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Command changes hands at 2nd Air Force



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander of Air Education and Training Command, passes the 2nd Air Force guidon to Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog during the change of command ceremony Sept. 9 at Keesler. General Hertog took command of 2nd Air Force from Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, who's headed to the Pentagon to be the Air Force's budget director. Story and photo, Page 4. For video, log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Keesler celebrates Air Force birthday



Keesler observes the Air Force's 62nd birthday today on the Triangle parade field adjacent to the Levitow Training Support Facility.

At 3:15 p.m., there's a commander's call for students and permanent party members.

Free hot dogs and burgers are served starting at 4 p.m. That's also the time to begin the "Guitar Hero" competition that continues for an hour, then resumes during the 30-minute breaks between bands.

The birthday celebration begins at 5 p.m. as four bands entertain — Isis at 5 p.m., Wes Loper at 6:30 p.m., Stereohype at 8 p.m. and Eleven at 9:30 p.m.

A dunk booth and "inflatables" are available.

Sponsors are Keesler Federal Credit Union, GEICO, Beau Rivage, BancorpSouth, Ben and Jerry's, Budweiser, Play N Trade and Yates Construction.

Donley: Airmen vital part of joint missions

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

AFCENT Combat Camera Team

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Airmen remain a vital part of the joint mission, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley observed during his recent visit to installations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The secretary used the opportunity to speak with Airmen and receive mission updates in Iraq and Afghanistan. Secretary Donley also met with regional senior leaders in both countries.

"This is my second trip out here since becoming 22nd secretary of the Air Force, and the purpose of the visit was to compare and contrast the changes and progress being made," he said. "What I found is that Airmen are in good spirits, they believe in their mission and morale is high. We still have a lot of work to ensure the Iraqi and Afghan forces can defend themselves and their people, but our Airmen are an essential part of making that happen."

During the first leg of his trip, Secretary Donley trav-

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Use of true teamwork is winning approach

By Senior Master Sgt.
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81st Medical Operations Squadron
first sergeant

During the '80s and early '90s, if you lived on Long Island, there's a good chance you heard of the "Killer Bees."

The Killer Bees is a boy's high-school basketball team from the small, middle-class town of Bridgehampton, N.Y. During the mid-1980s, Bridgehampton High School's total enrollment declined from 67 to 41, with fewer than 20 males attending the school.

There were never more than seven players on the team. Yet, during that time, the Killer Bees amassed a record of 164 wins and 32 losses, qualified for the state championship playoffs six times, won the state championship twice and finished in the final four two other times.

None of their players was ever a standout. Not one of the Killer Bees went on to the pros and the team was never tall. Although every Killer Bee graduated and most went on to college, very few had the talent to play college ball.

To win against bigger and more talented opponents, the Killer Bees had to be the ultimate in versatility, flexibility and speed. Their game was TEAM basketball.

So, how did the Killer Bees become so successful with so few players and apparently so little talent?

First, they had a richness and depth of purpose that eludes most teams. Their mission was more than winning basketball games. They were committed to bringing honor and recognition to their community, protecting and enhancing their legacy and dedication to one another.

Second, it was the commu-

nity's team. Fathers, brothers and cousins had played on earlier teams, and mothers, sisters and aunts cheered relentlessly.

Third, being a member of the Killer Bees was its own reward. No college scholarships awaited the players. The pros were not interested. No high-paying jobs were waiting. The real reward came from being a part of the team. What resulted was team members adopting an incredible work ethic and focus on playing as a team, not as individuals.

So forget basketball for a moment and look at your duty section. How would you describe your team? Do your members meld together as one to achieve a single goal or purpose? Are your players truly committed to each other? Are they proud to work as part of the team?

Do they collectively under-

stand the purpose of your time? Is their mission more than just giving shots, changing an engine, loading an assignment or writing an EPR?

Finally, how would outsiders describe your team? Would they see it as a collection of individuals? Would they see the team struggling? Would they see a duty section

full of "ball hogs" clanging for attention? Or would they see a unit proud of who they are? Is your team so committed to something larger than itself that they achieve the seemingly impossible?

Building a team is difficult, yet very rewarding work. In this time of high demands, the team approach is the winning approach.

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).

The four C's are this country's mission control

By Chief Master Sgt. Antonio Kitt

379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA — "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Many of us know the above preamble from elementary history class. Some, like me, may even remember it from the Saturday morning show "School House Rock." Regardless of how you may recall the preamble, or if this is your first reading of it, it made a nation's mission possible.

This one sentence provides the foundation for what I deem the four C's: communication, cohesiveness, commitment, and connection. When we use them together, they keep the mission happening.

Communication — The preamble states in broad terms what was required of the people to create and sustain a nation. The mission was impossible without conveying the expectations and proposed outcome, a "more perfect union." Today we continue to have a need to provide concise communication in what we are called to do. Technology has provided us multiple avenues in which to talk with one another and all are

good when used appropriately. However, I'm of the mindset face-to-face communication is still the best method. Today, say a kind word to someone and you'll help keep the mission happening.

Cohesiveness — In one sentence, the preamble unifies us. It beckons us to communicate beyond our own desires and provides a refuge for promise. Cohesiveness guides us into the realm of selfless service placing the focus on the greater cause; mission, rather than self. Today we and our coalition partners continue to answer the call of service to others. Our service commitment bonds us together and it keeps the mission happening.

Commitment — The preamble speaks to consistent action; to form, establish, insure, provide, promote and secure. It has ingredients of loyalty, dedication, allegiance, faithfulness and duty. Commitment subjects us to serve above our normal capacity. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Commitment is planted in the seeds of sacrifice, nourished in the light of hope and matures into a strong tower of excellence and it keeps the mission happening.

Connection — The preamble rests on union, justice, domestic tranquility, common defense, general welfare and blessings of liberty and posterity. This is what draws many to a common place. John Donne

said, "No man is an island, entire of himself." We know this fact and live it out as we serve around the world in the Air Force. Nevertheless, we must continue to be vigilant in understanding others. This may pull us out of our comfort zones and it may mean sharing a word of encouragement, yet it also may create a bond not easily broken for the rest of our lives. The saying, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care," is very true. Connect with someone today; you may cross paths again. This too keeps the mission happening.

No one person makes it happen. Though the mission at hand may seem impossible, it isn't because together we make it happen. It is not hard to see the four C's in action across this base. I observe them moment by moment each day. They are broad and firm pillars, originating from the preamble, in which I believe my current Air Force unit continues to build upon.

When we choose to communicate in a way that the receiver understands, a cohesive team forms and an unfaltering allegiance binds us together for the greater goal. The mission at hand is possible due to patience, long suffering and goodness shared by individuals displaying selfless skills in service to others. Is the mission impossible? No, because "we the people" continue to make it happen.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What kind of workplace behavior annoys you the most?



When people don't answer the phone and let it keep ringing.

Airman 1st Class Brittani Austin, 81st Communications Squadron



When you get relieved of duty late.

Airman 1st Class Jordan Brown, 81st Security Forces Squadron



Gossiping.

AGC Michelle Deshotel, Keesler's Center for Aviation Technical Training Unit

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

General Hertog takes command of 2nd Air Force

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

When Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog assumed command of the 2nd Air Force at Keesler Sept. 9 from Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, Gen. Stephen Lorenz called the two generals “two of the finest leaders the Air Force has known.”

“When I meet with Airmen, I always tell them ‘you’re the next great generation’ and it’s true,” said General Lorenz, commander of Air Education and Training Command during the change of command ceremony. “With the training, professionalism, pride and values the 2nd Air Force instills in them, great Americans are born, and they are the heart and soul of the Air Force.

“Your watch is full of outstanding accomplishments and highlights, and your fingerprints are etched upon Airmen’s lives across the command,” he told General Flowers, who was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal.

The 2nd Air Force is the AETC organization that oversees technical and combat training for 250,000 students annually.

General Flowers, who was the first career finance and budget officer to command a numbered Air Force and had led the team since 2007, is heading to the Pentagon as Air Force budget director.

General Hertog, accompanied by her husband, Herm Hertog, a retired chief master sergeant, smiled when General Lorenz commented that “success is a family business” for the Hertogs.

“I am honored and thrilled to be home again in 2nd Air Force,” General Hertog said. “I look forward to candid feedback about our training, because every aspect of training supports the Air Force. We train and graduate 250,000 students a year, but it’s not just training



Photos by Kemberly Groue

General Lorenz presents the Distinguished Service Medal to General Flowers.



General Hertog previously served as the director of Air Force security forces.

that we do; we provide leaders.”

General Hertog is a career security forces officer whose most recent assignment was director of the Air Force’s security forces. She has worked at unit, major command, and Air Staff level in

various positions, including commanding several large security forces units and a technical training group. Prior to her assignment in Washington, D.C., she was commander of the 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas,

one of the largest training wings in the Air Force.

General Lorenz welcomed General Hertog “back into the AETC family” with the comment that “the chisel is now in your hands; the stone is before you.” General Hertog answered

with, “It all starts here. Training helps determine our future because leadership makes a difference. I thank you for the honor and the privilege.”

For a video and more photos, log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Pizza with the Padre

Year-old program exposes students to religious diversity

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Pizza with the Padre, a chapel student ministry program, celebrated its first anniversary Sept. 9.

The guest speaker for the evening was Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 81st Training Support Squadron, a member of Congregation Beth Israel who spoke on Judaism.

Sessions take place 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Fishbowl Student Ministry Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility. Free pizza and drinks are provided to boost hospitality and fellowship.

Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory, who launched the program, wanted to offer non-prior service students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the history, beliefs, customs and practices of other world religions.

“My goal is for students to gain an understanding and respect for the beliefs, practices, and teachings of differing world religions,” Chaplain Mallory said. “The interactive discussion we have provides open and safe dialogue.”

The chaplain said that Pizza with the Padre attracted 625 students during 38 sessions over the course of its first year, with 12 to 15 students in an average class.

In addition to topics with a Protestant focus, seven guest speakers have exposed students to other faith communities. In addition to the presentation on Judaism, other speakers have given an overview of Baha’i, Buddhism, Catholicism, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Seventh-Day Adventists and Wicca.

For more information, call 377-2331.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Airmen 1st Class Jared Burrows and Matt Banach and Airman Basic Eric Stevens learn about items used in Jewish worship from Sergeant Raff as Chaplain Mallory looks on. Airmen Burrows and Stevens are students in the 332nd Training Squadron and Airman Banach is from the 334th TRS.

Chiefs at the cemetery



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Petty Officers 1st Class Carla Murray, Charles Osborne and Mathew Collier work on a grave verification detail to assist the staff at the Biloxi National Cemetery, Sept. 9. As part of a 200-year-old Navy tradition, Sailors selected for the rank of chief petty officer go through a six-week period of training about policies, traditions and regulations, in addition to performing community service.

New commander for Dark Knights



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Col. Daniel Gottrich, left, new commander of the 338th Training Squadron, receives an overview of the squadron's air expeditionary force training area from Staff Sgt. Ashley Campbell, Sept. 10. Colonel Gottrich, who took command from Lt. Col. John Thomas Sept. 3, previously served as chief of the international plans and programs branch of the foreign liaison division in the office of the assistant vice chief of staff at the Pentagon. Colonel Thomas, who commanded the Dark Knights for the past year, becomes the public affairs director for Global Strike Command.

Base shuttle schedules are found on Keesler's public Web site.

Log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

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

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

New MGCCC director

Alrié Poillion is the new director of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center.

She joined the college's staff in 2003 and has been the director of the MGCCC center at the Seabee Base in Gulfport for about five years. She'll now direct both centers.

The MGCCC Keesler Center enables students to apply, register and pay fees in the same office.

Registration begins for Nov. 2 for winter session evening classes, Nov. 16-Feb. 19.

For more information, visit the MGCCC office in Sablich Center, call 432-7198 or e-mail alrie.poillion@mgccc.edu.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings are 11:30 to noon Sept 17 and 28, Oct 5 and 22, Nov 10 and 23, and Dec 17 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Sept. 18 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.

Commissioning

Commissioning briefings are 10-10:30 a.m. in Room 224, Sablich Center:

Officer Training School — second and fourth Wednesdays of the month starting next week.

ROTC — first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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.

Specialty exams

The education office offers specialty exams:

ACT — Oct. 26, register by Sept. 23.

SAT — Nov. 2, register by Oct. 1.

Praxis — Nov. 16, register by Oct. 14.

Exams are administered by appointment only and must be scheduled on or before the registration date indicated.

To register or for more information, call 376-8710 or 8708.

Drill downs, parades

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

Parades for 2009 are finished, but the final drill down of the year is 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

For drill down information, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-2789.

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.

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.

Summer campaign successful

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

It could be that an Airman had too much to drink — and chose to drive anyway. Perhaps it was just a matter of an Airman diving into deceptively calm, cool waters — never to break the surface again. Possibly, another Airman kept throwing that football back and forth with his friends — ignoring the signs of dehydration that keeps sneaking its way into the game.

Yes, summertime may be thought of as a time for play and relaxation, but that doesn't always mean it's a safe period. In the end, 22 Airmen across the Air Force didn't survive the 101 Critical Days of Summer this year.

But Keesler lost no Airmen to the sun-drenched days of the 2009 summer season, and that's no accident. Maj. Karl Zurbrugg, 81st Training Wing chief of safety, said that Keesler's 2009 record of no fatalities and only seven reportable mishaps confirms the outstanding effort put in by base officials to keep Airmen and their families safe.

"It is a fact of life in the safety field that you may not know when you've succeeded in preventing mishaps, but you will certainly know when you have not," said Major Zurbrugg. "However, this year's results are an unmistakable success. We are extremely pleased and proud that team Keesler had a fatality-free summer and very few reportable mishaps. These results are a testament to the dedication and vigilant efforts of many Airmen and Air Force civilians in caring for one another."

As peculiar as it may seem, long, luxurious sunny days spent on vacations and at family barbecues can significantly increase Airmen to life-threatening behaviors. Though this off time may be away from base, Col. Christopher Valle, acting wing commander, noted back in May that "safety is a commander's program; commanders are accountable for mishap prevention in units."

Colonel Valle expected "each commander to drive mishap prevention through personal contact with their Airmen," including calls, emphasis during daily operations and recurring meetings, and using supervisors to ensure face-to-face mentoring. That was the basis for the 2009 summer safety campaign at Keesler, named "Live to Play, Play to Live," which ended with the Labor Day holiday.

Major Zurbrugg said that commanders obviously considered the challenge carefully and with success.

"The wing commander, at the outset of the campaign, gave the expectation that each unit commander drive mishap prevention through personal contact with their Airmen," he said. "This emphasis was absolutely essential to the success of our safety campaign because people are truly influenced by their leaders and wingmen."



Major Zurbrugg said that along with personal contact, some key elements in the execution of the summer safety campaign included weekly dissemination of multimedia education and training materials, recurring newspaper articles, monthly updates and recommendations to wing leaders, a base motorcycle safety day, dissemination of combined safety and DUI prevention cards, and information posted on the base's public and private web pages.

The program itself originated in 1970, when the Air Force dedicated the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day as a crucial safety time for Airmen. Dubbed the "101 Critical Days of Summer," this campaign sought to raise safety consciousness to reduce the number of off-duty fatalities during the summer months.

Air Force safety statistics have shown that this phase traditionally has been a period of increased mishaps, especially those occurring in off-duty activities. From 1997 to 2008, the Air Force lost an average of 24 Airmen each summer.

The leading cause of fatal mishaps during this period has been off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps, followed by water sports and drowning. Fatigue, inattention and alcohol abuse are factors in many mishaps.

The American Forces Press Service reported that "four service members died in off-duty accidents Labor Day weekend, bringing to 95 the number (of all military branch members) killed during the summer season. Twenty fewer service members died compared to last year, with Army, Navy and Marine Corps officials all reporting fewer off-duty fatalities. Just as in 2008, car, truck and motorcycle accidents continued to take the heaviest toll across the board."

The Air Force was the only service to see an increase in off-duty fatalities between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, with 22 compared to last year's 17. Five of the Airmen were killed on motorcycles.

Thirteen, including the one killed during the Labor Day weekend, died in four-wheeled-vehicle accidents, reported Paul Carlisle, deputy chief of the Air Force Safety Center's ground safety office.

IN THE NEWS

New hours for visitor center

As of Sept. 28, the Keesler Visitor Center and pass and identification office are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

New hours will be 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Pass Road Gate construction

Construction has begun near the Pass Road Gate.

"For now, work is off the roadway, but pedestrians using I-81 and golfers using the golf cart path on the east side of Ploesti Drive should be very careful as I-81 and the golf cart path pass near construction," said Ron Junkin, 81st Mission Support Group.

Officials project work on the north side of the gate will begin in late September or early October and will cause traffic at the gate to be one lane in and one lane out on the south side of the gate for two months, with traffic blocked going north on Ploesti.

Then the north side will reopen and the south side will close, switching traffic to one lane in and one lane out on the north side of the gate and closing the south lanes of Ploesti. The south side work is scheduled to take about three months.

"Dates are still approximate, but actual dates will be announced very soon," Mr. Junkin said.

Reduced medical services Oct. 9

Keesler Medical Center closes for routine patient care most of the day Oct. 9 as 81st Medical Group staff and family members participate in the Fall Family Festival picnic.

Outpatient medical appointments will be completed by 11 a.m. Emergency services and inpatient operations are available, but all other services will be closed.

Emergencies should go to the closest emergency room or call the medical center's emergency services at 911 (if on base) or 376-2020.

Tops in Blue headed to Biloxi

Tops in Blue presents a free performance, 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

Tops in Blue is an all active-duty Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur vocalists, musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians and dramatists who travel around the world as goodwill ambassadors to perform for military and community audiences.

Wing calendar event-planning must

The 81st Training Wing events calendar at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/events/index.asp> is designed to help organizers avoid conflicts with other events.

Once an official date has been set, event planners should send details to the public affairs organizational box, 81trw.pa@keesler.af.mil. Most items are posted within one business day.

Items that must be included are the name of event, date, time, location and a point of contact.

Events should be coordinated and approved through respective chains of command and be mission-relevant to a wide audience. All inputs are subject to review and editing by the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs office.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Slater is the 81st Training Wing's enlisted leader.

Command chief targets specific enlisted goals

By Senior Airman David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater's first month as command chief of the 81st Training Wing has been a busy one.

The East St. Louis, Ill., native is motivated to push forward with the development of Team Keesler.

"My main mission at Keesler is to support Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson's strategic vision and three-component message of integrity, teamwork and caring," said Chief Slater. "I also have a two-component message myself."

Back to our enlisted roots — "I want to make sure Airmen never forget what was engrained in them at basic military training — attention to detail, our traditions, customs and courtesies. Basic training is the platform for success of every enlisted Airman."

The big picture — "All Airmen need to know that in whatever they do, they represent something much bigger than themselves. Every Airman took the pledge to defend our country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. We are the protectors of every U.S. citizen's freedoms."

During his 24 years of service in the Air Force, Chief Slater has earned associate degrees in food service and human resource management, a bachelor's degree in theology and a master's degree in religion. The former first sergeant of the year at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., has also held 11 different assignments including tours in Asia and Europe. The chief deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a first sergeant in Afghanistan and served as the commandant of Kising NCO Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany, and the First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama.

"I'm happy to be here, and I'm looking forward to working with all the great Airmen Keesler has — military, civilian, and contractor," Chief Slater said.

Donley,

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eled to Iraq and visited Sather and Taji Air Bases as well as Joint Base Balad. Airmen gave the secretary an overview of efforts to train the Iraqi air force as their military becomes increasingly responsible for its own defense.

While visiting Balad, Airmen briefed the secretary about intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance efforts. Combatant commanders depend on Airmen to provide ISR for the troops on the ground, Secretary Donley said.

In addition, the wing commander at Balad, Brig. Gen. Craig Franklin, outlined the potential future of the installation.

Future plans for Balad

"The plan to draw down our forces in Iraq begins now," the general said. "When the Iraqis take this base back, they will have several options on what they can do with it."

The joint theater hospital at Balad is known throughout the country. In fact, the staff there has more Iraqi patients than they do anyone else and Airmen are mentoring the Iraqi medical staff. The hospital at Balad is one of the many success stories of Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Franklin told Secretary Donley.

The general also outlined the role Airmen filling joint expeditionary taskings have in Iraq. JET Airmen deploy to fill positions working alongside sister service personnel.

JET Airmen

"JET Airmen are all over Iraq working to help our joint teammates," General Franklin said. They're helping the Iraqis learn to do everything from aircraft maintenance to contracting to force protection, he added.

Once in Afghanistan, Secretary Donley found Airmen in similar roles during his visits to Kabul as well as Bagram, Jalalabad and Kandahar Airfields.

In Kabul, he met with several senior leaders including the Afghan minister of defense to discuss the overall mission in Afghanistan. He also visited the headquarters for the International Security Assistance Force and discussed the role of the Air Force with Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, ISAF commander.

Secretary Donley met with Airmen to see for himself how they're helping train members of the Afghan National Army Air Corps.

While at Bagram, he hosted an Airmen's Call in the Air Force compound at Camp Cunningham. There, he outlined the near future for Air Force operations in the country and thanked Airmen for their contributions.

"The scope of the mission you are undertaking in the joint fight is truly breathtaking," Secretary Donley told the hundreds of gathered Airmen.

"Without our Air Force, the joint fight would simply grind to a halt. We're doing it

with the Total Force of active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen, civilians and contractors."

'What do you need from us?'

Jalalabad Airmen provided insight into the specific mission requirements in Eastern Afghanistan, where they "bring the fight directly to the enemy." Air liaison officers briefed the secretary on the challenges of bringing airpower to support ground troops in the rough terrain there. Secretary Donley asked the liaisons, "What do you need from us?" and took notes on several requests to improve the mission in that region.

The secretary also watched unmanned aircraft systems operations, met with firefighters and heard from the facilities engineering team on how their efforts will improve the base.

He then headed to Regional Command-South, where Airmen at Kandahar outlined the burgeoning mission sets there, including C-130 Hercules airlift, MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper patrols, A-10 Thunderbolt II close air support, establishing communication networks across the country, training the Afghan Army Air Corps, and numerous other tasks as multinational and joint partners help turn Kandahar into a more viable military installation.

Right people, right time

During a dinner there, he met with Airmen to hear directly from them about their mission and their needs to be more effective at it. He also discussed the importance of having "the right people at the right time" at Kandahar, according to Tech. Sgt. Sarah Blackburn, a member of the 451st Force Support Flight and deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

"He explained to us that every commander at Kandahar was hand selected based on their experience and skill," said Sergeant Blackburn. "It certainly makes me feel better knowing that senior Air Force leadership specifically put certain people here to lead us. It gives us more confidence in our job knowing we have that much attention from them."

Supporting the joint fight

Overall, the trip throughout the AOR gave the secretary direct contact with the people who are "making the mission happen." He deemed the visit a great success as he was updated on the important role Airmen play in supporting combatant commanders and shaping the futures of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're taking a much closer look at the way the Air Force supports operations as we transition forces from Iraq to Afghanistan," Secretary Donley said. "We're focused on supporting the joint fight. Whether it's in Kandahar or a provincial reconstruction team or a forward operating base, Airmen are everywhere increasing the quality of service and making operations more effective. We still have a lot of work to do, but I have the utmost confidence in our Airmen."

PERSONNEL NOTES

2009 selection boards

Monday through Sept. 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.

Base-of-preference updates

Members may now update base of preference online through the virtual MPF.

For more information, call 376-8739.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

403rd Wing maintainers get pay increases

By Master Sgt. Michael Duhe

403rd Wing Public Affairs

With gloomy financial news dominating today's headlines, a new pay scale for some air reserve technicians with the 403rd Wing is a ray of sunshine.

The higher pay is expected to help with recruiting and retention rates for maintenance jobs. Currently, there are 38 wage-grade vacancies within the 403rd Maintenance Group.

Approximately 150 ARTs assigned to the wing's maintenance and operations groups have been affected by the new special pay rate, resulting in a bigger paycheck. Depending on pay grade, the hourly pay rate for the ARTs has increased an additional \$5.77 or more per hour, which is more consistent with similar jobs in other Air Force Reserve units. The rates became effective Sunday.

“I'm elated that years of hard work has paid off and our maintainers are getting the pay they deserve,” said Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander. “It shows what we can do when we work together.”

For years, the pay scale for some ARTs with the 403rd Wing languished at the bottom or near-bottom of Air Force Reserve Command.

Last year, Chief Master Sgt. Charles Gaffney, 403rd Maintenance Squadron avionics flight chief, spearheaded the effort to obtain higher pay rates for ARTs by putting together a package proposing pay scales on par with other Reserve units. The package was then submitted to the 22nd Air Force for approval.

The 908th Maintenance Group at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and the 439th MXG at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., have also recently been awarded pay raises after submitting similar proposals.

“I think it's great,” said Col. Kerry Kohler, 403rd MXG commander. “It has already helped Maxwell and it will definitely help us,” said Colonel Kohler, who was previously assigned to the 908th MXG. “I just came from Maxwell, where we did the exact same thing, and they're now sitting at

about 98 percent (job vacancies) filled. Prior to that, approximately 25 to 30 percent of their positions were vacant.”

“We're looking for good, quality technicians to work for us, and this is just one more incentive for them to come here rather than go someplace else,” he said.

“I feel the ART pay raise has more than one benefit,” said Staff Sgt. Frank King, 403rd MXG aircraft hydraulics systems technician. “It allows people who are thinking about leaving to readdress the issue of leaving just for a pay raise. I feel the ART pay raise also could draw people here to work in this

unit. I think the raise also makes people here see that management has ‘made things happen’ to get the workers the pay raise.”

ARTs are full-time civilian employees who are required to serve as members of the Air Force Reserve. Vacancies range from GS-8 to GS-11. Positions available include crew chiefs, aircraft survival and flight equipment repair, aerospace propulsion and aircraft structural maintenance.

For more information or assistance in applying, call Master Sgt. David Beach, 403rd Wing ART recruiter, 377-3379, or david.beach@us.af.mil.

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



Commander uses new blog to communicate with personnel

By Senior Airman
Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler has established a new form of communication for personnel to share information, ask questions and discuss answers.

Keesler's new blog, called Keesler Commander's Corner, was developed by the wing commander as a two-way communication tool.

"I'm considering using this blog as a method to offer quick answers to the questions that might come in via the traditional Commander's Action Line," said Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander.

"My thought is that we would potentially get to a situation where the right action agents in the community would be able to answer the questions more quickly than the typical 'staffing' that occurs to answer the messages recorded on the action line," the general explained.

"I can and will guide the discussion and ensure I am comfortable with the 'final answer,'" he added.

The blog will be updated constantly. Currently, blog postings include answers to questions from the late July and early August commander's calls.

To view the blog, log on to http://www.intelink.gov/blogs/_keeslercorner.

For more information about the blog or how to access and post comments, call 377-7340.

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DRAGON OF THE WEEK



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Name — Senior Airman Promesha Sloan
Unit — 81st Medical Operations Squadron
mental health flight

Position — administrative technician

Time in Air Force — three years, four months.

Time at Keesler — three years

Hometown — Killeen, Texas

Why did you join the Air Force? for educational benefits and to gain life experience

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, complete my Community College of the Air Force degree and make staff sergeant; long-term, become a children's physical therapist.

What's your favorite quote? "The best is yet to come."

What are your hobbies? playing basketball, working out, and watching movies

DIAMOND NOTES

"Whether you think you can
or whether you think you can't,
you're right."

— Henry Ford

Senior Master Sgt. John Geboy,
336th Training Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



September 1942

The Army Air Forces directed Keesler Field to focus more heavily on training mechanics for B-24 Liberator heavy bombers.

Specialized B-24 maintenance training began Oct. 19. The school operated 24/7 and grew to 1,000 students.

The instructor shortage was so severe that half of the first graduating class was held back to teach.

Shopping complex construction on track

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Progress is on track for the new base exchange, pharmacy and commissary.

Once construction is accomplished and turned over to the tenants in the building, base officials and representatives from the Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service determine the grand opening date.

“The commissary is approximately 95 percent complete,” said Johnny Michael, technical inspector. “We still need to install shelving and gondolas in the sales area. Refrigerated cases are installed and we’re verifying connections to the refrigeration plant before testing. We have to install shelving and secure storage in the warehouse, place concrete around the entrance and exits, install the interior décor package and interior and exterior metal doors and hook up to base phone lines.”

The exchange and pharmacy have a little farther to go, with about 20 percent of the work remaining.

“All walls have been erected and painted, most of the ceiling grids have been hung and some ceiling tiles are



Display cases are in place in the commissary.

being placed,” Mr. Michael reported. “Restrooms are tiled and fixtures are installed. The back area of the food court is tiled and the seating area is being tiled.

“Flooring hasn’t been installed yet in the main sales area or mall area,” he continued. The main entrance tower is being finished. The outdoor living area needs the sunscreen cover and metal fence installed, and work on the temporary loading ramp and dock needs to be completed. All the items

that remain to be done for the commissary, except refrigeration, also have to be completed at the exchange.”

The drive-through for the pharmacy should be paved in the next few weeks, according to Mr. Michael. Site work continues and parking lot and road paving continues.

“In the remaining months, fencing will be moved around as different phases of the site work are completed,” he added.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Foreman Derek Hallman from Gleem Color and Design lays tile for the food court inside the base exchange, Monday.



Maj. Michael Wascher plays Taps on the herald trumpet at the 9/11 retreat ceremony in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters. Many base members braved an afternoon downpour to attend.

Keesler remembers Sept. 11, 2001

Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Joshua Branscum tolls a bell in remembrance of those who died in the 9/11 attacks during a ceremony held at Welch Auditorium by Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.
Photos by Kemberly Groue



Staff Sgt. Tomeka Gordon, 81st Training Wing, lights candles at a noon service at Triangle Chapel in memory of the people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks .



Top, Keesler began its 9/11 observance with a morning Patriot Run on the flightline.

Left, Staff Sgt. Jose Ramos from the Keesler Honor Guard lowers the flag at the retreat ceremony as Keesler members salute.

tops in blue

7 p.m. Oct. 25

Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi

Senior Navy official speaks at annual Salute to Military

Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, is the featured speaker at the 31st annual Salute to the Military Oct. 13 at Biloxi's Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center.

The evening, which includes a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., a ceremonial program at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., is black tie or dress uniform, though business dress is acceptable.

For 31 years, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce has sponsored this formal Salute ceremony and dinner that brings the nation's top military leaders to the Mississippi Coast to join in tribute to the community's neighbors-in-uniform, said Coast Chamber Chairman John McFarland of the Sun Herald.

Admiral Roughead will join Sen. Roger Wicker, Rep. Gene Taylor and the commanders of each coast military installation in recognizing the contributions of area military personnel and welcome home area troops recently returned from the frontlines. The evening will also feature the presentation of the chamber's annual Thomas V. Fredian Community Service Award to an outstanding enlisted member. The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will provide ceremonial music and entertainment.

A 1973 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Admiral Roughead has served as the 29th chief of naval operations for two years. He is the highest-ranking uniformed officer in the Navy and among his six operational commands, he was the first officer to command both classes of Aegis ships, the USS Barry and USS Port Royal. As a flag officer, he commanded Cruiser Destroyer Group 2, the George Washington Battle Group; and U.S. Second Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic and Naval Forces North Fleet East. Ashore, he served as commandant of the Naval Academy, the Department of the Navy's Chief of



Admiral Roughead

Legislative Affairs and deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command. He is one of only two officers to have commanded the fleets in the Pacific and Atlantic, commanding the U.S. Pacific Fleet and Joint Task Force 519, as well as commander of U.S. Fleet Forces.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and service awards.

Admiral Roughead continues the tradition of the Salute invitations to nation's senior military leaders to visit the Coast. Last year's speaker was Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norman Schwartz.

Tickets are \$50 for civilians and retired military and \$40 for uniformed military. Reserved tables of 10 are \$500 (civilians and retired military) and \$400 (uniformed military). Corporate sponsorships are available and sponsored tickets for enlisted personnel are made available.

To purchase tickets on base, e-mail 81trw.pa@keesler.af.mil or call public affairs, 377-2783.



2 majors selected for promotion

Two members of Team Keesler have been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

They are Maj. Robert Paleo, 81st Training Wing, and Maj. Curtis Hudson, 81st Medical Group.

Paths of Keesler colleagues intersect in Iraq

By Airman 1st Class
Scott Saldukas

407th Air Expeditionary Group

ALI BASE, Iraq — For two Keesler lieutenants colonels, the transition from home station to Iraq has been about utilizing all available resources to accomplish the mission.

Lt. Cols. Steven Ramsay and Abbie Luck are both deployed to Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. They serve in two different roles, but work together to provide for those they serve.

Colonel Luck, Keesler's mental health flight commander, is serving as the deputy detachment commander of the 732nd Expeditionary Support Squadron's combat stress control clinic. The Air Force team consists of 23 Airmen mental health providers and technicians who provides mental health care to COB Adder and six forward operating bases in Southern Iraq.

According to Colonel Luck, the primary focus for the CSC is the health and welfare of deployed personnel to enhance their wellness, provide effective coping skills and maintain mission focus while in a different and unfamiliar environment.

The clinic serves Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Department of Defense civilians.

While Colonel Luck sees to the well-being of coalition forces, Colonel Ramsay provides for the Iraqi Army. He's the deputy commander of Keesler's 81st Training Group. In Iraq, he leads a 10-person logistics military advisory team to the Iraqi Army at Camp Ur. The LMAT is an Army entity that reports to the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

"I am responsible for a team that provides logistical and medical advice to the entire base," said Colonel Ramsay. "We mentor and advise on all aspects of run-



Courtesy photo
Colonels Luck and Ramsay

ning a base and the challenges associated with getting the mission accomplished. We are all building relationships with our counterparts.

"Each member of the team advises someone several grades above their rank — in the case of my NCOs, they are advising senior officers," he added.

He noted that the job isn't more difficult than at home station but that it is different.

"Leadership and command is about people," he said.

"The team has had to learn both the Iraqi Army culture as well as the U.S. Army culture. This has been a challenge at times, but we are making great strides daily."

Although the two officers do different jobs, they work together to support each other's mission, both while deployed and at Keesler.

"As soon as Colonel Ramsay arrived at Keesler, he wanted to be proactive and meet the helping agencies on base to be prepared to help his students and his instructors before there was a crisis," said Colonel Luck. "He contacted me on several occasions to ascertain the best options for the tech training students and the Air Force. Unfortunately, we met in the emergency room

when one of his Airmen was in crisis."

Colonel Ramsay stated that he and Colonel Luck have worked with each other for more than three years. When Colonel Ramsay commanded the 332nd Training Squadron, Colonel Luck and her staff provided support for many of his Airmen and civilians.

Integrating that working relationship while deployed has allowed them to use each other's expertise to ensure a smooth transition.

"I invited Colonel Luck to visit Camp Ur to give her a better appreciation of life outside the wire," said Colonel Ramsay. "This was intended to help her understand some of the pressures and isolations soldiers may feel when they arrive at her clinic for counseling. Also, I wanted my team to meet her and feel comfortable going to her if they needed to seek support for stress while they are deployed."

Camp Ur is an Iraqi location command which is similar to an Air Force mission support group. Training is its primary mission.

"It was amazing to see history in the making and that we are not at war with the Iraqis any more, but I actually got to witness how far our countries friendships have grown," said Colonel Luck.

"It also reminds me how blessed we are to have the technology, medical care and creature comforts that we sometimes take for granted," she added.

"Colonel Ramsay and his team are truly winning the hearts and minds of the future generations of the Iraqi military which will hopefully lead to peace for many generations to come," said Colonel Luck. "We plan on continuing to work together to better help provide for all those we serve."

Ramsay leads mentoring team as Iraqis take over operations

By Staff Sgt. Stacia Zachary

U.S. Air Forces Central combat camera

CAMP UR, Iraq — Operations continue as normal at Camp Ur. The focus remains the same: keep the base running and the mission on target.

Iraqi army soldiers routinely work with their U.S. counterparts, but one important difference now is that the Iraqis have taken command of the controls.

"It's a historic time for anyone serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay from Keesler, Tallil Logistics Military Advisory Team senior adviser. "We have committed to turning over all operations to the Iraqi people and they are committed to taking over and succeeding."

Colonel Ramsay, who's the deputy commander of the 81st Training Group at Keesler, and his team are tasked with providing the guidance and training necessary to turn all tasks associated with a typical mission support group over into a completely Iraqi-run operation.

"If you take your traditional mission support group and break those roles down and divide it among 10 people to advise and train others on, well, it's quite a large responsibility for so few people, especially considering there are cultural, language and logistical barriers to overcome," Colonel Ramsay said.

Less than a year ago, Iraq was teaming with coalition forces controlling much of the operations conducted here. Now; however, combat brigades have relinquished control to the local government and mentoring teams have taken on a larger role to support the end objective of withdrawing from the country after restoring it to a stronger and more self-sufficient version of itself.

"Anyone who was a part of this war a few years ago would barely recognize our daily routine," the colonel said. "Not that long ago, we were still the driving force behind most of the work here. Airmen and Soldiers were the ones doing supply runs, convoys, administering medical care and the Iraqis took a backseat to those operations while they focused on building their own military. The circumstances are now reversing."

One method of reversing the past circumstances is creating mentoring teams to help ease the shift of control. The 10-person team is responsible now for oversight and advisement of Iraqi military operations here.

"We're really here just to help them hammer out the small problems that go along with the daily grind," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Preston, vehicle maintenance adviser. "Our goal is to let them figure out the problems, come up with possible solutions and set them in motion with as little direction from us as possible."

"The Iraqis are looking to us to give them training and answer questions they have on anything ranging from how to keep a vehicle running to how to fix generators to water purification," Sergeant Preston explained. "There aren't enough of us here to be specialized in all things related to mission support and answering 'I don't know' isn't an option. So, we reach back to support people at COB Adder or back at our

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home stations and get the answers they need.”

A typical day for the advisers is to convoy out to the Iraqi Army Location Command and check in with all their counterparts. After grounding their gear, the team sets out to find their Iraqi counterparts and get a back brief on how operations are going. Before long, the team has a list of questions and concerns to investigate.

For Tech. Sgt. Fred Wooldridge, LMAT adviser on services, getting the appropriate resources to rebuild or improve existing infrastructure is a continuing challenge.

There are several dining facilities which need attention. A few months ago, the Iraqi soldiers were getting sick and the standards of food quality and hygiene in the kitchens were substandard. Sergeant Wooldridge enlisted the help of the Iraqi Army base commanding general.

“Now, the general eats here once a week, the soldiers are no longer getting sick and morale has improved,” Sergeant Wooldridge reported.

“Right now, keeping the generators running to power the buildings on base is a huge priority,” said Tech. Sgt. James Cook, the team’s NCO in charge and fuels adviser.

Currently, the base runs on diesel generators. While there are five generators here, only one is running while another is used as backup and the other three are broken. The ultimate goal is to get a power line running from the city of Nasiryah to the military base, but in the meantime getting all generators in working condition is the primary objective.

As the Iraqis begin taking the lead on keeping the base running efficiently, a new focus is the need for better documentation.

“Getting the administrative side of operations streamlined is the one of the biggest challenges we’re facing right now,” said Sergeant Preston. “Getting a more organized system in place to track supplies will dramatically increase their ability to plan and prepare according to the needs they are facing now and well in the future.”

The advisers suggest and teach alternative methods to get jobs done. Some advice is received with enthusiasm, while other ideas are met with natural cynicism for anything new.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Weismiller

Colonel Ramsay dons a harness in preparation for a convoy to COB Adder from Camp Ur.

A challenge for many of the advisers is allowing the Iraqis to work through particular problems and come up with their own solutions, said Sergeant Wooldridge.

“The Iraqis have their own approach to getting a job done,” Sergeant Preston added. “My job is to get them to embrace new methods and incorporate them into daily practice.”

When asked what their goal at the end of their year-long tour is, the team members agree that providing the Iraqis the means to meet any challenge and overcome it on their own and be self-sufficient is a prime objective.

“Ultimately, our mission is to work ourselves out of a job,” said Sergeant Cook. “In the end, we’re helping the Iraqis work effectively without our help or oversight. For the most part, the Iraqis are already doing this — we’re just helping them improve the quality of life and ability to do everything in-house.”



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Looking back



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler historian Tasha Hairston, right, gives a tour of the base's heritage display to members of the Air Force Radar Sites Veterans team. The team, which is trying to develop support for a radar museum as it visits several bases, also toured the 338th Training Squadron radar systems training equipment and the 334th TRS air traffic control radar simulators. Werner Lamm, 338th TRS, coordinated the tour.

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Mystery dinner theater

A mystery dinner theater is Oct. 1 in the Dragon's Lair located in Locker House.

Social hour is 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by "A Death in the Family," a whodunit with audience participation.

Tickets are \$30 per person including dinner and dessert. Seating is limited. A full-service cash bar is available.

Tickets are on sale at the outdoor recreation retail store located in the marina park, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tables of eight are available; or customers may purchase part of a table.

The show is rated PG-13.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Heart Walk fundraising

Fundraising for the annual American Heart Association's Heart Walk continues until Oct. 2 for online donations and Sept. 30 for cash/check donations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 377-0583.

Coastal cleanup signup

Keesler cleans Hiller Park during 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.

To sign up to walk or to make a donation, log on to <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/> or call Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-7153, or e-mail asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Part-day preschool

Registrations are being accepted at the child development center for the part-day enrichment program for ages 3-5.

The program is open to children of active duty military, active-duty reservists, Defense Department civilians and contractors.

Sessions are 8-11 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, with fees based on total household income.

Parents with children enrolled in full-day care don't need to enroll them in this program.

For more information, call 377-2211.

Rides to youth center

The youth center offers free rides from Michel Middle School and Biloxi Jr. High School for children in grades 6-8 eligible for the center's open recreation program, 3-7 p.m. daily after school.

Pre-registration and parental permission are required.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Cell phones and driving don't mix

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Today's lifestyle is fast paced and mobile. Cell phones provide a convenient way of communication and portable access to information. However, they can also be dangerous, and cell phone use while driving on Keesler is strictly prohibited without a hands-free device.

The policy applies to all Air Force installations and any government owned, leased or rented vehicles driven off the installation.

Staff Sgt. Sheralyn Gonzalez, 81st Security Forces Squadron emphasizes that hands-free means just that — hands-free.

"Many people believe it's OK to drive on base and hold their cell phone to talk as long as they use the phone's speaker function — that's not the case," she said. "If you're not using a hand-free device and are holding the phone, you are in violation of the base policy — no exceptions. This includes texting, walkie-talkies, and other push to talk devices."

The policy also applies while driving in base housing.

Penalties for violations apply to both military and civilian employees. Penalties also are enforced on dependents, retirees and contractors.

For military members, first-time offenders are cited points and lose base driving privileges for seven days; second offense, a citation and loss of base driving privileges for 30 days; and third offense, a citation and loss of driving privileges on base for a year.

For civilians, first-time violators receive a citation with a fine and a loss of base driving privileges for seven days; second offense, a citation with fine and loss of base driving privileges for 30 days; and third offense, a citation with fine and loss of driving privileges for a year.

A recent Air Education and Training Command memorandum directed base security forces and wing safety personnel to increase enforcement of this policy.

For more information, call 376-6600.

Credit union donates to Fisher House



Photo by Steve Pivnick
Fisher House Manager Larry Vetter, center, accepts a \$2,000 donation from Tommy Adkins, Keesler Federal Credit Union board of directors chairman, Friday. Others pictured are, from left, Thomas Wisnieski, new director of the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System; Gary Fulton, manager of KFCU's Larcher Branch; Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander; Jerry Caldwell, KFCU board vice chairman, and Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman, 81st Medical Group commander.

6 from Keesler run in Air Force Marathon



Karpitskaya



Henigin

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Six members of Team Keesler are participating in Saturday's 13th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Yekaterina Karpitskaya and Naomi Henigin were chosen to run as representatives of Air Education and Training Command.

Keesler's other runners are Joseph Wheeler, Mary Peterson, Kristin Reed and Glenn Brass.

Karpitskaya, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, began running almost five years ago. Since then, she's done 17 full marathons, including one in Seattle June 27.

Karpitskaya, an orthopedic surgeon, is competing in the 26.2-mile full marathon under the AETC banner. She's included swimming and biking in her race preparations.

"I will do my best to represent AETC and my unit and hopefully beat my personal record of 3 1/2 hours and qualify for the Boston Marathon again," she said.

Henigin is 81st Training Wing commander's executive officer. She began running shortly after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Since then, she's ran in four marathons, seven half marathons and numerous 5- and 10-kilometer races.

She represents AETC in the 10-K race and has been preparing for the event by doing sprint workouts along with exercises geared toward developing fast-twitch muscles.

"I'm honored to have been selected by AETC to run this year," said Henigin, who's been in the Air Force for six years. "I want to do our command proud by training hard and running my best race ever."

Wheeler, first sergeant for the 81st Inpatient Operations and Aerospace Medical Squadrons, is celebrating his 35th birthday five days early by running his first full marathon.

Three years ago, Wheeler was a 260-pound smoker. Since he began running about two years ago, he's run several 5- and 10-kilometer races and finished three half-marathons. He plans to run in the Disney Marathon in January and a half-marathon in New Orleans in February.

To prepare for the marathon, Wheeler found an online program and tailored it to his needs.

"I usually run three to four weekdays and one day of the weekend," he explained. "The weekday runs range from 4 to 7 miles and the weekend runs started out at 10 miles and climaxed at 21. With the heat, my partner and I start running about 4 a.m. on weekdays and 3 a.m. on down Fridays and Saturdays. I've gotten to the point where I say, 'It's only 10 miles today,' which still sounds strange coming out of my mouth.

"Training is difficult when you're married, a first sergeant, and have two little girls 4 and 2 years old," he admitted. "I try not to let training get in the way of family life which is pretty hard when your whole body is sore and it's time for dance class and recitals."

Next year, Wheeler wants to focus on triathlons.

"I'd love to complete an Ironman before I turn 40 — that's a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile ride and 26.2 mile run — I might need to learn how to swim first."

Reed is a registered nurse at Keesler Medical Center where she works on the fifth floor surgical inpatient ward.

She joined the Air Force in May 2008 and attended commissioned officer training at Maxwell AFB, Ala., before arriving at Keesler 14 months ago.

The Air Force Marathon will be Reed's first full marathon.

"I started long-distance running in 2007," Reed remarked. "I ran several 5-Ks — one for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, two for Habitat For Humanity and a few more. My first half-marathon was the Marine Corps Historic Half in Fredericksburg, Va., in May '08."

To prepare for Saturday's event, Reed has been running four days a week for the past four months.

"I've been running three short runs and one long one per week, increasing in distance each week. The first week I ran 3 miles, 5 miles, 3 miles and 11 miles, and I worked my way up to 5 miles, 8 miles, 5 miles and 21 miles."

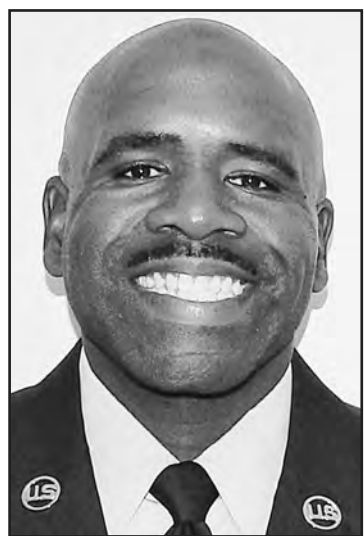
Reed insists anyone can run a marathon if you train for it.

"It takes a long time to work up to running long distances, but if you're thinking about it, go for it. And don't get discouraged — everyone had to start sometime."

Peterson, 81st MSGS, is also a nurse at Keesler Medical Center. She's been in the Air Force 1 1/2 years, and Keesler is her first assignment.

"I was a multi-sport athlete in high school playing softball, tennis and volleyball and was even offered a college scholarship for tennis, but I never considered myself a 'runner,' so to speak," she pointed out. "I started training while in the Air Force with wishes to exceed our 1 1/2-

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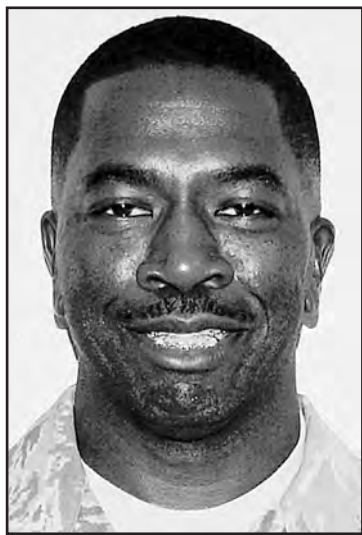
Wheeler



Reed



Peterson



Brass



Tanya Schroeder, 81st MDOS, tries to stop a pass by 81st LRS quarterback William Baros.

Photos by Kemberly Groue
David Hunter, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, pursues quarterback Corey Handley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, down the field as he attempts to gain yards in a Sept. 9 American Conference game. The 81st LRS won, 26-0, moving into second place in the league with a 3-1 record. As of Friday, the 81st MDOS was still looking for its first win.

Conference leaders keep top spots

By Senior Airman David Salantri
Keesler News editor

Last week's leaders continued to hang on to first place in both conferences in the intramural football league by not even setting foot on the field.

In the National Football Conference, the 81st Security Forces Squadron remained in the top spot due to a forfeit win from the 338th

Training Squadron's A-, 7-0, improving their record to a perfect 5-0.

In the American Football Conference, the 81st Medical Support Squadron held on to its 1½-game lead without breaking a sweat — no games were played on Labor Day and the medics drew a bye on Wednesday.

For scores, standings and schedules see Scores and More, page 24.



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mile minimum for the physical fitness test. This began in the first quarter of this year.”

Peterson is currently training with the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society's Team in Training which raises funds towards blood cancer research.

“They provide you with all the tools you need such as coaches, mentors and assistance with fundraising,” she noted. “All you need to do is bring your running shoes and a positive attitude.”

Peterson considers the Air Force Marathon as another step in her training.

“My full marathon takes place in January, running through the Walt Disney World Parks,” she said. “I'm also raising close to \$4,000 to benefit LLS and run for the cure, one mile at a time. My training motto is, ‘Just get me to the starting line and I'll finish the hard part.’”

Brass, 81st Medical Support Squadron superintendent, was 1,234th overall, 978th male finisher and 169th in the men's 40-44 category in last year's Air Force Marathon, his first marathon experience.

Brass, who's been at Keesler for 2½ of his 20 years in the Air Force, has run multiple 5- and 10-K races. He's been using a training schedule he downloaded from the Internet to help him prepare for his second marathon.

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. Call 377-2444 or 3056 for information.

Bowling

Making strides against breast cancer tournament — event has been rescheduled to noon Saturday for five-member teams. \$15 per person covers shoe rental and three games. Trophies for highest-scoring male and female bowlers. To register, contact squadron representative or call Asha Gray, 377-7153, asha.gray@us.af.mil.

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, Thursday intramurals and senior league. 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 — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. 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. Satur-days. 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, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at

New shorts debut at marathon

By Brad Jessmer

Air Force Uniform Office Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Air Force officials will unveil new lightweight running shorts this month in time for the Sept. 19 Air Force Marathon.

The shorts have a durable, quick-drying nylon shell with polyester brief for moisture management, a 4.5 inch inseam, drawstring waist and oversized inside back key pocket.

They're the same shade of blue as the previous physical training uniform shorts, without the Air Force emblem or reflective material. Sizes are XS to XXL, and they're authorized for wear interchangeably with the current PTU shorts.

The Air Force responded to feedback from the field to develop the new shorts. The first batch of 4,000 is being shipped to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Store at Wright-Patterson. They'll be available Air Force-wide by mid-September for \$16.95.

Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

Free blood pressure machines — available for use at all fitness centers.

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

Fit to fight incentive program — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available at no cost at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

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 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. 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

Editor's note: Games have been moved back to the multipurpose field. The 338th TRS-A team has been disqualified from league play due to consecutive forfeits. All teams schedule to play 338th TRS-A in the NFC division will receive a win via forfeit with a final score of 7-0. The schedule will be modified on a week-

to-week basis to ensure successive game times. Call 377-2444.

National Conference

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	5	0
85th EIS/334th TRS	4	1
MARDET	4	1
81st CS	3	2
81st MDG	2	2
81st FSS	0	4
336th TRS	0	4
338th TRS-A	0	4

Sept. 8 — 336th TRS 0, 81st MDG 19; 85th EIS/334th TRS 7, 338th TRS-A 0; MARDET 12, 81st CS 6.

Sept. 10 — 81st SFS 7, 338th TRS-A 0; 7 p.m. MARDET 13, 336th TRS 0; 81st CS 7, 81st FSS 0.

Monday — 6 p.m., 81st CS vs. MARDET; 7 p.m., 81st SFS vs. 81st FSS; 8 p.m., 81st MDG vs. 336th TRS.

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 338th TRS-A forfeits to 336th TRS, 7-0; 7 p.m., 85th EIS-334th TRS vs. 81st MDG; 8 p.m., 81st FSS vs. MARDET.

American Conference

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	4	0
81st LRS	3	1
332nd TRS	3	1
338th TRS-B	2	1
335th TRS	2	2
81st MDTS	1	2
81st MDOS	0	5
81st DS	0	3

Sept. 9 — 81st LRS 26, 81st MDOS 0; 338th TRS-B 7, 81st MDTS 6; 335th TRS 7, 332nd TRS 12.

Monday — 6 p.m. 81st LRS vs. 338th TRS-B; 7 p.m. 332nd TRS vs. 81st MDTS; 8 p.m., 81st MDSS vs. 335th TRS.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 81st LRS vs. 335th TRS; 7 p.m. 81st MDTS vs. 81st DS; 8 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 81 MDOS.

Golf

Top III Golf Tournament — Oct. 9. Play, cart, lunch and beverages included in \$45 price per person. \$10,000 hole-in-one prize, as well as putt-off and long drive competitions. All proceeds shared with Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, call Master Sgt. Laura Leos, 376-5138; Master Sgt. Crystal Davis 376-4709; or Master Sgt. Temekia Clinkscales, 376-5782.

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.

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.

Pools — The main base pool is open noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Triangle Pool is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming and 4-7 p.m. for recreational swimming, and noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Both pools close for the season Sept. 30. For more information, call the main base pool, 377-3948, or Triangle Pool, 377-3568.

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

Canoes, kayaks — for rent. **Cruisin' Keesler** — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 26 in the marina park. Cars, trucks, bikes, street rods, vendors and oldies music. Registration fee is \$20. Judging at noon; award ceremony at 3 p.m. Free food and T-shirts to the show participants.

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 — Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper that sleeps four for \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Fri noon-Mon noon) or \$300/week (7 days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils, and sleeping bag or bedding. A Louisiana license is needed for fishing. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. For more information, call 377-3160.

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. To reserve, 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.

Report sexual assaults to Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator hotline, 377-7278.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Andrew Adkins, Joshua Aguirre, Michael Aspey, Christopher Atanasoff, Shayla Avery, Brandon Benisch, Victor Blazevec, Samson Blue, Seth Brandon, Gabriel Brooks, Michael Burks, Ronald Carpenter, Richard Cascio, Paul Clark, Stephen Clayton, Joshua Collins, Nicholas Countess, Darrick Coxson, Bradley Day, Alexander Deren, Ralph Dodd, John Dugger, Anthony Eddington, Cody Edwards, Ryan Ernst, Alberto Espinosa, Alejandro Espinoza, Brentin Farler, Jeff Fullford, Marc Gabalon, Timothy Garren, Chad Gaudios, Benjamin Gilbert, Evan Gillespie, Michael Gillooly, Jarvis Griffin, Pablo Gutierrez, Sean Harvey, Bradley Hays, Timothy Hetherington, Anne Hiebert, Robert Hill, Joshua Hutcherson, Justin Jacobs, Justin Johnson, Damon Jordan, Andrew Kerber, Babak Kermanshahi, Erika Kirby, Arin Kudlacek, Peter Kuhlman, Harvey Large, Matthew Lord, Jacob Martinez, Kiwanan Mayes, Michael McClelland, Tyler McCuan, Lucas McEllrath, Matthew McGuire, Michael McMullen, Shawn Meyer, Jeremy Moore, Thomas OBrien, Jacob Olson, Renee Palermo, Justin Penny, Adam Pollard, Beau Potter, Adam Povey, David Price, David Richter, Anthony Roberson, Brandon Roush, Gary Ryan, Timothy Saxton, Matthew Schumacher, Michael Shaw, Andreas Shiver, John Smith, Winfield Smith, Brian Steep, Ethan Stone, Kevin Stuart, Thomas Ruf, Jeffrey Taylor, Andrew Tosch, Spencer Twenge, Lanson Wagner, Curtis Wall, Matthew Wilcox, Jered Willoughby, Michael Wood and Jonathan Wooden; Airmen Robert Blacklidge, David Brambley, Edwards Call, Casey Cason, Justin Decker, Joseph Goodman, Alexander Graham, Cody Guillory, Anthony Henry, Dean Howell, Christopher Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Athan Jones, Anthony Lopez, Philip Meyer, Thomas Mould, James Nicholas, Sean Pickering, Phillip Salazar, Kristopher Sewell, Devin Scott, David Shinn, Ian Smith, Cody Voelker, Chad Wanner and Steven Wilcox; Airmen 1st Class Riley Aadland, Nicholas Arnold, Daniel Atchley, Zachary Babcock, Paul Balough, Brandon Barlow, Latrice Blanding, Aaron Bull, Jared Burrows, Spencer Campbell, Bradley Clinton, Troy Conkle, Geoffrey Dean, Aaron Delino, Gregory Egger, David Ellis, Kevin Ellis, James Ferguson, Kevin Fiala, Aaron Froehlich, Ahmed Gaid, Frank Gauss, Orlanders Grant, Katherine Haigh, Christopher Hall, Matthew Hall, Melinda Hatley, Jarod Heifner, Jonathon Hood, Narvaez Hoogluiter, Dan Howell, John Irons, Joshua Jepsen, Cody Johnson, Janelle Johnson, Jose JorgeGonzales, Erin Kennedy, Richard Kiebach, Nicholas Kisielewski, Luis Lopez, Ricky Lords, Roy LoyaMendoza, Robert Mangrum, Leighton Marshall, Simon Martin, Kevin Mayer, Jeffery Mitten, John Monteith, Crystal Mullen, James Nelson, Tiernan Nolan, Aaron Nuesca, Timothy Nunes, Hector OrtizDiaz, Audrey Paez, David Parker, Douglas Rabine, Jedjarvin Ragay, Kahlia Rainer, Stephen Reichenbach, Jason Rice, Edwin RodriguezTroche, Daniel Schott, Alex Tremble, Joseph Trimpey, Luke Turner, Christopher Valentine, Matthew Vanarsdale, Adam Wilde, Jennafer Williams, Mitchell Wolfarth and Nathan Zundel; Senior Airmen Stephen Arnone, Carlos Claudio, Christopher Fuller, Richard Pantoja, Robert Sargent and Dmitry Tsvetkov; Staff Sgts. Ryan Dirnberg, Edwin Hunter, Christopher Johnson, Kevin Klenz, Nathan Krauss, Christopher Pena and Julie Reinhardt; Tech. Sgt. Antonio OrtizRodriguez; Master Sgt. Ibrahim Sabei; 1st Lt. Abdullah Alsaqabi.

Metrology basic course — Airman 1st Class Christina Porter; Staff Sgts. Timothy Shockley and Michael Taylor.

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Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Alberter Andrew, Michael Camp, Joshua Lopez and Daniel Salgado; Airmen Bartow Nicholas, Hugh Stout and Joseph Younger; Airmen 1st Class Fischer Joshua, Derek Steadmon, Joey Waters, Linsmier William, Hardee Zachary and Brent Zadina; Senior Airman Juan Torres Arroyo.

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Parker Hale and Joshua Ivey; Airman Elizabeth Stephenson; Airmen 1st Class Ashley Adams, Bradley Biland, Cory Gomes, Khalilah Hayward, Miyoshi McMurry, Julian Ross and Adam White; Staff Sgt. Joshua Barrett and Michael Gensler; Tech. Sgts. Michael Russell and Nicholas Zummo; Master Sgt. James Shields.

Command post apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Joshua Moore; Senior Airmen Norris Brown and Jacqueline Holmes; Staff Sgts. Steven Cooley and Janaine Paige.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Althoff, Michael Bae, Steven Clapper, Jasmine Dessauere, Matthew Flores, Andrew Kelly, Adam Moser and KC Michael Ratekin; Airmen Raymond Barkley, Ryan Hendricks, Stephen Klimczak, Peter Norlund and Judy Villarcayabyab; Airmen 1st Class Agapito Barriga-Perales, Savannah Clevinger, Kendra Cobbins, Cristian Cseh, Mikel Fair, Yolanda Gabriel, Marvell Granville, Jeffrey Gilmour, Haley Hall, Jenna Heinen, Krystle Jackson, Alexander Johnson, Garrett Lethco, Brendan McIntyre, Jennifer Poore, Deaven Randolph Carolina Ruiz, Logan Wilbur and Steven Williams; Senior Airman Douglas Miner; Staff Sgts. Mary Ballesteros, Ana Bojorquez, William Gusoski, Alyshia Leisure, Mary Linder, Jennifer Lundberg, Ricardo Mangini-Garcia, Ebony McInnis, Tamika Spigner and Sarah Yeagley; Tech. Sgts. Amy Baker and Catrina Odenweller Haas; Master Sgts. Urbano Ayala Oliveras and Jeffery Harwood; Senior Master Sgt. Brian Henderson; Capt. Sotirios Daniil.

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Anthony Mele, Christopher Young and Elizabeth Prince; Airmen Basic Casey Golbuff, Michael Massie, Tanner O'Meara and Thomas Schuler; Airmen Jenny Torres-Foster, Amy Kraxberger, Christopher Liukkonen, Douglas Purinton and Jason Thomas; Navy Airmen Apprentice Zachariah Carrothers and Chase Jones; Airmen 1st Class Shane Beattie, David Colbert, Shane Cunningham, Anthony Eaton, Ellen Goza, Benjamin Herbert, Friedrich Martin, Luke Olson, Benjamin Reeves, Joshua Riggleman, Jeffrey Sadler, Jeremy Trowbridge, Derek Whatley and Jay Williams; Navy Airmen Michael Cummo, Shannon Foster, Sarah Shababy and Mark Short; Marine Cpls. Jason McLeod and Clinton Bowers; Senior Airman Angel Avila; Staff Sgts. Thomas Boaz, Gabriel Light and Melvin Watson; Petty Officer 2nd Class Master John Beard; Sgt. Abdulrahman Al-Bishi; Lt. Col. Nguyen Bang.

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

Jewish services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Magnolia dining facility. 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. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Joseph Brock, Ryan Davies, Shannon Finley, Jess Hammond, Timothy Housos, Caleb Johnson, Joel Joudrey, Michael Lallerstedt, Sean Queen, Damon Schmidt and Kyle Stone; Airmen David Chilson, Riley Curtis, Michael Gray, Christopher Kuhn, Satoia McClelland, Julian Smith, Justin Thomas and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Anson, Cassie Beauchene, Stefan Casucci, Jeffrey Driver, Christopher Gauthier, Robert Greynolds, Adam Hillyer, Lennard Huslik, Tran Le, Elizabeth Maxwell, Jeff McCarty, Jacob Schettler, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Robert Stoerrle, Alex Szafranski, Sean Walters and Macon Wright; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison, Jeremy Joe, Joseph McCurry and Adam Yule; Staff Sgts. Larry Barker, Eduardo Rivas, Alan Schultz, Jason Sizemore, Adam Sneed and Kanada Vang; Tech. Sgt. Christina Franks.

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Kevin Aquero, Joseph Brock, Ryan Davies, Lawrence Doresey, Justin Evans, Shannon Finley, Jeffrey Gannon, Michael Gray, Joe Harr, Timothy Housos, Corey Imel, Samuel Johnson, Michael Lallerstedt, Johnathon Largent, Chet Long, Juan Mora, Colin Murphy, Andrew Nelson, Evan Pickard, Jeffrey Poore, Trevor Port, Sean Queen, Nicholas Race, Damon Schmidt and Eric Stevens, Kyle Stone; Airmen David Chilson, Christopher Clark, Riley Curtis, Anthony Cruz, David Edwards, Joshua Goodpaster, Christopher Kuhn, Satoia McClelland, Robert Peters, Scott Ranostay, Julian Smith, Timothy Theisen, Richard Westbrook and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Anson, Keith Apperson, Jonathan Austin, James Bradley, Brandon Chapman, Ottis Dirickson, Jeffrey Driver, Jason Flowers, Haven Gattrell, Robert Greynolds, Adam Hillyer, Lennard Huslik, Marianela Jennings, Tran Le, Shaun Lewis, Michael Lockette, Radames Lopez-Fernandez, Elizabeth Maxwell, Falice Oyadamari, Aaron Ray, Esteban Rodriguez, Benjamin Sanchez, Jacob Schettler, Charles Smith, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, John Stanley, Lindsay Stephenson, Alex Szafranski, Jered Vest, Justin Walls, Sean Walters, Michael Wanek, Derrick White, Irvin Williams, Tanner Williams and Macon Wright; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison, Jeremy Joe, Jonthan Johnson and Joseph McCurry; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Larry Barker, Jerome Dunn, Jeremy Duncan, Jason Garnto, Steve Heidt, Tina Kalar, Eduardo Rivas, Alan Schultz, Nicholas Shatek, Jason Sizemore and Christopher Ward; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Alonso, Tyler Harding and Junar Mabunay; Master Sgts. Jennifer Noll, Dennis Reinhard and Travis Snyder; Jason Houy.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman Basic Paul Jordan; Airman 1st Class Russell Henning; Staff Sgts. Clyde Hunt and Robert Murphy.

Ground radar — Airman Basic Matthew Tobey; Airmen Christopher Farrell, Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi and Mark Suddeth; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Alexander, Robert Brown, Brady Techen, Ryan Waterfield and Jerome Williams; Senior Airman Brendan Trostle; Staff Sgts. Louis Martinez and Michael Reece; Tech. Sgt. John Adams; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Trevor Edmundson, Adam Farrington, Matthew Fitzsimmons, Eduardo Lopez, Zachary Mantyla, Eric Sanchez and Jeremy Vance; Airmen 1st Class Mark Contreas, Sean Howard and Michael Spittler; Senior Airman Michael McKenna; Staff Sgt. Joseph Cutcher; Tech. Sgts. Edward Baer and Edward Chandler; Mr. Edwin Vaughn.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Collin Gronning, Gerald Lint, Christopher Retterer and Robert Stewart; Airman Juan Flores; Airmen 1st Class Colin Dunaj, Nicholas Feuerborn and Daniel Green; Staff Sgts. Paul Motycka, David Stivers, Mark Pauldine and Luis Reyes.

GRADUATIONS

Mathies NCO Academy Class 09-6

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Damian Phillips.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Joshua Birch.

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334th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Donald Allen;
338th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Tommy Lewis.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-7 — Sept. 21-Oct. 28

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-7 — Monday-Oct. 29

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 26. \$20 including materials and tool use.

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

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

Beginning pottery — 10:30 a.m.-noon Sept 19. \$40 including supplies.

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

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m.-noon Sept. 26. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Mosaics — One class, two sessions: 5-7 p.m. Sept. 24. \$15 including materials.

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.

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.

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.

Chapel

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study series — "It's Tough Being A Woman," 10-week study on Esther. Continues weekly through Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m., Triangle Annex, upstairs. For more information, call Mary Just, 806-4562, or maryejust@yahoo.com.

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

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

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 avail-

able. 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 — Buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6.95 each: cajun creole chicken Wednesday; beef brisket Sept. 30. Castfish buffet Friday and Sept. 25, \$8.95.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music; \$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

Tuesday special — 5-7 p.m., tacos two for \$1 for members, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

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.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. Sept. 30. Free for club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Complementary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Youth center

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

Dance classes — Tap, ballet and aerobic classes available. 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. for ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

Free basketball clinic — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 26. Ages 5-14. Call or stop by the youth center to register.

Free cheerleading clinic — 1-3 p.m. Sept. 26. Ages 6-9, 3-5 p.m. Register at the youth center or call 377-4116.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays

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

Classes — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. 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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday (Air Force Birthday menu)

Lunch — shrimp cocktail, french onion soup, fruit medley salad, Waldorf salad, strip loin steak, lemon herbed baked fish, chicken breast with orange glaze, gravy, mashed potatoes, oven-browned potatoes, corn on the cob, peas and steamed carrots.

Dinner — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, collard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice, onion gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, white bean salad, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and chicken nuggets.

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

Dinner — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, cucumber/onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, broccoli, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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.

Tours to New Orleans Saints home football games — \$60 per person including admission and transportation. Tickets are limited to two per family as there are only 20 seats for each game. Limit of two tickets to any five games. Call 377-3818. View the Saints' season schedule at <http://www.neworleans-saints.com/Game%20Day/Seasons/2009%20Schedule.aspx>.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career — 9 a.m. Oct. 5, Room 108A, Sablich Center. This free 2½-hour briefing is for officers and senior enlisted members who plan to leave the service in the next five years. Spouses and civilians are invited. Topics include job-hunting competition, job search plan, resumes, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for a successful interview, rejection, and salary negotiations and benefit packages. To register, call 376-8728.

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. today, 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

Upcoming

Air Force Association John C. Stennis Chapter — membership meeting and free lunch, 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9, Room 108, Sablich Center. Current and potential members invited. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Lyanna Pena-Lewis, 377-1928, or e-mail lyanna.penalewis@keesler.af.mil.

Recurring

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 — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Keesler Marina inside of the Kantina. Call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779, for more information.

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. E-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cablone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 5:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

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., The Hurt Locker (R)

Saturday: 2 p.m., Bandslam (PG); 6:30 p.m., GI Joe: Rise of the Cobra.

Sunday: 1 p.m., Funny People (R).

Exceptions to Keesler's
25 mph speed limit

5 mph in parking lots

10 mph when waved through base gates

10 mph in close proximity to marching formations

15 mph in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces

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