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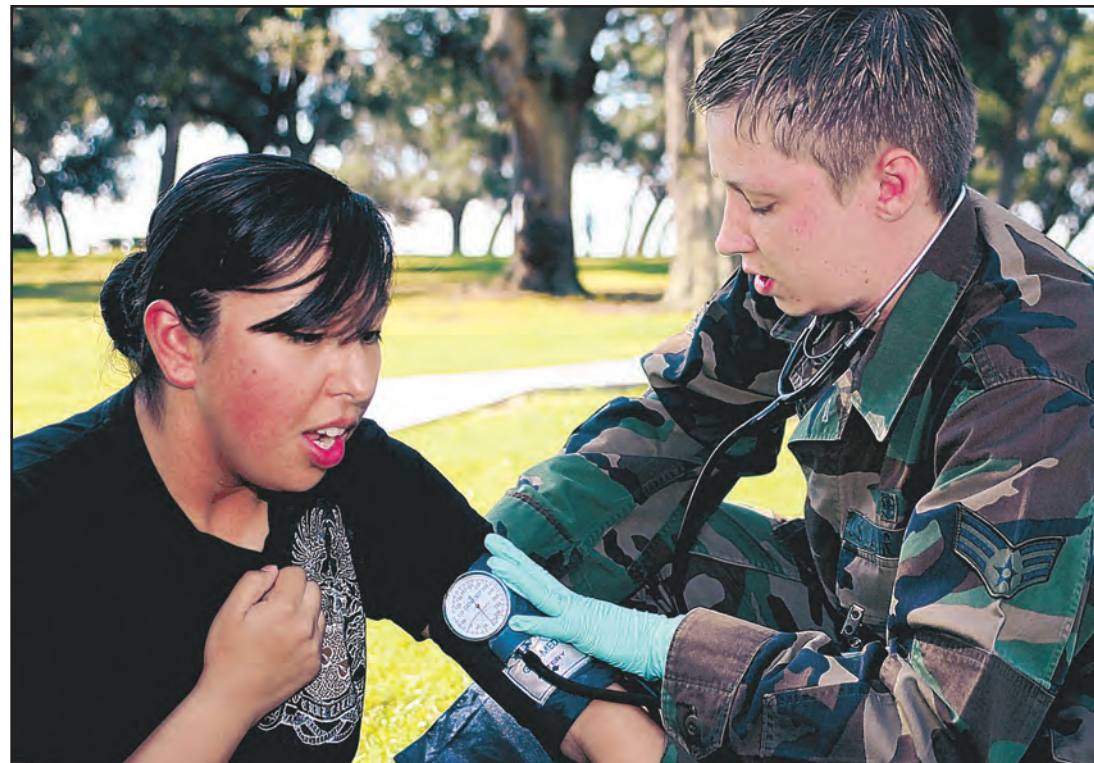
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Explosion exercise

Airman Basic Toni Mendoza, left, portrays a civilian woman with respiratory problems during a major accident response exercise July 2 at marina park. Senior Airman Monique Toth, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, checks her vital signs. In the scenario, 50 people were injured when an explosion occurred as a boat was being refueled. Airman Mendoza is a student in the 334th Training Squadron. More photos, Page 6.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

New AETC commander surveys future

By Capt. John Severns

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The day before he pinned on his fourth star and took command of the Air Education and Training Command, Gen. Stephen Lorenz sat down to talk leadership, AETC's role in the global war on terror and what the command's Airmen can expect from their new boss.

The general, who replaced Gen. William Looney III as AETC's commander July 2, made it clear that effective leadership tops the list of skills he expects from all his subordinates, regardless of their rank or position.

"All great endeavors are done by teams," General Lorenz said. "And these teams have to have leaders. Everyone, from a slick-sleeve Airman to a four-star general, is going to lead something, even if it's only by the example they set."

Leadership has been a consistent theme for General Lorenz, who as a refueling squadron commander at Castle Air Force Base, Calif.,

sat down one evening in 1987 to write what would become known as "Lorenz on Leadership," a list of 13 principles that have guided him for 35 years as a leader and commander.

In "Lorenz on Leadership," the general singled out one of the 20th century's greatest figures to highlight the traits that define an effective leader.

"Winston Churchill wasn't the first person to say, 'Never, ever, ever give up,'" the general said, "but he's the one who gets credit for it, because during his life he never gave up, and he overcame incredible challenges and adversities. Winston Churchill's tenacity and perseverance gave him character, and they are why he epitomizes greatness in leadership."

Not everyone can be Winston Churchill, but the general emphasized that everyone in his command has a stake in the success of the entire organization.

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AETC greets new leader

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials welcomed their new commander in a change-of-command ceremony July 2 at Randolph Air Force Base.

Gen. Stephen Lorenz assumed command of AETC as Gen. Duncan McNabb, the Air Force vice chief of staff,

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'CS'

'Customer service' or 'can't support'?

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

When I was a Communications Squadron commander, I used to point to the initials "CS" on our unit ball caps and tell my squadron mates that the CS stood for "Customer Service" not "Can't Support." My squadron mates embraced that attitude of customer service and we soon became the best squadron on base because our customers told us we delivered great support and we were always trying to do better. Customer service was at the heart of everything we did and we were proud of it.

Customer service will make or break your unit. There is a story going around about a older couple, dressed in very modest clothes, who came to Harvard University seeking to make a gift to the university. They visited the president of the university,

who looked down his nose at the appearance and relative lack of education of his visitors. When he asked what they wanted at Harvard, the gentleman said they wanted to have a building built as a gift to the university in honor of their son. The president scoffed at them and told them how much it would cost and said they could not afford it, so Leland Stanford allegedly turned to his wife and said they could start their own university. Now, this story is probably urban legend (meaning it isn't true), yet it points out the importance of being focused on your customer.

Are you focused on your customer? Do you rise to greet them when they enter your office? Do you say please and thank you? Are you looking for ways to make your process easier for you or your customer? Are your service hours convenient for

the customer? Are your customers waiting a long time to be served? Are your work orders being processed in a timely manner? Are you giving your customers feedback to keep them informed on how you are serving them? Are you asking your customers for feedback on how you can do better? If you are making your job easier and your customer's life more difficult or inconvenienced, you aren't focusing on the right things.

Here at Keesler, we have examples of great customer service...and, unfortunately, some exceptionally bad examples too. Here's an example of GREAT customer service: on Saturday, 21 Jun, one of our lodging employees, Ms Cynthia Franklin, found over \$1,000 in a room. She reported the find and the lodging managers mobilized to track down the lodging guest who left the money in

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).

the room. The guest returned and rewarded Ms Franklin with \$100. That is great customer service ... having the integrity to do the right thing for a customer, looking out for a fellow Airman, and being a great wingman.

Now is a great time to fine-tune our customer service attitude and delivery. It is a cornerstone of our core values of

"Service Before Self" and "Excellence in All We Do" and is a key to success. Let's all follow Ms. Franklin's lead and rebuild our commitment to customer service and to serve others. We can make Keesler AFB the best in the Air Force and it all starts with an attitude of customer service, not can't support. What's your attitude?

To be a good leader, be a good servant

By Col. Prince Gilliard Jr.

81st Training Group commander

Lead by example. Trench leadership. Servant leadership. I am sure everyone has heard at least one of these leadership descriptions, but what do they mean and more importantly, how do you put them in place? Everyone wants to be the quarterback running the show, but sometimes that is not what is required. Knowing our role and playing the correct role is even more important to ensure that we don't lose sight of what makes us effective.

Robert Greenleaf said, "Good leaders must first become good servants." A servant is defined as someone who serves another, providing help in some manner. This ties in very closely to our core value of "Service Before Self" and with one of the tenants of our 81st Training Wing's vision of "Renew the Community."

Gen. Colin Powell, a respected leader,

said, "Every person who has been successful has got to turn around, and through the allocation of their time, their treasure, their training, their wisdom or their wealth, give something back to somebody who is in need."

Volunteering and being a servant to the community are fertile soil for leadership to grow. Airmen should set expectations to not only to fulfill their duty, but to become active participants in their community and serve as ambassadors for the Air Force.

Military servant leadership is summed up concisely by one of Gen. George Patton's standing orders while commanding the Third Army during World War II: "Officers are responsible not only for the conduct of their men in battle, but also for their health and contentment when not fighting. An officer must be the last man to take shelter from fire, and the first to move forward."

General Patton makes it clear that effective leaders must be willing to

endure what they ask of their subordinates. Strapping on the mantle of service is a key requirement of leading Airmen. When your Airmen are properly cared for, their morale grows not because of your inspiring words, but from your inspiring actions.

Leadership is centered beyond our day job. You can be involved in booster clubs, Top III, Rising VI, or the company grade officers council. Your church can also provide many opportunities to serve. Sunday school, youth and outreach programs are constantly in need of those willing to serve and eventually lead.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina has opened a multitude of opportunities to serve including Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, or just helping your neighbor clean up.

Be a good leader by being a good servant; we are seen as such by the community we serve. This is our duty.



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

81st Training Group welcomes new leaders



Instructor Curt Miner, top left, and Lt. Col. William Hamant, new commander of the 332nd Training Squadron, observe Senior Airman Shawn Hopper, left, and Airman Basic Cameron Pierce, students in the basic electronic principles course.



Lt. Col. John Thomas, new commander of the 338th TRS, learns about the equipment used in the visual imagery and intrusion detection systems course from instructor Mark Kolath.



Above from left, Tech. Sgt. Edward Dunn and Senior Airman Chris Crites, students in the theater deployable communications/integrated communications access package voice network course, and Maj. Scott Solomon, new commander of the 333rd TRS, are briefed on the operation of a basic access module by Staff Sgt. Christopher Bouker, instructor.

Left, Airman 1st Class Stephen McGuire tells Lt. Col. Russell Voce what he's learned so far in the communication operations course about using networking equipment. The colonel is the new commander of the 336th TRS.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Ashley Ross, left, and Staff Sgt. Erika Schwankl, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, roll Airman Basic Chester Arnett onto a stretcher for transport to Keesler Medical Center during a major accident response exercise July 2 at marina park. In the scenario, 50 people were injured when an explosion occurred as a boat was being refueled. Airman Arnett is a student in the 334th Training Squadron.

Medics hone major accident response skills during exercise

Capt. (Dr.) Karin Kemp, 81st MDOS, examines Airman Basic Zachary Bergsma, one of the blast "victims", outside the Keesler Medical Center emergency department. Airman Bergsma is a student in the 334th TRS.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Test pilot school board convenes in October

Air Force Personnel Center

The next annual Air Force Test Pilot School selection board convenes Oct. 27-30 at the Air Force Personnel Center.

TSP graduates are in high demand in an era of increasing technology advancements on the battlefield. Graduates influence designs of future combat capabilities and ensure mission suitability for use in the field.

TPS, located at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., trains pilots, navigators and engineers to develop, test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems.

Pilot-selects fill positions in the fighter, multi-engine and/or helicopter categories. Navigator-selects fill positions in the fighter, multi-engine and/or unmanned vehicle categories.

Graduates are awarded a master of science degree in flight test engineering by Air University.

TPS conducts exchange programs with the Navy and United Kingdom and French test pilot schools to train fixed and rotary wing pilots and flight test engineers. Rotary wing pilots and engineers are assigned to conduct testing on the latest rotary wing systems to include CV-22 and special operations assets.

Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience and a desire to help develop the next generation of Air Force weapons and weapons systems.

For more information, visit <https://www.edwards.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.ASP?ID=6467>.



Airman Zillmer



Sergeant Robertson



Sergeant Carattini



Sergeant Tracy

Academic aces

Airman 1st Class Zachary Zillmer and Staff Sgts. Joyce Robertson, Nicole Carattini and Stephanie Tracy recently completed technical training courses with perfect scores. Airman Zillmer graduated July 3 from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron and continues his training as an avionics instrument and flight control system apprentice at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Sergeant Robertson, a graduate of the personnel apprentice course in the 335th TRS, returns to her duties with the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville. Sergeants Carattini and Tracy, both Air National Guard members, graduated from the information management course in the 336th TRS. Sergeant Carattini returns to her job with the 113th Wing at Andrews AFB, D.C., and Sergeant Tracy rejoins the 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor, Maine.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards ceremony

The 81st Training Group quarterly awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Monday at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Tech. Sgts. Jose Espola-Negron, 377-0476, or Michael White, 377-0481.

Drill downs, parades

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

This month's drill down has been rescheduled for 7 a.m. July 25.

The remaining schedule:

Drill downs — 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 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.

Shopping complex taking shape



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The steel framework of the new commissary rises in the background, while mounds of red clay are being removed, footings are being poured and below-slab plumbing and electrical lines are being installed for the new base exchange in the foreground, June 26. The expected completion date for the new facilities, replacing those destroyed by Hurricane Katrina almost three years ago, is Nov. 14, 2009.

New leader takes command of 81st Mission Support Group

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

June 23, Col. Jeffrey Jackson assumed command of the 81st Mission Support Group from Col. Rodney Croslen.

In his new position, Colonel Jackson leads the base combat support, logistics, and service activities for 78,000 military, civilians, dependents and retirees. He budgets for and expends \$72.5 million in appropriated funds, \$10 million in nonappropriated funds and \$15 million in stock funds annually, maintains and provides security for real property and equipment valued at \$60 million, manages a fleet of 458 vehicles and 5,000 pieces of technical training equipment.

He's responsible for formulating, establishing and executing policies and plans to meet mission requirements. He also oversees contract award administration totaling more than \$69 million and a \$19 million



Colonel Jackson

Government Purchase Card program.

He also represents Keesler in working with state and area leaders on issues affecting the base and surrounding communities.

Colonel Jackson received his commission in 1985 through the Air Force Officer

Training Course at the University of Kentucky. He earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and master of science degrees in engineering management and strategic studies. He is a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

His last two assignments were at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he served as Air Education and Training Command's chief of integrated planning from June 2005 to February 2007, and chief of asset management from February 2007 to June 2008.

His other assignments have been at Offutt AFB, Neb.; Comiso Air Station, Italy; Scott AFB, Ill.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; Royal Air Force Molesworth, England; Eglin AFB, Fla., and Shaw AFB, S.C.

Col. Croslen, who led the 81st MSG for two years, is now AETC's housing privatization chief.

IN THE NEWS

New leader for Reserve

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr. assumed command of the Air Force Reserve and its 68,000 members June 24.

He succeeds Lt. Gen. John Bradley, who held the post since 2004.

His dual role requires him to divide his time serving as chief of the Air Force Reserve in Washington and heading the Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Former secretary of Air Force dies

Air Force Print News

Dr. Robert Seamans Jr., 89, ninth secretary of the Air Force, died June 28.

He became the Air Force's top civilian official in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War and served until 1973.

Construction relocates road

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

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

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

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.

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.

For more information, call 377-7272.

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.

“Most people, when they’re trying to balance shortfalls or solve problems, look at things through a soda straw. They aren’t seeing the big picture,” he said. “It’s tough to solve problems when you’re looking through a soda straw, so what I recommend to people is to look at your boss’s problems and at your boss’s boss’s problems, so that when you have to make a tough decision, you can make one that’s in the best interests of your people and the mission of your unit.”

When it comes to the future of the command, General Lorenz said that changes would be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

“I have found that in all great endeavors, the measure of success is whether or not it stays on after the leader leaves,” he said. “If you move things in an evolutionary fashion, rather than a revolutionary fashion, the changes have a tendency to stay and they are much better decisions. General Looney left this command in great shape, and we intend to build on the things he’s done and keep moving the ball further down the field.”

The general noted that many of the initiatives he intends to pursue are already under way.

“I think we have some great opportunities in the future to use distance learning,” he said. “We already use distance learning and we know it can be used for cognitive education. The one challenge we face is how we use it to get the hands-on part of education and training done. That’s just one of the challenges we face in trying to better train our Airmen to support the joint warfighter and joint forces commander.”

The general predicted no specific changes in recruiting, noting that Air Force Recruiting Service has been doing a fantastic job of filling the ranks despite the wartime environment.

“It’s amazing to me what our great recruiters do day-to-day, especially with the number of recruiters we have in the field,” General Lorenz said, referring to the relatively small number of recruiters the Air Force fields compared to the other services. “Our recruiters are very efficient and effective, and I am very impressed with what they do and how they do it.”

One thing that Airmen should continue to expect is more training geared to a forward-deployed combat environment.

“We’ve been a nation at war for almost seven years now,” he said. “Our Airmen are deployed all over the world, and they need the skills that will enable them to meet the requirements of the different theaters they are involved in, and those skills have changed over the years.

“What we need to do at (basic military training) and all levels of AETC is to listen to our people who have deployed, and listen to the needs of the combatant commanders, and train Airmen to that need.”

As for his own job as commander of the First Command, General Lorenz offered a day-to-day perspective.

“One of the great things about being a member of the greatest air, space and cyberspace force is that every day when I put my feet on the floor as I roll out of the rack, I’m excited,” the general said. “I’m excited because I don’t know what I’m going to be doing that day, but I know it’s going to be exciting serving the world’s greatest air, space and cyberspace force. And every night when I go to bed, I’m a little bit depressed, because it’s one less day serving in that force.

“I know that when you come to work, and you do your job, and you are excited and enthused about it; if you do that every day, in good times and bad, you will make a difference, and there will be progress.”

At retreat:

All personnel in uniform who aren’t in formation should stand and face the flag, or in the direction of the music if the flag isn’t visible, and salute. Hold the salute until the last note of music is played.

All military personnel in civilian clothes should face the flag or the sound of the music if the flag isn’t visible, and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

All vehicles in motion should come to a stop at the first note of the music, and the occupants should sit quietly until the music ends.



Photo by Rich McFadden

General McNabb, left, passes the AETC guidon to General Lorenz during the change-of-command ceremony.

AETC,

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presided over the ceremony.

General Lorenz is responsible for recruiting, training and educating all Airmen throughout their careers.

“Our Airmen, like our fellow warriors, have been tested in the crucible of war,” General McNabb said. “As part of the joint force, our Airmen have pushed our combat capability to new heights and forever changed the way we fight. And they were forged, first and foremost, by the Air Education and Training Command.”

General Lorenz said he was honored to share the ceremony with his Air Force family.

“For more than 60 years, our Air Force has dominated the

sky — and now, space and cyberspace — and contributed to the joint fight. Simply, no one does it better,” General Lorenz said. “And when it comes to recruiting, training and educating American Airmen, Air Education and Training Command leads the way.

“From our recruiters in the field to our crew chiefs on the flightline, to the basic military training instructor molding today’s Airmen, to the medics saving lives at Balad (Air Base, Iraq), or the instructor pilot ensuring tomorrow’s air dominance — more than 90,000 AETC family members touch the lives of almost 350,000 Airmen every year.”

General Lorenz comes to AETC after leading Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala., since October 2005. He replaces Gen. William Looney III, who retired after more than 36 years of service.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Retirement annuity information

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

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

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

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

Death benefit changes begin

Legal office and Air Force Print News

As of July 1, 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.

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

Civilian personnel team strives to lessen RIF impact on employees

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A contractor, Computer Sciences Corp., takes over most of Keesler's operating support functions in less than seven months. In the meantime, the civilian personnel office is working hard to keep as many employees on the payroll as possible when a reduction in force goes into effect Jan. 31.

Civilian personnel officer Lee Hathorn said his staff is taking advantage of every opportunity to keep the RIF process on schedule, while chiseling away at the 311 positions affected by the A-76 competitive sourcing study.

As of June 25, that number has been reduced to about 124 occupied positions, according to Mr. Hathorn.

Ninety of the 311 positions remain vacant. Another 12 positions in the base housing office have been pulled from the list, because "with the huge housing project currently underway, Keesler management convinced Air Education and Training Command that we need to keep the office operating as it is for now," Mr. Hathorn explained.

The Air Force Personnel Center provided Keesler with its first RIF retention register on June 20, a little earlier than expected.

"This is a tentative register for use by our office, not the register that will be used to make final placement offers," Mr. Hathorn said.

June 23, the civilian personnel office began contacting the 28 eligible employees in A-76 positions who hadn't made decisions yet about accepting Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program buyouts. As of July 3, 22 of those employees had been reached — five accepted buyout offers and 17 declined. The remaining employees will be contacted once they return from leave.

Another 14 employees in non-A-76 positions were offered early retirement or separation incentives because their departure would create openings for A-76 employees. Eight accepted buyouts and six declined.

"So counting the 72 employees who had already accepted buyouts, we now have 85 employees accepting early retirement or separation buyouts," Mr. Hathorn pointed out. "These employees will be removed from the RIF, reducing the number of competing employees."

"Based on a review of the RIF register, we can see that a number of employees couldn't be placed because they lacked certain qualification requirements," Mr. Hathorn continued. "We're reviewing the records of these employees and in some cases, we believe the employees have the background to become qualified to perform certain jobs with minimal training."

According to directions from Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, the civilian personnel office will use all avenues legally available to place these employees.

"We'll begin contacting the supervisors to discuss waiving qualification standards, and if successful, we'll work with AFPC to assign employees to 'good' authorizations," Mr. Hathorn noted. "This extra step could add up to 15 new vacancies for employees who aren't qualified by RIF standards."

Another 20 positions are being created to staff the performance management office that will oversee contractor operations for the government. These become viable vacancies for employees who are impacted by the RIF. Mr. Hathorn said it's possible that some of the employees who are currently identified for separation will fill many of these slots.

The personnel office will

inform AFPC of its actions by Monday and request a second retention register which should be received by July 28. Following another review to assure accuracy, Mr. Hathorn's office will determine whether to issue general and/or specific RIF notices to employees who'll be affected by some type of adverse action, from a change to a lower grade to separation.

"Either notice may be used by employees who wish to seek employment with CSC," Mr. Hathorn said.

Shortly after the second register is received, a right-of-first-refusal list is provided CSC. This list provides the names of employees who have a right to be considered for employment with the contractor. Mr. Hathorn explained that the list could change based on additional buyout offers or other factors, and it may become necessary to issue a final updated list in September.

Although the timeline states specific RIF notices are issued Sept. 12, Mr. Hathorn said, "We're shooting for Sept. 2. If an employee is being moved to another position, the specific notice states the exact position, organization, title, series, grade and pay. Unfortunately, if no position is offered, that's what the notice will state."

Sept. 15-26, representatives from AFPC and the Department of Defense will be at Keesler to work with the civilian personnel office to register impacted employees for the priority placement program.

Even after the RIF notices are issued, Mr. Hathorn stated that his team's job isn't over.

"From September through Jan. 31, our primary task is to continue to work better job placement offers for employees affected by the RIF process, at Keesler, throughout DOD and with other federal agencies," he stated.

152 names on promotion list

Air Force Personnel Center and Keesler News staff

Keesler had 152 names on the June 26 promotion list — 88 staff sergeants selected for promotion to technical sergeant and 64 technical sergeants selected for promotion to master sergeant.

Across the Air Force, 7,110 of 38,324 eligible staff sergeants were selected for promotion to technical sergeant. The 18.55 selection rate is a .17 percent increase over 2007.

This year, 5,404 of 24,223 eligible tech sergeants were chosen for promotion to master sergeant. The 22.31 selection rate is down 2.58 percent from last year.

Technical sergeant

2nd Air Force — Britney Canezaro, Melissa Gallaher and Melinda Sieloff.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Craig Allarding, Eddie Byrns Jr., Cardell Ellis, Michael Elmore, Timothy Hogan, Carlos Padro, Terrance Saxerud and Darnell Walls.

81st Communications Squadron — Levi Bushman, Anthony Cotton, Gloria Pugh and Randolph Singleterry.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Celestine Russell.

81st Contracting Squadron — Sandra Homer and Kevin Weaver.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Craig Hutchinson.

81st Medical Group — Stacy Kincy and Sharon Opel.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Richard Coombs, Phillip Diroma, Laureen Hardee, Roger Hargrove, Lisa Heverly, Afrika Patton, Cher Riplett and Christina Williamson-Haupt.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Dustin Everhardt, Vernon Johnson, Felicia Muniz, Michael Richardson, Davidette Rogers and Allen Settles.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Sharon Cleveland, Lisa Holloway and Darryll Stewart.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Byron Self and Matthew Stapley.

81st Supply Squadron — Kenneth Grasle.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Brian King.

81st Training Support Squadron — Jason Goodman, Marcus Hogsten, Jay Kuns, Donald McNair Jr. and Sean Rafferty.

81st Transportation Squadron — Daniel Mayfield.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Kevin Brockman, Keven Foster, John Kautzner, Ronald Mason Jr., John Weimer and Bennie Williams Jr.

332nd Training Squadron — Ronald Wesley Jr.

333rd TRS — Christopher Deakle, Jerome Dyer Jr. and Richard Striggow.

334th TRS — Michelle Davis, Paul Herkamp, Michael Hubert, Jon Neidigh, Deanna Pylant, Erica Stokes, Victor Struggs and Justin Tischler.

335th TRS — David Blankenship, Matthew Brown, Michael Garrett, Jennifer Miller, Janet Presley, Jodi Schmidt and Malcolm Summers.

336th TRS — Robert Carroll, Scott Cook, James Desgrange, Daimie Knott, Jonathan McCullar, John Pugh, Latundra Randall and Lawrence Snyder.

338th TRS — Gabriel Carlson, Marcus Palmer, Steven Snyder, Stacy Stewart, Raymond Watson and Michael Wonch.

Master sergeant

2nd Air Force — Michael Carradine and John Smith.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Eric Hanks.

81st Communications Squadron — Leslie Hochmeister.

81st Dental Squadron — Laura Leos.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Temeki Clinkscales and Kelly Randolph.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Keri Bernhardt, Sheronne Bunn, Sydney Dyche, Sheila Hanley, Yvonne Lough, Jacey McDuffie and Rhonda Taylor.

81st Medical Support Squadron — James Buhr Jr., Crystal Davis, John Dianala, Ellen Driggers, Lerry Forester, Bridgette Hopkins, Michael Howell, Williams Jones and Humberto Ruiz.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Jessica Woodruff.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Charles Haddock, Lisa Phillips and Donald Stetson.

81st Supply Squadron — Jodi Evans, Brian Langley and Jeremiah Lanier.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Michael Russell and David Shah.

81st Training Support Squadron — Anthony Bowie, Shuntesia Dupree, Monty Everett, Michael Raff, Brian Yelton and Joel Zastrow.

81st Transportation Squadron — Gregory McMillan.

332nd Training Squadron — Donald Cowell.

333rd TRS — Bill Collum Jr., Joseph Harkleroad and Daniel Robinson.

334th TRS — Martha Curley, Alucia Davis, Cedric Shipman and Tracy Truman.

335th TRS — Jacob Arfa, Stephanie Messer, Clinton Presley and Gary Romkey.

336th TRS — Josef Albert, Larry Bright Jr., Shane Crema, Michael Dignan and Carrie Ann Pogue.

338th TRS — Billy Landreneau.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Richard Bedwell, Gregory Boyle, Raymond George, James Kinsey and Jeffrey Zabawa.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — Roger Applegate.

Susan Griggs and Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Christopher Simpson

Position — ophthalmic technician

Unit — 81st Surgical Operations Squadron

Military service — nine months

Time at Keesler — six months

Hometown — Cincinnati, Ohio

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force because my father was in the Army, and I wanted one of his kids to carry on the tradition of serving in the armed forces of this nation.

Your favorite quote? “Rooted in the earth, yet



Photo by Steve Pivnick

born to soar, the struggle between matter and spirit is endless.” — Mutter

What are your short- and long-term goals? short term, to get my bachelor’s

degree; long term, to either retiree from the Air Force or to go to medical school.

What are your hobbies? mountain biking, baseball and playing drums.

DIAMOND NOTES

Gentlemen,
Elvis has left the building.
As per Air Force Instruction 36-2903,
sideburns will not extend
below the lowest part
of the exterior opening of the ear.
Standards violations are correctable
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— Master Sgt. Scott Passman, 81st Force Support Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



June 25, 1996

Terrorists detonated a massive car bomb near the Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The 11 Keesler members deployed there included Staff Sgt. Rondal Burns, 333rd

Training Squadron, who was seriously injured and subsequently awarded the Purple Heart,

and Senior Airman Martie Capoman, 81st Training Wing Public Affairs Office, who received an Air Force Achievement Medal with ‘V’ (for valor) device for her performance in providing emergency medical care.

Acting Air Force secretary shares views with Airmen

By Ed White

Air Force Space Command

PETERSON Air Force Base, Colo. — The Air Force's core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do will remain in place, said acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley during a July 1 visit here.

In his first visit to an Air Force base since being named to the position, Secretary Donley held a town-hall style meeting with members of Air Force Space Command.

"We are working through the issues confronting the Air Force," he said, referring to the nuclear enterprise issues and others that caused his predecessor to resign. "We need to build back inner confidence in our Air Force and we need to rebuild our credibility."

Secretary Donley outlined three perspectives he brings to this position based on his previous experience.

"The first thing you will get from me is 'jointness,'" he said. "The Air Force is one part of a big team."

He outlined some of the ways the Air Force contributes to the ongoing joint war on terrorism, both in the U.S. and around the world.

"I know the Air Force is contributing lots of mission



Secretary Donley

sets and capabilities, and it is an impressive array, I can tell you," Secretary Donley said.

A related theme is the support to the war on terrorism.

"We have more than 30,000 Airmen deployed around the world engaged in the war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

One of Secretary Donley's first acts upon appointment was to visit Walter Reed Hospital and speak with wounded Airmen. From this visit, he gained an appreciation of their sacrifices and

inspiration from them as well.

His third theme is the welfare of Airmen. The acting secretary said the Air Force is a technology-driven service, but it's most important asset is the knowledge, experience and commitment of the people who make it all work to support the warfighter.

"The welfare of our Airmen is very important to me, and I will try to strike the best balance in the Air Force budget between equipment needs and our people," Secretary Donley said.

After addressing his overall concerns, he spoke to the issue closest to Air Force Space Command members right now.

"The Air Force's credibility has been tarnished, and we need to rebuild it," he said. "The Air Force leadership needs to develop a roadmap for the nuclear enterprise to put us on the right track for stewardship of the nuclear mission that the defense establishment and the American people expect from us.

"There is no quicker route to recovery than the power of tens of thousands of Airmen and civilians rededicating themselves to the high standards of excellence that have always been the hallmark of the world's best Air Force," he said.

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2 from Keesler

12 Airmen live among thousands of Iraqi Soldiers

By 1st Lt. Lisa Spilinek

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — Twelve Airmen working together for nearly 10 months at the remote Iraqi military training base of Kirkush, located in the Diyala Province just over 10 miles from the Iranian border, are hoping to work themselves out of a job.

Two of them are deployed from Keesler:

Lt. Col. Stephen Ray, previously the 81st Training Group's deputy commander, serves as logistics military advisory team senior adviser to the 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Detachment 1.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Barnwell, a ground radio apprentice course instructor in the 338th Training Squadron, serves as ground radio adviser for the reconstitution team.

As the only Americans living among thousands of Iraqi Soldiers and trainees, their objective has been to work with the leadership at the base to improve operational and logistical processes.

"We're here to train and advise the Iraqi Army. Our goal is to put ourselves out of a job," said Master Sgt. Carl Kendall, the detachment's logistics military advisory team superintendent.

So far, the Airmen, who are filling 'in lieu of' taskings for the U.S. Army in positions traditionally filled by Soldiers, are on their way to unemployment.

The Airmen, who come from a variety of military career fields, have offered advice on everything from the best ways of protecting the base from threats, to keeping food preparation and distribution processes sanitary.

They've also provided guidance on electrical and heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements as well as maintaining inventoried, well-stocked supply warehouses, said Sergeant Kendall, who's deployed from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

One area where the Airmen have focused recent advising efforts is emergency response procedures.

When two suicide bombers attacked a wedding party in a Balad Ruz marketplace May 1, relatives and neighbors desperate to get immediate medical attention for the severely wounded brought 31 of the 65 victims to the small clinic at Kirkush.

Tech. Sgt. Shane Lacaillade, the detachment's emergency management adviser, received an urgent call from the clinic to assist. Sergeant Lacaillade

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took over the command and control of the clinic and triaged all of the injured.

"Within five minutes, we went from six to 15 patients. After five more minutes we went from 15 to 21," he said of the fast and furious treatment efforts in the tiny clinic. "

"We had no notice — for 20 minutes, it was me and two Iraqi doctors," said the sergeant, whose home station job is as an independent duty medical technician at the Air Force Expeditionary Center at Fort Dix, N.J.

Despite being greatly outnumbered by the patients, the doctors and Sergeant Lacaillade were able to save the lives of 25 of the 31 patients who came to their clinic, including two toddlers, without having pediatric medical equipment.

"We are just a clinic. We tried to do our best to stabilize the (patients) and get them to hospitals," (via medical evacuation helicopters) said 1st Lt. (Dr.) Duraid Flyh Hassan, the Kirkush clinic chief. "There were a lot of urgent cases."

Following the mass casualty event, the detachment's Airmen worked with the Iraqis at Kirkush to improve emergency response measures, to include establishing a notification system of medical arrivals at the base's entry point.

Lieutenant Duraid said a second clinic, scheduled to open in the upcoming months, is in the works at Kirkush. The medical personnel at the secondary clinic will focus on providing emergency care and surgeries to the critically wounded.

"Without the help of the coalition there is no meaning to our world," Lieutenant Duraid said. "The adviser is always giving us help when we receive emergency cases. They help us if we need surgical assistance. They are helping us to know what to do when we say, OK, there are no coalition forces, what are we going to do now?"

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"It's quite the challenging mission," Colonel Ray pointed out. "We're so used to 'doing' that it's a struggle not to jump in and show the Iraqis the 'best' way of doing things — in short, to do the job for them. As advisers, we guide them in finding the best way for them to do their mission. It's not always the way we'd do it, but it's a way they understand and it works for them. Plus, they then own the process.

"It takes a lot of patience from the team and an inquisitive eye to understand what they're doing and why — and frankly, we've been amazed at their ingenuity," the colonel said.

Assisting the Iraqi Soldiers in establishing and improving base operations isn't always easy, and cultural and language barriers sometimes get in the way. The Airmen have completed 60 hours of Arabic training to learn the language basics of their counterparts, but communicating clearly can still be an obstacle.

For example, when Colonel Ray said what he thought was, "See you tomorrow," to the Iraqi Soldiers in Arabic, he was actually saying, "See you sheephead." After getting puzzled looks for months, the Iraqi commanding general told him of his error; the two still laugh about it, Colonel Ray said.

The Americans and Iraqis spend a lot of time getting to know each other personally by eating together and participating in recreational activities.

"We've come together as a team," Sergeant Lacaillade said of his U.S. and Iraqi peers.

With just over two months left of their deployment, however, the Airmen look forward to the future — not only for their return to their homes and families, but also for their Iraqi brothers in arms.

"Out here we're on our own. It does make you miss home, but we're helping to move the Iraqis toward a better Army," said Colonel Ray. "That's why we're here."

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

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3 medical squadrons change leaders in July

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Three squadrons in the 81st Medical Group change leadership this month.

Lt. Col. Michael Dietz assumed command of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Steven Reese, Tuesday.

Before coming to Keesler, Colonel Dietz commanded the 27th Special Operations Medical Support Squadron and was the administrator of the 27th Special Operations Medical Group at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Colonel Reese will attend Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Lt. Col. Brian Casleton assumes command of the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron from Col. (Dr.) Michael Johnson, 8 a.m. Wednesday in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

Colonel Casleton comes to Keesler from Lackland AFB, Texas, where he commanded the 59th Laboratory Squadron's clinical laboratory flight. It's his second Keesler tour — he served as chief of the medical center's blood bank element from August 1996-January 2000.

Colonel Johnson has been reassigned to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, where he'll command the 39th Medical Group.

Col. Cassandra Salvatore takes command of the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron from Col. Chet Roshetko, 11 a.m. July 18 in the Don Wylie auditorium.

Colonel Salvatore was the commander of the 9th Medical Group at Beale AFB, Calif., for almost three years.

Colonel Roshetko will also attend Air War College at Maxwell.

New squadron activated

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler's newest squadron, the 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutic Squadron, is activated at 8 a.m. today during a ceremony in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

Col. Stephanie McCann, previously the commander of the 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., assumes command of the unit.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Ward is the new squadron's superintendent. He was superintendent of the pathology and clinical laboratory flight.

The squadron, the 81st MDG's seventh, consists of more than 230 people in three flights: nutritional medicine, pathology and clinical laboratory, and pharmacy. The flights formerly were part of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

This is the second time the squadron has been activated. It originally stood up in May 1997 and was deactivated in September 1999.

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Blood center staffers come to aid of ill woman



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Ms. Preyear, left, and Ms. Foster.

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Civilians Tiffany Preyear and Stacey Foster routinely are involved in a life-saving line of work as members of the Keesler Blood Center. However, during a recent blood drive in Alabama, they played the role of good Samaritans and possibly saved the life of a woman in distress.

They'd just returned to their motel near Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., following dinner on June 17. As they walked to the motel from their van, someone on a motorized wheelchair flagged Preyear down.

"We went to see what the problem was," she said. "The woman in the chair asked for directions to a hospital. She told me she was having a tingling sensation from her neck down, had pain in her left arm and chest, could hardly breathe and was sweating."

Ms. Preyear asked the woman if she wanted her to call 911, but the woman told her "no," that her husband would drive her to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Ms. Foster went to the motel desk to get directions and a map and notified the staff of the woman and her need for aid. The staff called the woman's family and advised them of the situation.

At the same time, Ms. Preyear called 911 and relayed the woman's health problems to the operator.

"The operator told me to have the woman take her nitroglycerine medication," Ms. Preyear continued. "Then the paramedics arrived and hooked her up to oxygen. I sat with her until they took her to the hospital."

Ms. Foster talked to the woman's husband the next morning and learned she was still in the hospital where they were trying to determine whether she had suffered a blood clot or a heart attack.

Although they didn't know the final outcome of the woman's medical emergency, they hope she recovered.

Ms. Preyear observed, "I guess we're heroes. Our mission at the blood donor center is saving lives, and we did!"

Youth campers visit medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group hosted more than 20 young men and women for a youth workshop June 20.

The visit was arranged by Col. (Dr.) James Gasque, 81st MDG chief of medical staff. The program was intended to provide life-skills information to the young people, ages 12-17 years old.

They visited Keesler Medical Center as part of the "Junior Life Changers," a week-long youth camp sponsored by the Abundant Life Evangelistic Center in Biloxi.

According to Rev. Jason Johnson, program director and the center's senior pastor, the church partnered with the Junior Marines Program to offer an experience with a military-discipline concept under a boot-camp setting. The group stayed at the Seashore Methodist Center near Biloxi Junior High School and participated in nightly Bible study.

"The purpose of the program was to get the kids before they became caught up in negative things," Johnson explained. "I'm very excited



Photo by Steve Pivnick

A Junior Life Changer practices cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a medical simulator as some new surgical and internal medicine residents instruct her on proper technique.

with the program and hope to continue it, if not quarterly, then annually."

During the Keesler Medical Center session, several members of the medical center staff spoke to the young people about their particular career fields as well as their own personal backgrounds. Representative from the 81st Dental Squadron explained and demonstrated proper dental care. The 81st MDG education and training

flight staff provided basic life support training and showed the group the medical center's medical simulators.

Col. Prince Gilliard, 81st Training Group commander, and Keesler Chaplain (Capt.) Winston Jones also participated in a mentoring and leadership enhancement session with the youth.

The youngsters graduated June 20 at a ceremony held at the church.

Cyber Command headquarters staff operates virtually

Air Force Print News

SCOTT Air Force Base, Ill. — Air Force Cyber Command officials plan to spread out headquarters staffing among nine locations to meet the 45 percent manning requirements needed for initial operations.

Those locations include Barksdale Air Force Base, La., interim headquarters location for the command; Scott AFB, Ill.; Langley AFB, Va.; Lackland AFB, Texas; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Hanscom AFB, Mass.; Griffiss Air National Guard Base (Rome Labs), N.Y., and tentatively at Peterson AFB, Colo.

“Normally, a major command headquarters houses all its staff functions at one place, but because the final basing decision for AFCYBER hasn’t been determined, the command will operate in a virtual environment,” said Maj. Gen. William Lord, commander.

This action allows some personnel to be assigned to Barksdale and minimizes relocation actions at the other places for the rest of the proposed 450-person headquarters staff. Of the original 540 positions allocated for staffing, about 90 were moved to man positions in the 24th Air Force and subordinate wings.

Thus the command will assign about 240 positions and fill them during the summer so it can declare initial operations capability by Oct. 1. It’s not known at this time whether the rest of the 450 authorizations will also be assigned to the identified locations, or to new ones after that date, or be on hold until the final basing location is decided.

“We’ll be operating in this virtual construct until the final basing decisions are made, which is expected to be announced by September 2009. At that time the Air Force may decide to keep AFCYBER in this construct, relocate all its staff to one place or perhaps a combination of the two,” General Lord said.

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Ms. Kraima works for the Disabled American Veterans expanded transition assistance program.

Retiring? Separating? DAV is there to help

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Even when Airmen are on their way out of the military, the Air Force aims to set up its warriors for success outside the service.

But what if you're injured and getting medically discharged?

The transition service office is here to help. The Disabled American Veterans organization has expanded its transition service program, granting 16 transitional officers to major military installations around the country. The transition service program provides a free service to all service members who are leaving the military and will even help them after they are discharged.

"We brief members on their earned benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, help them fill out their claim forms, file the initial claim and answer any questions they may have," said Naomi Kraima, Keesler's transition service officer.

Not only does the transition service office help educate military personnel about their veterans benefits, but it also helps members going through the disability evaluation process.

"I have a wonderful working relationship with the personnel involved in the disabilities evaluation process at Keesler Medical Center," Ms. Kraima pointed out.

"The staff at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center and I also work very well together," said Ms. Kraima, a veteran who's experienced the disability evaluation process firsthand. "Together, we try to make the transition as easy as possible for veterans. We work to ensure that they have the health care they need during their transition.

"We don't want the veterans or service members to have to go searching for information," she continued. "We try to make this a 'one-stop shop' when it comes to their VA benefits and their transition back into civilian life. Our sole focus is to make sure the member has everything they deserve."

The regional VA office is in Jackson, but the local office is located in Room 126D, Sablich Center.

For more information, call Ms. Kraima, 377-0782.

Report provides snapshot of civilian work force

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center recently published its demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's civilian force. Data is current as of April 30, and statistics are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Total civilian strength

There are 137,966 civilian employees — 76.8 percent are “white collar” and 23.2 percent are “blue collar.”

Citizenship

There are 128,903 U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals — 9,450 are Air Force Reserve technicians. Another 9,061 are foreign national employees, and two others are other non-U.S. employees in the U.S. or a U.S. territory.

Age

Average age is 46.8 years.

Length of service

Average is 15.5 years.

Retirement eligibility

24.1 percent become eligible in more than 20 years
29.9 percent become eligible in 11-20 years
18 percent become eligible in 6-10 years
17.7 percent become eligible in 1-5 years
8.4 percent became eligible 0-5 years ago
1.8 percent became eligible more than 5 years ago

Gender

32.9 percent are female; 67.1 percent are male .

Race

(Self-reported information)

1.1 percent American Indian or native Alaskan
5 percent Asian
11.8 percent black or African American
0.3 percent native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
70.4 percent white
0.4 percent reported more than one category
11 percent declined to report their race

Ethnicity

“Hispanic or Latino” is now considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately in addition to racial categories — 7.1 percent call themselves “Hispanic/Latino.”

Overseas

10.7 percent assigned overseas
38.8 percent are U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals.
61.2 percent are local nationals

Military service

3 percent are retired officers
16.3 percent are retired enlisted
29.5 percent have some military service (not retired)
51.2 percent have no military service

Education

White collar

25.3 percent have bachelor's degree
17.8 percent have master's degree
2.1 percent have doctorate or professional degree
23.3 percent have an associate's degree or hours toward a bachelor's degree
28.4 percent have at least a high school education
1.4 percent have less than a high school diploma

Blue collar

3.9 percent have a bachelor's degree
0.3 percent have a master's degree
26.6 percent have an associate's degree or hours toward a bachelor's degree
67.8 percent have a high school education or equivalent
- 1.3 percent have less than a high school diploma

Developmental education

6,381 have completed one or more military schools
3,637 have completed squadron officer school
3,435 have completed intermediate developmental education
1,863 have completed senior developmental education

Executive-level training

317 have completed executive-level training
24 congressional fellowship programs
264 executive and senior executive leadership
26 public administration graduate school
8 management graduate school

Memoranda addresses educational needs of military kids

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England and Deputy Education Secretary Raymond Simon signed a memorandum of understanding between their agencies June 26 that addresses the quality of education and the unique challenges faced by children of military families.

Thousands of students in military families will be affected by moves precipitated by recent Base Realignment and Closure Act decisions and the relocation of military units from overseas bases to stateside installations as part of global defense posture realignment moves.

The memorandum defines how the Defense and Education departments will work together with local educational organizations to strengthen and expand school-based efforts to ease student transitions and help military students develop academic skills and coping strategies during parents' military deployments.

Congressional has provided financial assistance to local school districts through the impact aid program since 1950. Current legislation provides financial assistance to school districts with concentrations of children residing on military bases who have parents in the military. Military families that reside in government-provided quarters don't pay local property taxes, a portion of which are used to manage and operate public schools.

More than 1.1 million students who belong to active duty and reserve-component military families are expected to benefit from activities outlined in the agreement.

A special panel will now begin work to implement the initiatives, David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said.

Airmen, Soldiers complete class in hand-to-hand combat skills

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Almost two dozen Airmen and Soldiers marked the end of a 40-hour hand-to-hand combat course June 13 with a tournament to select honor graduates in three separate divisions.

Taught by Army Staff Sgt. Donald Scott, a member of the Gulf Coast District Veterinary Command assigned to the Keesler Veterinary Clinic, the class consisted of 23 military personnel.

In addition to 18 Keesler personnel from the 81st Training Wing, 81st Medical Group Airmen (including a Soldier assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron's clinical research laboratory), 81st Transportation Squadron, 81st Communications Squadron and 81st Security Forces Squadron, four Soldiers from Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., Fort Benning, Ga., and Redstone Arsenal and Fort Rucker, Ala., participated in the course.

According to Scott, completion of the course means the graduates are now certified Level 1 instructors.

"The course focused primarily on ground fighting," Sergeant Scott explained. It's a technique adapted mainly from Brazilian jujitsu."

They did their training in a room at the Vandenberg Community Center.

Sergeant Scott, who's been an instructor for about two years, said this was the first class of this type conducted at Keesler.

Honor graduates were Staff Sgt. Christopher Kissam, 81st TRW, heavyweight; Staff Sgt. Benjamin Collins, 81st SFS, middleweight, and Staff Sgt. Mark Pagliuca, 81st MDSS, lightweight.

A 3 - 5 minute steady tone on the base siren is a **TORNADO WARNING** — take cover.

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.

Hours for sales are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

ADHD/ADD support

In August, the 81st Medical Operations Squadron pediatric subspecialty clinic begins a support group for families of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Attention Deficit Disorder.

The group will provide participants with information and resources to help them gain a better understanding of their child's disorder.

A panel consisting of a pediatric neurologist, social worker and case manager will be on hand to respond to questions and concerns.

To join the group or for more information, call 1st Lt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375, or Airman 1st Class Carla Beltran, 376-3316.

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.

Auditions

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

Positions are open to military members and civilians.

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

Multimedia services

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

Clinic services

Adult appointments for group therapy, individual and marital counseling and medication management are available at the mental health clinic.

Space-available therapy appointments are also open to children age 10 and older.

Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

For more information, call 376-0385.

Audiology clinic

Audiology and hearing aid services are available at the audiology clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

Lactation services

Lactation services are offered at Keesler Medical Center.

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

For more information, call Brenda Valdez, 376-3121.

Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry clinic seeks patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Eligible are children ages 4-12. Patients must be available Thursday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5144.

Mail delivery

Office mail must be picked up and mailed at Room C8, Building 0901, 708 Fisher Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and working Fridays.

Bridge to better fitness

Members of the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron begin their run across the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge at 7 a.m. June 25. Twenty-five people ran and walked to the Biloxi side and back across the 1.7-mile span. When the bridge was rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina, a separate fitness lane was added. Since its dedication Nov. 1, the span has gained popularity with runners, walkers and bicyclists. According to Tech. Sgt. Jerry Dameron, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the squadron's critical care flight and one of the run organizers, the unit decided to run the bridge "to challenge our squadron to do more than the Air Force fitness test and get away from the routine 1.5-mile run." Twenty more squadron members opted to run at the Blake Fitness Center because of threatening weather.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



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

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Summer league

Monday Night (as of June 30)

Team	Won	Lost
Speer Family	24	11
Team 8	23	12
Fosters	23	12
Mudd	22	13
SELOHSSA	19	15
Team 9	19	16
Braves	18	17
Fantastik 4	17	11
High Gas Strikers	17	18
Team 12	17	18
403rd	16	19
Pot Luck	16	12
Team 7	15	20
Booker's Bowlers	15	20
Team 2	14	14
Hoops Gang	13	22
Night Hawks	10	25

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of June 26)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 12	30	12
Krauts	29	13
TNT Express	28	14
Oldies But Goodies	27	15
Team 9	23	19
Team 3	20	22
Shot in Foot	20	22
Team 7	18	24
Left-Right-Left	17	25
The "A" Team	13	29
Team 2	12	30
No Shows	0	0

Other

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

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Red, white and blue specials — wear red, white and blue anytime in July and bowl for \$2 a game with free shoe rental and receive \$1 off a

meal consisting of a main, side and medium drink.

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

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

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.

Club member special — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game with free shoe rental.

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

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

81st Training Wing logo shirt — available in the pro shop. Short sleeve with collar, \$22.

Fitness centers

Power lifting meet — 1 p.m. July 25, Triangle Fitness Center. Weigh in at noon, start 1 p.m. Weight classes for men and women. Open to everyone with base access. Sign up by July 24.

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

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

Academy athlete misses shot at Olympics

Air Force Print News

EUGENE, Ore. — Air Force Academy record-holder Dana Pounds placed second in the javelin throw in the finals of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials June 30.

Posting a distance of 189 feet 9 inches, Pounds finished just 2 feet behind the meet's winner. Despite the second-place finish, Pounds missed a spot on the Olympic team as a throw of 198'6" was needed during the qualifying period.

Pounds, a member of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program, had a personal-best throw of 195'6" before the trials.

Pounds opened the finals with a throw of 171'2" before posting the 189'9" throw that secured the silver medal.

Although she fouled off three of her final attempts, she added a toss of 188'4" to her evening.

"I truly believe the throw is there," Pounds said. "I'm not sure why it didn't come out tonight. I think I tried too hard. I don't think I relaxed enough."

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

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

For more information, call 377-3056.

Golf

Intramural

No updates submitted.

Other

Youth clinics — three-day clinic, Mondays-Wednesdays through Aug. 6. 8-9:30 a.m. ages 6-10; 10-11:30 a.m. ages 11-15. Learn basic golf fundamentals. \$40 per person, per class, including lesson, shirts, various golf accessories and refreshments. Maximum 10 per class. Pre-registration requested.

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

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

Course and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

Martial arts

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

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

Pukulan pencak silat tempur — 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$65 month. Closequarters com-

bat class; used for personal protection.

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

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

Outdoor recreation

Outdoor adventure canoe trip — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. \$20 per person. Bring food and beverages. Maximum eight people, minimum four. For more information, call 377-3160.

Back Bay fishing trip — Saturday and July 26. Call for time. \$20 per person. Bring food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Chandeleur Island trip — July 22-23. \$150 per person. Bring food, drink and lures. Minimum six people or \$900 for boat rental. Reserve early.

Pool parties — at main base or Triangle pool. For more information, call 377-3568.

Camping packages — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

July fish of the month — weigh in the heaviest flounder and win \$100 savings bond.

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

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

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

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

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

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

maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

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

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

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

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

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

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, hunting and fishing licenses.

Paintball

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

Softball

Intramural

American League (as of June 30)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	9	3
335th TRS-A	9	4
332nd TRS	9	4
81st SUPS-TRANS	7	5
MARDET	7	5
338th TRS	6	6
336th TRS-B	2	8
335th TRS-B	2	11

June 23 — MARDET 23, 338th TRS 13; 336th TRS-B 13, 335th TRS-A 5; 336th TRS-A 13, 335th TRS-B 1; 81st SUPS-TRANS 8, 332nd TRS 5.

June 25 — 338th TRS 10, 81st SUPS-TRANS 8; 332nd TRS 15, 336th TRS-A 2; MARDET 20, 336th TRS-B; 335th TRS-A 14, 335th TRS-B 1.

National League (as of June 30)

Team	Won	Lost
81st FSS	8	2
81st MSGS	7	3
81st CES	7	4
81st MDSS	5	4
81st CS	5	4
81st SFS	5	4
81st DS	5	6
2nd Air Force	1	7
403rd Wing	1	9

June 24 — 81st MSGS 9, 81st MDSS 6; 81st MDSS 11, 81st MSGS 9; 81st FSS 19, 2nd Air Force 6; 81st CES 9, 81st CS 7; 81st DS 16, 403rd Wing 10.

June 26 — 81st MSGS 12, 81st FSS 11; 81st SFS 1, 81st DS forfeited; 81st CES 1, 403rd Wing forfeited; 2nd Air Force and 81st CS both forfeited.

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.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Nathaniel Backer, Cody Briggs, Cory Bryant, Lauren Bullock, Manuel Cedeno, Anthony Chambers, Balrup Chhina, Brock Cooper, Brian Covert, Brandon Duncan, Landreth Emswiler, Lloyd Farris, Bradley Gray, Matthew Guccione, Andrew Harrison, Andrew Havenner, Jennifer Hurley, Michael Johnson, Timothy Kemmerly, Jason Kerwin, Kyle Lott, Michael MacBrien, Eliseo Malave, Colin Malcolm, Robert Martinez, David Matthews, Nicholas Mladineo, Patrick O'Neil, Cameron Pierce, George Powell, Jacob Reese, Adam Rentsch, William Rickert, Joseph Sanders, Ebony Scarlett, Derek Scott, Lydia Sill, Daniel Snyder, Steven Snyder, Christopher Turner, Franklin Utter, Adam Watson, Dustin Wilson, Michael Yates and Ahmad Zeidan; Pfc. Daniel Omlor; Airmen Bobby Campbell, Scott Goldsberry, Brendan Howard, Ryan Ingalls, Justin Ingersoll, Sebastain Jimenez, Sergey Kokoulin, Torrence Levis, Ryan Rozelle, Joseph Smathers and Jason White; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Adams, Jeffrey Alexander, Adam Bailey, Todd Bedo, Justin Boyer, Ehren Brown, Alex Bruce, Michael Bryant, Ronald Cameron, Mario Difrancio, Benjamin Digiammo, Christopher Downing, Eric Eberhardt, Jacob Enyart, Steven Finnell, Douglas Franklin, Antonio Hernandez, Jessie Hinton, Trenton Hoffeditz, Micahel Hussey, Robert Jacoby, Benjamin Jennings, Jessica Jewett, Rachel Jones, John Loving, Shaime McDaniel, James McLean, John McMillion, Andrew Menkes, Bart Mullins, Heber Ortiz, Zachary Ostas, Joseph Perez, Steven Perry, Steven Rogers, Joseph Shirley, Thomas Stafford, Anthony Sullivan, George Trujillo, Adrian Villalba, Daniel Williams, David Williams, Zachary Wirfs and Zachary Zillmer; Senior Airmen Daniel Blondell, Gregory Freeman, Shawn Hopper, Brandon McGilton and Bernardo Uribe; Staff Sgts. Joshua Iles, John Leuthauser and Tammy Schultz; Tech. Sgt. Michael Durham; Master Sgts. Russell Atwater, Dale Mulkey and David Welchel.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Richard Bolden and Troy Teal; Airmen 1st Class Austin Hill, Tyler Wahls and Brandan Whiting; Senior Airman Shaina Davidson; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Burr and Anna Cichocki.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Ricky Anderson, Jacquelyn Andrews, Alexis Arroyo, Dereck Blair, Robert Buckhanan, Jillion Clark, Devon Griffith, Carl Henry, Jeremy Lyons, Ricfrancis Mantonona, Donald Morris, Jillian Smith and Brent Wardrip; Airman Dylan Brandt; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Fennell, Rachel Helsten, Akilah Howard, John Nickel, Christopher Palmer, Phonevilay Phasavath, Dustin Smallwood and Cole Woodworth; Senior Airmen Joshua MacDonald, Joseph O'Marie and Welby Ramos; Staff Sgt. Juanjose Moran; Senior Master Sgts. Ibrahim Ahmed Al Harbi and Ahmed Al Shaikhi.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Crystal Jackson, LaShandria Jackson; Airman 1st Class Marcheta Smith; Senior Airmen Jeffrey Rehan, Mario Ruffolo; Staff Sergeants Monica Aragon, Mark Frizzo, Carlos Yip; Tech Sergeant Anthony Garrett, Theresa MacDonald, Chasity Roush

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Jacob Lee and Thomas Stabler; Airman Timothy Cooper; Airmen 1st Class John Barrett, Elijah Branson, Orion Gilliam and James Lucas; Senior Airmen Michael Huffman Jr., Cory Lamp and Angela Moyler; Staff Sgt. Justin Lanati; Tech. Sgts. Stephen Lowry and Carl Summerlot; Master Sgts. Shelly Bail, Shawn Forsyth and William Healey.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Bradley Allen, Karen Apsey, Ryan Austin, James Baker, Christopher Barrow, Daniel Chaffee, Darren Diones, Tekoa Edwards, Ian Fischer, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Adam Howard, Ronald Hummel, Jerell Leonard, Travis Ng, Correy Pickering, Michael Rutter, Eileen Siemsen, Charles Weddington, Marcus Wimbush and Leah Wood; Airmen Michael Butler, Brian Gratton, Darshayla Hayes, Melissa Jones, Tori Knight and

David Su; Airmen 1st Class Celestine Alciea, Nicholas Campbell, Austin Carroll, Jon Carter, Gina Custer, Adam Falcsik, Melvin French, Brandon Hill, Alejandro Jimenez, Craig Johnson, Evan Lovell, Jodi Mahoney, Matthew Martinez, Atom Peppe, Ryan Poster, Jamie Rupp, Joshua Russell, Troy Scarborough, Christopher Shaad, Jessica Sherman, Michael Smith, Kristina Stanley, Stacy Steele, Steven Su, George Walker, Patrick Weller, Corey Wileman, Michael Winchell and Cassandra Ybarra; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez, Shane Anderson, Seda Gonzalez, Matthew Ingebrand, Regina James, Hyun Lee, Steven Lovell, Coleen Schoelen, Caleb Sears, William Stevenson, Joshua Suratt, Alex Tavarez, Michael Teel, Lugenia Vaughn and Nicole Williams; Staff Sgts. Donald Abell, Kisher Bland, Ronell Buchanan, Nicole Carattini, Broc Gallman, Adria Hadlock, Leonor Herrera, Craig Johnson, Michael Kelso, Jayson Maxwell, Marcus Moulton, Tracie Oster, Veneta Rusalova, Chad Rybicki, Rexford Sheldon, Maria Shoenbeck, Stephanie Tracy, Dylan Turner and Daniel West; Tech. Sgts. Vivian Bailey, Giovanna Boyer, Elizabeth Neri and Mary Thompson; Master Sgts. Shelley Hart, Chad Johnson, Lane Philbeck, Afred Stuart and Erin Wilber; Maj. Mohamed Sarhan; Angela Cichetta.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Basic Luke Servas; Airmen 1st Class Travis Bailey, William Schul and Steven Briski; Staff Sgts. Richard Munro and Joshua St. Andre; Master Sgt. Wayne Werth.

Ground radar — Airman Basic Benjamin Cristofich; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Allgood, Matthew Anzures, David Arceneaux, Ricardo Diaz-Rodriguez, Zachary Hughes, Jonathan Johnson and William Sovitsky.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Michael Butz and Eugene Harding; Airmen Matthew Corbett, Aaron Ferrell, Andrew Kelly, Anthonique Payne, Miles Toran and Michael Viau; Airmen 1st Class Eric Berry, Ronald Corkin, Jeffery Davis, Dylan Gooding, Charles Hatley, Bradley Hinote, Sarah Imhauser, Christy Lingo, John Moak, Patrick O'Hara, Lauren Persico, Jeffery Phillips, Justin Pinard, Robert Reed, Steven Ross, Adam Sconyers, Thomas Sherrill, Justin Stone, Michelle Sumner, Derrick Tuomi, Casey Volk and Alexander Zeiler; Senior Airman Edmund James and Steven Sandoval; Staff Sgts. Landon Elfstrom, Joshua Henley, Randall Main and Jessica Reynolds.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Johnson, Timothy Lowe, Julian Matibag, Brandon Tryon, Laniel

Vazquez and Marques Wartley; Airmen Donald Langley and Joseph Tidwell; Airmen 1st Class Odeb Allen, Daniel Baker, Robert Bennett, Alexander Bode, Nathaniel Bridgman, Andre Callaway, Zhile Cao, Kyle Dresen, Andrew Johnson, Keith Johnson, Benjamin Mellon, Ira Richardson, Danielle Seitz and Taylor Thompson; Senior Airmen Anthony Fuentes and James Koth; Staff Sgts. Stephen Capone, Anthony Frances, Robert Hahn, Leonel Iglesias, Shane Rehm and Jeremiah Walker; Tech. Sgts. William Patton, Joseph Richardson and Donald Shores; Master Sgt. Tommy Nelson; Senior Master Sgts. Robert Cross and Vincent Henehan; Glen Haslem.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-6 — Aug. 1-Sept. 10.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-6 — Aug. 5-Sept. 12.

Arts and crafts center

Summer craft camp — 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through July 24, ages 8 and older. Different craft each week. \$28.50 per week including supplies. Pre-registration required, call 377-2821.

Multi-craft shop

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

Pottery-wheel throwing — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Bring lunch; must pre-register.

Bob Ross painting class — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19. Paint a 16 x20-inch landscape. \$60 including canvas, all supplies and snack lunch. Limit 10 people.

Nonprior Airmen beginners ceramics — 10 a.m. to noon July 25. Learn to cast ceramics and use paints for finishing techniques. \$8 including 2 chessmen, all supplies and firing.

Wood shop

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. non working Fridays. \$30. Call for more information and to preregister.

Frame shop

Beginners picture class — one class, four sessions, today and July 17, 24 and 31. \$60 including supplies. Call for time. Pre-registration required.

Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design — special orders Tuesdays through Fridays, self-help weekdays and Saturdays.

Auto hobby shop

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

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

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.

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.

Digest,

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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

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

Summer story times — 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, and 2 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5.

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

Available for use — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

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.

Strut your mutt — 10 a.m. to noon July 25. Dogs compete for first and second place prizes in seven categories. For more information, call 377-5576.

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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.

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

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Smooth jazz music and martini specials.

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. For information on camp dates, call 377-4116.

Teen camps — Monday - July 18 cooking; July 21-25 sewing; July 28-Aug. 1 outdoor games. Register for one or more. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Tour to Foley, Ala. — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 19. \$20 including round trip transportation. Bring your own lunch. Sign up and prepay no later than Wednesday.

Gulf Island Water Park tickets — daily adult \$18, daily child under 42 inches \$13, season pass \$74.95.

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. Monday-July 17, Aug. 11-14, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

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

Employment opportunities

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

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

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

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

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.foats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluetogray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

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.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

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., Iron Man (PG-13, 126 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Sex and The City (R, 140 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull L (PG-13, 122 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Indiana Jones (PG-13, 122 minutes).

An American
is sexually assaulted
every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five
American women
has been the victim
of an attempted
or completed rape.

About 10 percent of
sexual assault victims
are men.

At least 2/3 of
sexual assaults
are committed
by someone the victim knows.

44 percent of rape victims
are under age 18,
and 80 percent
are under age 30.