Human Resource Office inside Locker House, 505 C St., Bldg. 3101, Room 5417. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to www.keeslerservices.us, click on Human Resource Office.

RESALE LOT

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

Buy, sell, trade — place your vehicle on the lot; \$10 per month, per stall. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

Youth Summer Craft Camps

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center for ages 8 and older. \$28.50 per week per child includes all supplies and a daily snack.

Macrame and weaving ~ July 8-10

Ceramics II ~ July 15-17

Christmas in July ~ July 22-24

Sign up for one or all camps. Register early. Credit card payment accepted by phone, 377-2821/3078.

Special stars and stripes crafts for youth ~ July 2

1-3:30 p.m. \$12.50 including supplies.

Sponsored by Domino's Pizza, Keesler Federal Credit Union, and Select One.

End of Craft Camp Jamboree

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 26

Camp kids and their families are invited.

Jamboree admission is free.

Enjoy fun, food and refreshments.

Enter the youth division of the Annual Artist/Craftsman Contest.

Play fun games, get together with friends from camp over the summer.

For more information,
call 377-2821.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

Free pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball. Trophies awarded.

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

Late night dances — 6 p.m. July 3 and 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday and Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission. DJ, top 40 dance music. Nonprior service students only

Birthdays — 6 p.m. to midnight July 18. Students with July birthdays enter free. Must show identification.

Martial arts and women's self defense classes — call for more information.

VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

Heartworm prevention — purchase here and save. Must have current negative heartworm check and have been seen by the base veterinarian within the past 12 months.

Sick call — call for an appointment.

Holiday closure notice — due to July 4th holiday falling on a the office's down Friday, the clinic will be closed July 7.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 6-17. Allows for discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. July 12 for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. Certificates must be coordinated through the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. Parents night out is \$3.50 per hour with a minimum \$7 deposit at time of registration. Participants must have current shot records on file.

Summer camps — on-going registrations for youth summer camp for ages 6-12 and teen camp for ages 13 and older. Fees are based on family income. Leave and earning statements and youth shot records are required. Teen camps are Monday-July 3 watch it grow; July 7-11 artistically crafty camp; July 14-18 cooks in the kitchen; July 21-25 sew and sew camp; and July 28-Aug. 1 outdoor games.

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