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Kevin Sullivan, left, U.S. Navy resident officer in charge of construction, and Michael Chatham, 81st Medical Support Squadron facilities management, watch contractors with Carothers Construction demolish a portion of Keesler Medical Center's "D" wing June 15. Demolition, scheduled to be finished by Sept. 1, makes way for the new \$68 million inpatient tower. Construction begins in late September or early October and should be completed in October 2011.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Training evolves to support cyber mission

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler's training mission is expanding to support Air Force cyber warfare requirements.

"Our communications and information training mission, which will be restructured as the cyber training mission, has always been at Keesler," said Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, 333rd Training Squadron commander.

"On the officer side, the biggest change is the stand-up of undergraduate cyber training, which will consist of the current material taught in the basic communications officer course, as well as information on cyber operations," Colonel Solomon explained. "The course will go from a 23-day temporary duty to a 23-week permanent change of station."

A training planning team with Air Staff, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Space Command, Air Force Institute of Technology and

other agency representatives will meet at Keesler Aug. 3-7 to finalize curriculum.

The meeting takes place at Stennis Hall, Keesler's sensitive compartmented information facility for top secret instruction. The existing 11,000-square-foot SCIF will be expanded to 20,000 square feet to accommodate student throughput.

Officer training is projected to be 115 training days with an annual throughput of 385 students — 227 new accessions and 158 Air National Guard, Reserve and civilian students.

The course is scheduled to stand up in October 2010, but efforts are under way to accelerate the launch to June 2010 to capture the entire active-duty FY10 year group.

Training will include information to design, secure, assess, exploit, attack and defend seven types of networks — telephony, Internet protocol, satellite, land mobile radio, industrial control systems, integrated air defense and tactical data link.

"On the enlisted side, about 230 enlisted

members each year are expected to receive initial skills training following the stand-up of the cyber operator career fields," Colonel Solomon stated. "Facilities, equipment and instructors will be shared with the officer initial skills course.

"In addition, we are developing new courses to meet the training needs for 3D Air Force Specialty Code transition," he continued. "For example, the creation of a dedicated 3D AFSC for information assurance is long overdue. Cyber surety professionals will help ensure the bad guys don't get in to our networks and also fills the current void of ensuring those within the domain are not stealing our data or performing illegal activities."

An AETC site survey team found Keesler to be well-positioned for the restructured training, according to 333rd TRS officials. The team evaluated billeting, dining, classroom facilities and base team support, including utilities, community planning, communications capability, environmental planning factors and antiterrorism issues.

Lorenz on Leadership

Developing the art of objective decision-making

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

Making decisions is something we all do each and every day. Most decisions are made without much thought, almost unconsciously and, in many cases, automatically. Others, however, are decisions that involve time and thought, and can impact more than just ourselves. These are the decisions where the process is an art — it defines who we are as leaders.

Saying this isn't a stretch. As leaders, we do things in order to create a desired effect. Making the "best" decision hits at the core of creating that effect and, in turn, is an essential aspect of being an effective leader. Now, these aren't decisions that involve "right versus wrong" . . . or lying, cheating or stealing — we must never compromise our integrity. In fact, most of these decisions involve "right versus right" and the decision may be different today than it was yesterday. This is what can make them so challenging. Let's take a moment to look at the elements involved in making the "best" decision.

First and foremost, effective decisions require

objectivity. The old adage, "the more objective you are, the more effective you are," has never been more accurate or applicable than it is today. It can be tempting to look at decisions through the lens of a small straw. Effective leaders must step back and gain a much broader view; they must open their aperture. I've always advocated looking at issues and decisions from your boss's boss's viewpoint. This approach helps to open the aperture and maintain objectivity.

In order to gain the broad, objective view, leaders must work to gather a complete picture of the situation. Some call this situational awareness; others call it a 360-degree view of the issue. In either case, that awareness involves considering all of the variables weighing into the decision, competing interests involved in the decision, and potential consequences of the decision. The potential consequences must include possible second and third order consequences. Tough calls like these can involve individuals, organizations and issues beyond those initially thought. Weigh the consequences against unit missions and organizational

goals. Investigate how the decision will move things forward in the near, mid and long term. This will provide the context for the decision and, although it will involve a lot of work, will result in the broadest view of the entire process.

Lastly, tough decisions can be very emotional. Don't let emotion play into the decision-making process. Emotion only serves to cloud the issue and, potentially, can result in a decision where near-term happiness fades quickly into mid- and long-term unintended challenges. Leaders must look at decisions from the outside, unattached to the emotional influence from within. Leaders must rise above such distractions in order to maintain their objectivity.

Leaders use decision-making to define reality. Decisions made within context and with the benefit of situational awareness, will position future issues for success and establish tomorrow's realities for our subordinates, our boss and, ultimately, our boss's boss. In the end, objectivity will ensure that decisions will result in the desired effect and will keep you and your organization headed in the "best" direction.

Sacrifice and leadership — lens for introspection

By Capt. James Clark

81st Security Forces Squadron commander

It's 6 p.m. Monday and I was told a few hours ago to put together an article for the base paper on something related to leadership which, oh by the way, is due by noon Tuesday. Sound familiar?

Having spent a few hours contemplating what to write, I decided to tackle a subject that's often underappreciated — sacrifice. This subject has little to do with why I am here at o-dark-thirty, yet it does play into my topic nicely. Hopefully I can give the subject of sacrifice another twist for your introspection. Provided you are moved in some positive way, the spent midnight oil was worth it. After some deep thought on the meaning of sacrifice, I've concluded that sacrifice is multifaceted. Allow me to explain.

The quantitative side of me wants to understand sacrifice in some form of measurement, such as level of

effort or amount of time required. Specifically, the more required of an individual, the greater the level of sacrifice. For example, charitable giving takes little time and effort and therefore could fall on the "least amount of effort and time side" of the spectrum, whereas volunteering to coach a Little League team takes more time and effort and as such falls further towards the 'greater amount of time and effort' side of the spectrum. Yet, what about an individual who gives more to charity per capita. The time and effort to give is equal, yet the sacrifice was more.

Upon further thought, I concluded that sacrifice requires a deeper understanding. It's an action and therefore has to be measurable on some level. Determined, I took some time to read about sacrifice. The dictionary provided several meanings, such as the surrender of something prized or to give up something for the sake of something else. Yet, the majority of mean-

ings uncovered didn't bode well for measuring. In the interest of a measure, I decided to define sacrifice on my own terms. The definition I formulated is the giving up of self (e.g., time, possessions, knowledge) for the greater good. Based on this definition, I believe to have come up with a worthy measure for sacrifice — the level of selflessness.

Further formulating the measurement for sacrifice, I placed selflessness and selfishness on opposite endpoints of a continuum. You're probably wondering how this relates to a discussion on leadership. In my humble opinion, accepting and seeking ways to become more selfless optimizes leadership ability and ultimately self-actualization. Specifically, individuals who seek to become more selfless will undoubtedly make a positive impact on society and subsequently become more effective leaders.

Ask yourself what is it that truly touches your core — is it having the

money to buy a \$60,000 Hummer or knowing that you saved the life of your best friend who was contemplating suicide or driving home intoxicated?

Unfortunately selflessness is often a trait overlooked and undervalued by many. Particularly, it's difficult to know exactly how much a person has sacrificed unless, of course, it's the ultimate sacrifice of giving one's life for a greater cause.

There's nothing more moving to me than knowing of someone who jeopardized or sacrificed their own life for the life of another. Yet, I'm nearly equally moved by those who selflessly give to bring about positive change in themselves and/or others.

Ultimately, it's those that sacrifice that inspire others. Specifically, once selflessness is second nature, it often becomes infectious whereby uplifting community to new heights and ultimately 'self.' It may not always be the most comfortable thing to do, but it's nearly always the right thing to do.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is something you do to try to keep cool in the Mississippi heat?



I stay hydrated and wear a stylish straw hat.
Gary Wallace, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.



I swim in the bayou, wear sunscreen and stay hydrated.
Airman 1st Class Kendra Bullock, 81st Medical Operations Squadron



I ride in my jeep with the top and doors off.
Senior Airman Cody Spitler, 81st Training Wing

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Training transition

Col. Lynn Connett, left, new commander of the 81st Training Group, recognizes her predecessor, Col. Prince Gilliard Jr., at the change of command ceremony June 25. She came to Keesler from the Pentagon, where she was chief of the Air Force Learning Division, Directorate of Force Development. Colonel Gilliard is headed to the Pentagon to be the chair of the communications/information panel at Air Staff.

Photo by Adam Bond



Preparing for Python programming

Keesler has Air Force's first virtual instructor lead training

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The three-dimensional virtual world has enabled the 81st Training Support Squadron's technology support unit to participate in the Air Force's first virtual instructor lead training.

Last month, Keesler programmers and designers used Qwaq Forums to conduct two days of prerequisite training for Python programming language. A Qwaq Forum is 3-D virtual world collaboration software that allows users to communicate and participate remotely over the Internet.

Suzy Sutton of Air Education and Training Command's technology requirements branch worked with Abacus solutions group contractors in San Antonio to organize the curriculum. David Smith, Qwaq's chief technology officer, led the training as a virtual avatar from his office in North Carolina.

Capt. Kelly Just, deputy chief of the 81st TRSS training technology flight, said the training reached all the programmers and designers from the TSU, as well as two individuals in San Antonio, one at AETC and one with Abacus. Participants logged in from off-base locations, such as their homes or coffee shops with Internet access, rather than from computers connected to one of Keesler's servers with a ".mil" address while evaluation of the process continued.

The two days of virtual prerequisite training was followed by two days of formal classroom instruction for TSU designers and programmers to learn Python programming. Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language that will allow programmers to expand and enhance the capabilities of the MyBase education and training environment at Keesler.

October is the target date for Keesler's first virtual class.



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Streamlined training aims to reduce redundancy

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — New policy released in March streamlined redundant and outdated ancillary training programs and aligned expeditionary skills training with warfighter requirements.

However, Air Force leaders recently addressed the time requirement to complete ancillary training after discovering a common misperception existed among Airmen that all ancillary training could be accomplished in 90 minutes.

“In 2007, the Air Force chief of staff expressed concern that Air Force ancillary training had expanded to a level that was consuming too much of Airmen’s time,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for Air Force manpower and personnel. “As a result, he tasked us to take a hard look at required training and implement processes to remove, revise or reduce training.

“Our primary goal is to eliminate redundancy in our ancillary training to provide Airmen much-needed time to focus on their primary and expeditionary missions,” General Newton said. “We’re going to do that by taking a realistic approach with required training in the future.”

The bar was set high: 90 minutes per member, per year for annual Total Force Awareness Training requirements. However, according to Col. Harrison



Smith, deputy director for force development, deploying Airmen to a combat zone requires extensive predeployment training; thus expeditionary skills training never fell into the 90-minute standard.

Colonel Smith further explained that since TFAT was launched in 2007, new requirements have emerged necessitating an increase to the 90-minute format.

To prevent unconstrained growth in the Air Force’s ancillary training program, manpower and

personnel officials in A1 at the Air Staff recently established “gatekeeper” bodies to vet emerging requirements and ensure senior leader oversight.

The policy released in March designated the Air Force Learning Committee and the Expeditionary Skills Senior Review Group as the gatekeepers for ancillary and expeditionary skills training, respectively.

“This ensures senior leadership has full situational awareness on training requirements, and allows for establishment of priorities, setting limits and communicating results,” Colonel Smith said.

The new policy also defines expeditionary tiered training to tailor requirements for skills needed by Airmen, based on deployment mission and location.

Ancillary training that is no longer required or has been combined with other courses includes Constitution Day training, crime prevention, family care plan brief, local area survival training, equal opportunity for supervisors of civilians and initial security orientation-’uncleared’ version.

For more details, the new ancillary and expeditionary skills training policy memos are available at the e-publishing Web site, <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>, under Air Force Instruction 36-2201, Volume 1, Training Development, Delivery and Evaluation.

Keesler Ensemble raises voices and spirits

By Senior Airman Kimberly Limrick

Keesler Public Affairs

If you've attended an official base function recently, you may have been entertained by a diverse group of talented vocalists.

The Keesler Ensemble is an all-volunteer choir. Four singers are military members — Master Sgt. Hope Skinner and Staff Sgt. Mindy Dahl, 335th Training Squadron, and Staff Sgts. Michael Young, 334th TRS, and Tawn Zimmerman, 2nd Air Force. The group also includes Kurt Higgins, 81st Training Group; Linus Clark, 338th TRS; Wanda Gilliard, wife of Col. Prince Gilliard, former 81st TRG commander, and Chris Moore, a retired chief master sergeant.

"Mr. Higgins and I formed the group together," Mrs. Gilliard said. "I've known Mr. Higgins as a civilian in the training group for many years, and when I contacted him with interest in creating a group, I found he had the same desire.

"It was truly spiritual and we just took off from there," she continued. "We both pulled people who we knew could sing and are outstanding members of the base."

"The Keesler Ensemble has been in existence since last fall," Mr. Higgins said. "We typically perform at changes of command, promotions, retirements and awards ceremonies."

"Word got out about us somehow, and many members requested us for their special events — on average, one performance per week," noted Mrs. Gilliard.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be a part of someone's promotion, retirement or special event," she pointed out. "Team Keesler would not be as successful without the dedication and expertise of so many wonderful people. Indeed, it is humbling to hear the many accomplishments of the guests of honor for each event."

Although all performances are reward-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Sergeant Skinner, Mr. Clark, Sergeant Young, Mrs. Gilliard and Sergeant Zimmerman perform at the 81st TRW assumption of command May 26. Sergeant Dahl, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Moore also performed, but aren't visible in this picture.

ing, occasionally the group has been given the opportunity to sing at exceptional events, Mrs. Gilliard said.

"The 81st Training Group awards ceremony in February was very special, and the 81st Training Wing's recent assumption of command ceremony was breathtaking," she recalled.

"Singing at the 81 TRW assumption of command was an exciting moment due to the magnitude of the event," Mr. Higgins agreed. "Singing at Colonel Gilliard's going-away dinner was fun because we performed multiple numbers, including one in which we changed the lyrics to fit his new job at the Pentagon."

"After being together, we tend to grow on one another and get used to each other's voices," Mr. Higgins commented. "We're about to experience our first turnover with Mrs. Gilliard's departure. We'll be looking to backfill her soprano

position in the very near future.

Although someone may have a great voice, Mr. Higgins observed they may not have the right voice for the group.

"There are lots of great soloists on this base and within this community, but that doesn't necessarily mean their voice will blend with others," he said. "As important to me as their voice is the personality of the individual. We're doing this out of pure enjoyment of singing — that's why it's important that our personalities mesh."

"The best type of person for this group is a team player with great dedication and patriotism," Mrs. Gilliard added. "The ensemble members are gifted, dedicated team players. Each member does his or her part to ensure we are a cohesive unit. We all get along and lean on each other for support and constructive criticism."

If interested in trying out for the ensemble, call Mr. Higgins, 377-5250.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Mathies NCO Academy is closed until noon Wednesday for drill evaluation.

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

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

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian tuition assistance program funds are still available for fiscal 2009.

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

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. July 24 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.

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

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. Aug. 7; 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Parades — 6 p.m. Sept. 17. For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Summers, 377-2103. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

Student health center

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

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

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

Welcome back, Chief



Photo by Adam Bond

Tech. Sgt. Taiwan Jones, 81st Training Support Squadron, chats with Chief Master Sgt. Rob Tappana, command chief of Air Education and Training Command, after the chief's enlisted call June 23 at Welch Auditorium. Chief Tappana served as the 81st Training Wing's command chief from November 2001-June 2003. He assumed his current duties 11 months ago.

Withdrawal from Iraqi urban sites takes place

Air Force News Service

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Under the security agreement signed between Washington, D.C., and Baghdad, Iraq, officials last November, U.S. service members were to withdraw from Iraqi cities, villages and localities by June 30.

As a result, some service members are moving onto main installations such as Sather Air Base, Iraq, and Joint Base Balad.

With the start of the withdrawal in progress, Joint Base Balad is capable and ready for the influx of servicemembers and equipment, said Col. Sal Nodjoman, 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander.

"Joint Base Balad is perfectly situated for this withdrawal, both geographically as well as in capacity," he said. We are centrally located in

north-central Iraq, and we have outstanding facilities and infrastructure and are capable of taking on new mission sets."

The colonel said Joint Base Balad officials started planning for the drawdown months ago.

"We came up with our own forward-operating-base collapse plan where we started analyzing all of our systems: water, electrical, power generation, dining-facility capability and billeting; all of the important items required for base-life support, and we recognized ... we are in a position where we can take on a significant amount of new missions without having any degradation to our own mission," Colonel Nodjoman said.

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IN THE NEWS

Changes of command

81st Communications Squadron — Lt. Col. Ray Adams turns over command to his operations flight commander, Capt. Andre Johnson, 9 a.m. today at the Dragon's Lair.

Colonel Adams becomes the 81st Training Group's deputy commander.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Lt. Col. Lonnie Hammack takes command from Lt. Col. Tracy Jackson, 8 a.m. July 9 at Maltby Hall.

Colonel Hammack was previously chief of C4 plans and exercises at U.S. Pacific Command headquarters, Camp Smith, Hawaii. Colonel Jackson will be working for the Defense Information Systems Agency, Washington.

Work continues in Bay Ridge area

Work continues during July and August on street tie-ins and utility connections near the entrance of Bay Ridge housing area and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Traffic on Ploesti Drive near Vandenberg and Patton is being rerouted into the turn lane, which is expected to cause congestion when motorists turn left from the northern stretch of Ploesti into the Bay Breeze parking lot.

Power outage July 9

A power outage, 8-9 a.m. July 9, affects all base housing areas and is necessary for installation of a cable connection.

White Avenue Gate still closed

The **White Avenue Gate** is closed until about Aug. 10 for denial barriers upgrades.

The Meadows Drive and Pass Road Gates are open 24/7. The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days.

Construction closes ER entrance

The main entrance to Keesler Medical Center's emergency room is closed until mid-August due to construction of the new radiation oncology center.

ER patients should use the outpatient clinic entrance. More critical patients use a temporary entrance on the north side of the building west of the ambulance bay door.

AETC 'family days'

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

No Keesler News July 9

The Keesler News is published 49 weeks a year. This year, a paper isn't published the week after Independence Day.

The paper resumes its normal schedule July 16.

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.

Keesler gains civilian, loses military positions

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Friday, officials announced the Air Force's proposed force structure realignment for fiscal 2010.

At Keesler, the 81st Training Wing has an increase of 14 civilian positions to increase support to unit commanders.

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron has an increase of one civilian position to bolster support to its unit commander.

Another position was allotted to the new 19th Operations Group Detachment 6, an active-duty unit that will be blended with the 403rd Wing and share aircraft.

The 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron's aeromedical staging flight has a decrease of 31 military positions due to mission transfer earlier this year, according to Lt. Col. Brian Casleton, commander. Other miscellaneous actions resulted in a decrease of one civilian position.

The total impact at Keesler is a decrease of 31 military and an increase of 15 civilian positions.

The announcement addresses the Air Force's force structure, realignment and management actions supported by the president's fiscal 2010 budget and summarizes the civilian

and military personnel changes as well as the reassignment of aircraft at bases. It doesn't include programmatic actions in fiscal 2011 and beyond.

The adjustments are intended to provide "unsurpassed global vigilance, global reach and global power ... to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace — today and in the future, given available resources."

Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, said, "The force structure announcement reflects our best effort to meet the expanding Air Force mission areas and growing joint demand."

"We've made some hard choices,"

General Schwartz said. "However, we believe this is the best overall design to meet America's national security needs and support to the joint fight."

The announcement specifies the force structure changes experienced by the total force: Air Force active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. Implementation occurs only after completion of appropriate environmental analyses.

For more information, read the Fiscal Year 2010 Force Structure Announcement or review the Fiscal Year 2010 Force Structure Briefing available at <http://www.af.mil>.

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Airmen have been assisting with the drawdown throughout the region and performing missions to decrease the overall footprint of forces in Iraq.

For example, the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Construction Team 6, based at Joint Base Balad, has assisted in closing down three forward operating bases so far in the Diyala and Salah ad Din provinces, said Capt. Matthew Albers, the team's chief of operations.

"We are supporting the Army by disconnecting their assets to be redistributed to other locations in Iraq or, in some cases, Afghanistan," Captain Albers said.

"Additionally, we are constructing Southwest Asia huts throughout the region, which are simple semi-permanent wooden buildings that can be used as billeting or work space to temporarily house Army units as they transition out of the cities in preparation for the drawdown and redeployment to other areas," said the captain.

"This mission has certainly been effective," he continued. "In our region, we have directly supported the withdrawal of several thousand Soldiers from local cities."

The captain said the process can get chaotic when the team

is trying to schedule closure of facilities and support construction of temporary replacement facilities at the same time.

"For example, you may close one (dining facility) down at breakfast and transport its generator to a different installation to power up the (dining facility) you finished building the night before so that the new (dining facility) can be open for lunch, ensuring no Soldier misses a meal," Captain Albers said. "There is always a lot of coordination and hard work involved, but our Airmen do an outstanding job of making the process as seamless as possible."

As for Joint Base Balad, installation officials were ready for the influx of service members and assets associated with the withdrawal.

"By executing Joint Base Balad's (forward operating base) collapse plan, I think we are right where we need to be in terms of the security agreement," Colonel Nodjoman said. "We are getting out of the cities and getting back into a much smaller footprint while still maintaining our operational capability, but also honoring the agreement that was made between (the U.S. and Iraq)."

However, Joint Base Balad is not the only main installation affected. Sather AB in Baghdad is undergoing construction projects to create more housing and work space for the service members moving out of inner

cities, the international zone and FOBs. The 10th Combat Support Hospital is being relocated from the international zone to Sather in accordance with the security agreement.

"The IZ is being handed over to the Iraqis and the 10th CSH is moving out of there to come here (Sather)," said Army Chief Warrant Officer Mohammed Badal, 10th CSH facilities manager.

The 10th CSH is a Level-3 medical facility that has surgical care, which is a capability Sather doesn't have, said Chief Badal. As a result, the 819th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron staff is building more facilities to house the influx of troops and medical equipment.

With the reduction of battlefield injuries, the 10th CSH is reducing its manpower by 33 percent and the other 67 percent is being moved out of the IZ to Sather.

Ultimately, once the facilities are built by the 819th ERHS Airmen, the 10th CSH will be able to continue level-3 medical care to support Baghdad and its surrounding areas.

"I see the drawdown as a positive outlook for service members and the Iraqi people, because it is another step forward in turning the country over to them," Chief Badal said. "It's another step that shows us that we may be going home soon, and it shows the country of Iraq is becoming more stable."



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2009 selection boards

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.

Reenlistment bonus list

Air Force News Service

For a complete selective reenlistment bonus list, 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.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

The Air Force Discrimination Hotline, 1-888-231-4058, that serves all active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen.

The 24/7 hotline number ensures all unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment con-

cerns are quickly identified and addressed. It streamlines the process by which individuals can speak with an equal opportunity professional at the Air Force Personnel Center to advise and assist with their concerns and issues. Callers can remain anonymous.

Personnel are highly encouraged to use their chain of command and/or local EO office as a first means to address concerns, but the 24/7 hotline is available to those who don't have immediate access to their local EO office.

Medical appointments

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment desk.

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on "My Health" to complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately.

For more information, call 376-3101.

13 Keesler officers selected for promotion

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Thirteen Keesler officers were selected for promotion June 24 by the 2009A Line of the Air Force, Biomedical Science Corps and Nurse Corps central selection boards at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The boards selected 466 of 4,156 lieutenant colonels, 92 of 729 majors and 271 of the 407 captains under consideration for promotion.

Selected for promotion are:

To colonel — S. Douglas Chowning, former 334th Training Squadron commander, now attending Naval War College in Brussels, Belgium.

To lieutenant colonel — Kerry Hesselrode, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; Bradley Olsson, 81st Medical Group, and Teresa Salter, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

To major — Mickaëlle Germain, Claudia Menjivar and Toni Olivieri, 81st IPTS; Suzanne Green and Gary Novak, 81st MDOS, and Stephen Poly, Scott Sanders, James Stewart and James Webb, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

More news, videos, information and photos

on the Web at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

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.

AETC 'tweets' for new programs

By Ashley Wright

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command's future learning division staff here plummeted into the social-networking, micro blogging Web site Twitter last month in an effort to explore the site's potential uses in training today's Airmen for tomorrow.

The division is "looking into different media and how we might be able to use it," said Col. John Thompson, director. "We look at any sort of innovation to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of our education and training programs."

Twitter allows users to file "tweets" posing questions, posting links to articles or general status updates. Brevity is key as users are allotted only 140 characters for their posts.

The division's entrance into Twitter coincides with top Department of Defense officials announcing the benefits of social networking as a "huge strategic asset for the United States" citing social networking Web sites use in allowing information to continue to flow about recent conflicts from the election in Iran.

"I think one of the more — maybe more significant developments in the last 20 years or so has been the advance of communications technology in the hands of average citizens around the world," said Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. "It is increasingly difficult for an authoritarian government to maintain control of all the means of communication that are available to its citizens."

The division joins other Air Force groups on the year's fastest-growing social networking site. The June 15 issue of Time magazine said Twitter grew in popularity by more than 1,200 percent last year.

The learning division is attempting to find out how to turn a popular networking tool into a learning tool.

"We know outside our firewall our folks are using social media anyhow," Colonel Thompson said. "So how do



Photo illustration by Tech Sgt. Ryan Labadens

403rd Wing reaches out through social networking

By Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens

403rd Wing Public Affairs

Social networking is the latest venue to provide Airmen with a hands-on opportunity to tell others, on a global level, about the Air Force experience.

The Air Force Reserve, and the 403rd Wing have been charting new territory on this communication frontier.

Social networking is defined as online places where users can create profiles and then socialize with others using a range of social media tools, including blogs, video, images, tags, lists of friends, forums and messages.

The terminology alone may seem intimidating to some people, but that shouldn't be a reason to scare them away

from using different social networks. Many of the web sites are user-friendly and free to join and access, a nice plus according to some users.

"This is the way the current generation communicates, and the Air Force needs to keep up with the times," said Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander. "If we want to stay relevant to them and in their line of sight we need to jump in with both feet into these social networking venues."

In fact, many reservists already use some form of social networking on a regular basis, mainly to keep in touch with family and friends.

Staff Sgt. Bernice McCray,

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Social media explored to further Keesler's mission

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing is exploring social media tools to publicize the Air Force story and further Keesler's mission.

Senior Airman Erik Summers of the wing's public affairs staff participated in a conference called Social Media for the Defense Department and Government, June 23-25 in McLean, Va.

"We discussed possible avenues in which we can get our message out, how we can utilize these tools in the work-

place, and how to choose which applications are best tailored for our needs, rather than wants," Airman Summers reported.

"In regular meetings with senior leadership, we've discussed how the wing can use these tools such as Defense Connect Online and Desktop Client to hold conferences and training sessions from work computers," the 21-year-old explained.

"The desktop client is used as an instant messaging service where people can directly connect with each other and discuss events and issues, share files or even their desktop with that person to help complete the mission without leaving your work area," he said.

"We've discussed making the wing a Facebook page to serve as a reliable source of information for people that are here or may be coming here," he added. "The page can also be used as a way to answer questions that people may have about the base."



Airman Summers

we tie into that? How do we use that to make our own collaborative environment?"

USAFFuturelearn, the division's official Twitter username, "tweets" about once a week and has amassed more than 25 followers, said Jayne Williams, a professional networking program manager. The division follows other mobile learning experts, Air Force bases that use Twitter as a branch of public affairs, NASA and the White House to understand how different users utilize the medium.

"Ideally, if the population continues to embrace Twitter, I see the day where senior Air Force leadership tweets," Colonel Thompson said.

"I think our force, whose average age is 20-ish, 20 to 21, ... this is how they live. It's

what they've grown up on," said Navy Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chief's of Staff. "And so for leaders ... it's really important to be connected to that and understand it, certainly not be as facile as they are on it, but to understand, because I think communicating that way and moving information around that way, whether it's administrative information or information in warfare, is absolutely critical."

"There are a variety of social media products out there," Colonel Thompson said. "The Air Force is looking into using different social media and still learning lessons on their value and how you can incorporate that into our learning process for education and training systems."

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

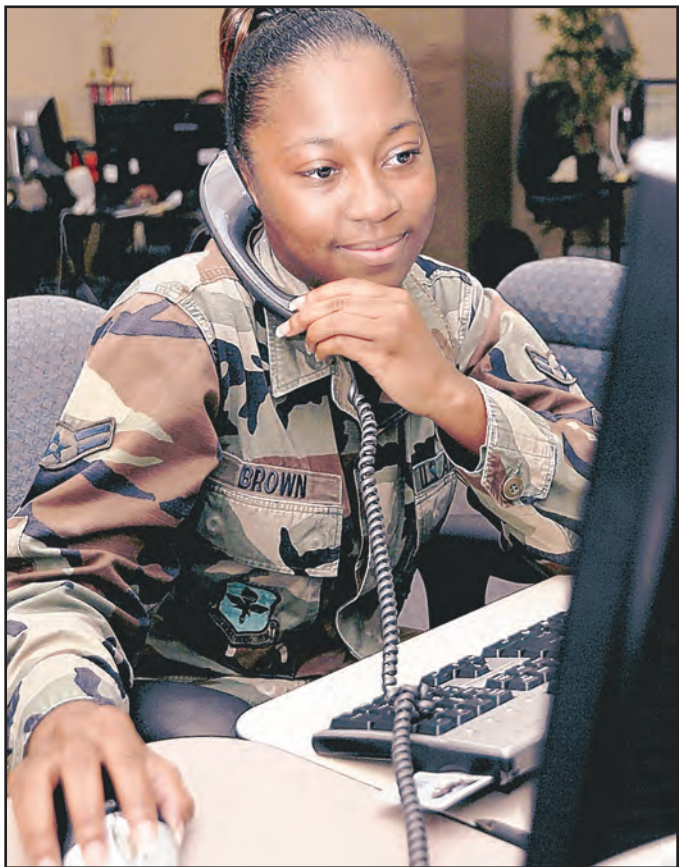


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Name — Airman 1st Class Chelsey Brown

Unit — 81st Communications Squadron

Position — client support administrator

Time in Air Force and at Keesler — one year, nine months

Noteworthy — closed out 777 trouble tickets; completed career development course.

Hometown — Columbus, Miss.

Why did you join the Air Force? to further my education and travel

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, achieve A+ certification; long-term, complete degree in computer science

What's your favorite quote? "Strive for the best — don't settle for less."

What are your hobbies? mainly sleeping and shopping.

DIAMOND NOTES

A maximum of three rings on both hands combined may be worn by personnel while in uniform.

Rings must be worn only at the base of the finger and thumb rings are not authorized, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903.



Master Sgt. Jimmy Freeman, 332nd Training Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



July 1, 1993

Keesler Training Center inactivated and the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, formerly located at Royal Air Force Bentwaters, United Kingdom, was redesignated the 81st Training Wing and concurrently activated to serve as Keesler's host organization. At the same time, the Air Force redesignated Air Training Command as Air Education and Training Command and activated Second Air Force at Keesler.

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an 815th Airlift Squadron command and support staff repre-

sentative, has accounts on social networking sites, such as Facebook and classmates web sites, which she uses to find

and keep in contact with old friends from high school and the military, as well as current friends and relatives.

“It’s a great way to keep in touch,” said Sergeant McCray. “A lot of times in the military you make friends with people and then they leave for assignments at other bases. This is a good way to stay posted as to what’s going on in their lives.”

The 403rd Wing currently has a presence on several social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter and Flickr.

Facebook allows people to create individual profiles, upload photos and make text updates. Users configure their profiles to be viewed privately or publicly, depending on their needs. Individuals can also create group pages for others to join. Currently, the 403rd has five group pages Facebook members can join: “403rd Wing,” “AF Reserve 815th

Flying Jennies,” “AF Reserve Hurricane Hunters,” “41st Aerial Port Squadron” and “403rd Wing Spouses.”

Twitter is set up almost like a mass text-messaging website. It allows members to post 140-character blurbs that can be viewed by whoever happens to be following your particular messages, or “tweets” as they are called. The 403rd Wing currently uses Twitter to post messages about upcoming events, headlines and web site links to Air Force photos, stories and fun facts.

Flickr is devoted to posting photos and videos. The wing posts many of its pictures on this site, which can be found under the search terms “Hurricane Hunters,” “403rd Wing” or “Flying Jennies.”

Fireworks follies can ruin 4th of July celebrations



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Saturday's public fireworks displays are at 8:45 p.m. at Gulfport's Jones Park and 9 p.m. near the Biloxi Town Green.

Safety office, fire prevention office and Keesler News staff

The lingering drought in south Mississippi makes fireworks a dangerous proposition for Independence Day.

James Palmer, Keesler's fire prevention chief, stressed that fireworks are strictly prohibited on base and in surrounding cities, but fireworks continue to be sold in Harrison and Jackson counties outside city limits.

"Some people insist on buying and using them, regardless of the dangers," Mr. Palmer said.

A May 2009 report from the National Fire Prevention Association noted that in 2007, the most recent year for which statistics are available, 9,800 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. emergency rooms.

About 56 percent involve injuries to the extremities and 36 percent to the head. About 42 percent of the injuries involved young people under the age of 15.

Sparklers, often considered "safe" for young children, caused 22 percent of the injuries, and small firecrackers accounted for 18 percent.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at an outdoor public display put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet from the launch area.

For people who opt to light their own fireworks, here are some safety reminders:

Fireworks are not toys. They burn at about the same temperature as a household match.

Buy fireworks from reliable merchants.

Never attempt to make your own homemade fireworks. Mixing chemical powders can result in an untimely explosion that can cause death or injuries.

Know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are federally-banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death. If you know of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Different fireworks mean different hazards, so read the instructions on each one and follow them carefully.

Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Light the tip of each firework at arm's length, using a fireworks lighter or fuse wick. Move back immediately.

Light one firework or sparkler at a time. Rockets should be launched from a rocket launcher, not from glass or metal containers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, so make sure that anyone holding one wears gloves and puts each spent one into a bucket of water as soon as it's gone out.

Never give fireworks to small children. Close adult supervision of all fireworks activities is necessary.

Don't throw fireworks onto a bonfire.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.

Always ignite fireworks outdoors.

Never throw fireworks at another person.

If a firework doesn't go off, it could still be live and could go off unexpectedly. Douse the "dud" with water, then bury it.

Pets hate bangs and flashes and get frightened around fireworks, so keep pets indoors and close curtains to make things calmer.

Before lighting any fireworks, make sure enough room is available in a safe place.

Have a full bucket of water handy for any emergency, and for disposing of used sparklers.

Loose clothing or scarves can catch on fire very easily. If clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over to put out the flames.

Drinking alcohol adds to the danger when there are fireworks and bonfires around. Consider not having any alcoholic drinks available until after all fireworks have been set off.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910, or fire prevention office, 377-8441.

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

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or 9966.

Physical training gear wear policy outlined

Col. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, issued a memorandum Monday outlining Keesler's physical training gear wear policy.

The policy standardizes the wear of the Air Force physical training gear, which is mandatory during organized PT. Its intent is to ensure all personnel wearing PT gear present a professional and standardized military image.

The policy applies to all Keesler personnel, whether assigned permanently, on temporary duty, rotational duty or on leave/pass, on or off the installation. In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, TDY personnel comply with local policies established at each TDY location.

PT gear will be neat, clean and serviceable, with no rips, tears or holes and worn as follows:

PT T-shirt — tucked in at all times during organized PT. The only time it may be untucked is when a member is taking the annual PT test and under the supervision of a physical training leader.

PT shorts — are worn within 2 inches of the waist as measured for waist circumference in fitness testing.

PT jacket — will be zipped up at least halfway when not actively engaged in exercise/fitness activities. When actively engaged in exercise/fitness, members may adjust zipper as needed to aid body temperature regulation.

PT pants — leg zippers are zipped and waistband is worn within 2 inches of the waist as measured for waist circumference in fitness testing. When actively engaged in exercise/fitness, members may adjust zipper as needed to aid body temperature regulation.

Shoes — are laced and tied

Black or navy blue leggings may be worn under the shorts, and black or navy blue long sleeve shirts may be worn under the short sleeve PT T-shirt. Visible portions of leggings and long sleeve shirts will be solid in color. Any color combination is authorized.

Hats — ski wraps, sweatbands, bandanas and other similar headscarves/headgear aren't authorized. Commanders may authorize black, blue or white baseball-style caps and watch caps (in cooler months) as a measure to prevent sunburn or to keep warm. Caps and watch caps may have Air Force or small conservative trademark logos.

Headphones — may be worn while running or jogging on the Crotwell Track, Triangle Track and I-81. Headphones are prohibited while running on roadways whether wearing PT gear or not.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airman 1st Class Anthony Acevedo, 81st Force Support Squadron, wears proper PT gear while running at the Crotwell Track.

Gloves — black gloves may be worn during cool weather. Weightlifting gloves are authorized during all weightlifting activities.

Reflective belts — are required during hours of darkness if the full reflective properties of the PT gear aren't visible. The reflective belt is worn around the waist and must be completely visible from any angle.

While performing personal or unit PT, members are expected to stop and render proper customs and courtesies when retreat sounds, as well as when approached by staff vehicles with senior officer placards displayed.

For more information, call the 81st Training Wing command chief, 377-4665.

'Heart' transplant

Contractors with Carothers Construction continue work on the interior of the new radiation oncology center under construction on the west side of Keesler Medical Center. Plans call for the linear accelerator, the "heart" of the new center, to be moved from its current medical center location to the new structure between July 30 and Aug. 5. The facility is scheduled to be completed by mid-October.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Medics brings humanitarian aid to El Salvador

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Team Keesler led a dozen deployed medics to El Salvador for a recent humanitarian mission.

Seven team members were from the 81st Medical Group: Col. (Dr.) Kathleen Elmer, 81st Medical Operations Squadron dermatologist; Lt. Col. Richard Rowe, 81st MDG; Maj. (Dr.) Eric Flake, 81st MDOS pediatrician, Maj. (Dr.) Luissa Kiprono, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron obstetrician/gynecologist; Capt. (Dr.) Douglas Martin, 81st MDOS family practitioner, Capt. Martha Hayney, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron laboratory and Senior Airman Gilberto Quijano, 81st Dental Squadron dental technician.

Other team members came from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Goodfellow AFB, Texas, Columbus AFB, Miss., and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Among the clinical specialties the team offered were family practice, dermatology, women's health, pediatrics, general dentistry, optometry and public health.

From April 29-May 16, the team spent 10 days providing medical care to the citizens of El Salvador in the Department of Cuscatlán. The Keesler medics worked very closely with the U.S. Military Group assigned to the American Embassy in San Salvador. The USMILGP was instrumental in linking the 12-person team with local El Salvadoran military support personnel and civilian Ministry of Health medical personnel.

Colonel Rowe stressed this was a true joint effort, with the Ministry of Health providing 25-30 medical personnel each day and the El Salvadoran military providing their own medical staff, translators, escorts and support personnel.

The Keesler-led team visited three different sites in Cuscatlán, treated more than

7,900 patients and dispensed more than 14,000 prescriptions.

May 14, the team was visited by Lt. Gen. Glenn Spears, U.S. Southern Command deputy commander; Ambassador Paul Trivelli, civilian deputy to the commander and foreign policy advisor to USSOUTHCOM; and the El Salvadoran Army chief of staff. The visitors received a briefing of medical care services rendered to date and a tour of the clinic site.

Colonel Rowe said the H1N1 flu virus raised the concern of the El Salvadoran government and they declared a state of emergency to help better prepare for any possible mass outbreak.

As part of its public health presentation, the Keesler medics brought over 2,000 two-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer. Colonel Rowe — a member of the advance group that had left four days before the main group — phoned Captain Hayney back at Keesler asking if hand sanitizer was available. The captain provided the hand sanitizer within 48 hours.

Of special note was the assistance provided by the Slidell, La., Lions Club.

As Colonel Rowe planned for the mission, he discovered that the usual eye glass supplier didn't have any for this mission.

With less than three days before pharmaceutical supplies were to be shipped out, the colonel made several frantic phone calls looking for anyone who had at least 1,000 pairs of donated eyewear. One of his last calls was to the Slidell Lions Club. Within 20 minutes of his request, Art Bell, former president of the Slidell organization, committed 1,500 pairs, and less than 24 hours later they provided Colonel Rowe more than 2,000 pairs. The colonel stressed the Slidell Lions Club saved the mission's optometry portion.



Airman Quijano assists Capt. (Dr.) Stephen Potter from Columbus AFB in treating a dental patient. Courtesy photo



Photo by Capt. (Dr.) Stephen Potter

Colonel Rowe and Major Eric Flake serve as pharmacy technicians as they prepare medications for distribution to patients.

Military in uniform get priority during midday hours

Military personnel in uniform now receive priority service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 81st Force Support Squadron customer service section.

Customer service is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on compressed work schedule “down Fridays.”

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carlton Vinson, 376-8339.

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

Keesler NCOs coordinate veterans' support group

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Five noncommissioned officers from the 336th Training Squadron have banded together to launch the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of Vets4Vets, a peer-to-peer support group for post-9/11 veterans.

The chapter meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in Room H-1 of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis Campus in Gulfport, according to Tech. Sgt. Charissa Rotundo, one of the coordinators.

The other members of the steering group include Master Sgt. Carrie-Ann Pogue, Tech. Sgts. Tametha McNelley and Donald Mosley and Staff Sgt. Marsheila Baker.

"We aren't psychologists — we can recommend resources, but we're strictly a peer-to-peer support group," said Sergeant Pogue, who's spent the last four of her 16 years in the Air Force at Keesler. "Vets4Vets enables one military member to support another through some potentially confusing, stressful and difficult times. If vets just want to talk, they are welcome here."

Vets4Vets offers a safe environment for people to talk, share and lift each other emotionally, according to Sergeant Pogue. She sees special value in the group for military members who have deployed, as she did to Bosnia from Italy in 1999 and to Saudi Arabia in 2001.

"They may need to talk to someone who has 'been there, done that,'" she explained. "During the hard times in life, we all need a person or place where we feel we won't be judged, but simply need someone to listen. I feel this group provides that atmosphere and ensures a safe environment."

Sergeant Rotundo, who deployed to Saudi Arabia in 2002, found out about Vets4Vets through the Knowledge Now website. Last year, she and Sergeants Pogue and McNelley went to one of the national



organization's weekend workshops in Alabama and came back determined to make a difference in the lives of other veterans.

"That weekend was the most spiritual experience in my life without religion," Sergeant Rotundo recalled.

On behalf of Vets4Vets, Sergeant Rotundo attends quarterly meetings of the "Our Turn Network," a group of community partners serving veterans and their families in south Mississippi. The network is cosponsored by the Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

Sergeant Rotundo was part of a VA focus group for members who had deployed as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"One group member was a young man who had served in Iraq — he had already transferred to civilian life, but still had time on his VA benefits," she said. "He told the group he was tired of talking to the VA counselors because they hadn't been there, they really didn't know what he was going through.

"That's where I believe Vets4Vets can make a difference," she continued. "It gives post 9/11 veterans the opportunity to talk to someone who's been there, who can relate, and sometimes that makes all the difference in the world."

For more information, log on to http://www.myspace.com/vets4vets_ms.

Pilots from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., run to their aircraft responding to a Decepticon attack during the filming of "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

Courtesy photos



Military unites with Hollywood on 'Transformers'

By Joe Davidson

Special to American Forces Press Service

LOS ANGELES— "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" hit theaters nationwide June 24 as the culmination of more than a year of Defense Department support, ranging from script and uniform notes to C-17 Globemaster III aerial maneuvers and jumps from the Army's Golden Knights parachute demonstration team.

The first "Transformers" film released in July 2007 used a variety of Air Force assets and the latest film, DreamWorks and Paramount studios partnered with all four services to highlight America's military members and combat power on the big screen.

Deciding how and why to work with the services was essential in making the film work, producers said.

"There are really a lot of similarities between a military operation and a movie production," said Army Lt. Col. Greg Bishop, the department's project officer for the movie. "The mobility of the operation, the logistics and planning required, and the problem-solving skills required to pull the whole thing off are very much alike."

Executive producer and director Michael Bay has worked with military leaders on other films and frequently consults with them to make action sequences in his movies appear more authentic.



Director Michael Bay instructs security forces before shooting a scene.

"You know the first thing we're going to look at is that if you're going to fight these 32- to 125-foot robots, who else would you fight them with?" producer Lorenzo di Bonaventura said.

Like its predecessors, the latest "Transformers" movie uses hundreds of military members from all the services and from throughout the country to make the film feel more realistic.

"I enjoyed being able to walk on the set and there are a hundred real soldiers as opposed to walking on and it's a hun-

dred actors from Orange County or LA in fatigues," said Megan Fox, the film's female lead actor. "It was just an overall pleasant experience, and I have an immense amount of respect for the Soldiers and for our troops."

That realism extends to military equipment as jet fighters roar from the deck of an aircraft carrier to the recoiling sounds of M1-A1 Abrams tanks firing 120mm rounds at their deceptive and, at times, overpowering foes.

"What (the military) bring to it is obviously a sense of reality, but for us

what is most interesting about it is our interaction with them, because you actually get to see these people who have made a life choice and the honesty of that choice comes through each and every time you meet these guys," Mr. di Bonaventura said. "So, for us, that's the really exciting thing. We get to hang out at the base and see the joy they get out of being a part of us, and you also see us get affected by their level of commitment."

This latest "Transformers" film shows an extreme example of what the military does in everyday life.

"Though the enemy in this film are alien robots, we strove to make the depiction of operations as realistic and accurate as possible," said Capt. Bryon McGarry, Air Force project officer for the movie. "As in real-world operations, we go to war against the Decepticons in the film jointly to achieve coordinated, balanced and devastating results. If they ever came to Earth, we'd be ready for them."

DreamWorks and Paramount pictures gave permission to provide special screenings of "Transformers, Revenge of the Fallen" at bases that provided support for the film and also aboard the USS John C. Stennis.

Joe Davidson is assigned to the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

Stay safe — beat the heat

Safety office

In the sweltering heat and humidity of south Mississippi, remember that the summer months hold danger. Two simple precautions can keep you safe while having fun in the sun.

Wear sunscreen when spending time outside. It will save you a lot of misery and help fend off skin cancer and other future harmful effects.

Drink plenty of water. The heat and humidity cause a loss of water and can quickly lead to dehydration. Having a bottle of water handy will help keep you hydrated and make your summer months enjoyable.

Staying hydrated will also help prevent heat stroke, a life threatening injury that is caused by the body being unable to dissipate the heat. If you're exerting yourself and find that you suddenly stop sweating, have sudden headaches or are overly fatigued, beware of possible heat stroke.

Enjoy your time out in the sun this summer, but keep hydrated and be aware of the sun's dangerous effects.



Air Force deaths

May 22 through June 24

Motorcycles — 3 (two senior airmen, one captain)

Automobiles — 3 (one airman basic, two senior airmen, one staff sergeant)

Oct. 1 through June 17

Automobiles — 18

Motorcycles — 15

Sports/recreation — 4

Bicycle/pedestrian — 2

Other — 2

Free fun for military

Gulfport's Lynn Meadows Discovery Center offers free admission to military families, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Children can make red, white and blue sand castles and enjoy free ice cream.

For more information, call 897-6039.

Heart Walk

People interested in participating in the American Heart Association Heart Walk Oct. 3, call Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 376-8524 or 8529, e-mail patrick.key@us.af.mil, or log on to <http://gulfcoast-heartwalk.kintera.org>, select "find a team," then select "Keesler Dragons."

Legal office closed

The legal office is closed from noon to 5 p.m. July 9 for an official function.

Squadron closed

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron closes at 10 a.m. July 9 for an official function.

Base shuttle service is not affected by the closure.

For emergencies, call vehicle dispatch, 377-2430.

Caregiving seminar

A free caregiving seminar is 5:15-7 p.m. July 16 at the Donal Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi.

The program covers legal issues in aging, resources and services, coping skills and how to make your parent a dependent.

Refreshments and door prizes are provided at the event which is cosponsored by the airman and family readiness center and the City of Biloxi.

To register, call 376-8728 or e-mail sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations now has a wheelchair-accessible mini-van available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Supply issues

For supply issues or concerns, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-

4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

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.

Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours. Consign-

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

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.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require

root canal treatment.

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

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

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

Housing maintenance

Phone numbers for family housing maintenance service are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Misfits second baseman Cynthia Hayes tags out Richard Fosnacht, 334th TRS, as he hustles in for the slide during the championship game, June 25.

Misfits muzzle Gators for intramural softball title

Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Force Support/Comptroller Squadron "Misfits" were crowned the 2009 intramural softball champions June 25 when they chopped the 334th Training Squadron Gators, 21-7.

The Misfits, tied for third place in the National League during the regular season, maxed out their home run limit by the fourth inning of regulation play and sealed off their victory via the mercy rule by the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Misfits breezed through the playoffs with a 7-1 win over the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron June 18, a 12-9 victory over the combined 81st Communications Squadron/85th Engineering Installation Squadron team June 23 and a 22-3 trouncing of the 336th TRS, the National League's regular-season leader.

"It feels great to finish the season the way we did," said Joseph Anderson, 81st FSS/CPTS coach. "We started out slower than we wanted but came out strong the last half of the season."

Finishing the postseason in impressing fashion, the team named after its unique roster of personnelists, services, comptrollers and wing staff Airmen ended the intramural softball season with a stretch of 10 consecutive victories.

The Gators, second place in the American League during the regular season, made it to the championship game by beating the Marine Corps Detachment, 10-0, on June 17; the 81st Dental Squadron, 14-4 on June 22, and the 338th TRS-B team, 23-12, on June 24.

Airman 1st Class David Salanitri, Keesler Public Affairs, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



Jason Hutchison waits on deck as his Misfits teammate, Ryan Rice, gets a hit during the championship game. The Misfits kept the hits going for a 21-7 win.

Basketball

Varsity men's and women's teams — tryouts to be announced. Teams play in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference Coaches needed. For more information, call 377-2444 or 3056.

Bowling

Fall leagues — registrations being accepted now for the Saturday morning youth league, Monday night league, Tuesday night (hospital and VA), Wednesday and Friday mixed leagues and Thursday intramurals. Sign up at the counter or call 377-2817.

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.

Glow 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.

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

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.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

Boxing room — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, 3 speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

Intramural flag football — letters of intent due July 31 at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2444.

Boxing's back



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Stephen Showmaker, 81st Security Forces Squadron, works out on a speed bag in the recently reopened boxing room at the Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-3056.

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.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 348-6698.

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 Intramural league

(as of June 23)

Team	Poi nts
334th TRS-A	53
81st FSS	39
333rd TRS	32
*81st SFS	31
81st TRSS	31
336th TRS	31
*334th TRS-B	30
81st LRS	24
MARDET-A	23
335th TRS	16
81st MDSS	12
MARDET-B	6

* one make-up match to play

For more information and schedule, call Sam Miller, 377-2444.

Other

African-American Heritage Committee tournament — July 17. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m., noon shotgun start. Four-person team (scramble). \$50 includes green fees, cart, lunch and cold beverages; three mulligans and two throws \$5, strings \$1. To sign up, call Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

9-hole Dragon fun golf — Shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Thursdays.

\$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person team, two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week; limited to first 36 golfers.

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 clubs.

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

Outdoor recreation

Pools — main base pool, noon to 5:30 p.m. daily except Monday. Triangle Pool, noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesday, with lap swimming for adults, 11 a.m. to noon. Single and family passes available. Pool parties available. For more information, call the main base pool, 377-3948, or Triangle Pool, 377-3568.

Armed Services Division of the Gulf Coast Fishing Rodeo — today

through Sunday at Point Cadet in Biloxi. Outdoor recreation will give saving bonds for the largest fish caught daily by a military member. Must sign up in advance at the rodeo.

July 4 special — 10 percent discount on camping and fishing rental equipment.

Pool parties available — For more information, call 377-3568.

Camping packages — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

July fish of the month — weigh in the largest flounder, win a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Edgar Alvarez, Andrew Appleby, Auturo Armas, Thomas Barlow, Chuck Barnett, Ernest Bell, Patrick Benjamin, Michael Bowie, Antony Brown, Davis Byers, Tommy Callaway, Benjamin Carreiro, Matthew Clark, Hughie Cole, Sean Conroy, Marc Courchesne, Eric Crowley, Kendal Curtis, Brandon Cusyk, James Detrinidad, Dennis Fernandez, Christopher Ferrell, Kyle Finch, Jacob Finnerty, Timothy Foster, Matthew Gary, Scott Green, Colin Gronning, Jesse Hagerty, Sean Hartman, Wesley Hoover, Ryan Jordan, Christopher Kitter, Eric Klusman, Chyman Lao, Ashley Lavalley, Gerald Lint, Chad Lobsiger, Robert Lonack, Zachary Mantyla, Genevieve Matranga, James May, Andrew McClain, Timothy McCleod, Timothy KcKinny, James Millam, Seth Monteleone, Luis Mori, Eric Murtishaw, Elias Ordonez, Justin Ortega, Alyssa Otto, Cassidy Parker, Thomas Patterson, Christopher Perry, Christopher Petrie, Matthew Pitts, Eric Powers, David Rebholz, Daniel Reese, Christopher Retterer, Matthew Rice, David Roberts, Kyle Robinson, Quentin Robinson, Lawrence Rosales, Steven Rosales, Jacob Ross, Ivan Seppala, Benton Shelton, David Sierra, Geoffrey Sloan, Joshua Smith, Nicklas Spencer, Remo Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Jeremy Taylor, Kevin Thomas, Scott Trail, Carlos Villanueva, John Watson and Stevn Weber; Airmen Jorden Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Jack Bragg, Travis Brown, Ryan Flanagan, Juan Flores, Caleb Hall, Michael Harvey, Austin Johnson, Ronald Marlow, Johnson Phou, Joey Ratajczak,, Glennarven Robbins, Megan Senn and Mario Soto; Airmen First Class Joshua Alameda, Leswee AliceaRivera, Daniel Allen, Jason Armstrong, Leslie Baker, David Bastidas, James Beatty, Phillip Boler, Douglas Brandl, Daniel Brim, Andrew Burgess, Kourie Donahoo, Colin Donaj, Joshua Douglas, Aaron Driver, Monalisa Durkan, Travis Englund, Nicholas Feuerborn, Ryan Gardner, Andrew Geronimo, Daniel Green, Christopher Harding, Madeline Herbst, Bryant Horton, Cas Hutson, Benjamin Johnson, Cameron Johnson, Eric Johnson-Aguilar, Joshua Johnson, Alan Kroth, Mark Lambert, Chrisatopher Legault, Robert Livings, Sean Maceri, Katherine McCroary, Joshua McDonald, James McGuire, Ramon Melo-Carela, Joseph Merfield, Robert Miller, Timothy Motley, Roman Nelson, Robert Osborne, Blake Parsih, Keith Peterson, Adam Peyrouse, Jonathan Randall, Jason Rohrbaugh, Justin Rollings, Orlano Salcido, Jatelvis Sharpe, Kimberly Simon, Bryan Skedgell, Leonard Spomer, Robert Stewart, Thomas Trimeloni, Thomas Turner, Randal Villines, Zachary Walker, Chance Watson, Adam Wesner, Matthew Whisman, Sean Wilkinson and Eric Zimmerman; Pfc. Adam Sullivan; Senior Airmen Jeremy Baxley, Boger Daniel, Bobby Dykes-Wilson, Matthew Fitzsimmons, Cedric Hall, Robert Halloway, Charles Malysse, Erik Munana, Robert Patterson, Justin Pearce, Vaughn Reynolds, Martin Slabbert; Jebidiah Smail, Brady Techen, Gerrit VanVranken, and Jerome Williams; Staff Sgts AliAhmed AlAmer, Jesse Bianconi, Timothy Bush, Travis Corriveau, Serena Calleros Joseph Cutcher, Jesse Eberle, Jeffrey Fredell, Andrew Gilland, Ian Harris, Cecil Hopwood, Chyman Lao, Louis Martinez, Brandon McClelland, Alfred Mester, Dennis Meyers, Joshua Morgenstern, Paul Motycka, Robert Murphy, Mark Pauline, Luis Reyes, Edmond Sicotte, Michael Spitzer, David Stivers and Richel Zulueta; Lance Cpl. Matthew Allgeyer; Master Sgt Ali Atwi, Millard Peeler and Sean Rice; Senior Master Sgt. Turki AlShehri; Chief Master Sgt. AbdulelahSaad AlAteeq; 2nd Lt. Emad Hussein AlRashdan; Maj. Abdul Hafeez and Iftikhar Zahoor; Warrant Officer Omar AlRamadneh.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Jose Dejesus; Airmen Tanya Shaw; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Leuschen and Timothy Shockley.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Adam Cessna, Kristy Costello, John Frazza, Justin King, Jasmine Logan, Jonathan Park, Miquel Taylor, Kyle Ralston, Ellard Reyes, Jordan Rivera, Natalie Robinson, Nico Rodriguez, Logan Stambaugh, Sean Wease and Weston Whitsett; Airmen Larson Chun, Alexander Gordy, Kassandra Hood, Adam Hughes-Wooton, Patrick Juhasz, Micheal Kendall, Anthony Murphy and Cody Sherrer; Airmen 1st Class Mathew Atherton, Jarold Mausolf, Tashonda McEachern, Raymond Miller, Charles Neeler, Emma Nielsen, Jonathan Simmonds, John Stoke, Victoria Watson, Jonathan Walker, John Stoke, Logan Williams and Jefferey

Zielomski; Senior Airmen Luis Roa and Donathan Rose; Staff Sgts. Gabriel Hernandez, Justin Kurth, Jake Monroe, Edwin Richardson and Joshua Venable; 1st Lt. Georgios Zisis.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Molly Waldschmidt; Navy Airmen Recruit Halston Anhar, James Henson and Garland Riggs; Marine Pfc. Michael Boyles and Alleia Strunk; Navy Airman Apprentice Nathanael Wade; Airmen Tyler Franzen, Kyle Lever, Rebekah McHenry and Tony Yang; Marine Lance Cpl. Mario Morales; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Aizer, Shannon Cross, Christopher Darling, Jeremy Dunn, Megan Frederickson, Xavier Gill, Gary Graeff, Jennifer Hampton, Jasmine Huertas, Heather Loyd, Maelyn McIntosh, Andrew Rising, Garrett Schroeder and Steven Vasko; Navy Airman Mitzaly Alanso-Cruz; Marine Cpl. Patrick Burke, Aminia Francis and Zachary Salter; Staff Sgts. Austin Doyle and Stephanie Foreman; Tech. Sgt. Kodi Ingle.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Stephen Frost, Samuel Fulk, Nicholas Liberty, Brandon Shirley and Elvin Woodruff; Airmen Basic Larry Adams, Aaron Caldwell, Terrance Caldwell, Samuel Fulk, Joseph George, Vincent Hicks, Jaime Hipolito, Hien Le, Austin Meeks, Travis Porter, Joshua Saindon, Robert Schuster, Bryan Warters, Richard Wojnowski, and Michael Zimmer; Airmen 1st Class Raymond Ada, Kevin Cannell, Robert Carter, Cortney Dailey, Anthony Delano, Daniel Dunbar, Nathan Johnsen, Alexander MacPhail, Rebecca Magalski, Genesis Moore, Daniel Nelson, Jonathan Olson, Vincent Raymond, Matthew Reck, Matthew Roth, Scott Schneider, Matthew Scott, Michael Servis, Jacob Smith, Nicole Tomlin, Nicole Turner, Wylie William, and Matthew Wool; Senior Airmen Jonathan Craig, Tapuilima Oliveros, and Dennis Skarr; Staff Sgts. Christopher Currin, Daniel Dorazio, James Fletchn, William Mahimer, David Maillet, Gary Miles, John Sharp, and Morgan Trede; Tech Sgts. David Michaud, and Kristen Scott; Master Sgts. Christy Meier and Tommy Sams; Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Edmondson.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Isaiah Bruemmer, Robert Corum, Stephen Dinucci-Fix, Kyle Eckert, Douglas Frank, Braden Irby, Nico Melone, Zachery Schumacher, David Simon and Jacob Singleton; Airmen Christopher Church, Joseph Mullen, Zachery Nuvy and Travis Royal; Airmen 1st Class David Barker, George Boltik, Brenton Briggs, Michael Cook, Joshua Cunningham, Margaret Falk, John

Garcia, Jesse Gray, Jeff McCarty, Keith Rash, Angel Sanchez, Curtis Smith, Robert Stoerle and Yomar Valentin; Senior Airmen Gilberto Alcocer, Karol Bakowski, Crystal Gusler, Jeffrey Hicks and Matthew Parker; Staff Sgts. Larry Barker, Christina Franks, Corey Hendershot, Leandro Herrera, Matthew Leisure, Peter MacMillan, Christopher McNeil, Jonathan Murray and Dylan Young; Tech. Sgts. William Hartung, Kevin Hicks, Jason Hill, Robbie Hunt, Jason Rutherford and Eric Turner; Master Sgts. Marnie Jewel and Timothy Potter.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airmen Tyler Bagby and Andrew Dahn; Airmen 1st Class Jona Green, Christopher Halubka, Antonio Labella, Daniel Nichols, Gregory Parker, Peter Sigmund and Michael Taunton; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq and Eliud Martinez-Franco; Master Sgt. Audean Garcia-Lopez; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Sean Carnahan, Lavi Chanthavong, Uriel Contreras, Kevin Crowley, Derek Fulton, Adam Gerych, Sean Gmachowski, Charles Henderson, Rashodrick Jackson, Tyrren Locquiao, Christopher Mcdowell, Jonathon Montgomery, Tobbie Moorer, Marcus Sharpe, Michael Slater, Richard Synger, William Welsh, Royce Williams and Corby Wilson; Airmen Charlie Hulse, Gregory Miller, Lecola Mungo and Charles Potter; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Brockman, Rosie Gumbs, James Kane, Aaron Oliver, Seth Roberts, Jonathan Roche, Eric Sanborn, Wesley Sorrill, Justin Tackett, Justin Teixeira, Justin Wallace and Benjamin Yi; Senior Airmen Matthew Doney, Ronald Forest, Keith Hendershot, Nicholas Neenan, Bradley Snyder and Reginald Woods; Staff Sgts. Terrance Bias, Warren Kerrigan, Justin Oaks, Gerardo Ovalle, Jeremy Paumer, Allen Reaves and Brandon Wall; Tech. Sgts. Terry Calhoun, Jonathan Eusebio, Robert Hoffman, Amie Howell, Kevin Irvin and Jeremiah White; Brenda Mitchell.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Fereday, Daniel Gaudette, Jonathan Ross and Russell Stevens; Airmen Santoro Anthonay, Xavier Collazo and Ryan Leuenberger; Senior Airmen Shad Hines and William Vandermate; Staff Sgts. Eldric Bankston, Sara Beale and Stanley Ruth; Tech. Sgts. Matthew McCoy and Jason Walker.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday, Saturday.

81st Force Support Squadron customer service — closed Friday and Monday.

Keesler Commissary — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Base car wash — open 24 hours.

Fam camp — open 24 hours.

Mini mart — open 24 hours.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 7 p.m.

Bay Breeze Golf Course, driving range and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk.

Arts and craft center — closed.

Auto hobby shop — closed.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

Katrina Kantina — closed.

McBride Library — closed.

Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers — closed.

Information, ticket and tours office — closed.

Legends Café — closed.

Youth center — closed.

Child development center — closed.

Family child care — closed.

Gaude Lanes — closed.

11th Frame Café — closed.

Veterinary services — closed.

Main exchange — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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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.

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Shoppette and Class Six — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Car care center — closed.
Military clothing sales — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday.
Furniture store — closed.
Subway — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mobile units — closed.
Charley's Grilled Subs — closed.
Anthony's Pizza — closed.
Optical shop — closed.
Nail shop — closed.
Welch Theater — closed.
General Nutrition Center — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday.
Beauty shop — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday.
Mini-mall barber shop — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday.
Shoppette/car care center barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Medical center barber shop — closed.
Laundry/dry cleaners — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday.
U-Haul — closed.
Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-5 — graduation Wednesday.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-5 — graduation July 9.

Arts and crafts center

Tailgate flea markets — Saturdays. Set up at 8 a.m., sales are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables \$15 on day of sale. Register by 4 p.m. Fridays and pay \$10 and get a parking space.

Summer arts youth camp — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$25 including all materials. Monday through July 9, make beach bags and sand art; July 14-16, make wind chimes; July 21-23, woodworking; July 28-30, scrapbooking and card making.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and July 9 and 18. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon, July 11. \$20 including materials.

Mosaic art — one class, two sessions, 5:30-7 p.m. July 16 and 30. \$15 including all materials.

Card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon, July 23. \$7.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 25. \$40 including instruction and supplies. Call for time.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon July 11 and 15. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon, July 9 and 18. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 including shop use and materials. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

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.

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.

Chapel

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

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

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

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

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Independence Day

Lunch — barbecue ribs, steak, barbecue chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, coleslaw, baked beans, mararoni and cheese, corn on the cob, watermelon, fruit, desserts.

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

Lunch — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier **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.

July 9

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.

July 10

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.

July 11

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.

July 12

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

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.

July 13

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.

July 14

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.

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.

July 15

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, garlic toast, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, pork chalupa, 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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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.

McBride Library

Student research help — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas. Orientations 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. To sign up, call 377-2181.

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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. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; July 8, Italian; July 15, beef brisket, \$6.95, work Fridays catfish \$8.95.

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.

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All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

After 4th of July party — 5-7 p.m. July 9. Cook your own steak or chicken, \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, including potato salad, baked beans, cobbler, rolls, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine, drink specials and door prizes.

Margarita night — 5-8 p.m. July 31. Specialty margaritas \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

Tuesday special — 5-7 p.m., tacos 2 for \$1 for members, \$1.50 each for no members.

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

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 — through Aug. 7. Registrations continue until camps are full for each week.

Family dinner/dance — 6 p.m. July 9. Hawaiian luau theme. \$5 adults, children free. Reservations appreciated; call 377-4116.

School-age program — registrations begin July 13. School served are Jeff Davis and Beauvoir Elementary. Space limited.

Missoula children's theater camp — July 20-24 for grades 1-12. Auditions 1 p.m. July 20. Rehearsals 9-11 a.m. and 1-3

p.m. daily. Rumpelstiltskin performance 5 p.m. July 24. For more information, call 377-4116.

Golf for kids — 8:30-9:30 a.m. ages 6-8; 9:30-11:30 a.m. ages 9-12. Three sessions: July 7-9, 14-16 and 28-30. \$65 per session including equipment and T-shirt. Sign up at the youth center or Bay Breeze Golf Course. Space is limited.

Coming soon — archery, tennis, cheerleading, dance and Operation Night Hoops. 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. 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 Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Monday of the Month at Locker House facility. Enter courtyard on left side of building as you face the front of it. Enter the door marked "T flight" and proceed straight ahead until you see a sign saying "K5TYP."

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 — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

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., X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13, 107 minutes).

Saturday — closed.

Sunday — 1 p.m., Star Trek (PG-13, 127 minutes).

July weather outlook

Temperatures and thunderstorms reach their peak in the month of July when the average temperatures range from 77 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Thunderstorm normally occur 18 days of the month. Often the thunderstorms are within sight of Keesler but won't actually move over the base. The wind tends to be from the south at 5 to 10 knots, with gusty conditions near thunderstorm activity. Hurricanes, tropical storms and depressions also occur frequently in July and should be closely monitored so that protective actions can be taken if necessary.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	102
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	90
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	77
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	60
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	66
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	7.36
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	12
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	18
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	7.59
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	2.4
1,000 feet.....	0.6
300 feet.....	0.0

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	16.3
3 miles	1.1
1 mile.....	0.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	41.3
4-10 knots.....	53.3
11-21 knots.....	5.3
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.