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Photo by Kemberly Groue

General Flowers passes the 81st Training Wing guidon to Colonel Dickinson during Tuesday's ceremony on the parade field.

Dickinson assumes Keesler command

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Fifteen years after his first tour of Keesler for advanced communication officer training, Col. Ian Dickinson returned Tuesday to assume command of the 81st Training Wing.

The colonel, who was nominated for promotion to brigadier general earlier this month, assumed command Tuesday from Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, as Col. Christopher Valle looked on.

Colonel Valle commanded the wing for the past seven weeks after Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill left for his new assignment in Kuwait as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Central Command.

Colonel Dickinson noted the extensive

modernization since his previous assignment at Keesler in 1994, "not just for the historical mission of the 81st Training Wing has had in training, particularly in electronics, but in our future missions.

"We are training our Airmen today for tomorrow's challenges as part of the Air Force's training continuum," Colonel Dickinson said. "Keesler has been the key for nearly 70 years now, supported by a wonderful community."

General Flowers, the presiding officer, pointed out, "The wing didn't miss a beat in seven weeks under Chris Valle's leadership — you graduated 3,032 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen

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Colonel Dickinson

Leaders set 'zero fatalities and accidents' goal

By Michael Donley

Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. Norton Schwartz

Air Force Chief of Staff

All Airmen — officer, enlisted and civilian — are our No. 1 priority. Each of you is a member of our Air Force family. Just like in your family, throughout the coming months it will be important for us to watch out for each other as we enjoy summer activities.

We began our annual "Critical Days of Summer" campaign Friday. This year's campaign ends on Sept. 7. Reaching our goal of zero accidents and fatalities requires every Airman to be a wingman, mentor and safety leader.

Whether it is personal leadership in risk management or calling "knock it off" as appropriate, you must be proactive in your approach to saving lives this summer. There are four campaign focus areas this summer:

Traffic safety —

Motorcycle and automobile mishaps are the greatest single killer of our Airmen and as of this date, we have already lost as many Airmen this year as we did all of last year. We must reverse this negative trend immediately. Airmen everywhere must carefully manage trip risks and reduce their speed. We also have an unusually high number of passengers killed in automobile

collisions. This alarming trend is reversible if all Airmen wear their seatbelts regardless of their seating position in an automobile.

Alcohol awareness and fatigue — Slightly more than one-third of our automobile fatalities include alcohol as a factor. Personal accountability and wingman intervention are our best tools to reduce drinking and driving. Likewise, fatigue is another contributing factor to fatalities that needs our focus.

Drowning prevention — Several Airmen drown every year, typically in lakes and local "swimming holes." Do not mix alcohol and swimming, and watch overextending your-

self. The No. 1 mishap prevention tool for drowning is a personal flotation device.

During the last 11 summer campaigns, we lost an average of 24 Airmen, and even though last year we experienced one of our safest summers ever, we still lost 17 Airmen.

The Air Force Safety Center will provide high quality mishap prevention information for this year's campaign, but information alone does not prevent mishaps. It takes each of us to save lives, and we have a responsibility to teach, mentor, and provide the right message for the Critical Days of Summer Campaign. Let's make this year's summer our safest one yet.

Good feedback — honest 2-way communication

By Maj. Clarence "Icy" Lee

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

After two years at Keesler, I've dealt with many complaints dealing with military and civilian personnel who felt that they had been wronged on their enlisted performance reports or appraisals. Day to day, things seem to be going well. Then all of a sudden they get their performance report — to their surprise they've gotten something less than what they thought they deserved. That's not right!

I believe that everyone should know what their EPR or appraisal should look like before they actually receive it. And no, supervisors, I don't mean you should show it to them prior to submitting it — that causes even more problems. I'm talking about giving "good" feedback!

I'd venture to say that over 75 percent of the Air Force doesn't give or receive "good" feedback. If we did, we wouldn't have as many miscommunications as we do today. When someone wants to talk to me about EPR/appraisal issues, I always ask to see a copy of their feedback. Most of them never received a feedback. And those that did have a copy of their feedback, I usually saw no indication that the individual did anything to deserve a mark-down. Yes, it's the supervisor's prerogative to mark an individual down as they see fit without any documentation. But how about having the moral courage to let them know in advance that they need to improve in a certain area? That's where leadership

comes in. A little honest communication can point a person in the right direction.

What's "good" feedback? As a supervisor, clearly spell out your expectations. The first day you get a subordinate, let them know what you expect from them — What time do they need to be at work? What exactly is their job? When and where is physical training? How should they look? What's the phone etiquette? Leave no stone unturned. If you've never told them what you expect from them, how can you properly evaluate them? What does your perfect subordinate look and act like? Tell them. You're initial feedback should spell out what they need to do to be a firewall "5" or "9." Always remember, "High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation."

In the next formal feedback about six months later, revisit the initial feedback and let them know how they're doing in each area. Be specific — if they need to improve in an area, give a specific example. Be honest — bad news doesn't get better with time. Often the individual never knew you had an issue with them because you never told them. If you let them know that there's a problem and they continue that action, then take further appropriate actions to change the behavior. Without that "good" honest feedback, you can expect the "Why me?" questions.

On the other hand, subordinates, if your boss hasn't sat you down and provided you with a "good" feedback, you should be

asking for one. I fully understand that most people don't take feedback well — get over it. The purpose of feedback is to make **you** better. But even without a formal feedback session, you should know that if you're constantly late to work, you have a bad attitude, your uniform is wrinkled, you're always the subject of some kind of controversy in the office, you're disrespectful to others, you're probably won't get a firewall "5"/"9." Often the real answer is you're a knucklehead. Unfortunately, your supervisor isn't a very good leader and has a problem telling you to your face. If you feel that you're heading the wrong direction, don't ask your knucklehead peers who are in trouble more than you. Sit down and ask your supervisor what can **you** do to get better? You'd be surprised how well that works.

Bottom line — leaders lead! Great leaders are good at looking someone in the eyes and giving them good, honest feedback. It's not easy to do, but it's necessary if you want to ensure everyone's on the same page and moving the organization in the same direction. I encourage all supervisors to sit down with their subordinates and give a "good" feedback. And all subordinates, ask your boss to give you that feedback you deserve. The fact is, not everyone is a firewall "5" or "9," but it'd be nice for those that aren't there yet to have an idea how to get there someday.

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DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist



If you had to evacuate
during a hurricane
and could only take one item with you
besides photographs,
what would you take?



My iPhone — this device is an evolution in technology and allows me to stay connected to the world.

Tech. Sgt. Caleb Rose, 81st Training Wing



My 1968 Gretsch Streamliner professional guitar, because it can't be replaced.

Dale Seal, K-Mar Industries contractor



A graduation card given to me by my father before he died. I have it framed and hung in my office.

Chaplain (Capt.) Ann Luna

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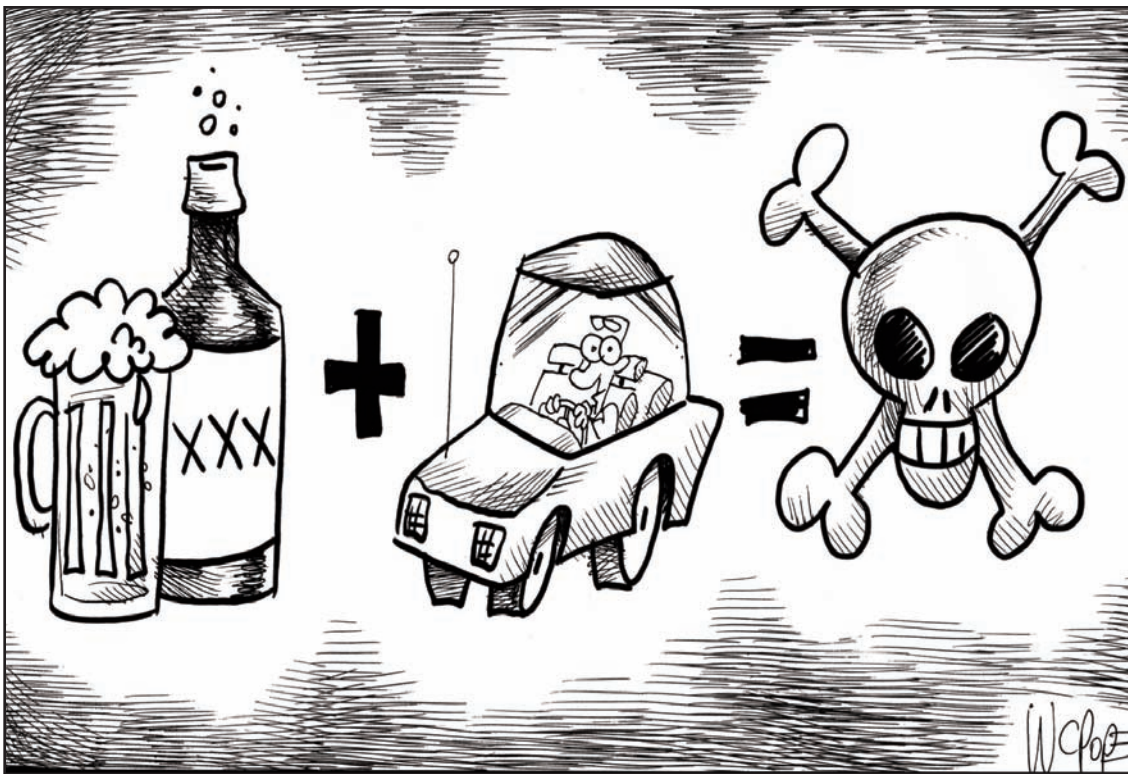
TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Structural steel going up



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Harvey Allen, an iron worker for Bracken Construction, prepares rigging to hoist structural steel for the training aids facility under construction at the corner of Larcher Boulevard and Chappie James Avenue. Steel erection for the \$12.2 million building began Monday. The slab for this 37,554-square-foot two-story structure has been completed, and work for the parking lot is well under way. The east side of the parking lot is complete except for the wearing layer and painting, which is being held up while heavy construction activities proceed on the building, but all of the curb and gutter work for the parking lot is done. Completion of this project is expected late in fiscal 2010.





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.*

CNATTU group gives first scholarship



Miss Greer

By Petty Officer 1st Class
Allen Wathen

Center for Naval Aviation
Technical Training Unit

Cobren Greer received the first scholarship awarded by the First Class Petty Officers Association of Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, May 19.

Miss Greer, daughter of Curtis and Angela Greer, is a 2009 graduate of Biloxi High School. Her father works at 2nd Air Force headquarters. She'll be a pre-medicine major at Wellesley College.

The \$500 scholarship was

pioneered to further the FCPOA's community involvement and support motivated local high school seniors with their academic pursuits.

"Engaging our local community in scholastic pursuits is one of the cornerstones of our association," said Electronics Technician 1st Class M. Collier, president. "This is one way we can show our support our deserving high school seniors. The process of developing this scholarship program was challenging, but next year we hope to expand the program."

Firefighter earns top CDC score

Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Ramos, fire department, scored a 97 on his career development course test, for the highest score for March-May.

Others high scores:

Fire department — Airman 1st Class Stanley Lynn and Senior Airman Brian Gunkel, 95.

81st Dental Squadron — Airman 1st Class Janice Negranza, 90.

81st Force Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Ian Shine, 90.

81st Inpatient Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airman Kyle McGrath, 92, and Staff Sgt. Debra Hafter, 94.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Katrina Lockhart, 91, and Matthew Colica, 93, and Staff Sgt. Laureen Hardee, 90.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Christopher Warner, 95, Benjamin Vanney and Amanda Green, 92, and Austin Sluter, 90, and Staff Sgt. Shaun Segrow, 90.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Antonia Martinez, 90.

335th Training Squadron — Staff Sgt. Oscar Gonzales, 91.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

House party

A UBU house party, for nonprior service students, is 8-10 p.m. Friday at the Legends Café in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students may pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card, and become eligible for prizes and giveaways including a Sony Playstation 3.

The party is sponsored by AAFES and the Keesler Federal Credit Union.

USM graduate degree

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast now offers the adult education master's program at Keesler.

Four core courses, one per semester, are taught at Keesler starting this summer term, June 1-July 31. The degree can be completed with online electives.

For more information, call 214-3444.

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.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group conducts drill downs and parades on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs — 7 a.m. June 12 and Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Parades — 6 p.m. June 25 and Sept. 17.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Summers, 377-2103. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

New CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk.
Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records,
outdated application forms and any documents that contain
your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information,
credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members.

If you see documents being removed from trash cans,
call the

81st Security Forces Squadron
law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

Volunteer —
get connected.



Don't drink and drive.
Call 377-SAVE
for a safe ride home.

White Avenue Gate construction in progress



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The White Avenue Gate, Keesler's main entrance from U.S. Highway 90, is closed until about Aug. 10 for denial barriers upgrades. The Meadows Drive and Pass Road Gates are open 24/7 until construction is done. The City of Biloxi has converted the Forrest Avenue intersection at Meadows Drive to a three-way stop to accommodate the increased traffic flow to that gate. The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days. The visitor control center at the White Avenue Gate remains open, and once a pass is authorized, visitors are directed to one of the open gates. Commercial vehicles continue to use the commercial gate on the north side of the base next to Keesler Medical Center.

Keesler strives for safe summer

By Senior Airman Eric Summers

Keesler News staff

As the summer begins and Airmen plan to take vacations and participate in seasonal activities, they are reminded to keep safety first during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

This year's theme, "Live to Play, Play to Live", reminds Airmen and their families to enjoy well-deserved recreation time in a responsible, safety-conscious way.

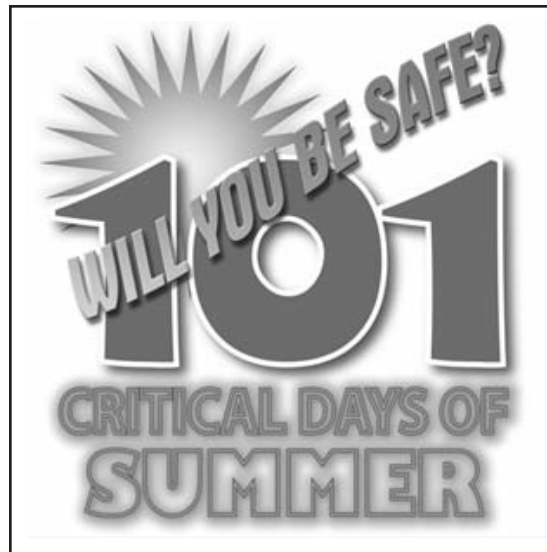
Base safety officials note that every Airman is a priceless asset to his or her own family and the Air Force.

"The 101 Critical Days of Summer — between Memorial Day and Labor Day — is historically the period when we experience an increase in the number of accidents," said Mr. Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing Safety ground safety manager. "Summertime is the time we put ourselves at the greatest risk."

From 1997-2008, the Air Force has lost an average 24 Airmen each year. Last year, 17 Airmen were fatally injured — five in motorcycle mishaps, four in automobile accidents, four in sports and recreational activities, three as pedestrians and one while performing vehicle maintenance.

Last week, each Keesler unit was directed to conduct a 101 Critical Days of Summer kick-off event last week.

"These events included safety guidance from Air Force leadership, safety briefings covering information from the Air Force

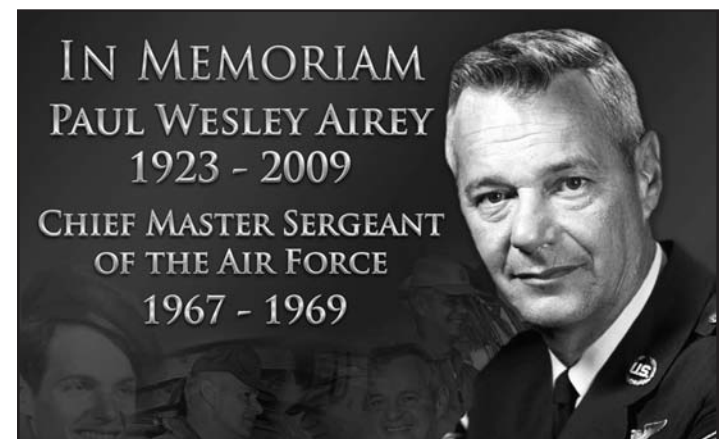


Safety Center and the wing safety office and face-to-face focus groups to discuss personal risk awareness and mitigation of risks during summer activities," said Maj. Karl Zurbrugg, 81st TRW chief of safety.

During the first week of the campaign, Keesler emphasized motorcycle and sport bike safety. A motorcycle safety day rally encouraged and raised awareness about smart riding habits.

"Leadership at every level can make the difference between saving lives and losing them," Major Zurbrugg said. "Please let your Airmen know how important they are, and that you personally care about their safety,"

IN THE NEWS



IN MEMORIAM
PAUL WESLEY AIREY
1923 - 2009
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
OF THE AIR FORCE
1967 - 1969

Retreat ceremony today

Today at 4:30 p.m., Keesler holds a retreat ceremony honoring the interment of the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Paul Airey, at the flagpole in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Alex Perry, the wing's command chief, today is the day Chief Airey is being laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

During Keesler's ceremony, wing leaders highlight Chief Airey's legacy and impact on the Air Force and the enlisted corps.

AETC 'family days'

Remaining "family days" for 2009 designated by Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander of Air Education and Training command, are July 6, Nov. 27 and Dec. 28.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

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

For military members, offenses are subject to citation for points, and for civilian employees, dependents, retirees and contractors, citations carry a fine. For all offenders, driving privileges can be suspended for seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for a third offense.

For more information, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 376-6600, or the wing safety office, 377-2007.

Obstacle course off limits

The 334th Training Squadron combat control training obstacle course is fenced with a single point of entry and is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Remembering those who served



Tech. Sgt. Kerry Holmes and his 7-year-old daughter, Emily, were among the Keesler volunteers who braved the rain to place flags on the graves at Biloxi National Cemetery.



Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, 2nd Air Force commander, was the guest speaker at Monday's Memorial Day observance at Biloxi National Cemetery. More than 600 people attended the ceremony.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Colonel Dickinson's son, Nate, and the colonel's wife, J.J., are welcomed to Keesler by Biloxi Major A.J. Holloway.

Dickinson, from Page 1

and Marines, you pressed forward with nearly a billion dollars in construction and hosted Special Olympics. And you continued to foster the positive community relations we hold so dear."

In welcoming Colonel Dickinson to his new duties, the general stated, "My guidance and advice to you is to lead from the front — take care of your Airmen and their families, take care of the mission every day, and leave Keesler better than you found it."

Technological capabilities vs. cost — leaders eye acquisition programs

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders are taking a more critical eye in weighing the technological capabilities of new systems against their corresponding cost.

"We have had a temptation to design and try to build the most exquisite systems, and we've proven we can do that," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said May 21 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Ultra-capable, sophisticated and correspondingly expensive weapons and other military-related systems "may have a place in certain instances," the general said. But building "too much capability" onto some

military platforms may be unnecessary and it drives up procurement costs, he added.

"My observation is we went way over," General Schwartz said of some military procurement programs, "on trying to build too many things on the same 'bus,'" or platform.

President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates are seeking to rein in rising defense procurement costs. Some proposed fixes include more supervision of the acquisition process, including better definitions of exactly what capabilities are needed, with an eye toward controlling cost-overruns when a project is predicated on new, but untested and expensive, emerging technologies.

End of an era



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Col. Jeffrey Jackson, left, and Maj. Patrick Breaux furl and sheathe the guidon of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron during Friday's deactivation ceremony at Welch Auditorium. Colonel Jackson commands the 81st Mission Support Group. Major Breaux commanded the 81st CES. Most of the squadron's functions have been assumed by CSC. Those that weren't contracted, including the fire department, housing office and Katrina recovery project management office, have been transferred to the 81st MSC's infrastructure support division.

PERSONNEL NOTES

EQUAL Plus enhancements

81st Force Support Squadron

Airman Management System EQUAL Plus advertisements offer individuals the ability to volunteer for special assignments outside of the normal assignment cycles. Two enhancements have been recently added that add better visibility of volunteer status to customers.

First, a new AMS robot e-mail was created which will generate to an individual after they have volunteered for a particular EQUAL Plus job. This e-mail is sent to the e-mail address that the customer validates upon logging into AMS. The e-mail confirms the customer has volunteered for a particular EQUAL Plus job. If this action was done in error, step-by-step guidelines are provided to withdraw their volunteer status.

Second, another AMS robot e-mail generates to the customer via their AMS e-mail address. This email will generate after the assignment noncommissioned officer has selected the most qualified eligible individual for a particular EQUAL Plus job. The selected person receive an assignment notification, and individuals that aren't selected receive an e-mail notification so they can continue to review EQUAL Plus for other job opportunities. The e-mail won't identify specifics about not being selected, but is intended to release the member to volunteer for other EQUAL Plus job opportunities.

Members may only apply for one EQUAL Plus job at a time.

For more information, call career development, 376-8739.

Reenlistment bonus list

Air Force News Service

Pentagon officials have released the latest selective re-enlistment bonus list which contains 82 Air Force specialties.

All increases and additions became effective May 1 and all decreases and deletions go into effect Sunday. Any re-enlistments or extensions of any length that have been conducted prior to the official message release remain valid.

This release doesn't apply to Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard personnel.

For a complete SRB listing, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and click on the "military" tab. Select "active duty enlisted," then "reenlistments" and click on "Selective Reenlistment Bonus."

For more information, call the re-enlistment office, 376-8378, 8385 or 8387

Reserve developmental education

The Air Force Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board convenes at Air Reserve Personnel Center headquarters in Denver during November 2009 to select Reserve officers to attend in-residence developmental education schools in academic year 2010-11.

For more information and application instructions, log on to <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8604>.

2009 selection boards

June 8 — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

July 13-24 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 17-28 — command screening.

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

Sept. 21-25 — special selection boards.

Oct. 13-26 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Senior Airman Ashley Farella

Unit — 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Position — public health technician

Time in the Air Force — 3½ years

Time at Keesler — two years, eight months

Noteworthy — president of squadron booster club and promoted to senior airman below the zone.

Hometown — Oswego, N.Y.

Why did you join the Air Force?

— to go to school and find direction in my life

What are your short- and long-term goals —short term, to finish my associate's degree; long term, to become a special education teacher.

What are your hobbies? I like to be outdoors, lying in the sun or playing softball. I also like to read and just relax with family and friends.

What's your favorite quote?

“Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind...the race is long, and in the end it's only with yourself.” — Baz Luhrmann



Photo by Steve Pivnick

DIAMOND NOTES

The parking areas adjacent to the child development center and youth center, including walkways to and from the parking lots, are no hat/no salute areas.

This policy was established Oct. 30, 2006, by the 81st Training Wing commander.



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

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Summer 1976

The city of Biloxi began acquiring property along Pass Road between Keesler and DeBuys Road so it could be widened to four lanes. The Department of Defense paid for 90 percent of the \$3 million project.

Resident receives grant

Capt. (Dr.) Mark Lytle prepares a tissue sample for testing at the 81st Medical Group's clinical research laboratory. Captain Lytle was awarded a \$135,000 grant from the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General for his research on staple-line bio-reinforcement for gastrointestinal anastomosis. The study investigates the use of biomaterials to increase the tensile strength of intestinal tissue to facilitate wound healing while reducing any related side effects of inflammation. Maj. Eric Olsen, CRL director, said, the study has important military implications in reducing morbidity and mortality associated with intestinal injuries. Captain Lytle, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, is a second-year surgery resident currently in fellowship training at the CRL.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Keesler medical logistician earns national credentials

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Melanie Dolzanie, 81st Medical Support Squadron, has received her certified materials and resource professional credentials from the Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management of the American Hospital Association.

She is among eight association members who recently received the national recognition and one of only 17 Air Force enlisted members with the credentials.

Sergeant Dolzanie, recently selected for promotion to senior master sergeant, is noncommissioned officer in charge of medical logistics.

"It was a very difficult exam," she said. "Information from a manual was the basis for about 20-30 percent of the test; the rest of the score was based on work experience."

Sergeant Dolzanie noted the certification will be beneficial after retirement when she moves to a civilian position. It could increase her annual income by about \$20,000.

She said she had planned to complete the exam for years.

"I seriously prepared for it for a couple of weeks," she said. "I took leave to study for it."

The AHRMM, the leading national association for executives in the health-care materials management profession, has more than 3,900 members.

They're involved in the materials functions of health-care facilities; or are active in the health-care materials supply chain, including manufacturers, vendors, distributors, consultants and employees of group purchasing organizations.

Sergeant Dolzanie has served in the Air Force for 20 years. She arrived at Keesler in September from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. Her husband is Chief Master Sgt. Michael Skidmore, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.



Sergeant Dolzanie



Airman Petz

Keesler cyclist supports Red Cross

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A Keesler medic helped raise \$240,000 during the six-day, 512-mile American Red Cross “Tour du Rouge” bicycle ride from Houston to New Orleans May 3-8.

Senior Airman Alan Petz, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron nutritional medicine flight, was one of almost 60 cyclists and 20 support volunteers who participated in the fundraiser.

“Each person had to raise \$2,500,” said Airman Petz, who took up cycling last September. “I’d like to thank those who helped me reach my fundraising goal.”

“I was the only participant from this area, but there were also riders from New York, California and Canada,” he said.

The funds benefit several Red Cross chapters in Texas and Louisiana for hurricane preparedness and response.

Airman Petz has signed up to ride with the Air Force Cycling Team in the annual RAGBRAI (Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) in July. More than 20,000 cyclists are expected for the seven-day trek sponsored by the Des Moines Register newspaper.

**5 steps to operational security —
identify critical information; analyze threat; analyze vulnerability;
assess risk; apply countermeasures.**



Senior Airmen April Green, left, 81st Force Support Squadron, and Antoinette Marrow, 81st Medical Support Squadron, model traditional Pakistani garb.



Guests wearing Hawaiian leis sample a variety of traditional foods at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration, May 21 at the youth center.

Photos by Adam Bond



Airman 1st Class Sheene Giray, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, shows Brig. Gen. Daniel Wyman, 81st Medical Group commander, the basics of tinikling, a traditional Filipino dance.



403rd Wing photo

Lt. Col. Mark Carter admires the sunset after nine hours of flying into a hurricane. The Hurricane Hunters from Keesler fly 24 hours a day, collecting data inside the heart of Mother Nature's fury. The data collected by the Hurricane Hunters improve the National Hurricane Center's forecast by 30 percent.

Hurricane Hunters brief audience on Capitol Hill

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Keesler's Hurricane Hunters don't just fly down into the eye of a hurricane. They fly right through the "eyewall" into the storm.

Members of Congress, congressional staffers and military legislative assistants learned this detail and other fascinating facts about the Air Force Reserve's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron's unique mission May 7-8.

"Last year we flew into the eye of a hurricane 162 times, and that's not counting the smaller storms," said Maj. Chad Gibson, 403rd Wing chief of public affairs. "At any given time, we can fly into three separate storms and collect critical data."

Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander, joined Major Gibson in briefing more than 60 senators, representatives and staffers. The reservists showed videos of the Hurricane Hunters in action and provided a comprehensive briefing about the wing's missions.

In addition to talking about the weather reconnaissance mission, the reservists spoke about the wing's 815th Airlift Squadron, nicknamed the Flying Jennies, and the squadron's C-130J Hercules tactical capabilities in overseas contingency operations.

Twice a year, representatives from Air Force Reserve Command units present unique missions and capabilities to key congressional contacts. These "From the Field" briefs are organized by the policy integration directorate for the Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon.

"We know that congressional staffers want to hear from the troops," said Lt. Col. Vanessa Dornhoefer, an individual mobilization augmentee in the directorate. "This is our way in the

Air Force Reserve to get our missions and people visibility on Capitol Hill. It's also a way to continue building our valuable relationships with congressional members and their staff."

The directorate has hosted a variety of From the Field briefings. These briefings have featured members of an aeromedical crew, an F-22 pilot and combat search and rescue people from the 920th Rescue Wing. While the briefings often showcase a specific mission, they also provide the Air Force Reserve with visibility and presence on Capitol Hill.

Staffers and members of Congress usually ask questions after these presentations. During the most recent briefing, many were curious about the technical aspects of the C-130J and impact of a high-ops tempo on reservists.

Several staffers wanted to know about the 53rd's relationship with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the unit's winter storm plan mission, alternate locations for aircraft and details about the airframe.

Some people in the audience sought general information about the Air Force Reserve. General Muscatell and Major Gibson answered questions about reservists' civilian employer relationships, equipment and modernization needs and the wing's social media initiatives.

"The 403rd's memorable briefing helped put a face on the Air Force Reserve," said Colonel Dornhoefer.

"We are constantly re-working our strategy to make sure we are providing the right information at the right time to congressional staffers," she said. "This briefing put the Air Force Reserve on the congressional radar as hurricane season approaches."

Bloggers take to skies

By 2nd Lt. Joe Simms

403rd Wing Public Affairs

A 403rd Wing "Hurricane Hunters" aircraft hosted the Air Force's first-ever blogger flight May 19 to give bloggers from across the country an opportunity only available to traditional media outlets until now.

The Air Force is embracing new media to continue communicating in today's world.

According to a Pentagon survey, 94 percent of people born after 1990 actively either blog or use social networking, such as Facebook, and new media ranks second behind television on how people receive information.

"Social networking and blogging is not the communication of the future, but of today," said Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander. "This is the way current generations communicate, and the Air Force and Air Force Reserve need to keep up with how technology is evolving and making communication faster and easier."

Members from the national blogging community and traditional media joined the Hurricane Hunters aboard a WC-130J on a training mission over the Gulf of Mexico while the flight crew simulated challenges they face when collecting data in a hurricane. The event gave a new audi-

ence a better understanding of how the Hurricane Hunters collect life-saving data inside storms and highlighted the coming hurricane season.

"It was neat to be in the cabin with the pilot," said Tiffany Bryam, co-owner of Minute Magazine, whose primary readership in Louisiana is affected by hurricanes. "It made me feel like a pilot."

Ms. Bryam and co-owner Jackie Lewis recently began offering their newest issues of the magazine in an e-format. They plan to feature their experience in the August issue.

"You hear about these guys on the Weather Channel and on TV all the time, but you never really think about the guys who actually do the job," said Ms. Lewis. "It was mesmerizing to really be there flying with them."

News about the 403rd Wing is available via Facebook groups listed under "403rd Wing," "AF Reserve Hurricane Hunters," "AF Reserve 815th Flying Jennies," "403rd Wing Spouses" and "41st Aerial Port Squadron." Full-resolution photos can be found under the "Hurricane Hunters," "403rd Wing" and the "Flying Jennies" groups at <http://www.flickr.com>. A profile of the 403rd Wing is found at <http://www.linkedin.com>, and people can follow them at <http://www.twitter.com> under the username "403pa."



Photo by 1st Lt. Justin Pearce
Major Chad Gibson, 403rd Wing public affairs chief, "tweets" about the Air Force's first-ever media day flight for Internet bloggers as participants blog in the background.

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



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Captain Henry holds the Golden Bedpan Trophy as the Keesler team celebrates its first title in the annual Scrub Shirt Scramble on Biloxi's Town Green.

Keesler claims Golden Bedpan Trophy

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center nurses and medical technicians have brought home the coveted "Golden Bedpan Trophy."

For the first time, the 81st Medical Group contingent for the first time took top honors in the annual Scrub Shirt Scramble held May 14 on the Biloxi Town Green in a high-spirited competition that pitted teams from eight medical facilities.

According to 2nd Lt. Sara Wallace, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, "The Scrub Shirt Scramble is held each year during National Hospital Week. Local area hospitals come together for food, fun and competition. The winner of the event earns bragging rights for the next year and a bronze bedpan."

Keesler Medical Center joined Singing River Hospital, Biloxi Regional Medical Center, Grace Healthcare, Memorial Healthcare, Garden Park Hospital, Hancock Medical Center and The Boyington Healthcare Facility in this year's competition.

The teams faced off in six events.

In the "Driver's Ed Relay," a male and a female member from each team drove a motorized scooter once around a course.

In the "Aim Is the Name of the Game" event, three members from each team tossed five syringes at a score board from a distance of 10 feet.

The Wheelchair Relay was a four-member relay race in which one blindfolded member

pushed another in a wheelchair.

For the Bedpan Shuffle, three members from each team participated. The bedpans were filled with water and an apple was placed in the pan. The participant had to walk with a crutch, carrying the bedpan in one hand. The team with the fullest bedpan won.

The Laundry Pitch involved three members from each team tossing a pillow case full of bed clothes into a free-standing laundry hamper from a distance of 15 feet.

The "Blow and Go" event involved a team member blowing into a rubber glove, tying it off and running to the next team member. The second team member had to sit on the blown-up glove until it broke then blew up another glove and passed it to the third member who finished the race.

Points were awarded for each of the events. The team with the most points at the end of the competition won the trophy.

In addition to Lieutenant Wallace, Team Keesler members were Col. Cassandra Salvatore, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron commander; Capt. Jewel Henry, 1st Lts. Aimee McLaurin and Natalie McLendon, and 2nd Lts. Ashley Overlie, Bethany Casper and Mary Peterson, all 81st MSGS; 2nd Lts. Nicole Huch and Carol Walker, 81st IPTS; Staff Sgts. Veronica Hall, Rose Bautista and Mark Bautista, 81st MSGS; Senior Airmen Teara Turner and John Castilleja, 81st MSGS; Airman 1st Class Robert Toth, 81st MSGS; and Airmen Gilbert Helton, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

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

KEESLER NOTES

Vacation Bible School

“Crocodile Dock” is the theme of Protestant Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon June 8-12 at the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information or to register, call 377-2520 or 0834.

Heartlink

Heartlink, a spouse information and orientation program funded by the Air Force Aid Society, is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 18 at the airman and family readiness center.

Some child care is provided.

June 11 is the registration deadline.

For more information or to register, call Lana Smith, 376-8728, or email lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

Amateur radio club

Ham radio enthusiasts are trying to revive the Keesler Amateur Radio Club.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Keneth Collings, 377-9545, or e-mail keneth.collings@keesler.af.mil.

Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center’s basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

Thrift shop hours

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

Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Play group

A play group for ages 5 and younger meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call Andi Hunter, 313-9822.

U.S. women's soccer team is being finalized

By Senior Airman Eric Summers

Keesler News staff

Now that the start of the 2009 Conseil Du Sport Militaire Women's Soccer Championship is only nine days away, the team representing the United States is being finalized with women from all four branches of service competing for positions.

Tryouts began May 18 at the sports complex at Biloxi High School and wind up Tuesday.

The tryouts began with three days of scrimmage games with the 45 women from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines facing off against local soccer teams and running drills.

After those three days, 21 players were cut from the team, according to Keesler CISM project officer Brian Mooers. Sunday, another four players were released, leaving 20 to represent the U.S. in the CISM competition that kicks off June 6.

"This is a great opportunity to give people with talent to play for their country and experience other cul-

tures and also make friendships on the field and with other countries," said Army's Emily Nay, who tried out for the fourth time.

"We get two weeks to train together and what is most challenging is never getting to play with each other because we are so far spread apart across the nation and the world," Nay said.

"It's definitely challenging trying to learn the whole-team aspect with 10 other people and pulling together for a win," said Wendy Emminger, who tried out for the third time. She's stationed at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"We are already bonding together," said Emminger. "We are really confident and we are going to have a strong team."

"We really appreciate the local teams playing against us," said Nay. "It gives us really good practices and even though they are younger than us, they still play hard and give us a good match."



2 intramural softball teams remain undefeated

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

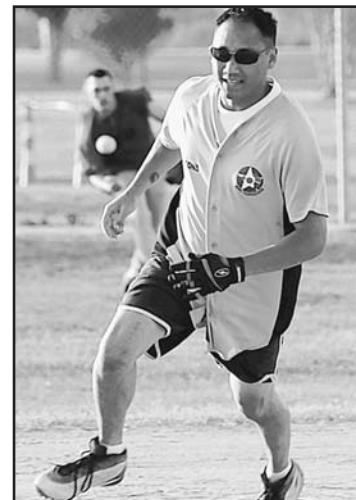
As of May 21, only one undefeated team remained in each of Keesler's intramural softball leagues.

The 334th Training Squadron has posted a 6-0 record so far this season in the American League, but the 335th TRS is just one game back at 5-1. The third place team, 81st Dental Squadron, is the only one of the remaining seven teams with a winning record at 3-2.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron/fire department team is at the top of the National League standings at 7-0.

The closest competition so far is from the combined 81st Communications Squadron/85th Engineering Installation Squadron team at 6-1 and the 336th TRS at 6-2. The only other team with a winning record thus far in the 10-team league is the 81st Medical Support Squadron.

For scores, standings and schedules, see Page 20.



Darrell Apilado, 81st Training Support Squadron, rounds second base to arrive safely at third while Sean Jennings, 336th Training Squadron, hustles for the ball hit to the outfield during a May 21 National League contest. The 336th TRS slipped past the 81st TRSS, 8-7.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Main base pool remains closed due to technical problems.

Bowling

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, call 377-2817.

Golf bowling — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

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. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, call 377-2817.

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.

Fitness centers

No smoking policy — in effect on Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, circuit training, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Certified personal trainers — on staff at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers; free service.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any Keesler fitness center for this ongoing program. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines that record miles, or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Prizes awarded for various milestones.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

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

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 329-3493.

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.

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.

Golf

Twilight special — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

Nonprior service student special — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

Free golf lessons for nonprior service students 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session; bring own clubs.

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

Outdoor recreation

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Pools open — Saturday.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

May fish of the month — weigh in the largest ground mullet, win \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For date and time, call 377-3160.

Camping special — 10 percent off No. 1 camping package with four-person tent, four sleeping bags, lantern, stove, ice chest and bow saw.

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

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

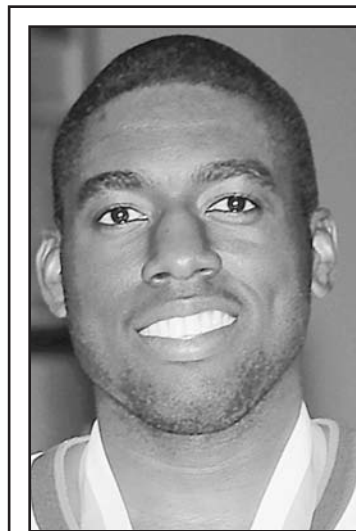
Delacroix, La. fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent, \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer. Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

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

Nonprior service student special — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

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 — Fridays



Nwaelele heads for Lithuania as part of Armed Forces team

Danny Nwaelele, 81st Contracting Squadron, was a standout on the Air Force basketball team that won the Armed Forces championship May 12-17 at the Naval Support Activity Mid-South, Millington, Tenn. He was the Air Force's top scorer with 74 points in five games. He was selected to the all-tournament team and the men's All Armed Forces Team that represents the U.S. in the 49th Conseil Du Sport Militaire men's basketball championship June 7-14 in Klaipeda, Lithuania. The U.S. team won the CISM title last year.

Softball

American League

(as of May 21)

Team	Won	Lost
334th TRS	6	0
335th TRS	5	1
81st DS	3	2
CNATTU	3	3
81st SFS	2	2
MARDET	2	3
81st TRSS-B	2	3
338th TRS-B	0	4
403rd Wing	0	5

First game listed plays on Triangle Field 4; second game on Field 5.

Monday — 6 p.m., 335th TRS vs. 81st DS and 81st TRSS-B vs. 403rd Wing; 7 p.m., CNATTU vs. 81st SFS and MARDET vs. 338th TRS-B.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 81st TRSS-B vs. 81st SFS and 334th TRS vs. MARDET; 7 p.m., 338th TRS-B vs. 403rd Wing and 81st DS vs. CNATTU.

May 18 — MARDET 10, 81st TRSS-B, 0; CNATTU 15, 338th TRS-B, 13; 334th TRS 15, 403rd Wing 12; 335th TRS 16, 81st SFS 6.

May 20 — CNATTU 8, MARDET 7; 81st DS 13, 338th TRS-B 6; 334th TRS 20, 335th TRS 7; 81st TRSS-B 7, 403rd Wing 4.

National League

(as of May 21)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES-CEF	7	0
81st CS-85th EIS	6	1
336th TRS	6	2
81st MDSS	4	3
81st FSS-81st CPTS	4	4
81st MDTS	4	4
338th TRS-A	2	6
332nd TRS	2	6
81st TRSS-A	2	6
81st LRS	1	6

First game listed plays on Triangle Field 4; second game on Field 5.

Today — 6 p.m., 6 p.m. 81st MDSS vs. 332nd TRS and 336th TRS vs. 338th TRS-A; 7 p.m., 81st LRS and 81st CS-85th EIS and 81st CES-CEF vs. 81st MDTS; 8 p.m. 81st FSS-CPTS vs. 81st TRSS-A.

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 81st MDSS vs. 81st CS-85th EIS and 81st CES-CEF vs. 81st TRSS-A; 7 p.m., 338th TRS-A vs. 81st MDTS and 332nd TRS vs. 81st FSS-CPTS; 8 p.m., 336th TRS vs. 81st LRS.

May 19 — 81st FSS-CPTS 11, 336th TRS 9; 81st CES-CEF 12, 81st MDSS 8; 81st LRS 16, 332nd TRS 9; 81st TRSS-A 13, 338th TRS-A 12; 81st CS-85th EIS 12, 81st MDTS 2.

May 21 — 81st MDTS 11, 332nd TRS 8; 336th TRS 8, 81st TRSS-A, 7; 81st FSS-CPTS 17, 338th TRS-A 10.

**Commissioners
and coaches needed
for youth sports.
To volunteer,
call 377-4116.**

and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed. \$100 deposit required.

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

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

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 a day, \$15 weekly, \$35 monthly.

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.

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

Running

Air Force Marathon — Sept. 19, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Events include the marathon, half marathon, individual 10-kilometer and 5-K runs.

AETC selecting four female and four male to run the 10-K and two men and two women to represent the command in the full marathon based on past performance. AETC-sponsored competitors must be active-duty Air Force members assigned to AETC. They're authorized permissive temporary duty and receive a personal maintenance allowance and provided fees, transportation, lodging, warm-up suits and running shirts.

Submit individual nomination on Air Force Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to base fitness center by Tuesday. Each fitness center director submits the most qualified individuals for each category. Include the correct category and athletic uniform sizes on the form. A selection board meets in late June to select the runners to represent AETC.

For more information, log on to <http://www.usafmarathon.com>.

GRADUATIONS

Mathies NCO Academy Class 09-4

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Wells.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Holly Brose.

81st Force Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Carlton Vinson.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Stephen Schleicher and Roger Stewart.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Davis (distinguished graduate).

335th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Barney Burr, Jeannine Wilson and Corey Worster (distinguished graduate).

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Ariesus Preston and T'Erricka Rush.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgt. John Denny.

366th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Wendell Snider.

Mississippi Air National Guard, Gulfport — Tech. Sgt. Dawn Loyd.

Airman Leadership School Class 09-4

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Cassandra Johnson.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Alexander Edgett and Jacob Vallejo. Staff Sgt. Michael Ebeling (Levitow Award and class commander).

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Johnathan Roberts.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airmen Krystal Castilleja and Jennifer Minervine.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Andre Lewis, Jeron Lowery and Nicholas Giuliano.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Mandy McLuckie (distinguished graduate and class first sergeant).

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Senior Airman Michael Cuellar.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Katrina Jackson and Daniel Joseph.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Brittney Homick and Season Hurley.

81st Mission Support Group — Senior Airman April Cullen.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Eddie White and Jace Pitifer.

81st Training Wing — Senior Airman Rudolph Richards.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen Stephen Dove (commandant's leadership award) and Karla Thornton (academic award).

334th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Mallissa Lee.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Charles Abbey, Daniel Barry, Kyle Bedard, Jahmaal Benford, Dean Berger, Austin Brinton, Silas Burton, Joshua Buzzard, Cody Child, Marc Courchesne, Royal Cuevas, Alexander Doyle, Christopher Edwards, Jacob Evans, Jeffrey Evans, Michael Floyd, Aaron Freebern, Christopher Fyan-Ravior, Damian Gamboa, Ashley Goodenough, Austin Gootee, Adam Hamilton, Jonathan Herriott, Andrew Janssen, Cory Keaton, Stephen Kraus, Robert Kusina, Jarrod Lewis, Sean Maceri, Scott Mackenzie, Raymundo Mendoza, Robert Mixen, Benjamin Nason, Mason Olah, Adam Parker, Robert Patterson, Alejandro Piedrahita, Brittiani Prevatte, Sean Pogue, Nathaniel Reddick, Christopher Retterer, Eric Rew, Joseph Richmond, Charles Rowland, Meagan Salyers, Russell Stevens, Robert Stewart, Michael Tourville, Austen True, Matthew Trumbly, Ryan Waterfield, Joshua Weeks, James Wells and Seth Wilkinson; Airmen

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Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Jose Dejesus and Timothy Gensure; Airmen 1st Class Mitchell Forde and Pratul Patel; Staff Sgt. Steven Umana.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Deron Arnold, Andrew Hardie and Justin Parag; Airman Rachel Dye; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Carmona and Sonia Stockwell

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Elias Enge, Sarah Gilbertson, Stone Hazlett, Bradley Landrum, Roy McCloud III, Alex Riley, Shelton Streets and David Warner; Airmen Reece Dabroski, Jeremy Massey and Albert Scott Jr; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Dylhoff, John Grimesey, Matthew Hintz, Alexander Skinner and James Toney; Staff Sgts. David Cookson, Steven Deyne, Derek Jaeger and Jason Morton; 2nd Lt. Jana Ondova.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Jon Petry; Airmen 1st Class Lynn Fuhrmeister, Mark Mosley and Aimee Plotz; Senior Airmen Rochelle Arcega and Triston Evans; Staff Sgts. Kimberly Cote, Matthew Glick, Andrew Johnson, Stephanie Klupenger, Richard Molly and Christopher

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

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

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 801-787-1990.

Perry; Tech. Sgts Gregory Block, Michael Borick, Daniel Carroll and Serina Tapang; Master Sgt. James Rozanski.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Antonio Frame, Akeydra Hagens, Sharde Hampton, Clinton McStott, Allen Orozco-Castaneda and Jared Vanwey; Airmen Andrew Brande, Scott Finley, Derek Kirkwood, Nathaniel Kirschman, Brett Steffen, Shea Townsend, Juan Villalpando and Adam West; Airmen 1st Class David Ansay, Dustin Cochran, Justin Cornish, Stephen Halcomb, Stephen Maroko, John Morin, Aston Nelson and Keith Patti; Staff Sgts. Brian Allen, Dequoia Edwards, Stanley Mar, Jesse Soderberg and Elena White; Tech. Sgt. Edwin Aguilar; Master Sgts. William Box and Lamarr Johnson.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Thomas Carmen, Kyle Koenigs, Aleah McDonough and Michael Mikus; Navy Recruit Adam Dallmann; Marine Pvt. Don Walker; Airman John Degaray; Airmen 1st Class Ariana Chambers, Stephanie Melad and Benjamin Reeves; Senior Airman Anthony Martinez; Marine Cpl. Kyle Sisco.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Shannon Carleson, Niki Crnolatas and Joshua Delacruz; Airmen Basic David Grier, Scott Hester, Jason Hill, Alex Matuszak and Brandon Smith; Airmen 1st Class Cody Goodman, Matthews Laney, Angela Mueller, David Ogg, Danielle Pfeifle, Catherine Price and Kyle Thayer; Staff Sgts. Brian Gambrell, Munirih Gravelly, John Groboske and Karl Knighton; Master Sgts. Toby Igo, Christy Meier and Peter Terry.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Walter Bayne, Spencer Eades, Grace Enriquez, Joseph Goddard, Arthur Greenlee, Nicholas Hoover, Barry Hopkins, David Linden, Nico Melone, Adam Munger, Justin Munzing, Sammy Muriuki, Zackery Nuvy, Jeremy Osinski, Christopher Rushing, Curtis Russell, Zachary Schumacher, Jacob Singleton and Alexander Uschmann; Airmen Noah Blach, Michael Cook, Christopher Church, James Crawley, Christian Hernandez, Nickolas Livingston, Travis Royal and Alan Streeter; Airmen 1st Class Michael Ashley, Ryan Briggs, Jonathan Brown, Shinika Chelcher, Joseph Donald, Reed Esslinger, Brian Haddad, Kyle Harvey, David Hickox, Kellie Hinkle, Lindsay Holt, Christopher Kattner, Meredith Long, Angel Sanchez, Julio Santos, Barry Westmoreland, Daylyn Whitley, Jerry Williams and Matthew Zeltman; Senior Airmen Karol Bakowski, William Burke, Kenneth Butler, Travis Casey, Jeffrey Hicks, Crystal Gusler, Joshua Konakowitz, Thomas Melvin, Matthew Parker, Corey Ross and Daniel Simmons; Staff Sgts. Daniel Ball, Charles Clayton, Cameron Davis, Alicia Dunn, Charlie Freeman, Corey Hendershot, Leandro Herrera, Matthew Leisure, Peter Macmillan, Christopher Mcneil, Joseph Michael, Ryan Sutphin and Dylan Young; Tech. Sgts. William Hartung, Kevin Hicks, Jason Hill, Nicole Martland, Gerardo Rodriguez and Eric Turner; Master Sgt. Marnie Jewell; Senior Master Sgt. David Robles.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airman Basic Jona Green; Airman James Fong; Airmen 1st Class Richard Dale, Scott Kababik, Ryan McKee, Daniel Nichols and Peter Sigmund; Master Sgt. Kelly Merrell.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Paul Borja, Charlotte Eaton, Daniel Gaudette, Justin Glassman, Anthony Santoro and Joshua Snow; Airmen Dominic Alfano, Christopher Bahe, Michael Bright, Donovan Daugherty, Collin Osting, Aaron Potts and Stephen Yount; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Adams, Richard Barnes, Jeffery Birchonough, Steven Childers, Robert Collier, Charlotte Eaton, Corey Farnam, Tommy Giles, Justin Glassmen, Kelsay Gordon, Joshua Hass, Eric Hagarty, Paul Harrington, Kool Havis, Robert Hockenhull, Robert Hollar, Zachary Holten, Kevin Johnson, Alisha Kruger, Steven Loynes, Matthew Nicely, Kelsey Parker, Julian Pierre, Aaron Potts, Allen Ramirez, Antonio Sanchez, Raymon Shaw, Jerry Shockley, Dustin Smisson, Justin St. Vincent, Mathew Warnock and Darren Zajdel; Senior Airmen Kevin Brengle, Horacio

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Martinez, David Stoler and Kory Whitmore; Staff Sgts. Shawn Badman, Eldric Bankston, Alfredo Diaz, George Gerner, Patrick McCarthy, Jason McDonald and Daniel Perkins; Tech. Sgts. Adam Blair, Gregory Claiborne, William Clochessy, Joshua Jopling and James Warrack; Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Price.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-5 — Monday through July 9.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-5 — Monday through July 9.

Arts and crafts center

Scrapbooking — 5-7 p.m. today. \$20 including materials.

Thursday crafting — 5-7:30 p.m. crafting pleasure, painting, pottery, scrapbooking.

Multi-crafts center — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders are our business.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginners and advanced woodworking classes.

Auto hobby shop

For open shop use, call 377-3872.

Stalls and lifts — indoor and outdoor available.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids; no tires or batteries.

Vehicle storage lot — for a secure place to store vehicles, call 377-3872.

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

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street, north of 81st Security Forces Squadron; register at multi-craft shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreation vehicles and boats.

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 pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Keesler Medical Center

Dads 101 — 7:30-10:30 a.m. June 5, Arnold Annex conference room; to register, call 376-3457 or 3459. This class for expectant fathers is designed to teach baby "basics" such as diapering, feeding and bathing and to discuss concerns, fears or expectations about fatherhood. Class recognizes that a father's bonding with his newborn and involvement in child rearing has profound influence on the child's development.

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as

booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385

McBride Library

School and leisure research orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

Story time — 11 a.m. today, ages 3 and older. Learning about physical fitness

Summer reading program — theme is "Art: How It Affects Our Lives." Looking for singers, dancers, artists, magicians and others to share their talents and skills with the children. For more information, call 377-2604.

Book/foyer display — focus on the contributions of Asian-Americans.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

Rosetta Stone online language learning center — 30 foreign languages including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

Online catalog — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

Available — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Must be in good condition and of same genre.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Movie nights — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

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; \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

Tuesday special — 5 p.m., red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

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

Youth center

Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

School-age and teen camps — begin Monday.

Operation Hero — Saturday. For more information, call 377-4119.

Coed basketball camp — 6-9 p.m. Monday through June 5, ages 5-14. Registrations continue until camp is full.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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To register, call 377-4116.

Military home schoolers — meet weekly. For more information, call 377-4116.

Classes— gymnastics 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays; ages 3 and older. Guitar, ages 6 and older, by appointment only. Both classes are \$50 per month. To register, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

Keystone Club — 6 p.m. Mondays for teens.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Free skating music and games.

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.

Commissioners and coaches needed — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

Shuttle service — parents interested in a shuttle service for ages 9 and older for Biloxi area schools and base housing to youth center, sign up at the center as soon as possible.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

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

Disney special continues — Salute to Military program continues. Order tickets now. For more information, call 377-3818.

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 Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 8-11, July 13-16, Aug. 10-13, Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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 376-8728.

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

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.

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.afpcrandolph.af.mil/resweb>.

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff 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.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or 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; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

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

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

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, 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. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Knowing (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Fighting (PG-13); 6:30 p.m., State of Play (PG-13).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Fast and Furious 2009 (PG-13).

June weather outlook

Thunderstorms commonly occur along the Gulf Coast in June. Most of these storms form due to the sea breeze effect, which is common during the summer months. Although frontal passages are infrequent, squall lines may form and drop heavy rainfall. June is also the first month of hurricane season. However, tropical storms and hurricanes don't usually affect Louisiana and Mississippi this early. Daily temperatures and humidities rise considerably in June. Nights are warm with occasional thunderstorms that form off the coast during the early morning hours. While these morning storms may sometimes affect Keesler, it's the afternoon sea breeze that's likely to bring activity over the base.

Extreme maximum temperature (F)	101
Mean daily maximum temperature (F)	87
Mean daily minimum temperature (F)	75
Extreme minimum temperature (F)	36
Mean relative humidity (percent)	74
Mean monthly precipitation (inches)	5.53
Mean number of days with precipitation	9
Mean number of days with thunderstorms	11
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)	5.50

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet	1.8
1,000 feet	0.2
300 feet	0.0

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles	12.1
3 miles	0.4
1 mile	0.1

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots	35.1
4-10 knots	58.1
11-21 knots	6.7
22 knots or greater	0.1

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



Photo by Stanley Morgan

Hurricane Katrina's rising storm surge rolls through a parking lot, flooding vehicles and surrounding Dolan Hall.

2009 hurricane season begins Monday

Commentary by Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Last year's Hurricane Gustav was a blessing and a curse for Team Keesler.

Hurricane Gustav's glancing blow over the 2008 Labor Day weekend gave Keesler a chance to test its revamped hurricane plan — and it worked.

But Gustav was a minimal storm when it brushed past south Mississippi, with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph, highest gusts at 61 mph and a 6-foot storm surge along Biloxi's Back Bay.

So what's the curse? Complacency — from people who may have the mistaken notion that a storm like Gustav is the worst Mother Nature can hurl at us, that sheltering 3,100 students and mission-essential personnel and evacuating another 6,400 Keesler people and their families was an unnecessary precaution.

Two words for the naysayers — Hurricane Katrina.

To provide a little perspective, Hurricane Gustav's price tag for Keesler was around \$900,000, primarily for downed trees, fences, roof damage and a few water leaks. Katrina's damages to Keesler surpassed \$900 million, not to mention the personal losses to thousands of military and civilian employees and devastation to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and its families.

Whether it's a minimal hurricane like Gustav or the worst natural disaster

'Typical' season predicted

In April, researchers Phillip Klotzbach and William Gray from Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project downgraded their earlier predictions for the 2009 season.

They predict 12 named storms, six hurricanes and two intense hurricanes. These are nearly the same numbers cited by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a "typical" season of 11 storms, six hurricanes and two intense hurricanes.

in U.S. history like Katrina, the message of base leaders is the same — be prepared. Have a plan and be ready to execute it when the time comes.

An excerpt from the hurricane preparedness section of the base's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp>, explains the strategy that guides Keesler's plan:

While all hurricanes are detected before landfall, with their general trajectories and intensities know to some degree, no amount of scientific measurements or satellite imagery can predict their exact movement or the amount of destruction their wind and water will cause.

Faced with this uncertainty and armed with the knowledge that our hurricane experience has brought, Keesler has a set of recommendations when the probability of a hurricane impacting our region is imminent. Being prepared for an emergency in the case of a hurri-

cane landfall, with the subsequent loss of basic necessities such as electricity and water, is of most importance. Mapping out an evacuation route to safer inland areas when faced with the possible catastrophic effects of a storm in low-lying areas should be on everyone's mind. Making sure you know when and where to shelter when deemed necessary by the 81st Training Wing commander, and what to bring to make your stay bearable is necessary for mission-essential personnel. And finally, once the storm has passed, knowing what to do in the midst of the recovery from a storm is essential.

Keesler's current hurricane plan incorporates important lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina nearly four years ago. According to Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill, who commanded the 81st TRW when Gustav threatened Keesler, "The objective of the plan was to prepare the base for severe weather by put-

ting the right tools in the hands of the right people at the right time."

Many changes have been made in how the base deals with hurricane threats in the past few years.

The hurricane database was improved by including more pertinent information about Keesler members, including sheltering intentions and personnel classification. Monthly Form 21 updates for military and civilian personnel are paramount to maintaining accountability. A personnel accountability team was created to ensure the accountability of all evacuated personnel. Hurricane response teams are identified, making accountability and damage assessments more efficient.

Keesler's recovery from Katrina's wrath has exceeded all expectations. When you drive around the base and see the carefully landscaped grounds, beautiful new homes and ongoing construction projects, it's obvious that Keesler has rebounded and is ready for a bright future.

Don't be fearful — but be prepared and ready for anything this hurricane season might steer our way. Use this hurricane supplement and the information from recent town hall meetings to get ready. And get familiar with the wealth of information on the hurricane preparedness section of the base's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp>.

Keesler's hurricane plan — how it works

At least one Category 2 (sustained winds of at least 96 miles per hour) or stronger hurricane has struck Keesler in each of the last five decades — Camille (1969), Frederic (1979), Elena (1985), Georges (1998), Ivan (2004) and Katrina (2005).

Perhaps the single greatest contributing factor to the base's record of one death and three injuries from all those storms is its five-step hurricane preparation plan. HURCON, an acronym for hurricane conditions, is the name given to the base plan. June 1, the base goes into HURCON 5, the first level of the base plan.

Preparation

Personnel review and update Keesler Form 21, Shelter Information, by the seventh of each month during the hurricane season. The form is available at <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/>.

Families are advised to develop disaster plans. For an example, see crisis checklist, Page A8.

At HURCON 5, as of June 1, crisis action team implements tropical storm advisory and directs commanders and/or first sergeants to review TSA checklists and take appropriate actions.

At HURCON 4, listen to latest weather bulletins and follow instructions from unit commanders.

Off-base and base housing residents should:

Brief family members on their responsibilities. Review actions to take if sheltering is necessary.

Keep radio and television on for information on status of the storm.

Check supply of food that can be eaten without cooking.

Stock flashlights, extra batteries, camp lantern, transistor radio, special prescribed medicines and food, baby food, first aid kit, insecticides, water purification tablets, fire extinguisher, tool kit and hardware, boards for windows and plastic bags to cover any broken windows.

Tie down mobile homes and disconnect propane tanks.

Secure objects in open areas.

Fill car tanks with gasoline.

Store small boats in enclosed shelters or tie them down.

At HURCON 3, dorm residents should:

Store personal items in lockers and drawers.

Move furniture to walls opposite windows.

Unplug electrical equipment and turn off lights.

Close all doors.

Secure equipment, motorcycles, trash cans, signs, etc.

Stand by for briefings by unit commanders.

Plan to brace doors securely.

Stack furniture and rugs.

Have flashlights within easy reach.

Stay away from windows.

Keep in contact with duty section or squadron.

Minimize phone calls to base.

Pay particular attention to bulletins and advisories issued by base officials, and to radio and television for information and evacuation or sheltering instructions.

At HURCON 2, make final preparations — fill jugs, bottles, etc., with drinking water. Put important personal papers or valuables in waterproof strong boxes. Everyone except mission-essential personnel and students is encouraged to evacuate.

At HURCON 1, mission-essential personnel and students report to their designated shelters.

After a "hurricane watch" is issued by the National Weather Service, the installation control center convenes in the command post. From there, bulletins are distributed to units across the base declaring specific hurricane conditions and directing actions to be taken at each HURCON level.

Hurricane advisories, updates and other related information are available only through advisories and bulletins issued from the crisis action team.

The National Weather Service issues a "hurricane watch" at HURCON 4 or 3 and a "hurricane warning" at HURCON 2 or 1.

There are five levels of preparation for hurricanes: **HURCON 5** (also referred to as Hurricane/Tropical Storm Advisory and Preparation, or TSA). Review, update and execute, as needed, checklists.

HURCON 4 — 72 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots (58 mph).

HURCON 3 — 48 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 2 — 24 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 1 — 12 hours prior to forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

Sheltering

The 81st Training Wing commander decides whether mission-essential personnel and/or students shelter on base or evacuate.

Only one entrance to each shelter is open.

People on basic allowance for subsistence provide their own food. Although those on meal cards receive meals-ready-to-eat, they should bring extra food.

Take non-perishable food, baby supplies, clothes and prescription medicine for three days.

Take flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kit, as much water as you can carry, books, magazines, games, cards, blankets or sleeping bags, pillows, manual can opener and portable radio with batteries.

Take base and coast maps, as familiar landmarks may be gone and familiar roads closed when you leave shelters or return from evacuation. Take important documents and cash.

Alcohol, electrical appliances, weapons, pets and smoking aren't allowed in shelters.

To shelter pets off-base, call the Humane Society of South Mississippi, 863-4394, Extension 101. Shelter pets with three-day supply of water, food and medicine. Harrison County provides a pet shelter, but owners must stay in an adjacent shelter so they can care for their pets. For more information, call 865-4002. If you evacuate, determine in advance kennels that will shelter pets or lodging that will accept pets.

Recovery

After a hurricane passes, Keesler people who evacuated contact their units for instructions. If communication with the base isn't possible, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

Those who shelter on base:

Remain in shelter until officials say you may leave.

Military report to duty sections. Control centers delegate recovery operations to all units.

Don't enter damaged buildings.

Don't check for gas leaks with matches.

Don't turn utilities on until they've been checked.

Don't eat or drink anything without first checking it for damage or contamination.

Assess and record all damage.

Report building damage to CSC at 377-2017, 0394 or 0395 if you're in base housing, or to your insurance company if you live off-base.

Report personal property damage to your insurance company.

Make plans for temporary lodging until repairs are made.

Stay away from stray animals.

Emergency phone numbers — fire department, 911; chaplain, 377-4859 or 2111, (after hours, 377-2330); command post, 377-4330; medical center 24-hour information line 376-2550, or 377-0500 (emergency room); security forces, 377-3040.

Emergency management phone numbers — Mississippi Emergency Management Agency: (601) 933-6362; MEMA Agency Public Information Hotline: (answered 24 hours per day during an emergency or evacuation) 1-(866) 519-6362. Hancock County: 466-8320. Harrison County: 865-4002. Jackson County: 769-3111.

Coast radio stations — stay tuned for information and instructions on Keesler's recovery, medical care and emergency assistance for housing, clothing, food, etc.:

AM stations — 570, WVMI, Biloxi; 1130, WQFX, Biloxi-Gulfport; 1190, WBSL, Bay St. Louis; 1240, WGCM, Gulfport; 1390, WROA, Gulfport-Biloxi; 1490, WXBD, Biloxi; 1580, WZZJ, Pascagoula.

FM stations — 90.3, PMPB Biloxi; 92.5, WXOR, Ocean Springs-Biloxi-Gulfport; 93.7, WMJY, Biloxi; 94.5, WJZD, Gulfport; 96.7, WUJM, Gulfport; 97.9, WCPR, Gulfport; 99.1, WKNN, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 102.3, WGCM, Gulfport; 103.1, WOSM, Ocean Springs; 105.9, WXRJ, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 107.1, WXYK, Gulfport-Biloxi; 107.9, WZKX, Gulfport-Biloxi.

Family assistance center — in the aftermath of a hurricane, information on programs and services for Keesler people may be consolidated in a one-stop family assistance center

Now's time to review personal insurance

The time to act is now. Insurance companies won't write policies if your property is in an area under threat of a named hurricane.

To guarantee complete coverage, inventory household goods. Photograph expensive, hard-to-replace items and antiques. Ideally, make a video tape of all of your household goods and possessions with a running comment on the brand name of china, flatware, etc. Have receipts and appraisals for expensive items. Keep this in a lock box or take it along when you evacuate or shelter.

Make sure you read and understand your policy regarding water damage. What is or is not covered water damage is a hotly-contested issue in the courts now. Damage caused by flooding or rising water is covered for base housing residents.

Base residents should review their

renter's insurance to make sure there is not a flood exclusion. On- and off-base residents can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. Keep in mind that flood insurance is not immediately effective, so plan accordingly. Rates vary depending upon where you live, and the type and date of construction of your house. People who live off-base should also view their policies for structural and wind damage coverage.

Off-base residents can also obtain insurance to cover debris removal. But check the policy because some type of debris, like trees or bushes, may not be covered.

Temporary repairs coverage reimburses the policy owner for necessary and reasonable repairs made to prevent further storm damage. Living expense insurance provides motel, food and

transportation if you're forced from your home.

Consider replacement cost insurance, too. For your house, make certain the amount of insurance is adequate to pay the cost of building a new house.

You may submit claims for personal property lost, destroyed or damaged on base. However, you must contact your insurance company first. The government makes up the difference between your insurance and the depreciated value of the property, up to the maximum allowable for that particular category.

Military and civilians who live off base can't submit damage claims to the government. Base housing occupants can receive up to \$100,000 in claims payments. However, to ensure adequate coverage for replacement costs, base housing occupants are wise to invest in extra personal property or special coverage insurance.

Comprehensive car insurance is also worth considering. Vehicles can be destroyed by flood or windblown debris. If you're buying or still making payments, consider guaranteed asset protection insurance if the balance owed is more than the current replacement cost.

Only active-duty people can make claims against the government for such damage. The maximum payable for uninsured damage or loss to a vehicle on base is \$3,000. In most cases, glass and paint damage alone are going to be above that figure.

People who store boats at the base marina sign a document waiving the base's responsibility for any losses. Boats and campers in base storage areas are covered up to \$2,500 for uninsured losses.

For more information, call the legal office, 376-8601.

Mandatory evacuations — financial entitlements

When skies are sunny, Keesler members may not be concerned about financial entitlements during mandatory hurricane evacuations.

Evacuations may be ordered as early as HURCON 3, when the storm is just 48 hours away, or as late as HURCON 1, when the storm is 12 hours from hitting the base.

"Keesler members need the 81st Training Wing commander's authority to evacuate before they can begin traveling on reimbursable entitlements", said 2nd Lt. Chase Carter, 81st Comptroller Squadron. "Dependents are also authorized entitlements, but if they choose to leave before the evacuation order is given, some expenses won't be reimbursed."

"The minute evacuation is ordered is too late to begin thinking about how much Keesler members are authorized for travel, hotels and food," Lieutenant Carter said.

Once the evacuation order is given and initial accountability is taken, members in temporary duty and leave status who are outside the local area must check with their commanders to determine whether they should remain at their current location or return to Keesler. Some members on leave status may be ordered to TDY status until it is safe to return.

"Keesler members need to keep their Government Travel Cards handy for evacuation-related travel expenses," said Lieutenant Carter. "Nominal cash advances will be authorized for members without a government issued travel card. The cash advance can be applied for at the finance office.

"The lines for cash advances will be wrapped around the building and with only

48 hours or less to evacuate before the storm hits, you're risking not getting out of town on time, so don't take out a cash advance unless you truly need it," he added.

Expenses such as hurricane kits, emergency supplies and costs associated with sheltering on base aren't authorized GTC charges.

"GTCs should be used for evacuation-related costs only," Lieutenant Carter pointed out.

"When the evacuation order is issued, there'll be a mileage radius — for example, 'Evacuate no closer than 150 miles, but no further than 600 miles,'" said Maj. Bob Paleo, 81st CPTS commander. "If you choose to evacuate further away than 600 miles, you'll only receive travel for the 600 miles, and you'll get the standard stateside per diem rate. But if you have a certain town on your Form 21 and decide to stay somewhere else, you'll still receive your entitlements for where you stayed as long as it is within the 600-mile evacuation guidance."

Major Paleo also stressed the importance of evacuating the minimum distance or risk not being paid evacuation entitlements.

"Once the return date is set, members must start returning immediately," he emphasized.

"Keesler members with dependents who are unable to evacuate without the sponsor should discuss entitlements with finance and make plans for their evacuation prior to hurricane season," said Lieutenant Carter.

The bottom line, the lieutenant stated, "is that all Keesler members should include finance in their hurricane plans. It's too late to begin planning when a storm is on its way."

Coping with 'disaster stress'

A hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico is on a collision course with the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Scenario for stress? You bet. "Disaster stress" may show itself in several ways, before and after the disaster occurs:

Physical — fatigue, tension, nausea.

Emotional — anxiety, anger, helplessness, depression.

Mental — forgetfulness, easily distracted, intrusive thoughts, nightmares.

Behavioral — increased drinking, irritability, restlessness, trouble sleeping.

Social — dropping out of usual activities, and after the disaster hits, avoiding the site.

Some coping strategies: **Ask for social** and emotional support from loved ones.

Give social support to others.

Don't abandon your usual social networks, i.e., church, neighborhood groups, friends.

Become part of a disaster survivor group.

Control drinking and pill-taking carefully. Avoid over-indulgence.

Understand you'll experience stress, but also believe it becomes less intense over time.

Try to exercise about three times a week.

Eat nutritious food and

avoid excessive caffeine, alcohol, tobacco and sugar.

Talk to someone you trust about your feelings. Survivors often learn to talk to and listen to each other, which helps.

Think of yourself as a survivor, not a victim. A survivor is tough, experienced, active.

A victim is passive, helpless.

Use positive self talk, a new perspective on a negative experience, thought stopping, humor, divide the big problem into small problems and plan how to deal with each one.

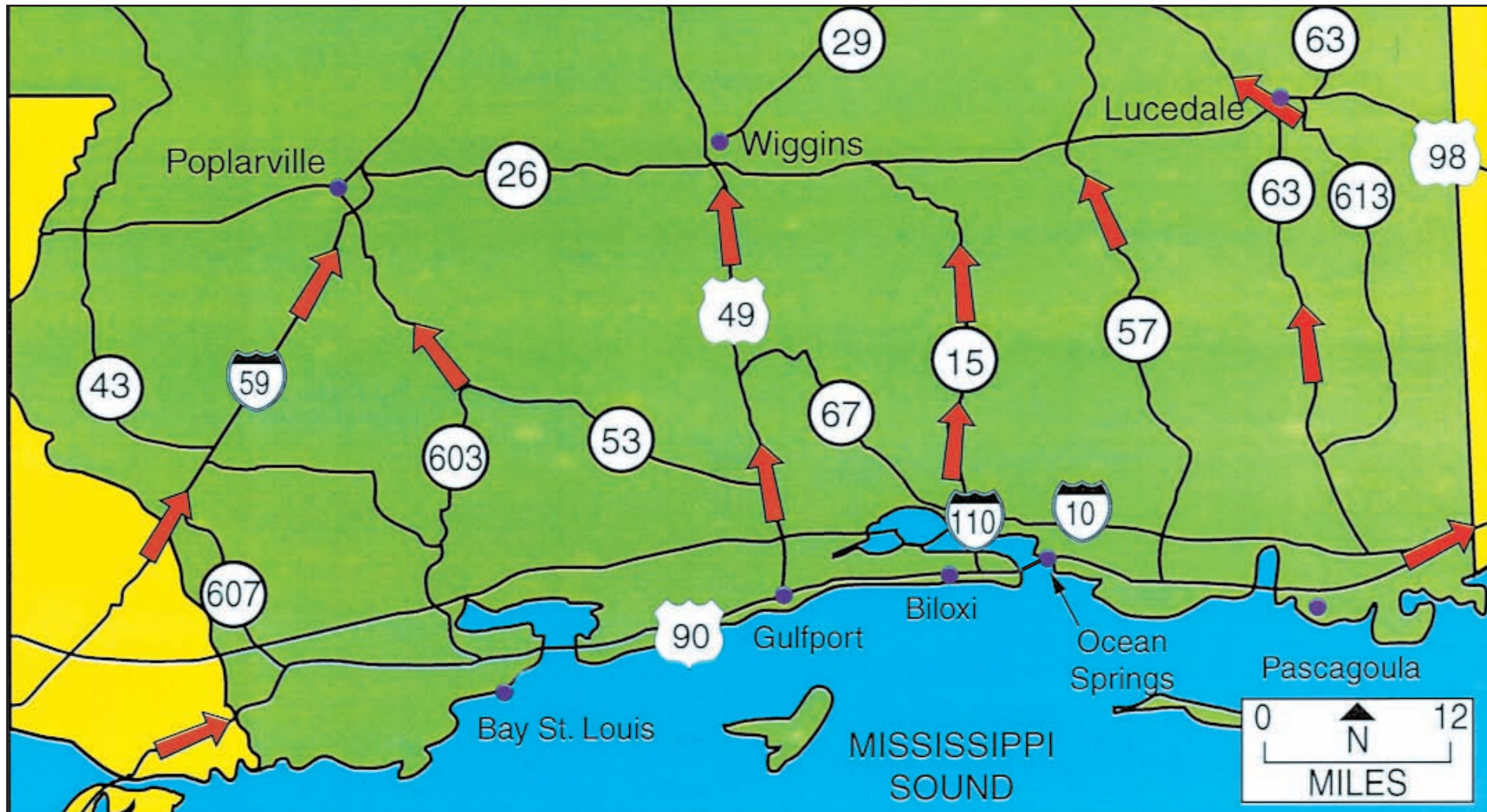
Your ability to handle difficult situations is important to your children. Reassure your children, prepare them for losses and let them know that's part of life.

Assure your children it's OK to grieve at the same time you're getting on with life.

Pets can be traumatized by disasters, too. They need comfort and reassurance when the disaster has passed. Walk pets on leashes until they become reoriented.

Be patient. Recovery from disaster stress takes time. If you feel you're not healing, ask for professional help.

For more information or assistance, call the mental health flight, 376-6216.



Map by Gulf Publishing Company

Several roads lead from the coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter. Officials advise against sheltering in out-of-state coastal cities; travel inland to the north. They suggest the

longer people wait to evacuate, the farther they'll have to travel to find accommodations. The yellow areas are Louisiana, left, and Alabama, right.

Evacuating? Here are routes to safe harbors

Evacuation routes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast lead from the three coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter.

Make hotel reservations before an evacuation order is issued. Be prepared to travel 150 miles to the evacuation order mileage limit north and away from the storm track.

"Ensure that your evacuation route is based on the storm's path," said John Thornton, installation emergency manager.

On arrival, call your unit control center, emergency management representative, Keesler Accountability Team at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 1-800-673-9356, or the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

At Keesler, mission-essential personnel and students may be required to shelter on base. All others are encouraged to evacuate. An evacuation order may be issued as early as HURCON 3 or as late as HURCON 1, depending on the specific hurricane threat.

Evacuation routes:

Hancock County

Mississippi 607 — goes through the NASA preserve and could be taken to Interstate 59.

Mississippi 43 — begins in Waveland and from which Mississippi 603 branches north of Kiln.

**To view Keesler's
hurricane preparation video
and for the latest hurricane information,
log on to
[http://www.keesler.af.mil/
hurricaneinfo.asp](http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp)**

Mississippi 603, which links up with Mississippi 53, could also be taken to I-59.

Interstate 10 — could be taken west to I-59 north at Slidell, La., or to I-12 west to Baton Rouge, La. Officials advise against going to New Orleans to ride out a storm because that city is below sea level and highly susceptible to flooding.

Harrison County

U.S. 49 — major evacuation route to the north.

Mississippi 67 — meets U.S. 49 at Saucier. Can help evacuees avoid traffic congestion on southern end of U.S. 49.

Mississippi 15 — heads north from the intersec-

tion of I-10 and I-110. Meets Mississippi 26, which runs east and west. Going east, Mississippi 26 crosses Mississippi 57, which intersects U.S. 98 north to Hattiesburg, and runs on into Lucedale. There, Mississippi 63 and 613 connect and continue north. U.S. 98 could also be taken north. Mississippi 26 west goes to Wiggins and such northbound routes as U.S. 49, Mississippi 29, and still farther west, I-59.

Jackson County

Mississippi 57 — runs north from U.S. 90 about halfway between Ocean Springs and Gautier. Crosses Mississippi 26 and intersects U.S. 98, which goes north to Hattiesburg.

Mississippi 63 — runs north from Moss Point to Lucedale in George County. Four lanes all the way to U.S. 98 in Lucedale.

Interstate 10 — runs out of the county to the east toward Mobile. Disaster preparedness officials advise against seeking shelter in Mobile and other coastal cities. However, highways in Alabama going north toward Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, such as I-65, can be reached by going to the outskirts of Mobile.

Storm names

The National Weather Service near Miami gives names to tropical disturbances with rotating winds of more than 39 mph.

Giving women's names to tropical storms was a common practice in the late 1800s. When the NWS began naming these storms in 1953, it continued the tradition of using female names.

Beginning in 1978 (for Pacific storms) and 1979 (for Atlantic storms), male and female names were alternated by the NWS.

Six lists of names are rotated every six years.

Noteworthy storms have their names retired from the list — Agnes, Alicia, Allen, Allison, Andrew, Anita, Audrey, Betsy, Beulah, Bob, Camille, Carla, Carmen, Carol, Celia, Cesar, Charley, Cleo, Connie, David, Dean, Dennis, Diana, Diane, Donna, Dora, Edna, Elena, Eloise, Felix, Fifi, Flora, Floyd, Fran, Frances, Frederic, Georges, Gilbert, Gloria, Gracie, Gustav, Hattie, Hazel, Hilda, Hortence, Hugo, Ike, Inez, Ione, Iris, Isabel, Isidore, Ivan, Janet, Jeanne, Joan, Juan, Katrina, Keith, Klaus, Lenny, Lili, Luis, Marilyn, Michelle, Mitch, Noel, Opal, Paloma, Rita, Stan and Wilma.

These are the names for Atlantic tropical storms in 2009:

Ana
Bill
Claudette
Danny
Erika
Fred
Grace
Henri
Ida
Joaquin
Kate
Larry
Mindy
Nicholas
Odette
Peter
Rose
Sam
Teresa
Victor
Wanda



Photo by Adam Bond

A team boards up the windows of 81st Training Wing headquarters in advance of Hurricane Gustav, Sept. 2, 2008.

Storm categories

Category 1 — wind speed 74-95 mph. Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored mobile homes. Storm surge of 4-5 feet above normal.

Category 2 — wind speed 96-110 mph. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees, some trees down, glass broken by flying debris, major damage to exposed mobile homes and roof damage to structures. Storm surge of 6-8 feet above normal.

Category 3 — wind speed 111-130 mph. Large trees blown down, most signs destroyed, major roof damage, window and door damage, some structural damage to homes and many mobile homes destroyed. Storm surge of 9-12 feet above normal.

Category 4 — wind speed 131-155 mph. Many trees blown down, all signs damaged or destroyed, extensive window and door damage, and complete destruction of many mobile homes. Storm surge of 13-18 feet above normal.

Category 5 — wind speed greater than 155 mph. Very severe and extensive window and door damage. Complete failure of roof structure on most residences, small structures overturned or destroyed, and complete destruction of mobile homes. Storm surge of 18 or more feet above normal.

Editor's note: Wind speeds are often reported in knots, rather than miles per hour; 4.3 knots is equal to 5 mph.

Coming to terms with language of hurricanes

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach constant speeds of 74 miles per hour or more and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center called the eye.

A band of high-velocity winds extends outward 20 or 30 miles from the rim of the eye, and winds may gust to more than 200 miles per hour as they approach it.

Hurricane winds do their share of harm, but they cause the greatest damage when dumping water on the areas over which they move. As storms move across the coastline, they create huge waves and storm tides which may reach 25 feet or more above normal. As winds diminish, the torrential rainfall normally accompanying the hurricane strikes. Drownings are the most common fatalities associated with hurricanes.

The following terms are associated with hurricane activity:

Tropical cyclone: The general term for all rotating storms originating over tropical waters.

Tropical disturbance: A moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics that maintains its identity for 24 hours or more.

Tropical depression: Rotary circulation at surface, highest constant wind speed 38 miles per hour (33 knots).

Tropical storm: Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speed ratings from 39 to 73 miles per hour (34 to 63 knots).

Gale warnings: Issued when winds of 39 to 54 miles an hour (34 to 47 knots) are expected.

Storm warnings: Issued when winds of 55 to 73 miles an hour (48 to 63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is expected to strike a coastal area, gale or storm warnings will not usually precede hurricane warnings.

Hurricane watch: Issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours.

Hurricane warning: Issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles an hour (64 knots) or more and dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued.

Flash flood watch: A flash flood is possible; stay alert.

Flash flood warning: A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

Contraflow: Lane reversal is used during mass evacuations on major limited or controlled access highways to reduce the duration of an evacuation by opening up all lanes in one direction.

Voluntary evacuation: A warning to persons within a designated area that a threat to life and property exists or is likely to exist in the immediate future. Individuals issued this type of warning or order aren't required to evacuate, but it would be to their advantage to do so.

Mandatory evacuation: This is a warning to persons within the designated area that an imminent threat to life and property exists and individuals must evacuate in accordance with the instructions of local officials

Crisis checklist — don't face storms without it

Natural disasters, power failures, terrorist attacks ... what can a family do to be prepared?

Larry Tabor, operations plans chief for the 81st Training Wing, said a crisis checklist can help people collect items to keep on hand to meet their immediate needs in an emergency situation.

This sample checklist can be especially helpful in making preparations to evacuate out of the path of an approaching hurricane.



Food

Dried and canned products, such as fruit, vegetables, milk, juice, bouillon and soup.

Grains, nuts, jerky, snacks, trail mix and granola and high-energy bars.

Condiments, herbs and spices.

Instant coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Manual can opener.

Paper plates, cups, napkins and paper towels.

Fondue pots fueled by candles or Sterno fuel can be used indoors; propane and fuel stoves or grills can only be used outdoors.



Safety

Flashlights.

Two radios — solar or wind-up and battery powered.

Extra batteries.

Fire extinguisher.

Hand tools.

Plastic sheeting, duct tape and towels to seal air gaps.

Blankets.

Survival manual.

Area map with highlighted evacuation routes.

Waterproof matches and lighter.

Candles.

Battery-operated lanterns.



Health

First aid kit.

Family or pet medications.

Vitamins and minerals.

Feminine hygiene supplies.

Waterless hand cleaner, pre-moistened towelettes, towels, washcloths and soap.

Household chlorine bleach.

Supplies for babies and the elderly.

Extra medications and prescription glasses.

PREPARING for the storm



Online resources

<http://www.redcross.org>

<http://www.iprep.com>

<http://www.ready.gov>

<http://www.areyouprepared.com>

<http://www.preparedness.com>

<http://www.fema.gov>

<http://ecowatch.ncddc.noaa.gov/c-side>



Water

Store one gallon per person per day — two quarts for drinking and two quarts for cooking and cleaning.

Use clean, sterilized plastic soda bottles or water containers. Date and store in cool, dark place; rotate often.

Emergency indoor water sources include ice cubes, reservoir tank of toilet and hot water heater (with gas or electricity off, open drain at bottom of tank, turn off water intake valve and turn on a hot water faucet. Refill tank before turning gas or electricity back on.)

To disinfect water, add two or three drops of household bleach per gallon. Shake well and let it set for 30 minutes before using.



Pets

To shelter at home, store low-protein food to reduce stool volume, water, bowls, puppy training pads, garbage bags for refuse, bed, blanket, familiar toys and crate.

In case of evacuation, obtain a pet carrier or crate, and collect identification and vaccination records, registration papers, food, water, medications, muzzle and leash.



Car

Gas tank should be at least 3/4 full. Place five-gallon can of gas in trunk.

Road maps.

Flashlights and batteries.

First aid kit.

Cell phone or walkie-talkies.

Flares.

Jumper cables.

Blanket.

Compact tent.

Light jacket or rain gear, clothing, socks, shoes and hat.

Freezer bags, quart and gallon size.

Cash, change and credit cards.

Pocket-size survival manual.

Portable radio with extra batteries.

Personal hygiene supplies — toilet paper, feminine supplies, soap, tissues, paper towels, moist wipes, brush, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and shampoo.

Health supplies — multivitamins, energy bars, dried fruit, nuts, jerky, trail mix, water and bleach.

Safety supplies — candle lantern, whistle, waterproof matches, lighter, large piece of aluminum foil for cooking if necessary, string, compass, clothespins and pocket knife.

Miscellaneous supplies — pen or pencil, paper, extra batteries, glasses, scissors, sunglasses, deck of cards, needle and thread, book, metal cooking pot.



Home

Sanitation items such as a portable toilet or 5-gallon trash can with lid and plastic liners, odorless sanitation liquid or tablets and toilet paper.

Eating and cooking utensils and containers.

Needle, thread and safety pins.

Forty-gallon garbage can with lid and plastic liners.

Cash and credit card.

Entertainment items, such as books, toys, games, crayons, paper, compact disks and deck of cards.

Change of clothing and shoes.

Extra set of car and house keys.

Documents in fireproof safe or airtight plastic container, such as birth and marriage certificates, passports, insurance policies, deeds, recent tax returns, Social Security cards, driver's license, bank accounts, credit card information, stocks, bonds, immunization records and other family information.