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## PREPARING for the storm



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## U.S. Cyber Command established; commander appointed

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced Army Gen. Keith Alexander's appointment as the first commander of U.S. Cyber Command Friday, officially establishing the initial operating capability for the new command.

"Given our increasing dependency on cyberspace, this new command will bring together the resources of the department to address vulnerabilities and meet the ever-growing array of cyber threats to our military systems," Secretary Gates said.

USCYBERCOM possesses the required technical capability and focuses on the integration of cyberspace operations. The command's leaders are charged with pulling together existing cyberspace resources, creating synergy that doesn't currently exist and synchronizing war-fighting effects to defend the information security environment.

Defense Department officials said this is not an expansion of DOD's mission, but it's in keeping with its mission to protect and defend U.S. national security and protect the lives of men and women in uniform.

USCYBERCOM is a sub-unified command, subordinate to U.S. Strategic

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## Exercise, exercise, exercise ... shooter on the loose



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Airman Basic Jahau Gilles, Airman Katie Ewel and Airman 1st Class Alexander Tarnawski exit Muse Manor under the watchful eye of exercise evaluation team member Darrin McClure during an active shooter exercise May 20. Airmen Gilles and Ewel are students in the 334th Training Squadron, and Airman Tarnawski is a student in the 336th TRS. More photos, Page 4.

## Summer safety takes center stage

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

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The Air Force's annual 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday and continues through Sept. 7.

Historically, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day is marked by an increase in the number of fatalities associated with sports, recreation and motor vehicle travel.

Friday, the 81st Training Wing conducted a four-hour stand-down to reenergize the wingman concept for unit safety and suicide prevention.

Virgil Mitchell, wing safety chief, said,

"We're working with unit safety representatives and will be sending out specific focus items each week for the units to do themselves. We're also working to bring some specific safety programs to the public arenas."

During last year's campaign, the Air Force experienced 21 fatal off-duty accidents in four-wheel personal motor vehicles, of which 33 percent involved the use of alcohol.

"In the past 10 years, the Air Force has lost an average of 24 Airmen during the 101 Critical Days of Summer," Mr. Mitchell stated. "In addition to alcohol use, other factors in these mishaps involved speeding and not using

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## Focus on POWER to stand out for UCI

By Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson

81st Training Wing commander  
and UCI preparation team

The Unit Compliance Inspection is just around the corner. Team Keesler, are you ready?

It will take more than a series of checklists to make an effective compliance program. A very simple term will help focus the base on the task ahead. That term is "POWER"—defined as Prepare, Outstanding, Work, Excellence and Readiness. POWER is a key component of the process and can be individually controlled. The goal is to have POWER permeate through your unit and your people; then, the inspection will be successful.

There are many reasons why a unit does well during a UCI. Having leaders at all levels dedicated to working hard, preparing early on, focusing on mission readiness and exhibiting a deep-rooted commitment to excellence are key components that will lead to a coveted and much deserved "Outstanding" rating.

Another key component is the Web-based Self-Inspection Program. WebSIP allows commanders and supervisors to complete self-inspection questions in a standardized, automated format. The backbone of WebSIP is the compliance-based checklists prepared by the Air Education and Training Command functional experts. These checklists have been readily available on the AETC Inspector General Web site on the Air

Force Portal, and some units have been working on them for several months.

Group and squadron UCI representatives are now currently knee deep in the new WebSIP self-inspection process. Items contained within these Web-based checklists will cover a large portion of what the AETC inspectors are looking for during the UCI in October.

Besides POWER and WebSIP, what else can Airmen do now to prepare to earn that "Outstanding" rating?

**First**, Airmen have to dig deep into the instructions and ask this question: Am I in compliance? Am I complying with that "must do" and "will do" requirement in the instruction? Being honest with your response during a unit's self assessment is critical. WebSIP provides a mechanism for providing a response, but the response is only as good as the input. The old saying of "garbage in, garbage out" applies to your response. According to the AETC/IG, commanders are ultimately responsible for compliance, which includes completion of the self-inspection checklists. I would take this one step further and add that everyone is responsible for compliance and for the self-inspection checklists.

**Second**, Airmen will have to analyze their procedures and processes to ensure full compliance with regulatory guidance. Through mock UCI and staff assistance visits, a unit can seek an outside, unbiased review of their program. As we near the UCI, the 81st Training Wing Inspector General UCI Preparation Team will assist

all units in providing an unbiased set of eyes. The UCI Prep Team will work closely with group and squadron commanders on the best approach for their unit. These experts will inspect all applicable UCI areas, using the actual AETC/IG and 81TRW self-inspection checklist results as the starting point.

**Finally**, Airmen should strive to further improve all processes and procedures. A good way to start is by reviewing previous UCI and SAV reports to identify the mistakes others have made and then ask yourself the question: "Am I in compliance or vulnerable for the same write-up?"

Bottom line: Commitment and the right attitude are everything! Air Force members overcome adversity every day and are trained to succeed in tough situations. Remember to ask questions about yourselves and your programs such as, "What would an inspector find if they came right now? What can I do to make my program stronger? Who do I need to team up with in order to resolve this problem?"

Oct. 24-31 will be a whirlwind of activity as the AETC/IG Team descends on Keesler, and the time leading up to it will be marked with long hours, exhaustive preparations and a lot of management oversight. Through applying POWER and using WebSIP, we can showcase to AETC/IG the "Outstanding" mission and people at Keesler.

For more information on the UCI, visit [www.keesler.af.mil](http://www.keesler.af.mil).

## Critical Days of Summer campaign starts Friday

By Maj. Heidi Nelson

Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND Air Force Base, N.M. — Summer is right around the corner and that means it's time for the Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, Friday through Sept. 7.

As much as you would like to think that nothing could happen to you, the fact is, the real statistics are pretty grim.

Some risks are constant, but summer brings increased activity and risk.

Twenty-eight Airmen already have died in off-duty mishaps so far this year. Typically, the Air Force loses about 19 over the summer.

Many others sadly take their own lives.

Now, does any of this mean Air Force leaders expect you to cower under your dining room table all summer? Of course not! Everyone knows that life itself comes with inherent risks.

Some of you may be thinking, "This is a small number out of more than 330,000 Airmen ... that's not too bad!" But how many of you would volunteer your best friend, or even yourself, as one of that "small number?"

The answer then is very simple: Every Airman must set a personal goal of **zero** preventable mishaps for himself or herself and

everyone around him or her. Every commander must provide guidance, policy and resources. Every safety professional will work tirelessly to keep you educated and prepared to safely enjoy your off-duty time this summer.

We can only do so much educating. Nobody but you will be there to make the right decisions when the critical moments occur.

Your commander won't be sitting in the passenger seat when you've had a few too many to drink and are about to drive home.

The Air Force surgeon general won't be at your dorm to read the signs that

one of your peers is feeling suicidal.

The director of the Safety Center won't be at the boat launch handing out life vests to you and your kids.

The only one who can make the decisions critical to your survival is you.

Fortunately, the steps required to keep you and everyone around you safe are very simple: Think about the worst-case scenario and then decide whether you've done everything you could to eliminate or at least minimize the risk. If you do that and decide you can't live with the consequences, chances are it's time for a new plan.

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

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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



## DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

Who was your most influential teacher?  
Why?



"Mr. Treemars, because he got me interested in criminal psychology."

**Tech. Sgt. Ginnie Fudge,**  
81st Security Forces Squadron



"Mr. Liles in science — he was cool."

**Tim Seymour, contractor at the Keesler Commissary**



"Mrs. Burden, my German teacher, who pushed me to expand my cultural horizons."

**Airman Basic Stuart Eggers,** 334th Training Squadron.

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

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION



From left, Staff Sgt. Gregory Anderson, left, and Senior Airmen Kyle Dunnahoo and Robert Vogel, 81st Security Forces Squadron, charge Muse Manor in response to shots fired inside inside Muse Manor during the May 20 active shooter exercise.. In the scenario, the shooter “killed” five people and injured 15 others when he opened fire on a large group of Airmen and civilians.

## Active shooter exercise tests Keesler’s response plan



Top, Airman Hancock, foreground, lies wounded as Sergeant Anderson, left, and Airman Vogel, 81st SFS, help move Airman 1st Class Joe Spears, another 336th TRS student, from the shooting area for medical treatment.

Right, Master Sgt. Mark Williams, 81st SFS, checks Airman Basic Jacob Venner, 336th TRS student, for weapons to ensure he isn’t the shooter.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Mike Fellows, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, treats Airman Basic Andrew Hancock, 336th Training Squadron student, who portrays a victim of gunshot wounds during the exercise May 20.





## Stitch in time

Foreground, Airman 1st Class Georgina Walton, left, and Airman Basic Kimberly Kruse practice basic suturing techniques May 12 in the 81st Medical Support Squadron Clinical Research Laboratory. Capt. (Dr.) Andrew Hall, right background, clinical research resident assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, instructs the class for aerospace medical apprentice Phase II students. The two-day course provides training in basic suturing and emergency procedures routinely used in emergency and routine care of children and adults to non-physician health-care providers and Air Force Reservists. Other students are Airman 1st Class Christina Dryden, back, and Staff Sgt. Shanna Averyhart. Airman Walton is a recent AMSA Phase II graduate.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

# AFA gains CyberPatriot sponsorship

## **Air Force Association**

Northrop Grumman Corp. will be the presenting sponsor of the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot III, the national high school cyber defense competition designed to excite, educate, and motivate the next generation of cyber defenders.

"We are so pleased to partner with Northrop Grumman for this premier high school cybersecurity competition," said Joseph Sutter, AFA's chairman of the board. "The company's participation in this program proves its dedication and support to educating the next generation of cybersecurity professionals."

As the presenting sponsor, Northrop Grumman will invest time and resources during the 2010-11 school year to assist in coaching teams and mentoring students.

The AFA has held two previous CyberPatriot competitions with Air Force Junior ROTC students from 41 states and Japan. CyberPatriot III will be the first competition open to all-service Junior ROTC students as well as students from non-military-affiliated high schools.

CyberPatriot is just one of the science, technology, engineering, and math initiatives in which Northrop Grumman, through its foundation, is a major partner. Other partners supporting the program are Science Applications International Corporation, the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at University of Texas-San Antonio, General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, Microsoft, Raytheon, AF Junior ROTC, and the Civil Air Patrol.

For more information, log on to the Cyber Patriot Web site, [www.highschoolcdc.com](http://www.highschoolcdc.com). A video introducing this year's competition is available at [www.northropgrumman.com](http://www.northropgrumman.com) then click on the cybersecurity link at the right of the page.

# AAHC recognizes 5 scholarship recipients

By Stephen Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

The African-American Heritage Committee awarded five scholarships at a luncheon at the Katrina Kantina May 20.

The AAHC sponsored a bowling tournament, soul food sampling and a golf tournament to raise funds for the scholarships.

**Craig Shannon**, who is graduating from Biloxi High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship. He'll attend the University of South Alabama and major in criminal justice. His mother is Madonna Shannon, who retired from the 81st Medical Support Squadron.

**Chantel Gadson**, another graduate from Biloxi High School, received a \$750 schol-

arship. She'll also be attending the University of South Alabama and major in pre-physical therapy. Her mother is Darlene Cook.

**Levi DeLuke**, who is graduating from Vancleave High School, received a \$500 scholarship. He'll attend Yale University and major in mechanical engineering and applied physics. His parents

are Jeff and Sheila DeLuke. Mr. DeLuke is a retired master sergeant who works in the 81st Training Support Squadron.

**Jessica Stovall**, another graduate from Biloxi High School, received a \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and major in nursing. Her parents are Marvin and Daphney Dickey.

**Courtney Gray**, also a graduate of Biloxi High School, received a \$500 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Alabama and major in pre-physical therapy. Her parents are Rodney Gray, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Kimberly Gray, 81st MDSS.



Mr. Shannon



Miss Gadson



Mr. DeLuke



Miss Stovall



Miss Gray

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### DANTES procedures

Effective Dec. 11, the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support won't fund re-testing on a previously funded exam title for the College Level Examination Program, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and Excelsior College Examinations.

As a result, service members taking these exams who don't receive a passing score must be informed they won't be allowed to retest as a DANTES-funded candidate on a previously funded exam of the same title. However, they may personally pay for a retest after waiting the requisite period of time.

This includes spouses and Civil Service personnel of Reserve components and Coast Guard.

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

### Services scholarship

The Air Force Services Agency announces its 15th annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Current Air Force club members in good standing and their family members are eligible to win one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships to be given away under the program.

Participants must provide proof of having been accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry this fall.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on with the topic: "What Does it Mean to be a Member of the Air Force Family?"

For entry forms, eligibility requirements and essay guidelines, visit the Katrina Kantina or log on to [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net).

July 1 is the deadline to submit essay packages to Glenn Jones, 505 C Street, Room 5423, Locker House, Building 3101.

### Swan 38 scholarship

Monday is the deadline to apply for the Hurricane Hunters Swan 38 \$1,000 scholarship.

The competition is open to active-duty and retired 403rd Wing members and dependents.

For applications, log on to [www.hurricanehunters.com](http://www.hurricanehunters.com)

### Commissioning briefings

Starting June 8, commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Drill downs, parades

**Drill downs** — 8 a.m. June 11, Aug. 20 and Oct. 15.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 22 and Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103. For information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-2789.

## Airfield quality assurance evaluator recognized with Air Force award

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Tech. Sgt. James Gross, 81st Operations Support Flight quality assurance evaluator, is the Air Force's airfield management noncommissioned officer of the year for 2009.

Sergeant Gross returned April 19 from a nearly six-month deployment with the 532nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, where he served as deputy airfield manager. It was his third deployment — he served at Al Udeid AB, Qatar, from January-May 2005 and September 2006 to January 2006 at Ali Base, Iraq.

Sergeant Gross, a self-proclaimed "Air Force brat," came to Keesler 16 months ago.

The 19-year Air Force member was honored for his accomplishments both at Keesler as well as in Iraq, said Justin Cooper, Keesler's chief of airfield operations.

At Keesler, Sergeant Gross served as the point of contact for Keesler's 2009 Thunder on the Bay Air Show's ground operations that included 35 parked aircraft with 6,000 feet of barriers and 40 booths for 142,000 visitors.

"It was an awesome opportunity to assist the Air Force in giving something back to the communities up and down the



Sergeant Gross

Gulf Coast, Sergeant Gross remarked. "Team Keesler did a tremendous job with the show and left people with a positive view of the Air Force that no amount of money could have purchased."

Sergeant Gross also synchronized Keesler's \$2.8 million airfield repair project by juggling dynamic airfield parking plan to ensure 403rd Wing and 45th Airlift Squadron continuity.

In Iraq, Sergeant Gross supervised Al Asad airfield operations and its 4½ tons of cargo and 1,200 sorties processed; crafted a parking plan for transfer of T-6s to Iraq by being the linchpin to the historic and inaugural Iraqi pilot training program; conceptualized the airfield driving pro-

gram transformation from the Marine Corps to the Air Force during a senior airport authority transition; taught 15 Al Asad airfield driving classes, trained 362 personnel on airfield driving procedures to impact safety measures; and identified a major joint sealant pavement failure and oversaw primary Al Asad runway repairs to prevent a closure that would impact Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Gross conducted 23 airfield inspections, one of which resulted in correcting united facility criteria violations by repairing a five-inch hole to avert potential aircraft.

"There were two contributions that I made during my deployment that I consider important: being part of the Air Force team that assisted the Marine Corps in its transition from Iraq back to their home units and mentoring Airmen across a variety of Air Force specialty codes," he pointed out.

"I'm deeply honored and humbled by the love and support of my wife, Christina, and my five children, Jeremy, Katie, Becca, Amanda, and Sarah," Sergeant Gross added. "Without their love and support, I would not have had the freedom necessary to do the things that culminated in being selected for this award."

## Museums offer free admission to military

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty service members and their families gain free access to hundreds of U.S. museums from Memorial Day through Labor Day, thanks to a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families.

More than 600 museums in 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed up so far to participate in Operation Appreciation: Blue Star Museums. The program offers active-duty service members including activated guardsmen and Reserve members— and up to

five of their immediate family members free admission to participating museums.

"This is a tangible expression of appreciation to service members and their families," said Barbara Thompson, the director of the Pentagon's office of family policy, children and youth. "It warms our hearts to see how other federal agencies and local communities can think creatively to recognize their sacrifice and contribution to the nation."

For a list of participating museums, log on to <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php>.

## IN THE NEWS

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for the June 3 issue of the Keesler News is noon today because of the Memorial Day federal holiday Monday.

### Contracting changes command

Lt. Col. Christopher Wegner relinquishes command of the 81st Contracting Squadron to Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright, 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Dragon's Lair.

Colonel Wegner has commanded the 81st CONS since August 2007. He'll become the commander of the 633rd CONS at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Colonel Wright comes to Keesler from Pope AFB, N.C. where he's the commander of the 43rd CONS.

### Active shooter briefings

Active shooter briefings are 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 2 at Welch Auditorium.

### Temporary gate closures June 2-4

Due to semiannual maintenance work for the new denial barriers at each gate, temporary lane closures are scheduled for June 2-4.

**June 2** — Meadows Drive Gate is closed from 6 p.m. to midnight while the gate is normally closed.

**June 3** — White Avenue Gate has intermittent lane closures from midnight until 6 a.m.; intermittent lane closures on Ploesti Drive north of the Pass Road Gate between 8 p.m. and midnight.

**June 4** — intermittent gate closures on Ploesti Drive south of the Pass Road Gate from midnight to 6 a.m.

### Hurricane town hall meetings

Hurricane town hall meetings are 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 8 and 9 and 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 10 in Welch Auditorium.

### No phones for lodging June 7-10

Phone and Internet service will be unavailable in base lodging June 7-10 while contractors relocate equipment. For more information, call 377-0845.

### Wing calendar event-planning

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

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

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

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



# McCann retires with 30 years of Air Force service

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. Stephanie McCann, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron commander since July 2008, was honored for 30 years of Air Force service during a retirement ceremony May 21 in Keesler Hospital's Don Wylie Auditorium.

The unit is comprised of more than 250 military members and civilian employees in the nutritional medicine, pharmacy and pathology and clinical laboratory flights.

Colonel McCann earned bachelor's and master's degrees in food science and human nutrition from the University of Florida before entering the Air Force in 1980.

Her final assignment was her second Keesler tour. She was chief of clinical dietetics here from August 1987-July 1990.



Colonel McCann

During her career, the colonel was selected to be Air Mobility Command consultant dietician from August 1995-June 1998, Air Education and Training Command consultant dietician from July 1998-August 2000 and chief, Air Force

Surgeon General consultant for nutrition and dietetics from 2000-2003.

Prior to assuming command of the 81st MDTS, Colonel McCann commanded the 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Commenting on her three decades in the Air Force and especially her final assignment, the colonel said, "This is probably one of the best places to end a career because of the superb support the community shows Keesler. It's such a warm community."

Colonel McCann noted, "I'm inspired to see what our Airmen do daily, holding down a fulltime job, going to school and volunteering in the community."

She had strong praise for the leadership from civilians and noncommissioned officers under her command.

"The terrific flight commanders also have made this a wonderful tour," she said.

"What I think I'll miss most is the fact the Air Force has been an organization that celebrates the achievements of our outstanding people, encouraging others to succeed as well," she pointed out. "That's what makes the Air Force so terrific; the caliber of people. They care about you not just for what you bring to the mission but as a whole person. You don't see that in other organizations."

The colonel hasn't finalized her retirement plans yet. She and her husband William reside in Ocean Springs with son John, 16, a sophomore at Ocean Springs High School. Daughter Melissa, 20, attends the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.



## Safety, from Page 1

seatbelts or helmets."

Mr. Mitchell offered several survival tips:

**Know** your physical limitations.

**Don't** drink and drive.

**Wear** your seat belt.

**Don't** speed.

**Maintain** vehicle control.

**Don't** drive fatigued.

**Drive** defensively and look for a way out in an emergency.

**Beware** of the other driver.

The Air Force Safety Center notes that preventing mishaps this summer will take everyone's best effort.

"Commanders must ensure their unit's mishap prevention efforts are integral to mission success," the safety center emphasized. "Supervisors must remain engaged with their subordinates, demanding high standards, setting the example, and aware of both their people's duty performance, and their leisure activities and travel plans off duty. Lastly, each of us has a responsibility for our own safety, and the safety of our wingmen. As vital members of our Air Force Team, we must never forget that our family and friends love us, our units need us, and our nation is depending on us."

## Cyber, from Page 1

Command and its headquarters currently are located at Fort Meade. The Senate confirmed General Alexander's promotion to become commander of USCYBERCOM on May 7.

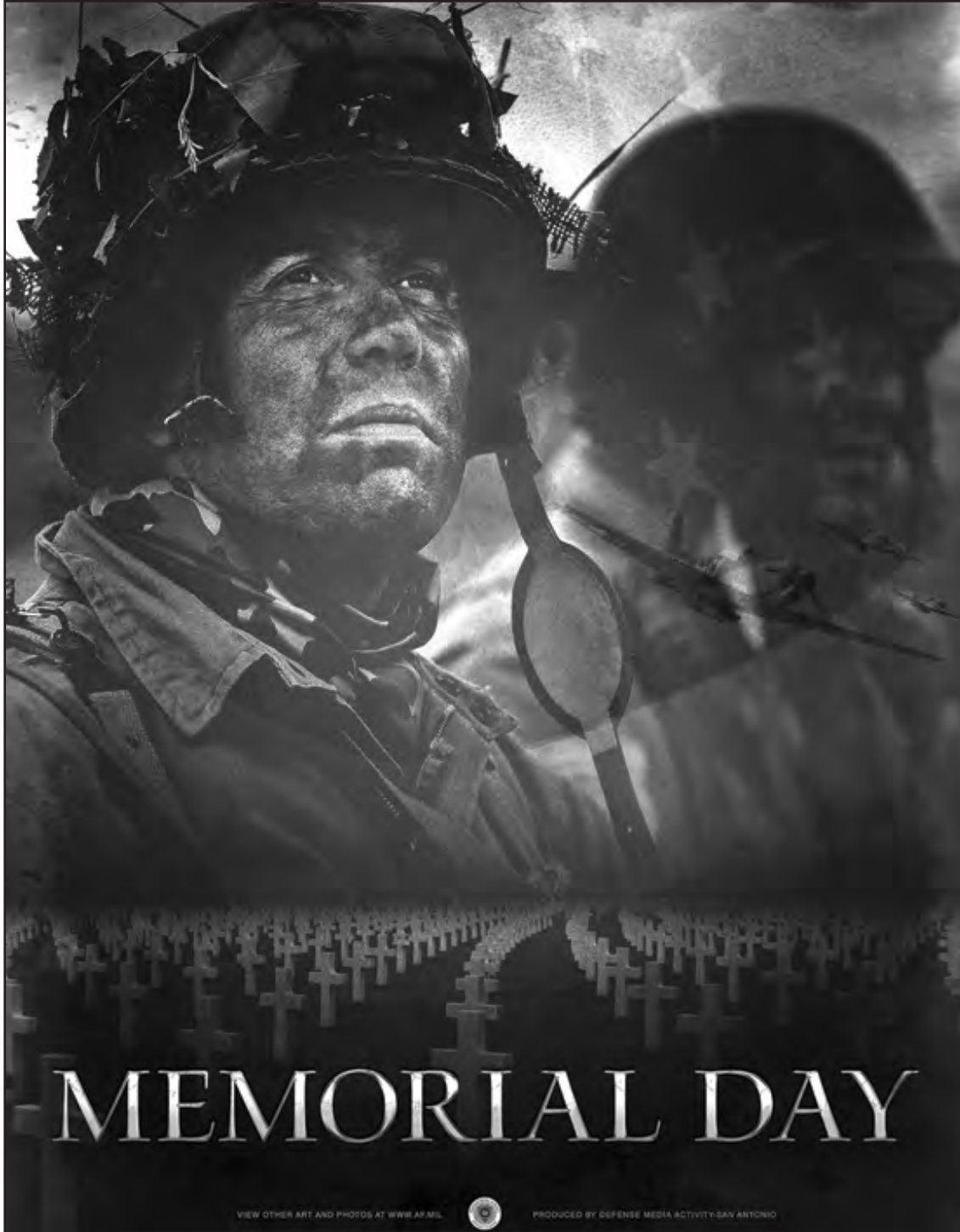
For more information, visit [www.defense.gov/cybersecurity](http://www.defense.gov/cybersecurity).



## Clean slate

Last week, the temporary commissary on Meadows Drive was leveled. The building, which once served as Keesler Community Center and enlisted club, was converted to a temporary commissary after Hurricane Katrina flooded the commissary on Larcher Boulevard in August 2005. Now that the new commissary and base exchange are open, the area is being converted to employee parking and a loading dock for the base exchange. Green space is planned between the street and the parking area.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## PERSONNEL NOTES

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### Promotion list release dates

At 8 a.m. today, the master sergeant promotion list is released by the Air Force Personnel Center.

A complete list of Keesler people selected for promotion will appear in the June 3 issue of the Keesler News.

Those selected for promotion to technical sergeant are announced June 17.

### 2010 selection boards

**June 7, Sept. 27** — special selection boards.

**June 21** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**July 12** — colonel LAF-judge advocate/chaplain/ biomedical services corps; lieutenant colonel and major LAF-judge advocate and chaplain.

**Aug. 16** — command screening board.

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

**Oct. 18** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

**Dec. 6** — colonel and lieutenant colonel nurse corps; major LAF/nurse corps.



Participants salute at the end of drill competition during Saturday's Operation Hero.

## Operation Hero introduces Keesler kids to deployment basics



Logan Carlson, 8, applies face paint. Logan, 8, is the son of Maj. Matthew and Sherry Carlson, 403rd Wing.



Montgomery Wilson, 8, son of Tech. Sgt. Greg and Rebecca Wilson, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, receives instruction on the M-249 from Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 81st Security Forces Squadron. Sergeant Wilson is currently deployed.



Tech. Sgt. Tommy Mattox, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, asks for volunteers for medical training.

Photos by Adam Bond



## A time to reconnect; a time for family

### **Airman and family readiness center**

Reintegration Family Day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 12 at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport.

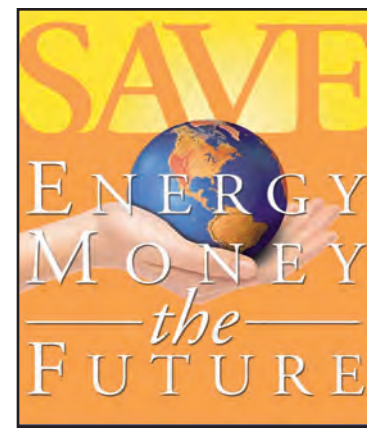
Reintegration Family Day is a fun-filled free day for individuals who were deployed and have returned since July 2009 to reconnect with their families.

Couples "Four Lenses" training, a program which focuses on self-awareness of personality and temperament to improving communication, is offered to the first 50 couples.

Museum facilities will be open and activities will be provided for the children during this time as well as the museum facilities.

Limited free childcare will be offered at the base child development center for children younger than age 4.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728, by June 8.



# Scrappy 'Scrub Shirt Olympics'

By Steve Pivnick

## 81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Seventeen Keesler Hospital nurses and medical technicians joined nurses and techs from 10 other area medical facilities May 13 to compete in the 2010 "Scrub Shirt Olympics" at the Biloxi Town Green.

Unfortunately, the "Dragon Medics" had to relinquish the "Golden Bedpan Trophy" they had won last year to the Hancock Medical Center team.

The event is held each year during Hospital Week. Area medical facilities come together for food, fun and competition with the winner earning bragging rights for the next year and the coveted trophy.

The Keesler and Hancock teams joined Singing River Hospital System, Biloxi Regional Medical Center, Grace Healthcare, Memorial Hospital, Dixie White House Nursing Home, Garden Park Hospital, Odyssey Healthcare, The Boyington Healthcare Facility, Memorial Behavioral Health and Select Specialty Hospital in this year's competition.

The teams, consisting of two to four people, faced off in the "Litter Relay," "Aim Game," Wheelchair Relay, Laundry Pitch, Scooter Race, "Blow and Go" and T-shirt contest.

In the Scooter Race, participants drove a motorized scooter once around a course. In the "Aim Is the Name of the Game" event, three members from each team tossed five darts at a scoreboard 10 feet away. The Wheelchair Relay was a four-member relay race in which one blindfolded member pushed another in a wheelchair.

The Laundry Pitch involved three members from each team tossing a pillow case full of bed clothes into a free-standing laundry hamper from 15 feet. The "Blow and Go" event involved a team member blowing into a rubber glove, tying it off and sitting on the blown-up glove until it broke. In the T-shirt contest,



Captain Hoangquocgia lets a dart fly in the "Aim Is the Name of the Game" event.



Photos by Steve Pivnick

The Keesler team takes off down the course in the Litter Relay.

the shirts each team had created for the event were judged.

"Dragon Medics" on this year's team were:

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Robert Toth; Staff Sgts. Mark and Rose Bautista; 2nd Lt. Jennifer Danielson; 1st Lt. Aimee McLaurin; Capts. Hilary Dickey, Jewel Henry and Paul Hude; and civilian Chris Wiley.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Jermain Jermain Smith, Capt. Clint Hoangquocgia and civilian Nelson Viniegra.

**81st Inpatient Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Tina McGrath, 2nd Lt. Ashley Wooten, 1st Lt. Mary Peterson and Lt. Col. Maureen Koch.

**81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Brooke Gaunskas.

For lost and found items,  
call the 81st Security Forces Squadron  
investigations office, 377-4500,  
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

# Training command becomes energy-efficient force

By Master Sgt. Paul Kilgallon

## Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas —Officials released an energy plan in December to expand a culture shift where Airmen make energy efficiency a consideration in everything they do.

The priorities now involve energy-focused considerations from initial design and acquisition through effective use of Air Force resources.

“The AETC members play a critical role in helping to achieve a lasting culture change by molding our Airmen right from the beginning,” said Debra Tune, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for logistics.

The 2010 energy plan charged the Air Force to not only improve energy management, but also increase energy conservation awareness efforts.

“AETC (officials have) an aggressive energy management program through which we strive to make AETC the Air Force benchmark in energy efficiency and conservation,” said Col. Lee Pittman, the AETC technical training division chief. “We have examined our existing training courses to see where we might be able to incorporate energy awareness principles into our course content so we can educate our Airmen on the importance of energy conservation.”

Colonel Pittman said, “AETC installations have incorporated energy awareness campaigns at every level to include the first-term airmen centers at each base in order to reinforce energy management principles as a way of life.”

“The goal of the Air Force and AETC energy programs is to incorporate energy conservation in everything we do,” Colonel Pittman said. “Energy conservation and awareness starts in basic training, technical training, flying training and at all levels of professional military education. Through this awareness, our Airmen contribute not only their individual efforts, but build and sustain the culture of making energy conservation the cornerstone in all our activities.”

AETC is also taking a proactive role in the development of energy strategies and programs to reduce energy consumption across the command.

AETC absolutely has the first opportunity to make our new recruits aware of the energy issue,” said Bruce Nadler, AETC installations and mission support, energy and infrastructure section chief. “We also have the opportunity to see them again and again, as they (Airmen) come back through technical training and again for professional military education at all levels.”

Mr. Nadler said the challenge of the energy awareness program is similar to challenges faced with the recycling program.

“When the recycling paper program started, the campaign was not very successful,” Mr. Nadler said. “However, Air Force (members) are better at recycling now because of the focus and the emphasis the Air Force placed on the program to increase awareness to make recycling part of our thought process, and how they can do something about it.”

In order to ensure AETC members are informed of the current energy conservation efforts, an energy

independence and security roadmap was developed.

“The roadmap is basically a strategic plan for saving energy,” Mr. Nadler said. “The plan shows where we are and where we want to go. It also gives an end state where we reduce energy usage and at the same time develop renewable energy, so by the year 2050, we are producing on base all the power we need for that base to function.”

“Some of the things that prevent us from accomplishing this quickly have to do with cost and technology for more effective ways of harnessing renewable energy sources that have not been created yet. However, this has not hampered the Air Force or AETC in maximizing current technology to pursue ways to use renewable energy,” said Mr. Nadler.

“If you look at solar energy, for example, we have a huge project going on at Luke Air Force Base that is being developed to build 15 to 17 megawatts of solar power generation, which is 90 percent of the requirement,” Mr. Nadler said.

Along with solar energy, AETC is also using the wind as a source of renewable energy. AETC has contracts with retail electric providers who are working with a company in Corpus Christi, Texas, to construct four wind turbines. It is estimated that these turbines will provide six to eight megawatts of energy to Laughlin AFB.

For more information on the Air Force energy conservation Plan and energy conservation efforts occurring throughout the Air Force, go to [www.safie.hq.af.mil/esoh/index.asp](http://www.safie.hq.af.mil/esoh/index.asp).

## Promotion ceremony

The 81st Training Wing promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dragon's Lair.

## Family programs

The airman and family readiness center plans a weekly series of 50-minute presentations at McBride Library during June and July intended to strengthen family and workplace relationships.

**June 4** — Coping with Transition.

**June 11** — Building Your Child's Self-Esteem.

**June 18** — Fatherhood.

**June 25** — Conflict Resolution.

**July 2** — Leadership through Teamwork.

**July 9** — Coping Strategies for the Uncertainties of Life.

**July 16** — Bully-Busting Activities for Children and Bullying: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers.

**July 23** — Diversity and Tolerance.

**July 30** — Deployment Survival.

For more information, call 376-8728.

## Fellowship breakfast

The Protestant Women of the Chapel hold a fellowship breakfast, 10 a.m. June 5 at Triangle Chapel.

The event features inspirational speaker and recording artist Betty Moni of San Antonio.

For more information, call Valerie Housen, 447-3483.

## Diversity Day

Flans are under way for Keesler's inaugural diversity day, noon to 5 p.m. July 22 at marina park.

The event will include music, literature, dance, poetry, face painting, games and food.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George, 377-2759, or e-mail Adrienne.russellgeorge.1@us.af.mil.

## Senior NCO induction

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony is 6:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ezra Khan, 377-9160.

## Zero overpricing

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

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

## Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

**Block I** basic supply class is 9 a.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

**Block IIA-Bench Stock** is 9-9:30 a.m. June 10, Sept 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Crystal Simpson, 377-9955.

**Block IIB-Repair Cycle** is 10-11 a.m. June 10, Sept. 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Nathaniel Parks, 377-2310.

**Block III** training is 1 p.m. June 23, Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Willie McDonald, 377-2660 or willie.mcdonald.1.ctr@us.af.mil or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil

## Speakers bureau

The public affairs office is looking for people who enjoy public speaking to tell the Air Force story.

The Keesler Speakers Bureau is a community relations program developed as a public service and information vehicle. It's comprised of military and civilian Air Force employees who volunteer their time and information to speak to community groups.

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations. Topics include aircraft maintenance, aviation, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, child development, Air Force history and more.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.



# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Time to dive in

Lead lifeguard Arica Norzagaray sets up lounge chairs Monday at the main pool on Meadows Drive in preparation for Saturday's opening of both base pools. The main base pool is open noon to 5:30 p.m. daily except Mondays. The Triangle pool is open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays, with 11 a.m. to noon reserved for adult lap swimming. For more information, call the main base pool, 377-3948, or the Triangle pool, 377-3568.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



## Dragon Challenge nets \$3,898 for Fisher House

Today the Keesler 5/6 is presenting a check for \$3,898.13 to Keesler's Fisher House from its May 8 Dragon Challenge.

Proceeds from the fundraiser surpassed the group's \$3,500 goal, according to Staff Sgt. Kerry Gaubault, 334th Training Squadron.

Sixteen teams participated in the 12-hour relay marathon. Teams consisted of eight to 12 walkers, and one team member had to be on the track during the entire event. Many individuals ran more than 20 miles.

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron "Eat My Dust" came in first place with 280.71 miles, followed by the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron's lab team with 223 miles and the 81st Training Wing Staff Agencies A-team, 217.75 miles.

The 81st MDTs collected the most money, \$572, followed by the 81st Dental

Squadron, \$472, and the 335th Training Squadron weather training flight, \$447.50.

Individuals who logged more than 20 miles are:

**81st MDOS** — Guillermo Hernandez, 45.7; Szuzsanna Krokovay, 31.5; Christopher Foster, 25.37; Mark Bautista, 24.2; Ezra Khan and Rupert Laco, 22.5; Monique Cole, 20.5.

**81st WSA B-team** — Heather McConaghy, 40.58; Michael Raff, 21.

**335th TRS** — Wayne Lilley, 40.5.

**81st MDTs** — Kim Sylvester, 34; Lance Morgan, 31.5; Jonathan Whicker, 23.5.

**336th TRS** — Ashley Klejmont, 30.

**81st WSA A-team** — Bob Paleo, 29.25; Matt Henigin, 28.75; Lonnie Slater, 28.25; "Yager", 26.5; Ian Dickinson, 22.75; and Naomi Henigin, 21.5.

**Keesler Top III** — Jorge Hinojos, 26.25.

## Most of last week's games rescheduled

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Rescheduling was the name of the game for intramural softball last week, primarily because of poor field conditions.

All 10 American League games were postponed, while only two of the 10 National League games were played.

In those two games, the combined 81st Training Wing staff agencies and Force Support Squadron team pounded the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 18-2, and the 81st Security Forces Squadron doused the firefighters, 14-2.

The 11 teams in the American League play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Triangle fields.

The 10 teams in the American League play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Triangle fields.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Shortstop Jeffery Thatcher, 81st SFS, fields a line drive during a National League game May 20. The cops won the contest, 14-2.



David Macdonald, 81st SFS, slugs the ball into play.



Firefighters third baseman Aric Scheenburger sets to throw the runner out at first.

# SCORES AND MORE

## Bowling

**Birthdays 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.

**Bowling fundraisers** — for more information, call 377-2817.

**Club member special** — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

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

**Lunch and bowl special** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

**Summer bowling leagues** — Sign up now. Tuesday night double: begins May 25 for 14 weeks. Wednesday morning women's begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Wednesday night parent-child begins May 26 for 14 weeks. Thursday night PBA experience league begins May 27 for 14 weeks. Friday night mixers begins May 7 for 16 weeks. For more information, call 377-2817.

**Team building special** — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays. Bring employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. For reservations, 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.

## Fitness centers

**Free promotional and informational materials** — available in support of National Alcohol Awareness Month and National Cancer Control Month.

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

**Free blood pressure machines** — available at all fitness centers.

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

**Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training** — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. For more information, call for appointment.

**Fit to fight incentive program** — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available free at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness centers.

**Massage appointments** — at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-6698.

**No smoking** — on Crowell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

**Parent-child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area, ages 6 months to 7 years.

## Dragon Run is June 7

The quarterly 2-mile Dragon Run on the runway is 7 a.m. June 7.

Runners are asked to be in place by 6:45.

The honor guard will post the colors, followed by stretching and warm-up exercises. Flags, flag bases and MP3 players are allowed on the runway, but plastic and glass bottles and other items are not.

In case of inclement weather, the event is cancelled.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephen Carter, 377-5438.

## Golf

**Tuesday** — 81st TRSS vs. 81st SFS; 81st FSS vs. MARDET; 338th TRS vs. 81st MDOS-A; 334th TRS-A vs. 81st DS; 333rd TRS vs. 81st MDOS-B; 81st MDSS vs. 334th TRS-B.

**Dragon fun golf** — Thursdays beginning June 3; 4:30 p.m. shotgun start. \$20 includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person teams; check in as twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week. Limited to first 36 golfers.

**Golf lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

**Twilight special** — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; play unlimited golf until closing. Fees: E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4-up, \$22; guests \$22.

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

## Outdoor recreation

**Archery** — check out our archery equipment and range.

**Wolf River canoe or kayak trips** — with experienced guide; 2-4 hour or 4-7 hour trips Saturdays and Sundays. Minimum 4, maximum 20 people. To register, or for more information, call 377-3160.

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

**Catamaran sailboat for rent** — \$10 per hour (minimum two hours) or \$75 per day. Must be sailboat certified.

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

**Canoes, kayaks** — for rent.

**Deep sea fishing private charter** — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed; \$100 deposit.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — this Friday and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For more information and to reserve, 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 a week (seven days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils and bedding. Louisiana license needed to fish. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Keesler and Thrower Park RV storage facilities** — combinations changed every month until further notice. For new combination, call 377-3160, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first duty day of the month.

**Marina park pavilions** — to reserve, call 377-3160.

**Nonprior service student special** — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nontraining Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

**One-day fishing trips** — to Horn, Ship or Cat islands; pick date for charter trip to Delacroix and Reggio, La., with professional guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Paddle boats for rent** — two-person or four-person for \$5 per hour for minimum of two hours. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Pontoon boat training** — test to

become certified to rent a pontoon. 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.

**Rent a bike** — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 day, \$15 week, \$35 month.

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

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

**17-foot Back Bay cruiser for rent** — Mississippi boater registration card required. For more information or for prices, call 377-3160.

**Wet slip fees** — monthly, 32 feet-plus, \$3.75 per foot; under 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot; overnight, \$5 per boat.

## Softball

### Intramural

### American League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	2	0
332nd TRS	2	0
338th TRS-A	2	0
81st TRSS	1	0
335th TRS	1	0
403rd Wing	1	1
336th TRS-A	1	1
CNATTU	0	2
333rd TRS	0	2
81st LRS	0	2
81st MDSS-B	0	2

**Monday** — no games.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 333rd TRS and 81st TRSS vs. 335th TRS; 7 p.m., 338th TRS-A vs. 81st LRS and 336th TRS-A vs. MARDET; 8 p.m. 81st MDSS-B vs. 403rd Wing and 336th TRS-A vs. 81st LRS.

### National League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS-A	2	0
334th TRS	2	0
336th TRS-B	2	0
81st WSA-FSS	2	1
81st SFS	2	1
338th TRS-B	1	1
81st DS	1	1
45th AS	0	2
81st MDTS	0	3
Firefighters	0	3

**Today** — 6 p.m., 334th TRS vs. 81st SFS and 336th TRS-B vs. 81st

## TV trek



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Justin Delorit, 2nd Air Force, was the first place finisher in the Keesler Commissary's Family Fitness and Fun 5-kilometer run/walk Friday. He won a 19-inch high definition television and a \$100 commissary gift check.

MDSS-A; 7 p.m., Firefighters vs. 81st MDTS and 338th TRS-B vs. 81st DS; 8 p.m. 81st WSA-FSS vs. 45th AS and 81st SFS vs. 338th TRS-B.

**Tuesday** — 6 p.m., 45th AS vs. 81st SFS and Firefighters vs. 338th TRS-B; 7 p.m., 81st MDSS-A vs. 81st DS and 81st MDTS vs. 336th TRS-B; 8 p.m., 334th TRS vs. 81st WSA-FSS and Firefighters vs. 45th AS.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles/information technology fundamentals** — Airmen Basic Diane Abarca, Julia Applegate, Cory Asberry, Cory Baccam, Dominey Barnett, Stewart Blaquiére, Marc Bready, Arthur Castro, Jorge Castro, Kimberly Carver, Andrew Celestin, Charles Chambers, Yueh Chiang, Kevin Christeson, Peter Colon, Jonathan Daniel, Charles Deakins, Stephen Demeter, Carl Dennison, Melvin Duncan, Jeremy Farinetti, Wesley Foudriat, Adam Garn, Alexander Glover, Kevin Gummel, Henry Haines, Timothy Hemquist, Christian Hernandez, Mitchell Hickerson, Joseph Hisey, Aaron Hong, Steven Hupaló, Tyler Hutton, Antoinette Jackson, Matthew Jacobs, Austin James, Benjamin Johnson, William Jones, Brian Kachonik, David Keeney, Damian Kelton, Paul Kim, Jarney Knight, Michael Lawrence, William Lossmann, Cort Maddox, Nicolas Manna, Alan Manuszak, Jack Mcvean, Donald Millard, James Miller, Zachary Nelson, Craig Nichols, Sturling OBrien, Tyler O'Neal, Matthew Overton, Patrick Parsons, Nicholas Pearce, Daniel Phelps, Michael Phillips, Mario Poe, Arnold Ramos, Kurtis Randall, Aelxander Recupero, Meryl Roder, Edison Rossman, Christopher Roy, Seth Russo, Thomas Schwein, Kyle Simmons, Joshua Snyder, Jesus Solis, Timothy Soos, Mark Stanark, Matthew Stork, Mark Terry, David VanGilder, Justin Vinson, Nicholas Welty, Evan Whitaker, Bruce Williams and Frances Wisniowski; Airmen Alexander Azevedo, Daniel Bevilacqua, Nakhia Bracey, Matthew Buxkemper, Shane Canter, Christopher Chambers, Jonathan Domingo, Nicholas Garitty, Brandon Grubidge, ReyManuel Hernandez, Raymond Holmer, Andrew Hunt, Matthew Johnson, Kelsey Kane, Mitchell King, Jesse Lemos, Justin McIntosh, David Nonon, Byron Owen, Andrea Porter, Russell Prince, Benjamin Quade, Kevin Saravia, Nathaniel Scheffel, Micah Sheffield, Joshua Spencer, Vincent Su, Darryl Terry and Donell Williams; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Baker, Justin Bird, Adam Borgeson, Jeffrey Borland, Laura Bott, Jacob Bouska, Allen Braswell, Adam Britton, Jan Bulanán, Noah Burdick, Steven Calzada, Caleb Campbell, Eric Cardwell, Ryan Carter, Aaron Celestin, Carolina Choi, Austyn Conroy, Cody Davis, Joshua Dorsey, Michael Fairwether, Brandon Faust, Ian Francke, Laura Fuller, Daniel Garcia, Max Garcia, Gary Gossell, Phillip Gough, Arthessius Hampton, Bradley Hargis, Nathan Hawk, Phillip Henkel, Marcus Hering, Collin Higgins, David Ho, Nicholas Jones, Carmella Kraus, Marcus Lamb, Chad Langford, Joseph Lee, Bryan Lemire, Nathan Lewis, Brandon Lowe, Charles Lymon, Justin McCallus, Isacc McMillan, Ryne Meador, Christopher Melchor, Michael Miller, Evan Morrell, Ryan Morton, Binny Muncrief, Nicholas Murray, Efflong Okebugwu, Liz Ortiz, Kelsey Otter, John Pawlak, Corey Perreault, Trevor Proffitt, Lawrence RajabYouwayed, Kyle Reiersen, Thomas Roland, Jonathan Romeo, Austin Rose, John Rosson, Eric Salamone, Mark Schulta, Daniel Sheahan, Brian Silva, Maryna Smith, Joseph Spears, Wayne Stuart, Wei Sung, Luiz Vicentini, Vinson Waldo, Eric Walters, Brandon White, Nicole Willis and John Wood; Senior Airmen Jason Anders, Bradley Baker, Betty Blackstock, Charles Doucet, Noah Erdman, Steven Katkus, John Kyzer, Ashley Lee, Benjamin Lee, Talib Petaway, Dustin Phillips, Matthew Satterlee, Jacob Schilter and Scott Schuler; Staff Sgts. Chad Agbayani, Grant Apgar, Louis Bianco, Eddie Cameron, Michael Edwards, Matthew Hamlin, Lonnie Harrell, Shawn Holmes, Joshua Morris, Renne Munyan, Abraham Ocano, Steven Oster, Brandon Ott, Ryan Riddle, Gilbert Sanchez, Atis Sanfiel and Yvette Verdugo; Technical Sgts. Shelia Battenfeld, Joshua Carruthers, Charles Hancock, Robert Huan and Jill Trolano; Master Sgts. FahadMohammed AlGhamdi and AlBulmajid AlZahrani; Senior Master Sgts. MohammedMakki Abiri and MohammadAbduli Hazazi.

**Metrology flight** — Airmen Basic Gregory Cantwell, Daniel Lemier and Brittany Prosser; Airman Alexander Haskins; Airman 1st Class Kevin Timko.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems** — Airmen 1st Class Ronald Murillo and Raymond Whatley.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Clifton Bond, Sam Bushery, Jordan Cole, Owen Davies,

Zachery Davis, Brent Frazier, Nicholas Holmes, Kevin Lietz, Daniel Lugothomas, Jacob McPhie, Travis Middleton, Justin Minenna, Ryan Mooibroek, Kyle Paige, Seth Roberts, Jonathan Root, Steven Scillitani, Robert Taron and Andrew Vela; Airmen Phillip Conklin, Brandon Evans, Stephen Greathouse, Leighann Houser, Benjamin Minard and Brent Nelson; Airmen 1st Class Philip Armand, Sarah Boren, Shane Bruce, West Council, Brian Federinko, Blake Hanson, Kevin Hill, Cameron Kila, Preston Knight, Alexander McClure, Joseph McClure, Theodore Pelfrey, Michael Rejent, Amanda Richardson, Seth Simpson, Ryan Stamper and Guillermo Tersy; Senior Airman Luis Valencia; Staff Sgts. Ryan James, Timothy Marallo and Tracy Smith.

**Command post apprentice course** — Airman Basic Brooke Findley; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Grana, Austin Kelley, Christopher Mills and Philip Sheridan; Senior Airmen Brian Anders, Heather David, Kevin Fontes, Roseann Hill and Carly Lang; Staff Sgts. James Brooks, Fulson Floyd, Sandi Johnston, Joshua Kearns, Roderick Lapham, David Lawrenz, David Midyett, Paul Nardini, Tiaunta Thompson, Joseph Venable and Stephanie Willis; Tech. Sgts. Carl Laws, Daphne McMahon and Rachel Thomas; Master Sgt. David Ropte

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Benjamin Ainsworth, Danielle Harkins, Teresa Rhodes, Tanaj Stevenson, Donavin Van Ee and Jeremy Yee; Airmen Elizabeth Alecci, Joel Lavender, Dillon Montague and Pradeep Muddasani; Airmen 1st Class Von Ellis Abrea, Megan Compas, Lauren Culligan, Amber Davis, Matthew Dier, Meghan Ervin, Kevin Goldsmith, Joshua Hefton, Umid Khikmatov, Zachary Kossack, Myosha Robinson and Chelsea Wrensford; Senior Airmen Ronald Carter, Jessica Hutcherson and Gary Sills; Staff Sgts. Michael Best, Bryan Case, Christopher Gonzales, Stella Hoy, Andrea Kenney, Rachel Lawrence, Danielle Marshall, Victoria Morrison, Mark Paquette, Harold Rios, Kimberly Thomas, Vanessa Valentine and Clint Woods; Senior Master Sgt Danielle Shepherd.

**Personnel apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Donrie Cezar, Alexis Hurt and Chol Yang; Master Sgt. Neffra Edwards.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Tanya Barna, Michael Bohanan, Stewart Calab, Derek Carter, Elizabeth Darnall, Katelyn Field, Trevor Harris, and Daniel Watson; Airmen Daniel Davis and Michael Farley; Pfc. Frank DeLattre, Zachary

Reifsnider, Thomas Stephens and Matthew Wallace; Airmen 1st Class Dustin Edwards, Nicholas Fairchild, Alexander Lopez, Eric Templeton, Morgan Terry and Moriah Tolliver; Navy Airman Rebekah Schoonover; Marine Sgts. Geoffrey Donohue and Janelle Freitag; Staff Sgt. James Henry.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer flight** — Airmen Basic Christopher Arellano, Robert Bland, Lisa Christensen, Sherika Coleman, John Duncan, Eric Hurtado, Aaron Isbell, Brian Kachonik, Michael Kelley, Kyle Lookabaugh, Brandt Maharrey, Amy Manibusan, Anthony Nall, Larry Nation, Ivana Robinson and Kyndra Spear; Airmen Jarrod Jenks and Tyrone Williams; Airmen 1st Class Amber Barich, Romnick Barnes, Jennifer Bryan, Justin Deel, Brennan Dugas, John Ensley, Sarah Everson, Craig Flaherty, Hunter Futch, Juan Garcia, Adam Graham, April Hatcher, Ryan Heinrich, Bryan Horvath, Rachel Lucas, Thomas Roy, Stan Seiferth, Drew Sigafoose, Amy Sitzler, Jeremy Tucker and Xing Zhao; Senior Airmen David Tackett and Michael Wilson; Staff Sgts. Meredith Cullar, Stephanie Frey, Daniel Hanson and Dennis McDougal; Technical Sgts. Brandon Lorton, Adam Moore, Misty Nelson and Joshua Spence; Master Sgt. Jason Renda; Mr. Duane Tabb.

#### 338th TRS

**Cyber transport systems** — Airmen Basic David Costello, Cody Hill, Scott Morris, and Stephanie Rosier; Airmen 1st Class Vitaly Bistrevsky, Kyle Cripe, Anise Ghorbani, Justin Greco, John Mark, Mark Meeks, Jerry Michaels, Timothy Nichols, Gregory Perusse, Paul Shirk, and Taylor Tomlin; Staff Sgts. Robert Hangley and Stacey Roberts; Tech. Sgt. Daniel Lord.

**Ground radar systems** — Airman Basic Jacob Kalenze; Airman Avery Crawford; Airmen 1st Class Rencar Bautista, Benjamin Belanger, Joshua Buras, Alexander Chase, Timothy Freeman, Johnny Ross, Jeremy Sharp and Edward Tucker.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Memorial Day federal holiday, Monday.**

**Keesler News** — closed.  
**Commissary** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Inns of Keesler** — open 24 hours.  
**Fam Camp** — open 24 hours.  
**Magnolia Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.  
**Live Oak Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.  
**Azalea Dining Facility** — closed.  
**Outdoor recreation** — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Vandenberg Community Center** — noon to 6 p.m.  
**Bay Breeze Golf Course** — 7 a.m. to dusk.  
**Blake Fitness Center** — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Triangle and Dragon Fitness Center** — closed.  
**Arts and craft center** — closed.  
**Auto hobby shop** — closed.  
**Katrina Kantina** — closed.  
**McBride Library** — closed.  
**Dragon Fitness Center** — closed.  
**Information, ticket and tours office** — closed.  
**Legends Café** — closed.  
**Youth center** — closed.  
**Child development center** — closed.  
**Family child care** — closed.  
**Gaude Lanes** — closed.  
**11th Frame Café** — closed.  
**Veterinary clinic** — closed.  
**Main exchange** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Mini mall** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Class Six/Shoppette** — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Military clothing sales** — main exchange 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; mini mall closed.  
**Charley's Grilled Subs** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Anthony's Pizza** — 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Manchu Wok** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Taco Bell** — 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Baskin Robbins** — 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Starbucks** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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 8 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5835 or 207-2196.

### Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Live Oak dining facility. Call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

Sacrament, 2 p.m. Sundays; scripture and prayer, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, family home evening, 7 p.m. Fridays; all at Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 1-919-580-8679.

### 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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**Mobile units** — closed.  
**Nail salon** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Subway** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**GNC** — main exchange 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., mini mall 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Beauty shop** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Barber shops** — main exchange 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., mini mall 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., hospital closed,  
**Optical shop** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Optometry** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Flower shop** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Game Stop** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Sports store** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Asian store** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Watch and jewelry repair** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Guitar store** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Mini-mall laundry and dry cleaners** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**U-Haul** — closed.  
**Enterprise Car Rental** — closed.  
**Sprint** — main exchange 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., mini mall 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Quick Clean Alterations** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Firestone** — 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 10-5** — graduates June 30.

### Mathies NCO Academy

**Class 10-4** — graduates July 8.

### Arts and crafts center

**Framing class** — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Friday. \$30 per person. Bring a picture, not larger than 5 x 7, for framing.

**Glass painting** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$25 including a completed painted project.

**Scrapbooking** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 including materials.

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 per person including materials.

**Nonprior service student special** — show your UBU card and get 10 percent off items purchased in our crafts store.

**Beginning woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays; \$25, including materials to make a cutting board. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

**Engraving shop** — squadron, office and individual orders.

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

**Wood shop** — stocked retail lumber and large assembly area adjacent to machine room available. Call for class information.

### Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grief Share support group** — meets 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. One-on-one and group support available for people experiencing difficult relationships or work situations, loss of a loved one or job, divorce, health issues and grief. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 376-3095 or Glenda Woodard or Delphine McIntyre, 377-2531.

### McBride Library

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

**Around the world summer vacation through books** — May through August. Each month customers check out and read books on a different location selected by the library staff. Customers are given a ticket each time they check out a book to enter a drawing for prizes to be given away at the end of August. For more information, call 377-2181.

**Children's library skills program** — 11 am. Fridays for families with home-schooled children. Learn library skills and enjoy stories.

**Playaway** — self-playing digital audio books available with 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 staff for details.

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

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 3-5. Stories will be read aloud and told in sign language.

**Tours/orientations** — for more information, call 377-2604.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Family child care

**Air Force Aid Society programs** — the family child care program assists the Air Force Aid Society with volunteer and permanent-change-of-station child care programs. AFAS pays for child care for volunteers working on base and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing in and out of the base. For eligibility and more information, call the airman and family readiness center, 376-8728.

**Returning home care** — for children ages 12-under. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning to home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and recovery leave. For more information, call 377-3189.

**Be your own boss** — Military spouses on and off base are needed who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers also needed to care for children with special needs, including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts. For more information, call 377-3189.

**Expanded duty care, child care for PCS and returning home child care** — is available. For information, call 377-3189.

### Katrina Kantina

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

**Monday lunches** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and May 24. Menu changes each week. \$6 for club members, \$8 for non-members. May 10 club members who are mothers receive a \$1 discount on their lunch.

**Taco Tuesdays** — 5-7 p.m. Club members 2 tacos for \$1. Nonmembers \$1.50 each.

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

**Chili special** — 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays; \$1 a bowl members, \$1.50 nonmembers..

**Lunch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Editor's note: All events but dances open to all Keesler personnel.**

**Dances** — 7:30 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.

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

### Youth center

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

**Summer camp** — ages 6-18. For more information, call 377-4116.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

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

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

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

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

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

### Sunday

**Lunch** — oven fried fish, barbecue ribs, chicken parmesan, baked macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German cole slaw, country tomato salad, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

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

### Monday

**Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, cucumber onion salad, macaroni salad, chili con queso, Tuscan vegetable, cheeseburger chowder, sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

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

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

### Wednesday

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

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

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

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**Classes** — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

**Friday night fun** — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more; \$5 admission.

**Open recreation** — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for ages 9-12; teens 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at front desk.

**Soccer** — June 7-11, British soccer challenger sports camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Summer camp registration** — for school aged and teens. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Tae Kwon Do class** — 5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 377-4116.

**TRAIL** — 6-8 p.m. Mondays.

**Youth employment service** — earn money for college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Discounted tickets** — for more 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.

**Tour bus** — available for group rental, seats 23.

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.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

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

**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 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, for those separating and 2:30 p.m. for those retiring. If separating or retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

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

**Transition assistance program** — The Department of Labor's program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first three days; the fourth day is the Veterans Affairs benefits brief from 8-11 a.m. and the retirement benefits briefs from 1-4 p.m. The schedule is June 14-17; July 19-20; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

## 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 Strigow, 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](mailto:auxiliary.president@afsa652.org).

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

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — For more information, call Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Jackson, 377-5511; Senior Airman Rose Mabe, 377-2331, 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.clark@us.af.mil](mailto:dewi.clark@us.af.mil); Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information, call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

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

**Company grade officers council** — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Capt. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

**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 Mondays at Locker House. Enter courtyard near Second Street. Enter door marked "T flight" and go straight ahead to sign saying "K5TYP"

**Keesler Spouses Club** — second Tuesdays. For more information, e-mail Devalynn Solomon, [deesolomon@cablone.net](mailto:deesolomon@cablone.net), or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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

**Top III** — second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are 7 a.m. at Live Oak Dining Facility in January, March, May, July, September and November; 3:30 p.m. remaining months at Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

**Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter** — 5 p.m. first Thursdays, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, [gmosby1@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmosby1@bellsouth.net), or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

Editor's note: Movies shown in Welch Auditorium; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children for regular features; \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For upcoming features, call 377-6627



Photo by Stanley Morgan

Hurricane Katrina's rising storm surge rolls through a parking lot, flooding vehicles and surrounding Dolan Hall.

# 2010 hurricane season begins Tuesday

Commentary by Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Tuesday, the 2010 hurricane season begins. In August, Keesler and the Gulf Coast region mark five years since Hurricane Katrina, the most devastating natural disaster in U.S. history.

I wonder how many members of Team Keesler were even here five years ago. I wonder how many newcomers thought this week's hurricane exercise was an unnecessary inconvenience.

Can you ever be too prepared for hurricane season? Absolutely not.

Complacency could be a curse for the Keesler community. No wonder ... in 2009, one of the most uneventful hurricane seasons in recent history, Tropical Storm Ida was the only storm that posed a potential threat to south Mississippi. Ida, previously a Category 2 hurricane, moved ashore on Dauphin Island, Ala., 48 miles from Keesler, with 50 mph winds on Nov. 10.

Thousands of folks at Keesler and the surrounding community have vivid recollections of Katrina's aftermath. If you weren't here, have a chat with a friend or co-worker who lived through the experience for an up-close-and-personal perspective.

Take a good, hard look at the photo at the top of this page. Yes, that's Dolan Hall, right between Hangar Road and Chappie James Avenue, about a mile from the beach. Yes, that's Katrina's storm surge engulfing vehicles in the parking lot.

## Above-average season predicted

Today, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration releases its outlook for the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season. The link is <http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml>.

Other researchers have already predicted an above-average hurricane season.

In April, Colorado State University forecasters William Gray and Phil Klotzbach predicted 15 named storms in 2010, including eight hurricanes. They expect four hurricanes to strengthen and become major hurricanes.

NOAA's snapshot for a "typical" hurricane season is 11 storms, six hurricanes and two intense hurricanes.

Whether it's a minimal hurricane or a monster storm, the message of base leaders is the same — be prepared. Have a plan and be ready to execute it when the time comes.

An excerpt from the hurricane preparedness section of the base's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp>, explains the strategy that guides Keesler's plan:

***While all hurricanes are detected before landfall, with their general trajectories and intensities known to some degree, no amount of scientific measurements or satellite imagery can predict their exact movement or the amount of destruction their wind and water will cause.***

***Faced with this uncertainty and armed with the knowledge that our hurricane experience has brought, Keesler has a set of recommendations when the probability of a hurricane impacting our region is***

***imminent. Being prepared for an emergency in the case of a hurricane landfall, with the subsequent loss of basic necessities such as electricity and water, is of most importance. Mapping out an evacuation route to safer inland areas when faced with the possible catastrophic effects of a storm in low-lying areas should be on everyone's mind. Making sure you know when and where to shelter when deemed necessary by the 81st Training Wing commander, and what to bring to make your stay bearable is necessary for mission-essential personnel. And finally, once the storm has passed, knowing what to do in the midst of the recovery from a storm is essential.***

Keesler's current hurricane plan incorporates important lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. Its objective is to prepare the base for severe weather by putting the right tools in the hands of

the right people at the right time.

Many changes have been made in how the base deals with hurricane threats in the past few years.

The hurricane database was improved by including more pertinent information about Keesler members, including sheltering intentions and personnel classification. Monthly Form 21 updates for military and civilian personnel are paramount to maintaining accountability. A personnel accountability team was created to ensure the accountability of all evacuated personnel. Hurricane response teams are identified, making accountability and damage assessments more efficient.

Keesler's recovery from Katrina's wrath has exceeded all expectations. When you drive around the base and see the carefully landscaped grounds, beautiful new homes, sparking new shopping complex and ongoing construction projects, it's obvious that Keesler has rebounded and is ready for a bright future.

Don't be fearful — but be prepared and ready for anything this hurricane season might steer our way. Use this hurricane supplement and attend town hall meetings June 8-10 to get ready. And get familiar with the wealth of information on the hurricane preparedness section of the base's public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp>.





# Keesler's hurricane plan — how it works

At least one Category 2 (sustained winds of at least 96 miles per hour) or stronger hurricane has struck Keesler in each of the last five decades — Camille (1969), Frederic (1979), Elena (1985), Georges (1998), Ivan (2004) and Katrina (2005).

Perhaps the single greatest contributing factor to the base's record of one death and three injuries from all those storms is its five-step hurricane preparation plan. HURCON, an acronym for hurricane conditions, is the name given to the base plan. June 1, the base goes into HURCON 5, the first level of the base plan.

## Preparation

Personnel review and update Keesler Form 21, Shelter Information, by the seventh of each month during the hurricane season. The form is available at <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/>.

Families are advised to develop disaster plans. For an example, see crisis checklist, Page A8.

At HURCON 5, as of June 1, crisis action team implements tropical storm advisory and directs commanders and/or first sergeants to review TSA checklists and take appropriate actions.

At HURCON 4, listen to latest weather bulletins and follow instructions from unit commanders.

Off-base and base housing residents should:

Brief family members on their responsibilities. Review actions to take if sheltering is necessary.

Keep radio and television on for information on status of the storm.

Check supply of food that can be eaten without cooking.

Stock flashlights, extra batteries, camp lantern, transistor radio, special prescribed medicines and food, baby food, first aid kit, insecticides, water purification tablets, fire extinguisher, tool kit and hardware, boards for windows and plastic bags to cover any broken windows.

Tie down mobile homes and disconnect propane tanks.

Secure objects in open areas.

Fill car tanks with gasoline.

Store small boats in enclosed shelters or tie them down.

At HURCON 3, dorm residents should:

Store personal items in lockers and drawers.

Move furniture to walls opposite windows.

Unplug electrical equipment and turn off lights.

Close all doors.

Secure equipment, motorcycles, trash cans, signs, etc.

Stand by for briefings by unit commanders.

Plan to brace doors securely.

Stack furniture and rugs.

Have flashlights within easy reach.

Stay away from windows.

Keep in contact with duty section or squadron.

Minimize phone calls to base.

Pay particular attention to bulletins and advisories issued by base officials, and to radio and television for information and evacuation or sheltering instructions.

At HURCON 2, make final preparations — fill jugs, bottles, etc., with drinking water. Put important personal papers or valuables in waterproof strong boxes. Everyone except mission-essential personnel and students is encouraged to evacuate.

At HURCON 1, mission-essential personnel and students report to their designated shelters.

After a "hurricane watch" is issued by the National Weather Service, the installation control center convenes in the command post. From there, bulletins are distributed to units across the base declaring specific hurricane conditions and directing actions to be taken at each HURCON level.

Hurricane advisories, updates and other related information are available only through advisories and bulletins issued from the crisis action team.

The National Weather Service issues a "hurricane watch" at HURCON 4 or 3 and a "hurricane warning" at HURCON 2 or 1.

There are five levels of preparation for hurricanes: HURCON 5 (also referred to as Hurricane/Tropical Storm Advisory and Preparation, or TSA). Review, update and execute, as needed, checklists.

HURCON 4 — 72 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots (58 mph).

HURCON 3 — 48 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 2 — 24 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 1 — 12 hours prior to forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

## Sheltering

The 81st Training Wing commander decides whether mission-essential personnel and/or students shelter on base or evacuate.

**Only one entrance** to each shelter is open.

**People on basic** allowance for subsistence provide their own food. Although those on meal cards receive meals-ready-to-eat, they should bring extra food.

**Take non-perishable** food, baby supplies, clothes and prescription medicine for three days.

Take flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kit, as much water as you can carry, books, magazines, games, cards, blankets or sleeping bags, pillows, manual can opener and portable radio with batteries.

**Take base and coast maps**, as familiar landmarks may be gone and familiar roads closed when you leave shelters or return from evacuation. Take important documents and cash.

**Alcohol**, electrical appliances, weapons, pets and smoking aren't allowed in shelters.

**To shelter pets** off-base, call the Humane Society of South Mississippi, 863-4394, Extension 101. Shelter pets with three-day supply of water, food and medicine. Harrison County provides a pet shelter, but owners must stay in an adjacent shelter so they can care for their pets. For more information, call 865-4002. If you evacuate, determine in advance kennels that will shelter pets or lodging that will accept pets.

## Recovery

After a hurricane passes, Keesler people who evacuated contact their units for instructions. If communication with the base isn't possible, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

Those who shelter on base:

**Remain in shelter** until officials say you may leave.

**Military report** to duty sections. Control centers delegate recovery operations to all units.

**Don't enter** damaged buildings.

**Don't check** for gas leaks with matches.

**Don't turn** utilities on until they've been checked.

**Don't eat** or drink anything without first checking it for damage or contamination.

**Assess** and record all damage.

**Report building** damage to CSC at 377-2017, 0394 or 0395 if you're in base housing, or to your insurance company if you live off-base.

**Report** personal property damage to your insurance company.

**Make plans** for temporary lodging until repairs are made.

**Stay away** from stray animals.

**Emergency phone numbers** — fire department, 911; chaplain, 377-4859 or 2111, (after hours, 377-2330); command post, 377-4330; medical center 24-hour information line 376-2550, or 377-0500 (emergency room); security forces, 377-3040.

**Emergency management phone numbers** — Mississippi Emergency Management Agency: (601) 933-6362; MEMA Agency Public Information Hotline: (answered 24 hours per day during an emergency or evacuation) 1-(866) 519-6362. Hancock County: 466-8320. Harrison County: 865-4002. Jackson County: 769-3111.

**Coast radio stations** — stay tuned for information and instructions on Keesler's recovery, medical care and emergency assistance for housing, clothing, food, etc.:

**AM stations** — 570, WVMI, Biloxi; 1130, WQFX, Biloxi-Gulfport; 1190, WBSL, Bay St. Louis; 1240, WGCM, Gulfport, 1390, WROA, Gulfport-Biloxi; 1490, WXBD, Biloxi; 1580, WZZJ, Pascagoula.

**FM stations** — 90.3, PMPB Biloxi; 92.5, WXOR, Ocean Springs-Biloxi-Gulfport; 93.7, WMJY, Biloxi; 94.5, WJZD, Gulfport; 96.7, WUJM, Gulfport; 97.9, WCPR, Gulfport; 99.1, WKNN, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 102.3, WGCM, Gulfport; 103.1, WOSM, Ocean Springs; 105.9, WXRQ, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 107.1, WXYK, Gulfport-Biloxi; 107.9, WZKX, Gulfport-Biloxi.

**Family assistance center** — in the aftermath of a hurricane, information on programs and services for Keesler people may be consolidated in a one-stop family assistance center

# Mandatory evacuations — financial entitlements

Do you know what you're entitled to if and when you're required to evacuate for a hurricane or other natural disaster? Just like establishing a budget or saving for the future, pre-planning and knowing your entitlements is key to financial success.

Evacuations may be ordered as early as HURCON 3, when the storm is just 48 hours away, or as late as HURCON 1, when the storm is 12 hours from hitting the base.

"Keesler members need the 81st Training Wing commander's authority to evacuate before they can begin traveling on reimbursable entitlements", said 2nd Lt. William Kiser, 81st Comptroller Squadron. "Dependents are also authorized entitlements, but if they choose to leave before the evacuation order is given, some expenses will not be reimbursed."

The evacuation order is the official document authorizing reimbursement for travel.

"Waiting until the last minute before the evacuation is ordered is too late to begin thinking about how much you're authorized for travel, hotels and food," Lieutenant Kiser said.

Once the evacuation order is given and initial accountability is taken, members in temporary duty and leave status who are outside the local area must check with their commanders to determine whether they should remain at their current location or return to Keesler. Some members on leave status may be ordered to TDY status until it is safe to return.

"Keep Government Travel Cards handy for evacuation-related travel expenses," said Lieutenant Kiser. Nominal cash advances will be authorized for members without a government issued travel card. The cash advance can be

applied for at the finance office.

"The lines for cash advances will be wrapped around the building and with only 48 hours or less to evacuate before the storm hits, you're risking not getting out of town on time, so don't take out a cash advance unless you truly need it," he added.

Expenses such as hurricane kits, emergency supplies and costs associated with sheltering on base aren't authorized GTC charges.

"GTCs should be used for evacuation-related costs only," Lieutenant Kiser pointed out.

"When the evacuation order is issued, there'll be a mileage radius — for example, 'Evacuate no closer than 150 miles, but no further than 600 miles,'" said Lt. Col. Randy Toris, 81st CPTS commander. "If you choose to evacuate further away than 600 miles, you'll only receive travel reimbursement for 600 miles, and you'll get the standard stateside per diem rate. But if you have a certain town on your Form 21 and decide to stay somewhere else, you'll still receive your entitlements for where you stayed as long as it is within the 600-mile evacuation guidance."

Colonel Toris also stressed the importance of evacuating the minimum distance or risk not being paid evacuation entitlements.

"Once the return date is set, members must start returning immediately," he emphasized.

"Keesler members with dependents who are unable to evacuate without the sponsor should discuss entitlements with finance and make plans for their evacuation prior to hurricane season," said Lieutenant Kiser.

The bottom line, the lieutenant stated, "is that all Keesler members should include finance in their hurricane plans. It's too late to begin planning when a storm is on its way."

## Coping with 'disaster stress'

A hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico is on a collision course with the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Scenario for stress? You bet.

"Disaster stress" may show itself in several ways, before and after the disaster occurs:

**Physical** — fatigue, tension, nausea.

**Emotional** — anxiety, anger, helplessness, depression.

**Mental** — forgetfulness, easily distracted, intrusive thoughts, nightmares.

**Behavioral** — increased drinking, irritability, restlessness, trouble sleeping.

**Social** — dropping out of usual activities, and after the disaster hits, avoiding the site.

Some coping strategies:

**Ask for social** and emotional support from loved ones, and give social support to others.

**Don't abandon** your usual social networks, i.e., church, neighborhood groups, friends.

**Become part** of a disaster survivor group.

**Control drinking** and pill-taking carefully. Avoid over-indulgence.

**Understand** you'll experience stress, but also believe it becomes less intense over time.

**Try** to exercise about three times a week.

**Eat nutritious** food and avoid excessive caffeine, alcohol, tobacco and sugar.

**Talk to someone** you trust about your feelings. Survivors often learn to talk to and listen to each other, which helps.

**Think of yourself** as a survivor, not a victim. A survivor is tough, experienced, active. A victim is passive, helpless.

**Use positive self talk**, a new perspective on a negative experience, thought stopping, humor, divide the big problem into small problems and plan how to deal with each one.

**Your ability** to handle difficult situations is important to your children. Reassure your children, prepare them for losses and let them know that's part of life.

**Assure** your children it's OK to grieve at the same time you're getting on with life.

**Pets** can be traumatized by disasters, too. They need comfort and reassurance when the disaster has passed. Walk pets on leashes until they become reoriented.

**Be patient.** Recovery from disaster stress takes time. If you feel you're not healing, ask for professional help.

For more information or assistance, call the mental health flight, 376-6216.

# Now's time to review personal insurance

The time to act is now. Insurance companies won't write policies if your property is in an area under threat of a named hurricane.

To guarantee complete coverage, inventory household goods. Photograph expensive, hard-to-replace items and antiques. Ideally, make a video tape of all of your household goods and possessions with a running comment on the brand name of china, flatware, etc. Have receipts and appraisals for expensive items. Keep this in a lock box or take it along when you evacuate or shelter.

Make sure you read and understand your policy regarding water damage. What is or is not covered water damage is a hotly-contested issue in the courts now. Damage caused by flooding or rising water is covered for base housing residents.

Base residents should review their renter's insurance to make sure there is not a flood exclusion. On- and off-base residents can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. Keep in mind that flood insurance is not immediately effective, so plan accordingly. Rates vary depending upon where you live, and the type and date of construction of your house. People who live off-base should also view their policies for structural and wind damage coverage.

Off-base residents can also obtain insurance to cover debris removal. Check the policy because some debris, like trees or bushes, may not be covered.

Temporary repairs coverage reimburses the policy owner for necessary and reasonable repairs made to prevent

further storm damage. Living expense insurance provides motel, food and transportation if you're forced from your home.

Consider replacement cost insurance, too. For your house, make certain the amount of insurance is adequate to pay the cost of building a new house.

You may submit claims for personal property lost, destroyed or damaged on base. However, you must contact your insurance company first. The government makes up the difference between your insurance and the depreciated value of the property, up to the maximum allowable for that particular category.

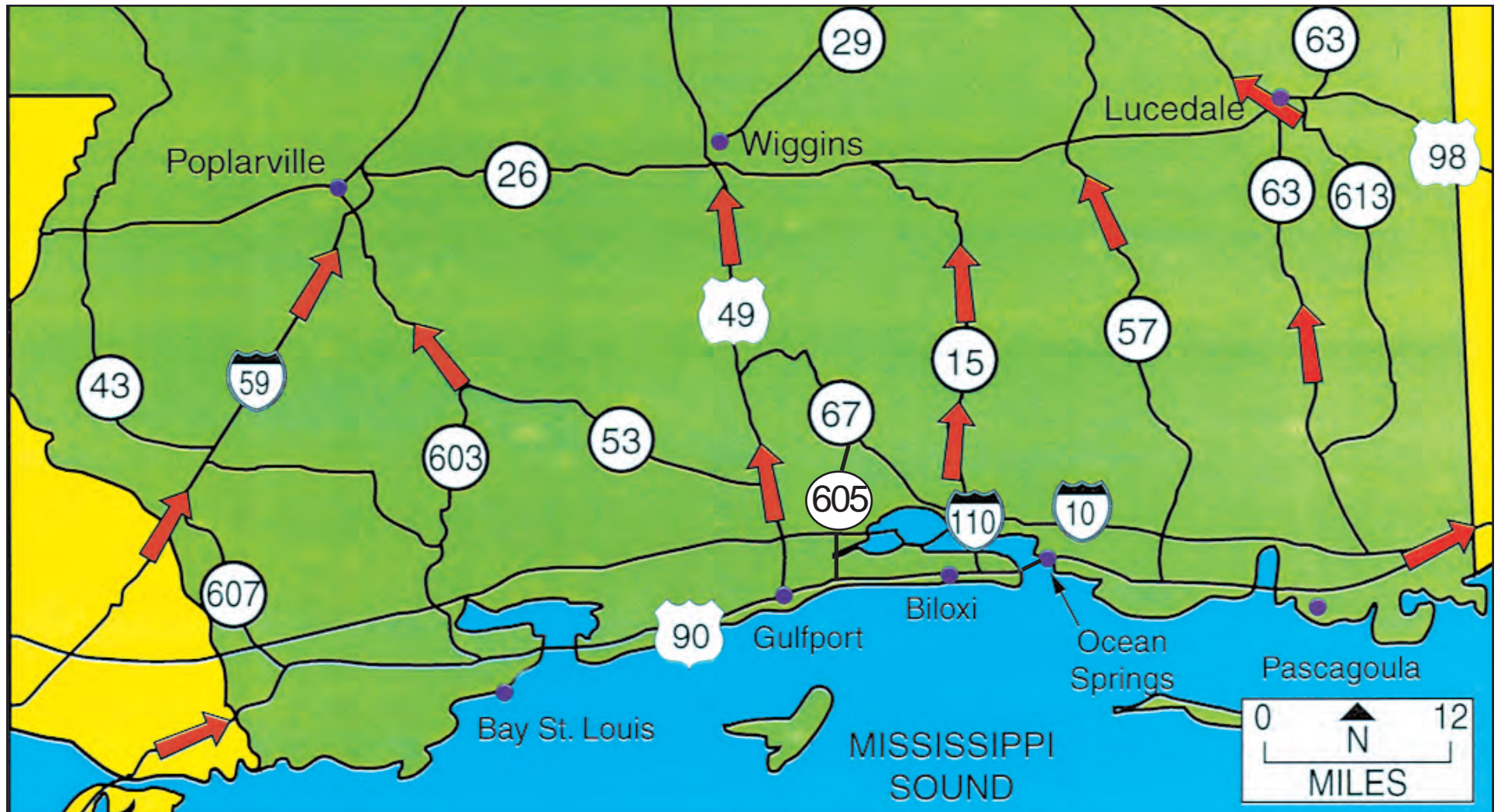
Military and civilians who live off base can't submit damage claims to the government. Base housing occupants can receive up to \$100,000 in claims

payments. However, to ensure adequate coverage for replacement costs, base housing occupants are wise to invest in extra personal property or special coverage insurance.

Comprehensive car insurance is also worth considering. Vehicles can be destroyed by flood or windblown debris. If you're buying or still making payments, consider guaranteed asset protection insurance if the balance owed is more than the current replacement cost. Only active-duty people can make claims against the government for such damage.

People who store boats at the base marina sign a document waiving the base's responsibility for any losses.

For more information, call the legal office, 376-8601.



Map by Gulf Publishing Company

Several roads lead from the coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter. Officials advise against sheltering in out-of-state coastal cities; travel inland to the north. They suggest the longer people wait to evacuate, the farther they'll have to travel to find accommodations. The yellow areas are Louisiana, left, and Alabama, right.

# Evacuating? Here are routes to safe harbors

Evacuation routes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast lead from the three coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter.

Make hotel reservations before an evacuation order is issued. Be prepared to travel 150 miles to the evacuation order mileage limit north and away from the storm track.

“Ensure that your evacuation route is based on the storm’s path,” said Mike Garrett, installation emergency manager.

On arrival, call your unit control center, emergency management representative, Keesler Accountability Team at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 1-800-673-9356, or the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

At Keesler, mission-essential personnel and students may be required to shelter on base. All others are encouraged to evacuate. An evacuation order may be issued as early as HURCON 3 or as late as HURCON 1, depending on the specific hurricane threat.

## Hancock County

**Mississippi 607** — goes through the NASA preserve and could be taken to Interstate 59.

**Mississippi 43** — begins in Waveland and from which Mississippi 603 branches north of Kiln.

## Check evacuation routes on Twitter —

- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_i55](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_i55)
- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_i59](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_i59)
- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_us49](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_us49)
- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_us98](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_us98)
- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_i10](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_i10)
- [www.twitter.com/mdot\\_i20](http://www.twitter.com/mdot_i20)

Mississippi 603, which links up with Mississippi 53, could also be taken to I-59.

**Interstate 10** — could be taken west to I-59 north at Slidell, La., or to I-12 west to Baton Rouge, La. Officials advise against going to New Orleans to ride out a storm because that city is below sea level and highly susceptible to flooding.

## Harrison County

**U.S. 49** — major evacuation route to the north.

**Mississippi 67** — meets U.S. 49 at Saucier. Can help evacuees avoid traffic on south end of U.S. 49.

**Mississippi 605** — runs north from I-10 Woolmarket exit to join Mississippi 67.

**Mississippi 15** — heads north from the intersection of I-10 and I-110. Meets Mississippi 26, which runs east and west. Going east, Mississippi 26 crosses Mississippi 57, which intersects U.S. 98 north to Hattiesburg, and runs on into Lucedale. There, Mississippi 63 and 613 connect and continue north. U.S. 98 could also be taken north. Mississippi 26 west goes to Wiggins and such northbound routes as U.S. 49, Mississippi 29, and still farther west, I-59.

## Jackson County

**Mississippi 57** — runs north from U.S. 90 about halfway between Ocean Springs and Gautier. Crosses Mississippi 26 and intersects U.S. 98, which goes north to Hattiesburg.

**Mississippi 63** — runs north from Moss Point to Lucedale in George County. Four lanes all the way to U.S. 98 in Lucedale.

**Interstate 10** — runs out of the county to the east toward Mobile. Disaster preparedness officials advise against seeking shelter in Mobile and other coastal cities. However, highways in Alabama going north toward Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, such as I-65, can be reached by going to the outskirts of Mobile.

# Coming to terms with language of hurricanes

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach constant speeds of 74 miles per hour or more and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center called the eye.

A band of high-velocity winds extends outward 20 or 30 miles from the rim of the eye, and winds may gust to more than 200 miles per hour as they approach it.

Hurricane winds do their share of harm, but they cause the greatest damage when dumping water on the areas over which they move. As storms move across the coastline, they create huge waves and storm tides which may reach 25 feet or more above normal. As winds diminish, the torrential rainfall normally accompanying the hurricane strikes. Drownings are the most common fatalities associated with hurricanes.

The following terms are associated with hurricane activity:

**Tropical cyclone:** The general term for all rotating storms originating over tropical waters.

**Tropical disturbance:** A moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics that maintains its identity for 24 hours or more.

**Tropical depression:** Rotary circulation at surface, highest constant wind speed 38 miles per hour (33 knots).

**Tropical storm:** Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speed ratings from 39 to 73 miles per hour (34 to 63 knots).

**Gale warnings:** Issued when winds of 39 to 54 miles an hour (34 to 47 knots) are expected.

**Storm warnings:** Issued when winds of 55 to 73 miles an hour (48 to 63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is expected to strike a coastal area, gale or storm warnings will not usually precede hurricane warnings.

**Hurricane watch:** Issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours.

**Hurricane warning:** Issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles an hour (64 knots) or more and dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued.

**Flash flood watch:** A flash flood is possible; stay alert.

**Flash flood warning:** A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

**Contraflow:** Lane reversal is used during mass evacuations on major limited or controlled access highways to reduce the duration of an evacuation by opening up all lanes in one direction.

**Voluntary evacuation:** A warning to persons within a designated area that a threat to life and property exists or is likely to exist in the immediate future. Individuals issued this type of warning or order aren't required to evacuate, but it would be to their advantage to do so.

**Mandatory evacuation:** This is a warning to persons within the designated area that an imminent threat to life and property exists and individuals must evacuate in accordance with the instructions of local officials



## Hurricane wind scale

### National Hurricane Center

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 5 categorization based on the hurricane's intensity at the indicated time. The scale provides examples of the type of damage and impacts in the U.S. associated with winds of the indicated intensity.

In general, damage rises by about a factor of four for every category increase. The maximum sustained surface wind speed (peak 1-minute wind at the standard meteorological observation height of 33 feet over unobstructed exposure) associated with the cyclone is the determining factor in the scale. Sustained winds can be stronger in hilly or mountainous terrain compared with that experienced over flat terrain.

Peak 1-minute winds in hurricanes are believed to diminish by one category within a short distance of the coastline.

The scale does not address the potential for other hurricane-related impacts, such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods, and tornadoes.

### Storm categories

**Category 1** — wind speed 74-95 mph. Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, and unanchored mobile homes; no substantial damage to other structures; some damage to poorly constructed signs. Some coastal road flooding and minor pier damage.

**Category 2** — wind speed 96-110 mph. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees, some trees down; major damage to exposed mobile homes; extensive damage to poorly constructed signs and some damage to windows, doors and roofing materials of buildings.

**Category 3** — wind speed 111-130 mph. Large trees blown down; most signs destroyed; some damage to roofing, windows, and doors; some structural damage to small buildings; mobile homes destroyed. Serious coastal flooding; many small structures near the coast destroyed; larger coastal structures damaged by battering waves and floating debris.

**Category 4** — wind speed 131-155 mph, trees, and all signs blown down; extensive damage to roofs, windows and doors and mobile homes demolished.

**Category 5** — wind speed greater than 155 mph.

Trees, shrubs, and all signs blown down; considerable damage to roofs of buildings, with very severe and extensive damage to windows and doors; complete failure on many roofs of residences and industrial buildings; extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors; complete buildings destroyed; small building overturned or blown away; mobile homes demolished.

**Editor's note:** Wind speeds are often reported in knots, rather than miles per hour; 4.3 knots is equal to 5 mph.

## Storm names

The National Weather Service gives names to tropical disturbances with rotating winds of more than 39 mph. When the NWS began naming storms in 1953, it used female names, but since 1979, the lists alternate between male and female.

Storms are named alphabetically in chronological order from A to W, but exclude names that begin with "Q" or "U."

In 2005, the list of 21 names was exhausted so the Greek alphabet was used for the 22nd-27th storms of the season.

Six lists of names are rotated every six years. The names of noteworthy storms that have been retired are Agnes, Alicia, Allen, Allison, Andrew, Anita, Audrey, Betsy, Beulah, Bob, Camille, Carla, Carmen, Carol, Celia, Cesar, Charley, Cleo, Connie, David, Dean, Dennis, Diana, Diane, Donna, Dora, Edna, Elena, Eloise, Felix, Fifi, Flora, Floyd, Fran, Frances, Frederic, Georges, Gilbert, Gloria, Gracie, Gustav, Hattie, Hazel, Hilda, Hortence, Hugo, Ike, Inez, Ione, Iris, Isabel, Isidore, Ivan, Janet, Jeanne, Joan, Juan, Katrina, Keith, Klaus, Lenny, Lili, Luis, Marilyn, Michelle, Mitch, Noel, Opal, Paloma, Rita, Stan and Wilma.

Names for 2010:

**Alex**  
**Bonnie**  
**Colin**  
**Danielle**  
**Earl**  
**Fiona**  
**Gaston**  
**Hermine**  
**Igor**  
**Julia**  
**Karl**  
**Lisa**  
**Matthew**  
**Nicole**  
**Otto**  
**Paula**  
**Richard**  
**Shary**  
**Tomas**  
**Virginie**  
**Walter**

# Crisis checklist — don't face storms without it

Natural disasters, power failures, terrorist attacks ... what can a family do to be prepared?

Larry Tabor, plans and programs chief for the 81st Training Wing, said a crisis checklist can help people collect items to keep on hand to meet their immediate needs in an emergency situation.

This sample checklist can be especially helpful in making preparations to evacuate out of the path of an approaching hurricane.



## Food

**Dried** and canned products, such as fruit, vegetables, milk, juice, bouillon and soup.

**Grains**, nuts, jerky, snacks, trail mix and granola and high-energy bars.

**Condiments**, herbs and spices.

**Instant** coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

**Manual** can opener.

**Paper** plates, cups, napkins and paper towels.

**Fondue** pots fueled by candles or Sterno fuel can be used indoors; propane and fuel stoves or grills can only be used outdoors.



## Safety

**Flashlights.**

**Two** radios — solar or wind-up and battery powered.

**Extra** batteries.

**Fire** extinguisher.

**Hand** tools.

**Plastic** sheeting, duct tape and towels to seal air gaps.

**Blankets.**

**Survival** manual.

**Area map** with highlighted evacuation routes.

**Waterproof** matches and lighter.

**Candles.**

**Battery**-operated lanterns.



## Water

**Store** one gallon per person per day — two quarts for drinking and two quarts for cooking and cleaning.

**Use** clean, sterilized plastic soda bottles or water containers. Date and store in cool, dark place; rotate often.

**Emergency** indoor water sources include ice cubes, reservoir tank of toilet and hot water heater (with gas or electricity off, open drain at bottom of tank, turn off water intake valve and turn on a hot water faucet. Refill tank before turning gas or electricity back on.)

**To disinfect** water, add two or three drops of household bleach per gallon. Shake well and let it set for 30 minutes before using.

## PREPARING for the storm



To view Keesler's  
hurricane preparation video  
and for the latest  
hurricane information,  
log on to  
[http://www.keesler.af.mil/  
hurricaneinfo.asp](http://www.keesler.af.mil/hurricaneinfo.asp)

### Other online resources

<http://www.redcross.org>

<http://www.iprep.com>

<http://www.ready.gov>

<http://www.areyouprepared.com>

<http://www.preparedness.com>

<http://www.fema.gov>

<http://ecowatch.ncddc.noaa.gov/c-side>

<http://www.goMDOT.COM>

<http://www.MSTraffic.com>



## Home

**Sanitation** items such as a portable toilet or 5-gallon trash can with lid and plastic liners, odorless sanitation liquid or tablets and toilet paper.

**Eating** and cooking utensils and containers.

**Needle**, thread and safety pins.

**Forty-gallon** garbage can with lid and plastic liners.

**Cash** and credit card.

**Entertainment** items, such as books, toys, games, crayons, paper, compact disks and deck of cards.

**Change** of clothing and shoes.

**Extra** set of car and house keys.

**Documents** in fireproof safe or airtight plastic container, such as birth and marriage certificates, passports, insurance policies, deeds, recent tax returns, Social Security cards, driver's license, bank accounts, credit card information, stocks, bonds, immunization records and other family information.



## Car

**Gas tank** should be at least 3/4 full.

**Road maps.**

**Flashlights** and batteries.

**First aid** kit.

**Cell phone** or walkie-talkies.

**Flares.**

**Jumper** cables.

**Blanket.**

**Compact** tent.

**Light jacket** or rain gear, clothing, socks, shoes and hat.

**Freezer** bags, quart and gallon size.

**Cash**, change and credit cards.

**Pocket-size** survival manual.

**Portable** radio with extra batteries.

**Personal** hygiene supplies — toilet paper, feminine supplies, soap, tissues, paper towels, moist wipes, brush, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and shampoo.

**Health** supplies — multivitamins, energy bars, dried fruit, nuts, jerky, trail mix, water and bleach.

**Safety** supplies — candle lantern, whistle, waterproof matches, lighter, large piece of aluminum foil for cooking if necessary, string, compass, clothespins and pocket knife.

**Miscellaneous** supplies — pen or pencil, paper, extra batteries, glasses, scissors, sunglasses, deck of cards, needle and thread, book, metal cooking pot.



## Health

**First aid** kit.

**Family** or pet medications.

**Vitamins** and minerals.

**Feminine** hygiene supplies.

**Waterless** hand cleaner, pre-moistened towelettes, towels, washcloths and soap.

**Household** chlorine bleach.

**Supplies** for babies and the elderly.

**Extra** medications and prescription glasses.



## Pets

**To shelter** at home, store low-protein food to reduce stool volume, water, bowls, puppy training pads, garbage bags for refuse, bed, blanket, familiar toys and crate.

**In case** of evacuation, obtain a pet carrier or crate, and collect identification and vaccination records, registration papers, food, water, medications, muzzle and leash.