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Dragons deployed — 222



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From left, Tech. Sgt. Jodi Schmidt and Staff Sgt. Jan Turner, 335th Training Squadron shelter management team members, assist Airman 1st Class Laurel Hutchins, Airman David Lukin and Airman Basic Lacey Freebern, 335th TRS students, and Senior Airman Matt Jackson, 81st Communications Squadron, check into the hurricane shelter at Wolfe Hall, Friday.

Keesler tests its hurricane plan

Keesler Public Affairs

"Hurricane Taylor" tested Keesler's ability to prepare and respond to tropical weather threats as the Mississippi Gulf Coast heads into the heart of hurricane season.

As the waters of the Gulf of Mexico heat up from the blazing summer sun, tropical disturbances are often churned up. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, September is the most active month for hurricanes.

Keesler's five-day exercise was conducted to validate the base's ability to safely and efficiently implement its hurricane plan. The exercise was conducted July 21 through Friday, then resumed Monday.

Teams that guided the base through the exercise included the installation control center, emergency control center and unit and group control centers. Each team assumes different responsibilities when a storm threatens south Mississippi.

Keesler's current hurricane plan has evolved since the base was slammed by Hurricane Katrina, the most costly and destructive storm in U.S. history, nearly four years ago. Not only did Katrina inflict more than \$900 million in damage to Keesler, the surrounding areas were devastated and many members of the base community lost their homes and possessions.

The exercise tested all aspects of the base's emergency support functions — transportation, communication, public works and engineering, firefighters, oil and hazardous materials, emergency management, mass care and human services, public health and medical services, public safety and security, external affairs and resource support.

"Hurricane Taylor" was an opportunity to review Keesler's ability in command and control, notification and response using specialized teams for

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Let integrity be your North Star to chart your core values path

By Lt. Col. Ray Adams

81st Training Group deputy commander

Three years ago, I traveled back to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to observe basic military training graduation. I had the opportunity to witness my daughter in the Airman coining ceremony.

The day before graduation, trainees proudly marched onto a drill pad in front of friends and family. Words were spoken — I'm not sure what, since I was preoccupied with pride. The ceremony culminated with the trainees' military training instructors personally handing each of them the Airman's coin. This was the moment the trainees officially became Airmen.

I paused and thought back to my graduation. I didn't recall this ceremony, but it was more than 24 years ago. While it could be a personal defense mechanism, I know the coin didn't exist then. What was so special about this coin that it required a ceremony? I was just happy to be leaving Lackland for Keesler, but that's another article.

This is a challenge coin. History tells of its use behind enemy lines to prove an Airman's allegiance and prevent his execution.

On the front of the coin is an eagle clawing its way through the coin with the words "Aerospace Power" near it. Encircling the eagle are the words "Awarded on the occasion of becoming an Airman in the world's best Air Force."

The heart and soul of the coin however are on the reverse. Here you find, encircling a symbol of our Air Force roots, our core values — Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence In All We Do — there's your challenge. But where's my coin? Twice, I've graduated from Lackland and still no coin.

In 1995, Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall and Air Force Chief of Staff General Ronald Fogleman approved the core values for the Air Force. Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force Academy were tasked with promulgating them throughout the Air Force. I looked hard at the coin my daughter held; then I shared some advice — dads do that. You can call it mentoring.

Across the top of the reverse side of the coin, at the north position if you will, is the core value Integrity First. Like the North Star, let this core value chart your path. Whenever in doubt, whenever challenged, use this compass's north heading — Integrity First — to guide your way. Integrity is who you are. At the heart of integrity is your moral character and your ethics developed from childhood telling you right from wrong — I should thank my mother here.



Let integrity be the foundation of your core values through every challenge. You are an Airman. In the words of former Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan, "Our core values ... set the common standard for conduct across the Air Force. These values inspire the trust which provides the unbreakable bond that unifies the force. We must practice them ourselves and expect no less from those with whom we serve."

I'm not sure how I keep getting to Keesler, but I know how I got where I am today and how I'll get where I'm going tomorrow. Our core values — Learn 'em, Live 'em!

ACTION LINE — 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson

81st Training Wing commander

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

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



General Dickinson

ISSUE — I live in the Sandhill Landing housing area. On a recent weekend, I discovered water in my garage, laundry room and utility closet, and my upstairs air conditioning stopped working. My wife called base housing at 376-8611, and they told her to call 377-5561, and they said to call 376-8609, which was a dead end.

The next day, I went to the housing office and was told they'd send someone out. Just before 1 p.m., I returned to the housing office and they said someone would be there shortly. Someone arrived, fixed what they said was a clog in the drainage system and left. The air conditioning still didn't work.

The third day, I called them back and they finally paid attention to the problem.

For three days I had standing water in the unit, and I am concerned that no one is documenting the damage to our property and to the structure itself. I am also concerned about mildew, mold and bugs from the wet insulation and dry wall damage. I also don't have a working number to housing maintenance for Sandhill Landing.

RESPONSE — Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Like Bay Ridge, Falcon and Thrower Park residents, Sandhill Landing housing residents should call the KAFB housing office at 376-8611 when they have problems during normal duty hours. For non-duty hours, Sandhill residents should call 871-2555 (Navy Quarterdeck — non-duty hours).

Soon, Keesler's housing maintenance contract will be modified to include the houses at Sandhill. Until then, Keesler continues to utilize the Navy's contract for most housing maintenance functions at Sandhill.

Unfortunately, air conditioning isn't covered under the Navy's contract — the Air Force contracts with an air conditioning specialist to perform this work each time it's required. The person that responded to your house attempted to repair the leak — he didn't understand that your system wasn't cooling and had to return to fix the cooling problem.

Our housing inspector has looked at your house since and determined that, luckily, no damage to the structure occurred. We apologize for the multiple repair visits and the discomfort you and your family experienced. We will continue to work improvements to our processes so you get the right response the first time, every time.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is your favorite TV series of all time?



Family Guy
Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Temple, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit



Stargate
Chief Petty Officer Jason Couch, CNATTU, 335th Training Squadron



The Hills or House
Senior Airman Helen Krug, 81st Training Group

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training international students integral part of Keesler's mission

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

The International Military Student Office is a vital part of Keesler's training mission. The dynamics of the IMSO program are as diverse as the students being trained.

The office is headed by James Cooks, a former Army electronics trainer who's been at Keesler since 1991. His staff consists of two full-time employees, one civilian and one military, as well as one stay-in-school employee.

Currently, the school hosts more than 70 students from 25 countries and trains more than 250 students annually. Occasionally, even special dignitaries are discreetly assigned for training among the students.

The process of acquiring a student for training begins after equipment is purchased by another country and a contractual stipulation requires specialized training be given for the particular asset acquired. Once this aspect of the program is completed, a request is sent from Air Force Security Assistance Training Program to the course training managers for a training slot. The potential student is then scheduled for training here at Keesler, which lasts from two weeks to a year depending on the course.

Upon arrival, each student is greeted at the airport by an IMSO staff member. The IMSO office provides all administrative functions for the duration of the student's stay. The office handle everything from monitoring the student's course studies, payroll and ticket requests, to disciplinary actions similar to an orderly room.

In response to any language challenges, which are inevitable when accommodating so many different cultures, the Defense Language Institute provides an English language training course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"However, not all students are required to take the course that teaches basic English skills and is completed prior to arriving here," Mr. Cooks said.

Beyond coursework, IMSO staff member Geneva Clark coordinates the congressionally-mandated Department of Defense Field Studies Program, which introduces the students to certain social, cultural and educational events that have specific objectives such as human rights, state and federal government overviews, and freedom of the press, among



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airmen train side by side with students from several nations in the 334th Training Squadron's airfield operations officer course in Cody Hall.

others. The program is designed to provide the students with a clearer understanding of the American way of life. Recently, students were treated to a trip to Pensacola, Fla., for the Navy Blue Angels Air Show. An upcoming trip is planned to Baton Rouge, La.

Community members and Keesler personnel may also volunteer to sponsor students through the American Members of International Goodwill to Others initiative, more commonly known as the AMIGO program. The purpose of the program is to make international students and their families feel welcome and to help them as they get settled at Keesler period. Another goal is to acquaint the students with American ways and customs.

For more information on the AMIGO program, call 377-2921, 4228, 0154 or 1999.

Passing the torch

From left, Airmen Basic Gil Martinez and Jared Surprenant and Staff Sgt. Steven Gatlin, students in the 336th Training Squadron's last radio communications operations course, are congratulated after the graduation ceremony by special guest Manuel Moreno, July 21 in Thomson Hall. Mr. Moreno, who had 57 years combined military and civil service before his retirement in 2005, was a military ground radio instructor from 1974-1980 and taught the personnel and communications operations course from 1980-1991 before returning to the radio course as an instructor from 1991-2005. In 61 years, about 15,000 radio operators have been trained at Keesler. The career field is merging into three new career fields — radio frequency transmissions, cyber surety or client systems.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Academic ace



Airman 1st Class Roman Nelson graduated July 21 from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a perfect score. He's headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for instrument and flight control systems training. He's a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard 155th Air Refueling Wing.

Medic selected for AECP

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Senior Airman Oruaro Idudhe, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron physical medicine flight, has been accepted into the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

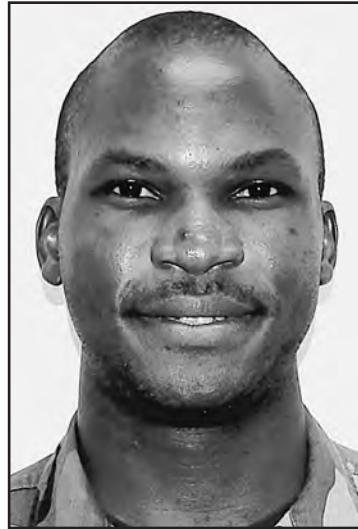
AECP allows active-duty enlisted members to attend college full time without loss of pay or benefits, graduate with a degree and earn a commission.

The physical therapy technician will complete his final two years of college at William Carey University on the Coast in Gulfport starting Aug. 24.

Airman Idudhe earned 64 credit hours through studies at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he majored in nursing.

He was also accepted by Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., but decided to remain on the Coast.

"One of my supervisors,



Airman Idudhe

Staff Sgt. Luis Vasquez, encouraged me to apply for AECP," he explained. By completing his degree and becoming an officer and nurse, "I feel I can contribute more to the Air Force and have more of an impact."

Born in Nigeria, Airman Idudhe emigrated to the United States in June 2005

and resided in Chicago, where he enlisted in the Air Force in June 2006. The future nurse arrived at Keesler in January 2007 after completing technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

He achieved another goal when he became a U.S. citizen in August 2007.

He has two cousins living in Chicago, but the rest of his family is in his hometown of Warri, Delta State, Nigeria.

During his final two years of college, which is completely covered by the Air Force, Airman Idudhe will receive staff sergeant pay.

He'll take the nursing board examination before commissioning, and then attend Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Then he'll be sent to an Air Force medical facility to complete the Nurse Transition Program prior to his first assignment as an Air Force nurse.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Post 9/11 GI Bill

The education office holds Post 9/11 GI Bill briefings, 1-1:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 6, 13 and 27 in the Sablich Center Auditorium, Room 222.

MGCCC registration

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center is holding online preregistration for the fall term which begins Aug. 24.

Late registration continues through Aug. 27

Current students preregister at <http://www.mgccc.edu>. New students planning to register must have a scheduled appointment time.

For assistance or to schedule an appointment, call 376-8477.

CCAF graduation

Aug. 28 is the application deadline for Community College of the Air Force fall graduation.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be filed with CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including your nomination action request.

For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

Air Force Academy jobs

Sept. 30 is the deadline to apply for officer instructor positions at the Air Force Academy and limited positions at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Information about the three-year controlled tour is available at http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods1=1&prods2=14&prods3=190&prods4=821&p_faqid=6051

For more information, call DSN 664-4048 or e-mail afpc.dpasf@randolph.af.mil

Drill downs, parades

The next 81st Training Group drill down is 7 a.m. Aug. 7 on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Logistics leader

From left, Master Sgt. Kevin Scharwath, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant, and Lt. Col. Robert Hicks, new 81st LRS commander, watch Tommy Papania and Airman 1st Class 1st Eric Foster perform corrosion control on a battery in the vehicle maintenance shop July 20. Colonel Hicks, previously chief of movement and transportation for the logistics division, NATO's Allied Air Component Command Headquarters, Izmir, Turkey, took command from Maj. Clarence "Icy" Lee July 17. Major Lee, who's been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, is now assigned to 2nd Air Force.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Tax-free clothes, shoes this weekend

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

For the first time, Mississippi observes a sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear items Friday and Saturday.

Tax isn't assessed on the sales price of single items priced at less than \$100.

According to the Mississippi State Tax Commission, clothing is defined as "any article of apparel designed to be worn on the human body, including, pants, shirts, blouses, dresses, coats, jackets, belts, hats, undergarments and multiple piece garments sold as a set."

Footwear is defined as "any article of apparel for human feet except for skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and any similar items."

Accessories such as jewelry, wallets, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, watches, back-

packs, briefcases and similar items don't qualify for the sales tax exemption.

The sales tax holiday applies to each eligible item selling for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold at the same time. However, items priced at \$100 or more are subject to the regular 7 percent sales tax.

For example, if a customer

buys two \$50 shirts, a \$75 pair of slacks and a \$110 pair of shoes, no sales tax is due for the shirts and slacks. The regular sales tax applies to the shoes since they exceed the \$100 threshold.

For more information, call 1-601-923-7015 or log on to <http://www.mstc.state.ms.us> and click on "Official Guide for Sales Tax Holiday."



IN THE NEWS

Commander's calls

Upcoming 81st Training Wing commander's calls at Welch Auditorium:

Today — 3 p.m., civilians.

Aug. 7 — 8 a.m., make-up call for all ranks.

Dental clinic closes

Due to a resident graduation ceremony and a planned power outage in the dental clinic, there'll be no patient care after 1 p.m. Tuesday.

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.

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.

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.

Navy issues vehicle decals

Navy pass and identification officials issue Department of Defense vehicle decals as a courtesy to active-duty and retired Air Force personnel in Sablich Center, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 18, Room 108A, and Aug. 11, Room 108B.

Required documentation includes valid state driver's license, DD Form 2 series identification card, state vehicle inspection and proof of vehicle ownership or state registration (person doesn't need to own vehicle but must have legal authorization to drive it) and proof of liability insurance.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

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

For military members, offenses are subject to citation for points, and for civilian employees, dependents, retirees and contractors, citations carry a fine.

For all offenders, driving privileges can be suspended for seven days for the first offense, 30 days for a second offense and one year for a third offense.

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



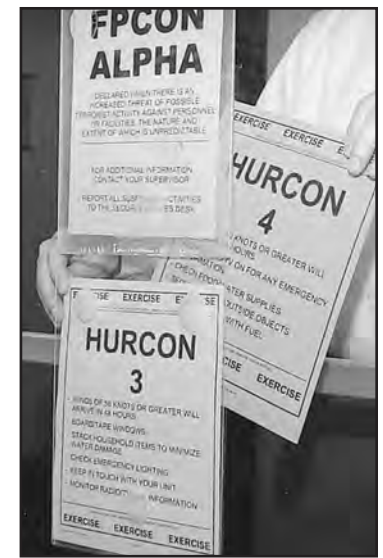
Photos by Kemberly Groue
Bobcat operator Russell Johnson from KIRA/CSC delivers sandbags to Wolfe Hall July 22.

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safety, accountability and shelter management. The exercise included a simulated recovery phase with damage assessment.

“The exercise was a good shakedown of Keesler procedures and plans to deal with a hurricane emergency response,” said John Thornton, installation emergency manager for CSC, base operating support contractor. “Across the board, the inputs generated activity to allow the various teams and command and control networks to practice existing (hurricane condition) checklists. Newly-assigned Team Keesler members were exposed to the procedures and afforded the opportunity to test their knowledge and highlight areas needing improvement.

“Overall, it was a good event that highlighted the



Door signs were changed as hurricane conditions intensified during the exercise.

reality that someday we'll have to employ what we learned from this exercise when a actual hurricane threatens the Gulf Coast.”

Joel Van Nice and Susan Griggs, Keesler Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Military personnel customer guide

The 81st Force Support Squadron military personnel section has developed a customer handbook to assist members in obtaining the appropriate assistance concerning personnel programs.

The handbook includes contact information, program descriptions with points of contact and helpful Web sites with Air Force Personnel Center links, step-by-step guides and Personnel Service Delivery Memorandums.

The link is \\keefs10302\81MSS_Common\MPS_Customer_Handbook.docx

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kreig Cressione, 376-8648.

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.

Customer service hours

Customer service is also open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on “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.

2009 selection boards

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.



Gas discount increases for Military Star® cardholders

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS – Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas stations worldwide are increasing discounts for drivers using a Military Star® Card.

Beginning Aug. 8, pumps currently programmed to reflect a discount of 3 cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a Military Star® Card will jump to 5 cents a gallon.

In addition to the daily discount, AAFES will periodically be offering increased savings opportunities at specified times throughout the year.

The first of these promotions, from Aug. 21-23, provides a 20 cents per gallon discount, up to 20 gallons, for drivers paying with a Military Star® Card.

Authorized exchange shoppers can learn more about the benefits available to Military Star® cardholders at <http://www.aafes.com>



Air Force hiring civilians to manage unit programs

Air Force News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Squadrons with more than 50 military and civilian members could start seeing relief in managing their additional duties as early as this fall, with a 1,200 newly created civilian unit program coordinator positions.

Feedback from the 2008 Airman's Time Assessment revealed Airmen were being pulled away from their primary duty stations to work full time on unit programs such as the Government Travel Card program, safety program, automated data processing equipment accounts and security programs.

"We found that when the commander's support staffs drew down, commanders were left with two options — they could either manage these tactical administrative programs themselves or pull Airmen from the front lines to do it," said Maj. Christopher Busque of force support officer career field management in the Pentagon. "We were concerned that the resulting effect was causing a loss of mission capability."

By hiring 1,200 civilian UPCs, Air Force officials will effectively put Airmen back into their primary duties, preserving Airmen's time and maximizing administrative efficiency across the Air Force, Major Busque said.

Announcements of the GS-06, GS-07 and YB-1 job vacancies are projected to hit USAJobs and the Air Force's secure employment site this month, with new hires reporting to work as early as October.

Ideal candidates for the positions should:
Possess strong administrative or personnel background

Ability to manage and organize multiple tasks

Be customer oriented, and

Understand personnel tracking.

"These incoming civilian Airmen are going to be great assets to the squadrons because not only will they help keep our talented, healthy, motivated and well-equipped Airmen working on the primary mission, the unit program coordinators will have the most current knowledge on evolving programs and will provide continuity in a very fluid environment," said Paula Blackwell from the Directorate for Civilian Force Integration at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Ms. Blackwell cautioned that UPCs should not be confused with administrative assistants. The primary purpose of the UPC is to manage unit programs and serve as unit liaisons to the military and civilian personnel offices.

Commanders looking to hire for these positions should contact their force support squadron/mission support squadron commander.

Individuals interested in applying should search USAJobs or the Air Force's secure employment site for "Unit Program Coordinator, GS-0303, YB-0303" for specific locations.

For more information on civilian employment, visit AFPC's public Web site and click on the "Life and Careers" menu.

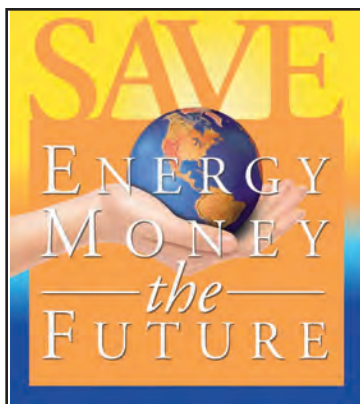


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and when waved through base gates;
5 mph
in parking lots;
35 mph
in some sections of perimeter roads.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Tech. Sgt. Kristopher Coats

Unit — 335th Training Squadron

Position — enlisted financial courses instructor

Time in Air Force — 10 years

Time at Keesler — 1½ years

Hometown — Manito, Ill.

Why did you join the Air Force? I needed direction, discipline and to mature — the money wasn't bad either.

Noteworthy — raising two sweet, respectful little girls

What are your short- and long-term goals? short term, to earn my bachelor's degree; to become a chief master sergeant.

What's your favorite quote? "The first step to recovery is admitting the problem."

What are your hobbies? hunting, fishing, softball and woodworking

DIAMOND NOTES

When rolled, the sleeve of the battle dress uniform and the airman battle uniform will touch within 1 inch of forearms when the arm is bent at a 90-degree angle. Ensure the chevron is partly visible.

Master Sgt. Charles Gallaher,
333rd Training Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



July 1, 1968

With the closure of Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, Air Training Command moved its personnel and administration courses to Keesler, increasing the base's student load by 20 percent.



Back-to-school immunizations are required

81st Medical Operations Squadron

All children entering a Mississippi school in any grade for the first time are required to have five doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, (DTaP), four doses of polio (IPV), three doses of hepatitis

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B and two doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR).

Beginning this school year, all children entering school for the first time are required to have two doses of the varicella-containing (chickenpox) vaccine. If there is a history of chickenpox, the vaccine is not required.

Shot records aren't required, but if shots were received outside the Air Force, bringing the record in to the immunization clinic so it can be updated in the Air Force Central Immunization Tracking Application.

Immunization clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. The clinic is closed all federal holidays and every second Thursday afternoon of each month for training.

For more information, call the immunization clinic, 376-0391 or your local Mississippi Department of Health office.

Reviving Arnold Cottage

From left, Freddie Slater, Reginald Jefferson and Phillip Towner pour concrete for a new carport for Arnold Cottage, July 23. The cottage, originally built in 1941 as quarters for distinguished visitors, bears the name of Gen. Harley “Hap” Arnold, recognized as father of the Air Force. The frame structure was moved to the north side of Chappie James Avenue a year ago to make room for construction of a new trainer development facility. In addition to installing the new carport and driveway, contractors are repairing interior cracks that developed during the cottage’s move. Interior updates are planned to make the building acceptable for future use.

Photo by Kemberly Groue





Start dates and Web addresses for area school districts:

Biloxi — School begins Wednesday, but students not registered by Friday won't start until Aug. 6. To verify your child's school, call 374-1810, extension 125. For more information, visit <http://www.biloxischool.net>

Gulfport — School starts Aug. 5; <http://www.gulfportschools.org>.

D'Iberville and Harrison County — School starts Aug. 6; <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

St. Martin and Jackson County — School starts Aug. 5; <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>

Long Beach — School starts Aug. 6; <http://www.lbsdk12.com>.

Ocean Springs — School begins Aug. 6; <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

KEESLER NOTES

Employment seminar

A free lunch-and-learn seminar hosted by the Schumacher Group, the third largest emergency department staffing and management company in the country, is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 24 in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

Heart Walk

Team registration ends Friday for the American Heart Association Heart Walk set for Oct. 3.

To register or for more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 376-8524 or 8529, e-mail patrick.key@us.af.mil, or log on to <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org>, select "find a team," then select "Keesler Dragons."

Coastal cleanup signup

Keesler is responsible for Hiller Park during this year's Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Oct. 17.

Registration deadline is Oct. 13, and the backup date is Oct. 24.

Keesler members who want to participate register online at <http://www.mscoastalcleanup.org>. Military members, family members, civilian employees and contractors may participate. Children under 18 must bring the permission/registration slip and turn it in to the zone captain at the site.

For more information, call Staff Sgt Lynn Rinker, 376-3333, or e-mail rink101@yahoo.com.

Breast cancer walk

The fourth annual 5-kilometer Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event is 8 a.m. Oct. 24 at the Biloxi Town Green.

Squadron leaders and walkers are being recruited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-7153, or e-mail asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Base fitness program earns 5-Star recognition

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Keesler is in good shape, according to a program that knows who's been naughty and who's been on the treadmill.

July 15, BENE-FIT Fitness and Recreation received news that Keesler's three fitness centers received a 5-star acknowledgment as part of the Air Force 5-Star Fitness Recognition Program. The award is presented at the Athletic Business Conference in Orlando, Fla., later this year.

An annual recognition of superior achievement for fitness centers, the comprehensive program recognizes excellent in five areas: operations, programs, training, facilities and customer service.

"The 5-Star Fitness Award represents excellent in fitness in



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APilates class at Dragon Fitness Center is only one of Keesler's free fitness center offerings.

several different areas by using 100 different criteria," said Bill Jinske, president of BENE-FIT, CSC fitness subcontractor.

Each criterion is scored, and Keesler ended up with a 93.

"We lost points because Blake (Fitness Center) is a bit

crowded with equipment right now," Jinske said of the base's busiest facility. When BENE-FIT took over last fall, base

officials estimated the facilities would serve around 17,500 people a month, but Jinske noted, "I'm sure it's much higher than that now."

Last year was the first time Keesler's Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness facilities earned the 5-Star recognition.

"We're offering numerous classes, special events such as 5-K runs and Monster Circuit at Halloween, and outdoor events such as racquetball and incentive programs," Jinske said. "We also offer equipment training, fitness testing and personal training."

BENE-FIT, which employs around 35 at Keesler, is also responsible for the base's intramural and varsity sports and sponsors participants in marathons and tournaments.

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.

Birthday party package — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and



Fast feet

Peggy Cuevas, left, with a time of 27:28, and Geoffrey Sasaki, 21:02, were the top finishers in the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response 5-kilometer run, July 23. Cuevas is the Seabee Base's sexual assault response coordinator, and Sasaki is assigned to the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

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

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

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, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

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.

Golf

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.

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

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

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.

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.

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 09-5

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Charles Roth and Thomas Wolf.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Senior Airman Joseph Anderson.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airmen Rebeka Rush and Cassandra Day.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Senior Airmen Marvin Abraham, Peter Bevis, Travis Gray and Alan Petz.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Richard Contreras (distinguished graduate) and Sarah Wilcox.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Ebonee Banks (academic award).

81st Mission Support Group — Senior Airman Jason Hammermeister (commandant's leadership award).

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Christopher Jenkins and Hillary Rivera; Staff Sgt. Nicolas Rogers (Levitov Award and class commander).

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman John Castilleja.

81st Training Wing — Staff Sgt. Melissa Hall (class first sergeant).

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Dallas Ebanez and Thomas Sirovey.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen Otis Lundy and Edward Perez.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, April-June

81st Training Wing staff agencies

Airman — Senior Airman Nathaniel Spitzer, protocol.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Nashona Ragland, protocol.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Lorne Ryland, legal office.

Company grade officer — Capt. Thomas Greenwood, legal office.

Civilian category 1 — Renee Collins, 81st Operations Support Flight.

Civilian category 2 — Patti Holliman, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

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

Civilian supervisory category 2 — Justin Cooper, 81st OSF.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Jason Anders, Auturo Armas, Daniel Baker, Steven Baum, Jason Bendily, Victor Blazevic, Michael Bowie, Matthew Boxer, Vincent Boven, Darron Bradford, Michael Brooks, Matthew Burns, Cody Butcher, Roger Cape, Aaron Collins, Chance Compton, Samantha Cooper, Jacob Covert, Misti Cox, Jonathan Crouch, Devin Currie, Kendal Curtis, Jamal Dennis, Matthew Dockum, Ralph Dodd, Nicholas Doine, Jacob Dupuis, Randy Ebert, Preston Evans, Kyle Finch, Brady Fisk, Bradley Forstrom, Daniel Funston, Matthew Goodrich, Mark Gottschalk, Benjamin Graeff, Jarvis Griffin, David Guzman, James Hadaway, David Hagen, Jesse Hagerty, Andrew Harris, Sean Hartman, Hunter Her, Zachary Hill, Aron Hoffman, Russell Hutchins, Aaron Jackson, Paul Jordan, Ryan Jordan, Brandon Kasper, Andrew Kelm, Matthew Laclair, Brandon Lopez, Mario Lopez, Zachary Mantyla, Michael Maynard, William McCully, Joel McEldowney, Alexander McFarland, Timmothy McKinny, James Milam, Brandon Miller, Jesse Molina, Jessica Napier, James Nash, Joshua Norris, Douglas OLoane, Nicholas Otos, Joshua Page, Cassidy Parker, Charles Paul, Chad Paulson, John Perez, Justin Persson, Alexander Ramirez, Brian Rice, Christopher Rivera, Glenarvene Robbins, Donovan Rosinsky, Jacob Ross, Stephen Sanders, Devan Schimel, Michael Simons, Andrei Sokalau, Zachary Stookey, Kevin Thomas, Louis Tricerri, Jeremy Vance, Nicholas Watkins, John Watson, Stevn Weber and Mark Wiedemann; Airmen Simon Alejandro, Kyle Anderson, Jonathan Cawkins, Tyler Cook, Christopher Dejesus, Richard Drude, Kyle Eilefson, Ryan Even, Roxanne Fino, Justin Gautreau, Ronald Gore, Mason Green, Austin Johnson, Corey Koch, Kevin Lynch,

Robert Mullen, Johnson Phou, Jennifer Reichert, Nicholas Reimschisel, Francis Royal, Benjamin Schuster, Devin Scott, Samuel Smith and Kirk Stoughton; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Allen, Gregory Anderson, Devin Bable, James Beatty, James Brendemilhl, Julian Bristol, Ryan Chapman, Joseph Christel, Robert Cisneros, Christopher Conner, Austin Davis, Dyllon Dekok, Joshua Douglas, Monalisa Durkan, Dane Entze, James Ferguson, Sean Gant, Ryan Gardner, Jamie Gill, Jason Guerrisky, James Irwin, Benjamin Johnson, Adam Kroll, Jason Ledford, Jason Linardich, Robert Livings, Travis Logan, Jordan Mann, Bobbi Martin, Simon Martin, Joseph McDermott, Kurt Meier, Logan Moore, Matthew Newkirk, Robert Park, Steven Phaup, Jonathan Price, Matthew Prouse, Jonathan Randall, Derek Rankin, Travis Salter, Jon Schon, Johnathon Simmons, Kimerly Simon, Marc Smith, Michael Strickland, Miles Sutton, Ryan Swanson, Alex Tirado-Acevedo, Dustin Tofteland, Luke Utterback, Jonique Walker, Mark Whaite, Stuart Young and Nathan Zundel; Senior Airmen Jeremy Baxley, Peter Cooper, Bobby Dykes-Wilson, Jeremy Edwards, Howard Kim, Derrick Love, Christopher Paccassi, Timothy Shannon and Brendan Trostle; Staff Sgts. Stephen Brown, Timothy Bush, John Kelly, David Parkinson, Michael Reece, David Stivers, Dody Weaver and Marlon Williams; Tech. Sgts. John Adams, Khalid AlHabsi, Naif Jaafari and Robert Osborn; Master Sgt. Brian Wrozek; 2nd Lt. Emad AlRashdan; Maj. Abdul Hafeez and Iftikhar Zahoor.

Metrology basic course — Airman Nicholas Cotter; Airmen 1st Class Reginald Graves, Donny Herrera and Mathew McCain; Staff Sgt. Timothy Schockley.

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Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Tyler Chambers, Alyssa Cota, Michael Kupukaa and Joyce Spirko; Airmen Christopher Cernigliaro, Judy Ryan and Leah Semik; Airmen 1st Class Britney Baskins; Senior Airman Joshua Eernisse and Amber Hickey; Staff Sgt. Andrew Whalen; Tech. Sgts. Omar Gonzalez and Daniel Lacombe; Master Sgts. Brian Jones and Michael Minton; Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Lucas.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Shane Devane, Daniel Froehlich, Menno Gingerich, Matthew Hainley, Jeffrey Lawson, Michael Mansfield, Ryan Noone, Heather Polly, Obed Salazar, Nathaniel Scheer, Christopher Speer, Dustin Tarpley and Michaela Waters; Airmen Rosamea Adams, Andrew Coburn and Zachary Horr; Airmen 1st Class Lee Barnes, Jonathon DeRosia, Eli Goff, Kyle Kelly, Cory Leiser, Kayla Mosley, Nikolas Preusser, Angelique Smith and Corey Woerner; Staff Sgts. David Kaylor, David Long, Jackson Polivick and Christopher Sickler.

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 207-2196.

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.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Amanda Curato, Barron Dietrich and Brittney Gilliam; Airman 1st Class Brandi Beam; Senior Airmen Alexis Hill, Marcella Mansour, Jennifer Peace and Robert Zellers; Tech. Sgts. Aisha Abdul-Rahim, Tina Tvinneim and Marc Vandargriff; Master Sgt. Mack Wainwright; Senior Master Sgts. Mark Bolduc and Kenneth Bradley.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bice, Corey Hagene, Latonya Kocher, Kelly Meeks, Caitlin Ollis, Matthew Powell, Samuel Spaethe, Wesley Stakely, Steven Sutton and Tefera Workneh; Airmen Darius Dinkins and Rebecca Sobiech; Airmen 1st Class Laurita Agnis, Joseph Boyet, Andrew Certa, Jordan Edwards, Nicole Jaszemski, Alton Kelly, Sarah Lambertson, Brendan McIntyre, Doron Smith, Marquis Smith, Jonathan Vance and Logan Wilbur; Senior Airman Daniel Swanson; Staff Sgts. James Blaz, Tess Jaeger, Mary Linder, Jason Luckenbach, Jason Minor, Jennifer Pascarelli, Adam Rohrer, Jerome White and Jason Yeargin; Tech. Sgt. Shawn Carnahan; Master Sgt. Jeffery Harwood and Christopher Morin; Senior Master Sgt. Brian Henderson; Capt. Ghanam Al Ajmi.

Weather training flight — Marine Pvt. Brian Wetherald; Navy Airman Recruit Raelynn Hagan; Airmen Basic Jeffrey Brealand, Michael Burl, Jeffrey Cleghorn, Jesse Follmer, Joshua Freedman, John Geibel, Connor Irvine, Brandon Murphy, Amy Ressel, Joshua Scherer and Christian Taylor; Navy Airmen Apprentice James Gaddis and Austin Giles; Airmen Lucas Kjolsing, David Luken and James Stubbs; Navy Airmen Vaughan Dill, Michael LeHockey and William Rector; Navy Seaman John Becton; Airmen 1st Class Britanee Booker-Sias, Matthew Butler, Victor Davis, Michael Draper, Marcus Garcia, Rachel Perkey, Rivera Savas, Charles Whatley and Enchieh Yang; Senior Airman Peter Miner; Marine Sgt. Robert Stokes; Staff Sgts. Robert Carlton and Patrick Griffin; William Whitt.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Joseph Brock, Robert Dickerson, Timothy Echols, Ronald Haley, Jess Hammond, Christopher Kuhn, Michael Lallerstedt, Tran Le, Andrae Lewis, Nico Melone, Michael Nguyen, Reannen Purser, David Simon, Jacob Singleton, Matthew Underwood and Andre Ward; Airmen David Chilson, Christopher Church, Satoia McClelland and Travis Royal; Airmen 1st Class Brenton Briggs, Stefan Casucci, Brandon Corpman, Joshua Cunningham, John Garcia, Taylor Hobbs, Lennard Huslik, Miriam Johnson, Michael Lord, Elizabeth Maxwell, Jeff McCarty, Matthew Mikelionis, Curtis Smith, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Robert Stoerle, Kyle Stone and Alex Szafranski; Senior Airmen Glen Collins, Jeremy Joe, Joseph McCurry and Matthew Parker; Staff Sgts. Larry Barker, Marisela Garcia, Corey Hendershot, Jason Hixon, Matthew Leisure, Christopher McNeil, Tynesia Riley and Kanada Vang; Tech. Sgts. Christina Franks and Robbie Hunt; Master Sgt. Florencia Holbrook.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen 1st Class Kelvin Ciprian, Matthew Kuhns and Adam Shaffer; Staff Sgt. Robert Murphy.

Ground radar — Airman Basic Curtis Burbank; Airmen Tyler Bagby, Robert Compton and Christopher Farrell; Airmen 1st Class Brian Adams, Keith Ammons, Andre Dahn, Samuel Devalal, Adam Gagnon, Nicholas Goldsmith, Jona Green, Christopher Halubka, Christopher Kenny, Antonio Labella, Samuel Laird, Ryan McKee, Michael Taunton and Edward Willocks; Senior Airman Erik Borgeson; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq and Eliud Martinez-Franco; Master Sgt. Audean Garcia-Lopez; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Sean Carnahan, Anthony Delocco, Nicholas Dragoon, Jesus Enriquez, Michael Lowe, Tobbie Moorer and Christopher Totzke; Airman Matthew Thelen; Airmen 1st Class Jared Carter, Charrich Charlemange, Christopher Joren, James Kane, Richard Kemmy, Nicholas Olson, Wesley Sorrill, Aaron Stubalt, Martin Wagner, Joshua Watson and Hart Weber; Senior Airman Daniel Boger, Ronald Forest, Jeremy Horton, Michael McKenna, Nicholas Neenan, Matthew Place and Adam Smith; Staff Sgts. Terrance Bias, Matthew Brazier, Christopher Farnsworth, Roger Gregory, Justin Oaks, Geraldo Ovalle, Jeremy Paumer and Jeremy Walker; Tech. Sgts. Robert Hoffman, Kevin Irvin, Jeremiah White and David Winston; Master Sgt. Michael Weaver.

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Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Matthew Brewer and Brock Padilla-Souza; Airmen David Jeong and Roston Meade; Airmen 1st Class Colin Fagan, Daniel Gaudette, Justin Glassman, Jamal Golden, Eric Hagarty, Joshua Haydon, Kyle Kirchem, Leon Korejwo, Ryan Leuenberger and Nathaniel McGill; Staff Sgt. Ryan Baker.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-6 — Aug. 10-Sept. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-6 — Monday through Sept. 10.

Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing classes — Private sector, 9-10:45 a.m. Tuesday and Aug. 18; 1:30-3:15 p.m. Aug. 20. Federal format, 9-10:45 a.m. Aug. 11 and 25; 1:30-3:15 p.m. Aug. 13 and 27. Classes in airman and family readiness center conference room; check in at Room 110, Sablich Center. Sessions limited to 10 people; open to military members, family members and retirees. To register and additional instructions, call 376-8728.

All about credit — 11 a.m. Aug. 19, airman and family readiness center conference room. Seating limited to 10 people. To register, call 376-8728.

Bundles for Babies — 9 a.m. Aug. 28, airman and family readiness center conference room, sponsored by Air Force Aid Society. For expectant military women and spouses of active-duty military personnel. To register, call 376-8728.

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.

Beginnning 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 — squadroom, 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 pre-school, elementary, teens and adults.

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

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

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

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

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

Mental health clinic

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

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

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.

Playaway — first self-playing digital audio books now available. Audio content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

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

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

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

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

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

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

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

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

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

Katrina Kantina

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

Margarita night — 5-8 p.m. Friday. 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.

School-age program — register now. School served are Jeff Davis and Beauvoir Elementary. Space 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.

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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.

Saturday

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

Sunday

Lunch — 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 chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

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

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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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. 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, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cablone.net, 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., Hangover (R, 100 minutes.)

Saturday — 2 p.m., My Life in Ruins (PG-13, 96 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Taking of Pelham 1, 2, 3 (R, 105 minutes.)

Sunday — 1 p.m., Year One (PG-13, 97 minutes).

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Take the river rafting plunge

Outdoor recreation takes you on a guided plunge down Tennessee's Ocoee River Aug. 21-23.

For just \$225 per person, your trip includes roundtrip transportation, two nights accommodations in a mountain cabin (one cabin sleeps eight, the other sleeps 12), whitewater rafting for 4½ hours in Class III and IV rapids, and a deli buffet lunch. Total time on the river is six hours. Also included is an evening campfire dinner back at your cabin.

The full river whitewater adventure includes the exciting rapids of the upper Ocoee River, a break for lunch, and then on to the fantastic classic rapids of the middle Ocoee. This trip is suitable for all experience levels and perfect for those looking for a day full of adventure.

The upper Ocoee River is where the 1996 Olympic canoe

and kayak slalom events were held. The beginning of the upper Ocoee is characterized as a wilderness section with spectacular scenery and gentle whitewater. After the first short mile, the river begins its drop toward the awesome Class IV rapids of the Ocoee Olympic course. With almost a mile of whitewater, the Ocoee Olympic course is like one giant Class IV rapid, with all the key ingredients — vertical drops, huge waves, challenging maneuvering and repeats.

But that's not all. After the Olympic course, there are still several more intense rapids and a last-second "hidden" drop just to keep you guessing.

All necessary equipment is provided in addition to a highly trained guide to ensure your trip is memorable. All you need to provide is a sense of adventure, a healthy appetite and appropriate clothing.

Your warm weather rafting attire should include a swim suit, T-shirt, shorts, tennis shoes or river sandals and sunscreen.

Everyone should bring a complete change of clothes and a dry pair of shoes for after the trip. Changing rooms are fully equipped and include hot showers.

The trip departs Keesler marina at 6 a.m. Aug. 21. You'll spend Aug. 22 rafting, and return home Aug. 23.

Space is limited — 18 slots available, so sign up early. A minimum of 10 slots must be filled in order to successfully book the trip. Payment is due in full by Aug. 10. The minimum age requirement is 12.

Waivers are required for all participants, and anyone under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call outdoor recreation, 377-3160, or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.





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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

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

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

Lunch punch card — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

We're getting an extreme (behind the scenes) makeover — due to construction, hours are Mondays-Wednesdays 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fridays 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight and Sundays closed.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.

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

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

9-hole dragon fun golf — Thursdays. Shotgun start at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four person teams. Two person blind draw. Check-in as a twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week. Limited to the first 36 golfers. Show up and play.

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

“UBU” nonprior service students' special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

DINING FACILITIES

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

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

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and essential station messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

Seats 300 — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

FITNESS

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center 377-4385, Dragon Fitness Center 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center 377-3056.

Congratulations to Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — for achieving a five-star rating. This prestigious award, part of the Air Force Five Star Fitness Recognition Program, is for fitness centers that have reached the highest standard of achievement in the five categories of: programs, facilities, training, operations and customer service.

Boxing room — at Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Gloves available.

Rambler 120 Team Challenge — Oct. 17, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Biking, running and rafting. Team entries due Sept. 25. For more information, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — available at no charge at all three fitness centers. Call individual centers for your appointment.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any of the three fitness centers. Log miles throughout the year. Win prizes for 100, 500 and 1,000 miles logged.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — boot camp, self-defense, yoga, step aerobics, pilates, sculpt and tone, and cycling. For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Workout equipment for parents. Children must be supervised at all times.

Massage therapist — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. To schedule, call (228) 348-6698.

Varsity basketball team selection — recruiting members for the Keesler Dragons men's and women's teams for the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference. Tryouts to be announced; call 377-2444 or 3056. Coaches needed. Season starts in November.

No smoking policy — no smoking is allowed on the outdoor fitness track across from Blake Fitness Center.

HELP WANTED

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

Nonappropriated Fund jobs — apply Mondays-work Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Human Resource Office inside Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 211. For current job openings, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on Human Resource Office or call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

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

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

New Orleans Saints home game trips — Tickets go on sale 11 a.m. today. Tickets are limited to two per family — only 20 seats per trip. All games will be available on a first come, first served basis. Customers can purchase up to two tickets to any five games. \$60 per ticket, includes transportation and admission.

Free Disney World and Universal Orlando tickets — stop by, call or visit our Web site for more information.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and lodging information, call 377-4900 9986. For the mini-mart, call 377-2752.

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

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

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

We're getting an extreme (behind the scenes) makeover — due to construction, hours are Mondays-Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fridays 10:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight, and Sundays closed.

Intramural bowling registration — letters of intent due Aug. 6. Season starts Sept. 10. Coaches' meeting 2 p.m. Aug. 6.

Summer special — 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes. Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes and 5 p.m. until closing bowl for \$2.75 a game and \$1 for shoes. Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes and 5-9 p.m. bowl for \$2.75 a game and \$1 for shoes.

Fall bowling leagues begin in August — register now for Saturday morning youth leagues, Monday night, Tuesday night (hospital and VA), Wednesday and Friday mixed leagues and Thursday intramurals. Sign up at the counter, or give us a call.

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

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

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

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

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

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

UBU special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

Plan a bowling fund raiser — make money for your organization and have fun doing it.

KATRINA KANTINA

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

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Club membership drive — through Aug. 15 Air Force Club membership MasterCard® gets you cash back on everything you buy. Applications available at the Katrina Kantina or at <http://www.afclubs.net>. Sponsored by Chase.

Monday madness lunch buffets — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8. Buffets include cobbler and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth buffet is free. Wednesday, stuffed chicken breast, cornbread dressing, green beans, salad and rolls; Aug. 10, lasagna, corn, salad and garlic bread; Aug. 17, wings (hot and barbecue), green beans, macaroni and cheese, salad and rolls; Aug. 24, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad and rolls; Aug. 31, fried and baked chicken, rice, gravy, corn, salad and rolls.

Taco Tuesdays — 5-7 p.m. members get two tacos for \$1, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

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

Catering — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

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

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

All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. Wednesday, Italian fare; Aug. 12, beef brisket; Aug. 19, Mexican favorites; Aug. 26, roast turkey.

Lunch punch card — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.

Baseball special — two hot dogs for \$2, available all summer.

Rotisserie chicken — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.

All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.

UBU special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Free quilting class — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 22, ages 14 and older; ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or sponsor. Participants receive a sample bag of starter materials. Stop in by Aug. 10 to sign up.

Calling all volunteers — to help with tasks such as shelving books, children's story time and creating fun and exciting displays. Come and share your talents with us. Call or stop by to sign up.

On-line card catalog — search for books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more. Log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our on-line catalog.

Free wireless Internet — ask front desk staff for log-in access.

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

“Playaway” — self-playing digital audio book, half the size of a deck of cards. Gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters, alter the speed of a narrator's voice, and bookmark where you left off. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headphones, and enjoy.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Specialty areas include counter-terrorism, international security, home improvement, auto repair, small engine repair, Student Research Center for high school and middle school students, Kids Search for middle school and elementary school students, Searchasaurus for elementary school students, Business Searching Interface, and more. Orientations are 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Online card catalog — search for books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more. Log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our online catalog.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. They work for 10 days; some can be burned to a CD. Ask front desk staff for assistance.

Large study and meeting rooms — two large meeting rooms, two audio rooms and a typing room available.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Water skiing — \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, includes boat, driver and skis. Minimum two hour rental. Call to schedule.

Marina slips — overnight and monthly available.

Horn Island trips — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following non-working Fridays, weather permitting. \$30, bring food, drinks, sun screen, and fishing equipment. We'll provide a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available.

Back bay fishing trips — fish the Back Bay of Biloxi. \$20 per person. Fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven participants. Call for date and time.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

Going camping? — Rent a camping package. Equipment includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

17-Foot back bay cruiser — rent for fishing or leisure time. A Mississippi boaters' safety course is required for all customers.

Boats and recreational equipment for rent — for price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the outdoor recreation link.

Deep sea fishing charters — \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 for each additional person. No license required. \$100 deposit.

UBU special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get 10 percent off all rental equipment.

UBU weekend special — show your UBU card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike, \$5 for the weekend (Friday-Sunday).

Fishing camp in Delacroix, La. — sleeps four. \$50 a night.

Fish of the month contest — largest red drum in August wins a \$100 savings bond. Minimum three participants.

Rental campers — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 per day; two available: one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. Call for more information and towing requirements.

Retail store — cold drinks, snacks, fishing equipment, bait, sun screen, Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses, and more.

Outdoor pavilion rental — scenic view, grill, picnic tables and playground.

Recreational vehicle storage — monthly fee, \$20.

Paintball and disc golf — courses temporarily closed due to construction.

Fam-camp — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 594-0543.

POOLS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3568. Open to anyone authorized to use Services facilities. Military and civilian personnel must present an identification card and the entry fee, or purchase a pool pass.

Main base pool — on Meadows Drive, open daily except Mondays, noon to 5:30 p.m. Lap swimming available during normal hours.

Triangle pool — on Ploesti Drive, open daily except Wednesdays, noon to 7 p.m. Lap swim during normal hours and for adults only, 11 a.m. to noon.

Passes — daily \$1.50, single season \$20, family season (three or more) \$60, free for ages 5 and younger. Purchase passes at outdoor recreation and at either pool.

Parties and general information — find information on our Web site, <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for pools.



ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Specials

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

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies; \$10 each. Check-out our discount bin; selected items reduced up to 50 percent.

UBU special — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop.

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. Aug. 6 or 10:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 22. \$30 including materials.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 8. \$20 including materials.

Beginners pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 15. \$40 for instruction and supplies.

Card making — 5-7 p.m. Aug. 20. \$7 including instruction and materials.

Frame shop

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. Aug. 7 or 21. \$30 includes materials. Bring your favorite photo or artwork, no larger than 11x14-inches.

Custom orders — Our staff will customize all work according to individual orders. We can also coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories. Customized shadow boxes make great retirement gifts.

Engraving shop

Looking for a great going-away gift? — We can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays in August. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. This class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 8 or 22. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 15 or 29. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

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

Tire service/air machine — coin-operated, available 24/7. Located at the vacuum station.

Vehicle storage lot — store your vehicle with us when going on temporary duty.

24-hour coin-operated car care — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Saturday. Air Force Aid Society program offers free child care at the child development center for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Part day preschool — Aug. 17-May 14, ages 3-5. Two sessions: 8-11 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Twenty-four slots available per session; first come, first served. Fees are based on total household income. Available to active duty and Defense Department households with working and nonworking parents.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

Child care slots — available now. Call for assistance in locating a provider.

Air Force Aid Society programs — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for technical sergeants and below who are making a permanent change of station. For eligibility and guidance, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

Returning home care — for children ages 12 and younger. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, returning to their home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and relaxation leave.

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

Expanded duty care — assists families in obtaining child care from licensed or affiliated providers when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours, exceed the standard 50 hours of care a week that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required. Register at the arts and crafts center's multi-craft shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

UBU house party — nonprior service students only, 8-10 p.m. Aug. 21. Pick up a UBU card or show your current UBU card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways. Food and prizes given away every 30 minutes. Those joining the Keesler Club become eligible for additional giveaways. UBU card required.

Free pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball.

Free movie night — each Wednesday. New releases. Free popcorn.

Late night dances — 6:30-midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. Nonprior service students only. Sponsored by National Productions.

Birthdays dance — 6:30-midnight Aug. 21. Nonprior service students with August birthdays show identification and enter the dance free. Sponsored by National Productions.

Nonprior service students web page — visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on Leon the chameleon for the "UBU" link to Services programs tailored especially for you.

VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only, please call to schedule. A \$15 vet fee or \$10 tech fee will apply.

Microchip identification — \$25. Protect your pet with a tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Health certificates — available for interstate and overseas travel.

Pet supplies — buy one or stock up. The clinic can't write prescriptions to outside pharmacies for products the clinic sells.

Safety notice — due to safety concerns, children age 6 and younger are not allowed in exam rooms.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Saturday.

Free dance clinic — Monday through Wednesday and Aug. 6. 5-6 p.m. ages 5-8; 6-7 p.m. ages 9 and older.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays beginning Aug. 10.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 14, ages 6-12. Skating, music and games.

Disco night family dinner/dance — 6-8 p.m. Aug. 20. Kids free; adults \$5.

Dance class — \$50 per month, classes begin Aug. 31. Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 6-8; 6:30-7:30 p.m. ages 9 and older; and Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 3-5.

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