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Popping good time



Airman Basic Daniel Kennison, 334th Training Squadron, serves popcorn as 4-year-old Jacob Todd, son of Maj. Larry and Karen Todd, enjoys his treat at Saturday's World Wide Day of Play co-sponsored by the youth center and airman and family readiness center. Special guests were children of deployed parents. Major Todd, 81st Medical Group, is serving a six-month deployment in Afghanistan. More photos, Page 17.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Combined Federal Campaign begins

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

This year's Combined Federal Campaign kicks off today and runs through Oct 31.

The kickoff breakfast is 8 a.m. Monday at the Dragon's Lair hosted by the 81st Training Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson. The cost for breakfast is \$6, with seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Informational tables may be set up starting at 7:15 a.m.

The CFC is an inclusive workplace giving campaign that participates with over 20,000 non-profit charitable organizations worldwide. The



charities supported through CFC range from fledgling community groups to large, well-known charities.

Capt. Kelly Levens, the 81st Medical Group commander's executive officer, is the CFC installation project officer for Keesler.

Key workers for the campaign have been trained as volunteers to help make 100 percent contact with all personnel in each unit. Their roles also

include tracking and reporting progress, distributing campaign information, delivering contributions to the designed reception points and distributing incentive gifts.

The 2009 contribution goal for Keesler is \$134,000, a 10 percent increase over the 2008 goal. However, Team Keesler managed to surpass last year's target by nearly 48 percent by collecting \$180,173.

During the CFC, donations for other causes can't be collected or solicited on base.

For more information, call your unit representative or Captain Levens, 377-7209 or kelly.levens.1@us.af.mil.

Cyber training stands up Monday

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

On Monday, Keesler opens its physical — and virtual — doors to the first students in its new cyber schoolhouse.

The expected 95 students will be the first to be trained for duties in a more resourceful and practical route in what's been called the largest training development effort Air Education and Training Command headquarters can recall.

The project stands up 19 new cyber courses, replacing 13 existing communications courses. It impacts two training wings, four training squadrons and one detachment. To date, \$6 million has been spent.

Several enlisted communication and information career-field Air Force Specialty Codes will be transformed into the new 3D-series AFSCs, along with their respective courses that begin Monday.

However, this is not a short-term project. Over the last 18 months, officials have been busy defining new career field requirements, aligning career field education and development paths, developing curriculum and moving around ideas and physical aspects to better suit the students' training.

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Lorenz on Leadership

A tale of two instructors

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command is primarily made up of students and instructors. On the surface, the instructors simply teach certain skills so that students are ready for new challenges. In reality, they contribute so much more. Instructors make us better Airmen and continually raise our level of performance by enforcing the standards. They make a difference by tailoring their message and connecting with each and every student. I cannot tell you the number of times senior officers and non-commissioned officers have told me stories about an instructor who made a difference in their lives — I know you can think of instructors who had a positive impact in your life. I am no different. Let me tell you about two instructors that helped shape who I am today.

'Chicken' was larger than life

The first instructor who made a difference in my life was Capt. Leonard "Chicken" Funderburk. He flew OV-10s in Vietnam and was awarded the Air Force Cross for heroism. He flew hard, played hard and, at six foot five with a black belt in Karate, was larger than life. Numerous stories about his heroic feats in Vietnam and phenomenal instruction in the T-37 Tweet were passed down from class to class. Even before my class left academics to start flying the T-37, we were awed by Chicken's reputation.

After graduation from academics, I was assigned to D Flight in the 43rd Flying Training Squadron at Craig Air Force Base, Ala. Along with two other classmates, I sat at a table right next to Chicken's. Every day, I had a front row seat to Chicken's post-flight debriefings — it was a sight to behold. Chicken dissected each and every element of the training sortie and demanded that each of his students were well prepared and flew their best. His students always started the debrief sitting straight up in their chairs, nervous smiles trying to feign confidence. This posture never lasted long.

Vanishing smiles

After two hours of continuous critique, smiles quickly vanished and bodies eventually melted toward the floor. I was so thankful Chicken was not my instructor.

I flew training sorties with my assigned instructor and had some good days and others I'd rather forget. Unfortunately, one of those not-so-good days was my "pre-solo" sortie. I "busted" the ride and wasn't cleared to solo like my other classmates. I was absolutely

crushed. My flight commander decided that I needed a change and called me into his office. He told me he was shifting me to a new instructor. I'm sure he watched the color leave my face when he told me my new instructor would be Chicken.

Hot and high, never low and slow

I begged him not to do it — especially after just having busted a ride. I started to doubt that I would make it through the program. The next day I sat across from Chicken, mortified. I knew he could see right through my feigned smile. I tried to focus on my sortie as his deep voice stepped through the elements of the upcoming pre-solo mission. He told me one thing over and over again, "Always be hot and be high; never be low and be slow!" He must have said it 10 times. He took me out to the flight line and had me climb into the T-37. Since I had busted the previous pre-solo ride, I knew this sortie really counted.

We took off and he set me up first for a straight-in approach, followed by a single engine and then no-flap landing. As I look back, each of these approaches was average to slightly below average. After the last planned approach, Chicken turned to me and yelled, "Lorenz you are going to kill me, put her on the deck!" With those words, I knew I was finished and probably going to wash out of pilot training. I landed . . . and then he told me to shut down the No. 2 engine. All of a sudden I realized he was going to let me solo. I was elated. As Chicken stepped from the aircraft he once again said, "Always be hot and be high; never be low and be slow."

Preparing to face future challenges

I took off and had a very uneventful solo sortie. Chicken realized that I lacked a little confidence and just needed the right kind of instruction and motivation to succeed. Over the next few months, Chicken's demanding teaching style gave me the confidence to not only complete pilot training, but to face subsequent challenges in both my professional and private lives. I have never forgotten him or how he made a difference in my life.

I encountered the second instructor whom made a difference in my life much later in my career. In 1986, I was stationed at Castle AFB, Calif., and was selected to upgrade to instructor pilot in the KC-135. In order to upgrade, everyone had to complete a six-week program called the central flight instructor course. It was a very demanding course which trained upgrading instructors how to teach aircraft sys-

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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).

ISSUE — Can something please be done about the speeding/cell phone use while driving in base housing? I have personally talked to the 81st Security Forces Squadron's bike patrol with little response. I hardly ever see them patrol and if they do, it isn't during peak times, like early morning, lunch time and end of the duty day.

I constantly ask people to slow down and they blow me off.

Can speed bumps be added? If so, I would like a huge one right in front of my house.

RESPONSE — Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Yes, something can be done and is being done to minimize speeding and cell phone use while driving in the base housing areas — policy, enforcement and deterrence.

As far as policy, the 81st Training Wing has very aggressive measures in place to address both of your concerns. Driving privileges are suspended for anyone caught speeding in family housing areas or talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving on base. Suspensions for speeding are 30 days for first offense, 90 days for second offense and one year for third offense. Suspensions for cell phone use while driving are seven days for first offense, 30 days for second offense and one year for third offense.

In terms of enforcement, the 81st Security Forces Squadron has two dedicated 24/7 Falcon bike patrols to enforce both of your concerns in the housing areas. In addition, a law enforcement vehicle patrols our housing areas. Yet, the sizes of the housing areas limit their ability to enforce all areas simultaneously, and violators may get away with breaking the law and wing policy.

For deterrence, the 81st SFS has ramped up efforts to mitigate traffic infractions. Driverless patrol vehicles are being parked in strategic locations when not in use to remind drivers to drive legally and safely. Speed carts are also being used, and the mere presence of law enforcement professionals should act as a deterrent.

Speed bumps are highly discouraged. The safety they offer is often nullified by the safety hazards they create. Other than potential vehicle damage, one speed bump slows an emergency response by 13-15 seconds. In an emergency situation, each second counts.

We recently purchased battery-powered hybrid patrol vehicles which will augment our patrols in the very near future. These marked police vehicles will greatly enhance the visibility, enforcement and response capabilities of patrols in the housing areas.

If you continue to observe speeding or cell phone use problems in your area, call the base defense operations center, 377-3040, 24/7. Housing area patrols can respond within three to five minutes, and your input will provide locations to support enforcement efforts.

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from Page 2

tems and flight procedures. It emphasized the many ways students could unintentionally back into harrowing situations and helped instructors to correct the errors before everyone onboard became another safety statistic. I didn't bat an eye when Capt. Rusty Findley (now Lt. Gen. Rusty Findley, Air Mobility Command vice commander) and I were teamed with the most famous KC-135 CFIC instructor in the fleet at the time, Lt. Col. Earl Orbin.

Colonel Orbin was famous for being straightforward, thorough, relentless and demanding. We had both heard horror stories about how challenging his level of instruction was. Now, Rusty and I had been flying the KC-135 for years. We were long on experience and confidence, and looked forward to the course. After all, we knew the KC-135 and its systems

inside and out. For us, the instructor course was going to be a breeze.

Through a series of Colonel Orbin's challenging training sorties, including grueling pre-briefs and debriefs, one thing became clear: I was too overconfident in my existing abilities and systems knowledge. My overconfidence had led me to become complacent. During flight operations, much like other career fields, complacency can kill. It can lead one to overestimate their own abilities while not paying enough attention to the student's lack of ability.

I quickly changed my approach, increased my level of preparation and arrived each day on top of my game. I left the course with the instructional skills I would need during each upcoming mission. Colonel Orbin was fair, firm and demanding. He pushed Rusty and me — forced us both to grow as aviators and instructors. He reminded us that flying is an unforgiving business where everyone's limits vary from day to day, sortie to sor-

tie. We needed to balance our own limits with those of the student. Since then I have learned to apply this lesson in other areas of my life as well. I think it has made me a better aviator, officer, husband, father and friend.

Instructors like Chicken and Colonel Orbin make a difference each and every day and are the backbone of our Air Force's excellence. Although my instructors employed different techniques, they looked at me through a clear lens, saw where I needed improvement and tailored their instruction specifically for me. When you have the opportunity, follow the lead of Chicken, Colonel Orbin and all the instructors who made a difference in your life. Take the time to make a positive impact in each of your student's lives — regardless of whether those "students" are found at work or in the community. It's what I strive to do each and every day, and it's the only way that our Air Force will remain the best in the world.

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Civilian force development Shifting demographics lead to new 'roadmap'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

When Col. Lynn Connett became commander of the 81st Training Group June 25, she brought a wealth of civilian force development expertise to Keesler with her.

Two years in the Air Force's force development directorate at the Pentagon made her keenly aware of the importance of offering civilians the opportunity to develop institutional competencies at the right time in their careers.

The day after Colonel Connett assumed her new duties at Keesler, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Norton Schwartz launched a new civilian development "roadmap" to help the Air Force's 143,000 civilians excel professionally while working to achieve the Air Force mission.

"As the Air Force moves forward, we find ourselves facing a dynamic set of new challenges," said Secretary Donley and General Schwartz in their June 26 letter. "To meet these challenges, we increasingly rely on our Air Force civilians as part of the total force team. As the responsibilities of our civilian work force have increased, so has the need for civilian force development."

"Air Force senior leadership recognized that our demographics have changed," Colonel Connett remarked. "As we've drawn down on the military side of the house, the civilian side may not have grown, but it hasn't drawn down with us. This means that civilians are finding more opportunities for leadership positions than ever before. For the first time, we have more civilian field-grade equivalents than we

have field grade officers."

Colonel Connett said the Air Staff recognized that civilian leaders weren't being grown in the same deliberate way that military leaders are.

"For decades, we've had a very deliberate process for developing our officers and enlisted personnel — we know what it takes to build a second lieutenant into a colonel or an airman basic into a chief," she explained. "A key tool in that development is professional military education. PME has been linked to the institutional competencies we want for our senior leaders.

"The question is how do we build that young (General Schedule) employee into that GS-15 or Senior Executive Service professional," the colonel said. "There wasn't a consolidated answer — it was a more haphazard process. It wasn't that civilians weren't being looked at, but the process hadn't been synchronized to the level that we had for our military members."

The reality that civilians enter the Air Force at various grades and skill levels and have a wide range of experiences poses different challenges than military force development.

"When we say Airmen, that includes enlisted, officers and civilians," Colonel Connett stressed. "We need specific competencies for our leaders — strategic thinking capabilities, communication capabilities, management capabilities, financial management capabilities. That's what PME brings to the table."

The new civilian roadmap includes a computer-based training orientation program for new employees, opportunities for continuous self-initiated personal and leadership development, highly-encour-

Trainer tackles Squadron Officer School

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Attending Squadron Officer School is Joel Riley's latest accomplishment as a civilian trainer in the 334th Training Squadron.

Mr. Riley, an instructional system specialist in the airfield operations training flight, has spent 13 years at Keesler. He joined the civilian ranks nearly eight years ago after retiring as a senior master sergeant with 22 years of active duty.

He received a bachelor of science degree in professional aeronautics through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Through the Community College of the Air Force, he earned two associate degrees, airway science and instructor of technology and military science, and occupational instructor certification. He's also accomplished master instructor certification.

Attending SOS is the first civilian force development opportunity Mr. Riley has pursued. He thought the five-week course which began July 27 would enhance his career progression by make him more marketable.

"SOS enabled me to strengthen my leadership and problem-solving techniques which will directly influence my section success," Mr. Riley pointed out.

"Another big benefit of SOS was the daily physical fitness training," he continued. "I was in the first class that required all civilians to pass, with a score of 75 or above, the military physical fitness test prior to attending SOS."

Mr. Riley said taking SOS in residence "is a must. Having the chance to bond with a group of Air Force officers and experience the camaraderie far exceeds reading a book.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Riley, left, and Staff Sgt. Scott Ross, a 334th TRS instructor, verify that an airfield management lab script meets Air Force standards.

"If a unique opportunity like this comes along again at the right time, I'd like to follow it," he added. "I'm grateful to my leadership for giving me the opportunity to attend SOS."

aged expectation to complete non-residence professional military education at the appropriate level and opportunities for attendance at Civilian Acculturation and Leadership Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

The mandatory online new employee orientation provides an introduction to the

Air Force's organizational structure, core values, history and tradition.

"CALT is a two-week in-residence 'bluing' program hosted by Air University," Colonel Connett said. "Participants live and eat in the Officer Training School facilities. CALT's focus is leadership development and the program

provides hands-on opportunities, field exercises, leadership labs and war-gaming exercises that give civilians a better feel for the operational Air Force."

A hundred individuals participated in the pilot CALT program in fiscal 2009.

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Distance learning offers 'unbeatable return for time spent'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

"Feedback was phenomenal," Colonel Connett recalled. "We got responses like, 'Wow! I didn't know this about the Air Force,' and 'I feel a stronger commitment to the Air Force, a stronger understanding of what I'm doing for this institution — I see a future for myself.'"

The first CALT session begins Oct. 26, but seven other class dates are offered during fiscal 2010. For more information, log on to AFPC's "Ask" site, with "CALT" for the key word search, or call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0105.

"We need to encourage civilians to enroll in professional military education opportunities such as Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College," Colonel Connett said. "Resources limit the number that can attend in residence, but distance learning is an inexpensive way to open up these courses."

According to the colonel, ACSC's distance learning program "is a phenomenal opportunity for civilians and military to earn a master's degree, complete intermediate developmental education and obtain joint PME credit required for career progression. One experience — three checks."

Colonel Connett dispelled the notion that to advance in civilian leadership, employees have to be mobile.

"That's not the truth at all," she emphasized. "We have civilians who want to move around, but we also have many employed in local wings and local major commands, who provide mission continuity with roots tied to the community, and that's where they want to stay. Regardless of the path taken, leadership opportunities will be available and our civilians need to be developed, they need to understand the institution they're working for ... the basics, the culture, the core values, the mission."

Paige Hughes, Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

Anthony Voitalla found the perfect vehicle to further his professional education while maintaining his duties at Keesler — the Air Command and Staff College distance learning program.

On the civilian side, Mr. Voitalla is the 338th Training Squadron's training development element chief. On the military side, he serves as the 403rd Wing's command chief master sergeant.

"The ACSC online program is the perfect vehicle for me to receive my professional military education and still maintain my responsibilities here," said Mr. Voitalla, who served on active duty with the Army for 11 years before joining the 403rd Wing as a traditional reservist 16 years ago. He's been involved in training as a civilian at Keesler for 15 years.

Mr. Voitalla, who attended Squadron Officer School in residence, would have preferred to pursue ACSC in residence, too, but "I don't want to adversely impact my duty section. I have a responsibility here with the 338th and don't want to abandon it for a year."

He remarked that the ACSC online program offers an unbeatable return on the time spent for career development.

"The online program also affords three key benefits with one set of courses," he pointed out. "First, I'll attain my master's degree. Second, I'll receive my mid-level PME credit for civil service. Third, I'll also receive a joint PME credit."

Mr. Voitalla began ACSC about a year ago and hopes to complete the program by the end of next year. The program includes 11 eight-week classes.

"Each student submits for a request to take a class, and we rank order our preferences from the courses available," he explained. "We're notified about two weeks prior to the course so we can purchase the required books. Each week is scheduled with lessons linked to materials online — about 200-250 pages of required material per week.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Linus Clark, left, and Steve Proctor, right, discuss the Defense Connect Online collaborative network 7-level course with Mr. Voitalla. All three work in the 338th TRS.

recently, he completed Franklin Covey's Leading at the Speed of Trust course and is now qualified to teach the course.

"I'm a strong advocate of professional development," Mr. Voitalla said. "As a middle-management civilian and a senior leader on the military side, I see the effects of PME within the forces. I know personnel are better for the training — once they attend, they're pumped up. Everyone I have out-briefed has said that although it was hard, they'd do it again.

"These upper courses also help me, on the military side, to better understand the challenges facing commanders," he added. "It makes me a better adviser to (Brig. Gen. James Muscatell, 403rd Wing commander) and furthers my breadth of experience. I'm a better leader with increased understanding of tactical, operational and strategic concepts and applications."

The 403rd Wing's top enlisted leader strongly recommended that people attend PME as soon and as often as they can.

"I review many promotion rosters, and this is the one area where the Airman has near complete control, especially within the reserves," he emphasized. "Yet many choose to put off this most important part of their own development. Too many careers have been hindered by this most basic requirement that individuals can control."

After he retires from the reserves, Mr. Voitalla hopes to pursue a career-broadening assignment at the Pentagon.

"A discussion question is required for each unit with a response and a critique of two other posts," he continued. "The discussions get quite involved and often open great debate of the materials. Each course also has a short paper, a PowerPoint briefing we prepare and a long paper for the final exam."

Mr. Voitalla has taken advantage of many opportunities to broaden his professional value to the Air Force. In addition to ACSC and SOS, he's earned several Community College of the Air Force degrees and a bachelor's degree in technical and occupational education from the University of Southern Mississippi. Most

Base shuttle schedules are found at
<http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Drill down Friday

The 81st Training Group's final drill down of the year is 8 a.m. Friday.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

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

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Pitsenbarger Award

Monday at 4 p.m. is the deadline for fall Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award sponsored by the Air Force Association.

Applications are available in Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/ae/pit.asp>.

Prior winners aren't eligible.

Winners are announced at the graduation, 3 p.m. Oct. 27 in Welch Auditorium.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy Building is closed until 2 p.m. Wednesday and noon Oct. 28 for drill practice and evaluations.

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

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-3944.

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group quarterly awards ceremony is 3:15 p.m. Oct. 8 at Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Carrie Pogue, 377-7638, or Tech. Sgt. Jonathan McCullar, 377-5989.

CCAF graduation

Community College of the Air Force fall graduation is 3 p.m. Oct. 27 in Welch Auditorium.

A reception follows in Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708 or 8710.

Perfect student



Staff Sgt. Jason Garnto graduated Friday from the communications-computer systems operations apprentice course in the 336th Training Squadron with a perfect score. Sergeant Garnto, from Dublin, Ga., is a member of the 181st Intelligence Support Squadron, Indiana Air National Guard.

House party

A UBU house party for nonprior service students is 8 p.m. Oct. 29 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.

Specialty exams

The education office offers specialty exams:

SAT — Nov. 2, register by today.

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.

MGCCC registration

Registration for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center begins 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.

Commissioning

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

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

ROTC — first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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.

CCAF program

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

For more information, call the education center, 376-8708 or 8710.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Army Master Sgt. Duane Crismer, 926th Engineer Brigade, Montgomery, Ala., briefs students on avoiding hazards before they attempt the obstacle course during training Sept. 23.

Base hosts motorcycle coach class

By Senior Airman Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

Though the 101 Critical Days of Summer are over, the Air Force is still doing its best to keep its Airmen safe. In a partnership with the Navy and Army, Keesler hosted a motorcycle coach training class with participants from all three branches.

"Those who attend the training will be able to teach basic and experienced rider courses," said Staff Sgt. James Yerger, 81st Training Wing safety office, training coordinator.

Keesler instructors provided training on a monthly basis until the motorcycle range required recertification from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and a three-month freeze was put on training.

"The recertification process began in early June and was completed Aug. 20," said Sergeant Yerger.



Staff Sgt. Scott Karter, 81st Training Support Squadron, navigates the obstacle course.

"After our range was certified, we were contacted by the Army's 412th Engineering Command about training some of their Soldiers.

"The Army let the Navy's Special Operations Command know about us and our motorcycle course," he continued. "We came to an arrangement that the Navy paying for an MSF motorcycle trainer to come to Keesler and conduct the



From left, Mr. Valenzuela, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Rick Hudson from Stennis Space Center and Sergeant Crismer discuss the next hazard avoidance exercise.

rider coach trainer course.

"In return for the Navy paying all costs, the Navy would be able to send three Sailors and the remaining slots would be divided between Keesler for holding the course and the Army for bringing us all together," Sergeant Yerger added.

Head MSF instructor Keith Valenzuela came from Colorado to teach the course.

Keesler now has five trained instructors. Safety training is available to military and Air Force civilians with five loaner bikes that can be used during the class.

For more information, call 377-7032.

IN THE NEWS

Partial gate closure begins

Starting Monday, the outbound lanes on the north side of the Pass Road Gate are closed for about eight weeks for construction of denial barriers.

The closure includes Ploesti Drive from Pass Road north to the walk-through gate near Jeff Davis Elementary School. Traffic exiting Bay Ridge housing via Curtis Drive, other than cars dropping children off for school, should turn left (north) at Ploesti to access the base.

Inbound and outbound travel will be maintained at the Pass Road Gate by dividing the two inbound lanes. Outbound traffic is routed to the inbound lane closest to the gate house, and inbound traffic uses the right turn lane at the gate. A temporary gate house will be located in the grassy island where these two lanes separate.

Rodeo Drive will be closed temporarily by the City of Biloxi at Pass Road to enhance safety. Traffic on Rodeo will be detoured from St. Mary Boulevard and Lewis Avenue. Once the lanes on the north side of the gate are completed, they'll be reopened for inbound and outbound traffic and the lanes on the south side of the gate house will be closed, including Ploesti south from Pass Road to Hercules Street, for about 10 weeks.

During the project, the Rodenberg Gate is open daily, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tricare disenrollment effective today

Non-active duty Tricare beneficiaries using Tricare Prime enrolled at Keesler Medical Center who live more than a 30-minute drive away could lose their enrollment to the medical center today.

Humana Military Healthcare Services recently mailed letters to beneficiaries who meet this criteria, asking them to sign and submit a waiver to the 30-minute access-to-care drive-time standard to maintain their enrollment at Keesler Medical Center. Oct. 1, all non-active duty Tricare Prime beneficiaries who haven't signed the waiver will be disenrolled from Keesler Medical Center and assigned a primary care manager closer to their residence.

For more information, call the Tricare Service Center, 1-800-444-5445.

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.

The cafeteria is closed for lunch. 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.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Oct. 15 issue of the Keesler News is noon Oct. 8 because of the Columbus Day federal holiday, Oct. 12.

Wet wheels



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Jerry Sessions and Chuck Rockwell of Grand Bay, Ala., conduct an unofficial judging for participant rating as a downpour moves in Saturday for Cruisin' Keesler at marina Park. Cars, trucks, motorcycles and street rods competed for cash prizes in a variety of categories. Sponsors included Budweiser, Keesler Federal Credit Union, GEICO, Gulfport Dragway and Mandal Automotive.

Marina repairs begin

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Work at the Keesler Marina began in mid-September as part of a \$1,946,688 contract for Hurricane Gustav repairs.

The storm caused damage at Keesler in August 2008, according to John Myhre, construction manager for the project from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast.

The repairs, which should be completed in May, include painting of gazebos, pilings, refueling system repair, sewage pump-out station repair, dredging, dock and deck repair, electrical repair and the addition of dual connections for shore power at each slip on the east pier.

The contract will accomplish initial structural and electrical repairs to docks and provide engineering survey and proposed pricing to repair other items.

The work began two weeks ago on the front boardwalk and east pier.

Cyber,

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“This initiative began long before I arrived, and I’ve been extremely impressed with the level of effort put forth,” said Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander.

“On the content side, our folks have built entirely new courses, while revamping curriculum for others,” she pointed out. “They’ve identified instructors and provided training to ensure each is qualified to teach the new courses.

“On the facilities side, we’ve renovated classrooms and installed training equipment, and we are expanding our sensitive compartmented information facility to ensure our infrastructure meets the needs of the new training programs,” the colonel added.

The cyber initial skills courses that begins Monday are for all enlisted cyber students, who will attend an information technology fundamentals course prior to their AFSC skill course. Cyber maintenance and operations courses realign existing communications skills into new AFSCs. There is space for 120 students each week — 20 students per room — with

six instructors standing by.

Following their AFSC skill course, cyber students will now graduate with technical/security certification required to meet Department of Defense requirements for personnel with administrative privileges to the network. This certification is mandatory in January.

Currently, students obtain certification training, a process that can take several months, only after reporting to their first assignment. Cyber students will now report to their first assignments with all the skills and certifications necessary to make an immediate impact on their unit’s mission, said Maj. Sean Ellars, 81st Training Support Squadron, lead for the project.

“This entire transition supports the move from traditional communications and information roles to cyber operations that will better meet the organizational, technical and security demands of a network-centric Air Force,” Major Ellars explained.

“The purpose of this transformation is to be in line with the changes requested by the chief of staff of the Air Force, to realign skill sets to maintain challenges we face and will face in the cyberspace domain, and to make us more responsive to the expeditionary environment,” Major Ellars said. “To accomplish these goals, we realigned

skill sets to reflect the changes in communications organizations and technology that have occurred in the last 20 years and added new skill sets that allow us to attack and defend within cyberspace.”

Student-instructor composition will be dynamic, as the 81st TRG increases instructor authorizations by 40 and the total student throughput increases by about 550. Fiscal 2009 communications students totaled 4,748, while the FY10 cyber student seats will number 5,300.

Facility changes include satellite tower simulations and room modification to relocate 338th Training Squadron’s wideband/satellite communications training from its Detachment 1 at Fort Gordon, Ga., to Keesler in January; expansion of the secure compartmentalized information facility to accommodate top secret training; and improvements to outdoor training locations to accommodate increased expeditionary training requirements.

Training material and equipment for Keesler cyber courses were sourced from the 364th Training Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; the 338th TRS detachment at Fort Gordon; the Air Combat Command Undergraduate Computer Warfare Training Center, Hurl-

burt Field, Fla.; and existing 81st TRG courses.

The project had several constraints. Courses had to be up and running by this month, the training bill couldn’t be increased for instructors or student man hours, equipment needed to be reused or virtualized whenever possible and the production of graduates couldn’t waver during transition.

Since all of this had to be done with the least amount of expense, many things had to be salvaged and reused.

“We reused the physical equipment that we could,” Major Ellars said, “and we had to keep training students without a break in graduates. That’s why this entire project has been full of key players and great teamwork. This is an 81st Training Wing accomplishment, not solely a training group project. We couldn’t have done this without the 81st Mission Support Group.”

Colonel Connett agrees.

“This is an historic period for the Air Force as we prepare to instruct our first cyber warriors, and an exciting time for those of us in the 81st Training Group,” she said. “While the focus has been on the efforts within the training group, our success stems from the teamwork found throughout the wing. We could not have stood up the cyber courses without

the support of Team Keesler. It’s been impressive to watch that teamwork in action and this is an incredibly exciting time to be a part of the 81st Training Group and Team Keesler.”

The standup of the information technology fundamentals course in the 332nd TRS is just the first of many stepping stones to implementing the cyber vision. During the next year, another 18 cyber initial-skills courses will come online, culminating in the new officer and enlisted cyber warfare courses in October 2010.

In June, Keesler was chosen for the training due to a comprehensive site survey team’s assessment. The team evaluated billeting, dining, classroom facilities and base team support, including utilities, community planning, communications capability, environmental planning factors and antiterrorism issues.

In August, Keesler was host to more than 40 Air Force subject matter experts for a week-long training planning team conference. Its purpose was to develop training and development activities and force development roadmaps for future cyber officer students. Cyber warfare courses will concentrate on skills needed to design, secure, assess, exploit, attack and defend.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Upcoming 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.

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

Feb. 1 — senior master sergeant evaluation.

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

June 21 — senior NCO supplemental board.

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

Aug. 16 — command screening board.

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

Oct. 18 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Base-of-preference updates

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

For more information, call 376-8739.

Permissive PCS policy discontinued

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials have announced a change to the permissive permanent change of station policy.

The permissive PCS program will be discontinued. However, other policies have changed lifting restrictions from the join spouse and base-of-preference programs.

"For years we have allowed our Airmen to make permissive moves paid for out of their own pockets," said Chief Master Sgt. Andy Kaiser, Air Force Personnel Center command chief. "Since we've stabilized our budget, we can delete provisions for permissive PCS moves and take better care of our Airmen and

their families by not asking them to pay for their move out of their own funds."

The time on station requirement for government funded join-spouse assignments, where the Air Force assigns military couples (when possible) to a location where they can live in the same residence, has changed from 24 to 12 months.

The other PCS change involves recent adjustments in manning requirements for Airmen at stateside bases, which is expected to open up more base-of-preference opportunities for first-term and career Airmen.

For more information call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Salute to Military scheduled for Oct. 13

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.

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.

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.



Officials begin search for new aerial tanker

By Master Sgt. Russell Petcoff

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Senior Department of Defense and Air Force officials announced the rollout of the KC-X Acquisition Program at a Pentagon briefing Sept. 24.

Air Force leaders are seeking a replacement for the KC-135 Stratotanker that has been a stalwart of the tanker fleet for more than 53 years.

The acquisition strategy for a replacement aerial refueling tanker fleet for the aging KC-135 and KC-10 is termed a “best value” competition, not one based solely on cost, said William Lynn, deputy secretary of defense.

“We tried to play this straight down the middle,” Mr. Lynn said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates returned the KC-X program to the Air Force during an address he gave at the 2009 Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 16.

“I don’t need to belabor the importance of getting this done soon and done right,” Secretary Gates said. “I have confidence that the KC-X selection authority is in good hands with the service’s leadership team of Secretary (of the Air Force Michael) Donley and (Air Force Chief of Staff) General (Norton) Schwartz.”

Secretary Donley said the KC-135 first joined the service’s inventory in August 1956, with the youngest one dating to 1964. The ever-accumulating age of the tanker fleet is driving this effort, he said.

“We need to move on with this recapitalization,” Secretary Donley said. Air Force officials hope to announce a KC-X decision next summer.

Currently, there are 415 KC-135s in the Air Force inventory. The KC-X program calls for 179 new tankers over 15 years, according to Secretary Donley. The first production KC-X delivery is planned for 2015, with a planned initial operating capability of 2017.

“As we integrate the KC-X into the fleet, we will begin evaluating our future tanker needs and begin work on the second phase, KC-Y,” Secretary Donley said. A third phase is called KC-Z.

KC-X must be a highly capable and go-to-war-on-day-1-ready aircraft for the warfighter, Secretary Donley said.

“We expect the KC-X to be far more capable than the KC-135,” Secretary Donley said.

The KC-X has several mandatory requirements:

a permanent centerline drogue to refuel receptacle and probe-equipped aircraft;

a receiver receptacle to allow it to refuel from KC-135s, KC-10s or another KC-Xs;

an integrated large aircraft infrared countermeasures system, which the current tankers don’t have; and

improved communications; navigation and air traffic capabilities to allow it global airspace access.

Ashton Carter, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said the source selection strategy will be objective to ensure contractors bidding on KC-X know what it takes to win. He said it’ll also be transparent so when a winner is chosen everyone can understand why that bidder won.

Mr. Carter said the request for proposal favors “no one but the warfighter and taxpayer.”

Submit hometown news online

By YoLanda Wallace

Keesler Public Affairs

Airmen and civilians can now submit hometown news online through the Keesler Web site.

Hometown news releases are designed to help Airmen and civilians showcase their accomplishments and worldwide activities through print and electronic news.

The online form lets individuals provide their hometown or places where their families reside to share their activities and accomplishments. They’re valuable if a person has received special Air Force recognition, returned from a deployment or is moving to a new assignment.

A new electronic forms software program helps the flow of news releases run more efficiently.

Previously, individuals filled out a paper form and provided it to the base public affairs office, which would fax the form to the servicing agency. The agency had to transcribe the document and submit the requests electronically.

With the simplified new process, an individual accesses the Web site and completes the form, which goes to the base public affairs office for transmission to Air Force News Service. AFNews prepares and distributes releases to local newspapers in the towns indicated on the forms.

For the form, go to <https://hnforms.dmsa.dma.mil/1fsrver/81TWKEESLERAFB>. After the form has been submitted, the Air Force News Agency prepares and distributes news releases to newspapers in the towns entered on the form.

For more information, call 377-1179.

Former Keesler enlisted medics earn nursing degrees, commission

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Anna Crane returned to Keesler Medical Center Sept. 16 after an absence of almost two years to share a very special occasion with the people she used to work with here.

She left the medical center’s family birthing center in December 2007 to attend the University of South Alabama School of Nursing after being selected for the Air Force Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program.

Following her July 24 graduation, Sergeant Crane asked Maj. Melony Valencia, the FBC nursing manager, to commission her as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Major Valencia administered the oath to Sergeant Crane, who received the “Spirit of Nursing Award” at her graduation ceremony, witnessed by former co-workers, friends and her mother, Earnestine Evans, a member of the 81st Medical Support Squadron here. Sergeant Crane had served in the Air Force for 11 years and had arrived at Keesler in March 2003.

Soon-to-be Lieutenant Crane will pin on her new rank as she begins Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., soon. Following COT, she’ll attend nurse transi-



Sergeant Crane



Sergeant Hailey

tion program training at Nellis AFB, Nev., before beginning her new assignment as a nurse at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Sergeant Crane also invited a special guest to her ceremony. Tech. Sgt. Judd Hailey is another 81st MDG member who just graduated from the USA nursing program under the NECP, earning the “Excellence in Practice Award.” He, too, had returned to the medical center to be commissioned — on Sept. 10 by Lt. Col. Patricia Brown, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. Sergeant Hailey began studies at the USA School of Nursing in August 2007 after serving 9½ years on active duty — seven of them at

Keesler. He’ll also attend NTP at Nellis AFB following COT before returning to Keesler to begin his nursing career.

The NECP offers active-duty enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree in a high-need academic major. Reserve and Air National Guard personnel aren’t eligible to apply. The program is available to all AFSCs. NECP students complete their degree at a college or university with an Air Force ROTC detachment or a college/university with a “cross-town agreement.”

Students must attend school year-round for up to 24 consecutive calendar months, including summer sessions.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt. Sarah Rogers

Unit — 338th Training Squadron

Position — network infrastructure instructor

Time in Air Force — 10 years

Time at Keesler — seven months

Hometown — Atlanta.

Why did you join the Air Force? for the travel and technical skills.

Noteworthy — ran this year's Air Force Marathon half-marathon in 2 hours, 18 minutes; squadron instructor of the quarter, helped design and implement physical training assistance plan for low-scoring members, raised funds for Heart Walk and booster club and proffered several graduation ceremonies.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, to finish my bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland University College; long-term, to retire from the Air Force and work with the Veterans Affairs Administration, assisting our

elderly veterans and their families.

What's your favorite quote? "When a problem comes along, you must whip it." — Devo

What are your hobbies? reading, running, hiking and target shooting

DIAMOND NOTES

"I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior."

Ask yourself,

"How have I answered my nation's call?"

What's your answer?

Senior Master Sgt. Clayton French,
81st Medical Operations Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Oct. 4, 1983

Through the efforts of the John C. Stennis Chapter of the Air Force Association, a Boulevard of Flags was established on Larcher Boulevard.

Keesler nurse striving for 'doctor' designation

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Soon nurse Juanita Mullins can be called "doctor."

Ms. Mullins, a clinical nurse with the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron post anesthesia care unit, is currently working on her doctorate in nursing practice at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing.

Ms. Mullins is in the first class to be admitted to the program. As part of the requirements, students have to complete a systems-change project for their residency.

"For my DNP project, 'Using Human Patient Simulation to Improve Emergency Airway Management Safety in Post Anesthesia Nursing: A Pilot Project,' I'm devising a program that will use Keesler Medical Center's human patient simulators to augment the PACU/ambulatory surgical unit orientation, staff development and recurrent training," she explained. "I'm also training as a sim lab super-user because I'll be here after others move due to permanent change of station orders."

Ms. Mullins started her class in August 2007 and will complete her DNP in May. Forty students are expected to be admitted each fall and

the college expects to graduate 130 DNP's in the first five years of the program. Unlike a Ph.D. program in nursing, which prepares students for careers in research, the DNP program places more emphasis on practice, the evaluation of health-care outcomes and the development of new programs of care.

"The DNP program prepares nurses to work in interdisciplinary teams, in new and emerging technology, with complex health-care problems and issues, and to be able to evaluate research and put the best evidence into practice," Ms. Mullins explained.

Ms. Mullins has been a civil service employee for 30 years. Before becoming a registered nurse, she was a U.S. Forest Service researcher. Her husband, Roland, is a registered pharmacist with the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron pharmacy Flight. He retired from the Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Health Care System as director of pharmacy services. Their daughter, Jennifer, is an Air Force captain and judge advocate stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Their son, Roland III, graduates from Florida State University in December with a master's degree in classics and teaches undergraduate-level Greek and Latin.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Ms. Mullins demonstrates using a bi-valve mask on a patient simulator in the medical center's patient simulation laboratory.

DoD officials to announce balanced social media policy

By Heather Forsgren Weaver

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials plan to forward a social media policy to the department leadership soon that will balance the pros and cons of social networking sites, the department's top public affairs official said on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation" Sept. 22.

"I believe (the policy) ... will encourage the use of social networking because of the benefits that are there, but also understand and underscore the risks there," said Price Floyd, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

Social media generally refers to using Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and other interactive media tools to communicate with ever-expanding networks of family, friends and colleagues. Currently, Mr. Floyd said, the department does not have a policy on the use of social media.

Introduced on NPR as the department's "social media guru," Mr. Floyd said not everyone in the department feels the

same because they worry that operational security — OPSEC — will be violated.

"In the past, when a Soldier, Airman, [Sailor] or Marine sent home a letter to their family or loved ones and had information in it that might have been sensitive, it could have been read by two or three people, and that was it," he explained.

"The problem now with social networking is that when you Twitter that information that might be sensitive ... or put it on your Facebook page, thousands of people see it immediately, and then thousands more could see it as it's forwarded on to others," he said. "The ramifications of making a mistake are even greater than they used to be."

Noah Shactman, editor of Wired magazine's National Security Blog 'Danger Room,' was also a guest on the NPR program. He noted there are dozens of overlapping policies about what various branches of the military are allowed to do. The Marines, for example, recently banned Twitter and Facebook from its official networks, while the Army ordered that its networks be allowed

access to the sites.

"That's just one example of how there's a lot of tension within the military about whether to use these sites or not," Mr. Shactman said.

The operational security concerns "might be a little overblown," Mr. Shactman said, noting that a 2006 study revealed independent military blogs only had 28 security violations during the course of a year, while official military sites had more than 1,800 violations of those same security policies.

Mr. Floyd said he used his Twitter account to get feedback on the Marine policy ban when it was announced. Most people who responded said they wanted folks to have access, but "a large minority" said they understood there were security concerns.

Many of the people who called into the NPR program spoke in favor of more regulation of social media sites, even as they pleaded for more constant access to their deployed loved ones.

One former soldier, Matt, who served two tours as an officer in Iraq, said using social media in Iraq earlier this decade

was distracting to his troops.

Mike, a noncommissioned officer who served a tour in Afghanistan and two tours in Iraq, said for his soldiers to have "seamless communication with their families was absolutely helpful to morale."

Kira called in to say she talks to her deployed boyfriend in Iraq via Skype, a free video chat service. She thanked Mr. Floyd for being able to use social networking, but she said she also recognizes the risks it poses.

Mr. Floyd pointed out that some military commands have been using social media for years: Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, commander of U.S. European Command and NATO's top military commander, launched his Facebook page and blogged while leading Southern Command.

Recruiters also are using social media to keep in touch with troops who have signed up but have yet to report for duty, Mr. Floyd said. "I was at the Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky, several weeks ago, and they're going to use Twitter to keep in touch with recruits before they show up,"

he said. "They also use Twitter to let their recruits know how they can earn credit towards promotion even before they show up for their first day of duty."

Overall, Mr. Floyd said, he believes there is a general misunderstanding about social media. "A lot of people think of it as (just) a new way to get information out," he said. "It's not so much a way of getting more information out, he added. It's also away of engaging the American people, and "in the case of the military, engaging internally with our internal audience of several million members of the Defense Department."

The department's newly revamped Web site, <http://www.defense.gov>, is designed to engage the public in discussion, Mr. Floyd stressed. He added that he is not concerned that things may be posted that haven't been strenuously scrubbed.

"I actually welcome that sort of talk and chatter on the Web," he said. "I believe it shows a Pentagon that has multiple voices, and it gives a transparency to our decision-making process that I believe is good."

Child development centers strive to meet revised national accreditation standards

By Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO— Air Force services leaders implemented a five-year plan to gradually phase Air Force child development centers through the new, re-accreditation system and assist them in meeting the strict accreditation requirements and 64 CDCs have already met the new standards.

The five-year plan was in response to the 2006 announcement from the National Association for the Education of Young Children as they made sweeping changes to the standards, included 412 criteria with which to evaluate programs in including curriculum, assessment, health, relationship and leadership and management.

“The National Association for the Education of Young Children has sponsored a national accreditation system since 1985, designed to establish professional standards for early childhood education programs and to help families identify high-quality programs,” said Candace Bird, the child and youth programs deputy chief for Headquarters Manpower, Personnel and Services.

The Air Force plan developed at the Air Staff including training, consultant visits, process standardization, and Air Force-wide solution development to provide consistency in programs.

“Additionally, the phases allowed for more individualized support to bases and provided bases in subsequent phases the opportunity to take advantage of lessons learned by bases in earlier phases,” Ms. Bird added.

There are four steps a child development program must complete in the new accreditation process: application, self-study, candidacy and the onsite visit.

“We have approximately 60 additional Air Force programs in one of the various accreditation steps or stages,” Ms. Bird said. She also noted that a single Air Force base may have multiple child development programs, depending on the number of children served and number of faculty members required by the NAEYC.

“Historically, Air Force child development programs have led the other services with the highest number of accredited CDCs — 99 percent — attaining this hallmark of quality,” Ms. Bird said.

For information about Air Force child development centers, log on to <http://public.afsv.net/FMP/ChildProgramsDotCom/CDC.htm>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Estrella Ward, a student teacher from the University of Southern Mississippi, plays with dough with Gabrielle Burkett, 2, and Phoenix Crismon, 3. Gabrielle's mom is Tech Sgt. Christina Burkett, 336th Training Squadron. Phoenix is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Timothy Crismon, 338th TRS.

Keesler CDC on track for NAEYC accreditation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler submitted its candidacy package for National Association for the Education of Young Children this week, said child development center director Roveta Simmons.

“We've always maintained NAEYC accreditation, but all the criteria are different this time around,” she explained.

Cherrie Tiggeman, Keesler's chief of airman and family services, said the CDC expects the onsite validation visit in one to six months.

“Our center has been diligently working toward completing all of the 400 criterion,” Ms. Tiggeman said. “We're excited about the outstanding job our caregiving staff does on a daily basis.”

“The caregivers and management have increased their knowledge of developmentally-appropriate classroom activities, and the children are enjoying the outstanding activities that are a part of their daily lives at the center,” she continued. “We encourage the base population to stop by for a tour to see our caring and learning environment.”

Road rage —
recipe for disaster.

Volunteer — get connected.

Variety of events planned for Fire Prevention Week

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

“Stay Fire Safe — Don’t Get Burned” is the theme for National Fire Prevention Week.

The observance, which starts Sunday and runs through Oct. 10, began in 1925 with a proclamation signed by President Calvin Coolidge that commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

“This year’s theme focuses on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires,” said James Palmer Jr., assistant chief of fire prevention for Keesler Fire Emergency Services. “According to the National Fire Protection Association, 3,000 people die each year as a result of fires and burns and more than 2 million individuals are seen in the nation’s emergency rooms for burn injuries.

“With a little extra caution, preventing the leading causes of home fires cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials is possible and within our power here at Keesler,” Chief Palmer added. “We’re encouraging the Keesler community to check their work facilities and homes for fire hazards.”

Keesler observes Fire Prevention Week with a variety of activities. No-notice fire drills are conducted throughout all base facilities. Literature, fire hats and handouts are available at most events.

Monday

7:30 a.m. — Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog visit 81st Training Wing headquarters.

9 a.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit Keesler Medical Center and pediatric clinic.

1:30 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit main base exchange; stove and fire extinguisher demonstration, fire drill, firefighter bunker equipment demonstrations and fire truck display.



3 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit Cabell Drive cul-de-sac in Bay Ridge housing area; stove and fire extinguisher demonstration, fire drill, firefighter bunker equipment demonstrations and fire truck display.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit child development center; fire drill and photo session with fire truck.

3 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit McNarney cul-de-sac in Thrower Park housing area; stove and fire extinguisher demonstration, fire drill, firefighter bunker equipment demonstrations and fire truck display.

4 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit youth Center with fire truck.

Wednesday

9 a.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit family day care center; stove fire extinguisher demonstration and fire truck display.

10:30 a.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit mini BX; fire drill, extinguisher demonstration, firefighter bunker and equipment demonstration.

1 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit Sand Hill off-base military family housing; stove fire demonstration.

3:30 p.m. — Smokey and

Sparky visit Adams cul-de-sac in West Falcon Park; Smokey and Sparky visit, stove, fire extinguisher demonstration and fire truck display.

Oct. 8

9 a.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit walk through other base facilities.

1 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit commissary; fire drill and fire extinguisher demonstrations.

3 p.m. — Smokey and Sparky visit Garfield Avenue and Givens Drive in East Falcon Park; stove and fire extinguisher demonstration and fire truck display.

Oct. 9

10 a.m. — fire muster in marina park with fire truck static display. For muster registration and rules, call 377-2627 or 8440.

Oct. 10

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — fire department open house, Building 4216; Smokey and Sparky greet visitors, fire truck rescue, structural fire demonstrations, fire truck rides, fire truck static displays (structural and crash), fire “safe house” tour, fire prevention literature, fire hats, games, door prizes, giveaways, free hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks.

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Oct. 25
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World Wide Day of Play

Right, Nolan Gomes, 9; Lela Elmore, 1, and Staff Sgt. Eunice Elmore, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, choose prizes at Saturday's World Wide Day of Play cosponsored by the airman and family readiness center and youth center. Tech Sgt. Michael Elmore, 81st Mission Support Group, is deployed to Afghanistan.



Above, Airmen Basic Aubrey Gregoire and Paula Clark, 334th Training Squadron, volunteered as clowns.

Right, Airman Basic Taylor Monroe, 334th TRS, paints Matthew McNair, 3, as his mother, Venessa, looks on. Matt's father is Tech. Sgt. Donald McNair, 334th TRS.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Maria Galindo, at left, watches daughter, Dejah, 9, play a game. Dejah's dad, Senior Airman Leo Galino is deployed to Korea from the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. Children of deployed parents were special guests at the event.

Michelle Gelacio, 11, left, and Alex Galacio, 15, try their luck with a game. Their parents are Tech. Sgt. Jesus and Dora Gelacio. 81st LRS. Sergeant Galacio is deployed to Iraq.

Chiefs cuisine



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chief Master Sgt. Mioke Skidmore, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, serves Tech. Sgt. Stephen Carter, 81st Comptroller Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Latonya Carter, 334th Training Squadron, at the Keesler Chiefs Group steak sale Friday at Outback Steakhouse in D'Iberville. The annual event provides NCO Academy awards and scholarships for Community College of the Air Force students.

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes.

One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape.

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.

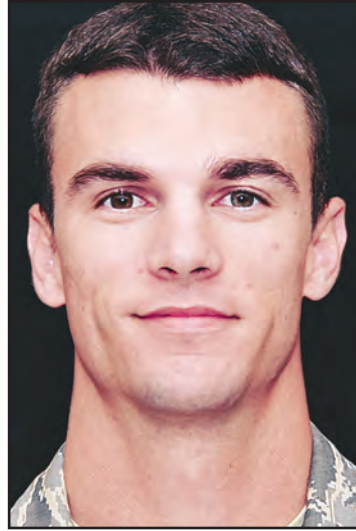


DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

During these challenging financial times, what are you trying to do to economize?



I carpool to work, and I eat out a lot less to save money.

Staff Sgt. Jack Dean, 336th Training Squadron



I cut down on my traveling and cut my gas usage by about 25 percent.

Retiree Charles Clark, Gulfport



Carpooling, buying recycled materials and turning off lights when I'm not in the room.

Tech. Sgt. Karen Anderson, Mathies NCO Academy



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Deetra Louis, 18, daughter of Brian and Dierdre Louis, 81st Comptroller Squadron, sings Sunday with the mass choir at Triangle Chapel for the gospel service's 38th anniversary celebration.

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff writer

Ready to join a group especially concerned with the Air Force's mission? The Air Force Association might just be the place for you.

The timing is certainly right for joining since the AFA's local group, the John C. Stennis Chapter, will host an Oct. 9 membership drive meeting 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 108, at the Sablich Center.

If you can't make it to the meeting, visit <https://www.afa.org/> to learn more or to join up.

The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization "promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation," its Web site explains. The organization publishes Air Force Magazine, conducts national symposia, disseminates information through outreach programs, sponsors professional development seminars and recognizes excellence in the education and aerospace fields through national awards programs.

"I have been a member for about six months, but (already) I have enjoyed the contacts I have made and the variety of members," said Tech. Sgt. Lyanna Pena-Lewis, network administrator instructor at the 333rd Training Squadron. "There are officer, enlisted, civilian and retired members, so it's for everyone. It is also a great way to get out in the local community and meet people and I like the fact that it's something I can be a part of now on active duty and beyond."

The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education. Members benefit from the "fellowship of belonging to the professional organization that represents the entire Air Force family – enlisted and officer, active duty and retired, Guard, Reserve, and civilian."

Lt. Col. Janet Haug, commander of the 81st Training Support Squadron, has found membership in the AFA to have benefitted

her personally and professionally.

"I joined because the AFA is a big supporter of Air Force members and families, as well as (the teaching of) science and math in schools," she said. "The organization provides a lot of scholarships for both teachers and students, and that's a big piece of their agenda. That's important to me because it's very hard for schools to find good math and science teachers, so it's nice the AFA supports this curriculum."

AFA's state organizations and more than 230 chapters hold elections and conduct programs to increase public understanding of key national security issues in their communities. Programs range from luncheon and dinner activities to symposia and legislative roundtables with Congressional leaders.

AFA presents scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents. It also awards educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary and secondary school level.

KEESLER NOTES

Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center and pass and identification office are open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Mystery dinner theater

A mystery dinner theater is tonight 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 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.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Pet blessing

The chapel hosts a non-denominational Blessing of the

Animals, 5 p.m. Sunday in marina park.

Seabee base decals

Naval Construction Battalion Center decals are issued 1-3 p.m. Wednesday in Sablich Center to authorized visitors.

Required documents include a valid state driver's license; valid Defense Department Form 2 series identification card (active or retired); proof of vehicle ownership, state registration or legal authorization to operate it, and a valid safety inspection if required by state.

Operation Hero

Operation HERO, a semi-annual introduction to deployment for children, is Oct. 10.

The event is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week activities.

To sign up or for more information, call Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.

Coastal cleanup signup

Keesler cleans Hiller Park during Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Oct. 17.

Today's the registration

deadline. 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, contact Staff Sgt. Chad Robbins, 376-3770, chad.robbs@keesler.af.mil, or Senior Airman Tammy Sherer, 376-5577, tammy.sherer@keesler.af.mil.

Heartlink

Heartlink, a free orientation and information program for both male and female spouses who are new to the Air Force, is 8 a.m. Oct 29 in Room 108B, Sablich Center.

The program, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, introduces spouses to policies, protocols and helping agencies to support them. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are furnished.

To sign up, call 376-8728.

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



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Setting sail



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chris Papale, left, and Wayne Fortier, 81st Force Support Squadron, prepare a new catamaran sailboat for outdoor recreation's first introductory sailboating class, 9 a.m. Friday. The \$40 class consists of two hours classroom training and four hours of sailing and is required to rent sailboats on base. Rentals are \$10 hour (minimum two hours) or \$75 day. To rent a trailer and take a boat offsite costs \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend. For more information, call 377-3160.

Now that it's getting cooler, it's time for safe camping

AETC Safety Office

When fall chills the air, many people turn to camping for enjoyment. The key to enjoyment is keeping campsites safe.

Safety sense should tell you to always bring a map, compass, lighter, insect repellent, snake bite kit, first aid kit, sturdy hiking boots and enough water, nonperishable food and warm clothing for your stay. However, safety problems can arise even with the best-laid plans.

Tent on fire

Your tent could catch fire from the embers of your campfire or camping stove, a knocked-over lantern or a carelessly thrown match or cigarette.

Never light a fire inside a tent.

If you're in the tent, get out as fast as you can, but be careful to quickly brush off any pieces of burning fabric.

Once outside, collapse the tent and stamp out any remaining small flames. Don't attempt to stamp out a large fire, since your clothing may catch fire.

If the tent doesn't have an attached ground cover, try grabbing it by the end furthest from the fire and pulling it clear of your equipment inside.

Pour water over the entire area, even after the fire is out.

Be especially careful to keep flames from any foam rubber or plastic, since these can give off poisonous fumes.

Trapped in a sleeping bag

If you have to get out of your sleeping bag in a hurry, don't waste time trying to find and unzip the sleeping bag's zipper. Instead:

Sit up and push the sleeping bag down to your waist.

Lie back down, lift your hips off the ground and push the bag down.

Sit up again and pull your knees up to your chest as you push the bag over them, down your legs and off your feet.



Stormy weather postpones half of football games

By Senior Airman David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Little football was played last week, as the Intramural Flag Football League had two days of competition postponed due to poor weather conditions.

In the American Football Conference, the 81st Medical Support Squadron held on to its first place position last week, as the medics shut out the 335th Training Squadron, 13-0. With the win, the 81st MDSS keeps their perfect record intact at 6-0.

In the National Football Conference, the 81st Security Forces Squadron's record remains a perfect 7-0. The cops didn't play any games during the week, since their only game was postponed because of the weather.

Games that were postponed due to poor weather were scheduled to be made up Tuesday and today.

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



3-on-3 hoops

Michael Simmons, 334th Training Squadron student, lays up the ball surrounded by three defenders from the 335th TRS during Friday's 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Blake Fitness Center. Simmons and his teammates Kenneth Matthews and Tyler Pollock won the competition, which was organized by the 334th Military Training Flight.

Photo by Bryen Waltjen

SCORES AND MORE

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

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

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. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

Fitness centers

Intramural basketball registration — Begins today. Regular division and 30 & over division. Letters of intent due Nov. 5. Coaches meeting 3:30 p.m. Nov. 11, at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2444.

Monster circuit challenge — Oct. 9 at Dragon Fitness Center. Three sessions: 6:30-8 a.m., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. A group may start together or each person may start and end at their own time. Complete 50 stations. For

more information, call 377-2907.

Sports advisory council meeting — 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Vandenberg Community Center.

Free 5K costume fun run — noon Oct. 28 starting at the Crowell Track. Register Oct. 12-23 at any fitness center. Participants must wear costumes. Costumes must be in good taste and safe.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, Tae Kwon-do, core fitness, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. Call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at 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 Crowell 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 are played on the multipurpose field. The 338thTRS-A team has been disqual-

ified from league play due to consecutive forfeits. All teams schedule to play 338thTRS-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	7	0
MARDET	7	1
85th EIS/334thTRS	4	1
81st MDG	3	3
81st CS	3	3
81st FSS	1	6
336th TRS	1	6
338th TRS-A	0	6

Sept. 22 — 336rd TRS 7; 338th TRS-A 0; MARDET 7, 81st FSS 0.

Oct. 1 — 8 p.m. makeup game: 85th EIS/334thTRS vs. 81st SFS

American Conference

(as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	6	0
332nd TRS	5	1
338th TRS-B	3	1
81st LRS	3	3
335th TRS	2	3
81st DS	1	3
81st MDTS	1	4
81st MDOS	0	6

Sept. 21 — 338th TRS-B, 18, 81st LRS 0; 332nd TRS 19, 81st MDTS 0; 81st MDSS 13, 335th TRS 0.

Sept. 23 — Rescheduled: 81st LRS vs. 335th TRS; 81st MDTS vs. 81st DS; 338th TRS vs. B-81st 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. Call Master Sgt. Laura Leos, 376-5138; Master Sgt. Crystal Davis 376-4709; or Master Sgt. Temekia Clinkscales, 376-5782.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — Club championship Oct. 24 and 25. Individual stroke play and tee times by flight. \$55 for members, \$80 for non-members, \$40 for inclusive members. Participants must have a handicap. Participants must have a handicap. Cookout, refreshments and beverages each day. Sign up by Oct. 21. To register and inquire about hole-in-one prizes, call 377-3832.

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-Thursday. 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.

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.

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour, minimum 2 hours, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take off site \$100 per day or \$175 for a weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

Introductory sailboating course — 9 a.m. Friday. Two hours classroom training, 4 hours actual sailing. \$40. Minimum 6, maximum 10 participants. This class provides the minimum requirement to operate the outdoor recreation sailboats.

Free kids fishing rodeo — Oct. 7 at the marina docks for children and grandchildren of active duty/retired military, and Department of Defense civilian personnel. Pole and first cup of bait provided. Fish 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; scales open noon to 1 p.m. Categories: ages 2-6, 7-11 and 12-15. Prizes in each category. 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 — Both pools close for the season Wednesday. For more information, call 377-3948 or 377-3568.

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

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

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

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

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

Delacroix, La. fishing site — 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 to be certified. 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 — Nonworking 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 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

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

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

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Metrology basic course — Airman Basic Nicholas Cooley; Airmen 1st Class Mathew McCain; Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jesse Maierhoffer and Max Pendl. Airmen John Filosa and Tristan Ritter; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Baldelli and Adam Griffin; Senior Airman Dustin Mallow; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bulatao, Carlos Espada and Bakur Ghurtskaia.

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Timothy Kirkman and Natasha Dambitis; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Felipe, Miyoshi McMurry, Julian Ross, Luke Roy and Lindsey Wagner; Senior Airman Ariel Scott; Staff Sgts. Joshua Barrett and Evan Thorn; Tech. Sgts. Chad Bettis, Charleen Fischer, Daron Poague, Travis Tapscott and Nicholas Zummo; Master Sgt. James Price and James Shields.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Joshua

Nabarrette; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Esquivel and Janeka Perry; Senior Airmen Norris Brown and Jacqueline Holmes; Staff Sgts. Clinton Brown, Eric Martin and Magdalena Sousa; Master Sgt. Michael O'Donnell; Senior Master Sgt. Donna Hutto.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Althoff, Michael Bae, Steven Clapper, Jasmine Dessaure, Matthew Flores, Terrique Handy, Andrew Kelly, Jose Luna and KC Ratekin; Airman Raymond Barkley, Ryan Hendricks, Peter Norlund and Judy Villarcayabyab; Airmen 1st Class Agapito Barriga-Perales, Savannah Clevinger, Cristian Cseh, David De Milt, Mikel Fair, Yolanda Gabriel, Marvell Granville, Jeffrey Gilmour, Haley Hall, Alexander Johnson, Garrett Lethco, Deaven Randolph Alayna Reese, Carolina Ruiz, Steven Williams and Amy Wyatt; Senior Airman Douglas Miner; Staff Sgts. Mary Ballesteros, Ana Bojorquez, William Gusoski, Alyshia Leisure, Ebony McInnis and Tamika Spigner; Tech. Sgts. Amy Baker, Catrina Odenweller Haas and Katherine Jones; Master Sgt. Urbano Ayala Oliveras; Capt. Sotirios Daniil.

Weather training flight — Marine Pvt. Elias Carranza; Navy Airmen Recruit David Hamble, Santhamarie Curry and Kristopher Katz; Airmen Basic Marie Barnes, Gregory Dubea, Cody Newcomer, Bryce Pittenger, Darius Sutton and George Trospier; Navy Airmen Michelle Crawford and Lauren Haluck; Airman Amanda Lahman; Navy Airman Apprentice David Wilson; Pfc. David Colarusso and Tyler Feuerhake; Airmen 1st Class Anthony Eaton, Tyler Halpenny, Valerie Healon, Austin Hunter, Andrew Nugent, Heather Reick and Jenny Torres-Foster; Senior Airmen Chithien Nguyen and Rolando Saenz; Staff Sgts. Michael Dessino, Matthew Hui, David Perry and Troy Vickers.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Alexander Barr, Joseph Brock, Justin Cornell, Ryan Davies, Shannon Finley, Jeffrey Gannon, Michael Gray, Caleb Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Christopher Kuhn, Michael Lallerstedt, Trevor Port, Sean Queen, Trenton Richards, Joseph Ritter, Alexander Roberts, Damon Schmidt, Kyle Stone and Brian Warman;

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.

Airmen David Chilson, Riley Curtis, Satoia McClelland, Robert Peters and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Anson, Matthew Devine, Robert Greynolds, Adam Hillyer, Lennard Huslik, Erin Kuykendall, Tran Le, Aaron Ray, Jacob Schettler, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Alex Szafranski, Andrew Valdez, Sean Walters, Seth Wells, Derrick White and Macon Wright; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison, John Cessna, Jeremy Joe and Joseph Metelko; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Jeremy Duncan, Eduardo Rivas, Alan Schultz, Nicholas Shatek, Jason Sizemore, Adam Sneed and Michael Zimmerman; Tech. Sgts. Tyler Harding and Junar Mabunay; Master Sgt. Dennis Reinhard.

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Kevin Aquero, Lawrence Doresey, Justin Evans, Joe Harr, Corey Imel, Johnathon Largent, Chet Long, Juan Mora, Colin Murphy, Andrew Nelson, Evan Pickard, Jeffrey Poore, Nicholas Race, and Eric Stevens; Airmen Christopher Clark, Anthony Cruz, David Edwards, Joshua Goodpaster, Scott Ranostay, Timothy Theisen and Richard Westbrook; Airmen 1st Class Keith Apperson, Jonathan Austin, James Bradley, Brandon Chapman, Ottis Dirickson, Jason Flowers, Mariana Jennings, Haven Gattrell, Mariana Jennings, Shaun Lewis Michael Lockette, Radames Lopez-Fernandez, Falice Oyadamari, Esteban Rodriguez, Benjamin Sanchez, Charles Smith, John Stanley, Lindsay Stephenson, Jered Vest, Justin Walls, Michael Wanek, Irvin Williams, Tanner Williams and Brandon Chapman; Senior Airman Jonthan Johnson; Staff Sgts. Jerome Dunn, Jason Garnto, Steve Heidt, Tina Kalar and Christopher Ward; Tech. Sgt. Joseph Alonso; Master Sgts. Jennifer Noll and Travis Snyder; Jason Houy.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman 1st Class Mathew Johnson.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Justin Burnett and Matthew Tobey; Airmen Christopher Farrell, Lorenzo Gaskins, Benjamin Nason, Mark Suddeth and Ryan Waterfield; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Alexander, Robert Brown and Christopher Halubka; Staff Sgts. Gerald Barq, Andrew Ksionsk and Louis Martinez; Master Sgt. Audean Garcia Lopez; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airman Basic Michael Simons.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-7 — graduation Nov. 3

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-7 — graduation Oct. 29

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Oct. 10 or 24. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday or Oct. 17. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. Friday or Oct. 16 or 30. \$30 including materials. Bring photo or artwork no larger than 11x14 inches.

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

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 includes shop use and materials. For time, call 377-2821. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Card making — 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 15. \$7 including materials.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. today or 10:30 a.m. to noon today or Oct. 24. \$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.

Pottery — Oct. 17. \$40 including supplies. Call for time.

Pumpkin decorating contest — 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 29. Pick up pumpkins Oct. 23 or 24 and return by 5 p.m. Oct. 27 to be eligible for the contest. Winners announced at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

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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.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including materials.

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 send an e-mail to maryejust@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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 available. Audio content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

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

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

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

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

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

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

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

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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

Halloween party — 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 29. NPS students only. \$3 admission. Entertainment, food, live band, DJ,

dancing, pumpkin carving and decorating, costume contests, prizes and giveaways.

Legends Café — Buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Italian Wednesday, barbecue ribs Oct. 9, cajun creole chicken Oct. 21, beef brisket Oct. 28, \$6.95 each. Catfish buffet Oct. 9, 23, \$8.95.

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

Vandy's twilight terrorfest Halloween party — 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 29. NPS students only. Live band, DJ, dancing, pumpkin carving and decorating, costume contests, games, entertainment, food and prizes. \$3 admission.

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.

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

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Pot roast Monday, lasagna Oct. 19 and meatloaf Oct. 26. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers.

Margarita night — 5 p.m. Oct. 15. Margaritas, chips and salsa. Karaoke.

Pre-Halloween party — 5-7 p.m. Oct. 28. Wings and things, snacks and drink specials. Free for club members, \$3 for non members.

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

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.

Tae Kwon Do — Beginning Wednesday for ages 6-12. Two classes weekly: 5:30-6:15 Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. \$50 per month.

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.

Lights on after school program — Oct. 22.

Make a difference day — Oct. 24.

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.

Red ribbon week activities — Oct. 17-25

Youth basketball registration — begins Oct. 15.

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

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

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. 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 — Tours to New Orleans Saints home football games - \$60 per person including admission and transportation. Tickets limited to two per family, per game. For more information, call 377-3818 or view the 2009 schedule at <http://www.neworleanssaints.com/Game%20Day/Seasons/2009%20Schedule.aspx>.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

Dinner — 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.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

Dinner — stir fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, orange- and honey-glazed ham, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — 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 vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — 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 vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch: — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, egg noodles, baked potatoes, Italian-style baked beans, green beans with mushrooms, marinara sauce gravy, steamed squash, Mexican cole slaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese sandwich and pizza.

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

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, contact Tech. Sgt. Lyanna Pena-Lewis, 377-1928, 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 Camoprincess92@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@cableone.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.