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Honoring fallen comrades



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Jesse Schrader, left, and David White, are cheered on by flag bearers from Keesler as they lead a group of 30 combat control students from the 334th Training Squadron along U.S. Hwy. 90 near the White Avenue entrance to the base, Oct. 14. Sergeant Schraeder and White, with 50-pound ruck sacks on their backs, are part of a 12-member squad that began an 824-mile ruck march Oct. 6 marking the combat control training trail starting at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas,

past Keesler and ending at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Two of the team members are Staff Sgts. Ashley Spurlin and Adam Malson, 334th TRS combat control instructors. Each team member carries an engraved baton with the name of one of 12 fallen special tactics teammates killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The six two-man teams relay through five states 24 hours a day averaging nearly 20 miles each segment, with each two-man team walking about 150 miles.

Medical center modernization project begins

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A \$32.32-million infrastructure repair and energy management project began Sept. 10 to modernize Keesler Medical Center's facility systems. The project is scheduled to be completed in February 2011.

According to Capt. Matt Clugston, Air Force Medical Support Agency's project health facilities officer, the project was designed towards Silver Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design goals for the medical center. The project also addresses the remaining building damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

The captain continued, "This undertaking consists of replacing and upgrading the medical center heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, electrical breaker panel upgrades, installation of a more energy-efficient and hurricane-resistant roofing and installing metered

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Curbing private vehicle deaths becomes Air Force's safety priority

By Michael Donley

Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. Norton Schwartz

Chief of Staff

We are losing far too many Airmen to private motor vehicle mishaps. Last fiscal year, 47 Airmen were killed in motor vehicles, with 20 of those fatalities occurring on motorcycles. This is nearly eight times the total number of Airmen killed in aviation mishaps, including combat operations, during the same time period. Our goal from this year forward is **zero** Airmen lost in preventable PMV mishaps.

All Air Force Airmen should operate motor vehicles in a responsible manner. This includes the wearing of seatbelts, obeying posted speed limits and avoiding distractions while driving. Air Force Instruction 91-207, The Air Force Traffic Safety Program, clearly outlines safety requirements for operators and passengers of PMVs. Every Airman must understand the AFI requirements apply both on- and off-duty.

In addition to following the rules of the road, all Airmen must also understand that failure to take personal responsibility will result in their being held accountable for their actions.

Commanders will ensure personnel are aware of AFI requirements and enforce compliance. Violations by military personnel are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and may also be considered misconduct during line of duty determinations.

We cannot tolerate reckless operation of motor vehicles by Air Force personnel.

Reckless operation may jeopardize the benefits members/beneficiaries receive following a mishap.

Supervisors will ensure military and civilian personnel understand the implications of poor decisions and the importance of compliance. Your full participation and support is imperative as we move forward to reduce injuries, save lives and preserve our most important asset — our Airmen.

Speeding, no seat belts fatality factors

Air Force Safety Center

In fiscal 2009, 47 Airmen died due to personal motor vehicle mishaps, compared to 29 in fiscal 2008.

Bud Redmond, Air Force Safety Center executive director, said "all mishap prevention programs have compliance and accountability as key elements, and commanders need to ensure both are met."

Non-compliance with seatbelt usage and speed limit laws were identified as causal factors in 68 percent of the fatalities.

"Airmen have to be aware of the risk they assume while off-duty, mitigate that risk, and don't take on any more than their fellow Airmen, or their families, can handle," said Maj. Gen. Fred Roggero, Air Force chief of safety.



Keesler's campaign runs through Oct. 31.

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).

To be more responsive to your concerns, ideas and issues, we've developed a blog that we hope to use as a "living action line." The Web address is http://www.intelink.gov/blogs/_keeslercorner. For more information, call 377-7340.

ISSUE — I'm a retired master sergeant from Gulfport. Keesler has a wonderful marina that in times past was an enjoyable spot for our family. We really enjoyed fishing at night on the well-lighted piers, since public piers in our area aren't as secure as those on base.

However, we can't enjoy the facility since water and electrical repairs are needed, most of the pier isn't lighted and the restrooms are out of order and locked. I'd like to rent a boat slip, but without water and electricity I can't clean my boat, wash my hands or use the restroom.

We frequent Keesler and do all of our shopping at the commissary. I've chartered the Keesler Dolphin for the men of my church. We look forward to the completion of the new club facility. Keesler is a great base, and I'm impressed with all of the ongoing construction improvements, but this work seems to take precedence over maintenance repairs.

When do you expect the repairs to be completed?

RESPONSE — We concur with your comments about Keesler's marina pier and are proceeding with the necessary repairs to return this facility to first-class condition. Repairs began before Hurricane Gustav hit our area 14 months ago, but were delayed due to additional damage and funding issues.

The repair process resumed in mid-September. Electricity is already in service on the west pier. As repairs are made, additional electricity is being supplied to the east piers.

The planks are now being replaced at the boat launch areas. The bathrooms are being gutted and the tanks for the gas pumps have been inspected to determine the extent of the repairs needed.

Contractors are developing standard operating procedures for maintaining the marina before and after hurricanes to prevent such costly damages in the future. They're redesigning how the electrical wiring runs to the boat slips as well as the metal ramps to the piers.

Completion of the project isn't expected until this spring, but the fuel, restroom, electrical and lighting repairs should be finished in mid-December. Repairs won't interfere with use of the facility, and the marina remains open during renovations.

Those of us who use the facility are eagerly awaiting the day when it will be fully operational again, and every effort is being made to proceed as quickly as possible.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?



A pilot.

Miguel Rivera, 81st Training Support Squadron



Rich and famous.

Master Sgt. Samuel Nobles, 338th Training Squadron



A teacher.

Da Vina Davis, 81st Contracting Squadron

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Keesler's MyBase classroom powers up

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

On Oct. 14, six students assigned to the 338th Training Squadron pulled out their chairs, fired up their laptops and began class — with no teacher in sight. Later, that instructor may not even be on physical site either.

In an effort to find a cost-effective — as well as technologically edgy — approach to bring education to the military masses, the Air Force's new interactive, avatar-centric, computer-based virtual classroom time has come. MyBase, the core of the new framework, is a virtual education system aimed at the public as well as recruits and career airmen, said a recent military story about the concept.

The plan is for it to be used as a virtual environment for collaboration across institutions as well as for service training.

"The young men and women who will lead our Air Force in the future have been living in a digital world their entire lives and are better prepared than any other generation to operate in this environment," said Gen. William Looney III, AETC commander. "It is imperative that we understand their needs and expectations, and develop an enterprise-wide system that fosters learning and captures their most critical asset — knowledge."

Last week's class kickoff was the communication and electronics quality assurance course that normally would be conducted on-ground in Jones Hall at Keesler with the instructor front and center. This new delivery mechanism stages the instructor located nearby in another room, communicating with students via the virtual classroom. In the next increment of this prototype, the instructor will be at Keesler, but the students could be located anywhere in the world.

"We are trying to duplicate the in-residence training exactly but in a virtual environment,"



Staff Sgt. Robert Scanlon, left, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and Tech. Sgt. Ernest Stubbs, McGuire AFB, N.J., participate in a virtual classroom on the first day of the MyBase course delivery.

said Stanley Hall, chief of the 81st Training Support Squadron's training technology flight. "When all is said and done, the students can take that same course (while physically located at) their own base rather than on temporary duty to Keesler."

The 338th TRS and 333rd TRS have worked together to facilitate the upcoming courses, said Col. Lynn Connett, 81st Training Group commander. "The prototype converts two in-residence courses currently taught at Keesler to an advanced distributed learning platform using a 3-D virtual environment where students and instructors interact as avatars."

The 81st TRSS technology support unit initially conducted prerequisite training for Python programming language. Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language that allows programmers to expand and enhance the capabilities of the MyBase education and training environment.

Programmers can use the language to adapt the environment — the classroom — to whatever virtual reality desired. For example, the classroom can look exactly like any other classroom at Keesler, down to the color of the walls, the window locations and the type of flooring. Or the classroom could feature a futuristic background and ultramodern furniture. With MyBase, anything is possible. It's all up to the decisions of those who control the programming.

Mr. Hall said the programmers employed Qwaq (now called Teleplace) as the basis of the environment. According to Remy Malan, vice president of the company, Teleplace, Inc. is a "secure virtual workspace that combines voice, video and chat communications with multi-application and document sharing, enabling more efficient workflows among distributed teams, suppliers and customers." Through avatars that

can go up in rank, airmen will participate in classrooms where they can "manipulate virtual objects and add the sense of touch to the visual cues obtained in virtual environments," the Air Force white paper said.

"The team at Keesler is doing an outstanding job with this project," said Suzy Sutton, the Air Education and Training Command project manager for the MyBase prototype education and training project.

"Without their considerable time and talents, this project would not have been possible. The project is strategically important to AETC because it supports the priority to establish a continuum of learning and develop future learning systems."

Capt. Kelly Just, project lead for MyBase and now director of operations at the 81st TRSS, said that Keesler took on the AETC project and was excited about the new delivery method.

"It's going to be interesting

because we have to teach classes as well as 'virtual world' etiquette for guidelines in the classroom," he added. "Though we have digital natives who grew up with gadgets and easily understand all of this technology, we also have digital immigrants who (didn't), so we have to instruct everyone on appropriate behavior in classrooms."

For example, a student can have his avatar move a virtual photograph off the virtual wall in the virtual classroom. Just as this would be inappropriate in an in-residence classroom, so would it be in a virtual one.

Captain Just said that AETC's idea to use a gaming environment took the virtual classroom a step further.

"No one else in the world is doing that," said Captain Just. "Students usually come to class, sit behind a machine connected to an exchange service and work that way. (With this system), we are connecting the students to a virtual machine outside of the virtual environment."

The amount of savings in this type of instruction is "almost immeasurable," Captain Just added. "In the future, it's such an easy way to convert in-residence classes to a virtual-instructor-lead training."

In increment two, students will arrive temporary duty to Keesler and set up in one classroom with instructors operating from a separate classroom in Stennis Hall. The plan for increments three and four is that students will take the courses from their home bases and the instruction will be distributed via the Internet. The 333rd TRS starts the messaging exchange course in early November.

"We are looking for this to be an avenue to save lots of money — \$2,000-2,500 per student," Mr. Hall said. "With 200-300 students per course, that adds up pretty quickly. It's groundbreaking for the Air Force."

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Athiest, agnostic students have discussion forum

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Thirty percent of the Air Force's nonprior students don't profess an affiliation with any organized religion. A new discussion group at the Fishbowl, The Query of Orthodoxy, gives Airmen who are agnostic, atheist or undecided a chance to explore their faith and the beliefs of others.

The group meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Fishbowl, said Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory. Chaplain Mallory, who works in student ministry for the 81st Training Group, also initiated the weekly "Pizza with the Padre" series a year ago that gives students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the history, beliefs, customs and practices of other world religions.

Airman 1st Class Alexander Johnson, a student in the 335th Training Squadron, spoke to Chaplain Mallory about starting the discussion group when he arrived at Keesler for finance training in August.

"The sole purpose of 'The Query of Orthodoxy' is to simply bring together like-minded individuals to socialize and expand on philosophical quandaries — somewhat like a free-thinkers group to pick each other's brains to learn what it is that each other believes," Chaplain Mallory explained.

"Growing up, my dad said life was all about your heart and motives — don't worry

Chaplains guard constitutional right to religious freedom

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Regardless of their personal religious beliefs, Air Force chaplains are charged with providing spiritual care to all members, their families and all authorized personnel in exercising their constitutional right to religious freedom.

"It is Air Force policy that we'll accommodate free exercise of religion and other personal beliefs, as well as freedom of expression," Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory remarked. "Those 'other personal beliefs' aren't just related to worship or religion — it can be fellowships, services, holiday events, festivals or seasonal observances, as long as it relates to the practices of their faith."

Chaplain Mallory said there's a process to



ensure requests are legitimate, as well as a process to ensure the requests are followed through and honored.

"We simply ask that the students come forward and make the requests," he stated. "As diverse as the population has become, we really rely on the member to come forward to ask for help with their accommodation request."

"It all boils down to supporting the Constitution of the United States that allows for the free exercise of religion," Chaplain Mallory stated. "Whether it is to assist a Jewish Airman with receiving kosher meals in the dining facility or to aid an Islamic Airman in working out an alternate physical training schedule with his or her military training leaders during Ramadan, the chaplains are here to help.

about heaven and hell," Airman Johnson recalled. "I tend to be a free-thinker — I don't deny God's existence, but I don't trust human perception to perceive divinity."

Airman Johnson's experiences with what he described as a rigid "born-again type of sect" left him determined to maintain openness to people of many different walks of life and philosophies. He's been influenced by the writings of a wide range of philosophers.

"I'm not a pessimist and I don't hate Christianity — I want to be understanding and have faith in the goodness of human-

ity," said Airman Johnson, who hails from Reno, Nev. "I believe in taking uncertainty and going forward with courage and not looking back."

Airman Johnson says he's learning a lot about himself and others by exploring the innermost thoughts and dreams of others in the group.

"I'm determined to maintain openness so I can absorb as much as I can," he explained. "I'm not looking for a concrete mandate in my life. Being with people of varying philosophies can stimulate thoughts in a very positive way.

"Preconceived notions can

hold you back — it's not a matter of being right or wrong, but being open to other ideas," he continued. "You can't win an ideological battle, no matter how logical or smart you think you are."

"We feel the group is very well-timed and important because it provides a very positive outreach to a misinterpreted and usually misunderstood group of Airmen," Chaplain Mallory noted. "The discussion group averages five to seven students per week and welcomes anyone who wishes to attend."

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Marcus Cranston, a preventive medi-

cine physician in the trainee health program for the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, came forward to serve as a mentor for the group.

"I'm not a spokesman and I don't claim to have any religious expertise," said Colonel Cranston. "I have tremendous respect for people of all different faiths and philosophies. My wife was raised as a Hindu, my in-laws are Muslim and I've traveled to more than 70 countries. I don't have a religious preference, but I have a lot of interest in what people believe.

"I think it's important to give people an opportunity to explore whatever interests them in a non-judgmental way," he emphasized. "That's why we have the Air Force — to defend their rights of self-expression.

Chaplain Mallory said it's rewarding to help students with their spiritual needs, especially with this new group.

"Some of those who fall into the atheist/agnostic category do sense the misunderstandings from others and hear the misguided statements that can sometimes be derogatory," the chaplain pointed out. "The conflicts they get into are mostly due to misconceptions that others have because they are more wrapped up in what atheists or agnostics don't believe, rather than what they do believe."

For more information, call Chaplain Mallory, 377-2331.



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and drive.
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for a
safe ride home.**

Mass casualty exercise tests first responders

Col. Allison Plunk, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron commander, checks the vital signs of a bus accident victim brought to the medical inpatient unit during an Oct. 8 mass casualty exercise. As part of the exercise, the staff had to complete a bed expansion, adding additional beds to a room normally used for administrative purposes. About 50 students from the 81st Training Group played the roles of casualties for the exercise. In addition to the "Dragon Medics," members of the Keesler Fire Department, 81st Security Forces Squadron and 81st Force Support Squadron casualty assistance team participated in the annual mass casualty event.

Photos by Steve Pivnick



Above, Keesler firefighters Rusty Bell, left, and Daniel Fish remove "victim" Airman 1st Class Jennifer Harter, 334th Training Squadron, from between seats on the bus at the accident site.

Left, Maj. (Dr.) Stephen Boskovich, an emergency physician with the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, examines an accident victim in one of the emergency room's trauma rooms.

Base shuttle schedules are found on Keesler's public Web site. Log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

Drill downs, parades

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Feb. 19, April 16 and Oct. 15; 7 a.m. June 11 and Aug. 20.

Parades — 6 p.m. March 18, July 22 and Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2737. For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-9527.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings are 11:30 a.m. today, Nov. 10 and 23, and Dec. 17 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

CCAF graduation

Community College of the Air Force fall graduation is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Welch Auditorium.

The speaker is Lt. Col. Timothy Albrecht, CCAF commandant and vice commander of the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

The Keesler Chiefs Group, Air Force Association and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University award scholarships.

A reception follows in Vandenberg Community Center.

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

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy Building is closed until 2 p.m. Wednesday 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.

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 may pick up a free UBU card at the event, or show their current card

Academic ace



Second Lt. Musette Willis graduated Oct. 9 with a perfect score from the weather officer course in the 335th Training Squadron. She's the first "perfect student" since the course began in January 2008. Lieutenant Willis is assigned to the 355th Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

and become eligible for prizes and giveaways.

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

MGCCC registration

Registration for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Keesler Center begins Nov. 2 for winter session 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.

Keesler sailor wins community leadership award



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Margie McFarland, wife of Coast Chamber Chairman John McFarland of *The Sun Herald*, and Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, applaud Petty Officer 1st Class Clarence Hartenstine II, recipient of the 2009 Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award at the annual Salute to the Military, Oct. 13 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi. Petty Officer Hartenstine is an instructor and community service coordinator for the Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit. Admiral Roughead was the guest speaker for the annual event hosted by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Tops in Blue takes the stage Sunday in Biloxi

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler Public Affairs

The Air Force's premier entertainment troupe, *Tops in Blue*, presents a free concert open to the public, 7 p.m. Sunday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The team continues its 56-year tradition as a family show with something for everyone to enjoy, performing the musical show "To Dream." The show includes music from almost every genre and decade, reminding the audience of the music each era of Airmen have lived their dreams to and the songs of dreams today.

The team will make more than 120 stops on its world-wide tour that began in March and ends in March 2010.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Senior Airman April Vollm, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, performed with *Tops in Blue*, Oct. 30, 2008, in Biloxi.

Audition time

Active-duty Airmen can be a part of *Tops in Blue* by applying online at www.topsinblue.com.

The *Tops in Blue* team offers members a chance to tape an audition from 2-4 p.m. Sunday before the performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

A talent consultant will be on hand to speak with interested applicants and assist with their taping. An application is still required and must be submitted to Air Force Entertainment.

For more information, call 377-3308 or visit www.keeslerservices.us.

IN THE NEWS

3 officers chosen for schools

Three Keesler officers have been selected for development education opportunities by the 2009 Intermediate and Senior Development Board:

334th Training Squadron — Maj. Jesse Murray, Air Command and Staff College.

81st Training Wing — Maj. Jeffrey Queen, National Defense Intelligence College.

81st Training Group — Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay, Air War College.

Combined Federal Campaign

As of Friday, Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign has raised \$67,687.20 toward the goal of \$134,000.

The drive continues through Oct. 31.

For more information, contact your unit representative or Capt. Kelly Levens, 377-7209.

Airman's death caused by H1N1

Air Force News Service

LUKE Air Force Base, Ariz. — Staff Sgt. Shawn Rankin, 25, assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., died Oct. 4 from complications with the H1N1 virus, according to preliminary autopsy results from the Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office.

He is the first Airman to die of H1N1 complications.

Sergeant Rankin of Anchorage, Alaska, was assigned to the 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and served as an F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief at Luke since February 2008. He joined the Air Force in October 2003.

Partial gate closure continues

The outbound lanes on the north side of the Pass Road Gate are closed for about five more 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 is 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.

Once the lanes on the north side are completed, they'll be reopened for inbound and outbound traffic and the lanes on the south side will be closed, including Ploesti south from Pass Road to Hercules Street, for about 10 weeks.

The Rodenberg Gate is open daily, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Obstacle course restricted

The 334th Training Squadron combat control training obstacle course is fenced with a single point of entry and is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

Medical center,

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utilities for the facility. In addition, the work includes upgrading two banks of elevators which will make it easier to transport patients throughout the medical center by maximizing cab space for larger beds.”

Captain Clugston noted some of the components being replaced have reached or exceeded their useful life requiring excessive maintenance, while other upgrades are projected to reduce operating costs. “This project will bring these systems up to current codes and enhance Keesler Medical Center’s ability to continue its mission well into the future,” he said.

Medical group personnel can expect disruptions in their ventilation systems, electrical systems, along with general noise associated with this type of construction. Within the scope of this project everyone in the facility will be impacted at one time or another, and should expect advanced notice



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Roofing materials are prepositioned in several locations on Keesler Medical Center’s roof areas in preparation for installation of more energy-efficient and hurricane-resistant roofing.

and coordination on minimizing impacts.

Visitors will notice contractors

working on the roof and hanging from scaffolding while giving the medical center a facelift. Meanwhile, the vast

majority of the work inside the medical center will occur within equipment rooms, elevator shafts and generally out-of-site from the public.

According to Captain Clugston, “The team’s primary goal is to limit construction impacts on patient care. The key element to this project’s success will be the integration of the medical staff in planning each step of the way.”

The Air Force Medical Support Agency is managing the IREM project which is contracted through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Specpro Environmental Services, LLC, an Alaskan-owned 8(a) company out of Huntsville, Ala., is the prime contractor responsible for reroofing, building facade repairs and repainting, crawl-space restoration and electrical and mechanical system upgrades.

“Market research started in the first quarter of calendar year 2009. The project scope was refined over six months with multiple site investigations and engineering reviews,” said Captain Clugston.

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

PERSONNEL NOTES

Women veterans program

A briefing is presented by the Veterans Administration Women Veterans Program of the Gulf Coast, 9-10 a.m. Tuesday in Room 108-B, Sablich Center.

The presentation is open to all female service members planning to separate, or considering separation, from the military.

For more information, call Jackie Pope or Paul LaRive at the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728, or Mary Plaskon with the VA, 523-5149.

Customer flow management system

The military personnel section's customer service element recently installed a customer flow management system that establishes a controlled waiting process to ensure customers are served in a fair and timely manner.

MPS customers no longer sign in via a paper log. They'll select a button that correlates with the reason for their visit, receive a number and wait for it to be called.

Although customers visit for a variety of services, the CFM system tracks each customer based on the order they sign in, not the reason for their visit. The reason for a visit is used for internal statistic purposes only.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, including compressed work schedule Fridays.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mike Stephenson, 376-8339.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

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

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

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

Identification card requirements

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 376-8339.

LEGAL BRIEFS

Digital pirates face penalties

By 1st Lt. John Capps

Assistant staff judge advocate

Think before you copy. As commonplace as digital piracy may have become over the last several years, a person copying and exchanging copyright-protected media without permission is still breaking the law and could face criminal penalties.

Today, digital piracy takes many forms: copying files from portable hard drives, downloading files from internet websites, and using peer-to-peer file-sharing networks. Each of these practices represents an intrusion of the rights of the copyright holder.

In response, Congress has passed laws prohibiting the making of unauthorized copies of copyrighted material. The No Electronic Theft Act extended criminal prosecution of copyright infringement to include both copies for commercial sale as well as copies distributed for personal use. A person who copies music files from a friend's portable hard drive to his own laptop could face fines as high as \$250,000 and imprisonment for up to five years.

So what may you do with the media you legally purchased? You can sell, give, or lend the original media to another person. Generally, you can also make a copy of the media for your own personal use. If you do make a copy for yourself, be aware that circumventing encryption software or antipiracy protection measures is prohibited.

A copyright represents one of the fundamental protections afforded to the maker of a creative work. Authors, artists, and musicians create works which enrich our lives. We carry a responsibility to ensure that we protect their right of control over their creations.

For more information, contact the base legal Office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 376-8601.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Lewis has worked in the legal office at Keesler since 2000.

Keesler paralegal attends JAG summit

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

Gregory Lewis, a paralegal with the 81st Training Wing's Judge Advocate General office, is headed to Dallas Monday through Oct. 30 for the fifth annual KEYSTONE summit.

"I think it's a positive and productive (event) and it's a privilege to be able to attend," he said. "I'm really honored and proud."

The purpose of KEYSTONE, the JAG Corps' annual senior leadership summit, is to discuss and evaluate current and future leadership, and organizational and legal challenges facing the Air Force and JAG Corps. Each year a few individuals outside senior leadership are selected to attend the event, said Lt. Col. Charles Wiedie Jr., the wing's staff judge advocate.

"Such a selection is a reward for hard work and dedication," Colonel Wiedie said.

"It will give Mr. Lewis an opportunity to interact with the JAG Corps' senior leadership to learn the direction the JAG Corps is heading and (to) offer his own unique insights to help guide the direction of the corps."

KEYSTONE is one way the Air Force's legal corps develops future leaders at all levels, active duty and reserve. The summit brings together more than 700 senior and mid-grade leaders, including staff judge advocates, civilian attorneys and paralegals from all levels of command, along with representatives of sister services, foreign countries and other invited guests.

KEYSTONE provides a singular forum to communicate essential information face-to-face. One-on-one exchanges are possible that can't be done by video teleconferences, computer-based learning or e-mail. Interactive breakout sessions and infor-

mal gatherings help build communities and shared understandings in ways that digital means can't.

Mr. Lewis has been a member of the legal office staff since 2000 through Keesler's stay-in-school program.

"During this time, I've earned two degrees — in the paralegal field and criminal justice," he said. "I've learned and experienced a great deal from the many attorneys who rotate through our office in the numerous areas of civil and labor law, which can encompass as many as 60 different subject areas.

Since one of the functions of KEYSTONE deals with the legal challenges facing the Air Force and identifying ways to maximize our readiness to support the mission, I believe that KEYSTONE can offer me valuable insight and knowledge to assist me in being an outstanding paralegal for the corps."

"I'm very impressed by the

KEYSTONE name and its meaning," Mr. Lewis added. "Architecturally, the keystone is the central stone at the top of an arc that locks the other stones in place. This stone is pivotal and crucial in any organized structure or unit. As such, effective leaders are crucial in unifying and keeping a force or corps strong, thereby accomplishing the vision and mission of the JAG Corps."

In addition to participating in many legal seminars and conferences, he's also been asked to assist in the manpower pool, escorting distinguished visitors to other areas in the conference when he's not in a session himself.

Mr. Lewis hopes his time at the summit serve him well, as well as benefits the Air Force. "While I'm not currently serving in a leadership role, one must develop himself so that when the time comes, he'll be able to lead effectively and courageously," he said.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Stephanie Douglas
Unit — 81st Training Wing inspector general's office
Position — complaints resolution specialist
Time in Air Force — 20 years active duty, seven years civil service
Time at Keesler — 14 years
Hometown — Altoona, Pa.

What are your goals? to worry less and laugh more.

What's your favorite quote? "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve." — Dr. Napoleon Hill

What are your hobbies? quilting and gardening

DIAMOND NOTES

Wear white V-neck or athletic style undershirt with all service and dress uniforms.

The white crew-neck style undershirt

is authorized only when wearing

closed collar service and dress uniforms.

Master Sgt. Kevin Scharwath
81st Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Oct. 6, 1997

The 338th Training Squadron graduated the last class of students to attend the satellite and wideband communications course at Keesler. Thereafter, the Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. would be responsible for conducting all Defense Department 'satwide' training under a consolidation ordered in 1994 by the Interservice Training Review Organization.

Retirees honored Friday

By Senior Airman
David Salanitri

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler hosts its annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m. Friday at the Dragon's Lair.

"The purpose of Retiree Appreciation Day is to bring support agencies together so retirees can have one-stop shopping to see everything available to them in one place and have any questions addressed," said Master Sgt. Darold Graham, 81st Training Support Squadron, project coordinator.

Representatives of base organizations including the 81st Medical Group, legal office, personnel administration, MyPay, finance, the commissary and the base exchange will be on hand to assist retirees.

At 12:30 p.m., a free fish fry and entertainment is planned, courtesy of the retiree affairs office.

For more information, call Sergeant Graham, 377-9307.



Air Force officials to offer H1N1 vaccine

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary, Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — As part of the service's preventative efforts to safeguard the health of the force, Air Force medical staffs are set to provide 1 million H1N1 vaccination doses to Airmen and their family members by early November, officials said Oct. 8.

Air Force medical personnel will receive and distribute to active duty, guardsmen and reservists the first disbursement of the vaccine purchased by the Department of Defense and Health and Human Services Department officials.

"The Air Force has been conducting service-wide detailed pandemic planning since 2007 and we've established mission-specific procedures to prepare for disease outbreaks," said Col. Chance Saltzman, Air Staff's Strategic Plans and Policy Division chief.

"A common sense approach

"Everyone should be vigilant about personal hygiene, seek medical care if they feel sick and contact their health care provider if they have questions or have been directly exposed to someone who has contracted the H1N1 virus."

— Colonel Saltzman

will also help keep Airmen and their families healthy. Everyone should be vigilant about personal hygiene, seek medical care if they feel sick and contact their health care provider if they have questions or have been directly exposed to someone who has contracted the H1N1 virus."

The prioritization list:

Group 1: Deployed forces, ships afloat, high-risk health

care providers and people at training sites such as basic military training and undergraduate pilot training.

Group 2: Mission-essential and mission-critical personnel.

Group 3: All other military personnel.

Certain higher-risk populations also will be targeted for priority H1N1 vaccinations in accordance with Center for Disease Control recommendations.

The key populations include pregnant women, health care personnel, caretakers for infants younger than 6 months of age and people between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, particularly those with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

Air Force civilians and contractors will be able to obtain the H1N1 vaccine through their primary care providers or local health departments, located at www.naccho.org/about/lhd.

Air Force officials recently completed an H1N1 pandemic response exercise, in which Airmen performed a recall and received common access card equipment to telecommute in the event of an outbreak.

"The exercise went very well and provided many lessons learned that will enable organizations to better mitigate the effects of a pandemic and ensure continuity of critical operations," Colonel Saltzman said.

Tricare funds vaccinations

From Oct. 1 through April 30, all Tricare Prime enrollees are authorized to obtain the H1N1 vaccination from any Tricare-authorized provider carrying the vaccination.

Beneficiaries don't need a referral and won't have to pay any point-of-service charges.

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

For more information about H1N1 and preventative measures or what to do in case of exposure, visit these Web sites:
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>
<http://www.flu.gov>
<http://fhp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard/>
<http://www.af.mil/h1n1/>

Cleanin' up the Coast



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler volunteers Laura Nestor, left, wife of Airman 1st Class Jordan Nestor, and Andi Hunter, wife of Tech. Sgt. Cory Hunter, bag trash collected at Hiller Park in Biloxi Saturday. Keesler took responsibility for cleaning the park during the annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup coordinated by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. About 2,300 volunteers scoured the entire coast to round up 142,235 pounds of trash on the 132 miles of south Mississippi waterways and barrier islands. Both women's husbands are members of the 81st Security Forces Squadron deployed to the United Arab Emirates.



Executive order: Federal employees banned from texting while driving

By Samantha Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In an executive order issued Oct. 1, President Barack Obama banned federal employees from text messaging while behind the wheel on government business.

“With nearly 3 million civilian employees, the federal government can and should demonstrate leadership in reducing the dangers of text messaging while driving,” President Obama said in the order.

“A federal government-wide prohibition on the use of text messaging while driving on official business or while using government-supplied equipment will help save lives, reduce injuries and set an example for state and local governments, private employers and individual drivers.”

Text messaging, or “texting,” encompasses more than simply sending a text message via a handheld communication device. It also includes reading from any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information or “engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication,” the order said.

The order defines driving as “operating a motor vehicle on an active roadway with the motor running.” This includes the time the vehicle is temporarily stationary because of

traffic, a traffic light or stop sign or other cause.

“It does not include operating a motor vehicle with or without the motor running when one has pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and has halted in a location where one can safely remain stationary,” President Obama said in the order.

While the order applies specifically to federal employees, it also asks contractors to follow suit, and encourages civilians to adopt the same measures while operating their own vehicles.

Agencies are being directed to implement this order through the consideration of new rules and programs and re-evaluation of existing programs. Agency heads are urged to conduct education, awareness and other outreach for federal employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

“These initiatives should encourage compliance with the agency’s text messaging policy while off duty,” President Obama said.

Agencies have 90 days to take appropriate measures to implement this order, adopt measures to ensure compliance with the ban on text messaging — including disciplinary action for violations — and notify the transportation secretary of the measures undertaken.

Agency heads may exempt certain employees, devices or vehicles that are engaged in or used for protective, law enforcement or national security responsibilities or on the basis of other emergency conditions, the order says.



Cops plan 'quarantined' haunted house for Halloween

The 81st Security Forces Squadron presents "Quarantined," a Halloween haunted attraction, Monday through Oct. 31.

The location is the former Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard, just north of 81st SFS headquarters and across the street from the base exchange and commissary construction site.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Monday through Oct. 29 and 6 p.m. "until" Oct. 30-31.

The 6-7 p.m. hour is reserved for "light scares" for younger visitors.

For more information and ticket prices, call 377-4658.



Construction
sites
off-limits
without
authorization.

Skype video helps span the long distances

By Senior Airman
Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

As service members deploy, family members and friends are constantly looking for ways to communicate among each other while apart.

One Keesler newlywed couple is using a program called Skype to help break some of the communication barriers while separated by deployment.

“Skype is a program that you can download and anyone anywhere can use it,” said Tech. Sgt. Laureen May, 81st Medical Group. “All you need to do is set up an account and you are good to go.”

Once users download the program and register for an account, they are able to participate in video calls or PC-to-PC calls with other users.

“I talk to my husband about once a week using Skype,” said the sergeant. “We are able to see each other instead of just talking on the phone. You can see the emotion; we are newlyweds so it’s especially nice to be able to see him.”

Sergeant May’s husband, Tech. Sgt. Michael May, 334th Training Squadron, deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, two weeks after their marriage.

“It does make a world of a difference from being able to see the body language and facial expressions and helps keep the relationship alive,” she said.

“Communication is important in a relationship and static can interfere with talking on the phone. Using (Skype) makes us feel like we are closer than we are.”

Sergeant May recommends using the program to help keep all relationships, especially for those between parent and child, close.

“It helps keep those bonds that can be lost during that time,” she said.

Exceptions to
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'Home Away from Home' program gears up

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The chapel sponsors the 13th Annual "Home Away from Home" Thanksgiving dinner program for non-prior service Airmen.

This tradition gives host families an opportunity to provide a "home away from home" experience for two or more Airmen by inviting them to their homes and providing a Thanksgiving Day meal. Host families must be active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired or civil service with access to base services.

"The Airmen benefit by experiencing genuine warmth and hospitality, while hosts benefit by getting to know some of the Air Force's brightest and best," said Chaplain (Capt.) Kenya Thomas from the Fishbowl Student Ministries Center, who's spearheading the program with Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Whitmore.

"This is a wonderful way to enjoy Thanksgiving Day as the extended Air Force family," Chaplain Thomas continued. "I'm excited about this program that reaches out its arms to embrace our student Airmen and provides the warmth and comfort of a home-cooked meal in a family atmosphere. It's the next best thing when you can't be home with your own family."

Starting Sunday, host sign-up forms are available which must be turned in at the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or the Triangle Chapel by Nov. 23. Host families may also register via the Keesler public Web site home page, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>, by email to eric.whitmore@keesler.af.mil or by phone, 377-2331.

Student sign-up forms are available only in the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chaplain Thomas hangs up a Home Away from Home poster at the Fishbowl Student Ministries Center.

Health and wellness center promotes fitness

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Staying fit and healthy can be a big challenge, but the health and wellness center is a valuable resource to getting the information you need about your health.

Most of the wellness programs and classes are open to any Department of Defense employee, retirees and dependents.

Along with the variety of programs for eating a healthy diet, for keeping fit and for quitting smoking, the HAWC's "gait analysis" video series demonstrates proper running techniques.

Master Sgt. Jeffery Green, noncommissioned officer in charge, helps with day-to-day administrative operations.

Terri Jordan, the fitness program manager, provides training for the unit fitness managers in addition to consulting squadron commanders



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Terri Jordan, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, conducts a gait analysis on Staff Sgt. Anelina Enright, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, at the HAWC Oct. 15. This test analyzes the running stride to increase efficiency and reduce injuries.

on fitness issues and coordinating fitness panel reviews.

Mrs. Jordan also works

with physicians at Keesler Medical Center concerning health issues of members

who may have physical conditions that prevent from them from passing the fitness program.

Marie Routhier, the information manager, coordinates activities and informs the base population on the various health awareness initiatives programs.

Due to a change in the contracting process, the center is temporarily missing two key positions.

"In addition to the current staff we have, usually there's a health promoter educator to work with all the agencies on base to do health promotion and education awareness," said Lt. Col. Marcus Cranston, health promotions flight commander.

"One of that person's biggest ongoing programs is the tobacco cessation courses, which are a priority of the Air Force to reduce smoking among Airmen as a way to improve their health.

"A dietitian is also normally available for consulting members who would like assistance with developing a healthy diet for themselves," he added.

"They also handle all body composition improvement program reviews for those who have not passed their Air Force fitness test and work with the dining facilities to provide heart healthy options for their menus."

Despite the staff shortage, the HAWC plans to sponsor two major upcoming events: a 5-kilometer run during the "Great American Smoke Out" Nov. 19 and a "Walk your Way through the Holidays" event that promotes staying fit during the festive season

For more information on these and other programs, call the HAWC at 377-3170.

Grief Share group

The Grief Share support group kicks off monthly meetings, 6:30 p.m. today in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

One-on-one and group support is available for people experiencing difficult losses, relationships and situations.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Cal-ton, 376-3095, or Grief Share leaders Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2523.

Legal office closed

The legal office is closed 2-4 p.m. Friday for an official function.

For emergencies, call 697-5621.

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. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are furnished.

To sign up, call 376-8728.

Ending violence seminar

The Commitment to End Violence seminar is Tuesday in Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie Auditorium.

Two sessions are planned, and participants may register for either or both:

8 a.m. to noon — domestic violence and sexual assault training. Topics include victim dynamics, state and federal laws, effective investigation and prosecution techniques and special considerations for military personnel and dependents.

1-5 p.m. — emergency department care for victims of sexual assault. Topics include victimology, offender typology, nursing assessment, documentation, evidence collection, medical management and military procedures.

For more information or to register, call the sexual assault prevention and response office, 377-8635

Thrift shop hours

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

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

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

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

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

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

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

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

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

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

For more information, call 376-3553.

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a free source of supplies and equipment.

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

Wheelchair taxi

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

For more information, call 377-2430.

Housing maintenance

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

Travel medicine clinic

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

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

For more information, call 376-3550.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customer Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Supply issues

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Flag football

12 teams competing for intramural crown

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The base intramural football championship is decided at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. The location will be whichever base field is in the best condition after recent heavy rains.

Games in the double elimination tournament began Tuesday.

American Football Conference contenders include the undefeated 81st Medical Support Squadron (9-0), followed by the 338th Training Squadron B-team (8-1), 332nd TRS (7-3), 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron (6-4),

335th TRS (5-5) and the 81st Dental Squadron (2-8).

National Football Conference competitors include two teams with 9-2 records – the 81st Security Forces Squadron and the combined 85th Engineering Installation Squadron-334th Training Squadron. The other four playoff teams are Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment (8-2), 81st Communications Squadron and 81st Medical Group (both 5-5) and the 336th TRS (2-8).

For scheduled games and location, call 377-2444.

Keep safety in mind when skating

AETC safety directorate and Keesler News staff

You can hardly drive down the street without seeing couples in-line skating, children flying by on skateboards or friends enjoying a pick-up game of street hockey.

For safe participation in these recreational activities:

Read manufacturer's guidance for safe equipment use.

Wear safety equipment such as helmets and knee and elbow pads.

Skate only where it's safe and legal.

Avoid steep inclines.

Dress to be seen.

Don't skate after dark.

Check skating surface to be sure it's smooth, clean, dry and free of debris.

Avoid busy streets and don't skate in and out from between parked cars. Empty parking lots are best for street hockey, but if a street is used, assign someone to act as a spotter for traffic.

Keep skates in good condition. Check wheel and brake bolts before skating. If wheels begin to wobble, stop skating and check for broken axles, loose bolts or worn bearings.

Supervise young children on skates and skateboards.

It's a violation of base regulations to obstruct traffic. This applies to in-line skaters, skate-boarders, skaters and bicyclists, too.

Identity theft is a personal nightmare and security risk. Shred bills, statements, letters, old journals, records, outdated application forms and any documents that contain your full name, Social Security number, duty title and job information, credit card, bank account numbers and names of family members. If you see documents being removed from trash cans, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk, 377-3040.

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

Military night at the hive — discounted tickets for military members and their friends and family members, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the New Orleans Arena for New Orleans Hornets vs. Toronto Raptors. Log on to <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=hornets&o=215&g=319>, click on "find tickets," enter the special offer code "military" and proceed. Pre-game "buzz fest" at 5:30 p.m. includes live music, food and entertainment. For more information, call Stefanie Sandy, 504-593-4745.

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 — Regular division and 30 and 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.

Free 5K costume fun run — noon Oct. 28 starting at the Crotwell Track. Register through Oct. 23 at any fitness center. Participants must wear costumes, and costumes must be in safe and tasteful.

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 Crotwell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

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

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

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

Flag football

For more information, call 377-2444.

National Conference (final)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	9	1
85th EIS/334thTRS	9	1
MARDET	8	2
81st CS	5	5
81st MDG	5	5
336th TRS	2	8
81st FSS	1	9
338th TRS-A	0	10

American Conference (final)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	9	0
338th TRS-B	8	1
332nd TRS	7	3
81st LRS	6	4
335th TRS	5	5
81st DS	2	8
81st MDTs (forfeit out)	1	9
81st MDOS (forfeit out)	0	10

Oct. 7 — 332nd TRS 25, 81st DS 0; 338th TRS-B 7, 335th TRS 0; 81st MDSS 7, 81st MDTs 0.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course — Club championship Oct. 24-25. Individual stroke play and tee times by flight. \$55 for members, \$80 for non-members, \$40 for inclusive members. Participants must have a handicap. Cookout, refreshments and beverages each day. 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-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

Nonprior service student special — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

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. Call Dave Bowers, 377-0002.

Paddle boats for rent — two-person and four-person paddle boats for \$5 per hour for a minimum of two hours; first hour free through November. For more information, call 377-3160.

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.

Water skiing — on front beach or Biloxi Back Bay. \$50 per hour; up to six skiers, including boat, driver, skis. Two-hour minimum. Call 377-3160.

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, fishing equipment; 15 passengers minimum. 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, sleeps four, \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Friday noon to Monday noon) or \$300/week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils, and sleeping bag or bedding. Louisiana license is needed for fishing. Call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. 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, 32 feet plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 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.

Whatever your game ...

Play it safe!

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

Air Force core values — integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, July-September

81st Medical Group

Airman — Airman 1st Class Kristin Conde, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Capri Shand, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Heather Bowman, 81st MDTs.

Company grade officer — Capt. Renee McClellon, 81st MDSS.

Field grade officer — Lt. Col. Nneka Williams, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Civilian category I nonsupervisor — Dorothy Johnson, 81st MDSS.

Civilian category I supervisor — Len VanSittert, 81st MDSS.

Civilian category II nonsupervisor — Juanita Mullins, 81st MSGS.

81st Mission Support Group

Airman — Senior Airman Jeffery Fitzgerald, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Kim Sturduvant, 81st Contracting Squadron.

Senior NCO — Senior Master Sgt. George Barnes, 81st SFS.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Nita Kimbrough, 81st Mission Support Group.

Civilian category I nonsupervisor — Chad Martin, fire department.

Civilian category I supervisor — Allen Lowery, 81st Force Support Squadron.

Civilian category II nonsupervisor — Walter Robinson, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

1st Sergeants "Diamond Sharp" awards

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Edward Austin.

81st Training Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Michael Coblentz.

333rd Training Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Katherine Voirol.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Christopher Acosta, Kadir Amat, Laurence Barkley, Alexander Bijkerk, Gabriel Brooks, Timothy Burgett, Blake Campbell, Trenton Castillo, Alex Castro, Christopher Cortez, Wilfred DeLaPaz, John Dugger, Randy Duncan, Steve Elmore, Bradley Finnigan, Sebrina Fratto, Phillip Gorney, Alan Gosselin, Ashley Hammond, Brandon Hertler, Tyler Howard, Blake Jones, Nathan Jones, Tyler Jones, Tristan Keltner, Jason Kephart, Steven Kesterson, Arin Kudlacek, Matthew LaCasse, Jeffrey Latham, William Lau, Joel Lavelle, Peter LoydVuolo, Cory McCambridge, Martin Mohr, Matthew Mulvaney, Thomas Nguyen, Lee Owens, Amber Pate, Travis Puckett, Ryan Ramsauer, Thomas Ratchford, Toddhenri Rath, Adam Remes, David Richter, Tracy Short, Andre Smith, Quinton Snyder, Kevin Stuart, Joseph VanDoren, Lito Villanueva, Kaitlin Vollmer, Kevin Wallace, Brad Watson, Brad Wiebelhaus, Justin Williford, Nicholas Wypasek and William Young; Airmen John Allen, Monica Berbig, Damon Bitter, Mitchell Chappelle, Cody Guillory, Dylan Jenkins, Nicholas Lombardi, Michael Orvieto and William Roe; Airmen 1st Class Adrian Acosta, Ryan Alexander, Matthew Ault, Mark Batten, Danny Black, Jesse Bowman, Ronron Catap, Jacob Christensen, Brett Citrowske, Daniel Feigley, Justin Harwell, Jeremi Isaacs, Evan Jones, Bryan Knapp, Mary Kueckelhan, Steven LaRue, Aaron Marshall, Shadrick Martin, Charles McCall, Fred Melendez, Matthew Messina, Edward Middleton, Jeffrey Mitchell, George Moore, Donovan Murphy, Jonathan Nickel, Jeffrey Olson, David Perkins, Daniel Polenik, Justin Quintero, Stephen Reichenbach, Kellen Rice, Zachary Rosenberg, Justin Ross,

Angel Vasquez and Jared Witmer; Senior Airmen Gary Martin, Mauel Navarro and Robert Sargent; Staff Sgts. Michael Orso and Johnathon Werner.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Evan Beuk, Julian Cravotta, William Dohle, Jacob Doudna, William Farmer, Daniel Froelich, Daniel Kennison, Larry Laird, Caleb Quinn, Marcus Rothenberg and Jacob Schmitt; Airman Rosa-Mae Adams; Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Derosia, Eli Goff, Kyle Kelly and Donald McMaster; Staff Sgt. John Addams; Cpl. Priscilla Dzoku.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Rachael Ashby, Melissa Carmon and Janeka Perry; Senior Airmen Daniel Dixon, Sibrina Roberts and Joshua Spencer; Staff Sgts. Clinton Brown, James Degeus, Pleaz Hawkins, Tracey Kleppe, Eric Martin, Shaun Miller, Magdalena Sousa and Justin Stuart; Tech. Sgts. Charles Anderson, Lowell Bowen and Craig Harris; Master Sgt. Michael O'Donnell; Senior Master Sgt. Donna Hutto.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Raymond Briggs, Adrianna Cunningham, Cody Newcomer, George Trosper, Tobi Wagner and Joshua Wolfert; Airman Jholden Rivera-Moore; Pfc. Nicole Reavis and Don Walker II; Airmen 1st Class Joan Ebbecke, Kyle Head, Amanda Roberts and Sarah Silva; Navy Airman Kyle Nobles; Senior Airman Rolando Saenz; Marine Sgt. Joseph Thompson; Staff Sgts. Matthew Hui and Justin Reidhead; and Master Chief Keiran Stewart.

336th TRS

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Davies, Shannon Finley, Jeffrey Gannon, Michael Grey, Caleb Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Michael Lallerstedt, Jordan Moulton, Richard Pantone, Sean Queen, Trenton Richards, Damon Schmidt, Patrick Wagner-Ruch, Andrew Whelchel and Jonathon Woehler; Airmen Riley Curtis, Satoia McClelland, Trevor Port and James Yost; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Anson, Matthew Devine, Robert Greynolds, Lucas Grile,

Louis Hernandez, Adam Hillyer, Erin Kuykendall, James Marrone, Logan Michlig, Robert Peters, Aaron Ray, Jacob Schettler, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Kyle Stone, Alex Szafranski, Andrew Valdez, Sean Walters, Samuel White and Macon Wright; Senior Airmen Nathan Adkison and John Cessna; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Jeremy Duncan, Roshan Patel, Eduardo Rivas, Jeffrey Robinson, 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 Rey Phillip Ballucanag, Lawrence Doresey III, David Edwards, Joseph Harr, Juan Mora, Colin Murphy, Evan Pickard, Kyle Spencer and Eric Stevens; Airmen Christopher Clark, Anthony Cruz, Curtis Housley, Scott Ranostay, Scott Schmidt and Richard Westbrook; Airmen 1st Class Keith Apperson, James Bradley, Patrick Broydrick, Brandon Chapman, Ottis Dirickson, Radames Lopez, John Stanley, Lindsay Stephenson, Justin Walls, Michael Wanek, David Wyant and Tanner Williams; Senior Airman Matthew Yore; Staff Sgts. Jerome Dunn, Steve Heidt, Tina Kalar, Ray Perkins and Christopher Ward; Tech. Sgt. Joseph Alonzo; Master Sgt. Travis Snyder; Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Willard; and Jason Houy.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Nicolas Kiem and Elisha Logan; Airmen 1st Class Mathew Johnson, Patrick Kelley, Alan Kroth and Adam Schaffer.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Matthew Tobey and Andrew Tosch; Airmen Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi and Benjamin Nason; Airmen 1st Class Robert Brown, Andrew Dahn, Travis Salter and Brady Techen; Senior Airman Brendan Trostle; Staff Sgts. Michael Brody, Louis Martinez, Eliud Martinez-Franco and Julie Reinhardt; Master Sgts. Audean Garcia-Lopez and Sean Rice.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Matthew Boxer, Christopher Chappell, Chance Compton, Matthew Fitzsimpson, Zachary Mantyla, Thomas Patterson, Daniel Reese, Ivan Seppala, Brady Smith, Nicholas Wagner, Tony Johnson and Douglas Kamb; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bunting.

Visual information and intrusion detection systems — Airmen Kevin Beaton, Travis Bilotta and Thomas Mould.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-7 — graduation Nov. 3

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-7 — graduation Oct. 29

Class 10-1 — Nov. 5-Dec. 17

Arts and crafts center

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

Beginning framing — Oct. 30. \$30 including materials. Bring photo or artwork no larger than 11x14 inches.

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.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

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

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.

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

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

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CHAPEL 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-Jumma 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.

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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.

Grief Share support group — meets each month in the Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships, work difficulties, loss of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, health-related issues or grief from other situations. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095, or Grief Share leaders Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2523.

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.

Legends Café — Buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Beef brisket Wednesday, \$6.95 each. Catfish buffet Friday, \$8.95.

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

Vandy’s twilight terrorfest Halloween party — 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 29. Nonprior service 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 Monday and meatloaf Monday. \$6 for club members, \$8 for nonmembers.

Pre-Halloween party — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. 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.

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 — today.

Make a difference day — Saturday.

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 front desk.

Red ribbon week activities — Ends Sunday.

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. 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>.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who’ll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — baked chicken, cornbread, beef and noodles, fried catfish, black-eyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, cream of broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken coron bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, baked macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower parmesan, Italian style beans, corn O’Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle soup, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, beef yakisba, baked ham, baked potatoes, spicy brown rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, french-style peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley salad, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, white bean chicken chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Dinner — barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, seafood cocktail sauce, beef manicotti/cannelloni, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O’Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, carrots, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — roast turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fried fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, chicken and turkey gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, herbed green beans, cucumber and onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetables, cheeseburger chowder, cannonball sandwich and fried chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — lemon and garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, simmered pinto beans, spinach, summer squash, spinach salad, Waldorf salad, timberline chili, minestrone, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese sub and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, garlic toast, chicken fajitas, O’Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, Waldorf salad, spinach salad, chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spare ribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, fried cabbage, gravy, lemon sesame green beans, coleslaw, tomato salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, garlic toast, fried chicken, brown rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, cabbage, coleslaw, frijole salad, white bean chicken chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until today, and again Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, Room 108A, Sablich Center. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.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.

Airman's Council meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, contact Senior Airman Alonda West, 377-2994.

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. Call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

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

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

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Monday of the month at Locker House facility. Enter courtyard on left side of building as you face the front of it. Enter the door marked "T flight" and proceed straight ahead until you see a sign saying "K5TYP."

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. E-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@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@bell-south.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Welch Auditorium. Tickets \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. Call 377-6627 for recording of listings.

To change information in the Digest,
call 377-3163 or 4130 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil

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.