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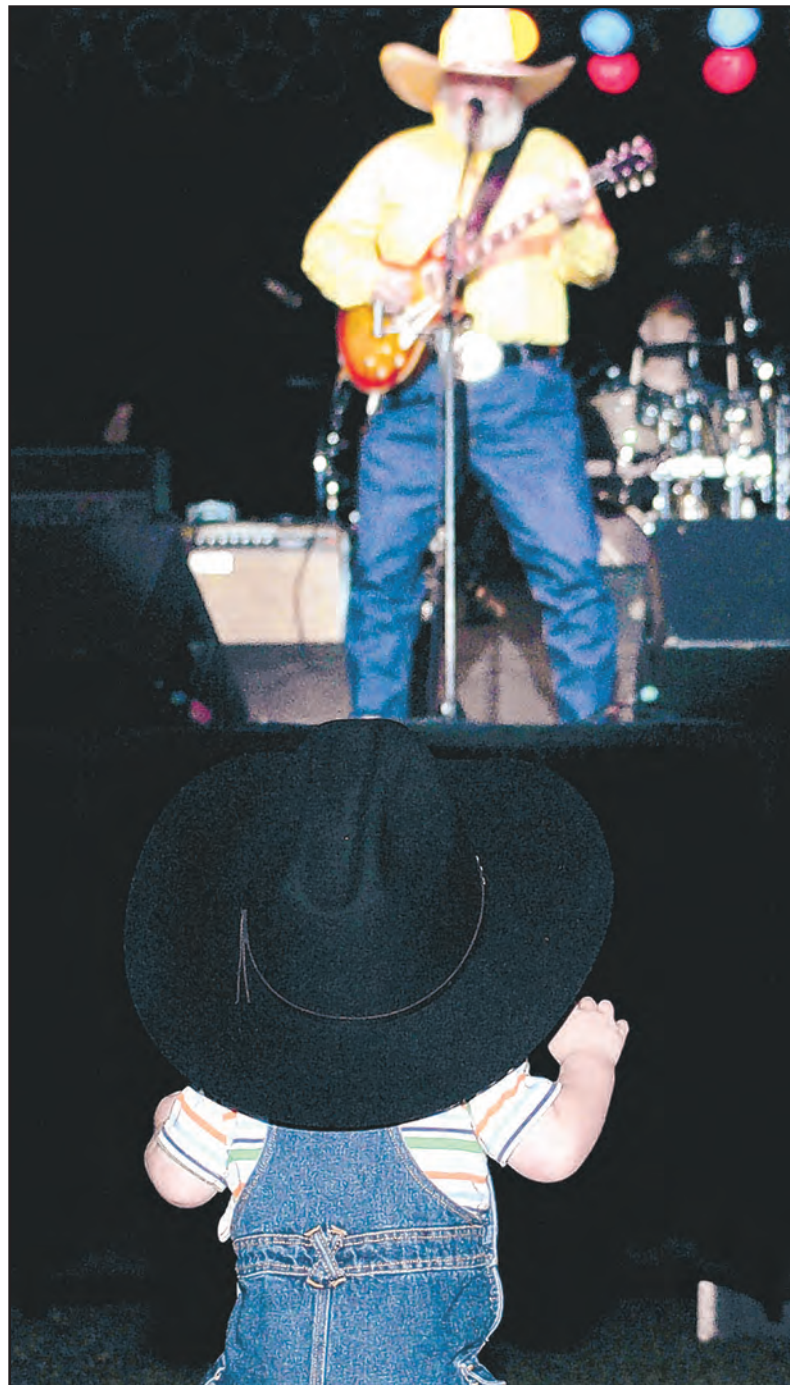


Photo by Kemberly Groue

One-year-old Aaron Bartlett dances to the music of the Charlie Daniels Band at a concert celebrating the Air Force's 61st birthday, Sept. 18. Aaron's grandfather is Sam Foster, 81st Training Wing. Story, more photos, Page 9.

## Last in Air Force

# Keesler activates 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

### Keesler News staff

The 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron becomes the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the 81st SUPS-TRANS compound.

Maj. Clarence Lee, 81st SUPS-TRANS commander, receives the guidon for the 81st LRS as the commander of the new squadron.

"This may seem like an ordinary change of command ceremony, but it is far from it," said Master Sgt. Marten Matthews, 81st SUPS-TRANS vehicle management flight. "This merger has significant importance since it is the last squadron in the Air Force to make this transition."

With the Air Force-wide merger back in 2003, supply squadrons became logistic squadrons, which absorbed transportation squadrons. To accomplish this, processes were streamlined, reducing inefficiencies.

"The LRS merger changes not only our name, but also the way we do things, including how we accept parts from outside sources to the way we deliver parts throughout base," Sergeant Matthews explained. "Ultimately the customer will benefit from the simplified processes."

Major Lee explained that activation of Keesler's LRS was put on hold for two reasons.

"First was the A-76 study," the major said. The study resulted in a contract that turns over most of Keesler's operating support services to a contractor.

"Then Hurricane Katrina, just over three years ago, further delayed the transition," Major Lee continued. "Next week's stand-up of the 81st LRS further signifies that 'Keesler is back.'"

"This is an important event for the logistics community as we continue to posture for better support, not only to Keesler, but to the combatant commanders leading Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom," the major added.

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

## Compensation more than \$\$

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

I was talking with an Airman this past week and the subject of compensation came up. The Airman was curious to compare his salary to what a similar job in industry would receive in salary. His assertion was that he receives significantly less compensation in the Air Force than he would if he worked in a civilian company while doing the same job. He was discouraged.

During our discussion, I asked him to make sure he had his facts straight before he drew a conclusion. Why? Because I've found over my years of active duty service that there is a whole lot more compensation given to Airmen than what they see in their take-home pay.

I shared some examples with the Airman to point out some of the benefits our Air Force gives that don't show on the leave and earnings state-

ment. For example, many Airmen do not yet know about the Associate-to-Baccalaureate Conversion program. The ABC program is an initiative between Air University and 44 civilian higher education institutions to offer baccalaureate degree opportunities to every Air Force enlisted member regardless of location. Airmen completing their Community College of the Air Force degree have enough credits to be considered college juniors ... why not complete the degree? Now you can and the Air Force helps with the costs. Want to learn more? Talk with your first sergeant or visit the education office.

Want to know another benefit not on the LES? Take a look at fitness facilities. While local gyms offer some great capabilities, do not forget our own base facilities. Our wing team offers superb facilities, a staff that can coach and teach you, a health and wellness

center to help support you, and dieticians and nutritionists to guide you. How much would you have to pay for all those resources elsewhere?

Starting to see a pattern? How about the commissary and base exchange? They offer Airmen significant savings on most items and are a world-wide partner to the military member. How about our health care? The military medical program is second to none and provides our Airmen quality care for the Airmen and their family. Live in the dorms? How about the dining facilities, where you can get great meals at no additional cost from your basic allowance for subsistence? There are numerous examples of benefits available to our Airmen that you won't see in your salary, but they are part of your compensation package.

At the end of our discussion, I think the Airman was

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357



By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

convinced he was receiving more compensation than he was seeing in his LES. Even better, he was excited about getting his bachelor's degree through the ABC program and pledged to step it up on his CCAF degree.

The Air Force is a great way of life, yet it is not for everyone. While civilian companies frequently pay more in

salaries to their employees, they do not necessarily offer the same compensation that the Air Force does. The Air Force does offer unique benefits, yet the best compensation we offer is to serve alongside great men and women who share the core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do ... and that is priceless.

## My toughest job could've been prevented

By Col. Tracy Smiedendor

62nd Maintenance Group commander

MCCHORD Air Force Base, Wash. — I can still remember the event years later as if it happened yesterday. I received a phone call from the noncommissioned officer in charge of the military personnel flight. I was informed that I had one hour to report to the MPF in service dress and lead a casualty notification team.

The fatality wasn't in my squadron or from the base. He was stationed in Germany and his next of kin lived in Montana. Our base was the closest Air Force installation to their home.

I arrived at the MPF a few minutes later and received instructions about where this town was located, what to say and do when we got there and what not to say. As a commander, I had to do some unpleasant things, but this was going to be the hardest job I ever had to do.

The other notification team members were a chaplain and a nurse. We drove four hours through three states and arrived at 2 a.m. My heart was pounding fast as I entered the residence and then read the statement: "On behalf of the chief of staff of the Air Force, I regret to inform you of the death of your son."

The emotion and grief they felt at that moment has stayed with me. There wasn't a more somber task than what I had just carried out and I vowed to use this tragic event as a teaching lesson for those under my command.

That particular Airman died because he fell asleep at the wheel of his car and drove into oncoming traffic. He was on his way home from an extended weekend visit to France and had not given himself proper rest. His failure to do the safe thing not only took his life, but it caused tremendous pain and suffering for his family, friends and fellow Airmen.

The consequences of your actions are not yours alone. They can and will affect others and you need to think about that each day as you go about your activities.

The Air Force goes to great measures to ensure your safety because you are a valuable member of the team. The next time you hear someone giving a safety briefing or telling you how to wear protective equipment, imagine someone notifying your next of kin that you are dead because of your failure to do the "safety" thing. Don't let anyone else have to go do the hardest job I ever had to do in the Air Force.

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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.



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

What is your favorite piece of technology? Why?



"My cell phone — voice combined with text and photos at your fingertips can connect with people around the globe."

**Master Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield, 81st Training Wing**



"My Web cam — I'm ready to make a permanent change of station move to Turkey, and it will make it easier for me to stay in touch with my family."

**Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hicks, 81st Security Forces Squadron**



"The Internet, because it allows me to get pictures of my granddaughters from both coasts."

**Jackie Pope, 81st Force Support Squadron.**

More news and photos on the Web at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

**Top, Airman 1st Class Joshua Loatman serves as drill master for the Dark Knights.**

**At left from left, Airmen Basic Jeremy Smith, Warren Kluttz and Megan Dean represent the Gators in the freestyle competition.**

## Gators gobble up drill down win

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Gators from the 334th Training Squadron chomped their way to a second victory in the fourth contest of the 81st Training Group's drill down season Friday.

The Gators, winners of the season's first drill down back in February, clinched September's top spot with a first place in regulation drill and second in open ranks.

Overall second place went to the 335th TRS Bulls, the only team to place in all three individual categories. The Bulls claimed first in open ranks and third in regulation and freestyle drill.

The 338th TRS Dark Knights, third place overall, came in second for regulation drill.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves, winner of July's drill down, were the top team in the freestyle competition

The Mad Dogs from the 332nd TRS placed second in freestyle drill and third in open ranks.

Members of the winning team are:

**Airmen Basic** Michael Berrios, Anthony Bjorquez, Brenda Carillo, Megan Dean, Scott Decker, Brett Dickinson, Nichole Durham, Kelley Hutton, Brittany Janowski, Jonathan Jordan, Warren Kluttz, Adam Rademacher, Jeremy Smith and Anthtae Taggart.

**Airman** Ricarlo Woods.

**Airmen 1st Class** Caleb Courville, Hugh Cross, Rachel Dunham, Tiffany Martinez, John Nickel and Emily Niles.

The final drill down of the season is 8 a.m. Nov. 14 on the parade grounds.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Daniel Ransom, left, a military training leader in the 335th Training Squadron, gets a pie in the face from one of his unit's students, Airman Mitchell Beckner, after Friday's drill down. The event was part of a fundraising effort for the American Red Cross undertaken by students in the 81st Training Group.

## Good sports for good cause

Right, Col. Prince Gilliard, 81st TRG commander, licks some of the whipped cream from the pie thrown in his face by Airman 1st Class Anne Marie Benitez, a student in the 336th TRS. Technical training students from the 335th TRS, 336th TRS and 338th TRS raised \$1,517 for the Red Cross in response to news reports about the organization's financial shortfalls after responding to recent flooding and hurricanes.



# Project Liberty brings detachment to Mississippi

## Air Force, Guard train for RC-12 aircraft mission qualification

**Air Force Print News**

ARLINGTON, Va. — Air Force and Air National Guard officials have agreed to establish a temporary mission qualification training detachment for the RC-12 aircraft at Key Field in Meridian, Miss.

This mission, conducted by the Mississippi Air

National Guard, will help bolster the Department of Defense's intelligence gathering capability in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The RC-12 is the Air Force's newest manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform, providing near-real-time ISR. Nearly \$100 million has been obligated to bring up to seven RC-12 aircraft to the base starting in January.

This mission, designated Project Liberty, will train approximately 1,000 students during the next two years at the 186th Air Refueling Wing, located at Key Field. The 186th ARW will conduct total force mission qualification training for this program, pro-

viding the manpower and facilities for the training unit. The wing will continue its current air refueling mission through 2011, operating the KC-135R Stratotanker while conducting Project Liberty training.

"The Air National Guard is excited to be a part of this important mission and to play a critical role in providing this needed capability to today's fight," said Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, director of the Air National Guard.

"The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William Freeman Jr., and I are very proud that the 186th Refueling Wing was chosen for this very important mission," said Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour.

## TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

### Pitsenbarger awards

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

The deadline is 4 p.m. Friday to submit completed applications with supporting documentation to the education office.

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>.

Awards are presented the CCAF commencement ceremony Oct. 21.

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.

### Trainers present quarterly honors

The 81st Training Group holds its quarterly awards ceremony, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at Welch Auditorium.

Military, civilian and training instructor categories are recognized.

The ceremony is open to all Keesler personnel.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Clinton Presley, 377-0231.

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

### Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed Oct. 8 and until noon Oct. 29 for drill practice and evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, hours may change or the lot will be open.

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

### Drill downs, parades

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

**Parade** — 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

**Drill down** — 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

For parade information,

call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737.

### Student health center

The student health center in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

### 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 in the Levitow building.

### 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.

## Load 'em up, move 'em out



Photo by Adam Bond

Luggage is weighed and loaded Sept. 16 for another 28 Keesler Airmen being deployed to Southwest Asia. Currently, 332 Keesler Airmen are deployed.

## Heart Walk

### Keesler team hits pavement for fundraiser

#### Keesler News staff

More than 300 Keesler members are registered to walk in the annual 4.2 mile Mississippi Gulf Coast American Heart Walk, 7:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at Jones Park in Gulfport.

The purpose of the event, sponsored by the American Heart Association, is to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke, which are the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, according to the AHA's Web site. Attention is focused on exercise in an effort to promote a "heart-healthy" lifestyle.

The Heart Walk is a great event to help the American Heart Association raise the funds needed to continue their vital research," said Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander. "Through its efforts, we've seen significant drops in the incidents of heart disease and stroke, yet more work needs to be done.

"I am hopeful that Keesler personnel will lace up their walking shoes and join us for this event, have some fun, and exceed last year's contributions," the general added.

The event includes participants from all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Last year's Gulf Coast walk had more participants than the

Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans walks, despite south Mississippi's smaller population.

As of Monday, Keesler members already have raised about \$8,000, and that number continues to rise as more people pledge time and money for the event. Last year, 230 Keesler members walked and raised \$9,421. Tuesday is the deadline for donations.

Nationwide, more than a million Americans participate in more than 450 Heart Walks across the country.

"Some of the volunteers participate in the walk because they have been affected personally by heart disease," said Master Sgt. Christina Wolfe, 45th Airlift Squadron, who's coordinating Keesler's participation along with her husband, Master Sgt. Shawn Wolfe, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Walkers in the event wearing special red baseball caps with the words, "Fight back," have survived either heart disease or stroke.

For more information and a list of Keesler unit representatives, call Sergeant Wolfe, 377-5347, or visit <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org>.

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

## IN THE NEWS

### Major killed in Pakistan

#### Air Force Print News

RAMSTEIN Air Base, Germany — Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez from the 86th Airlift Wing was killed after an explosion Saturday in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Major Rodriguez, 34, of the 86th Construction and Training Squadron, was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Major Rodriguez served as the 86th CTS contingency training flight chief since May 2008. A private memorial service is planned this week at Ramstein.

We are having a Honor Guard Certification Ceremony on Friday, 26 September, 1500 hours, Locker House Event Center.

### Honor guard certification ceremony

Eighteen new members of the Keesler Honor Guard who completed training Sept. 18 are recognized at a certification ceremony, 3 p.m. Friday at the Keesler Activity Center at Locker House.

They'll be on call through Dec. 15.

Members are being recruited now for the Bravo rotation that trains Dec. 1-15 and serve until March 18.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, honor guard superintendent, 377-0795 or 1986.

### CFC kickoff breakfast

The commanders' kickoff breakfast for the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Keesler Activity Center at Locker House.

The cost is \$5 for muffins, fruit, coffee and juice.

For more information, call Capt Timothy Fast, 377-7476.

### AETC 'family days'

Remaining Air Education and Training Command "family days" for 2008 are Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

More information is available through military and civilian personnel sections.

### Cell phone restrictions for drivers

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

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

### Death notification

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

### Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Oct. 16 issue of the Keesler News is noon Oct. 9, four days earlier than usual, because of the Columbus Day federal holiday, Oct. 13.

# Runway run, concert mark Air Force birthday



Leading the way at the 2-mile runway run were 1st Lt. Laura Chighizola, 81st Operations Support Flight, women, and Tech. Sgt. Jose Espola-Negron, 334th Training Squadron, men.

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

The devil may have gone down to Georgia, but the Charlie Daniels Band kept on coming until they reached Keesler to help celebrate the Air Force's 61st birthday, Sept. 18.

Before performing a two-hour concert for Airmen, families and local community members, the country music legend met base leadership and several Keesler Bronze Star recipients.

"We're always excited to be with the troops," Mr. Daniels told WLOX TV reporter Don Culpepper. "We've been with the troops in a lot of places in the world. They're the best we've got. We owe them a debt of gratitude and we're honored to be here entertaining them."

"Having someone who has that worldwide reputation and supports the military like Charlie Daniels and his band is uplifting to us," said Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander.

Keesler's celebration kicked off with nearly 1,000 participants in an early morning runway run.

"Sixty-one years ago men of vision, men who loved to fly and recognized the need for air superiority, joined to form the roots of what we have today as the world's greatest air, space and cyberspace force," General Touhill said. "Today we go back to where we started as we stand here on the runway as a reminder of the air power we represent."



Airmen Basic Dajon Begin, left, and Santiago Reyes, 332nd TRS, enjoy the concert.



From left, 2nd Lt. Logan Smith, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Charlie Daniels and General Touhill cut the Air Force birthday cake. Lieutenant Smith is Mr. Daniels' godson.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Charlie Daniels and his band performed hits like "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," "Simple Man" and "Drinkin' My Baby Goodbye."



# Changes benefit Airmen deploying for 365 days

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Effective Wednesday, Air Force officials implement policy changes to improve sourcing efficiency of 365-day deployments and ensure Airmen receive adequate notification prior to deployment.

The new policy sets the deployment “accept or decline” option at three calendar days, streamlines the verification process and incorporates the air and space expeditionary force reclama process, or request to cancel the selected Airman, for 365-day taskings.

It also requires a medical pre-assessment for Airmen attending combat skills training. Officials expect the changes to

reduce or eliminate late reporting dates and provide Airmen more lead time than the 60 days or less notification some currently experience.

“These changes are designed to streamline the process and provide Airmen adequate time to prepare themselves and their families before departing on 365-day deployments,” said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, Air Force Personnel Center commander.

More than 1,850 Airmen are on 365-day deployments, and about one-third received less than 60 days notification. Several factors slowed the selection process such as short notice of the requirement, an increase in declinations and medical profiles.

Reducing the “accept or decline”

option to three calendar days provides more time to notify the next Airman in line. If the third calendar day is a weekend or holiday, the notification period is extended to the first duty day thereafter.

The verification process is streamlined by identifying the most eligible Airman Air Force-wide rather than identifying a capability within a command. This will reclaim up to six days in the overall selection process while maintaining major command visibility.

The adoption of the AEF reclama process standardizes all deployment cancellation requests by routing them through major command vice commanders. This standardizes and automates the process, increasing major command and wing leadership visibil-

ity and placing the decision point with commanders in the field.

Finally, medical pre-assessment is required to ensure the rigorous physical requirements of combat skills training can be met. This speeds the reselection process if an Airman is found medically unfit to attend CST.

“These changes are the result of a team effort by personnel, operations and medical working together to take care of deploying Airmen,” General McClain said.

For more information, visit the AFPC “Ask” Web site; select “365 Extended Deployments” under the Military Quick Links (a common access card is required) or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

## PERSONNEL NOTES

### 2009 selection board

Air Force officials have announced the schedule for selection boards convening in 2009:

**Jan. 12-16, May 18-22, Sept. 21-25** — special selection boards.

**Feb. 2-20** — senior master sergeant.

**March 9-20** — colonel line of the Air Force; lieutenant colonel and major biomedical sciences corps/nurse corps.

**June 8-26** — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

**July 13-24** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 17-28** — command screening.

**Sept. 14-18** — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

**Oct. 13-26** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Nov. 2-13** — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

**Dec. 1-11** — colonel LAF/BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

### Military members affected by A-76

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

For more information, call 376-8380.

### 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.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Interior of the new Keesler Commissary under construction.

## Shopping complex takes shape

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Construction of the new base exchange and commissary complex has been impacted somewhat by summer thundershowers and rain from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

“The commissary is progressing as well as can be expected after we had a few days delay because of bad weather,” said technical inspector Jose Riojas, who estimated that the overall project is 41 percent complete. “The commissary footprint slab is in place with the exception



Journeyman Joey Hunt presets hangars for the commissary's air ducts.

of a strip around the interior perimeter because the prefabricated panels had to be installed before this area was to receive the concrete.”

Structural steel members and a metal deck are installed. All prefabricated panels are in place, and the contractor is waiting for perimeter area soil moisture content to come down to an acceptable point to complete installation, according to Mr. Riojas.

Refrigeration, heating, air conditioning and ventilation units have been placed on the deck, and interior supply and return ducts are in place. About 75 percent of roof drains and interior piping are done, and about half of the fire sprinkler system piping has been roughed in.

The electrical subcontractor is about halfway done with the roughing-in of conduit and wiring. The sewer and storm drainage for the site is about 80 percent complete.

Concrete and soil reclamation operations continue, with the product being used as sub-grade for the site roads and parking lots. The contractor has also installed a manhole and lift station for the temporary commissary restrooms and it is in operation as of today.

Work on the exchange hasn't progressed as far as the commissary, according to technical inspector Johnny Michael.

“Future progress depends largely on the weather,” Mr. Michael stated.

Work on the footers is 70 percent complete, and two sections of the slab's footprint have been placed. The remaining footprint is being fine-graded and prepared for slab placement.

Most of the exchange's underground utilities have been installed, and steel erection should begin in October.

# Pharmacy flight commander retires

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. Leroy "Frank" Jacobs, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron pharmacy flight commander, ends a 30-year Air Force career, 3 p.m. Friday in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

Retired Col. Jeffrey Sventek, former Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps chief, officiates. Colonel Jacobs' official retirement date is Nov. 1.

Colonel Jacobs, whose official retirement date is Nov. 1, played a significant role in the medical center's return to operation following Hurricane Katrina.

While still assigned to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he conceived and established the service that processed Keesler's prescription refills at Lackland for delivery to Keesler. This served Keesler pharmacy users for eight months until the pharmacies were rebuilt.

Since arriving at Keesler in November 2005, he's led the total reconstruction of four separate pharmacy locations, design of a new base exchange satellite pharmacy and full restoration of pharmacy services to support the medical center's staff and mission and Gulf Coast area beneficiaries.

While the rebuilding continues with improvements to the main outpatient pharmacy and construction of the satellite pharmacy, the pharmacy provides more than 1.1 million prescriptions worth more than \$25 million annually for more than 35,000 Department of Defense beneficiaries. The pharmacy also supports the global war on terror with an average of five deployed pharmacy staff members in each air expeditionary force cycle.

Raised in Iowa, the colonel



**Colonel Jacobs**

received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Drake University and a direct Air Force commission in 1978. His initial assignment to Offutt AFB, Neb., was followed by assignments to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Scott AFB, Ill., and Royal Air Force Bentwaters, United Kingdom.

Colonel Jacobs earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989 through Air Force Institute of Technology-sponsored graduate education.

He became chief of clinical pharmacy services at David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB, Calif., where he established the clinical pharmacy and drug information services and a pharmacy practice residency accredited by the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists that has graduated 17 pharmacist practitioners to date.

In 1991, he deployed to the 310th U.S. Air Force Contingency Hospital at Royal Air Force Nocton Hall, United Kingdom, in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm where he established an inpatient pharmacy capability for a Level-3 Air Force contingency hospital.

In 1993, Colonel Jacobs became one of the first Air Force pharmacists to achieve board certification in the newly-established clinical pharmacy specialty of pharmacotherapy.

From 1994 to 2002, the colonel served as pharmacy flight commander at the Keesler, David Grant Medical Center and Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, Md.

As commander of the 59th Diagnostics and Therapeutics (Pharmacy) Squadron at Wilford Hall Medical Center from November 2002 to October 2005, he led establishment of a \$2.5 million robotic prescription refill processing center at Wilford Hall, and creation of the San Antonio Multi-Market Board of Pharmacy Directors, a city-wide consolidation of pharmacy services provided by the four San Antonio military treatment facilities.

Colonel Jacobs has served as adjunct faculty to the University of the Pacific College of Pharmacy, the Air Education and Training Command clinical consultant for pharmacy, the Air Mobility Command clinical consultant for drug information, pharmacy consultant to TRI-CARE Regions IV and X, pharmacy consultant to the AETC command surgeon, and member of the Air Force Pharmacy Senior Executive Advisory Board.

The colonel and his wife, Sara, initially plan to take some time off and do some traveling.

"My dream is to be accepted into the boat building and restoration program at the International Yacht Restoration School in Newport, R.I.," said the colonel, an avid sailor. "I've really enjoyed my Air Force career and the people I've worked with. Now, it's time to do something new."

When information is classified,  
it's your job to protect it.

# 2 courts-martial, 20 Articles 15 during August

## Legal office

During August, two summary courts-martial were convened, and 20 Airmen received Article 15 punishments for alcohol-related offenses.

## Courts-martial

**332nd Training Squadron** — An airman first class pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty in failing to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the age of 21, possessing alcohol in the dormitory, allowing a member of the opposite sex in his room and committing indecent conduct consisting of sexual acts in the presence of two other Airmen. The court found the Airman guilty of all charges and specifications and sentenced him to a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$800 for one month, 20 days hard labor without confinement and 10 days confinement.

An airman basic pleaded guilty to indecent conduct consisting of sexual acts with

a member of the opposite sex in the presence of two other Airmen, a naked lap dance in the presence of another Airman and dereliction of duty in failing to refrain from possessing alcohol in the dormitory and entering the room of members of the opposite sex. She was found guilty of all charges and sentenced to 20 days confinement and forfeiture of \$600 pay for one month.

## Articles 15

**81st Dental Squadron** — A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class and a forfeiture of \$200 for two months for dereliction of duty in failing to refrain from consuming alcohol in the dormitory in the presence of other Airmen. The reduction in rank was suspended for six months on condition of good behavior.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — An airman first class received 10 extra duty days, reduction to

airman, forfeiture of \$162 for two months and a reprimand for showing up late for work with a hangover, sleeping on duty and slapping another Airman. The pay forfeiture was suspended for six months.

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

**332nd TRS** — Two airmen basic were punished for alcohol-related offenses. One received forfeiture of \$673 pay for two months, one month of which was suspended for six months, for being drunk and disorderly after underage consumption of alcohol. Another received a forfeiture of \$754 for two months for drinking in the dormitory and wearing civilian clothes while in Phase I training status.

**334th TRS** — Four Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. An airman first class received a forfeiture of \$793 for one two month for drinking under the legal age of 21 and driving up to Gate 3 with a blood alcohol content of .04, which is over the .02 limit for drivers under the age of 21. Another airman first class received reduction to airman, which was suspended for six months, a forfeiture of \$754 for one month and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly. An airman basic received a forfeiture of \$673 for two months, one month suspended for six months, for underage drinking and impaired driving on base. Another airman basic received a forfeiture of \$673 for one month for being drunk and disorderly on station.

**335th TRS** — Six Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. A senior airman received nine days restriction and reduction to airman first class for receiving a citation for

driving under the influence of alcohol while attempting to gain access to the base. An airman first class received a reduction to airman and a forfeiture of \$754 for one month for being drunk and disorderly, disobeying and disrespecting a non-commissioned officer, provoking speech, assault and battery while being questioned by security forces personnel. Another airman first class received a reduction to airman, which was suspended for six months, and a forfeiture of \$754 for one month for underage drinking at an off-base apartment. Another airman first class received 15 extra duty days, reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$754 for one month for underage drinking off-base with other Airmen. An airman received 15 extra duty days, reduction to airman basic and a forfeiture of \$673 for one month for underage drinking. An airman basic received 15 extra duty days, 30 days restriction and forfeiture of \$673 for two months for drinking with two underage members after purchasing alcohol for them and putting a choke hold on another airman outside the dorms after returning to base.

**336th TRS** — Four Airmen were punished for alcohol-related offenses. Two airman first class each received 15 extra duty days and 15 days restriction for being drunk and disorderly on base. An airman basic received 15 extra duty days and 15 days restriction for being drunk and disorderly on station. Another airman basic received 15 extra duty days and 30 days restriction for coming through the front gate in a taxi with alcohol emitting from his person.

**338th TRS** — An airman first class received a reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$673 pay for one month for driving up to Gate 3 while under the influence of alcohol.

Brent Richardson, legal office, contributed to this report.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

## DRAGON OF THE WEEK

**Name** — Senior Airman Alex Potter

**Position** — contract specialist

**Unit** — 81st Contracting Squadron

**Time in Air Force** — two years, nine months

**Time at Keesler** — two years, three months

**Hometown** — Jacksonville, Fla.

**Noteworthy** — helped lead contingency contracting team to an “excellent” rating during Operational Readiness Inspection.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** to

structure my life and become a stronger, more driven individual.

**What are your short- and long-term goals?** short term, to complete my bachelor’s degree in business management; long term, to apply for commissioning through Officer Training School and become an officer.

**Your favorite quote?** “You can replace a house, you can replace a car, but once time is lost, it’s lost forever, so why waste it?”

**What are your hobbies?** cars, computers, gaming and paintball

## DIAMOND NOTES

Integrity first,  
Service before self  
and Excellence in all we do.

These are the Air Force core values.  
Study them, understand them, follow them ...  
and encourage others to do the same.

Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French  
81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



### Sept. 26-28, 1998

Hurricane Georges slammed into south Mississippi, causing major damage to Keesler.

The Category 4 storm hit the base with sustained winds of 142 mph and gusts to 179 mph, flooding more than 100 family houses, downing hundreds of trees and power lines and cutting power across the base.

The mission of the United States Air Force  
is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace.

## Selective reenlistment bonus list released

### **Air Force Personnel Center**

WASHINGTON —The latest selective reenlistment bonus list, effective Sept. 15, contains 88 Air Force specialties.

The new program includes a \$93 million budget increase — almost triple the current program. This allows for greater distribution of bonuses across career fields than in recent years. It includes all specialties that received bonuses under the current bonus list, plus 51 more.

Another change to the program is an increase in the maximum amount Airmen may receive per zone from \$60,000 per zone to \$90,000. This enables the Air Force to impact critical skills already receiving high multipliers in the SRB calculation.

The SRB analysis process, which uses an optimization model and a “human-in-the-loop” review, ensures the right skills are targeted with the most cost-effective multiples, Sergeant LePine said.

Compared to those who reenlisted under the current program, most Airmen receive higher bonuses under the new program, while a few may receive the same amount. No Air Force specialty code has a multiplier in any zone less than the current program.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills were added or which bonuses increased on the SRB list include current and projected manning levels, retention trends, career field force structure changes and career field stress level.

To view the SRB list, visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Reenlistments/>.

For more information, contact the local military personnel function reenlistment office.

Volunteer — get connected.



Maj. Rich Cole, 81st Force Support Squadron commander, changes a tire on a truck in the auto hobby shop. The arts and crafts center held an expo Friday to acquaint Keesler commanders with its programs, services and facilities.

## Crafty creative commanders

Lt. Col. Chris Wegner, 81st Contracting Squadron commander, works on a project in the wood shop.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Col. Chris Valle, 81st Training Wing vice commander, and Col. Jeffrey Jackson, 81st Mission Support Group commander, paint ceramic magnolias at the arts and crafts center.

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# AAFES program rewards good students

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is rewarding military students who excel in the classroom with its “You Made the Grade” program.

Now in its eighth year, the education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a “B” average or better with a booklet of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card.

The booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers such as admission for two to a Reel Time Theater, a Burger King hamburger kid’s meal, a magazine of the student’s choice and a slice of Anthony’s pizza along with a medium drink.

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners receive \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 savings bonds.

“‘You Made the Grade’ is a great vehicle for recognizing military students who excel, oftentimes through adversities that the average student does not face such as a deployed parent or frequent moves,” said Maj. Edwina Walton, AAFES public affairs officer.

To receive the “You Made the Grade” booklet, students must present a valid military identification card and proof of an overall “B” or better average to their local exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year.

For more information, visit your local exchange.



# Air Force Association convention

## Leaders address challenges facing today's Airmen

### Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Association's 24th annual Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition took place Sept. 15-17.

The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the role it plays in nation's defense.

In opening the conference, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said service leaders will work to regain America's trust by improving its performance, citing work done by Airmen since it became a separate service from the Army Sept. 18, 1947.

"I'm proud of what we've done collectively these past 61 years," he said. "We share that common ethic of those who said, 'Send me.'"

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley also spoke at the convention.

"We are providers of tremendous capability of air and space," Secretary Donley said. "All Airmen in every function specialty are contributing. We need to prepare to engage and debate the major issues facing the Air Force."

Some issues he addressed regarded the nuclear mission, the recently deferred tanker deal and Airmen-specific issues such as manpower, force shaping and taking care of families.

"We need to take care of Airmen and families," Secretary Donley said. "We can have the best technology in the world, but our Airmen are the most valuable asset."

He spoke of improvements being made in child care availability and making sure families of deployed Airmen are receiving the care they need.

Secretary Donley also said that when it comes to uniforms, the focus is now on fixing problems with the current physical training uniform, airman battle uniform and the jacket for it. There won't be a new service dress at this time, though future

### 'Keesler's back' is delegates' message

Keesler was represented at the Air Force Association convention by Capt. Peter Smith, 335th Training Squadron; Capt. Toni Olivieri, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; 1st Lt. Laymond Wilburn, 81st Communications Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Homer Solis, 338th TRS.

"Our representation at the AFA Convention was a great way for us to convey the message to the rest of the Air Force that Keesler is back and better than ever from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina," Captain Smith explained.



"We spoke with many senior leaders from around the Air Force and highlighted many of the great efforts undertaken at Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast," he continued. "We talked about our housing construction project, Keesler Medical Center, the new base exchange and commissary project, training schoolhouses for 38 Air Force specialty codes and many other endeavors as part of our continuing drive to rebuild the base, renew the community and reload the Air Force."

For more information about Keesler's AFA chapter, call Capt. Smith, 377-7603.

leadership may want to consider it again, he said.

"For now, we need to put our attention to the uniform issues that are affecting our Airmen now, and that does not include the service dress uniform," he said.

Secretary Donley expressed some disappointment that the tanker deal, which would have refurbished the Air Force's aging fleet of air refuelers, couldn't be resolved as quickly as he hoped, but said he understood and supports Secretary of

Defense Robert Gates for deferring the decision on how to proceed until the next presidential administration is in place.

"With the tanker, seven years of history on this program culminated in a missed opportunity to begin modern-

ization of an important capability for the joint warfighter," he said. "Eventually, the Air Force and Department of Defense will need to circle back on air-to-air refueling."

Regarding the nuclear mission, Secretary Donley said the first priority is to reinvigorate the nuclear enterprise.

"We established an Air Force nuclear task force in June to review the nuclear mission area from a strategic perspective, including a thorough review of our inspection processes," he said.

Secretary Donley said he's optimistic that the Air Force will work through its challenges.

"We will continue to deliver the kind of decisive air, space and cyber power that the American people deserve and expect," he stated. "And just as in the past, the Airmen of tomorrow will inherit a force that we decide upon today."

# Core Values



**Integrity First**

**Service Before Self**

**Excellence in all We Do**

**Got a news tip for the Keesler News?  
Call 377-8734, 4130, 3837 or 9966.**

## ***The Airman's Creed***

*I am an  
American Airman.*

*I am a warrior.  
I have answered my  
nation's call.*

*I am an  
American Airman.  
My mission is to fly,  
fight, and win.*

*I am faithful  
to a proud heritage,  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an  
American Airman,  
Guardian of freedom  
and justice,  
My nation's  
sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country  
with my life.*

*I am an  
American Airman:  
Wingman, leader,  
warrior.*

*I will never leave  
an Airman behind,  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.*

## Waste not



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Environmental technician Mark Peake dumps flammable liquids into a 55-gallon drum during Keesler's semi-annual hazardous household waste collection day, Sept. 18. About 4,038 pounds of waste was collected, according to Thomas Minton, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron hazardous waste program manager.

## KEESLER NOTES

### 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.

### Hispanic luncheon

Keesler's Hispanic Heritage Committee marks Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon, 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at El Rancho Restaurant, Biloxi.

For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211.

### Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program specifically for spouses with less than five years of

Air Force affiliation, is Nov. 13.

The free event is intended to familiarize spouses with Air Force mission, customs, traditions and base and community resources and services.

Lunch is served, prizes are given and assistance with child care is offered.

To register, call 376-8728.

### 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..

## Record turnout posted for Air Force Marathon

By Daryl Mayer

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Nearly 7,400 runners came out beneath clear sunny skies for the 12th annual Air Force Marathon.

Gone were the damaging winds, remnants of Hurricane Ike that rocked the region just a week ago.

Although base crews worked all week removing all signs of damage to the course, many in the Miami Valley were still feeling the effects of the storm.

Despite the previous week, turnout bested the previous record set last year by nearly 1,000, more than a 15 percent improvement.

The event kicked off Friday with a 5-kilometer race hosting more than 1,000 runners on the campus of nearby Wright State University.

The university also hosted

### 5 Keesler runners make it to finish line

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Saturday, five Keesler runners completed the 12th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

A total of 1,798 men and women completed the full marathon, a course that covered 26 miles and 385 yards.

**Dominic Ancona**, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, represented Air Education and Training Command. The 21-year-old finished 111th overall with a time of 3 hours, 22 minutes and 1 second. He was the 103rd male runner to cross the finish line and the eighth in the men's 20-24 age category.

**Jimmy Shields**, 33, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, finished 101st overall. He was the 94th male to finish the marathon and the tenth in the 30-34 category.

**Don Alexander**, 45, 338th Training Squadron, finished 312th overall with a time of 3:45:55. Alexander was the 280th male finisher and 41st in the men's 45-49 category.

**Glenn Brass**, 41, 81st Medical Support Squadron, was 1,234th overall, 978th male finisher and 169th in the men's 40-44 category.

**James Webb**, 31, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, completed the course in 5:01:49. He was 1,274th overall, 1,008th male finisher and 179th in the men's 35-39 category.

a sports and fitness expo and gourmet pasta dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The full marathon, along with a full marathon wheeled division, half-marathon and 10-K, launched Saturday morning

from the museum grounds.

As runners for the full marathon stood abreast the starting line, a procession of an F-16 Falcon, then F-15E Strike Eagle, followed by an F-22 Raptor flew overhead.

Nathan Peters of Grayling,

Mich., was the overall winner of the full marathon posting a time of 2:30:47. This followed third and fourth place finishes in his two previous Air Force Marathon runs.

"All my (personal records) have come here, so I felt it was

bound to happen sometime," said Mr. Peters. "I'm just thankful this was the year."

This was the 10th marathon for the University of Michigan sophomore who got his inspiration from his mother who battled brain cancer for 10 years.

Amy Klein, a high school teacher from Lexington, Ky., running in her sixth marathon was the female winner in the full marathon category finishing with a 3:06:22.

She remarked the good weather and flat course made for a good run. Getting to run with "all the military personnel, just being close to them," was inspirational for her.

The winner of the wheelchair category was Glen Ashlock of Brooklyn, Mich., with a time of 1:38:18. It was his third consecutive win in the Air Force Marathon.

"It might be my best time in any marathon," he said. "We had a lot more riders this year who really pushed me especially early on. Everyone treated us very well and made us feel very welcome."

A special runner this year was Ivan Castro, a Army Special Forces soldier who was blinded during a mortar attack in Iraq in 2006. While recovering in Bethesda Naval Medical Center, he became interested in running again.

Having run in the Army Ten-Miler and the Marine Corps Marathon, Castro's completion of the Air Force Marathon completes his first "tri-service tri-fecta" for running.

Castro, who runs with fellow Army officer Fred Dummar as a guide, does all his training at Pope AFB, N.C., and called his ability to run a "team effort."

"It's an honor to run with him," said Dummar. "I think I get more out of this than he does."

Castro said this Air Force Marathon was his "first but not last."

# SCORES AND MORE

## Basketball

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

For men's team, call Jesse ARRIS, 376-5723. For women's team, call Richard Vincent, 343-9951.

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

## Bowling

**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

(Final regular season standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES	8	0
MARDET	7	1
81st FSS	4	4
81st TRSS	3	6
336th TRS	2	5
81st CS	2	5
403rd Wing	2	4
81st DS	1	7

**Sept. 15** — MARDET 7, 403rd Wing 0; 336th TRS 7, 81st CS 0.

**Sept. 17** — 81st FSS 21, 81st TRSS 12; 81st CES 30, 403rd Wing 28; MARDET 36, 336th TRS 0.

### National League

(Final regular season standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	10	0
338th TRS	5	3
81st SFS	4	3
81st SUPS-TRANS	4	4
85th EIS	4	5
81st MDSS	5	5
332nd TRS	3	8
333rd TRS	0	7

**Sept. 16** — 81st MDSS 27, 338th TRS 13; 81st MDG 7, 332nd TRS 0; 85th EIS 26, 81st SUPS-TRANS 20.

**Sept. 18** — 332nd TRS 30, 81st SUPS-TRANS 26; 85th EIS 7, 81st MDSS 0.

## Air Force bike team wins award

The 140-member Air Force Cycling Team, with six Keesler members, won the Rider Cup for the top team in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

Thirty teams competed.

Keesler participants were Erik Vacarelli, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; Matt O'Donnell, 332nd Training Squadron; Eric Greeson, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and Naomi Henigin, 81st Support Squadron.

## Fitness centers

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

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

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

**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.

**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.

## 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

**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** — Saturday, marina park. Vintage cars and motorcycles.

**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.

## Swimming

**Triangle Pool** — open 3-7 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Hours may change depending on availability of lifeguards

## GRADUATIONS

### First Term Airman Center Class 08-13

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class Shelia DeLetoile and Steven Payne.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Francisco Jimenez.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airman Hugo Agurcia-Reyes; Airman 1st Class Jonathon Chida.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Airman Kristin Conde.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Airman David Schlothauer; Airman 1st Class Anthony Hinton.

**81st Supply-Transportation Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Clyde Hale.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airman Basic William Thomas; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Hughes and Jessie Pfeleger.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Joshua Atencio, Brandon Auwaerter, Daniel Banner, Linda Beaudry, Dajon Begin, Amanda Booth, Aaron Boudreau, Brock Carlson, Katherine Cavuto, Dayle Christian, Mark Christian, Kevin Coffman, David Cohea, Brandon Curry, Kenneth DeFreitas, Kevin Dougherty, Frank Draper, Blake Edington, Richard Eidermiller, William Elrod, Michael Evans, Joshua Geagley, Chase Ghur, Jessica Gillespie, Jesse Greb, Mitchell Guntrum, Joshua Hall, Brent Harland, Matthew Harrington, Kurtis Harrison, Jeremy Huether, Derek Kreiner, Christopher Lee, James Leeman, Kashif Livingston, Michael Meisenhelder, Cion Monge, Creston Moon, Drae Moss, Michael Nelson, Todd Newlin, Christian Perez, Eric Peters, Nicholas Pettit, Bryan Pinkerton, Robert Robertson, Cameron Rockey, Micahel Rosenberger, Michael Rowe, Robert Saunders, Garrick Sliney, Christopher Stevens, Sean Stewart, Kong Vang, Kyle Vaught, Justin Volden, Shelly Wyse and Jonathan Zurek; Airmen Curtis Andrist, Philip Bardes, Dylan Gaudette, Ryan Hummel, Anthony Krieg, Amos Kuck, Alan Schumacher and Joshua Udem; Airmen 1st Class Kelsa Adams, Tyler Annetts, Dale Armstrong, Timethe Bard, Jack Berno, Michael Boateng, Jeremy Coffman, Tanya Daigle, Royce Fladung, John Fornter, Scott Friski, Benjamin Hanke, Joshua Hill, Myles Jett, Ryan Johnson, Charles Jones, Kayla Kerr, Andrew Knoll, Derek Lindsey, James Lockheed, Matthew Marinaccio, Peter Mendenhall, Nicholas Morris, Robert Morrison, Jayce Nugent, Brian Pak, Steven Pate, Harlon Patton, Rafael Reyes, Kimberly Roeder, Amandeep Singh, Nastasha Smith, Dustin Spencer, Asa Terry, John Tichnell, Rodney Warren, Kalab Willman and Matthew Wyant; Senior Airmen Nicole Davis, Gary Ervin, Christopher Lovato and Bradley Wetherell; Staff Sgts. Joshua Gonser, Charles James, Timothy Nester and Elbert Sharp; Tech. Sgts. Daniel Howard, Wu Jeong and Jason Kruenegel.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Kaytlin Jones and Eric Parker; Airman 1st Class Emily Niles; Master Sgt. John Dibattista.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airmen Basic John Haynes, Megan Saunders and Whitfield Williams; Airmen 1st Class Brenton Bailey, Rachel Dunham, Derek Gordon and Jacob Soldat; Senior Airmen Corey Andler, Chad Bailey and Franklin Williams; Staff Sgts. Matthew Tirrell and Nicholas Todd; Tech. Sgts. Jason Arnold, Bobbie Checokolinski and Christopher Goninan.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Daniel Bodine, Lyndell Bowie, Warren Bush, Katherine Castano, Aaron DeGraw, Trevor Johnson, Lauren Nickerson, Timothy Sanders, Lorenzo Singh and William Tibbetts; Airmen Justin Limo and Veronica Padilla; Airmen 1st Class Crystal Brown, Mark Campbell, Jessica Crandall, Cheri Douglas, Shaun Houser, Crystal Housman, Ryan McMackin, Pepper Palmer, Moses Tum and Gregory Uhl; Senior Airmen Jonathon McWhirter and Jasin Nesmith; Staff Sgts. Scott Brock, Philip Maher, Joseph Pierce and David Roque; Tech. Sgts. Lynett Dubia, Minnie Gordon and John Snover.

**Weather training flight** — Airman Basic Michael Geoghegan, Douglas Johnson, Franklin Kapuchuck, Steve Schoening and Arielle Washington; Navy Airman Gabriel Dunlap, Matthew Dixon

and Jacob Verble; Pfc. Thomas Nelson and Daniel Robledo; Airman Brian Ensrud; Lance Cpl. Tyler Tomica; Airman 1st Class Justin Givhan, Kiely Meade and Christopher Nies; Senior Airman Steven Timlin; Staff Sgts. Thao Hill and Jennifer Powell.

#### 338th TRS

**Airfield systems** — Airmen 1st Class Paul Addison, Joshua Cochran, William McClusky, Joshua McLucas and Christopher Patricelli; Staff Sgt. Steven O'Leary.

**Ground radar** — Airmen Basic Alysia Braswell, Jennifer Hurley and David Matthews; Airmen Drew Manoram and Joshua Thomas; Airmen 1st Class Oscar Calhoun and Zackary Hughes; Senior Airman Nathan Smith; Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Finchum.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Luke Anfinson, Monte Cook, Jonathon Hunziker, Wesley Nelson, Michael Sprouse and David Stoneking; Airman Isaac Granados; Airmen 1st Class Robert Barnes, Andrew Krebs, Mckenzie Lauber, William Obrien, Bart Simon, Michal Szczepanik and Joshua Wilkison; Master Sgt. Dale Mulkey.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 08-7** — graduates Oct. 28.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 08-7** — graduates Oct. 30.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Eldercare seminar** — 5:15-7 p.m. today, Mississippi State University Coastal Research Center, Popp's 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 Offi-

## 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 Chapel.....9 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**  
Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Jewish

**Rosh Hashanah** — 8 p.m. Monday, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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

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

cers 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

**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.

## Wood shop

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$10 including all materials and tool use. New project each month.

## Frame 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.

## 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, \$20 for recreational vehicles or boats. 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

### Family advocacy

**1-2-3 Magic, Effective Discipline for Children 2-12** — 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 8, 15 and 22, Keesler Medical Center family advocacy classroom, Suite 3D. Participants strongly encouraged to attend all four sessions; material for each class builds on knowledge from previous classes.

Participants learn to discipline without arguing, yelling or spanking; control obnoxious behavior; handle the six kinds of testing and manipulation; five tactics for encouraging good behavior; what to do about bedtime, messy rooms, lying, chores, homework and more; and how to strengthen your relationship with your child. For more program information, visit <http://www.parentmagic.com>.

To register and for more information, call 376-3457 or 3459. Seating is limited.

### 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

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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.

## McBride Library

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

**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, 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.

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

**Membership special** — sign up for club membership and receive scratch-off for change 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.

**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** — three games in October, one in November and two in December. Call 377-5576 for schedule.

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

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

## Employment opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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# DINING HALL MENUS

## Today

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

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

## Friday

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

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

## Saturday

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

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

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

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## Web sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MEETINGS

**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. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

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

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; 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, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

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

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

**Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-

**To report  
sexual assaults,  
call Keesler's  
sexual assault  
response coordinator  
hotline,  
377-7278.**

4337, e-mail [Camoprincess92@gmail.com](mailto:Camoprincess92@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

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

**Keesler 5.6** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4885.

**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>.

**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.

**Top III** — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note: Movies are 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., Stepbrothers (R), 95 minutes.

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (R), 112 minutes; 6:30 p.m., Pineapple Express (R), 112 minutes.

**Sunday** — 1 p.m., Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG), 98 minutes.

### October weather outlook

October is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Summer is over; the days are warm but mild and the nights are cool. Air mass thunderstorms are rare and hurricanes and other storms in the Gulf of Mexico become less common. Low pressure systems usually remain to the north and frontal passages tend to be weak. Normally, October is relatively dry. However, prolonged periods of rain have occurred. Some hazy days are to be expected.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....93

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....78

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....62

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....33

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....69

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....2.76

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....5

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....2

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....8.42

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

2,000 feet.....4.9

1,000 feet.....2.6

300 feet.....0.5

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

6 miles .....15.6

3 miles .....3.4

1 mile.....1.0

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

0-3 knots.....34.3

4-10 knots.....59.8

11-21 knots.....5.9

22 knots or greater.....0.0

Radar, satellite and a general forecast is available on the local area network in the public folder under 81 OSF Weather.



## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

### Special

**Fall festival and craft fair** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Costume contest, fall and holiday crafts for sale, turkey bingo, door prizes, fun and food.

**Teen time crafts** — 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Make a project for the holidays. Projects and costs on display, or make your own creation.

**New wire wrap jewelry making** — 6-7 p.m. Oct. 16 or 1-2 p.m. Oct. 18. \$25 includes materials.

**Bob Ross painting workshop** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Wet-on-wet technique on 16-inch by 20-inch canvas, mountain scene. \$65 includes materials, professional instruction and light lunch.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Fall and holiday crafting** — 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Get ready for the November craft fair. Make a project for holiday gift giving.

**Scrapbook crop club** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 4. \$5 all day. Share and learn from fellow crafters and use the shop tools. Bring your supplies and lunch.

**Scrapbook page décor** — 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 11. \$20 including instruction, information, tool use and supplies. Learn and share the many options to unique photo memories and create your own page.

**Beginners ceramics** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4, for ages 13 and older. Pour three projects and learn techniques and paints for finishing. \$25 including first firing.

**Ceramics painting technique** — 10 a.m. Oct. 11. Make a fall leaves candle center piece. \$57 includes bisque, paints, globe, candle and instruction. Sign up by Oct. 3.

**Beginners' pottery** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Clay work and sculpting. \$60 including four pounds of clay and first firing.

**Ceramic turkey center piece** — 5-7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. \$28 for instruction, bisque, paint, and firing.

### Wood shop

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

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

**Equipment** — a variety of industrial wood working equipment and hand tools are available for use.

**Intarsia** — 10 a.m. Oct. 4 or 18. \$20. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Oct. 11 or 25. \$10 including materials and tool use.

## CONTRIBUTING SHOP

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

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

### Frame shop

**Picture framing and matting** — noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 or 17. Preregistration required. \$30 including materials. Learn equipment use and basic techniques of matting and frame assembly. Qualify for the operator's card for self-help shop use.

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

### Auto hobby shop

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

**Free auto care briefing** — 4:30-6 p.m. Oct. 16. Learn something practical that will save you money.

**Collection site for privately owned vehicles** — oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids. No tires or batteries. Please ask at front counter.

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

## HELP WANTED

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 376-8282.

**Nonappropriated Fund jobs** — apply Mondays through Thursdays noon to 5 p.m. and work Fridays noon to 4 p.m. at the Human Resource Office inside Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 211. For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to [www.keeslerservices.us](http://www.keeslerservices.us), click on Human Resource Office.

## RESALE LOT

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Ave. north of Security Forces building.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for RVs and boats. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

## Vandy Shuttle Catch a free ride to Services Facilities

Stops include: Vandenberg Community Center and Legends Café at the Welch Auditorium bus stop, Inns of Keesler-Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, auto hobby shop, Inns of Keesler-Tyer House, Gaudé Lanes bowling center with pro shop and 11th Frame Café, marina park with outdoor recreation, the marina, and Katrina Kantina, and Bay Breeze Golf course with pro shop.

Route runs 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before down Fridays, 1-11 p.m. down Fridays, 6-11 p.m. work Fridays, and 1-11 p.m. Saturdays. The last run starts at the last time listed for each day.

For more information, call 377-3308.

## VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

**Football Frenzy** — Monday nights. Club members are eligible for prizes.

**Free pool tournaments** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball.

**Movie night** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

**Late night dances** — 6:30-midnight Oct. 12, Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission. DJ, top 40 dance music. Nonprior service students only.

**Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. Oct. 17. Nonprior service students with birthdays in October, show your identification card and enter the dance free.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

## YOUTH CENTER

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

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

**Lights on after school program** — 6-7 p.m. Oct. 2. Variety of activities.

**Teen career expo** — 6-8 p.m. Oct. 27. Representatives from local businesses and base units showcase their work, answer questions, and talk to teens about careers and career opportunities. Door prizes, snacks, music, displays and giveaways.

**Instructors needed** — for karate, dance and gymnastics. All classes will be held on Saturdays. Serious inquiries only.

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PLEASE PULL OUT AND KEEP THIS SUPPLEMENT AS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR MONTHLY EVENTS OF 81ST FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON SERVICES.



**Fall Festival and Craft Fair  
at the arts and crafts center**  
*Coming 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Nov. 15.*  
*Booth reservations accepted  
beginning Oct. 15; call 377-2821.*

# McBride Library offers wealth of information

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By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

McBride Library is the place to go find an almost unlimited supply of materials needed to meet mission, educational, informational and leisure needs, offered in printed form or by computer.

The library has 40 computers with free access to the Internet and Web-based e-mail for reference and research. Microsoft Office Professional is loaded on all systems.

E-mail is allowed on all systems, but no chat rooms (MySpace), games, or file downloads other than reference or research documents. Customers wishing to use the computers show their military identification card and sign in at the front desk.

WirelessInternet service is available 24/7. Users get the network key and password at the circulation desk.

Youth less than 18 years of age may use the adult computers as long as they're accompanied by a parent or have a parental permission slip on file which is added to the patron library record for future use.

"EBSCO Host® is one of the on line data base services we offer on our computers," said Bill Province, base librarian. "It has 30+ data bases and several thousand full text searchable magazines. Users can e-mail the information to themselves or print it at a cost of 10 cents a page or download the article to a floppy disk or thumb drive. Our other data base services include Petersons, Sirs Knowledge Source and Newsbank."

Even children have access to a computer located in the children's library. The educational software is geared to those in kindergarten and first grade and is a fun way for children to learn letters, colors and numbers.

The TumbleBook library is an excellent program for children. This is a collection of animated, talking picture books created from existing picture books converted to the



Photo by Earlene Smith

**McBride Library has over 36,000 items, including books, study guides, reference and technical materials, audio books, compact discs, digital video discs and videos available for checkout.**

TumbleBook format. Military with access to the Air Force Portal may log on to <https://www.my.af.mil> to explore the site by checking out all the books, games, and features. A catalogue is furnished with book descriptions, book reviews and author, illustrator and publisher information.

There's a full page of library resources located on the Air Force Portal that's accessed by clicking on the word library. The URL is <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPagelId=-1073755245>.

In addition to computers, McBride Library has more than 36,000 items including books, audio books, compact discs, digital video discs and videos for both adults and children.

An assortment of study guides, books and videos for testing are available. There are also guides to locate information on grants and scholarships.

Special collections include reference and technical materials, Chief of Staff, Air War College, the new Lean Initiative 2008 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University collection and the test book collection.

Library customers can register at the front desk for an Overdrive account number

which allows them to use their home computers to shop on line for audio books. This new library program is provided by the Air Force Library & Information System. All audio books may be downloaded and used for 10 days and some of them can be burned to a CD.

Up-to-date information, including the library brochure and bibliographies are just a click away for people on the base's global listing. Go to public folders, Keesler, Services Happenings, and then library data bases. The site is updated every three to four months.

Everyone can view the library's complete holdings by logging on to <https://www.secure010.liberty3.net/Keesler/opac.html>, according to Mr. Province. This online catalog is available 24/7. Patrons can browse various types of materials by searching such topics as DVDs and audio books.

"If the library doesn't own what you're looking for," Mr. Province said, "we can inter-library loan books, newspapers or magazine articles for registered library users. Up to three items can be borrowed per individual or family, and mission and educational requirements have priority. Items normally take seven to 10 days to be received after

## Visit the library

Anyone eligible to use base facilities may use McBride Library at the southeast corner of Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, and noon to 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

the request is made, but some may take as long as four weeks."

Library materials, with the exception of reference materials, current issues of magazines and all newspapers can be checked out with a free McBride Library card available in a matter of minutes.

Customers may check out as many books as they wish each time they visit the library. CDs, DVDs, videos and audio book checkouts are limited to five per individual or family. All materials are loaned for a period of two weeks except for periodicals, which are checked out for only one week.

"All items, with the exception of non-book materials and periodicals which aren't renewable, may be renewed over the phone on or before the due date," Mr. Province pointed out. "After the due date, customers are sent written notices giving them a limited amount of time to bring the items to the library. Accounts with overdue items are locked, preventing any further transactions."

Failure to return checked out materials to the library often impacts other users who need that particular item. If you have library items in your possession, check the return dates. If renewals are necessary, call 377-2181 or stop by the library.



# H A P P E N I N G S



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

## 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

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

**Daily specials** — 10:30 a.m. to close Mondays-work Fridays. Different menu daily. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Buy nine and your tenth is free.

**Breakfast** — now available 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

**Dragon "fun" golf Thursdays** — show up at 4 p.m., shotgun start at 4:30 p.m. \$20 includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four person teams; limited to the first 44 golfers.

**New time for October Twilight golf special** — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay for nine holes and golf until closing.

**Greens fees** — for a list log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

**Driving range** — \$2 for 40 balls.

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

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

## October Tricks and Treats

**Halloween party** — 5-7 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Katrina Kantina. Free scary Halloween snacks. Drink specials. Door prizes. For more information, call 377-2219.

**Youth costume party** — 5-10 p.m. Oct. 25 at the youth center for ages 6-18. Admission \$5. Snacks, dunking booth, cookie stacking, limbo, chicken dance, line dance, and costume contest. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Monster circuit fitness challenge** — Oct. 30 at the Dragon Fitness Center. Three sessions: 6:30-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon and 5:15-6:15 p.m. Choose time and level 1, 2 or 3. First 50 to show up participate. For more information, call 377-2907.

**Pumpkin carving contest** — squadron competition hosted by Vandenberg Community Center. Call 377-3308 by Oct. 23 to reserve your pumpkin. Pick up pumpkins on Oct. 27 and return by 4 p.m. Oct. 31. Prizes awarded for first and second place.

**Halloween special** — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at McBride Library enjoy refreshments and watch the science fiction movie *Godzilla* on our new television. For more information, call 377-2181.

**Library trick or treat** — 6-7 p.m. Oct. 31 at McBride Library. All ages invited.

**Halloween party and costume contest** — 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center. Costume contest categories are group (three or more), most creative individual and overall best individual. First and second place prizes awarded in each category. For more information, call 377-3308.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

**Give parents a break** — 4-10 p.m. Oct. 4. Air Force funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center

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

## DINING FACILITIES

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

**Wondering what's on the menu today?** — call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) for daily menu.

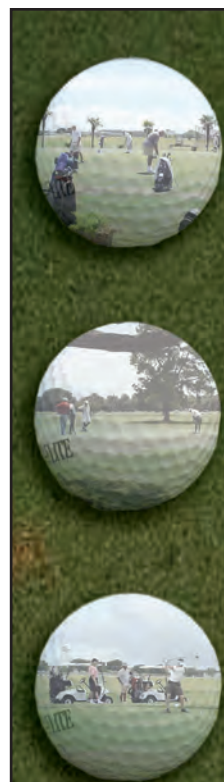
**Monthly birthday celebration** — 5 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting basic allowance for subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

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

**Providers needed** — military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs and to work swing and evening shifts.



## Semi-annual membership drive Bay Breeze Golf Course Oct. 1-Nov. 15

Golfers joining Bay Breeze during this time automatically receive

- Four free golf cart rides (value \$52)
- Two dozen Titleist Pro VI golf balls (value \$90)

### In addition you become eligible to win one of these prize giveaways:

- Two nights stay with dinner for two at the Beau Rivage (value \$600)
- Two nights stay with dinner for two at the Isle of Capri (value \$600)
- One night stay with a round of golf for two at the Gulf Hills Hotel & Convention Center (value \$200)

Current members, in good standing, who enlist a new member during this time are also eligible for the prize drawings.

Winners announced Nov. 18.

For more information, call 377-3832.

Sponsored by Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Isle of Capri Casino and Resort, and Rex Distributing.

## FITNESS

**Free mini-triathlon** — 8 a.m. Oct. 3 for ages 18 and older. Start and finish at the Triangle pool; swim 200 yards, bike eight miles and run two miles. Prizes, refreshments, and T-shirts for all participants. Preregistration required by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Sign in 6:30-8 a.m. day of event. Compete individually or relay (teams of three with at least one female). Special weight divisions include clydesdale division for men 220+ pounds, and Athena division for females 160+ pounds. For more information, call 377-7858.

**Slugfest VI** — coming Nov. 1, will you be the next "Ruler of the Ring"? Registration dates are 6-8 p.m. Oct. 7 and 6-7 p.m. Oct. 8 at Vandenberg Community Center. Tryouts are 6-8 p.m. Oct. 9 at Blake Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-7858 or log on to <http://www.bomberpromotions.com>. Slugfest VI is sanctioned by Mississippi State Athletic Commission.

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

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

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

## INNS OF KEESLER

**Editor's note:** For reservations and more information, call 377-4900 or 9986.

**Rooms available** — Space-available reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters, \$23.25 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitors quarters, \$27 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility, \$41.50 for one- and two-bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

**Visitors coming for the holidays?** — Space-available reservations being accepted for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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

## GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Glow bowling** — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

**Birthday parties** — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Select from three packages. Reservations required two weeks in advance. For details log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

**Nonprior service students specials** — show your phase card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

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

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

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

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

**Saints home games in the Superdome** — \$60 includes transportation and admission. Oct. 6, Minnesota Vikings; Oct. 12, Oakland Raiders; Oct. 26, San Diego Chargers; Nov. 24, Green Bay Packers; Dec. 7, Atlanta Falcons; and Dec. 28, Carolina Panthers. Sign up at the customer service desk inside Vandenberg Community Center. Limit 20 passengers, first come, first served.

## KATRINA KANTINA

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

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

**Monday madness lunch specials** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 for members, nonmembers add \$2. Lunch specials include dessert and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth lunch special is free. Oct. 6, fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, salad and rolls; Oct. 20, fried catfish, hushpuppies, potato salad and cornbread, and Oct. 27, red beans and rice with sausage, French bread and salad.

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

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

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

**Sign up for club membership** — through Oct. 16 new members get a scratch off for a chance to win up to \$100 instantly. All members register to win one of 10, \$1,000 cash prizes.

**We cater** — let our professional caterer, with 10 years experience, assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other occasions. Club membership not required.

## LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

**Dine-in or take-out** — Serving lunch and dinner. Pool table. Salads, baskets, sandwiches, pizza, etc.

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

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

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

**October Fax special** — Faxes are 50 cents all month long.

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

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

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

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USAF SERVICES

**7 p.m. Oct. 30**  
**Free admission ~ Free parking**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by AT&T, Coca-Cola®, and Ashford University. For more information, call 377-3308.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

**Marina slips** — wet slip fees: boats in excess of 32 feet are charged \$3.75 per foot. Boats 32 feet and below are charged \$2.50 per foot. Overnight is \$5.

**Buddy days** — bring a friend and get 10 percent off a skiff rental throughout the month.

**Fish of the month** — largest speckled trout in October wins a \$100 savings bond.

**Columbus Day weekend special** — rent a camping package for the weekend and get 10 percent off.

**Back bay fishing trips** — 7 a.m. to noon, Oct. 11 and 25. \$20, bring food and drinks. Miss. state fishing license required. Learn where, when, what, and how to fish the Back Bay of Biloxi. Minimum four, maximum six people.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. Payment due at reservation.

**Overnight trip to Chandeleur Islands** — Oct. 21-22. Enjoy fishing, bird watching, camping and floundering. Bring food, drinks and lures. Call for price. Maximum six people.

**Charter Fishing in La.** — go fishing with a professional guide in Delacroix and Reggio. You select the date.

**Island day-fishing** — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands. You select the date.

**Trip to Cat Island aboard the 25 ft. Boston whaler** — you pick the date. Two days and one night. \$750 plus fuel includes tents, cooking stove, coolers with ice, rods and reels, and boat with licensed captain. Bring food, beverages, lures, hooks, sinkers, bait, etc. Maximum six. Fishing license not required.

**Fishing/hunting camps in Delacroix, La.** — two campers located within 75 yards of bait shop/boat launch rent for \$50 per night, \$125 weekend special, \$300 weekly rate. Maximum four per camper. La. state fishing license required.

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

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

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

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

**Disc golf** — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent/sale.

**Paintball course** — Guns, CO2 tanks, and safety gear may be rented on site. Personal equipment will be calibrated before play. Paintballs must be purchased on location. Call to schedule play.