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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Matthew Cutshall demonstrates some Training Squadron Gators to win Friday's 81st Training Wing drill down. Story and photos, Page 4.

Air Force Global Strike Command activated

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials stood up a new major command to oversee all of its nuclear forces in an activation ceremony Friday at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Air Force Global Strike Command will provide combat ready forces to conduct strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike operations in support of combatant commanders.

"This week we achieved a major milestone in the activation of Air Force Global Strike Command," said Air Force Secretary Michael Donley. "The command will bring together our strategic nuclear forces under a single commander,

and will provide combatant commanders with the forces to conduct strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike operations through intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-2 (Spirit) and B-52 (Stratofortress) operations."

The creation of Air Force Global Strike Command began last fall with the approval of a nuclear roadmap developed by Secretary Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. Air Force officials took a critical look at its nuclear mission after discovering shortcomings in its procedures.

"Our expectation for the command is high, as it focuses on precision, reliability, and compliance on all nuclear matters," General Schwartz said.

"Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz will lead the new command fulfilling his role as the steward of the Air Force's contribution to America's deterrent posture and, more importantly, lead the Airmen who are the core of the Air Force's nuclear enterprise," General Schwartz said.

Nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate as the AFGSC commander, General Klotz previously served as assistant vice chief of staff and director of Air Force staff. In those positions, he's had a close view of the Air Force efforts to reinvigorate the Air Force's nuclear enterprise.

"The activation of Global Strike

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Lorenz on Leadership

Air Force, NASCAR — building winning teams

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

On July 4, I was fortunate enough to represent our Air Force at NASCAR's Coke Zero 400. I joined more than 100,000 Americans — undeterred by the summer heat — at the Daytona International Speedway. The energy at the speedway was as thick as the humid air and the excitement contagious. Motor homes covered the infield and racing fans were everywhere. This was my first NASCAR event, and I knew it would be a treat.

My first stop at the speedway was the Air Force recruiting stand, set in the middle of energy drink booths and race team merchandise trucks. Our stand was clearly a hit — race fans swarmed over the different displays. I watched in awe as members of the 333rd Recruiting Squadron managed the crowds with ease. The recruiters' enthusiastic smiles said it all — they were there to inspire, and I couldn't have been more proud to stand with them.

The crowd asked questions. They thanked everyone in Air Force blue for the service we provide every day. The recruiters reciprocated, engaging everyone with the Air Force story. They taught the public what we do each and every day. You see, these recruiters were the first introduction many Americans would have to our Air Force, and they weren't going to let any race fan leave with a bad impression.

The recruiters were also at the race to find new recruits to fill our ranks. Accessing more than 32,000 new Airmen each year doesn't happen by itself — and it isn't a process to be taken lightly. These new Airmen will be joining our team, enabling our mission for many years to come. We will depend on them to lead our Air Force through the next 35 years of challenges.

The recruiters looked for young, confident Americans ready for a challenge. I found out later that they found more than 700 potential Airmen that afternoon. I also learned that finding potential Airmen is just half the battle — only a handful of the 700 will eventually attend basic military training for various reasons. Before they get to BMT, it will be the recruiter's responsibility to invest significant time and effort to educate them on opportunities within the Air Force and to evaluate their potential to serve. It is the recruiter who will lead them through the upcoming months and set them up for success at both BMT and beyond. It is challenging work, but all of our recruiters volunteered for this duty and have a passion for telling America

about our great Air Force.

From the recruiting stand, I transitioned to the speedway infield where NASCAR set up a mobile stage on pit row. More than 100,000 race fans gathered to witness something special: a swearing in ceremony for 65 new recruits. For the recruits, it was another step in their journey to BMT. They all raised their right hands and repeated as I recited the Oath of Enlistment. The crowd roared in response as they finished — each recruit's eyes beamed with pride. They knew they were joining a winning team.

NASCAR immediately transitioned pit row for the race, and the crowds moved toward their seats. When the race began, the crowd's attention turned from the booths and information stands to the battle on the oval giant. The recruiters didn't pause to enjoy the race. Instead, they attacked the displays, tearing them down and loading trucks that would drive to the next race.

While watching the event, I realized that the race teams competing on the speedway share many similarities with our Air Force. Our Nation loves auto racing — drawn by the rare mix of competition, danger and teamwork. It is this teamwork that ties the Air Force to NASCAR. The drivers, much like the operators in our service, stand in front as the face of the organization. Their success, however, is completely dependent on the hundreds who support from the wings. Like our operators, the NASCAR drivers would never make it to the track if not for the combined efforts of crew chiefs, engineers, logisticians, administrators and many others both at the track and the team shops.

One big difference between us, however, is how these teams are built. NASCAR builds a team that will compete for a season. They invest time, money and manpower into training and race day execution — all with the ultimate goal of being the first to reach the checkered flag. There is nothing seasonal or static about our Air Force team. Without the ability of our recruiters to inspire the nation's finest to serve on a daily basis, our Air Force team would never be able to sustain its impressive record of excellence. Theirs is a critical endeavor.

The race ended after a final lap crash sprung the eventual winner through the checkered flag. The crowd rose to their feet as the winning driver spun his wheels in jubilation. His pit crew stood tall, arms high in the air, congratulating each other on their team's victory. We achieve victories each and every day, but rarely get the chance to congratulate our recruiters. Take the time to thank them, for without these professionals and so many other support personnel like them, we would never even make it to the track.

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).



ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

Make energy awareness
a part of your day



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What has been the most challenging experience of your Air Force career?



Making sure that I keep that delicate balance between family time and work time.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Bouker, 333rd Training Squadron.



Daily efforts to become an effective leader.

1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 81st Training Wing protocol



Basic training.

Airman 1st Class Curtis Russell, 81st Training Support Squadron.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Gators gobble up drill down competition



Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, left, mobilization assistant to the commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander, watch the drill teams perform Friday. General Ramsaur served as reviewing officer.

Airman Basic Marissa Rojas, left, and Airman 1st Class Bradford West, 335th TRS, twirl their rifles during the freestyle competition. The Bulls came in first in regulation drill and second in freestyle and open ranks to earn second place overall.

Photos by
Kemberly Groue



By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Gators from the 334th Training Squadron made their first trip to the winner's circle this season at Friday's 81st Training Group drill down.

The Gators took overall honors with first place scores in open ranks and freestyle and second place in regulation drill.

The 335th TRS Bulls, winners of the April competition, claimed second place overall this time, as they did in the June contest. The Bulls came in first in regulation drill and second in open ranks and freestyle.

The 338th TRS Dark Knights, winners of the February and June drill downs, placed third overall, with third places in open ranks and freestyle.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs came in third place in regulation drill.

Winning members of the 334th TRS team are:

Regulation drill — Airmen Basic Lennard Amon, Christina Barrientos, James Gore, David Kellums (assistant drill master), Martina Kellums, Jordan Lelonis and Dennis Ruiz; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Buck and Kaleb Joyner.

Rifle team — Airmen Basic Aaron Hasben, Andrew Hume (drill master), Heather Pedersen, Jonathan Randall and Miquel Taylor; Airmen David Boyette and Jaesun Brown; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Cutshall and Jonathan Walker.

The final drill down of the season is 8 a.m. Oct. 2 on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Post-9/11 GI Bill guidance released

By Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials here provided updates to the field recently on the Air Force implementation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The updates, which took effect Aug. 1, include guidance on how eligible Airmen can choose to transfer part or all of their educational benefits to family members enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.

“Since the Transfer Education Benefits Web site began accepting applications in July, more than 4,000 Airmen have requested transfer of benefits to their family members,” said Maj. Jamison Braun, AFPC deputy chief of transformation.

The request to transfer is initiated by an Airman through TEB, a Department of Defense portal, to the Total Force Service Center-San Antonio for validation, and then sent back to the DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“However, the DOD portal experienced difficulties at first that limited our ability to push validation of eligibility back to the DOD and the VA in a timely manner,” Major Braun said. “Now that the kinks have been worked out, we anticipate the total process from application to approval to take between 30 to 45 days. Please be patient with the new rollout and we’ll continue to keep you up to speed on changes.”

Basic eligibility

All Airmen serving greater than 90 days of active duty, post-Sept. 11, 2001, are automatically eligible and enrolled for the new GI bill benefit. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Next, if only applying for personal use of benefits (not transferring to dependents), go to the VA online application, or VONAPP, Web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp> to apply.

Transferability

Active-duty and selected Reserve Airmen who meet all of the VA’s Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit requirements, who are on duty as of Aug. 1, who have already served at least six years, and who commit to four more years of service, have the option to transfer their benefits to eligible dependents.

Before applying to transfer benefits, an Airman should do four things to ensure a smooth and efficient application process.

Briefings set

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

First — seek counseling from your education office on GI Bill options, said Rudy Torres, AFPC education services and benefits program deputy chief.

Second — ensure you have at least four years left of retainability before transferring benefits, unless retirement eligible. If you need additional

retainability, visit your military personnel section for counseling on your reenlistment or extension options.

Third — Airmen must sign a statement of understanding to acknowledge acceptance of their active duty service commitment. The statement of understanding is available in military personnel sections, education offices and on the “Ask” AFPC Web site.

“If you’ve already applied to transfer your benefits, a copy of the (statement of understanding) will be sent to you for signature via email from the Total Force Service Center-San Antonio. In the near future, the SOU will be available on the virtual MPF to allow Airmen to complete this action digitally,” Major Braun added.

Last — all Airmen should verify family member information is accurate in DEERS.

A printable version of this checklist is available on the AFPC Web site under the Post-9/11 GI Bill link.

How to apply

After completing the checklist above, Airmen can apply to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at the TEB site. Applicants must use a common access card, a DOD self-service user identification or a Defense Finance and Accounting Service personal identification number to access the site.

The TEB site is also posted on the AFPC Web site and the Air Force Virtual Education Center on the Air Force Portal.

“If for some reason an applicant doesn’t meet eligibility requirements, the application will be returned to the TEB site and AFPC will provide the applicant with a statement of why it was disapproved, or guidance on what actions are required before approval can be granted,” Major Braun said.

Once Airmen receive approval of their transfer application from the VA, family members may apply to use transferred benefits by completing VA Form 22-1990e in VONAPP. The VA Form 22-1990e should only be completed and submitted to VA by the family member after TEB approval.

For more information, log on to <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

To report sexual assaults at Keesler, call 377-7278.

For more news, videos and photos,
visit <http://www.keesler.af.mil>

AETC gears up for 2010 symposium

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials are gearing up for the 2010 AETC Symposium scheduled for Jan. 14-15, 2010, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

The two-day symposium will feature more than 70 lecture seminars, two keynote speaker luncheons, an exposition of military and civilian vendors and a formal ball to include keynote speaker Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

The theme of the AETC Symposium is "Developing America's Airmen Today ... For Tomorrow."

The AETC Symposium continues to grow each year, and 2010 will be no exception. Officials expect a crowd of about 3,400 attendees, mostly from AETC units, but also from other Air Force and military units, industry, commercial, education and the private sectors.

The exposition hall, sponsored by the Alamo Chapter Air Force Association, will include more than 90 military and civilian booths. Displays will highlight leading-edge capabilities, technologies and information that relate to recruiting, training and educating our Airmen.

For specific questions about reserving space in the exposition hall as a military exhibitor, contact Capt. Michelle Adams, michelle.adams@randolph.af.mil.

Registration is scheduled to begin Oct 1.

For more information and to register, visit the symposium's Web site at <http://www.aetcsymposium.com>.

8 dentists finish postgraduate training

By Steve Pivnick

Keesler Medical Center Public Affairs

Eight dentists were honored for successfully completing the advanced education in general dentistry and general practice residency programs during an Aug. 4 graduation ceremony in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

AEGD-1 graduates and their new assignments were: Capts. (Drs.) Chi Chung (Osan Air Base, Korea), Min Kim (Barksdale Air Force Base, La.), Jon Vandewalker (Misawa AB, Japan), Nicole Vazquez (Lackland AFB, Texas), and selected for the prosthodontics residency), Porchia Willis (Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom) and Ross Yost (Eielson AFB, Alaska).

Completing the GPR program were Capts. (Drs.) Arlene Esche (Barksdale AFB) and Thomas Reynolds (Edwards AFB, Calif.)

Col. (Dr.) Nicholas Miniotis, commander of the 3rd Dental Squadron at Elmendorf AFB,

Alaska, was guest speaker for the event. He was assigned to the 81st DS from 1999-2004.

The AEGD-1 residency is a postgraduate educational program offering recent dental graduates advanced professional education beyond the undergraduate level. This 52-week program conforms to the standards set by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, 81st DS, is program director.

The general practice residency also is a 52-week program designed for new dentists to the Air Force. It, too, provides advanced training above that which was attained in dental school. The primary goal of the program is to train dentists to provide comprehensive dental care at any assignment. Unlike the AEGD program, GPR residents are required to do rotations in anesthesia and medicine, a minimum of 70 hours each. Maj. (Dr.) James Kiser, 81st DS, is program director.

Perfect student



Airman Basic John Perez graduated this week from the electronic principles course in the 335th Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Perez, from Livermore, Calif., continues his electronic warfare systems apprentice training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Post 9/11 GI Bill

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

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Mathies NCO Academy is closed until 10 a.m. Wednesday and until noon Sept. 9 for drill practice and evaluations.

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

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

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Legends Cafe in Vandenberg Community Center.

Students make pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

The party is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

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

Drill down — 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Parade — 6 p.m. Sept. 17.

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

ACSC options

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

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

For more information, call 376-8472.

Civilian tuition aid

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

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

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Lost & Found

Call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office,
377-4500,
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

NEWS AND FEATURES

AETC provides \$97,000 for playground equipment, digital recorder for greater security

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Thanks to \$97,000 in “focus funds” available from Air Education and Training Command, officials at Keesler’s youth center and child development center plan on their facilities being more fun and more secure this time next year.

“Every year we are encouraged to identify large quality-of-life projects we’d like to pursue,” said Ann Smith, youth programs director at the youth center. “And we looked at all the things on our special-needs list and go from there.”

What made it off the list this year? Try a special digital recording system for the already-installed security system in place and special playground equipment for each center.

The youth center’s closed-circuit television system will be enhanced with a digital recording system.

“It will help us supervise and protect children, as well as protect the employees at youth center,” Ms. Smith said. “We also asked for the digital recording system so we can record throughout the day so if an accident or incident occurs, we can hopefully go back and review the circumstances. It adds another level of security for everyone.”

The CDC playground project will create a



more age-appropriate outdoor play area for infants.

The youth center playground enhancement will involve replacing older equipment that wasn’t challenging for school-age children, Smith said.

“We’re building a sort of challenge/fitness course that includes rock climbing, balancing, and other kinds of skills and strength building activities,” she explained.

The availability of “focus funds” depends on AETC’s “focus” each year.

“Some years, it’s fitness centers, dormitories, and sometimes it’s child and youth development centers,” Smith said. “We were lucky enough that this time it was (the latter).”

The command sets aside \$2 million annually for the sole purpose of funding quality of life initiatives, notes a memorandum from AETC. With the focus funds for Keesler’s three projects, Ms. Smith and her co-workers feel that the quality of life for the children at the centers and for parents and children at base-wide events will be enhanced.

Construction could begin later this fall and Smith hopes by next summer the new equipment will be installed and ready for play. “I can see the playground being great for the whole base,” she said.

911 emergencies When using cell phones, specify location



By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

People who work on base or live in base housing who use their cell phones to report an emergency are reminded to tell the dispatcher that they’re calling from Keesler to avoid a delayed response.

“When you call 911 in this region on cell phones, the calls are automatically routed to either Harrison County or the City of Biloxi,” Vince Davis, Keesler’s assistant chief of hazardous materials and safety, pointed out. “This is a recurring problem that happened again recently. Delays have occurred in the past due to routing errors and similar street names.”

IN THE NEWS

Main gate reopens Monday

The White Avenue Gate reopens at 5 a.m. Monday for 24/7 operation.

The Judge Sekul Avenue gate is open 5:30-7:30 a.m. Monday, and then resumes normal hours, 3:30-5:30 p.m. weekdays except “down Fridays,” for outbound traffic only.

The Meadows Avenue Gate resumes its regular schedule, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays except “down Fridays.”

Office closes early Friday

The 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron offices close at 10 a.m. Friday for the unit’s annual picnic.

For emergencies, call the vehicle control center, 377-2430.

Work continues in Bay Ridge area

Work continues this month 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 Sept. 1 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.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Sept. 10 issue of the Keesler News is noon Sept. 3, four days earlier than usual, because of the Labor Day federal holiday, Sept. 7.

Cell phones, seatbelts, car seats

Cell phones — 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.

Seatbelts — must be used by driver and passengers; children at least 4-7 years old or less than 65 pounds, or under 4 feet 9 inches in height, must be in a booster/child seat of vehicles in operation on the installation. For violations, driving privileges can be suspended seven days for the first offense, 30 days for the second offense, 90 days for the third offense and one year for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

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

Global Strike,

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Command is part of a broader, comprehensive strategy the Air Force is undertaking to ensure we have the proper focus on our critical missions that provide nuclear deterrence and global strike forces for the combatant commander, the joint team and our allies,” General Klotz said.

The new major command is the latest — and largest — reorganization in the Air Force’s ongoing effort to reinvigorate the Air Force nuclear enterprise.

Late last year the Air Force established a directorate at Headquarters Air Staff (A10) focused solely on the nuclear mission. The service also increased the size and scope of operations at the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center to consolidate all nuclear sustainment efforts.

The activation of Air Force Global Strike Command is the “next and very important step,” said General Klotz, noting that there are still more milestones ahead.

In December, command officials assume responsibility of 20th Air

“We continue to need nuclear forces to provide a deterrent to attack against the U.S. as well as to assure our allies of our commitment to their security.”

— General Klotz



Force at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., and the ICBM force.

In February, the command staff gains 8th Air Force at Barksdale and the nuclear-capable bomber force.

The 576th Flight Test Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., as well as the

625th Strategic Operations Squadron at Offutt AFB, Neb., will also fall under the new command.

Like other Air Force major commands, Air Force Global Strike Command will be a total force team with the Air Force Reserve and Air

National Guard units performing critical roles and responsibilities. Ultimately, the command will consist of 23,000 people.

The stand-up of a single command focused on nuclear operations has led many to draw parallels to Strategic Air Command, which led the Air Force’s nuclear operations until 1992. When asked about the comparison to SAC,

General Klotz said AFGSC represents an important part of the service’s evolution from its original nuclear deterrent force.

“Strategic Air Command was a magnificent organization with a legacy of pride, discipline, of attention to detail. It kept the peace. It helped win the Cold War,” he said. “But times have changed.”

The general asserted that although the Cold War is over, “we continue to need nuclear forces to provide a deterrent to attack against the U.S. as well as to assure our allies of our commitment to their security.”

He stressed it will be the people of Air Force Global Strike Command who ultimately maintain the credibility and viability of this important mission.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Gagnon

Unit — 338th Training Squadron

Position — airfield systems instructor

Time in Air Force — almost seven years

Time at Keesler — almost two years

Hometown — Wauchula, Fla.

Why did you join the Air Force? fourth generation U.S. military. Grandpa was Navy and Air Force; he told me that the Air Force treats their service members better. Dad did 13 years in the Army. He told me he wishes he had joined the Air Force. I listened.

Noteworthy — I genuinely care about my

students and the effect they'll have on my career field.

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term goal is to learn a new block of instruction to make me a more flexible member of my flight; long term is to raise my family right so they grow up to be contributing members of society and possibly rule the world.

What's your favorite quote? "You can lead a horse to water but you can't saddle a duck."

What are your hobbies? I have a tomato and chili pepper garden. I also enjoy wood-working

DIAMOND NOTES

Have you read the 81st Training Wing's new physical training wear policy?

If not, get with your supervisor, first sergeant or commander as soon as possible. Adherence to standards is everyone's responsibility.

Chief Master Sgt. James Morrison
81st Comptroller Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Aug. 18, 1969

Hurricane Camille made landfall at Waveland, Miss., clocking wind gusts of over 200 mph and pushing water surges as high as 35 feet above normal.

More than 260 people were killed, and communities in five states were devastated.

Base damage was estimated at \$3.5 million.



Juliana Calero looks at clothing items at Airmen's Attic Monday. Her husband is Airman 1st Class Gilbert Quijano, 81st Dental Squadron.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airmen's Attic expands offerings

By Senior Airman Kimberly Moore Limrick

Keesler Public Affairs

Airmen's Attic has made some improvements and invites Airmen to come check it out.

Master Sgt. James Messer, 81st Force Support Squadron education and training superintendent, volunteered to take over as president of the Airmen's Attic in June and soon saw its potential.

"The focus for the past month has been to get the infrastructure in place," Messer said. "Shelves needed to be built, so the first sergeants provided money for material and the 366th Training Squadron civil engineer students and instructors (from the Seabee Base in Gulfport) built 380 square feet of shelving and 75 feet of hanging rods during off-duty hours. It was an inexpensive way to get the most for our money, and what an awesome team effort it was.

"My vision is simple — Airmen taking care of Airmen," he emphasized.

The Airmen's Attic is available to all Keesler personnel in pay grades E1-5 to help them obtain free household supplies.

Available items are donations from other Airmen and base personnel. Requested items include maternity clothes, baby clothes, kitchen items and items that can't be accepted are those that can't be washed, such as mattresses.

"Now that the infrastructure is in place," Sergeant Messer said, "our focus is to increase our inventory and get the word out about the new hours."

"Because we are collocated in the old chapel with the Keesler Thrift Shop, we wanted our hours to match theirs and become a one-stop shop," Sgt. Messer said.

Lt. Col. Richard Cole, 81st FSS commander, agreed.

"Our long term objective is to maintain a co-location of the Airmen's Attic with the thrift stop," he said. "These two organizations complement one another in providing needed services for our Airmen."

New hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and the last Saturday of the month. Donations can be dropped off during those hours.

To volunteer at Airmen's Attic, call Staff Sgt. Kristi Knowles, 377-3224.



Dishes and other kitchen supplies are some of the items at Airmen's Attic.



Volunteer Marilyn Reed organizes the "seasonal room." Her daughter is Master Sgt. Elisabeth Reed, 81st DS first sergeant.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Military 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.

2009 selection boards

Monday-Aug. 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.

2010 selection boards

Jan. 11, June 7, Sept. 27 — special selection boards.

Feb. 1 — senior master sergeant evaluation.

March 8 — lieutenant colonel line of the Air Force and medical service corps; major MSC.

June 21 — senior NCO supplemental board.

July 12 — colonel LAF-J/chaplain/BSC; lieutenant colonel and major LAF-J/CHAP.

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

Sept. 13 — colonel MSC/medical corps/dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Nov. 8 — colonel LAF; lieutenant colonel and major BSC.

Dec. 6 — colonel and lieutenant colonel nursing corps; major LAF/NC.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

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

The 24/7 hotline number ensures all unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment concerns are quickly identified and addressed. It streamlines the process by which individuals can speak with an equal opportunity professional at the Air Force Personnel Center to advise and assist with their concerns and issues. Callers can remain anonymous.

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

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

Customer service hours

Customer service is 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

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.

Financial aid for adoption

Air Force Personnel Center

Through the Adoption Expense Reimbursement Program, parents using a legal adoption agency may be eligible for up to \$2,000 per adoptive child, with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 in a calendar year, for qualifying expenses.

To qualify for the program:

Adoption must be finalized while the Airman is serving on continuous active duty, or full-time Air Guard Reserve duty with orders specifying a period of at least 180 days,

Child must be under 18 years of age and physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself,

Child may not be the biological offspring of the Airman or a stepchild, and

The adoption must be arranged by a qualified adoption agency that has responsibility under state or local law for child placement through adoption; a nonprofit voluntary adoption agency that is authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption; or any other source authorized by a state to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under state or local law.

For more information, call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Tricare deputy director highlights new programs

By Navy Lt. Jennifer Cragg

Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Tricare officials are enhancing programs and services as part of an ongoing commitment to provide quality health care for military families, the new deputy director of Tricare Management Activity said.

One of the key Tricare initiatives is to enhance the contact beneficiaries and their family members have with their primary health care provider, Navy Rear Adm. Christine Hunter said July 30 on Pentagon Web Radio.

“The ‘medical home’ concept is an exciting way of looking at an individual’s relationship with their primary care provider,” she said.

The medical home concept emphasizes four health care pillars: accessibility, continuity, coordination and comprehensiveness. Admiral Hunter said that it takes the doctor-patient relationship to a new level.

“It creates an enhanced relationship with that health care provider to ensure access, continuity and trust,” she said. “We need to offer care that is coordinated and comprehensive. In order to do that, we will emphasize preventive care and wellness, ensuring that people are in a partnership with their provider that allows them to get the preventive care that they need, and manage any chronic medical conditions that they have.”

Admiral Hunter also addressed Tricare programs

DOD names Tricare contractors

Air Force News Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Department of Defense officials have announced the selection of new Tricare managed care support contractors for the North and South U.S. regions.

Aetna Government Health Plans of Hartford, Conn., is selected for the North region where Health Net Federal Services is the current contractor.

UnitedHealth Military and Veterans Services of Minnetonka, Minn., is selected for the South region where Humana Military Healthcare Services is the current contractor.

The Tricare West region retains its current contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp.

The third generation contracts are worth an estimated \$55.5 billion more than the base and five options periods.

Transition from the current contracts begins immediately, with the start of health care delivery under the new contracts set for April 1.

and how beneficiaries can make the best use of their benefits by highlighting four main goals of the Tricare health plan: providing beneficiaries and their families with access to the best health care, ensuring satisfaction with their health care, managing health care costs responsibly and last, but most

important, she said, maintaining military readiness.

Part of military readiness, Admiral Hunter said, is maintaining family readiness.

“We see family readiness as an important part of overall readiness,” she said. “Secretary of the Navy ([Ray) Mabus recently said ‘they who wait also serve’ and we have a strong commitment to them.”

Tricare officials also are providing to beneficiaries access to a Web-based Tricare Assistance Program that will provide online counseling.

The program launched Aug. 1, Admiral Hunter said, and is for active-duty service members and their families, people in the Transitional Assistance Management Program and selected reserve members who purchase Tricare Reserve Select and their eligible family members.

“The Tricare Assistance Program provides Web-based supportive counseling; you can dial in on your home webcam to talk to a counselor and get the assistance you need in the privacy and comfort of your own home,” Admiral Hunter said.

The program enables visitors to obtain an unlimited number of sessions with the same counselor.

Admiral Hunter also discussed electronic health records as a priority. One of the advantages of Tricare is the ability to keep track of the quality of health care beneficiaries receive through the use of electronic medical health records, she said.

Thrift shop manager Corina Gestring, left, and assistant manager Janel Scharwath set out games for sale in the shop's 25-cent room. Mrs. Gestring's husband, Master Sgt. Ken Gestring, is deployed to Afghanistan from the 81st Medical Group. Mrs. Scharwath is married to Master Sgt. Kevin Scharwath, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Spouses club 'lighting the pathways to friendship'



Kathy Varble, a longtime club member and thrift shop volunteer, sorts through household items.

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, commander of the 333rd Training Squadron, and his wife, Devalynn, moved to Keesler in June 2008 with their three children, Paul, 15; Sarah, 14; and David, 4. They hoped to settle in, make themselves at home and find new acquaintances.

Only one year later, Mrs. Solomon feels right at home — at Keesler and as the new president of the Keesler Spouses Club, a “great place to discover new friends.”

“When you move somewhere new and you are looking for a friend, you are not sure where to go,” Mrs. Solomon said. “The KSC is the perfect place because it opens that spectrum to finding people you can depend on and creating relationships that go beyond just where you are all stationed.

“Our theme this year reflects that — ‘Lighting the Pathways to Friendship’ means we want to go beyond just meeting people. We want to keep those friendships for all time.”

The Keesler Spouses Club, which has existed for more than 40 years, is a charitable and social organization focused on community involvement.

The group's social events consist of monthly gatherings, usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, and all events are included in the “Meetings” section of the Keesler News.

Memberships are available to all spouses of Keesler active-duty members, including active-duty guard and reserve, as well as spouses of retired service members, civilian employees or key personnel.

The Keesler Thrift Shop, open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, generates funds for a multitude of KSC benefits, including college scholarships awarded to eligible Keesler family members. There were 11 recipients of \$10,000 worth of scholarships this year.

The shop is located within the former chapel building adjacent to Sablich Center at the corner of Second and H streets.

Other contributions that

benefit Keesler and the surrounding community include donating to the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, the Women's Resource Center in Gulfport, the First Sergeants Association, and charities such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Keesler's Fisher House, where military families can stay while their loved one is treated at Keesler Medical Center or the Biloxi Veterans Administration Medical Center, receives donations of goods as well as time when KSC members prepare meals for the guests. The group also participates and donates to the Special Olympics.

The next KSC event is Sept. 8, when members kick off “FUNdamentals,” a premise the group hopes to prove to visitors.

“KSC is about people being there for each other,” Mrs. Solomon said. “We'll be there when you need us. But if I have to sum up the meaning of the club on a personal level for the members, I'd have to say support. You get, but you give. It comes full circle.”

Ready to join?

Check out the KSC Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com/index.htm>; visit the Keesler Thrift Shop or attend the next monthly meeting, Sept. 8 at the youth center. See the Keesler News for meeting time.



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Medic rescues choking toddler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Mario Cooper was able to put his training to good use Aug. 3

An orthopedic technologist with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, Sergeant Cooper had gone to the Biloxi baseball complex near the high school to watch his 3-year-old son Christian and other children at baseball practice.

"I just went to check to ensure they were OK," he explained. "I decided to sit and watch for a while. As I was sitting there, I noticed a 2-year-old boy come around the corner, gagging. He vomited several times as he tried to get some air. He came to me and I saw he was choking. I was nervous and a bit scared but I pressed on his back a couple of times. When I did that, it dislodged a piece of plastic from his throat. I was able to stick my fingers in his mouth and remove it."

He attributes his actions to the training he's received as a medic, including basic life support and self-aid buddy care, which included watch-



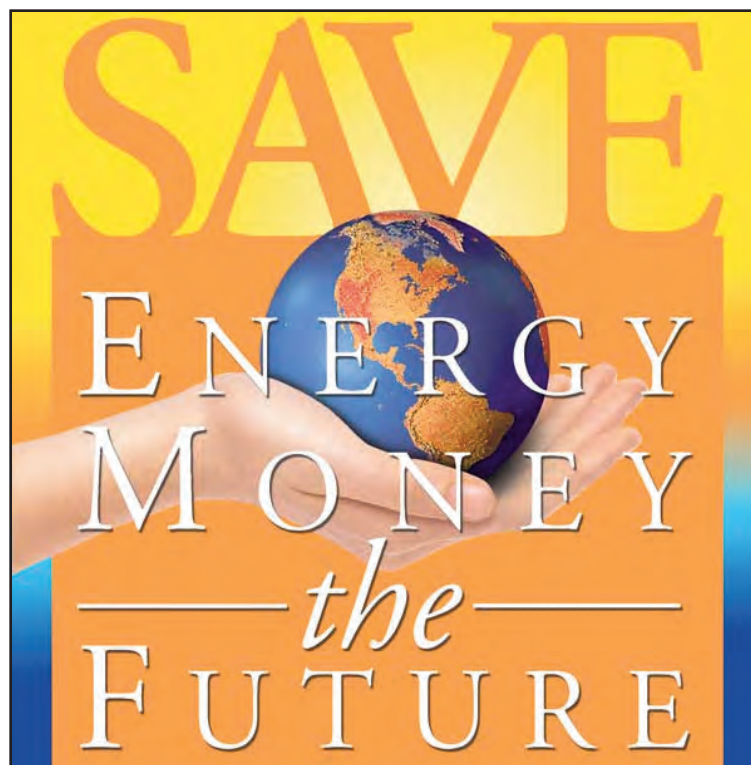
Sergeant Cooper

ing the Heimlich maneuver being performed.

Sergeant Cooper admitted he was "scared to death" when the toddler appeared but his past training paid off.

He said the boy's mother was very appreciative when he brought the child over to her. His oldest son Quincy, 9, and her oldest son play on the same ball team.

"I didn't think it was such a big deal," he remarked. "I didn't really see it that way at all."



It's time to target tax break opportunities

By Dick Brock

Legal office

Feb. 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. ARRA includes key provisions that impact individuals and families. The bulk of the tax provisions affect tax year 2009 — individual tax returns due April 15, 2010 — and tax year 2010 — individual tax returns due April 15, 2011.

First-time homebuyer credit amended

This ARRA provision extends the existing homebuyer credit for qualifying home purchases to purchases before Dec. 1, 2009. For purchases in 2009, taxpayers can qualify for a refundable credit of 10 percent of the purchase price up to \$8,000 (\$4,000 for taxpayers who are married filing separately). Generally, you don't have to repay the credit for qualifying home purchases after Dec. 31, 2008, and before Dec. 1, 2009, provided the home remains your main home for 36 months after the purchase date. The amount of the credit begins to phase out for taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is more than \$75,000 or \$150,000 for taxpayers who are married and file a joint return. For purposes of the credit, you are considered to be a first-time homebuyer if you, or your spouse if you are married, didn't own any other main home during the three-year period ending on the date of purchase.

Special break for new vehicle purchase

For 2009, there is an additional deduction for state and local sales and excise tax, including certain fees in states that don't have a sales tax, on the purchase of qualified motor vehicles. A qualified motor vehicle must be new and includes a passenger automobile or light truck, a motorcycle or a motor home. Taxes and fees paid on vehicles purchased before Feb. 17, 2009, aren't eligible for this special deduction. The deduction

is limited to the eligible taxes and fees paid on the first \$49,500 of the purchase price of the vehicle. The deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of more than \$125,000 (\$250,000 on a joint return). The deduction is available to taxpayers who claim the standard deduction as well as to taxpayers who itemize deductions.

Earned income tax credit increase

For tax years 2009 and 2010, ARRA temporarily increases the income limits and earned income tax credit percentage allowed for working families with three or more qualifying children.

Refundable portion of child tax credit

ARRA reduces the minimum earned income amount used to calculate the additional child tax credit to \$3,000. Reducing the amount to \$3,000 allows more taxpayers to claim the additional child tax credit and increases the amount of the payments they may receive. It's a refundable credit, which means taxpayers may receive refunds even when they don't owe any tax. This change applies to tax years 2009 and 2010.

American opportunity tax credit

For tax years 2009 and 2010, the American Opportunity Tax Credit makes temporary changes to the education credit known as the Hope Credit. It adds required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allows the credit to be claimed for four years of post-secondary education instead of two. In addition, a portion of the credit may be refundable.

Qualified higher education expense

For tax years 2009 and 2010, the definition of qualified higher education expenses for tax-free distributions from a qualified tuition program is expanded to include the purchase of computer technology, equipment, or Internet access and related services.

COBRA subsidy

Workers who have lost their jobs may qualify for a 65 percent subsidy for Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act continuation premiums for themselves and their families for up to nine months. Eligible workers will have to pay 35 percent of the premium to their former employers. To qualify, a worker must have been involuntarily separated between Sept. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2009. This subsidy phases out for individuals whose modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$125,000 or \$250,000 for individuals who are married and file joint returns. Taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income exceeding \$145,000, or \$290,000 for those filing joint returns, don't qualify for the subsidy.

Residential energy credits

ARRA provides numerous tax incentives for individuals to invest in energy-efficient products. Extension and modification of credit for nonbusiness energy property: The new law reinstates and increases the tax credit for homeowners who make energy efficient improvements to their existing homes. The law increases the credit rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 for improvements placed in service in 2009 and 2010. The credit applies to improvements such as adding insulation, energy efficient exterior windows and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems. Generally, homeowners can rely on manufacturers' certifications in determining whether property purchased qualifies for the credit.

Modification of credit for residential energy efficient property — This nonrefundable energy tax credit will help individual taxpayers pay for qualified residential energy efficient property, such as solar hot water heaters, geothermal heat pumps, and wind turbines. The new law removes most of the previously imposed maximum amounts and maintains the 30 percent credit for the purchase of qualified property.

Pentagon leaders weigh benefits, vulnerabilities of social networking

By John Kruzel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials here are weighing the benefits of social networking and other Web 2.0 platforms against potential security vulnerabilities they create.

In a memo issued in late July, Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn III directed a study of social media sites like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube in hopes of establishing a policy by October, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters Aug. 4.

“We’re addressing the challenges from a security standpoint, but also the impact and the value that they have to the department to be able to communicate in a 21st century environment,” Mr. Whitman said.

Per his deputy’s memo, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is slated to receive a report on the threats and benefits of Web 2.0 tools before the end of the month. Both Secretary Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have embraced the new technologies.

The Pentagon’s chief information officer is taking the lead on the review, which was catalyzed by concerns raised at U.S. Strategic Command, Mr. Whitman said. STRATCOM is responsible for overseeing the use of the “dot-mil” network.

In the meantime, there are no department-wide orders banning the use of social networking and other Web 2.0 applications, Whitman said, adding that standard local restrictions to such sites may occur due to bandwidth or security concerns.

“But as a department, we recognize the importance of taking a look at this issue because there are legitimate security concerns,” he said.



Photo illustration by
Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens

In a recent interview, Price Floyd, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, emphasized the importance of maintaining operational security in an era of Web-based social networking.

“OPSEC is paramount. We will have procedures in place to deal with that,” Mr. Floyd said. “The (Defense Department) is, in that sense, no different than any big company in America. What we can’t do is let security concerns trump doing business. We have to do business. Companies in the private sector that have policies like us don’t dare shut down their Web sites. They have to sell their products and ideas — and this is how it’s done.

“OPSEC needs to catch up with this stuff,” Mr. Floyd pointed out. “This is the modern equivalent of sending a letter home from the front lines. “OPSEC needs to be considered on this stuff, but the more our troops do this stuff, the better off we are.”

Road rage — are you guilty?

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

A world full of busy schedules, financial crises, high unemployment and a growing population has made tension, anger and stress a part of everyday life for today's driver. These factors and many more similar life stressors have created a driving phenomenon commonly known as "road rage."

Rage or frustration?

According to the AAA Foundation for Road Safety Research, "road rage" is a term believed to have originated in the United States and involves extreme acts of aggression that occurs as a direct result of a disagreement between drivers. It differs from the normal frustration most drivers feel after being "cut off," stuck in traffic or on the receiving end of another driver's bad intentions or gestures. The distinction between the two is in "normal" driving behavior between drivers, no violence occurs and there's no physical confrontation or altercation.

A case study done by the foundation discovered road rage goes beyond just bad attitudes meeting with even worse driving habits. Psychologists explained that human beings are territorial and as individuals, all have a personal space or territory. This is essentially a defense mechanism, and if anyone or anything invades this territory, it's considered a potential threat. A car is an extension of that territory.

Lt. Col Jay Stone, a clinical psychologist in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's mental health flight at Keesler points out, "People often have a false sense of security in a car and they may act in a manner they normally wouldn't have."

Moodiness behind the wheel

The foundation's study also revealed that one of the main factors influencing driver behavior was mood. It suggested that for many people, driving is regarded as an expressive, rather than practical activity. Those who regarded driving this way tend to react negatively to the actions of other drivers and were more likely to get wound up about those actions they deem inappropriate or stupid.

Colonel Stone points out helpful tips to protect ourselves against a driver who is experiencing road rage.

"Be as courteous as possible," he recommends. "Don't respond to any gestures. Don't make eye contact with the other driver. If somebody begins to follow you, drive to the nearest police station."

Although studies find evidence that some drivers are more likely than others to succumb to road rage, don't assume that this behavior can't be altered. All drivers can although take approaches to employ strategies to keep frustration, anger and rage in check.



To avoid getting road rage, Colonel Stone suggests, "The main thing is to know yourself. If you feel your mood is not safe for driving, use distraction. Take a walk. Listen to some soothing music. Give yourself plenty of time to arrive at your destination.

"Road rage is usually just an outward symptom of other issues such as anger management, depression, as well as several possible unhealthy triggers," the colonel continued.

For people who think they have an issue with anger and would like help, Colonel Stone suggests, "There's an anger management program provided through family advocacy that's a really great way to deal with anger issues."

The class meets 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays for four weeks. The sessions are available to any identification card holder, and a new class begins every month. The next class starts Sept. 8.

For more information on the anger management program, call family advocacy, 376-3457.

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KEESLER NOTES

Navy issues 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 in Room 108A.

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.

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.

Immunization clinic

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

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

4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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

For more information, call 376-3553.

Thrift shop hours

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

Donations are accepted during regular hours. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Play group

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

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

Supply issues

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

Travel medicine clinic

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

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

For more information, call 376-3550.



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DOD personal property program seeks customer input

Air Force News Service

SCOTT Air Force Base, Ill. — Have you ever had your household goods moved and at the end of the process, thought, “That was the best move I’ve had. I hope my next move is that good.” Or conversely, “That move was horrible. I hope no one else has to use movers like these.”

Now have a say in which moving companies the Department of Defense uses more or less frequently. Unfortunately, on average, service members are only taking advantage of their opportunity to have a voice in the process around 20 percent of the time.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, along with the U.S. Transportation Command and the services, is implementing a new program for moving household goods called the Defense Personal Property Program, or DP3.

The backbone of DP3 is a customer evaluation of the move process. The customer satisfaction survey is actually used six times over a 12-month period to help determine which carriers get more moves during the relevant performance period.

The simple, 12-question evaluation that has two direct impacts on all future DOD household good shipments.

First, it’s used as the cornerstone of a program designed to move away from the historical “low cost” system for selecting movers, toward a best value acquisition of moving companies based on customer satisfaction survey input, the rates a company files and the speed and satisfaction with which the moving company handles any claim the member submits.

Second, the information is used to improve government services pertaining to household goods shipments.

Instructions and the link to the customer satisfaction survey are e-mailed to the member once a household goods shipment has been delivered. To ensure this happens, members should provide an e-mail address to their personal property counselor that can be accessed 24/7 at the destination.

For more information on the customer satisfaction survey and DP3, visit <http://www.move.mil> and click on “DOD Customer.”

Child identification program returns to Keesler Aug. 22

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler is gearing up for another Mississippi Child Identification Program, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 at the youth center

Since 2004, the Freemasons have sponsored free CHIP events to raise public awareness concerning the risk of abduction or exploitation faced by children in today’s society.

CHIP provides a small computer disk for the parents or guardians of a child that includes full-color photographs of the child in several poses, a complete set of digital fingerprints and identifying characteristics of the child, such as hair and eye color, and family contact information.



A tooth print dental impression wafer is made which gives important identification information, such as a DNA sample and a unique saliva scent which can be used by tracking dogs to find missing children.

The program also provides a laminated identification card with the child’s photograph and information.

“The last time we held this event, we processed 222 children,” said Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, airman and family readiness center family readiness program coordinator. “Due to the large turnout, though, many families had to wait a few hours to get processed and some families were unable to process because we had to cut it off to be able to handle the ones we already had.”

“This year we’re changing a few things to ensure families have an opportunity to participate and to alleviate the waiting time,” Sergeant Woodruff explained. “To do this, we’ll be taking sign-ups for specific time slots instead of having families just show up.”

“We have 11 workstations this year so 10 families will go every 20 minutes,” she continued. “The extra workstation is so we can start on the next increment on time. This way, the most wait time is about 30 minutes. This will also ensure that we won’t have to turn anyone away.”

To sign up for a specific time slot, call 376-8508 or email jessica.woodruff@us.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Pool hours change

Keesler moms and their little ones enjoy the main base pool during swimming lessons earlier this summer. Starting Monday, hours change for both base pools. The main base pool is open noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. As of Monday, the Triangle Pool is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming only and 4-7 p.m. for recreational swimming. The Triangle Pool is open noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and is closed on Wednesdays. Both pools close for the season Sept. 30.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Basketball

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

Bowling

Bowl for Kids' Sake — noon today at Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-8036, 5300 or 8007.

Youth tournament — 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 22 for ages 6-18. \$10 including bowling, shoes, hot dog, chips and beverage. Ages 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up now at the bowling center.

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 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

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

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 pre-



Bowling benefits breast cancer battle

A benefit bowling tournament is planned for noon Sept. 17 at Gaudé Lanes to benefit the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer for the American Cancer Society.

Five-member teams are being recruited. Each member pays \$15 which covers shoe rental and three games.

The highest scoring male and female bowlers win trophies.

To sign up a team, contact your squadron representative or call Asha Gray, 377-7153, asha.gray@us.af.mil.

scription 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.

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

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

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

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

Flag football

Preseason tournament starts Monday; season starts Aug. 31. Games held at the multipurpose field. For more information, call 377-2444.

Golf

Intramural league

(as of Aug. 4)

Team	Points
334th TRS-A	76
81st FSS	68
336th TRS	613
*334th TRS-B	55
MARDET-A	53
333rd TRS	52
81st LRS	48
*81st SFS	48
81st TRSS	42
**335th TRS	36
**81st MDSS	12
**MARDET-B	6

* one make-up match to play

** forfeited out of the league

For more information and schedule, call Sam Miller, 377-244

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

Air Force Blue Streak bicycle streak program — knowledgeable volunteer needed to assist in planning, organization and implementation of noncompetitive bicycle rides for all ages and abilities. For more information, call Dave Bowers by e-mail or call 377-0002.

Mini-triathlon set for Sept. 18

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Health and Wellness Center sponsors a free mini-triathlon at 8 a.m. Sept. 18.

Open to everyone ages 18 or older, participants swim 200 yards, bike eight miles and run two miles. Events start and finish at the Triangle pool.

Individual categories are separated by gender and age: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50+. There will be a separate category for Clydesdale (men more than 220 pounds) and Athena (women more than 160 pounds). Relay teams consist of three participants — one must be female. Trophies are awarded for the overall male and female and top three in each category.

Preregistration is required by noon Sept. 15 at the HAWC or the Blake Fitness Center. Sign-in is 6:30-7:45 a.m. on the day of event. No sign-ups are accepted on the day of the event.

T-shirts and refreshments are provided to all participants.

For more information, call 376-3170 or e-mail Jeff Green, jeffery.green.1@us.af.mil.



Water skiing — on front beach or Biloxi Back Bay. \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, including boat, driver and skis. Minimum two-hour rental. To schedule, call 377-3160.

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

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.

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

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

Food and fun — keeping cookouts safe

By Senior Airman
Ashley Farella

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

When it's not scorching hot outside in south Mississippi, many people love to sneak off to a backyard barbecue or picnic at the park. To ensure your summer fun doesn't go bad, here are a few food safety tips from the public health office.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, fish and pork are great barbecue items, but they're considered potentially hazardous foods. Cooking them to the proper temperature is critical in preventing a potential food-borne illness.

Fish should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees Fahrenheit, pork and beef to 155 degrees F (except hamburger, which should be cooked to 165 degrees F) and chicken to 165 degrees F.

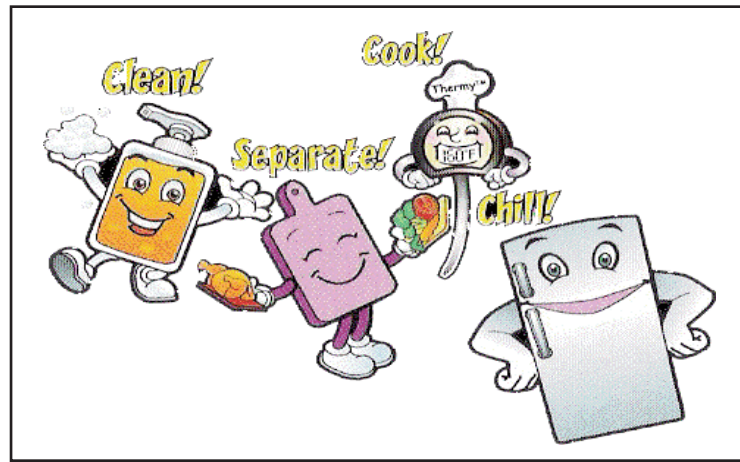
Once hot foods are thoroughly cooked, they should be kept at least 135 degrees F, eaten or disposed of within four hours.

Cold foods such as those containing meat, eggs and/or dairy products such as potato salad, macaroni salad and lunch meat could cause illness. These foods should be kept at 41 degrees F or below.

Preparation and food handling are equally important. While preparing food, wash your hands frequently. Hand-washing is very important in preventing sickness and food-borne illness. Always wash your hands after using the restroom, coughing or sneezing, using tobacco products, handling soiled equipment or utensils or when switching between working with raw foods and ready-to-eat foods.

Don't use the same knives or utensils used to cut raw meat products for ready-to-eat food items, such as cutting salads or other vegetables.

For more information, call public health, 376-3156.



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

If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Jason Anders, Michael Aspey, Shayla Avery, Daniel Baker, Steven Baker, Kyle Bigelow, Christopher Bingham, Matthew Boxer, Steven Brooks, Matthew Burns, Cody Butcher, John Butterfield, Ronald Carpenter, Richard Cascio, Paul Chadwick, Stephen Clayton, Aaron Collins, Devin Currie, David Deni, Jamal Dennis, Garrett Dixon, Clinton Donahoo, Derek Elliott, Jeffrey Fahrney, Jacob Finnerty, Christopher Ford, Jeff Fulford, Daniel Funston, Kevon Gaines, David Gilmore, Patrick Gonya, Matthew Goodrich, Mark Gottschalk, David Guzman, James Hadaway, Andrew Harris, Bradley Hays, Daniel Henchy, Hunter Her, Russell Hutchins, Jacob Ingram, Brandon Kasper, Andrew Kelm, Babak Kermanshahi, Gregory Koch, Jared Koechell, Matthew Laclair, Mario Lopez, David MacWilliams, Alexandre Maertens, Tyler McCuan, Joel McEldowney, Alexander McFarland, Brandon Miller, Brian Mowery, Joshua Norris, Nicholas Otos, Brandon Parker, Chad Paulson, John Perez, Justin Persson, Christopher Powers, Nathaniel Pugh, Brain Rice, Donavan Rosinsky, Cleotis Rozier, Gabriel Rucci, Stephen Sanders, Devan Schimel, Joshua Shook, Michael Simons, Jordan Strange, Jonathan Summa, Marc Taylor, James Thiebault, Andrew Tosch, Brandon Twilley, Michael Walraven and Nicholas Watkins; Airmen Simon Alejandro, Robert Blackledge, TJ Breazzeal, Cable Bushu, Casey Cason, Charles Chambers, Tyler Cook, Jose CrespoChico, Egan Dale, Justin Decker, Chrisopher DeJesus, Kyle Eilefson, Russell Elliot, Ryan Even, Roxanne Fino, Juan Flores, Justin Gautrea, Ronald Gore, Jeffrey Jacques, Nathan Johnson, Nicholas Keim, Derrick Kisucky, Nathan Koch, Nicholas Matta, Andrew Parise, Christopher Pearson, Jennifer Reichert, Luis Rodriguez, Francis Royal, Benjamin Schuster, William Smith, Kimberly Snell, Kevin Spiegel and Kirk Stoughton; Pfc. Adam Sullivan; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Allison, Gregory Anderson, Devin Bable, James Barrett, Erling Beck, Joshua Blanchard, Lhilip Boler, Corie Brassfield, James Brendemilhl, Chad Butler, Ryan Chapman, Joseph Christel, Robert Cisneros, Randall Davis, Terence Decker, Dyllon Dekok, Brandon Duke, Monalisa Durkan, Dane Entze, Gary Fink, Sean Gant, Frank Gauss, Jamie Gill, Daniel Green, Jason Guerrisky, Jonathon Hood, Janelle Johnson, Mark Keagy, Blake Kutzke, Jason Ledford, Ricky Lords, Joseph McDermott, Kurt Meier, Michael Murray, Jonathan NillThompson, Hector OrtizDiaz, Robert Park, Steven Phaup, Matthew Prouse, Randall Rafajko, Derek Rankin, Jacob Rast, Luis Rios, Tara Saengarm, Travis Salter, Jon Schon, Tavis Shelton, Randall Sheppard, Johnathon Simmons, Morgan Simpson, Marc Smith, Matthew Stebbins, Jacob Stringfellow, Scott Sutherland, Ryan Swanson, Dustin Tofteland, Joseph Tracy, Luke Utterback, William Wakefield, Adam Wesner, Mark Whaite, Sean Wilkinson, Joshua Williamson and Christopher Wyman; Lance Cpl. Matzew Allgeyer; Senior Airmen Peter Cooper, William Hatfield, Derrick Love and Timothy Shannon; Staff Sgts. Stephen Brown, John Kelly, Brent McClure, Paul Motycka, David Parkinson, David Stivers and Gary Williams; Tech. Sgts. Tareq Abdulla, John Adams, Khalid AlHabsi, Naif Jaafari and Robert Osborn; Master Sgt. Brian Wrozek; 2nd Lt. Malek Ateyat; 1st Lt. Abdullah AlSaqabi; Maj. Abdul Hafeez and Iftikhar Zahoor.

Metrology basic course — Airman Jason Warren; Airman 1st Class James McGuire.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Lennart Amon, Shanee Devane, Daniel Froehlich, Menno Gingerich, James Gore, Michael Mansfield, Kenneth Mathews, Travis Moore, Brandon Pisel, Jonathan Randall, Kyle Ryks, Obed Salazar, Christopher Speer and Robert Spellman; Airmen Rosamae Adams and Joshua Keith; Airmen 1st Class Christine Bowen, John Conn, Sarah Connolly, Timothy Coulter, Matthew Cutshall, Johnathon DeRosia, Eli Goff, Jay Judy, Kyle Kelly, Kayla Mosely, Nikolas Preusser, Rocco De Salvo, Angelique Smith, Brooke Thompson, Christopher Vasquez, Thomas Valeich and Ashley Zinn; Senior Airman Dustin Mallow; Staff Sgts. David Long, Jackson Polivick and Michael Tedesco.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Corey Hagene, Kelly Meeks, Andrew Kelly, Adam Moser, Samuel Spaethe, and Steven Sutton; Airmen Darius Dinkins, Stephen Klimczak and Judy Villarcayabyab; Airmen 1st Class Laurita Agnis, Joseph Boyet, Andrew Certa, Kendra Cobbins, Shanna Curtis, Jordan Edwards, Jeffrey Gilmour, Krystle Jackson, Nicole Jaszemski, Alton Kelly, Sarah Lambertson, Brendan McIntyre, Jennifer Puglisi, Deaven Randolph, David Rossman, Doron Smith, Marquis Smith, and Logan Wilbur; Senior Airman Daniel Swanson; Staff Sgts. Tess Jaeger, Mary Linder, Jason Luckenbach, Jennifer Lundberg, Ricardo Manginigarcia, Jennifer Pascarelli, Adam Rohrer, Tamika Spigner, Jerome White, Sarah Yeagley and Jason Yeargin; Tech. Sgt. Shawn Carnahan; Master Sgts. Urbano Ayala-Oliveras, Jeffery Harwood and Christopher Morin; Senior Master Sgt. Brian Henderson.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Jeffrey Cleghorn, Jesse Collins, Meghan Herbst, Dillon Montague and Jeremiah Williams; Navy Airman Apprentice Andrew Bishop; Private 1st Class Militza Garcia and Abner Sotocosme; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Butler, Charles Whatley and Enchieh Yang; Marine Sgts. Matthew Noack and Robert Stokes; Staff Sgts. Robert Carlton, Steve Holloway and Karolien Thorton; Master Sgt. Dick Limbaugh.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Joseph Brock, Timothy Echols, Michael Gray, Jess Hammond, Timothy Housos, Braden Irby, Christopher Kuhn, Andrae Lewis, Reannen Purser, David Simon and Matthew Underwood; Airmen Bradley Anderson, David Chilson, Satoia McClelland, Akili Proctor, Julian Smith and Kyle Stone; Airmen 1st Class Cassie Beauchene, Brenton Briggs, Stefan Casucci, Benjamin Higginbotham, Adam Hillyer, Lennard Huslik, Miriam Johnson, Sean Jones, Tran Le, Michael Lord, Elizabeth Maxwell, Jeff McCarty, Matthew Mikelionis, Mark Poulos, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Robert Stoerle, Alex Szafranski and Joshua White; Senior Airmen Glen Collins, Jeremy Joe and Joseph McCurry; Staff Sgts. Larry Barker, Jeremy Duncan, Marisela Garcia, Tynesia Riley, Alan Schultz and Kanada Vang; Tech. Sgts. Christina Franks, Tyler Harding and Junar Mabunay; Master Sgt. Florencia Holbrook.

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.

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Adam Letteer, Chet Long, Kurt Schoeppler, Tomas Steiner; Airmen Stephen Frost, Douglas Traumer; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Austin, Courtney Bishop, Kevin Cannell, Jason Houck, Daniel Luah, Jonathan Olson, Matthew Scott and Nicole Tomlin; Senior Airman Jonathan Johnson, Joseph McComas, Lateef Rasberry and Dennis Skarr; Staff Sgts. Dale Burris, James Fletcher, Jason Garnto, William Mahimer, Trede Morgan, John Tharp, Matthew Todd and Kenneth Wermann; Tech. Sgts. David Michaud, David Smith and Chad Watson; Master Sgts. Timothy Back, Elinor Brosseau, James McKinney and Tommy Sams; Timothy Back.

338th TRS

Ground radar — Airmen Joshua Buzzard, Christopher Farrell and Justin Umberger; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Dahn, Michael Taunton and Travis Williams; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq and Eliud Martinez-Franco; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-6 — graduation Sept. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-6 — graduation Sept. 10.

Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing classes — Private sector, 9-10:45 a.m. Tuesday; 1:30-3:15 p.m. Aug. 20. Federal format, 9-10:45 a.m. Aug. 25; 1:30-3:15 p.m. today and Aug. 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

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. today or 10:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 22. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Beginners pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$40 including supplies.

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

Beginning woodworking — Every Wednesday. \$25 includes shop use and materials. For time, call 377-2821.

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

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday or Aug. 29. \$20 including materials and tool use.

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

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.

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

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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

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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. Romeatrus 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

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

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.

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Mexican Wednesday; turkey Aug. 26; \$6.95 each. Catfish buffet Friday and Aug. 28, \$8.95.

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

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

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

Katrina Kantina

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

\$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 program — register now. School served are Jeff Davis and Beauvoir Elementary. Space limited.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays

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

Family dinner/dance — 6-8 p.m. Aug. 20. Children free, adults \$5. Reservations appreciated; call 377-4116.

Dance class — starts Aug. 31. Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 6-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ages 9 and older; Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 3-5.

Coming soon — archery, tennis, cheerleading 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 — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

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

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

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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

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

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

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

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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.

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. Monday through today, 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 (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

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

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

Keesler 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@cableone.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., Bruno (R).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); 6:30 p.m., Public Enemies (R).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Transformers (PG-13).

The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior;
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.*

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

*I am an American Airman:
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter
and I will not fail.*