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Stellar moment for Keesler's commander



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, and Charlene Touhill pin silver stars on Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, at his promotion ceremony Friday at the Locker House event center. More photos, Page 14.

101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign logs best results in 10 years

Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff
WASHINGTON — The Air Force wrapped up the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign over Labor Day weekend, ending the safest campaign in the last 10 years.

The 81st Training Wing didn't report any fatalities or permanently-disabling injuries during the period. There were, however, eight injuries in the 2008 campaign ranging from slipping and falling to sports-related injuries.

This compares with one fatality and

two minor injuries at Keesler in the 2007 campaign.

The 81st TRW mishap costs were greatly reduced this year as a result. In 2007 they were \$152,091 compared to \$8,398 in 2008.

"Commanders and supervisory involvement, along with good personal risk management was a key player in our success story," said Virgil Mitchell, 81st TRW chief of safety. "Although I consider our safety campaign a success, we can still improve a lot during the next campaign, which has

been designated the Fall Safety Campaign."

The statistics don't include associate units and contractors working for and with the 81st TRW. In these categories, a vehicle mishap and contractor operations led to two Keesler fatalities, and a motorcycle mishap led to a permanent disabling injury.

Elsewhere in the Air Force, 16 Airmen died in the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, whereas in 2006, the pre-

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NFL, Air Force — be professional ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

The NFL football season is upon us, and I've already seen some folks debating the merits of their favorite professional football team. Fantasy football players are already busy scrutinizing statistics and arguing over who is the "more professional" player. Have you ever noted that those players that are considered "more professional" are valued greater than the average player? Ever wonder why? It is because they produce at a level greater than their peers; they pay attention to details and their accomplishments extend well beyond their position.

How about you? Are you "professional" at what you do? Are you producing at a high level and paying atten-

tion to details? I submit that all of us can earn and maintain that highly professional reputation. As we learned in basic training, it all starts with doing the little things right and building upon them.

For some, their professionalism starts to erode after they leave basic training. You see them from time to time. They are the ones who do not render proper customs and courtesies. They are the ones who chew gum while in uniform. They are the ones who wear the unauthorized sunglasses. They are the ones who improperly and unsafely use cell phones while driving. They are the ones who use cell phones while they walk around.

Who are the professionals? They are the ones who do render proper customs and courtesies and teach their

subordinates to do the same. They are the ones who have the courage to stop that Airman who is chewing gum and correct him. They are the ones who make sure their subordinates know what sunglasses are authorized and when to wear them...and when not to. They are the ones who demonstrate the standards and enforce them.

Professionalism is more than just showing up. Professionalism is about excellence. Professionalism is about doing more than the minimum. Professionalism is knowing the standards, living them, and enforcing them in others. Professionalism is about quietly doing the right thing when nobody is looking. Professionalism is about growing the next generation of Airmen to be better than us. Professionalism is having

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81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).



the courage to ask for help or in correcting those who falter. Professionalism is the confidence in knowing you did everything you could — the right way — every time.

Do you want to be the best

and demonstrate your commitment through your actions or do you just want to talk? Like professional football, we're already into our season. It is time to bring our best every day! America deserves no less.

Feedback focus — situation, behavior, impact

By Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry

81st Training Wing command chief

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force recently authored a perspective on "Evaluating our Airmen." He talked about "the constant challenge of over-inflated performance reports, and distinguishing between our truly exceptional performers and those who are just meeting standards."

As leaders we have a responsibility to fairly and accurately evaluate the performance of our Airmen in accordance with the standards outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems. Before an evaluation takes place though, Airmen are given initial, midterm and follow-up feedback. Regular and periodic feedback helps "an individual contribute to positive communication, improve performance, and grow professionally."

How often have you actually had feedback in accordance with the AFI? I've had many different supervisors throughout my career — some do feedback in accordance with the AFI, and some ... well, not so much. Each type of feedback is different by design. For instance, initial feedback is not really feedback at all. Per AFI 36-2406, "the primary purpose of the initial feedback session is to establish expectations for the upcoming rating period. A rater is not expected to have already developed a

clear-cut opinion of an individual's performance by the time the session is conducted. Therefore, raters are not required to place any marks on the scale in Section III of the (performance feedback worksheet) for the initial feedback session."

So feedback really occurs 60 or more (generally 180) days after the initial session. During the midterm and follow-up feedback sessions, supervisors begin providing "feedback" about an Airman's performance compared to the expectations set in the initial session. At each subsequent feedback session, supervisors then place marks on the lines next to each item on the PFW, indicating where the person being rated stands and how much improvement is needed. When we follow the process in AFI 36-2406, most Airmen respond favorably because they know what's expected and their supervisor took the time to identify areas for improvement.

How do you give someone effective feedback? Select a time and place where both you and the receiver can be free from distractions. I grew up in our Air Force where I learned, "praise in public, and criticize in private." Why? Most Airmen are good-natured, so taking time in private to point out areas for improvement affords them the dignity and respect they deserve. It also allows them room to consider the feedback without the pressures of others in the work center. Telling someone they've made a mistake, need to correct something, or giving criti-

cism is almost always better received in private.

Once you've selected the right time and place, consider and prepare your approach. Before jumping right into a feedback session, here's an approach I learned at the Center for Creative Leadership for giving feedback called SBI — situation, behavior and impact.

Here's how the SBI approach works. Describe the feedback in terms of the situation — yesterday at lunch, for instance. This helps the receiver connect and recall the time and place of his actions. Next, describe the behavior — what was said or done — to help the recipient acknowledge the behavior. Lastly, describe impact the behavior had on you or others. Describing how it made you feel removes judgment and helps the recipient open up. By following the SBI approach, you can package your feedback in a manner that shows respect and allows the recipient time to process it and understand the areas for improvement.

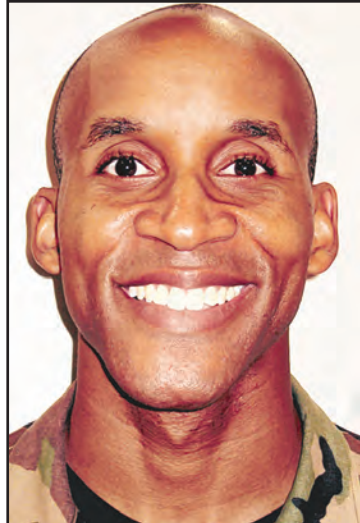
After the recipient accepts the feedback, the next step is to provide recommendations for improvement. Providing examples gives the recipient a starting point to begin his improvement and shows you're interested in his success.

The next time you plan to give feedback, try the SBI approach and help your Airman grow to realize his potential.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

Who do you want
to win the Super Bowl
this year?
Which team do you
think will win?



"I want the Carolina Panthers, but I think the Jets will win because (Quarterback Brett) Favre has a vendetta and something to prove."

Capt. Tyrone Hill, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron



"I'm not that interested in pro ball — I prefer college football and hope University of Oklahoma takes the title this year."

Airman 1st Class Gabriela Akin, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron



"I'm more of a rugby fan myself, but my delusional supervisor, Master Sgt. Keith Davis, is pulling for the Houston Texans."

Tech. Sgt. Ed Parker, Airman Leadership School instructor

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Information technology meet focuses on education

By Scott Knuteson

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — The professional education of thousands of Airmen and Air Force civilians is on the fast track to change, according to officials at the Air Force Information Technology Conference Aug. 26.

“Air Education and Training Command’s vision is to deliver unrivaled air, space and cyberspace education and training,” Maj. Gen. Erwin Lessel III, AETC director of plans, programs, requirements and assessments, told those attending a seminar focused on the future of Air Force education and training.

“Technology is changing daily,” said the general, who also serves as director of the San Antonio Integration Office at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “The newest Air Force recruits have different expectations and are familiar with the latest technology. Furthermore, the sheer volume of knowledge has increased. How are we embracing the technology available to us today in the classroom?”

“This is not an issue unique to the military,” General Lessel said, noting how the challenge is common to all academic and commercial institutions.

The only limiting factor to implementing the most advanced learning

methods, General Lessel said, is changing the education mindset and culture that still relies on a “19th century” classroom model.

“This is all about knowledge-enabled Airmen,” he said. “For instance, when an Airman writes a paper (for a class), he is creating knowledge. We must be able to integrate, distribute and apply that knowledge force-wide.”

Part of the effort within the Air Force to pool and coherently distribute such data is the “AF.EDU” project, an effort to facilitate and advance education and research efforts across the Air Force.

According to Jorge Madera, program manager under AETC’s communications directorate, the project aims to further academic collaboration throughout the Air Force and with members’ colleagues worldwide through a commercially-hosted collaboration environment utilizing up-to-date academic and research tools used to accomplish the unique mission requirements found within all Air Force learning mission areas — recruiting, training and education.

Although access to the AF.EDU site currently requires proper authentication via an AF.EDU account, follow-on efforts will include “AF.EDU Public,” a “one-stop shop” for Air Force learning Web content available to the general public and “Keesler Online,” an open courseware initiative available via restricted

access to all Air Force users. However, certain functions and areas of the site will remain private and accessible only to AF.EDU members.

According to a white paper prepared by General Lessel and his staff earlier this year, Air Force leadership envisions the application of virtual learning environments within AF.EDU. Open courseware and knowledge management systems will give Airmen access to training courses and educational material anywhere and anytime it’s required.

Efforts to educate Airmen on the move are becoming more common, including a role-playing simulation developed by Air War College and delivered to students worldwide on a compact disk. Lt. Col. James Carlin, Air War College Distance Learning chief of technology, demonstrated the simulation to an audience at another conference seminar.

The program immerses trainees in a simulated environment where they’re cast as the contingency response commander and the senior U.S. military representative in a fictitious African country. Their goal is to establish airfield operations in cooperation with NATO forces to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid. The player must learn how to adapt to other cultures and build rapport with computer-animated characters whose personalities are pre-programmed with

numerous responses to simulate real-life cultural distinctions. The actions a player can take result in widely varied responses from virtual counterparts and thousands of possible outcomes. Three player encounters multiple scenarios that require interfacing with virtual characters such as a French general, a Brazilian who is with the United Nations and a number of Central African nationals.

Character personalities and the storyline were built on advice from subject matter experts within Air University, feedback from prototype testers and collaboration between Air War College and TaTa Interactive Systems in India, the company that designed the software engine.

“Although the scenario is built on a pseudo-mission in Central Africa, the concept of learning to assess a cultural situation can be applied in a real-life deployed setting anywhere,” Colonel Carlin said. “Rather than focusing on the basic mechanics of a deployment in a foreign culture, this simulation leverages the expertise of our staff to create a dynamic, complicated mission.”

Once students complete the mission, they can save their results and send them back to Air War College for evaluation.

The simulation is presently geared to train lieutenant colonels, colonels and civilian equivalents, but could be adapted to train Airmen at all levels.

Meet the press



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, goes through a mock television interview with Joe Trahan, an expert trainer in media relations and crisis and risk communications. About 85 Keesler personnel honed their media skills during several forums, Aug. 28-29.

Enlisted aviator jobs available for retraining

Air Force Personnel Center

WASHINGTON — The Air Force still has openings for first-term Airmen to retrain into the flight engineer and flight attendant specialties and other career enlisted aviator positions.

Staff and technical sergeants required to retrain under the noncommissioned officer retraining program may apply for boom operator, flight engineer, loadmaster, airborne mission systems, airborne battle management and aerial gunner positions.

“Every open position is an opportunity for Airmen to volunteer to meet a critical need of the Air Force,” said Master Sgt. Bill Bergin, the Pentagon’s career enlisted aviator in-service recruiter. “We have incredibly talented people looking for new challenges — becoming an enlisted aviator is a good match for some of them.”

The official release of the fiscal year 2009 NCORP retraining objectives is on the retraining advisory located in the virtual military personnel flight. To view the retraining advisory, log in to the vMPF and click on the “request retraining” link.

Job descriptions and a retraining tutorial are also located on the career enlisted aviator recruiting and retention community of practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/cea>.

For more information, call the military personnel section’s employment/relocation element, 376-8356 or 8363, or call DSN 227-1717 or 1-703-697-1717.

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sexual
assaults,
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sexual assault
response
coordinator
hotline,
377-7278.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

WAPS testing

The test administration period for Weighted Airman Promotion System Test Cycle 08E9 runs through Friday.

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 tested 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.

Drill downs, parades

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

Drill downs — 7 a.m. Sept. 19; 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

Parades — 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

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

Pitsenbarger awards

Community College of the Air Force fall graduates may apply for one of seven \$500 Pitsenbarger Awards sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

The Pitsenbarger Awards are presented to selected top Air Force enlisted personnel graduating from CCAF who are pursuing or plan to pursue a bachelor's degree. Prior winners aren't eligible.

Applications are available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center or at <http://www.afa.org>. Completed applications with supporting documentation are due to the education office by 4 p.m. Sept. 26.

Awards are presented the CCAF commencement ceremony, 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at Welch Theater.

For more information, visit the education office or call 376-8708 or 8710.

CCAF scholarships

The Keesler Chiefs Group is offering three \$150 scholarships for airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Those interested submit an application and write an essay on the value of education to Air Force enlisted personnel to the education office or any chiefs group member by Oct. 9.

Scholarships are awarded at the CCAF graduation ceremony Oct. 21.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Tom Clarke, 377-1314.

Student health center

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

For more information, call 377-7016.

GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

Student TMO

Short sheet briefings at the technical training traffic management office are 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility.

ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all services and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call Joyce James, 376-8472.

Clean sweep

Airmen Basic Jacob Thomas, left, and Cheetarah Lee clean up debris from Hurricane Gustav on the base Sept. 2 near the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron complex. They're students from the 338th Training Squadron. More than 500 students donned gloves and hauled trash bags to help clean up after the Category 2 storm.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Base celebrates Air Force birthday with Charlie Daniels Band show

81st Services Division

Keesler celebrates the Air Force's 61st birthday with the Charlie Daniels Band, 7 p.m., Sept. 18 on the parade field.

A live preshow broadcast by K99.1 Radio's Big D and Bubba is at 6 p.m.

The event is free to all Department of Defense identification card holders.

Concert-goers should bring blankets or lawn chairs. No coolers or large bags are allowed. Everyone attending the event is subject to inspection by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Food and beverages are available for purchase.

Department of Defense identification card holders may park in any base parking lot.

Off-base ticket holders are provided access to Keesler and the concert only by shuttle service from the parking site on Bayview Drive. To reach the parking area, take I-10 to I-110 south, and take the Bayview exit west to the parking site. An alternate route is Highway 90 to Porter Avenue or Caillavet Street, north to Bayview Drive and turn left to the parking area.

Passengers are picked up at the Oak Park Gate beginning at 4:45 p.m. and dropped off at the Azalea Dining Facility in the Triangle area.

To ease traffic, Coast Transit Authority has added extra routes from Edgewater Mall to Keesler's Vandenberg Community Center, and back, on the day of the concert. Buses will leave the mall every 20 minutes from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and return at 20 minute intervals between 8:30 and 10 p.m. Customers are charged the regular fee of \$2 for round-trip transportation.

The concert, co-hosted by 81st Force Support Squadron Services and the USO, is sponsored by Allen Beverages, BancorpSouth, Bay Ice Co., Beau Rivage Hotel and Casino, Chuck Stephens Automotive, Clear Channel Radio K99.1, GEICO, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Harris Jewelry, Hollywood Casino, IP Casino, Resort and Spa, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Mandal Pontiac Buick GMC, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Mississippi Sea Wolves, Planet Beach, Red Bull, Rex Distributing, Select One, USAA, Verizon and Yates Construction.

IN THE NEWS

Clinics closed today

Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed today during the the "Lifesaver 2008" exercise.

The emergency room is available for emergencies.

Blues on Monday

The blue uniform is now the duty uniform on Mondays.

Hazardous waste collection

The semi-annual household hazardous waste collection day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the recycling center, Building 4004 just west of the post office.

Keesler employees, retirees, dormitory residents and military residents are encouraged to participate.

Acceptable items include flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous or reactive substances such paints and solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies and automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

Unacceptable items include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, "white goods" such as stoves and refrigerators, ammunition, explosive materials or any waste generated by any business or base work area. No container over five gallons in size are accepted.

For more information, call 377-3004.

Victim advocate training

The sexual assault prevention and response program conducts volunteer victim advocate training, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6 in the SAPR conference room on the third floor of Locker House.

Victim advocates are active-duty military or Defense Department civilians who provide direct support to victims of sexual assault.

For more information, call 377-8635.

Tricare's Gustav support

Humana Military Healthcare Services

The Defense Department and Humana Military Healthcare Services are waiving referral requirements to civilian primary and specialty care providers in areas affected by Hurricane Gustav, Aug. 29 through Friday.

For a list of affected counties, log on to <http://www.humana-military.com>. For more information, call 1-800-444-5445. For pharmacy questions, call Tricare's pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts Inc., 1-866-363-8779.

Death notifications

Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, regrets to announce the deaths of:

Master Sgt. Louis Henderson, a reservist with 403rd Maintenance Squadron and a civilian with the 81st Training Support Squadron. He was assigned to the 403rd Wing on active-duty orders at the time of his death.

Any persons having claims for or against Sergeant Henderson's estate, call 1st Lt. Bobbie Young, 377-4025.

Airman Kyle King, 338th Training Squadron. Any person or persons having claims for or against Airman King's estate, call Capt. Robert Curran, 377-1617.

Air Force stops wing reorganization

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON— Air Force leaders halted plans to perform a global wing restructure which was designed to realign fighter, bomber and rescue airlift maintenance units into flying squadrons.

Maintenance and flying squadrons will remain separate and will continue doing business “as they have for the past four or five years,” said Lt. Gen. Kevin Sullivan, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support at the Pentagon.

“I believe there are two main reasons for this decision,” he said. “First, there was senior leader consensus that our maintenance personnel will be better able to maintain and hone their core competencies if they are led by maintenance professionals up through the group level. Second, there was also consensus that it’s important to reduce the amount of

turmoil and change within the Air Force at this time. Not implementing the global wing restructure will help provide that stability we’re looking for.”

Units across the Air Force were directed last December to implement the merge of maintenance and operations between July 1 and Nov. 30. However, acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley directed a delay to have an opportunity to discuss the appropriateness and timeliness of these changes with Air Force leaders. At an Aug. 27 summit, it was a major topic of discussion.

“The original idea driving the wing restructure was to improve knowledge, understanding and interoperability between ops and maintenance,” said General Sullivan, “and while the merge will no longer happen, we still plan to offer the training we developed to facilitate implementation of the new

wing structure as a continuing means to improve the ops-maintenance interface. We’re also looking at other ways to strengthen that ops-maintenance bond within the existing wing structure.”

The general said he appreciates the people who worked so hard to gear up for the wing restructuring.

“We started from a standing start in December of ‘07, and everything was ready to go by July of ‘08,” he said. “I don’t think there’s ever been a major reorganization so fully planned and coordinated any faster. In addition, I believe all the planning, all the discussions and debate that occurred during that process were good for our Air Force. It forced us to look at areas to improve, how to build better teamwork, and we can leverage what we learned in the existing organizational framework as well.”

Chief of staff asks Airmen for commitment to excellence

By Airman 1st Class
Veronica McMahon

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL Air Force Base, Fla. — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz capped off a Sept. 3 visit with a special Airman’s Call for a group of about 500 Airmen from various squadrons, career fields and ranks.

General Schwartz asked every member present to recommit himself or herself to excellence and compliance to standards.

“If you and I commit ourselves to precision performance, everything else will fall into place,” he said. “It doesn’t matter what job you perform or what

rank you are, everyone counts in this Air Force family.”

General Schwartz said everyone is responsible for his or her individual performance and that of the team. He also touched on his personal tenants of precision, reliability, focus and taking care of one another.

Airmen had the opportunity to ask the chief of staff with a variety of questions. Topics included maintenance, base housing, enlisted pilots, military-to-civilian conversions and future roles of the F-22 Raptor.

Concerning the integration of aircraft maintenance and operational flying squadrons, General Schwartz said a collective decision had been made to not

integrate. This will help ensure that in years to come, sophisticated cadres of weapons maintainers are focused on maintaining weapons systems.

“This is not to say that a partnership is not integral to success — there should be a visceral friendship between crew chiefs and their aviators,” he said. “Maintenance is not a part-time business, and full-time attention is needed for the long haul to sustain our rigorous standards.”

On the possibility of allowing enlisted aviators to operate the Air Force’s fleet of unmanned aircraft systems, General Schwartz expects a final decision by year’s end. When asked about the F-22’s role in future operations, the general reit-

erated the importance of the fighter’s role as a weapons system of deterrence.

The general also shared his professional and personal beliefs with the Airmen when the subject of the war on terrorism was broached.

“I fundamentally believe that we cannot just sit back and play defense in this war,” he said. “We need to be out there taking the fight to (our adversaries) to ensure that the events of 9/11 never happen again.”

“We have promises to keep to ourselves, to our joint teammates and to our country,” he said. “If we incorporate precision and reliability into all we do, then we will maintain this marvelous military force.”

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Safety,

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vious safest summer season of the decade, 17 Airmen died in the same period. The Air Force averaged 24 deaths during the past ten 101 Critical Days of Summer periods.

During this year’s campaign, the Air Force experienced six automobile deaths, five motorcycle deaths, four sports- and recreation-related deaths and one death as a result of a home-maintenance injury.

Since the first 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign in 1967, Air Force leaders emphasized safety during the period between Memorial Day and

Labor Day, when people are generally more active and in the outdoors more often than the rest of the year.

The Department of Defense is placing focus on private motor vehicle-related mishaps during the summer and winter months as a result of significant spikes. Statistics show that across the services PMV-related mishaps not only rose during the traditional campaign months, but also increased significantly during the months of September through November, up to 40 percent above the 101 Critical Days campaign.

So a Fall Safety Campaign kicked off using lessons learned from the summer months to provide a springboard for attacking the problem of fatalities and

continuing the momentum of mishap prevention.

It started the day after Labor Day and goes through the end of November. This effort is aimed at being a true joint campaign with the Air Force as the lead service.

Airmen can expect aggressive discussion on personal safety both at work and at home, and are encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance in all they do.

“Being a good wingman, situational awareness and risk management should continue to be key players in mishap prevention efforts of all Keesler members,” said Mr. Mitchell.

Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Military members affected by A-76

All military members affected by A-76 should have an assignment by Sept. 30.

The AFPC assignments team is expected to return to Keesler in September to speak with the individuals that weren't selected for one of their eight choices. Once these individuals have been identified, AFPC will offer assignment choices that the Air Force may be able to support.

For more information, call 376-8380.

Survey for enlisted medics

The Defense Department is looking for input from the enlisted medical community as it sets up a new Web portal that will enable medics and corpsmen to share lessons learned and suggest ways to improve patient care.

A short online survey is available at <http://www.health.mil>. The new site should be online before Oct. 1, and it will be password-protected to serve the enlisted military medical community.

AFPC secure Web site upgraded

Users should replace any bookmarked links for Air Force Personnel Center Secure with new links. The changes incorporated in this version improve security by requiring passwords that are a minimum of 15 characters. Users using the common access and exclusively are forced to either update their passwords or delete them.

For more information, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>, or call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

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 yes/no blocks completed.

For more information, call 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.

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.

AFPC commander outlines support for deployed Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum

332nd Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq —The commander of the Air Force Personnel Center discussed how her agency continues to improve its support of deployed Airmen during a recent visit.

AFPC is streamlining how it tracks deployments and re-examining how it balances deployments with assignments and training, said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, who toured Camp Bucca, Iraq, and two other locations in Southwest Asia prior to arriving at Joint Base Balad.

A major step in this evolution came through moving the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center from Langley Air Force Base, Va., to AFPC headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas.

"We're just finishing the merger of the AEF Center with AFPC, and I think that's going to pay dividends for all of our deployed Airmen," she said. "What we had before the merger was two different organizations taking actions in stovepipes. The AEF Center may have been working a deployment, and AFPC may have been working an assignment, and the individual got hit with both of them. Now, by having the two together, we can incorporate the AEF cycle into day-to-day personnel actions."

Under the merger, the AEF Center became the Directorate of AEF Operations. The merger allows for better visibility on Airmen availability by synchronizing deployment cycles with permanent change of station moves and training requirements, General McClain said.

"For instance, the NCO retraining program release will be vetted through the AEF cycle in the future to ensure Airmen aren't in retraining during their assigned AEF rotation," she said.

AFPC also begins tracking deployments by first movement rather than required delivery dates.

"We had an individual who, because of a series of reclama actions, received one week's notice to go to three months of training before a deployment," General McClain said. "Our old metrics showed 90 days' notice because he didn't have to be in the (U.S. Central Command area of responsibility) until 90 days later."

Tracking deployments by first movement will create a more accurate picture of how much notice a person receives before he deploys, allowing AFPC to notify Airmen and their families sooner, said Chief Master Sgt. Andy Kaiser, AFPC's command chief.

"We have a relentless pursuit of perfection," Chief Kaiser said. "If we have one short-notice tasking ... that's one too many."

Airmen will still receive short-notice taskings when someone who is matched against a tasking injures himself and can no longer deploy, General McClain said, "but we want to make sure our processes in working these taskings isn't responsible for the delay in notification."

AFPC has also empowered Airmen to manage their own personnel data through services like the virtual MPF and the Air Force Contact Center.

"Anytime that you put something on the Web, it obviously helps deployed Airmen, because they can then get access to their records at any time," the general said. "We're trying to give individuals control of their personnel business, just like many banking companies are giving us control over our finances. You can go online and check out your bank account ... you can access it any day and at any hour of the day. That's what we're doing with the personnel services. One of our goals is to give Airmen more control of their personnel actions."

"The AFCC is open 24/7, so you can call and ask questions," General McClain said. "If they can't answer it, they will get you to the subject matter experts who can."

The Web-based promotion release system has also proven useful to deployed warfighters.

"With the Web-based system, Airmen don't have to wonder if the commander will come around," Chief Kaiser said. "Everyone knows at the same time whether they've been selected for promotion, and commanders still congratulate their people."

General McClain said she seeks feedback on the Web-based systems and any other ideas that can improve personnel processes.

"You put the programs out there, and you think you've got them worked and that they make sense ... and then your customers start using them and say that it doesn't work, or it doesn't make sense," she said. "So we're always soliciting feedback."

Deployed Airmen who spoke with General McClain gave her points that she intends to address when she returns to AFPC. One issue is special experience identifiers, or SEIs, which the Air Force uses to identify people with critical skill sets within certain career fields. Another is short tour credit, which Airmen currently receive for serving 181 consecutive days or more in locations identified as hostile fire or imminent danger pay areas.

A third issue involves receiving personnel information from home station that PERSCO offices need in the AOR. AFPC is working with U.S. Air Forces Central's Directorate of Manpower and Personnel to create a solution, General McClain said.

"We've got a great A1 staff (in the AOR) led by Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela (most recently, the 81st Force Support Squadron at Keesler), and a great AFCENT/A1 staff (at Shaw AFB, S.C.) led by Col. Ron Barnes," she said. "We are all joined together as a team to work the issues. Our goal is always to let the home team work it, and if they can't, they know to push it up to AFPC. We're all committed to making all personnel processes better."

Leadership changes hands for civil engineers



Left, Maj. Patrick Breaux, new commander of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, talks to Wes Toche, base architect, after the Sept. 4 change-of-command ceremony. Major Breaux previously served as the squadron's operations director.

Right, Lt. Col. Jeff Szatanek, outgoing commander, gets a farewell hose-down from 2nd Lt. Phil Hinson. Colonel Szatanek's new assignment is deputy division chief of civil engineering programs for Headquarters Air Force District, Washington, D.C.

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DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Dominique Cole

Unit — 81st Medical Operations Squadron

Position — medical technician

Time in Air Force — 19 months

Time at Keesler — one year

Noteworthy — coined by the chief nurse, Col. Elizabeth Bowers-Klaine, for outstanding efforts in support of Nurse/Technician Week

Hometown — Charleston, South Carolina

Why did you join the Air Force? to serve my country, educate myself and succeed in life.

What are your short- and long-term goals? to get a Community College of the Air Force degree and to further my education to become a nurse.

What's your favorite quote? "Life can only be



Photo by Steve Pivnick

understood backwards, but it must be lived forward."
— Soren Kierkagaard

What are your hobbies? reading, shopping and being with my friends.

DIAMOND NOTES

If everyone on the team
performed at your level,
how successful
would the team be?

Master Sgt. Rogers Trahan,
81st Medical Support Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Sept. 18, 1951

The worst hurricane to strike the Gulf Coast since 1915 made landfall south of New Orleans (the practice of naming hurricanes didn't begin until 1953).

The Biloxi area recorded winds in excess of 100 mph and storm surge of 15 feet or more. Beachfront buildings and seafood processing facilities sustained heavy damage. Keesler personnel conducted anti-looting patrols, rescued stranded storm victims and made emergency repairs.

Keesler medics bring health care to Panama

81st Medical Group Public Affairs
and Air University Public Affairs

Three 81st Medical Group physicians took part in a medical readiness training exercise to Panama earlier this summer.

Dermatologist Lt. Col. (Dr.) Steven Ritter, family physician Capt. (Dr.) Bryan Farford and pediatrician Capt. (Dr.) Kermit Helo, all assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, augmented the lead team from the 42nd Medical Group at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

They participated in the two-week exercise designed to hone the skills of medical personnel while providing free health care in remote locations.

The range of medical specialties of the Air Force medics involved in this MEDRETE included dentists, optometrists, general physicians, a pediatrician and a dermatologist.

In addition to the Keesler and Maxwell medics, the team included personnel from Little Rock AFB, Ark., Columbus AFB, Miss., the Pentagon, Eglin AFB, Fla., and Randolph AFB, Texas.

The medical team saw more than 8,300 patients during their time in-country. This included providing adult medical services to more than 2,700 people, gynecological treatment to more than 215 patients, optometry care to almost 2,000 people, dental treatment to more than 1,250 patients, pediatric service to more than 1,000 children and dermatology care to 1,115 patients.

“It was a good MEDRETE, very well planned and executed,” Colonel Ritter commented. “We were very busy. I have been to MEDRETEs in



Captain Helo examines a child's throat. He and two other Keesler doctors spent two weeks in Panama in support of a medical readiness training exercise.

Photo by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Steve Ritter

Bolivia and El Salvador. This was the best yet. I'm looking forward to more.”

This was Captain Farford's first MEDRETE experience.

“I had wanted to do this for a while, but I did not know how to get selected,” the captain said. “One day I got a call and it just fell into my lap. It was rewarding to me to be able to take part in such a wonderful experience. I feel that this was a great opportunity to provide medical care for people that do not have true access to care.”

The Panama MEDRETE was one of about 70 sponsored each year by U.S. Southern Command.

While Panama has a national health care system, in many remote locations it is cost prohibitive for patients to travel to a doctor on a regular basis. The intent of this mission was to bring medical care to a location accessible by the patients and enable those requiring routine care to simultaneously be entered into the government health-care system.

Steve Pivnick, 81st Medical Group Public Affairs, and Capt. Ben Sakrisson, Air University Public Affairs, contributed to this report.



Maj. Gen. Al Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, administers the oath of office promoting Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, to his new rank during a formal ceremony Friday. Sept. 2 was General Touhill's date of rank, but the formal ceremony was pushed back because of Hurricane Gustav.

Keesler commander pins on first star



General Touhill looks on as his flag is unfurled.



Kate and Charlene Touhill receive bouquets of roses from General Touhill. Kate is a sophomore at Biloxi High School. The Touhills' son, Andrew, attends the University of Illinois. General Touhill's parents were unable to make the trip because of the hurricane threat.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



**Every member
of Team Keesler
is important —
Be safe,
not a statistic.**

Climate survey kicks off Oct. 1

The 2008 Air Force Climate Survey, which was previously called the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Climate Survey, launches Oct. 1.

The survey is the Air Force's principal means for assessing organizational climate and providing actionable feedback to unit leaders. The survey is e-mailed to all 600,000 Air Force members including Guard, Reserve and

civilian personnel through their "e-mail for life" and home station e-mail accounts.

The deadline to complete the survey is Nov. 26, while results are scheduled for release in February or March.

Survey topics remain similar to previous years and include questions about trust, both in senior leadership and immediate supervisor; job characteristics; support for deployment;

resources; recognition; general satisfaction and unit performance and characteristics.

There are up to 10 questions customized for each major command. There's also an opportunity for open-ended comments at the end of the survey.

The survey is projected to take 15-20 minutes versus previous surveys, which took nearly an hour to complete.



Keesler hosts High Holidays

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Mississippi Gulf Coast's Jewish community observes the High Holidays with services at Keesler's Larcher Chapel.

High Holidays services have been held on base since Hurricane Katrina destroyed Biloxi's Beth Israel Synagogue three years ago. Services are open to the public.

Rosh Hashanah — 8 p.m. Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. Oct. 1.

Yom Kippur — 6:30 p.m. Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Oct. 9.

The High Holidays are observed during the 10-day period between the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most important Jewish holidays.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is celebrated the first and second days of Tishri. It's a time of family gatherings, special meals and sweet-tasting foods.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn day of the Jewish year and is observed on the tenth day of Tishri. It is a day of fasting, reflection and prayers.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Jobe, 377-2520.

Airmen 1st Class Kevin Stahly, left, and Brian Swithenbank, Falcon Flight members, patrol Biloxi's Back Bay, which forms Keesler's northern boundary.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



'See first, understand first, act first' New base security zone mirrors deployed sites

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch
Keesler News editor

The 81st Security Forces Squadron is implementing an integrated defense concept called a base security zone to secure Keesler, which is similar to methods used in bases in Southwest Asia.

"Ever since Sept. 11, there's no place within the continental U.S. that shouldn't be thinking this way," said Maj. Joseph Musacchia, 81st SFS commander. "That manner in which we secure our base should be no different in the U.S. than the

manner we use in any of our bases in Iraq."

Although there will be several differences in base defense between Iraq and Keesler due to restrictions, there will be a common denominator of procedures that will apply to both, according to Major Musacchia.

"I am extremely proud of the way the 81st SFS is moving," he added.

The idea is to identify a tactical area of operation around the perimeter of the base which lies outside the installation in which 81st SFS doesn't have jurisdiction.

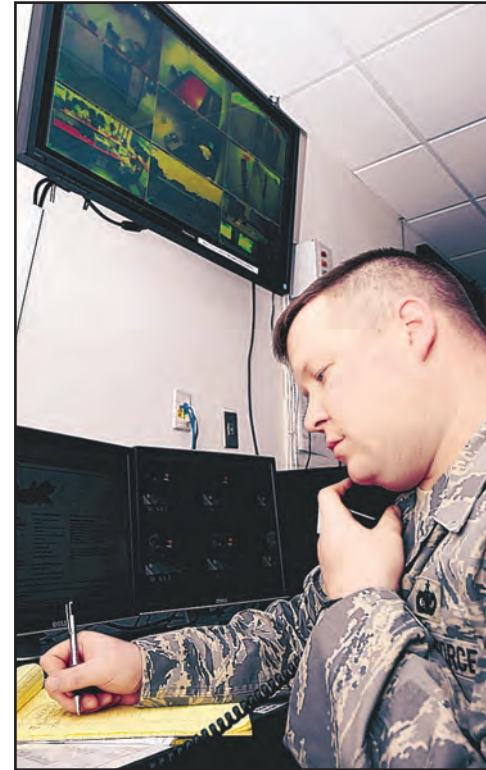
The BSZ size is determined by what resources and assets the base possesses, but also what potential threats exist. That area is then monitored by both 81st SFS members and area law enforcement agencies such as Biloxi and D'Iberville Police Departments, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Coast Guard.

"The key theme of the BSZ is to see first, understand first and act first," said Major Musacchia. "The only way we can accomplish that is through close coordination and cooperation with various law enforcement agencies who do control these areas. This also strengthens our ties with the local community."

One of the steps moving toward the BSZ was by creating the Falcon Flight, a unit patrolling on bikes, all-terrain vehicles and boats.

"The Falcons have to rely on cooperation with the City of Biloxi law enforcement because the off-base housing units, which are still under our jurisdiction, but are geographically separated from the base," Major Musacchia explained.

The Falcon Flight security forces members are also responsible for internal security and patrolling areas of the Back Bay of Biloxi as well. They can issue tickets and pull people over, just like security



Staff Sgt. Michael Hall takes a phone call inside the base defense operations center. He keeps an eye on surveillance screens that show inbound and outbound traffic lanes and other locations.



Teri Allbaugh, left, a civilian security forces member, checks a driver's license during a traffic stop, while Staff Sgt. Brandon Harty calls in the stop.

forces members in airman battle uniforms or Department of Defense officers.

Cyclops units, which are primarily responsible for monitoring outside the base's perimeter, have also been created. If suspicious activities are observed, area law enforcement agencies are notified. They work together with 81st SFS members to alleviate the threat.

"We are all interconnected and work together on a regular basis," Major Musacchia pointed out. "Even our military

working dogs train together."

Area law enforcement agencies are also notified if the force protection level changes at Keesler. This allows them to adjust their security posture accordingly.

"Law enforcement is only one of our missions — it is our public face," explained Major Musacchia. "The BSZ is another one of those elements that helps us achieve our mission. We have to be able to go from peace to war at any given time."

Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

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

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

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

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

"We feel people living in base housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Pleasant, family childcare program coordinator. "We want not only to bring the information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a licensed family childcare provider."

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

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

"FCC providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge," said Ms. Pleasant.

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

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

Keesler rolls out red carpet for civic leaders



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce member Dick Wilson, Charlene Touhill and Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, chat at the chamber's Morning Call Aug. 27 at the Vandenberg Community

Center. Once a year, Keesler hosts the chamber event to brief community leaders on Keesler's status and to give base leaders a chance to network with chamber members.

Manning up for 31 critical skills career fields

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Thirty-one critical skills career fields received a boost in manning recently when 1,888 volunteers were accepted for retraining. This number included 315 exception-to-policy Airmen who were contacted for the first time and approved by personnel experts at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Overall, the retraining program filled all seats for 96 percent of the career fields such as pararescue, in-flight refueling, aerial gunner and combat control.

AFPC plans to continue to review exceptions-to-policy each year as needed, said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, enlisted skills management branch chief. Exception-to-policy Airmen included those who wanted to retrain but were a different rank than the one targeted for retraining; not selected for the Air Force specialty code they wanted to retrain into; first-term Airmen without career job reservations who wanted to remain in the service but couldn't remain in their current AFSC; and others.

"We do our best to maintain and improve the health of career field manning by matching volunteers to the unique training needs while helping Airmen achieve their career goals," she said. "We envision continued success with retraining by not only relying upon volunteers, but also being able to reconsider the exceptions-to-policy."

Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Humphrey, Air Education and Training Command's functional area manager for combat control, experienced first-hand what the retraining specialists

did to help his search for new combat control candidates.

"When I first took this position about four years ago, the highest number of retrainee graduates was 17 Airmen," he said. "Working with the career field manager and other command functionals, we set out to recruit more Airmen and were successful to a point; however, when I brought this to the attention of Chief Williams, that's when our efforts really took off."

Chief Humphrey said he expects the career field will graduate 25-30 Airmen in 2009 based on the record number of retrainees (53) entering the program in 2008.

Explosive ordnance disposal is another career field that benefited from the AFPC retraining team. Chief Williams said the team secured 55 volunteers for upcoming schools by calling previous volunteers to see if they were still interested in retraining due to the increase in quotas and reviewing the list of disqualified Airmen to see if anyone met the new criteria.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hodges, Air Force explosive ordnance disposal career field manager, said the 55 Airmen who volunteered to retrain into EOD are vital to maintaining a healthy career field ready to win the war on terrorism.

Airmen can find more information on retraining by calling the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775 on the AFPC "Ask" Web site by selecting the active duty enlisted link under AFPC Navigation, then select "see all under the retraining heading.

20 Airmen get Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses

Legal office

Twenty Keesler Airmen received Article 15 punishments in July for alcohol-related offenses.

81st SUPS-TRANS

An airman in the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron received 30 extra duty days, a reduction to airman basic, and a forfeiture of \$673 pay for two months for providing alcohol to minors. The reduction in rank and the two months forfeiture were suspended for six months pending good behavior.

332nd Training Squadron

An airman first class received 10 extra duty days, reduction to airman, and forfeiture of \$754 for two months for providing alcohol to minors at a beach party. The extra duty days and reduction in rank were suspended for six months.

An airman first class received 10 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$793 for two months for underage drinking of alcohol in the dorm.

An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for two months for underage drinking on base.

An airman basic received 10 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$673 for two months for underage drinking in the dorm.

An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$754 for two months for drinking in the dorms and wearing civilian clothes while in Phase 1 training.

An airman basic received 15 extra duty days and forfeiture of \$673 for two months for drinking in his dorm room with a member of the opposite sex.

An airman basic received 10 extra duty days, suspended for six months, and a forfeiture \$673 for two months for underage consumption of alcohol on the beach.

An airman basic received 10 extra duty days and a forfeiture of \$673 for two months for underage drinking off base. The extra duty days were suspended for six months.

334th TRS

An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for one month for underage drinking while driving with a blood alcohol content of .04 percent, which is above the .02 percent limit for drivers under 21.

An airman first class was reduced to airman, forfeited \$754 for one month, and reprimanded for being drunk and disorderly, having groped the breast of an unconscious friend. The reduction in rank was suspended for six months.

An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$673 for one month for being drunk and disorderly.

335th TRS

An airman basic received 15 extra duty days, 30 days restriction and a forfeiture of \$673 for two months for drinking with underage members after buying alcohol for them, as well as assault and battery.

An airman first class was reduced to airman and forfeited \$754 for one month for underage drinking off-base. The reduction in rank was suspended for six months.

An airman first class received 15 extra duty days, reduction to airman and a forfeiture of \$754 for one month for underage drinking off base with other airmen.

A senior airman received nine days restriction and reduction to airman first class for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Two airmen first class received reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$754 for one month for underage drinking at an off-base apartment. The reductions in rank were suspended for six months.

338th TRS

An airman first class received a reduction to airman basic and a forfeiture of \$673 for one month for driving on base under the influence of alcohol.

An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for one month after military training leaders found two bottles of liquor in his dorm room.

To report
fraud,
waste
and abuse
at Keesler,
call
377-7053.

Kids' clothing donations headed to Afghanistan

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A Dark Knight who's resurfaced as a Mad Duck is spearheading a project to send children's clothing to Afghanistan.

Ed Simpson, an instructor in the 333rd Training Squadron who recently retired from the 338th TRS, is helping a friend who's deployed to Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan, with the clothing drive.

Senior Master Sgt. William Harrington, who's assigned to the 755th Air Expeditionary Group, began gathering donations from his home base, Gunter Annex, Ala., and enlisted Mr. Simpson's help for Keesler's drive, dubbed "Gulf Coast to Afghanistan."

"Sergeant Harrington is a friend of mine — we were in the same Senior NCO Academy class in 2006," Mr. Simpson explained. "I thought it was a great opportunity to get involved with a worthy cause, and my commander, Maj. Scott Solomon, fully supports my efforts.

"A lot of people suggest charitable projects, but don't follow up," he added. "Children are my weak spot, and I just want to help."

Mr. Simpson set up donation boxes at various base locations, but also reached out into the surrounding community to place containers at Victory International Christian Center in Ocean Springs, St Martin High School and Middle School, and Ocean Springs High School and Middle School. He'll collect the contributions Sept. 18 and mail them Sept. 19.

For more information, call 377-6728.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Capt. Robert Patt and Ed Simpson, 333rd TRS, sort clothing donations.



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 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.

Chapel jobs

The chapel has contract vacancies for a Protestant religious education coordinator and a Catholic parish coordinator, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

Work statements are available at Larcher and Triangle chapels, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Resumes and sealed bids are accepted at either chapel until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 377-2520 and speak to Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Jobe for the Protestant religious education coordinator position and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Frank Lowe for the Catholic parish coordinator position.

Operation Hero

“Operation Hero,” a deployment experience for children, is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 at the deployment facility, Building 1917.

The event coincides with the fire department’s Fire Prevention Week open house.

To register, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.

Airman’s Attic

The Top III is looking for volunteers to support Airman’s Attic, a program that assists junior enlisted members with free basic household supplies.

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.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron customer service, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, or call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion@keesler.af.mil.

Pediatric dentistry

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency program.

Children ages 4-12 are evaluated for restorative needs. No orthodontic treatment or use of oral sedation is available.

Patients must be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information or to set up a screening appointment, call 376-5144.

DRMO information

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment.

For more information, visit the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron customer service office, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, or call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion@keesler.af.mil..

Thrift shop

The Keesler Thrift 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.

Honor guard recruiting

The Keesler Honor Guard needs officer and enlisted volunteers to represent the Air Force at funerals and other ceremonies.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-0765; Tech. Sgt. David Warren, 377-1986, or James Taylor, 377-2081.

Special Olympics

Keesler’s Special Olympics committee needs two volunteers to take on two roles formerly handled by civil engineers. — set-up leader and tear-down leader. The duties are complex and require many additional hours.

Applications are due Nov. 1. For more information, call Senior Airman Chris Freimann, 377-5857.

Housing office hours

The military family housing office, Room 118, Sablich Center, is open on compressed work schedule Fridays.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 376-8611.

Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call 377-2793 or 4636.

Dark Knight heads for Air Force Marathon

By Staff Sgt. Tanya Holditch

Keesler News editor

Twenty-nine years after running his first marathon, 45-year-old Don Alexander is running in the 12th annual Air Force Marathon.

The Sept. 20 event at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, commemorates the founding of the Air Force as a separate military service in 1947.

Alexander, ground radar systems training development chief in the 338th Training Squadron, began training for the marathon last spring. He's traveling to Ohio with Jimmy Shields from Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment and Jesse Murray from the 334th TRS. All three are members of the Gulf Coast Running Club.

Mr. Alexander, who typically

runs 20-25 miles per week for fitness maintenance, said he wanted to challenge himself in distance.

He said the hardest part of distance running is stepping out the front door. Since his run is a 338th TRS booster club fundraiser challenge, his co-workers encourage him to cross that threshold. Finding the time to run is also a factor.

"Getting in 12 miles at a 9-minute-per-mile pace on a weekday can cramp the afternoon," he said.

"I am encouraged by young runners striding out in front of me, and I'm motivated to emulate their joy," Mr. Alexander explained. "When I see runners past their prime savor all the moments, I'm all the more confident I can enjoy the same in future years."

A typical training week includes a 14-20 mile run Sunday, rest

Monday, interval running Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, cross-train Thursday and 11-12 mile run Friday. After his long Sunday runs, he soaks in a cold bath with two or three bags of ice in it.

"It sounds masochistic, but it truly helps the legs recover," he added.

The advice he gives to those who would like to improve their running abilities is to simply set a goal of time or distance after taking a baseline. From there, he tells people to work a program that will allow them to gradually achieve their goal.

"Even if your goal is doing better on the annual 1.5-mile fitness test, you can train at shorter distances while incorporating the different types of training runs to help you run faster and more efficient for the test," he said.



Alexander works out at the Triangle Track.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

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

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

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

For women's team, call Richard Vincent, 343-9951.

For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Bowling

Intramural league — resumes tonight. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

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.

Team building special — 1-5 p.m. working Fridays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a 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; 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, \$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

— short sleeve with collar, \$22.

Flag football

American League (as of Sept. 8)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|------------|-----|------|
| 81st CES | 5 | 0 |
| MARDET | 3 | 1 |
| 81st FSS | 3 | 2 |
| 81st CS | 2 | 2 |
| 81st TRSS | 2 | 3 |
| 403rd Wing | 2 | 3 |
| 336th TRS | 1 | 3 |
| 81st DS | 1 | 5 |

National League (as of Sept. 8)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| 81st MDG | 7 | 0 |
| 81st SFS | 4 | 1 |
| 338th TRS | 3 | 2 |
| 81st SUPS/TRANS | 3 | 3 |
| 81st MDSS | 3 | 3 |
| 332nd TRS | 2 | 5 |
| 85th EIS | 1 | 5 |
| 333rd TRS | 0 | 4 |

Fitness centers

Free Volksmarch — Sept. 20. Register 7:30-9:30 a.m., marina park; 10-kilometer walk around the base with refreshment at each check point, medals for finishers. Sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency, Harris Jewelry, Keesler Federal Credit Union and Rex Distributing.

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

more information, call 377-3056.

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

Dragon Fitness Center — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

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, counseling — available by appointment at 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 each 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 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

Twilight golf special — 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

Dragon fun league — Thursdays.

Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

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

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — Saturday; call for time. \$25 per person. Bring your own food and drinks. Mississippi fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Discount on all boat rentals — 10 percent off Sept. 22.

Trip to Chandeleur Island — Sept. 23-24. Bring food, drink and lures. Reserve early; call for prices.

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands. You select the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Cruisin' Keesler — Sept. 27, marina park. Vintage cars and motorcycles.

Fish of month — weigh in the biggest alligator gar for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

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 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 on 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.

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

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

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

HONORS

Student honor roll

334th Training Squadron

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Pablo Badillo, Brenton Bailey, Rachel Dunham, Derek Gordon, Clarence Runia and Jacob Soldat; Senior Airman Franklin Williams; Staff Sgts. Andrew Brice, Ricky Diaz, John Sandoval and Nicholas Todd; Tech. Sgts. Jordan Acosta, Jason Arnold, Bobbie Checolinski, Christopher Goninan and Bryan Gustafson; Master Sgt. Michael Vaurigaud.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Lyndell Bowie, Warren Bush, Aaron DeGraw, Trevor Johnson, Ashley Lagrow, John Parquette, Timothy Sanders, Lorenzo Singh, Nichole Stone and William Tibbetts; Airmen Kalin Anderson, Justin Limo and Veronica Padilla; Airmen 1st Class Crystal Brown, Cristina Buzgau, Mark Campbell, Jessica Crandall, Cheri Douglas, Justin Holliday, Shaun Houser, Crystal Housman, Ryan McMackin, Pepper Palmer, Moses Tum and Gregory Uhl; Senior Airman Jonathon McWhirter and Jasin Nesmith; Staff Sgts. Scott Brock, Patrick Judicpa, Christopher Knotts, Philip Maher, Joseph Pierce, David Roque, Leah Rogers and Kathleen Smith; Tech. Sgts. Francis Johnson and John Snover; Master Sgts. Cynthia Cropper and Kelly Longacre.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 28.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-6 — graduates today.

Airman and family readiness center

Eldercare seminar — 5:15-7 p.m. Sept. 25, at Mississippi State University Coastal Research Center, Popps Ferry Road, Biloxi. Legal issues in aging, caregiver resources, self care and how to make your parent a dependent are discussed. Refreshments provided. To register, call 376-8728 or e-mail sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career — 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 6, Sablich Center auditorium. Brian Blanchfield, deputy director of the officer placement service for the Military Officers Association of America, an expert on transitioning from military to civilian employment, presents seminar for interested officers, noncommissioned officers and spouses. This program is presented annually at more than 150 U.S. military bases worldwide. It has a reputation as a “must attend” for those three years or less from separation or retirement. Those who attend have an opportunity to ask questions and receive a free copy of the publication, “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career.” To register, call 376-8728.

Arts and crafts center

Artist/craftsman and photography contest — entry deadline Sept. 18 for drawing and painting, sculpture and multimedia. Crafts from original design and from kits and patterns. Black-and-white and color photos mounted on 8x10-inch mounting board depicting military life, nature/scenic, people and creative effects. Registration forms available at center.

Nonprior service Airmen and friends special — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 19; 50 percent discount on shop fee.

Crafting for November holiday fair — 4-8 p.m. Thursdays. Bring your supplies to make projects and crafts to sell at the fair.

Youth crafts workshop — 3:30-6 p.m. Thursdays, grades 7-12. Projects include sculpting, painting, cooking, macramé, sewing, decoupage and more.

Multicraft shop

Bob Ross painting workshop — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20. \$65 including canvas, paints, supplies and sack lunch.

Ceramics painting technique — 5:30-8 p.m. Sept. 18. Paint a happy hunting project. \$25 including supplies. Sign up by Sept. 11.

Wheel-thrown pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20. Learn to use the wheel, center and lifting techniques. \$40 including five pounds of clay and project firings.

Wood shop

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 20. \$20. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 27. \$10 including all materials and tool use. New project each month.

Frame shop

Beginners framing — 12:30-4 p.m. Sept. 19. Learn equipment use and basic techniques of matting and frame assembly. \$30 including supplies. Qualify for the operator's card to use shop.

Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

Engraving shop

Perfect for students — personalized mugs and laser-engraved pen and desk sets.

Auto hobby shop

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

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 18.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

Vehicle storage lot — call 377-3872.

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

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; \$10 per month per vehicle. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

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.

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 almondine, 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 — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian 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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McBride Library

Orientations for commanders, instructors and first sergeants — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Patron appreciation day — 2-4 p.m. Sept. 18 in observance of the Air Force's birthday; refreshments served.

Book displays — Wednesday through Sept. 23 for Constitution Week, Sept. 18 for National POW/MIA Day.

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

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Free shuttle service — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, I Tyer House, bowling center, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

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

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.

Tuesday special — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Weekday Mass

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

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

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.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Membership special — sign up for club membership and receive scratch-off for chance to win up to \$100 on the spot. All members register to win one of 10 \$1,000 cash prizes. Club dues are free.

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

Youth center

Back-to-school registration — sign up for before- and after-school program.

TRAIL meeting — 5-7 p.m. Monday for teens. Plan calendar of events, play games, meet new friends and staff.

National Day of Play — 4-7 p.m. Sept. 26. Free games, snacks, prizes, music, and tournaments; volunteers needed.

Free open recreation — 4-7:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9 and older. Activities include basic sewing, cooking, FitFactor, art and life skills events.

Instructors needed — for Saturday karate, dance and gymnastics classes; call 377-4116.

Coaches, referees needed — for basketball. Call for more information.

Classes — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

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

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

Trips to New Orleans Saints games at Superdome — Sept. 28, San Francisco. \$60 per person including transportation and admission. Sign up at Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Seating limited to 20 passengers, first come, first served.

Tours to additional Saints games — go on sale Sept. 18. Three games in October, one in November and two in December. Call 377-5576 for schedule.

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

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Information on area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Sept. 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-

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shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. 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.

MEETINGS

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

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Senior Airman Aaron Eden, 1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714 or call 377-SAVE.

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Flo-

rence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

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

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Leanne Ramsay — 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

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

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

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

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MOVIES

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular

features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Swing Vote (PG-13), 120 minutes.

Saturday — 2 p.m., The Mummy Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-

13), 120 minutes; 6:30 p.m., The XFiles: I Want to Believe (PG-13), 104 minutes.

Sunday — 1 p.m., The XFiles: I Want to Believe (PG-13), 104 minutes.

Student spouse group meeting focuses on disaster preparedness

Non-prior service students with spouses in the local area are invited to the student spouse group's meeting and meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Keesler Red Cross representative Carolyn Thompson gives a presentation on disaster preparedness.

Students, spouses and children planning to attend, call 377-0155 or 2267 by Monday so enough food is prepared.

Voter assistance representatives



Installation voting officer — Dave Duggins, 377-5799.

2nd Air Force — 1st Lt. Howard Antoine, 376-1341; Master Sgt. John Scott, 376-6350.

45th Airlift Squadron — Capt. Brett Ellis, 377-0663.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Capt. Mark Kahrhoff, 376-0449.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgts. Bruce Dishman, 377-6611 and Aubrey Goff, 377-4209; Tech. Sgt. Melvin Jackson, 377-5565.

81st Contracting Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jesus Gutierrez, 377-1812; 1st Lt. Jennifer Mapp, 377-1801.

81st Communications Squadron — 1st Lt. Trevor Owen, 377-4041; 1st Lt. Kanasha Webber, 377-8885.

81st Dental Squadron — Master Sgt. Wendell Thomas, 377-5158; Capt. Eric Ladimer, 376-4510.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Master Sgt. Karen Jenkins, 376-4427; 2nd Lt. Sarah Montoya-Ortega, 376-5066.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Capts. Tina Johnson, 376-0623, and Eric Vacarelli, 376-3328.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Capts. Don Smith, 376-3179, and John Harrell, 377-0500; Maj. Karin Crever, 376-3759; Master Sgts. Joseph Hebert, 376-3754 and Corey Johnson, 376-3754; Staff Sgt. Jessica Aglibut, 376-3501; Tech. Sgt. Keri Bernhardt, 376-4950.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Christopher McMillian, 376-4914; Tech. Sgt. Judy Khamphan, 376-4513; Capt. Renee McClennon, 376-4727.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Master Sgts. Terrence Hardwick, 377-3647, and Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

81st Operations Support Flight — Staff Sgt. Michael Delgado, 377-3305.

81st Supply-Transportation Squadron — Master Sgts. Kevin Benjamin, 377-1784, and Jimmie McClish, 377-2976.

81st Services Division — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-1986, and Tech. Sgt. Carl Cephas, 377-3705.

81st Training Support Squadron — Dave Duggins, 377-5799; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bowie, 377-3683; Sherry Clark, 377-1224; James Franks, 377-0758.

81st Training Wing — 1st Lt. Thomas Greenwood (legal office), 377-7071; Michael Plummer (public affairs), 377-4103.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Capt. Justin Stoner, 377-3350.

332nd Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Jason Harrell, 377-0984; Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Master Sgt. Brian Frazier, 377-3602; William Bacon Jr., 377-2469.

334th TRS — Senior Master Sgt. CarolAnn Daniels, 377-3408; Master Sgt. Lori Derr, 377-4127.

335th TRS — Master Sgt. Charlafinette Dukes, 377-2926; Tech. Sgt. Sharon Utsey, 377-0331; Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

336th TRS — Sharon Myers, 377-5672; Boyd Cooke, 377-4599.

338th TRS — Alexander Verrett, 377-3371; Joe Collins, 377-5632; George Landrum, 377-2784.

403rd Wing — Wesley Brantley, 377-3885.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — Moses Balls, 377-3502.

Keesler NCO Academy — Master Sgts. Lisa Arnold, 377-8622, and David Harrison, 377-8623.

Marine Corps Detachment — Master Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, 377-8762; Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class James Lewis, 377-0789.