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## Puppy love

One-year-old Derek Hale holds his pets, Gracie, left, and Rex during the Strut Your Mutt contest Friday at Vandenberg Community Center. The Yorkshire terriers competed in the smallest dog category, and Gracie came in second. Derek's parents are Staff Sgt. David and Linda Hale. Sergeant Hale, an instructor in the 335th Training Squadron, is a member of Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## CSC opens Keesler, Biloxi offices today

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Computer Sciences Corp. opens two offices today to begin assembling the contractor team that starts taking over Keesler's support functions Nov. 1.

The on-base office is in Room 202, Sablich Center, phone 376-8550. Another office is located at 169-B Lameuse Street, Biloxi, phone 436-3432. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The company is also planning a job fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Wingate Hotel in D'Iberville.

In the meantime, potential employees are invited to drop off resumes at one of the offices. Resumes may also be e-mailed to [lmcfarland@csc.com](mailto:lmcfarland@csc.com).

CSC is a Fortune 500 company with worldwide expertise in information technology and base operating support services. CSC employs about 90,000 people in 92 countries. The company expects to hire more than 300 people for work at Keesler.

"We've been peddling hard behind the scenes," said Roger Condit from CSC's Applied Technology Division in Fort Worth, Texas, who'll be Keesler's program manager. "We're actively recruiting, but we aren't hiring yet because we're still awaiting the right-of-first-refusal list from the civilian personnel office. Those employees affected by the A-76 transition have first consideration for all jobs for which they are qualified." Mr. Condit is no stranger to Keesler or

the Air Force. He refers to himself as "an Air Force brat who went into the family business." He first came to Keesler in 1967 as an airman third class trainee in the air traffic control career field.

"I noticed there's a 'scheduled for demolition' sign on Avery Manor, the dorm where I lived," he pointed out. "I came back to Keesler as a second lieutenant personnel officer while I awaited pilot training. After flying, I moved into support positions for the rest of my military career."

Mr. Condit went to work for CSC in 1999. He's in the process of relocating from San Antonio to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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## For successful Airman to emulate, look no farther than Chief Sanders

By Brig. Gen. (S) Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Today marks the end of a long and distinguished career in the service of our great nation as Chief Master Sergeant Errol "Sandy" Sanders retires after 30 years of faithful and devoted service.

The world is a lot different in those 30 plus years since young Sandy Sanders raised his hand and joined our great Air Force. The great threat faced by Airman Sanders' Air Force was the Soviet Union. For many years, the armed forces of the United States and Soviet Union stood ready to defend their countries in a tense "Cold War." Men like Airman Sanders maintained the peace by standing the watch, guarding our ever-ready alert force both in the United States at Strategic Air Command bases as well as in forward deployed locations such as those found in Europe at the time. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, a new threat emerged and Sergeant Sanders and his fellow Airmen transitioned from a forward-deployed garrison force to an expeditionary force that defeated Saddam Hussein's forces in Operation Desert Storm and maintained the peace in Operations Northern and Southern Watch. Later, Master Sgt. Sanders and his fellow Airmen stood the watch as allied forces thwarted the genocide in the Balkans. And

now, Chief Sanders, back from a year in the desert in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, stands the watch one last time at Keesler.

Indeed, the world has changed quite a bit since Airman Sanders entered the Air Force, yet so has the man we know as "The Chief." A proud husband and father, opportunities didn't always fall into his lap; he made his opportunities. He worked hard and excelled at his duties. He took advantage of his professional military education and applied it to being a better noncommissioned officer and was rewarded with more challenging and responsible positions. He seized the opportunity to further his education and earned an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. If you are a young airman looking for a prescription for success, look no farther than Chief Sandy Sanders.

Like many of us who have served most of our adult life in uniform, Chief Sanders is not particularly anxious to retire from active duty; he's told me many times he'd sign up for another hitch if the Air Force would let him. Yet, as he says, it is time to let the next generation take the reins. Sandy Sanders spent 30 years defending all of us. As he and Victoria start their next journey together, please join me in saying thank you and wish them all the best.



## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. (S) Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-

4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).

For personal responses, include your name, address and phone number. Items of general interest may appear in this column.

**Issue** — I recently received orders to Keesler and am now living in the temporary lodging facility for families with pets. I understand the need for a fee for pet owners because not everyone manages their pets well. However, I believe \$10 a day is exorbitant. I will be staying in TLF for 60 days and the \$600 pet fee I will be required to pay seems excessive.

I recommend Keesler charge a refundable \$200 pet deposit that may be returned upon checkout if all TLF policies are met and there's no damage to the room. Most of us who live in TLF were made to move for the convenience of the government, and we sacrifice a lot already when we move, but for some of us, this kind of financial burden is inexcusable.

**Response** — According to lodging officials, Air Force Instruction 34-246, 1.19.2, requires pet owners to be charged a standard \$10 per room per night fee, regardless of the number of pets in the unit and duration of stay. The fee offsets the cost of pet-related cleaning and supplying rooms with pet amenities. While the AFI allows the lodging manager latitude to waive the two-pet-per-unit limitation, the AFI doesn't provide relief for the \$10 fee.

That said, you are on to a great idea. We're taking your suggestion and putting it into the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program with a recommendation to change the current Air Force policy. Thanks for bringing the idea forward.

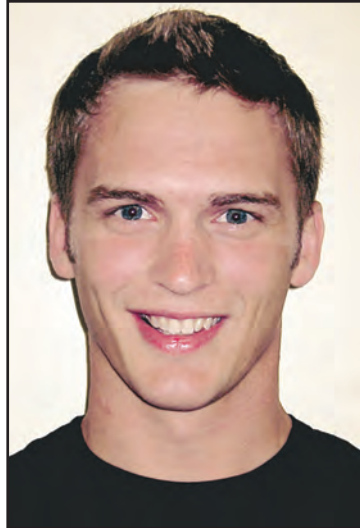


## WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

How do you  
intend to use  
the new GI Bill?



I'm going to attend seminary when I separate and then try to come back in as a chaplain.

— Staff Sgt. Kyle Beshears,  
333rd Training Squadron.



I'm going to use it when I get out to get my bachelor's degree in computer science.

— Airman 1st Class Cody  
Brightman, 81st Surgical  
Operations Squadron.



I'm going to get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

— Senior Airman Vanna  
Johnson, 81st Force Support  
Squadron.

# Supervisors, don't leave your Airmen behind

By Master Sgt. Scott Passman

81st Force Support Squadron  
first sergeant

The final paragraph of the Airman's Creed states, "I will never leave an Airman behind," which goes beyond the battlefield. All around our Air Force, Airmen are "left behind" daily. Every time an Airman fails a fitness test or dorm inspection, misses an appointment, wears the uniform incorrectly, a non-commissioned officer has left an Airman behind. I know some of you just sat up a little straighter in your chair and are ready to rumble, but please, read on.

My first supervisor—a sharp staff sergeant—supervised four young Airmen. His initial briefing was very clear: "Be at work 15 minutes early, make sure your uniform is impeccable and know your job from top to bottom." No matter how early we came to work, he always set the example by being there before us. He considered it a personal insult and a failure on his part if someone else had to correct any of us for uniform violations. Additionally, he took time to understand our strengths and weaknesses so he could tailor his training and

mentoring to make sure we all grew together as a team to accomplish the mission. It was his personal mission to ensure we were not only meeting, but exceeding the standards. He never depended on e-mail or third-party communication. He's the supervisor I've tried to become. Are you that dedicated to your Airmen or are you leaving them behind?

Consider whether you leave your Airmen behind: Have you seen them today? Were they on time? Does their uniform meet the standard? Do they stand around with their hands in their pockets? Do they wear

sunglasses on their head? Do they know their job? What have you done today to teach them? Do you document their "on-the-job" progress and train them? Are their dorm rooms clean? Do they care for their families? Have you taken them to the education office to get their Community College of the Air Force degrees started or finished? Do you recognize them publicly for doing great work? Do you set the example for your Airmen or do you leave them behind?

We all have different leadership styles, but I think we can all learn a little something from

my first supervisor. It's time we take a hard look at ourselves for an honest evaluation. It's time we invest just a little more time and effort into our Airmen. By spending 15 more minutes each day with our Airmen, after a year, we invest almost 70 more hours into their development.

It's time to be accountable. The Airmen's Creed is more than words — it's a way of life. Whether we're here at Keesler or in the middle of the battlefield, it's up to us to ensure we never leave an Airman behind.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Airman 1st Class Shomari Davis, blindfolded, twirls a rifle during the freestyle competition. The Red Wolves won this category and regulation drill to earn overall honors.

## Red Wolves howl to drill down win

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 336th Training Squadron Red Wolves howled their way to victory for the first time this year in the third contest of the 81st Training Group's drill down season, Friday.

The Red Wolves were the only team to place in all three categories, taking first in open ranks and freestyle drill and second in regulation drill.

The Mad Dogs from the 332nd TRS, overall winners of the season's second drill down in April, came in second overall with a first place finish in the regulation drill.

The 334th TRS Gators, overall winners of the first drill down in February, placed third overall with a second in open ranks and a third in regulation drill.

The 335th Bulls placed second in freestyle and third in open ranks.

The 338th Dark Knights, who won the base drill down championship in 2007, placed third in freestyle drill.

The Red Wolves' winning team was directed by Airman 1st Class Jamie Rupp, drill master, and Christian Duran, assistant drill master.

Team members are:

**Airmen Basic** Leroy Arday, Daija Brewer, Jason Debellevich, Paul Diaz, Maurice Jones, Adam Mendoza, Correy Pickering, Cody Smith, Kenneth Thomas and Amanda Williams.

**Airmen** Jason Engel, Timothy Gautier, Moises Hernandez and Pornvisanu Na Bangchang.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

**Airman Basic Andrew Kruckman performs with the Mad Dogs' drill team, which took second place overall honors.**

**Airmen 1st Class** Derrick Agee, Shomari Davis, Allen Hood, Tomonica Irons, Leroy Jackson, Joseph Lowery, Jacob Perkinson, Jonathan Rysanek and Amanda Mills-Saur.

# Grooming new trainers essential to mission

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Support Squadron's faculty development flight's basic instructor course gives technical experts from the operational community the skills to share that knowledge with their students.

"The basic instructor course is absolutely essential to the success of the 81st Training Wing's technical training mission," said Lt. Col. Kevin O'Rourke, 81st TRSS commander. "All new Keesler instructors complete the course to learn how to effectively train students, and training students is how we're reloading the Air Force with capable and qualified Airmen.

## Best instructors wanted

"We're fortunate to be able to hire the best instructors from the wing to be BIC instructors, so BIC is always a first-rate course, no matter who is attending," the colonel added.

"Instructors are the core of the technical training mission and faculty development is the key enabler," explained Lessie Daniel, faculty development chief. "We focus on preparing newly-assigned technical training instructors for one of the most important, fulfilling jobs of their career."

New instructors come to Air Education and Training Command from the operational community with technical expertise, but many of them need the tools to impart their knowledge. That's where the faculty development flight comes in.

## Striving for success

"Our goal is to equip instructors for success — to enable them to plant the seed for growth as they send their students back into their respective career fields," Mrs. Daniel remarked. "We continually strive to keep up with the training requirements needed to produce outstanding instructors, and also provide the most current technology available to assist the instructors in enhancing their training environment."

In BIC, new instructors learn fundamentals of instruction, presentation principles, basic counseling techniques and AETC indoctrination. According to George Holbert, BIC instructor supervisor, what instructors find most rewarding is acquiring the



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
From left, Tech. Sgt. Gary Romkey and Staff Sgt. Brandin Coy, 335th Training Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Shuntesia Dupree, 81st Training Support Squadron instructor; and Staff Sgt. Joe Perry, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, cover the basics of the Technical Training Management System that's used by instructors for student accounting.

skills to effectively communicate with their students.

"BIC affords them the opportunity to develop and hone presentation skills in a controlled, peer-oriented environment," he pointed out. "BIC also showcases the most current instructional technology beyond Powerpoint. Students are exposed to applications including interactive whiteboards, Symposium (interactive monitor), and Video Visualizer."

Graduates are awarded the highly-coveted AETC instructor badge, commonly referred to as "the cookie."

The 17-member faculty development flight was assigned "prime center" responsibilities for the BIC, serving as AETC's lead for training

development. Keesler is responsible for developing all course control documents and instructional materials and maintaining the virtual training development element hosted on the 2nd Air Force Faculty Development Community of Practice through the Air Force Portal.

This curriculum is used by faculty development units at all five 2nd Air Force technical training bases — Keesler; Goodfellow, Lackland, and Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The course impacts approximately 1,600 BIC students annually across four training wings and eight training groups.

"BIC personnel don't just make a difference in training here at Keesler,

but they have worldwide impact as well," Colonel O'Rourke emphasized. "In addition to training AETC personnel, the course is open to other Air Force major commands, military services, federal agencies and allied personnel from as far away as Turkey, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan."

"We primarily support personnel assigned to the 81st Training Group, but about 25 percent of our annual student load comes from other sources," Mrs. Daniel said.

## Mobile training team

The faculty development flight also offers a mobile training team version of BIC. When feasible, a BIC instructor travels to a site to train multiple students at the same location. This is commonly used when a geographically separated unit, detachment or operation location has AETC instructors who need student administration skills.

Recently when contractor funding was cut, the faculty development flight assumed responsibility for providing hands-on training for the Technical Training Management System. TTMS student management training has been integrated into BIC and the training supervisor course.

## Web opens new venues

"Typically, hands-on training is limited to resident training by the need to have the instructor, equipment and student all together at the same location, but Keesler recently experimented with Web-conferencing software that brings all of these elements together in a virtual classroom for a collaborative, interactive learning experience," Mr. Holbert said.

The 333rd Training Squadron's Detachment 1 at Falls Church, Va., identified instructors needing TTMS student management training.

"We conducted a test using the Defense Connect Online and teleconference to conduct the training," Mr. Holbert said. "The test proved hugely successful and promises significant savings in temporary duty costs across the command."

Prospective instructors inbound to Keesler are scheduled automatically for BIC. Other personnel interested in attending BIC should contact their unit training manager for scheduling information.

# New GI Bill facts outlined; details still to come

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are working out the details of a new education benefit recently approved by Congress that goes into effect August 1, 2009.

“The absolute most important part of the new GI Bill is that none of it takes effect until next year,” said Rita Hughson, chief of education and training at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington. “No one should make any definite plans until the details are worked out.”

The new education bill, commonly called the Post-9/11 GI Bill, governs payment and reimbursement plans for veterans and service members who seek to further their education. The new plan will be open to most service members who served on active duty after Sept. 11, 2001. This includes people who haven’t been eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, such as Air Force Academy or ROTC graduates, those who declined to participate in the program and those whose service started before it went into effect in 1985, she said.

According to Ms. Hughson, the implementation of particular benefits and how they will apply to former and current service members have yet to be established. There are, however, a few facts that are known since the bill was signed into law:

**Tuition** — The Post-9/11 GI Bill will cover tuition with payments sent directly to the school. The formula for determining the amount of tuition and fees paid will be based on the highest cost of a state-supported bachelor’s degree program. The tuition amount will be paid directly to the college.

**Housing** — A housing allowance will be made available to prior service-members who attend as civilian full-time students. The rate will be that of a staff sergeant with dependents.

**Books and supplies** — A maximum of \$1,000 per year will be allotted to the member to cover the costs of books and supplies needed for classes. The stipend will be divided by terms, so if someone attends a two-term school, the allotment will be \$500 per semester, whereas the student will receive \$333 if they attend a three-semester school.

**Tutoring** — \$100 a month for 12

months will be available for tutor programs should the service member require extra help outside of his or her studies.

**Availability** — Service members can take advantage of the program up to 15 years after they are honorably discharged or retire from the service.

**Certification** — An extra \$2,000 is available to pay for one license or certification test as approved by the VA.

In addition to the listed benefits, a portion of the tuition stipend, as well as the tutoring allowance, may be available for service members to transfer to family members. Many of the details for this, however, are still being worked out between DOD and the VA, Ms. Hughson said.

Although the Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition benefit will be available to most people while they’re on active duty, it’s actually most advantageous to use all the benefits after separating, Ms. Hughson said.

“There are so many other educational programs and benefits people can take advantage of while they’re on active duty, like the various free tests for college credit and tuition assistance funding,” she said. “But just like the

current GI Bill, people will get the greatest benefit if they wait until they are no longer serving on active duty before they begin using it.

“That way they have the option to use all their GI Bill benefits for the longest amount of time,” she added.

Once the Post-9/11 GI Bill becomes available, Ms. Hughson expects people who have already elected to participate in the Montgomery Bill program will have the option to use the new plan, if they wish. However, it may be in a member’s best interest to stick with the Montgomery Bill for certain distance-learning programs or if they’d prefer to be sent money directly to them, Ms. Hughson said.

“Whatever they decide to do, people should do as much research as they can as details become available,” she said. “As is normally the case with legislation, details remain sketchy until implementation guidance is made public, and since nothing goes into effect until August of 2009, people shouldn’t make any sort of determination until then.”

For more information, visit: the base education office in Sablich Center, the Air Force Portal virtual

## Florida reservists train at medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A group of Air Force Reserve medics from Florida completed two weeks of training at Keesler Medical Center July 25.

The team from the 920th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base spent two days in the 81st Medical Support Squadron’s clinical research laboratory practicing suturing techniques.

The objective was to train non-physician health-care providers on selecting and using instruments and supplies for suturing skin and subcutaneous tissue. It also provided hands-on suture techniques training to augment their medical readiness skills that may be used in peacetime trauma or wartime missions. They also were trained on advanced emergency medical procedures.

Staff Sgt. Tracie Lawrence, 81st Medical Group education and training flight, conducted the reservists’ readiness skill verification training using the flight’s skills simulation lab.

According to Tech. Sgt. Anthony Williams, the flight’s annual reserve coordinator, members of the 920th ASTS worked with 81st

MDG staff throughout their stay. Master Sgt. Donald Smith, a lab technician, accompanied the Keesler Blood Donor Center staff on a blood drive to Pensacola, Fla.

Medical administration personnel Master Sgt. David Sanford, Staff Sgts. Ida Marrero, Joseph McCabe, Nicole Blankenship and Dung Nguyen and Senior Airman Christina Mangold rotated through systems, Tricare, resource management office, medical records and readiness.

Tech. Sgt. Jacques Gilles, a mental health technician, worked in mental health and the alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program. Senior Airman Bill Turner, a medical equipment repair technician, was in biomedical equipment repair and Staff Sgt. Edwin Rivera, a dietary technician, rotated through the dining facility. In addition, Maj. Marcia Forbes and Julie Steele, both nurses, saw service in the emergency room and intensive care unit.

Sergeant Williams said the two-week sessions in May-August prepare the reservists for both peacetime and wartime missions.

In addition to the Florida unit, the medical center is training groups of 15-20 reservists each from California, Oklahoma and Keesler’s 403rd Wing.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### Registration dates

Registration dates for on-base colleges:

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College** — Aug. 4-21, active duty; Aug. 19-21 for civilians. Classes begin Aug. 25.

**William Carey College** — through Aug. 22. Classes begin Aug. 25.

**University of Southern Mississippi** — 2-6 p.m. Aug. 12, 2-6 p.m. Aug. 13, advanced education center on Long Beach campus. Classes begin Aug. 20.

### Night monitor needed

The four colleges located at Keesler have a position vacancy for night monitor during evening classes, Monday through Thursday

Applicants from the 335th Training Squadron located in Allee Hall and other active-duty personnel are preferred.

Application deadline is Aug. 15.

For more information, call Ann Norris, 376-8478, or Patti Holloway, 896-2510.

### WAPS testing

The test administration period for Weighted Airman Promotion System Test Cycle 08E9 is Sept. 9-12.

If individuals are unavailable for the entire testing window, they’re encouraged to test prior to the announced start of the test cycle.

Individuals who aren’t tested prior to departure should be tests as soon as possible after their return to Keesler or arrival at a new base if there’s a permanent change of station, unless they qualify for additional preparation time due to contingency operations.

Personnel projected to retire or separate during the promotion schedule must be scheduled to test or decline testing.

For more information, call Frances Thomas-Frye, 376-4415.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Lodging vies for Air Force award

By Earlene Smith

### 81st Force Support Squadron

The Inns of Keesler has been selected to represent the Air Education and Training Command in the large base category of the Air Force Innkeeper Award competition.

“Our selection was the result of winning the AETC 2008 Inns of Excellence Award,” said Barbie Ragno, the lodging general manager. “It’s the first time we’ve been considered for the Air Force Innkeeper Award since the award program was created in 1981, so we’re all pretty excited.”

The award is presented annually to recognize, by Air Force-wide competition, lodging operations that provide the most outstanding hotel-type lodging and customer service to Air Force travelers.

Beginning Tuesday, an inspection team spends three days guided by a 26-page inspection standard check list to evaluate all facets of Keesler’s lodging operation. The team will also look at those programs and activities that go above and beyond the normal day-to-day operation.

Inspection team members from Air Force Services Agency headquarters in San Antonio are Alison Reid, chief of the lodging operations branch; Kevin Norton, chief of the lodging facilities branch; and Capt. William Charlton III, director of the agency’s research and development effort.

The Innkeeper Travelers’ Award is also on the line. This award is presented to military or civilian lodging team members who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, customer service and job knowledge.

“The evaluation teams select one nominee from each



Inns of Keesler photo

**Lodging clerk Devin Johnson prepares to pop some popcorn for Tyer House guests. Popcorn is available throughout the day for guests to enjoy.**

“It’s the first time  
we’ve been considered  
for the  
Air Force Innkeeper Award  
since the award program  
was created in 1981,  
so we’re all pretty excited.”

— Ms. Ragno

of the bases competing for the Innkeeper Award,” Ms. Ragno said. “Everyone on the staff is eligible, so competition is keen. The person selected receives a certificate and an invitation to the award ceremony, Nov. 8 in New York,

where four winners are announced.”

Winners of the Innkeeper Award are also recognized at the November award ceremony, and presented with a large traveling trophy and a smaller trophy for permanent display.

## IN THE NEWS

### Change of command today

Capt. Jeffery Rich relinquishes command of the 81st Comptroller Squadron to Maj. Robert Paleo, 9 a.m. today at the Sablich Center auditorium.

### Wing quarterly awards

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards ceremony is 11 a.m. today at the Vandenberg Community Center.

### Victim advocate training

The sexual assault prevention and response program is seeking applications for victim advocates.

This voluntary additional duty is open to active-duty or Department of Defense civilians of any grade, rank, race or gender. Selection is based on the application, commander’s statement of understanding, background check, personal interview and four days of training.

Training is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 13, 14, 20 and 21 in the program’s offices on the third floor of Locker House.

Other training is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6.

The deadline to submit applications is Aug. 7.

For more information or to receive an application, e-mail keesler.sarc@keesler.af.mil or call 377-8635.

### Commitment to End Violence

Aug. 20, two sessions are scheduled for the Commitment to End Violence Seminar in the Airman Leadership School auditorium.

**8 a.m. to noon** — domestic violence and sexual assault training with Heather Wagner, Mississippi special assistant attorney general and director of domestic violence division.

**1-5 p.m.** — emergency department care for victims of sexual assault with Shalotta Sharp, a nurse with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

For more information or to register for either or both sessions, call the sexual assault prevention and response program office, 377-8635.

### Tyer House reception desk closing

The lodging reception desk at Tyer House closes permanently Aug. 22.

Customers will be required to use the reception desk at Muse Manor to check in, check out or conduct other business.

For more information, call 377-4900 or 9986.

### 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.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Oliver Klerk, 2, is buckled into his car seat by his mom, Electronics Technician 2 Kelly Klerk, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, outside the child development center July 24. Oliver's dad is Army Sgt. Thomas Klerk, who's attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.**

## Child restraint law revised

### 81st Security Forces Squadron and legal office

As of July 1, Mississippi law now requires children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old to be at least 4 feet 9 inches tall or weigh more than 65 pounds to ride in a vehicle without being in a booster seat.

"Seven-year-olds aren't required to be restrained with the aid of booster seat, regardless of height or weight. Four, five, and six-year-olds will have to be protected with the aid of a booster seat if they are either less than 4 feet 9 inches or less than 65 pounds," said Maj. Joseph Musacchia, 81st

Security Forces Squadron commander. "For violations of this law, my Airmen can write a citation, which carries a \$25 fine."

If more than two children who are required by law to use a booster seat are being transported in a vehicle at one time, and the vehicle only has two lap and shoulder belts in the rear seat, then only the two children sitting in the seats with the lap and shoulder belts are required to use a belt-positioning booster seat system and safety belt. Any other children may be restrained with a safety seat lap belt.

## CSC,

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"We've been through all the A-76 ups and downs, too," he explained. "We got conditional approval 10 days before Hurricane Katrina hit, and then everything was put on hold. Now we're ready to go to work."

"It's a privilege for us to work at Keesler," Mr. Condit continued. "The Air Force is a big client, and we're proud that they continue to rely on us for their service needs."

CSC is an ISO 9001-certified company, meaning it's guided by a quality management system to make its organization more competitive, efficient and effective.

"We believe in a quality approach and aim for constant improvement," Mr. Condit explained. "We believe in open two-way collaborative communication. It takes frank talk in a spirit of doing what's right for the mission and the customer. We're excited about this partnership with Keesler."

Mr. Condit emphasized that CSC is committed to hiring people from the local area. Recruiting materials for the Keesler program mention a wide range of employment opportunities in various areas, including customer services; building and utility trades; environmental management; emergency management; engineering, architectural and technical services, housing management; warehouse and supply management; financial and accounting; civilian personnel records; fitness and community centers; education services; and library programs.

"We want people who want to be here," he stressed. "We want folks with demonstrated skills. Hiring locally is the right thing to do — it's good business. It lowers the turnover rate and keeps the quality and performance level up."

Acknowledging the hardships of a workforce that's endured not only Katrina, but the challenges of Keesler's competitive sourcing roller-coaster, Mr. Condit commented, "The people at Keesler are survivors, and being a survivor is a characteristic of a winning team. We have a positive relationship with Keesler's leadership, contracting officials and the competitive sourcing office. We understand the importance of Keesler's mission, and we're excited about joining a winning team in a winning community."

## CORRECTION

New customer service hours for the military personnel section are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

## Future milestones for CSC turnover

**Sept. 1 through Oct. 31** — 30-day mobilization period.

**Nov. 1 through Jan. 31** — 90-day transition period.

**Feb. 1** — first full performance period begins.

## Reduction-in-force update

By Susan Griggs

### Keesler News staff

The civilian personnel office received a second retention register from the Air Force Personnel Center July 24, with an update on the potential number of employees who could lose their Civil Service jobs or be placed elsewhere when Computer Sciences Corp. takes over base operating support services.

"This is the final week that we'll be able to offer Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments under the A-76 reduction-in-force process", said Lee Hathorn, human resources officer. "We have exactly 100 employees who have accepted the voluntary separation incentive payment, but the number changes almost daily as we continue to seek ways to create vacancies."

VSIP recipients have been removed from the RIF, reducing the number of employees targeted for separation to 94.

"However, the commanders throughout Keesler have been very open to waiving qualifications for employees who aren't qualified, but who also possess the knowledge, skills and potential to learn new jobs," Mr. Hathorn pointed out. "By waiving qualifications and allowing people not affected by A-76 to retire, which also creates vacancies, the number of affected employees should be lower than 94 by the time the process is finished. We may be looking at less than 65 separations — hopefully a lot less."

Mr. Hathorn explained that the civilian personnel office is still working with commanders to waive qualifications for additional employees. Additional names and positions will be provided to AFPC this week. This will require AFPC to generate a third register to officially assign the employees to positions not impacted by A-76 instead of being separated. Specific RIF notices are issued after receipt of the third register.

The civilian personnel office is also reviewing the second register to determine the proper time to issue the right of first refusal listing. "That listing must be coordinated through Air Education and Training Command, and most likely will be issued by AETC contracting about mid-August," Mr. Hathorn stated.



# PERSONNEL NOTES

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## New EPR, OPR forms released

The Air Force Personnel Center has released new enlisted performance and officer performance report forms which should be used effective immediately. Reports currently in coordination don't need to be reaccomplished.

The new Air Force Forms 910, 911, 931 and 707 are available on the Air Force Publishing Web site.

The revised forms have several improvements, such as digital certificate programming which allows the rater to better identify the proper certificate.

All Air Force Form 911s submitted on the new version must have the ratee acknowledgement (Block XII) yes/no blocks completed.

For more information, call the force management element, 376-8359 or 8357.

## New leave, liberty policies

At the end of the fiscal year, members can retain 75 days of leave. Special leave accrual earned in a combat zone can be retained for four fiscal years, and if earned in support of an operation can be retained for two years. This change will be effective until Dec. 31, 2010.

Enlisted members can do a one-time sell-back of 30 days or less under SLA, BUT days count toward the service cap of 60 days.

Individuals completing an overseas tour of longer than 12 months now receive 20 days of special rest and recuperation leave, instead of 15.

For more information, call 376-8740.

## Cross-training opportunity

Airmen interested in cross-training into combat control, pararescue or special operations weather are encouraged to attend a special tactics briefing and follow-on physical ability stamina test, 8 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Crate Advanced Skills Training Center, 100 Servais Way, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Airmen who have or are approaching half of their initial enlistment time-in-service are targeted, but career Airmen, prior service and non-prior service applicants are also invited.

To register, e-mail [wayne.norrad.ctr@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:wayne.norrad.ctr@hurlburt.af.mil) and courtesy copy [brian.hicks@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:brian.hicks@hurlburt.af.mil).

## Phone numbers for military personnel

Military personnel section phone numbers are:

**Customer support** — 376-8738.

**Career development** — 376-8739.

**Force management** — 376-8740.

**Student personnel center** — 377-4111.

**Testing** — 376-4111.

## Assignment incentive pay

Due to the increased operations tempo and reliance on temporary duty personnel at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., an assignment incentive pay is now being offered.

Creech has been operating below optimal strength and will double in size over the next two years to meet growing unmanned aerial systems operation demand.

For more information, call 376-8740.

## Self-service for civilians

**Air Force Personnel Center**

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center self-service electronic civilian record update is part of its ongoing commitment to civilian force development.

ECRU gives civilians preparing to meet a development team panel the ability to perform Web updates on certain civilian career information, such as developmental and professional military education, and duty titles.

The Air Force is working an initiative, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, to give all Air Force civilians the ability to update their education, training and special qualifications (certifications, professional licenses) through MyBiz. Using MyBiz, civilians have the capability to update work e-mail addresses, work/home telephone numbers, handicap codes, ethnicity and national origin, and language.

For more information, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and search for "ECRU."

## AETC 'family days'

Air Education and Training Command "family days" are:

**2008** — Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

**2009** — Jan. 2, July 6, Nov. 27 and Dec. 28.

**2010** — Jan. 4, July 2, Nov. 26 and Dec. 27.

# DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Tech. Sgt. Michael Bangora  
**Position** — assistant tower chief controller  
**Unit** — 81st Operations Support Flight  
**Military service** — eight years  
**Time at Keesler** — four years  
**Hometown** — Moreno Valley, Calif.

**Noteworthy** — His supervisor says he's demonstrated an outstanding work ethic, attitude, demeanor and diligence since he began working in the tower after four years as an award-winning instructor with the 334th Training Squadron. He's worked numerous emergency aircraft, has been upgraded to watch supervisor status and completed chief controller training years ahead of schedule. He's also his unit's deployment manager and operations security coordinator.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** to gain experience and travel.

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** short term, to master my current training; long term, to have a long, productive Air Force career.

**What are your hobbies?** spending time with my beautiful wife (Staff Sgt. Stephanie Bangora, 81st Medical Group) and our awesome little girls. I like all outdoor activities and spend a lot of time on home improvement projects and landscaping.

**Your favorite quote?** "To err is human."

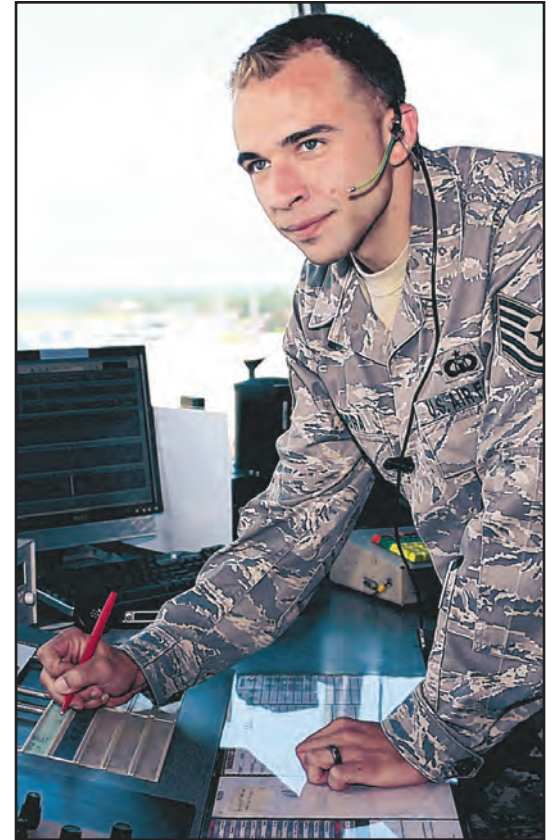


Photo by Kemberly Groue

## DIAMOND NOTES

In situations where the exchange of salutes is required, the junior member should initiate the salute in time to allow the senior officer to return it. To prescribe an exact distance for all circumstances isn't practical, but good judgment indicates when salutes should be exchanged. A superior carrying articles in both hands need not return the salute, but should nod or verbally acknowledge the salute. If the junior member is carrying articles in both hands, verbal greetings should be exchanged.

Also, use these procedures when greeting an officer of a friendly foreign nation.

— Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st Dental Squadron first sergeant.



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



**June 1, 1949**

The radio operations school moved from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to Keesler.

The first course began June 15.

The nine female students marked the first time Keesler had operated a coeducational training course.

# Air Force nominees interviewed by Senate

## Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Senate Armed Services Committee members presented questions and challenges to Air Force civilian and military leader nominees July 22.

Michael Donley, acting secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Norton Schwartz, nominated to become the next chief of staff of the Air Force, presented their vision for leading the service if confirmed to the new positions.

Also joining the panel was Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Duncan McNabb, who was nominated to succeed General Schwartz as the commander of U.S. Transportation Command.

If the committee approves, the nominations go before the full Senate for a final vote. If the president concurs, he'll offer official appointments to the nominees in the coming weeks, at which time they'll assume their new positions.

Several senators challenged the panel to work to restore the reputation of the service, citing reports released earlier this year that described a "lack of focus" for certain Air Force missions.

Mr. Donley said his immediate challenges are to "restore confidence in the Air Force among those to whom we are responsible, build personal and institutional relationships with Congress and the national security community and undertake actions to address the issues ... that brought us to this point."

Committee members asked about the Air Force's acquisition efforts, particularly the KC-X refueling tanker, F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II.

Lessons learned from the most recent Government Accountability Office report will help the future acquisition process, Mr. Donley said.

Senators said they looked forward to working with Mr. Donley and Generals Schwartz and McNabb if they are approved for their new positions.

# Falcon Flight — law enforcement soars to new heights

By Airman 1st Class  
David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Security Forces Squadron has taken force protection, community relations

and being “green” to a new level.

They squadron now has a terrain-defying, eco-friendly patrol team that uses bicycles, all-terrain vehicles and boats to get the job done.

Due to rising prices at the pump, creating a “greener” force was part of an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century initiative, said Staff Sgt. Douglas Wickline, 81st SFS Falcon Flight team chief.

“Not only are we using units that require less gas, but we’re able to send more units out on patrol, giving the base wider, yet more comprehensive security,” said Sergeant Wickline.

Units cover the entire installation at all times, including security forces members assigned to base housing 24/7.

The results have been positive, Sergeant Wickline said.

“Now that we have members out on bikes and not always in cars, it gives the security forces members more opportunities to get to know the members of the community they patrol,” Sergeant Wickline added.

In addition, these terrain-defying teams can be more effective than traditional patrol units because of their maneuverability, resulting in a quicker response time, according to Sergeant Wickline.

“It’s a very common occurrence that a Falcon Flight member is the first responder to a situation or accident,” said Sergeant Wickline.

There’s a lot of training involved to become a member of the all-volunteer patrol team.

Even though most people learn how to ride a bike at a young age, Falcon Flight members learn tactical bike maneuvers for various conditions and types of terrain.

“Before we could go on duty, we had to attend training on how to operate our bike, get licensed in boat operations and all-terrain vehicle training,” said Staff Sgt. Casey Sims, 81st SFS Falcon Flight member.



Staff Sgt. Casey Sims uses a radar to check vehicle speeds on Ploesti Drive, July 15.  
Photos by Kemberly Groue



Airman 1st Class Robert Vogel, left, and Sergeant Sims, Falcon Flight members, patrol marina park, July 15.

# Some travel costs can be covered by Tricare Prime

**By Tech. Sgt. Natascha Jones**

## **81st Medical Support Squadron**

Under provisions of the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, Tricare Prime beneficiaries referred by their primary care manager for services at a location more than 100 miles from their PCM may be eligible to have Tricare reimburse their “reasonable travel expenses.”

Once a PCM gives a valid medical referral letter to the beneficiary, the beneficiary goes to the Tricare travel representative at Keesler Medical Center to arrange for travel.

Common access card holders make travel arrangements through the Defense Travel System. The medical travel representative inputs travel arrangements for non-CAC holders and non-medical attendees into DTS. The medical center provides official travel orders.

Active-duty members use their government travel cards for travel expenses. Members without government travel cards receive partial payment before travel.

Beneficiaries are asked to give the medical travel office advance notice to allow time for processing travel orders.

Actual expenses for the patient, such as food, lodging, fuel and parking, are reimbursed after the appointment and trip are completed. Receipts are needed. The travel benefit representative will help process the travel voucher through DTS upon return.

The Tricare travel benefit representative is located in Room 1A-230 in the medical center, directly behind the A-Tower information desk.

For more information, call 376-4732 or 5202.



Colleen Valle, 9, and Meagan Webb, 8, work on a ceramics project during Saturday's end-of-summer camp jamboree at the arts and crafts center. Colleen's parents are Col. Christopher and Mary Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander. Meagan's parents are Capt. Kevin and Tricia Webb, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

## Children create, display special masterpieces



Chaplain (Capt.) David Barns and his 5-year-old daughter, Courtney, work to complete a "bug on wheels" ceramic piece. Courtney's mom is Cindy Barns.



Some of the youth projects created during the arts and crafts center's summer camp are displayed.



The Christian family completes forms for youth entries for the Air Force gallery. From left are Tyler, 5; Tech. Sgt. Allen Christian, 338th Training Squadron; Alexis, 12; Tech. Sgt. Anna Christian, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron; Madison, 2; and Hunter, 9.

**Volunteer — get connected.**

## Assistant secretary resigns

### **Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — Bill Anderson, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics is resigning as of Aug. 15.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley praised Mr. Anderson's leadership, citing the Air Force's progress in alternative fuels, energy conservation and energy partnerships at the local, state and international levels.

## VA offers new online service

### **Air Force Print News**

SAN ANTONIO — The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering a new online service, My HealtheVet, a gateway to veteran health benefits and services.

It provides access to trusted health information, links to federal and VA benefits and resources, the Personal Health Journal and online VA prescription refill service.

In the future, MHV registrants will be able to view appointments, co-pay balances and key portions of their VA medical records online.

My HealtheVet is a tool to help veterans better understand and manage their health, according to VA officials.

The Web site also features a section called "Learn About" which provides resources on a variety of topics such as computers, the Internet, phishing scams and telephone scams.

Health information from A to Z plus medical dictionaries, an encyclopedia, journals and more will be available soon.

To visit the My HealtheVet site, go to <http://www.myhealth.va.gov>.

# Racial diversity changed military, slowly but surely

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In ceremonies and speeches last week, the Air Force and its sister services observed the 60th anniversary since racial integration was mandated in the military.

July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, which states, “It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.”

The order established the President’s Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

In a ceremony in the rotunda of the Capitol building here July 23, Defense Secretary Robert Gates spoke of how integration changed the military, even though it didn’t take hold right away.

“(The directive) had to overcome stiff institutional resistance, as deeply entrenched attitudes were hard to change,” he said. “Segregated units remained the norm and integrated units the exception.”

The start of the Korean War in June 1950 prompted the need to put hundreds of thousands of Americans into uniform after the U.S. military had demobilized following the end of World War II.

Before the start of the Korean War, he said, 50 percent of blacks in the Marine Corps — about 750 men — served as stewards. At the end of the Korean War in 1953, Gates said, there were 17,000 black Marines, and only 3 percent served as stewards.

“By 1954, the Korean War was over, the last of the segregated units were dissolved and the momentum for equality and civil rights was carrying over into American society as a whole,” he said.



Graphic by Mike Carabajal

The armed forces have helped pioneer much of the change in America since the signing of Executive Order 9981, integrating the military.

“We must make sure the American military continues to be a great engine of progress and equality — all the better to defend our people and our values against adversaries around the globe.”

— Secretary Gates

In the ensuing decades after Truman’s directive took effect, “black and white Americans trained, served and fought together with honor and distinction,” Secretary Gates said.

Today’s integrated U.S. military continues to “put merit and integrity above all,” he said, noting there’s still more to achieve.

“My hope and expectation is that, in the years ahead,

more African-Americans will staff the armed forces at the highest levels,” he said. “We must make sure the American military continues to be a great engine of progress and equality — all the better to defend our people and our values against adversaries around the globe.”

Following the ceremony, acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said President Truman knew that



Army photo by D. Myles Cullen

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of state and the 12th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addresses the audience at the 60th anniversary of the integration of the armed forces in the Capitol Rotunda, Washington, D.C., July 23.

signing the executive order ending segregation in the military “was the right thing to do.”

“He demonstrated personal courage, standing against pressure to continue unacceptable practices,” he said. “The diversity of today’s armed forces reflects his wisdom and foresight.”

Mr. Donley recalled the accomplishments of the all-black Tuskegee Airmen flying

unit from World War II, which ended three years before President Truman’s order.

“They demonstrated a deep love of country while overcoming indignities that are not tolerated in today’s Air Force,” he said. “America’s Airmen can honor the Tuskegee and Truman legacies by ensuring that every action clearly reflects the Air Force core value of Integrity First.”



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Courtesy photo

Colonel Elmer examines a patient's scalp during the medical readiness exercise in Belize.

## Keesler doctor travels to Central America for medical exercise

By Steve Pivnick

### 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A member of the 81st Medical Group staff recently participated in a medical readiness exercise in the Central American nation of Belize.

Col. (Dr.) Kathleen Elmer, 81st Medical Operations Squadron commander, joined a team of 14 medics, primarily from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., June 21-July 5 as a staff dermatologist.

"The exercise was based out of the Cayo district in western Belize, which includes the nation's capitol, Belmopan," Colonel Elmer said. "We visited four different villages and treated more than 2,000 patients. The team evaluated and cared for a variety of patients including those with cutaneous Leishmaniasis, a scarring infectious disease caused by the bite of a sandfly; fungal infections and many children and adults with parasitic intestinal disorders and general malnutrition."

The team included pediatric, family practice, internal medicine, dental, optometry, women's health and dermatology

specialists. In addition, pharmacy services dispensed many medications including anti-parasitics and multivitamins.

"The team greatly appreciated the country's beauty — very lush during the rainy season — and the gratitude and friendliness of the Belizean people, who are comprised of a multicultural mix of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Mayan, English, Mennonite, Lebanese, Chinese and East Indian descents," Colonel Elmer remarked. "This mission fosters the strong ties between our two countries and culminated in a closing ceremony including a visit by the U.S. ambassador to Belize."

The exercises are conducted under the auspices of Air Force Southern Command, headquartered at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The readiness training exercises are designed to bring humanitarian assistance and free medical care to the people of the host country, stressing the concept of helping others while practicing important military skills in partnership with the host nation.



## **Biloxi Chamber welcomes newcomer spouses**

Sara Miller, left, education program coordinator for Biloxi's Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, gives a tour to Keesler spouses who are new to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Friday. The familiarization trip was sponsored by the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce's military affairs committee. The day also included a visit to Gulfport's Lynn Meadows Discovery Center and Biloxi's Edgewater Mall and Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis. Photo by Kemberly Groue



## **Keesler volunteers assist construction of new playground**

**Kurt Hays, left, and Airman 1st Class Jessica Davis and Airman Donna Full, right, work on KABOOM playground construction Saturday near the Woolmarket Community Center. More than 200 Keesler volunteers from the 81st Medical Support Squadron and 334th and 335th Training Squadrons joined other community members of the local community in the project. Mr. Hays is from the 81st MDSS, Airman Davis is from the 335th TRS and Airman Full is from the 334th TRS.**

**Photos by Steve Pivnick**



## Legal office closed

The legal office is closed Monday due to an Article 6 visit.

Notaries, powers of attorney, wills and legal assistance services won't be available until normal operations resume on Tuesday.

## No consignments

The Keesler Thrift Shop begins accepting consignments again Monday.

The shop, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Consignments are accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## School physicals

The family practice clinic offers school physicals Tuesday and Wednesday for children enrolled to the clinic. Please call Appointment Service

For an appointment, call 1-800-700-8603.

## Airman's Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman's Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with obtaining basic household supplies at no cost.

Airman's Attic, in the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays when enough volunteers are available.

The program also needs donations in good condition and volunteers with trucks to assist with occasional pick-ups.

For more information, call 377-3814 or 7801.

## 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.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-



## Free supplies, food, fun for kids

A back-to-school bash is 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at marina park.

'Our goal is to provide backpacks with school supplies to the first 200 school age children in attendance,' said Chaplain (Capt.) David Barns.

Hot dogs, chips, drinks and snowcones are served, and an inflatable jumper, obstacle course and other activities are planned.

The event is sponsored by the chapel, with support from the airman and family readiness center, drug demand reduction office and outdoor recreation.

For more information, call 377-2331.

5375, or Airman 1st Class Carla Beltran, 376-3316.

## Military families honored

Long Beach celebrates its 103rd birthday with a festival and salute to military families, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 9.

A joint service color guard, exhibits, arts and crafts, a kids' village, food, cruise-in and games are planned.

A shuttle is available from the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport for people with military installation access. Children under 16 must be accompanied by adults on the shuttle.

For shuttle schedule, call 871-4697 on Aug. 8.

## Open house

The Keesler Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program holds an open house in its new offices on the third floor of Locker House, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 15.

For easy access, use the stairwell entrance near the intersection of Third and D Streets.

Refreshments are served.

For more information, call 377-8635.

## Endodontic services

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

All authorized beneficiaries, including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired, may be eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment would be treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or general dentistry program residents.

Referrals from civilian dentists for root canal treatment are considered.

For more information, call 376-5227.



Ray Adams, 81st CS commander, gets a hit for his team.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

## Communicators claim softball championship

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Rodriguez

Keesler Public Affairs

After winning three straight base intramural softball championships, the most recent in 2007, at the expense of the 81st Communication Squadron, perhaps it was inevitable that the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's championship winning streak would come to an end at the hands of Keesler's communicators.

The 81st CS mounted a stunning comeback, after being down 14-4, after the second inning, to overpower a determined 81st CES collective to secure the 2008 intramural softball title 27-17 at Keesler's softball fields July 23.

"(After the second inning) I called everyone in and told them we had to play with heart if we were going to win this," said Jason "Smitty" Smith, 81st CS player/coach.

The engineers had, until that point, been comparatively coasting through the game.

"We had some big, early home runs," said Kaota Saechao, 81st CES catcher. "Rick Blayney had a grand-slam home run and our player/coach, Josh Wiggs, is an Air Force softball all-star. After the second inning we seemed to make a lot of unforced errors and (81st CS) capitalized on all our mistakes."

This wasn't the first time, though, that the communicators had gotten one over their rivals. Earlier in the week, 81st CS hit 30 runs past the engineers in the winner's bracket game to set up a grudge match for the title.

"We dominated them this week," said Smith. "We scored 57 runs against them in just two games."

"They peaked at the right time," said Saechao. "We were missing a few players from both games, but I don't want to take anything away from Comm."



Guy Chadwick, 81st CES, holds up his arm and leg to show the umpire that his foot remained on the bag as second baseman Jason Smith tries for the tag.

Both Smith and Joe "Senior" Watson, third baseman for the communicators, had a big game for 81st CS, each hitting two home runs to help the comeback.

"Considering we lost last year's final, were seeded 11th this time and the 81st CES was the championship favorites, it seems we were just destined to take the title," said Smith.

The championship game, originally scheduled for July 21, was postponed and rescheduled more than once during the week — a fact that didn't seem to deter the fans of either team.

"Our fan support from the rest of the squadron was awesome," said Smith.



From left, Alvin Rabideau, 81st CS, slides safely home in spite of the efforts of 81st CES catcher Kaoto Saechao as umpire Ruby Bordley, 81st Force Support Squadron, keeps a close eye on the action.

# Keesler bicyclists participate in trek across Iowa

Randolph Air Force Base Public Affairs  
and 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Five Keesler cyclists were among more than 20,000 other enthusiasts to participate in a seven-day bike ride across the state of Iowa.

The seven-day trek, called the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, began July 19. Sponsored by the Des Moines Register, it began 35 years ago with about 300 participants and has blossomed into an annual Midwestern celebration and pilgrimage of 15,000 to 25,000 cyclists.

Keesler's representatives on the 2008 Air Force Cycling Team were Matt O'Donnell, 332nd Training Squadron; Eric Greeson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Naomi Henigin, 81st Force Support Squadron; and Erik Vacarelli, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron.

The Keesler contingent joined more than 140 cyclists from bases across the U.S. to comprise an Air Force team which had as its primary focus recruiting potential Airmen.



From left, Vacarelli, O'Donnell, Greeson, Henigin and Hunt represented Keesler on the 2008 Air Force Cycling Team.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Riders cover about 70 miles each day. People along the route sell food, cold drinks and other items. The cyclists all camp in the same town nightly. Live entertainment, food and drink are available.

Each team has support people who

are along for the trip. In addition to the 15,000-25,000 riders, there are hundreds of support people

RAGBRAI began in 1973 when a pair of employees at the Register, Iowa's largest newspaper, decided to ride bikes cross-state to a circulation/

sales meeting. They printed a "call to other riders" and attracted modest numbers for that casual first jaunt.

All of Iowa's 99 counties have at one time or another had RAGBRAI riders pass through and the route changes every year.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

**Varsity women's tryouts** — 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call coach Richard Vincent, 343-9951, or sports director Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

## Bowling

### Summer league

#### Monday Night (as of July 21)

Team	Won	Lost
Speer Family	42	14
Fantastik 4	39	17
Team 9	36	20
SELOHSSA	34	24
Team 8	32	19
Fosters	32	24
Mudd	30.5	25.5
Team 12	30	26
High Gas Strikers	28	28
Braves	28	28
Pot Luck	28	28
Hoops Gang	27	29
403rd	27	29
Booker's Bowlers	25	31
Night Hawks	22	34
Team 7	21.5	34.5
Team 2	14	35

#### Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of July 24)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 12	47	23
Team 7	45	25
TNT Express	45	25
Krauts	43	27
Shot in Foot	39	31
Oldies But Goodies	36	34
Team 2	32	38
Team 3	31	39
Team 9	31	39
The "A" Team	27	43
Left-Right-Left	25	45

## 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.

**Birthday 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,

## Powerlifting prowess



**Marquis Jones, 334th Training Squadron, squats 185 pounds as Shaun Campbell, left, Tim Fountain and Joseph Boyou spot the lift. Campbell and Boyou work for the 81st Force Support Squadron Services, and Fountain is assigned to the 332nd TRS. The top lifter in the men's and women's categories were from the 335th TRS — Angelique Gunton had a 180-pound squat, 100-pound bench press and 210-pound dead lift for a total of 490 pounds, while David Labrie had a 570-pound squat, 365-pound bench press and 550-pound dead lift for a total of 1,485 pounds.**

Photo by Kemberly Groue

\$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

**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.

**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

**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 required.

**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, bev-

erages 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.

## Outdoor recreation

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

**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

## Black drum tourney set

A black drum fishing tournament is 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 8-9.

Weigh-ins at marina park are 2-4 p.m. both days.

There are \$500 prizes for the largest black drum and most weight for three black drum

Registration is \$20 for senior airmen and below and \$25 for staff sergeants and above, civilians and area residents. There's a 50/50 side pot for the largest sheephead for \$10. Refreshments and music are provided at the end of the tournament.

The event is sponsored by the base's Tuskegee Airmen Col. Lawrence E. Roberts chapter.

Entry forms are available and registration fees can be paid at outdoor recreation, Ocean Springs Harbor bait house, Desporte Seafood in Biloxi and Sports Unlimited and the Harbor Bait Shop in Gulfport.

For more information, call Jon Floden, 217-4810.

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. \$75 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, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$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.

## HONORS

### Quarterly awards, April-June

#### 81st Training Wing staff agencies

**Airman** — Senior Airman Jessica Martin, 81st Operations Support Flight.

**Noncommissioned officer** — Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Hughes, legal office.

**Senior NCO** — Master Sgt. Brian Jones, 81st OSF.

**Company grade officer** — Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Seligman, chapel.

**Civilian category 1** — Sandra Raley, legal office.

**Civilian category 2** — Eileen Boles, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

**Civilian supervisor category 1** — Libby Harper, 81st OSF.

**Civilian supervisor category 2** — Justin Cooper, 81st OSF.

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Joshua Braunecker, Erin Brown, Brock Cooper, Arik Davies, Joshua Dishner, Landreth Emswiler, Christopher Garza, Nathan Gubler, Matthew Guccione, Chhalio Guzman, Ryan Hart, Andrew Havenner, David Havens, Matthew Helget, Mitchell Hess, Aaron Hetu, Thomas Hillard, Bradley Hudson, Timothy Kemmerly, Aaron Kotz, Kristofer Lee, David London, Eliseo Malave, Thomas Manning, Bryan Morris, Dori Murdock-Patterson, Patrick O'Leary, Matthew Parsons, Cameron Pierce, George Powell, Adam Rentsch, Garrett Rhodes, Ebony Scarlett, Derek Scott, Thomas Sifford, Calvin Smith, Diana Smith, Eugene Smith, Michael Sprouse, Adam Watson, Dustin Williams, Scott Williams, Dean Wood and Paul Zamora; Airmen Jason Argyle, Charles Canfield, Joseph Cassell, Zachary Couch, William Davis, Matthew Imschweiler, Justin Ingersoll, Christina Johnson, Alexander Lee, Torrence Levis, Alan Schumacher, Bobby Viera and Jason White; Pfc. James Grove and Daniel Omlor; Airmen 1st Class Travers Barnard, John Blum, Justin Boyer, Nicholas Brandau, Johnny Brascom, Ryan Brennan, Ehren Brown, Cody Briggs, Michael Bryant, Johnathan Corsair, Mario Difranc, Axel Echevarria, Michael Erdbacher, Gabriel Felix, Ryan Frankland, Justin Garay, Robert Jacoby, Jessica Jewett, Krista Johnson, Jamario Jones, McKenzie Lauber, Benjamin Ladew, Sergio Mata, William McCloskey, Peter Mendenhall, Avaris Murray, Joseph Nguyen, Zachary Ostas, Jan Racoma, Casey Raynes, Khalid Rodriguez, Steven Rogers, Jason Rothwell, Matthew Sandorfi, James Schmidt, Christopher Smith, Ryan Tierney, George Trujillo, Manuel Varela, Justin Ward, Brian Wiedmeyer, Thomas Wilent and Chad Zucchetto; Senior Airmen Daniel Bailey, Juan Duran, Micah French, Luke Gregory, Bradley Hebert, Shawn Hopper, Neal Kirsch, Tom Kwiczor and Gary Thornhill; Staff Sgts. Daniel Ahrens, Ronald Brennand, Carl Denuna, Christopher Doriot, Douglas Giles, Jason Herbkersman, Jason Hill, Dedrick Mayo, Kyle Murphy, Michael O'Brien, Benjamin Russell, Tammy Schultz, Francisco Solares and Adrian Wade; Tech. Sgts. Jason Kruegel and Jeremy Roering; Master Sgt. David Welchel.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen Basic Nicholas Houston and Kennethia Taylor; Airman Jonathan Turner; Airmen 1st Class Evelyn Arroyo, Johnathan Munizcora and Denesecia Moore; Senior Airman Shawn Modjtabai; Staff Sgt. Michael Bartas; Tech. Sgt. Keith Johnson; Master Sgt. Daniel Hughes.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Alexander Cox, Devon Griffith, Brittany Inman, Kent Marsh, Tariq Simmons, John Stevens, Craig Turner, Kevin Voelz and Brent Wardrip; Airmen Ryan Borgford, Benjamin Cotton, Patrick Hart and Thomas McDannel; Airmen 1st Class Zachary Bergsma, David Berkelman, Tiffany Farabaugh, Jennifer Force, Christopher Grewell, Torey Griffith, John Harden, Sergey Kachankov, Ray LaStrape, Eugene Solomon and Erich Steinmann; Staff Sgt. Daniel Barr.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Maria Aguilar-Santiago, Tiffany Coleman, Joshua Lowry, Timothy

Sanders, Nichole Stone and Daniel Welker; Airmen Kalin Anderson and Matthew Salter; Airmen 1st Class Terri Baker, Cristina Buzgau, Cory Damico, Logan Fuller, Steven Mifflin, Chris Moore, Pepper Palmer, Stacy Som, Wesley Tuttle, Jessica Wills and Nathanael Wood; Senior Airmen Jeannette Dineros Edie, Nidia Ituarte-Olivas, Jonathon McWhirter and Jasin Nesmith; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Carroll, Laura Enlow, Patrick Judicpa, Noel Moreno, Leah Rogers, Kathleen Smith and Bethany Vital; Tech. Sgt. Francis Johnson; Master Sgts. Cynthia Cropper, Karen Inman and Kelly Longacre.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Wendel Spell and Melissa Terry; Airman Jessica Rivait; Marine Pfc. Ger Vang; Airman 1st Class Jeffery Carlson; Marine Lance Cpl. Justin Owen.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems flight** — Airmen Basic Joe Brosher and Justin Jones; Airman 1st Class Elijah Branson and Matthew McConnell; Staff Sgts. Mark Huntington, Brian Johnson and Michael Rodgers.

**Communications and information flight** — Airman 1st Class Brandon Hill; Senior Airman Anthony Sherrod; Staff Sgts. Kisher Bland, Katie Irvin-Beaudry, Marcus Moulton and Juana Smith; Tech. Sgt. Thea Grant; Master Sgt. Shelley Hart.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airmen Basic Joshua McLucas, Christopher Patricelli and Lukle Servas; Airman Corey Brower; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Eggold and David Jones; Senior Airman William Floyd..

**Ground radar** — Airmen Devin Christensen, Steve Landmesser and Drew Manoram; Airmen 1st Class Oscar Calhoun, Zachary Hughes, Peter Lacasse and Joshua Snider; Senior Airman Nathan Smith.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Bradley Corporon, Robert Crosier, Eugene Harding, Joshua Lehne, Aldo Lotito, Aaron Lowery, Charles Mizer, Stephen Shockey and David Stoneking; Airmen Jeffrey Davis, Gregory Defilippo, Aaron Ferrell, Andrew Kelly and Miles Toran; Airmen 1st Class Ronald Corkin, Brian Donlan, Adam Franz, Bradley Hinote, Andrew Krebs, Michael Mcatee, John Moak, Adam Roush, Charles Vanvoorhis, Kyle Vincent, Matthew White, Joshua Wilkison and Alexander Zeiler; Senior Airmen Patrick Ceaser and Steven Sandoval; Staff Sgts. Richard Baker and Charles Breax.

**Network infrastructure systems** — Airmen Basic Raymond Harmon, Joshua Johnson, Kyle Lott and Timothy Lowe; Airman Katherine Gonzales; Airmen 1st Class Richard Goheen, Christofer

Wheatley, Jason Hodges, Mark Savage, Joseph Tidwell, Akeim Findlay, Alexander Pruden, Nicholas Stewart, William Stover, Benjamin Kuchmuk, Benjamin Bowles, Justin Schultz and Timothy Newingham; Senior Airmen Anthony Fuentes, Christopher Pawlowski and Hony Bloyd; Staff Sgts. Christopher Anders and Joel Toroestrella; Tech. Sgts. John Lewellyn, Daymen Valentine, Kenneth Brereton and Scott England; Master Sgts. Mark McDaniel, William Lewis and Ralph Dellinger; Stephen Ellis.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

Class 08-6 — Aug. 1-Sept. 10.

### Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-6 — Aug. 4 - 11 Sept. 11.

### Arts and crafts center

#### Wood shop

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

#### Frame shop

**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.**

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

**Qualified mechanics** — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

**Oil collection site** — for personal vehicles.

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

## Chapel

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

**Catholic religious education** — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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

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

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

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

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

## McBride Library

**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.

**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.

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## CHAPEL SERVICES

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

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Weekday Mass

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

### Jewish

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

### Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-801-694-8900.



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## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

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

**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.

**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

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

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Gulf 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

**Executive transition assistance program** — open to chief master sergeant, senior master sergeants, colonels and lieutenant colonels in Air Education and Training Command planning to retire or separate within 18 months. Participants should have advanced degrees and management and leadership experience. Training provides the necessary skills and knowledge to seek employment in U.S. corporations.

Registration is Sept. 16-25 for the Nov. 18-21 session at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>.

**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. 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](mailto: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.afots.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>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:KN@keesler.af.mil).

### Upcoming

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652** — 4 p.m. Aug. 19, Katrina Kantina. Out-of-cycle election for president, vice-president and three trustees is being held because a majority of the executive council members are departing Keesler or deploying for extended periods of time. Offices will be held until regular annual elections in February.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Richard Striggow, 377-4800.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, frontier chicken chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

**Dinner** — fish almondeine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup, chicken frontier chili and buffalo wings.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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## Recurring

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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., Get Smart (PG-13, 111 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Love Guru (PG-13, 88 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Incredible Hulk (PG-13, 114 minutes).

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Kung Fu Panda (PG, 92 minutes).

### August weather outlook

August's weather is very similar to July's, but one major difference is the increased threat of hurricanes. Any tropical system that forms in or tracks into the Gulf of Mexico is a threat to Keesler and closely watched to ensure that adequate and timely protective measures are taken.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....102

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....89

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....76

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....61

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....76

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....6.33

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....12

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....15

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....8.5

**Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:**

2,000 feet.....3.0

1,000 feet.....0.6

300 feet.....0.0

**Percentage of observations with visibility less than:**

6 miles .....20.6

3 miles .....1.9

1 mile.....0.2

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

0-3 knots.....47.5

4-10 knots.....48.3

11-21 knots.....4.1

22 knots or greater.....0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

### 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 is not visible, and salute.**

Hold the salute until the last note of the music is played.

**All military personnel in civilian clothes should face the flag or the sound of the music if the flag is not 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.**

# 3 new fishing adventures available

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

## Blue water deep sea fishing

Twelve passengers are needed for the trip aboard the Keesler Dolphin II Aug. 8.

Leave the marina at midnight and travel about six hours to water nearly 600 feet deep to catch amberjack, wahoo, cobia, tuna and other deep water fish.

The \$200 fee includes everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages.

## Local island fishing

Up to six passengers are welcome aboard Keesler's 25 ft. Boston Whaler for a day of local island fishing.

From 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can try your luck at Horn, Ship or Cat Islands. Visit one or more islands on any given day. The choice is yours.

Outdoor recreation provides the boat, captain, ice, fishing rods and reels. You pay \$375 per day, plus the cost of fuel, for one to six people. Bring your own lures or bait, food and beverages. No fishing license is required.

The minimum age is 7 years old; ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Select a convenient date and make



Photo by John Anderson  
Tech. Sgt Joshua Wedin, 81st Communications Squadron, shows off a redfish he caught on a recent fishing trip to the Chandeleur Islands.

reservations at least one day in advance.

## Louisiana fishing

Reservations are also being accepted at outdoor recreation for a one-day charter with Capt. Darren Schaff, a professional fishing guide in Louisiana.

Louisiana is often referred to as a fisherman's paradise. With Captain Schaff,

you'll experience the most exciting freshwater and saltwater fishing the Louisiana marshes have to offer.

Fish out of a four-person, 22-foot Shearwater boat, powered by a 225-horsepower Mercury engine, and catch redfish, speckled trout and marsh bass that abound in the waters around Delacroix and Reggio, La. Rumor has it that the fishing is so good the fish almost jump into the boat.

A one-day trip is \$400 for one, \$450 for two, \$550 for three and \$650 for four people. The cost includes rods and reels, tackle, ice and fuel. Your fish are cleaned and bagged. Just bring your own food and beverages and your appetite for some great fishing.

A Louisiana fishing license is required and can be purchased at a discount rate by using Captain Schaff's charter boat license.

If you're too tired to return home after hours of reeling in all those fish, you can spend the night in one of the two campers outdoor recreation has available in Delacroix. Each 30-foot, completely self-contained, expandable camper sleeps up to four and rents for \$50 per night on a first-come, first-served basis.

What are you waiting for? To book a trip, call outdoor recreation, 377-3160.

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# H A P P E N I N G S

## Reward Yourself!

**2% Cash Back!**

For MasterCard® members only.



**Pick the Card that's Best for You!**

Your choice of MasterCard® or AF Proprietary card.

## PLUS!

All Members Register to Win 1 of 10, \$1000 Cash Prizes

Limited Time Offer - Ends Oct. 15



**Win Instantly!**  
**Scratch Offs**  
\$5 - \$10 - \$25 - \$100

## Sign up for club membership at the Katrina Kantina!

Currently Keesler members receive all the benefits of club membership and dues are free.

## Monday Madness Lunch Specials

Different special 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday

# \$6\*

\* Member price, nonmembers add \$2.

### FREE LUNCH

ENJOY 9 MONDAY MADNESS LUNCH BUFFETS AT THE KATRINA KANTINA AND YOUR 10TH LUNCH IS

## FREE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 FREE

VALUE NOT TO EXCEED \$8. NONTRANSFERABLE.

Pick up your "Free Lunch" card on your next visit. Buy nine Monday Madness Lunch Buffets and your tenth lunch is free.

For more information, call 377-2219.



# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

**Daily lunch specials** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Different menu daily. Call in orders accepted 10-11 a.m.

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

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

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

**Driving range** — \$2 for 40 balls.

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

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

**"Golf 4 Kids" clinic** — Aug. 4-6, ages 6-15; call for times. Learn the basic fundamentals. \$49 includes lesson, shirts, various golf accessories and refreshments. Maximum 10 per class. Preregistration suggested.

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

**Twilight golf special** — 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, pay for nine holes and golf until closing.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

**Give parents a break** — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 2. Air Force funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center. For a yearly schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the child development center link.

**Parents night out** — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 2, child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years, \$3.50 per hour per child.

## DINING FACILITIES

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

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

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

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

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

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

## FITNESS

**Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center** — step aerobics, Turbo-Core, yoga, boxing workout, cycle/spin, Slo-Robics, self-defense and fencing. Call 377-2907. For class schedule, log on to [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us).

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

**Workout videos** — available at Dragon Fitness Center for checkout and use in the facility, 377-4409.

**Computerized fitness assessments and counseling** — available by appointment only at Dragon Fitness Center, call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

**Parent/child fitness room** — located inside Dragon Fitness Center, features workout equipment and a play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised by parent while in the facility.

**Volksmarch 10K coming Sept. 5** — free at the marina. Official start is 8 a.m. Sign up at the Katrina Kantina 7:30-9:30 a.m. Start walking anytime between 7:30-9:30 a.m. Snacks and beverages provided at each check point. Medals awarded to finishers.

**Mini-triathlon coming Sept. 20** — 8 a.m. start/finish at the Triangle Pool. Swim 200 meters, bike eight miles, and run two miles. Prizes, refreshments, T-Shirts. Individual or relay with teams of three with at least one female. Regular divisions plus Clydesdale division (men 220+ pounds) and Athena division (women 160+ pounds). Open to ages 18 and older. Preregistration is required by Sept. 2 at Blake, Dragon or Triangle Fitness Centers. Sign in 6:30-8 a.m. day of event. For more information, call 377-7858.

**Ever competed in a triathlon? Interested?** — We can show you how. Mini-triathlons are perfect for beginners. Come to an orientation session, 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. Aug. 12. Group practice rides on the cycling route are scheduled for 4 p.m. Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. No sign-ups required, just show up in front of the Triangle Pool. For more information, call 377-7858.

## INNS OF KEESLER

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

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

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Birthday parties** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages. The birthday child is free. Basic Party is \$8.95 per child, includes bowling and food. Mid Party is \$11.95 per child, includes bowling, food, and table supplies, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that guests can color and sign. Premium Party is \$15.95 per child, includes bowling, food, table supplies, and each child gets a choice of miniature bowling game or goody bag, plus birthday child gets a T-shirt that guests can color and sign and a decorative bowling party pin. Reservations required two weeks in advance.

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

**Plan a fund raiser** — make money for your organization.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

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

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

**Armed Forces Vacation Club** — space available accommodations for Department of Defense affiliated personnel at resorts worldwide. Seven nights and eight days for \$329. To reserve log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation.

## KATRINA KANTINA

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

**All ranks invited** — snacks, beverages and music.

**Monday madness lunch specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$6 for members, nonmembers add \$2. Lunch specials include rolls, dessert and iced tea. Aug. 4, lasagna with corn, and tossed salad; Aug. 11, fried and baked chicken, green beans, and macaroni-and-cheese; Aug. 18, fried catfish, corn on the cob, potato casserole and hushpuppies; and Aug. 25, sliced turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans and tossed salad.

**Red beans and rice** — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 a bowl.

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

**Martini and jazz nights have moved to Thursdays** — 5 p.m. Thursdays before down Fridays. Come listen to some smooth jazz music, watch the sun go down and enjoy a martini special.

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

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

**Dine-in or take-out** — Enjoy lunch or dinner and shoot a little pool while you're at it. Snacks, salads, baskets, sandwiches, pizza and more.

**Rotisserie chicken specials** — Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunch is \$4 for half chicken or \$6 for whole chicken with side item and roll. Dinner is \$10 and serves four with a whole chicken and two large side items. Order at the café or call by 1 p.m. to reserve. Payment required at time of reservation. Pick up after 5 p.m.

**Lunch buffets** — Wednesdays features either Italian, Oriental or Mexican buffet; \$7 includes iced tea. Work Fridays features fried catfish \$8 includes iced tea.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

**Orientations** — 6 p.m. Aug. 6, college students; Aug. 13, high school students; Aug. 20 grade schoolers; and Aug. 27, family night for all. Tour the library and enjoy refreshments.

**August Fax special** — all faxes are 50 cents per page.

**We've got Gale** — Gale database.

**Need a place to hold a meeting?** — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library are available.

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

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

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Note:** For more information, call 377-3160.

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

**Back bay fishing trips** — Aug. 9 and 23, call for time. \$25, bring food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Learn how to fish the Biloxi Back Bay. Minimum four, maximum seven.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — nonworking Fridays and Sundays, excluding Aug. 8. \$75 including everything you need to fish.

**Overnight trip to Chandeleur Islands** — Aug. 19-20. \$150 per person. Minimum six persons or \$900 for boat. Bring food, drinks and lures. Register early.

**Fishing/hunting camps in Delacroix, La.** — two self-contained campers located within 75 yards of bait shop/boat launch in Delacroix rent for \$50 per night, \$125 weekend special, \$300 weekly rate. Bring food, drinks, cooking utensils and bedding. Maximum four per camper. Louisiana fishing license required.

**Deep sea fishing boat private charter** — \$850 for the first six people. \$60 for each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

**August fish of the month** — weigh in the heaviest red drum for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

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

**Rental equipment** — listed at <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

**RV storage slot** — monthly fee, \$20.

**Paintball course** — call to schedule play.

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

## VANDY SHUTTLE

Catch a FREE RIDE!



## SCHEDULE

Thursdays 6-9:30 p.m.  
(before down Fridays)

Down Fridays 1-11 p.m.

Work Fridays 6-11 p.m.

Saturdays 1-11 p.m.

Last run starts at the last time listed for each day.

For more information, call 377-3308.

## Route

Vandenberg  
(Welch Bus Stop)  
Community center  
Legends Café

Inns of Keesler  
Muse Manor

McBride Library

Arts and Crafts Center  
Multi-crafts shop  
Frame shop  
Woodworking shop  
Engraving shop  
Auto hobby shop

Inns of Keesler  
Tyer House

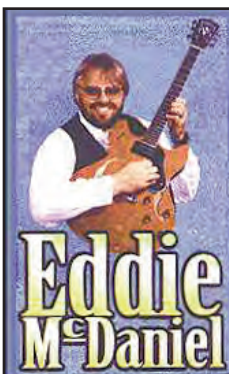
Gaudé Lanes  
Bowling center  
11th Frame Café  
Bowling pro shop

Marina Park  
Outdoor recreation  
Marina  
Katrina Kantina

Bay Breeze  
Golf course  
Driving range  
Golf pro shop

Back to Vandenberg

## Dinner and Music at the Katrina Kantina



Enjoy great music and steak dinner!

Eddie McDaniel

"The One Man Band"

appears 5 p.m. Aug. 28

Cook Your Own Steak Night

Steak \$6 Chicken \$5

with potato salad, green salad and roll.

Hot dogs and chips \$1.50 for kids

Nonmembers add \$2.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Free banana splits and sundaes noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 23 at the arts and crafts center Tour the center. Bring a friend for some end of summer fun.

377-2821

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

### Youth

**Youth division artist/craftsman contest** — ages 5-17. Categories are drawing, painting, paper-fabric-leather, pottery-glass-ceramics-metal-wood. Entry deadline is Aug. 15. Entry forms are available in the multi-crafts shop. All entries are juried for the major command gallery.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Ceramics pouring** — 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Learn about casting, greenware, ceramic paints and finishes. \$25 includes supplies.

**Bob Ross painting workshop** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 9. \$60 includes canvas, all supplies and snack lunch. Learn to paint with a certified instructor. Finish a 16x20-inch landscape painting.

**Pottery hand building** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 16. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and project firing. Learn about clay crafting and creating unique projects. Bring a bag lunch.

**Nonprior service students and friends ceramics** — noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 22. Learn to cast ceramics and how to use different paints for finishing techniques. \$8 includes two chessmen, mold use, all supplies plus first firing. An excellent introduction to crafting your own gifts and projects.

### Engraving shop

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

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

### Frame shop

**Special orders** — customized picture framing and military flag and shadow box design available Tuesdays-Fridays.

**Self-help** — available weekdays and Saturdays.

### Wood shop

**Supplies** — hard woods and plywood in stock.

**Instruction** — books and plans are available.

**Equipment** — a variety of industrial wood working equipment and hand tools are available for your use in our spacious work shop.

## Auto hobby shop

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

**Free auto care briefing** — 4:30-6 p.m. Aug. 21.

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

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

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

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

## HELP WANTED

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

**Nonappropriated fund jobs** — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at the human resource office inside Locker House, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Room 5417. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055, or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on human resource office.

## RESALE LOT

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

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

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

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

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

**Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 15. Students with August birthdays enter free. Must show identification.

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

## VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

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

**Sick call** — call for an appointment.

**Microchip identification** — \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.

**Flea and tick control** — singles available in popular brands for dogs and cats. Buy one or stock up.

## YOUTH CENTER

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

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

**Give parents a break/parents night put** — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 2 for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. Certificates must be coordinated through the air-men and family readiness center. Parents' night out is \$3.50 per hour with a minimum \$7 deposit at time of registration. Participants must have current shot records on file.

**Instructional classes** — sign up now for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis, and assorted sports clinics (baseball, football, basketball, soccer, etc.)

**Youth Employment Service** — earn money for college.

**Congressional award program** — ages 14-21. A self directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

**Volunteers needed** — to assist with sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 years of age or older.

## School Age Program (Before and After School)

Now accepting registrations at the youth center. The program is open to dependent children in grades K-6 of active-duty military and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

### Breakfast and afternoon snacks served daily.

Before school	5:30-8:30 a.m.
After school	3:15-6 p.m.
School holidays	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Fees are based on total family income.

The program is designed to meet the needs of youth, parents and the mission. A variety of age-appropriate activities promoting the individual development of each child are provided. The before- and after-school program is a quality program devoted to the children's health, safety, recreation, and enrichment.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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NEW ORLEANS  
SAINTS



Football Games  
at the  
Superdome

377-4355

Vandenberg Community  
Center takes you  
to see the Saints play  
in the Superdome

**\$60** including  
transportation  
and admission

Sign up at the service desk.  
Tickets sold only in conjunction  
with trips, limit two.

### Preseason Games

Aug. 10 — Buffalo Bills

Aug. 30 — Miami Dolphins

### Home Opener

Sept. 24 - Tennessee Titans

Seating is limited to 20 per  
trip, so sign up early.