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Validations play vital role in UCI preparations

81st Training Wing UCI team

During Keesler's upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, Air Education and Training Command Inspector General inspectors will examine program management and functional areas to determine if units are complying with their respective governing directives.

Lt. Col. James Washington, AETC/IG project officer, told Maj. Robert Paleo, 81st Training Wing project officer, that our UCI will be checklist-oriented and will focus on the "must" and "will" requirements from Air Force Instructions.

Colonel Washington said just meeting the mission will earn a satisfactory rating. Team Keesler will have to go above and beyond the mission to earn an "Excellent" or "Outstanding." In order to do

this, each unit should fine-tune its checklist answers over the next months, fix weaknesses identified in UCI reports from other bases, identify strengths and implement best practices.

As we near the start of the UCI Oct. 24, validations will play a critical role in the preparation process. This process entails having your functional experts conduct internal staff assistance visits and perform mock UCIs. SAVs are a low-threat way to have functional experts help your unit identify and fix problem areas. Mock UCIs will help put people in the right mindset for the inspection. The SAV and mock UCI teams should use the Web-based Self-Inspection Program deficiency results as a starting point.



**14 weeks until
Unit Compliance
Inspection**

Given that the UCI will be a checklist-oriented inspection, the wing will reactivate WebSIP in early August and keep it active until the UCI. The next persons to put eyes on these checklist responses

will be the AETC/IG inspectors, so keeping WebSIP open will allow us to fine-tune our answers to ensure we are in compliance.

Waiting for the AETC/IG inspectors to find that you're not in compliance is a bad move. It will result in an open finding. Open findings bring a lot of unwanted follow-up work after the UCI is over and are weighted heavily in the final rating. Identifying that a problem exists is not enough. As you look through the checklists, if you find something that you could do better or if you find an area in which you haven't quite hit the mark, now is the time to make improvements and annotate that you are working on a long-lasting fix. Develop a "get-well plan" to

address discrepancies and put this plan into action before the UCI. According to Colonel Washington, self-identified deficiencies with a plan in place to fix the deficiencies will be favorably considered by AETC/IG inspectors. It's important to remember that since all compliance checklists are "fair game" for evaluation, unit mock inspectors should take a random sampling of questions to ensure responses are on target.

In the home stretch, you should keep in mind that the next person who sees your self-inspection responses will be the AETC/IG inspectors. Will the inspectors be satisfied with your response? Let's work now to make sure the answer will be a resounding "Yes!"

Getting ready from former inspector's perspective

By Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright

81st Contracting Squadron commander

One of my favorite experiences as an inspector on Headquarters Air Force Space Command's Inspector General team was volunteering to be the narrator at a wing's inspection outbrief. Until I stepped on stage, I didn't know what to expect. Maybe the audience would be in a serious mindset. Or maybe they'd be antagonistic if their results weren't quite what they were expecting. But I was surprised. The crowd was excited — so motivated — it was as if there was electricity in the air! The wing attended the briefing with the expectation that this is their event to receive great news for the wing, groups, squadrons, teams and individuals. When a squadron received an "Excellent" rating, the whole wing cheered and applauded. When a squadron received an "Outstanding" rating, it seemed as though the base theater erupted into pandemonium. You would have thought the walls were coming down from the thunderous ovations! I'm looking forward to that kind of experience this October.

Inspectors want to see units succeed; after all, they are on the same Air Force team. They see units as doing the very best they can — not for the sake of an inspection, but because of the "Integrity First" and "Excellence in All We Do" core values. Integrity is complying because it's the right thing to do, and excellence is the teamwork in identifying and enhancing processes to make them better. So when the IG comes to town, it provides units at all levels with a combined assessment of how well the

unit is performing and how well the unit identifies non-compliance areas for resolution. It puts truth into the old sayings, "We're here to help (as said by the IG)" and "We're happy to see you (as said by the inspected unit)." With that philosophy in mind, an inspector will see a system of processes that work and the self-inspection efforts that involve identification, root cause analysis, action plans, implementation and validation.

Because of the self-inspection process, three results will surface. Obviously, compliance and not-in-compliance items will reveal themselves. Additionally, units will discover strengths among some of the processes that foster compliance or increased efficiency and effectiveness. Recognize and encourage these strengths. A root cause analysis may also help in analyzing how to sustain them. As far as an inspection is concerned, continue to excel and refine the strengths so that an inspector can include them in a unit's assessment. The inspector may also provide inside recommendations to make them even better and pass along your strengths and ideas to other units in future inspections.

Some strengths may have a unique degree of innovation that provides off-the-charts results. These strengths are "best practices" and will certainly help other units throughout the Air Force if they choose to leverage your ideas. Don't wait until the inspection to offer best practices for an inspector to consider. Why not submit them through headquarters for validation and approval now? Doing so ultimately delivers your innovation

to other units throughout the Air Force sooner than introducing them during October's inspection. By staffing them now, a unit can then show the inspector those best practices that have already been validated and used elsewhere instead of presenting the inspector with just hopefuls.

A robust self-inspection process should focus on processes, not just the defects. It's one thing to fix a defect, such as fully completing a form or obtaining missing documentation, but it's another thing to refine the process that caused a defect to occur. The key is to make "enduring processes." Does the process have certain controls to ensure compliance every time one performs the task? Does compliance result every time, regardless of who is performing the task? The ingredients to enduring processes are sufficient training; having the right tools for the task and accountability. If only two of these ingredients are strong, then the process will usually fall into non-compliance.

Why then, am I looking forward to the UCI? First, the inspection will provide us with an outsider-looking-in perspective to validate for us where we are strong and where we may improve our support. Second, this is a Super Bowl event in terms of recognition for the units, teams and individuals. We all give "Service Before Self" in providing support to the wing's mission, and we do this by "Integrity First" and "Excellence in All We Do" on a daily basis. So when the IG comes to town and recognizes our people for continuously displaying Air Force core values, I say let's bring the house down!



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

If you could relive any moment in your life, what would it be?



"When I got my first deer — it was a nine-point!"

Brent Chaney, 81st Force Support Squadron



"A near hole-in-one at Gulf Hills Country Club in Ocean Springs."

Mike Suppa, retired master sergeant working at the Keesler Commissary



"The moment that I met my husband — he saved my life and my luggage, so I married him."

Master Sgt. Jan Moore, 403rd Wing

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Red Wolves welcome new commander

From left, Tech. Sgt. John Hoefert, an instructor in the 336th Training Squadron, briefs Lt. Col. Brian Worth, the squadron's new commander, on the training provided to students on telephone installation standards while Airman 1st Class Juliette White, a student in the client systems course, works on a lesson in Thomson Hall July 8. Colonel Worth assumed command July 7 from Lt. Col. Russell Voce. Colonel Worth came to Keesler from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he commanded the 375th Communications Support Squadron. Colonel Voce, who led the Red Wolves for the past two years, becomes division chief in the communications directorate at Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



45th Airlift Squadron wins flight safety award

By Capt. Jason Eddy

45th Airlift Squadron

The 45th Airlift Squadron, a tenant unit at Keesler that serves as the formal training unit for the C-21A Cougar, is the winner of the Air Force Flight Safety Plaque for the second consecutive year.

The 45th AS is a geographically-separated unit from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

This award recognizes Air Force organizations below numbered Air Force level for outstanding achievement in or contributions to flight safety, unit flight education and mishap prevention programs, bird and wildlife aircraft strike hazard program, midair collision avoidance program, incorporation and integration of operational risk management principles and techniques, higher headquarters inspections and submission of flight manual deficiencies.

“This is the second year in

a row we’ve won at the Air Force level,” said Lt. Col. Scott Nishwitz, 45th AS commander. “Last year it was exciting to win, and we’re thrilled to have earned this prestigious award again.

“It’s not about just being accident-free — it’s a mindset,” he said. “We feel this award is the culmination of all our safety-minded actions, on and off the airfield, that represent a total effort to accom-

plish the mission safely.

We won’t take anything for granted and will strive to maintain our excellent safety record well into the future.”

With a robust flying hour program, the 45th AS has

maintained a perfect record with zero Class A or B incidents in nearly 2,000 training sorties, numerous takeoffs, landings and touch and go’s with U.S. and international students from five commands.

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.

Volunteer — get connected

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group second quarter awards ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Vandenberg Community Center.

Commissioning briefings

Commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

Drill downs, parades

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

Drill downs — 8 a.m. Aug. 20 and Oct. 15.

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

CCAF fall graduation

The last day to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class is Aug. 27.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including the nomination action request. For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center or call 376-8708 or 8710.

DANTES procedures

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 retake as a DANTES-funded candidate on a previously funded exam

Perfect students



Senior Airman Michael Hewlett, left, and Tech. Sgt. Adam March received perfect scores in their technical training. Airman Hewlett graduated from the client systems apprentice course in the 336th Training Squadron and continues his training in the A+ certification course. He's a reservist from the 91th Communications Squadron, Pittsburgh, Pa., and previously served on active duty as an AC-130 gunship loadmaster. Sergeant March, a reservist from Phoenix, Ariz., graduated from the personnel apprentice course in the 335th TRS.

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.

CCAF online

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

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and

see if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

CCAF program

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

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

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

Mission supporters get new leader

Col. Rodney Berk, new commander of the 81st Mission Support Group, reviews paperwork with 1st Lt. Stellina Anelli, his executive officer, June 29. Colonel Berk, who most recently served as U.S. Pacific Command's comptroller, took command of the 81st MSG June 24. Col. Jeffrey Jackson, who commanded the 81st MSG for two years, retired with more than 25 years of military service.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Gulf of Mexico oil spill response

Base provides logistical support to National Guard

Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard

For the first time since Hurricane Katrina nearly five years ago, Keesler is housing 50 Mississippi National Guard soldiers to support ongoing oil spill response operations and, if called upon, to augment civilian authorities in the wake of a major hurricane developing in the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Guard infantry soldiers, all recently returned from Iraq, will serve as a "quick reaction force" to offer the flexibility necessary for future operations, said Col. Lee Smithson, commander of Task Force Vigilant Horizon, which is overseeing the Mississippi National Guard's response to the oil spill. Specifically, they will coordinate the civilian clean-up vessels, he said. The soldiers are from Alpha Company 1/155th Infantry headquartered in the St. Martin Armory in Jackson County. The additional troops bring the total to about 125 soldiers under

Task Force Vigilant Horizon.

Smithson said the decision to activate a small contingency force was made after consulting with Gov. Haley Barbour and U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, who endorsed the need to "think forward." But the plan had been in development for months, particularly when weather prognosticators predicted as many as four major hurricanes making landfall in the United States, Smithson said. As for the length of the mobilization, he said it was too early to tell.

"Unfortunately, hurricanes are a way of life here along the Gulf Coast, and the ongoing oil disaster only complicates matters further," Smithson said. "Fortunately, as we enter 'Phase Lighthouse,' we've mobilized our best, and we are very grateful for Keesler's logistical support. Otherwise, we would really be in a logistical quandary."

Smithson alluded to the limited housing

available as a result of oil spill response workers and a preference to contain a military unit in military quarters.

Keesler is designated by U.S. Northern Command as the base support installation for Department of Defense forces responding to the crisis.

"We've welcomed our guests," said Lt. Col. Sean Gallagher, deputy commander of the 81st Mission Support Group. "We've been in close contact with members of the Guard for weeks in anticipation of any official taskings. Keesler's support includes lodging and meals and other needs Guard members might have during their stay here. The base also has the capacity to receive more members if needed."

For more information regarding the National Guard, its members or mission, call Lt. Col. Don Randle, (601) 502-4214.

For Keesler's support role, call 81st Training Wing Public Affairs, 377-2783 or 669-7569.

ON THE COVER



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, operates an excavator to begin demolition of Muse Manor Monday. Front-desk operations for Keesler's lodging facilities moved to Tyer House nearly a year ago to make way for Muse Manor's demolition. The building's age, deteriorating infrastructure, leaky windows, mold, mildew and problems with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning combined to make demolition the best course, said Lt. Col. Rich Cole, 81st Force Support Squadron commander. Other base facilities demolished in recent weeks now that new buildings are in place include the old fire station, post office, Building 5024 billeting dormitory, temporary commissary and deployment facility.

What do you think about the new front-page format for Keesler News?
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NSPS conversion Positions given GS pay grades

By April Rowden

Air Force Manpower Agency Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — With only weeks remaining to classify Air Force civilian jobs into the General Schedule personnel system, Air Force classifiers are ensuring National Security Personnel System positions have a current GS title, series and grade before the NSPS conversion out date.

With the fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act officials, repealed the NSPS, resulting in the mandatory transition of more than 44,000 Air Force federal employees to other personnel and pay systems.

Core documents are currently undergoing review and classification for those Air Force employees whose positions were created under NSPS. Core documents describe the major duties, responsibilities and supervisory relationship of a position.

“Classifiers are unbiased agents of the government, and are held to very strict standards established by the Office of Personnel Management when assigning GS ratings to a position,” said Col. Brian Norman, Air Force Manpower Agency commander. “Our team renders a classification based solely upon the actual work performed and required in the position under review, not upon any person’s qualifications or their previous military grade.”

Classifying a position at the accurate grade for the assigned duties and responsibilities ensures balance of the organization, and is vital toward maintaining classification accuracy across the Air Force.

“All of us are charged with being good stewards of government resources and taxpayers’ dollars,” Colonel Norman said. “If a position is classified a GS-15 when it’s really a GS-14 or GS-13, we are doing an injustice to the other positions that are classified in accordance with OPM standards.”

AFMA classification specialists have a proven track record of making the right decisions and appropriately applying the OPM Classification Standards and Guidelines. Since centralized classification began in 1996, all appealed classification decisions have been upheld by OPM and the Department of Defense officials in favor of AFMA’s classifications.

“We properly classify positions based on standards given to us within the bounds legally established by the Office of Personnel Management,” Colonel Norman said. “To do otherwise would put our agency at risk of losing its classification authority.”

Employees whose positions were originally under GS will have the position classified

based on the position description on file, also referred to as the “reach back PD.” Other positions may have an applicable Standard Core Personnel Document that may be used.

Many of these standard core documents are available for viewing on the Air Force Portal, keyword “SCPD library.”

“We understand that a few positions have dramatically evolved in workload and responsibility since the initial conversion to NSPS,” Colonel Norman said. “For those individuals, we will review the updated core documents as soon as possible.”

An employee who feels the classification does not accurately reflect his position’s assigned duties and responsibilities may appeal the classification decision to the Department of Defense or OPM after the individual has transitioned into the GS personnel system.

By law, employees will not lose pay upon conversion. General guidelines will be followed when determining an employee’s pay.

If the employee’s current pay:

Fits within the rate range of the appropriate grade to which the employee is assigned, the employee will be placed at a step that equals or exceeds his existing pay.

Is below the rate range for the appropriate GS grade to which the employee is assigned, the employee will be placed on the first step of the GS grade upon conversion out.

Is above the rate range for the appropriate GS grade to which the employee is assigned, the employee will be placed on pay retention to ensure he does not suffer any decrease in or loss of pay upon conversion.

In the meantime, Air Force classification teams are working efficiently and effectively to provide fair and accurate classification service.

“The Air Force demand for classification and staffing expertise is at an unprecedented level with NSPS-out, insourcing, rated-to-civilian conversions, Global Strike stand-up and other key initiatives ongoing simultaneously. I am very proud to say the Air Force team has performed with the utmost professionalism and care,” said Colonel Norman. “We’ll continue to work closely with all stakeholders through these challenges.”

Phase II is scheduled to begin Sunday.

For more information on the NSPS transition, visit www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/transition. For more on the classification process, visit <http://www.opm.gov> or AFPC’s personnel services website, keyword “Classification Standards.”

Air Force employees may call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

IN THE NEWS

Wing change of command set

Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller assumes command of the 81st Training Wing from Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 9 a.m. Aug. 2 on the parade field.

2 selected for promotion

Tech. Sgt. James Gross, 81st Operations Support Flight, has been selected for promotion to master sergeant.

Staff Sgt. Cherie Trosclair, 81st Training Support Squadron, has been selected for promotion to technical sergeant.

New 4-way stop

There’s a new four-way stop at the intersection of Meadows Drive and Hangar Road in front of the new fire department.

“The change in traffic flow was made to allow safe entrance and exit for emergency vehicles,” said Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing safety chief. “Hopefully, this will prevent any traffic conflicts during emergency runs.”

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Medical Group conducts warrior training, noon to 5 p.m. today.

Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery clinics each have one doctor available for urgent appointments. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

Although pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are open, they’ll have reduced staffing, so patients are asked to delay visits during warrior training.

For emergency situations, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

Savings bond purchases

81st Comptroller Squadron

Military payroll deductions for purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds are being terminated.

“This new process is 100 percent paperless and will save the Air Force \$400 million and 12 million pounds of paper over a five-year span,” said 2nd Lt. William Kiser, 81st Comptroller Squadron financial services flight commander.

As of Oct. 1, bonds will only be available for purchase via the Treasury Direct Web site. Affected members will receive the Treasury Direct information via Smartdocs notifications. Members must go to the Treasury Direct Web site and establish an account, then request, via myPay, a new discretionary allotment made payable to the Treasury.

Members can have no more than six discretionary allotments, but the Defense Finance and Accounting Service is working to exclude discretionary allotments to Treasury Directaccounts from this limit.

DFAS will be terminating bond allotments currently on all members’ pay accounts to be effective Aug. 1. This stops deductions for all monthly bond allotments including multi-month bonds, except for bonds which can be purchased in full by Aug. 31. A second group of stops will be input effective Aug. 31 for all multi-month bonds that could be purchased by that date.

No bond starts or changes will be authorized or processed effective Aug. 1. MyPay will be updated to eliminate the capability to perform these type allotment actions.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Female veterans meet

Airman and family readiness center

A gathering to provide information and communication for female veterans is 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 27 in Sablich Center Room 108B.

The event is hosted by the Women Veterans Program of the Gulf Coast Veterans Administration.

To register, call 376-8728.

Military personnel contacts

Military personnel section phone numbers:

Customer support — 376-8738.

Career development — 376-8739.

Force management — 376-8740.

Student personnel center — 377-4111.

Testing — 376-4111.

Discrimination hotline

Air Force Personnel Center

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

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

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

Leave accumulation extended

81st Comptroller Squadron

Members unable to use leave due to military necessity may accumulate a maximum of 75 days by the end of a fiscal year until Sept. 30, 2013. After this date, the limit returns to the previous 60-day limit of accrued leave.

If service members are unable to use their excess accrued leave prior to that date due to mission requirements, approval may be requested to carry-over the excess leave days.

For more information, call the military personnel section, 376-8738, or the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102.

Finance call center

81st Comptroller Squadron

The financial services flight has established a call center, 376-8225, that's manned during regular customer services hours.

If the number is busy or the call is after hours, customers are asked to leave a message and the call will be returned within 24 hours.

Resources for supervisors

A virtual site for emerging leaders, supervisors and leadership is available to assist supervisors in effectively carrying out their duties.

The Supervisor Resource Center provides easy access to information on mandatory supervisor training, books, exercises, discussion forums, self development, continuous learning and more.

The SRC link, <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/SRCCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-MC-15>, incorporates existing Air Force tools in one location.

For more information, call 376-8161/8154.

ID card requirements

To get identification cards, military personnel in uniform have priority in customer service, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Customer service is also open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on non-training Fridays.

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call 376-8339.

Deciphering an LES

If you need help deciphering information on your leave and earning statement, log on to <http://www.dfas.mil/airforce2/militarypay/yourleaveearningsstatementles.html>

Air Force officials implement controlled government travel card spend accounts

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — In an effort to curtail government travel card abuse and delinquency, Air Force officials are piloting an unprecedented controlled spend account concept through Sept. 3 with an expected service-wide rollout this fall.

The pilot program includes select organizations at Keesler; Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; McConnell AFB, Kan.; Eielson AFB, Alaska, and Aviano Air Base, Italy.

“The 81st Medical Support Squadron, 81st Security Forces Squadron and the 81st Training Wing staff agencies have been piloting the program since June 1,” said 2nd Lt. William Kiser, 81st Comptroller Squadron financial services flight commander.

“The pilot program only encompasses local and stateside temporary duty assignments,” he explained. “Members who are to be deployed or are deployed and PCSing members have been excluded so far.

“The pilot has been going well,” Lieutenant Kiser commented. “I’ve coordinated with base leadership and I’m currently coordinating with Secretary of the Air Force financial management on implementing the pilot basewide at Keesler. In September, the ‘PCS pilot’ is expected to begin for the pilot bases.”

The most significant CSA concept bases spending limits on approved travel authorizations and provides just enough funds to perform the mission, GTC officials said.

“We’re building automated processes into the program so that personnel managing their unit’s travel card program can go back to being focused on mission enhancing rather mission support duties,” said Mike Bilbrey, Air Force banking officer.

Officials from Citi, the Air Force’s travel card contractor, said the concept was developed with a Defense Department perspective and marks a new generation of GTCs by decreasing the time and resources dedicated to maintaining the program without mission disruption.

“The (CSA) has the versatility to accommodate service requirements with the understanding that ‘one size does not fit all,’” said Stacy Eslich, the Citi Global Transaction Services vice president. The CSA is a “precision tool that provides increased security, control, flexibility, and transparency and decreases delinquency.”

Although the program was originally developed to facilitate travel, it has morphed into labor-intensive card use and abuse management.

“Over the past two decades, we’ve seen the Air Force’s GTC program evolve from a small segment of travelers to the largest charge card program in the world with about 480,000 card holders,” said Charles Maddox, air staff finance management GTC program manager. “Although our program is recognized as the industry benchmark in both charge volume and

delinquency management, achieving this level of recognition comes at a high cost.”

The GTC program has historically had its share of misuse and abuse by some Airmen. Recent finance management delinquency analysis indicates 19 percent of card usage stemmed from abuse — higher than deployments and PCS travel and second only to regular TDYs at 38 percent. Seventy-seven percent of cardholders who became delinquent had received their reimbursement for travel but failed to pay their outstanding GTC balance.

Conversely, Air Force travelers charge only about 60 percent of reimbursable travel expenses to the GTC due to merchant category code restrictions, creditworthiness issues, and exemption status for infrequent travelers, Mr. Bilbrey said.

The Air Force currently uses a combination of individual billed accounts and centrally billed accounts within the GTC programs to accomplish official travel.

Finance officials said these accounts have pre-set credit that can be increased to meet mission requirements, though the credit limits are estimates and not mission driven.

CSA, in contrast, is based on the estimated amount of approved travel orders. This change not only decreases the workload agency program coordinators perform, but allows GTC access to every traveler since a CSA requires no credit check.

The new system links the card spend limit to the estimated cost on approved travel orders and the total trip reimbursement applies to the credit card, as opposed to a split disbursement at voucher settlement.

“Travelers can therefore use the card, withdraw residual funds or transfer them online to another personal account,” Mr. Bilbrey said. “This program virtually eliminates the risk of delinquencies and misuse of the card which lead to negative career impact.”

Finance officials strongly encourage Airmen to be mindful of the impact of under-estimating projected travel expenses which will affect the card’s spending limits.

Since the spending limit is based on the estimated cost of the travel authorization, Airmen must request a temporary spending limit or amend their travel order to reflect the adjusted period of travel and costs.

For Airmen with multiple travel authorizations, the new card spending limit is an aggregate amount of all approved orders, and is therefore not subject to a maximum limit.

If a traveler’s TDY ends sooner than expected, the original spending limit is in excess of the final travel payment and the traveler will be responsible to Citi for any amount spent above the trip settlement. Spend limits are estimates and are increased or decreased based on actual entitlements such as lodging, airfare and location-based per diem calculated at final settlement.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

New 'virtual Finance' takes customers out of waiting line

By Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's new "virtual Finance" is giving work time back to Airmen and civilians by providing a host of secure financial services that customers can access with a mouse click.

Replacing the "Money — Finance Central" page on the Air Force Portal, the virtual finance page was developed with a customer's time in mind. The page brings Air Force finance customers some online capabilities commercial financial institutions provide their clients.

"This redesigned page greatly enhances finance 'do-it-yourself' capabilities, making the Web and online assistance your initial resource to obtain financial help," said Dr. Jamie Morin, the assistant secretary for financial management and comptroller.

For issues which cannot be resolved through the virtual finance page, customers can use a look-up tool which gives them a telephone number to call, as well as an e-mail address to their local financial services office.

While click and call are the first steps in tackling finance issues, Airmen can still walk to their local financial services office and receive quality customer service, Dr. Morin added.

The "click, call, walk" vision empowers finance customers to access more information and applications which previously required a finance office visit to be accomplished.

"The Air Force has a long tradition of taking care of its people, and we intend to continue this tradition," Dr. Morin said.

The virtual finance page, located under the portal's "Life and Career" tab, should not be confused with myPay, which is also located on Air Force Portal. Virtual finance

provides enhanced financial information, bringing together financial services information and self-help applications in one place for customers on the secure Air Force Portal.

Customers can get help with everything from travel pay and moving allowances, to in-processing, retirement and separation. Direct links to popular sites such as myPay, LeaveWeb and the Citi government travel card website, and tools such as deployment entitlement and permanent change of station entitlement calculators are also available.

Air Force finance officials also recently expanded their virtual knowledge library, with almost 1,000 categorized frequently asked questions, as well as more than 100 "instant advice" pages available.

"Feedback is vital to ensuring the new financial services portal is successful," Dr. Morin said. "Customer feedback on the initial draft helped shape the current design."

To improve services, suggestions are welcome at finance.questions@arpc.denver.af.mil.

ENERGY AWARENESS

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

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



6 contracts over 6 counties awarded to area businesses

By Lt. Col. Jonathan Wright

81st Contracting Squadron commander

During June, the 81st Contracting Squadron made six contract actions, valued over \$169,000, within the local economy.

These contract actions reflect business within Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River, Stone and George Counties for custodial services, bus transportation, training aids and housing maintenance.

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Colonel SERB delayed, additional officers to be considered

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials announced June 29 that the selective early retirement board for colonels will be delayed by six weeks.

There will be no changes to the lieutenant colonel SERB previously announced.

During a recent review in preparation for the July 2010 colonel SERB, Air Force officials identified 125 additional SERB-eligible colonels. As a result, they have notified the colonels and are delaying the SERB until Aug. 30. The deadline for colonels to voluntarily apply for retirement is being extended to Aug. 20 and the mandatory retirement date for colonels selected by the SERB is being moved to Feb. 1, 2011.

Delaying the SERB allows newly identified eligible colonels time to prepare and make decisions. It also affords previously notified SERB eligible colonels additional time to consider applying for early retirement.

“The original O-6 SERB selection criteria was established using a colonel’s date of rank and total active commissioned service date,” said Col. Tom Deale, director of the colonel management division. “Based on further review, the date of rank within a given competitive category is the only permissible seniority-related criterion to determine SERB eligibility.

“Strictly using the date of rank, as required by law, made more colonels eligible,” he added.

Newly-affected colonels have been notified of their eligibility, according to Colonel Deale.

“I sent a personal e-mail to every affected colonel,” Colonel Deale said. “We want to ensure they have all the information they need to make an informed decision based on their specific situation.”

As a result of the revised criterion, all SERB-eligible colonels will have at least six weeks to decide if they want to consider voluntary retirement, according to the colonel.

Additionally, based on current and projected manning forecasts, the secretary of the Air Force also removed the judge advocate general career field, colonels only, from consideration as one of four competitive categories originally scheduled to meet the SERB. The secretary determined that additional reductions in JAG colonels would lower manning to a critical level.

The SERB is part of the Air Force’s force management measures announced in March.

“Implementing force management measures is difficult because they have a profound impact on peoples’ lives,” said Brig. Gen. Sharon Dunbar, director of force management policy. “It’s absolutely imperative that we conduct them correctly.”

For more information on the SERB process, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services Web site or call the Total Force Service Center, 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.



When using a cell phone to report an emergency by calling "911" while on base or in base housing, tell the dispatcher that you're calling from Keesler to avoid a delay in response.

When calling "911" in this area on cell phones, calls are automatically routed to either Harrison County or the City of Biloxi.

Delays have occurred in the past due to routing errors and similar street names.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' survey response urged

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Noting the importance of getting the opinions of those who would be most affected by a possible repeal of the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that bans gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military, Defense Secretary Robert Gates urged service members to provide their input July 8.

About 400,000 service members are receiving an e-mail survey seeking their opinions, and the department has an online inbox at <https://dadt.csd.disa.mil/> for additional feedback from common access card holders.

"I think it is very important for us to understand from our men and women in uniform the challenges that they see," Secretary Gates said, noting that the department needs their views on the subject and the challenges they see to implementing a possible change to the law.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the department needs objective information that the survey can deliver, and emphasized that no one is drawing conclusions about the survey until it is finished.

"To reach out at this point and try to predict either what they might say or what the results might say, I just think it's too early with respect to that," the chairman said.

Army Gen. Carter Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, and Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer, are leading a review panel that's assessing the current law.

"I would say that this survey is a very important element of this effort, in part because

while General Ham and General Counsel Jeh Johnson have talked to thousands of troops in dozens of military facilities, we have gotten several tens of thousands of comments and views by e-mail in response to the request for people's thoughts on this," Secretary Gates said. "This size sampling is obviously the most significant element of getting the views of the troops."

The survey, released July 8, will go to 200,000 active-duty service members and 200,000 Reserve-component members. Officials estimate it will take 30 minutes to complete the survey, and the deadline for returning them is Aug. 15. Another survey will go to 150,000 family members in August.

Secretary Gates insisted on doubling the sample size to its current level.

"The original proposal was to sample 100,000 active-duty and 100,000 in the Reserve component," he said. "I strongly suggested that they double the size of the sample, that I wanted a significant percentage of the force to have an opportunity to offer their views on this."

The survey is confidential, the secretary pointed out.

"I strongly encourage gays and lesbians who are in the military to fill out these forms," Secretary Gates said. "We've organized this in a way to protect their privacy and the confidentiality of their responses through a third party, and it's important that we hear from them as well as everybody else. But I think we're satisfied that this is an important element of this effort, and that it's being done in a very professional way."



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Staff Sgt. Kwadwo Agyen-Frempong, left, 335th Training Squadron, counts pushups for Tech. Sgt. Lisa Jackson, Airman Leadership School instructor, as Kristina Brinkmeier, 81st FSS, assesses Sergeant Jackson's fitness performance.

Airmen rise to challenge of new fitness program

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

July 1, the new Air Force Fitness Program went into effect.

The Air Force uses an overall composite fitness score and minimum scores per component based on aerobic fitness, body composition and muscular fitness components to determine overall fitness.

In the new program, rather than relying on the total grade to determine pass or fail, minimum requirements must be passed in all components and Airmen must achieve a total passing score of 75 for the test.

"The examinations, now held twice a year, are held at central locations, called fitness assessment cells," said Maj. Yulanda Bogany, 81st Force Support Squadron operations officer. "At Keesler, all official fitness assessments are completed by the fitness assessment cell staff on the second floor of Vandenberg Community Center."

"The Vandenberg location allows us to accommodate active duty and Reserve members in an efficient, timely manner," said Shango Sheffield, 81st FSS fitness cell leader.

When the new fitness program was announced, the new fitness requirements may have been intimidating, but Keesler's Airmen seem to have adjusted to the change.

"The Airmen at Keesler have accepted the fact that the standards have changed and they are making improvements to better themselves overall," Mr. Sheffield said.

A July 2 Air Force guidance memorandum offered an incentive for Airmen to score in the "excellent" category. It offered those Airmen who test in all four components and have a total score of 90 or above to continue to test only once a year.

Mr. Sheffield offered advice for those who'd like to improve their health and their scores.

"Participate in group physical training or work out at your own convenience in a training regiment like cross fit or circuit training and maintain a healthy diet," he recommended. "Prior to your test, stay hydrated, make sure you get enough rest and eat a healthy meal the night before. The morning of your test, avoid caffeinated drinks and eat a light breakfast.

"The fitness assessment is an open-book test," he said. "You have all the answers — just do it and let's be fit to fight."

To view Air Force Instruction 36-2905, which covers the new fitness program, log on to www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI36-2905.pdf

For more information, call 376-8698.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Vicki Jacob, 81st FSS, tallies the fitness test score of Senior Airman Jillian Balderas, 45th Airlift Squadron, at Vandenberg Community Center Monday. Airman Balderas achieved a score of 97.6.

'First Stop' offers community support to developmentally disabled youth

Airman and family readiness center

First Stop is a collaborative program that links military families of children and youth with developmental disabilities with their community through a one-stop family support center.

Partners in the program include Keesler, the University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies, the Naval Construction Battalion Center, the Air National Guard, the Tri-care Service Center and Gulf South Market Office Case Management, the Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Governor's Office.

Available services include family support groups, information and referral, ensuring access to appropriate educational services, specialized recreational activities, parenting skills training and informational workshops.

A family support plan that outlines all services needed by families are developed for eligible families. Project staff members then assist eligible families in locating and accessing needed services for their children.

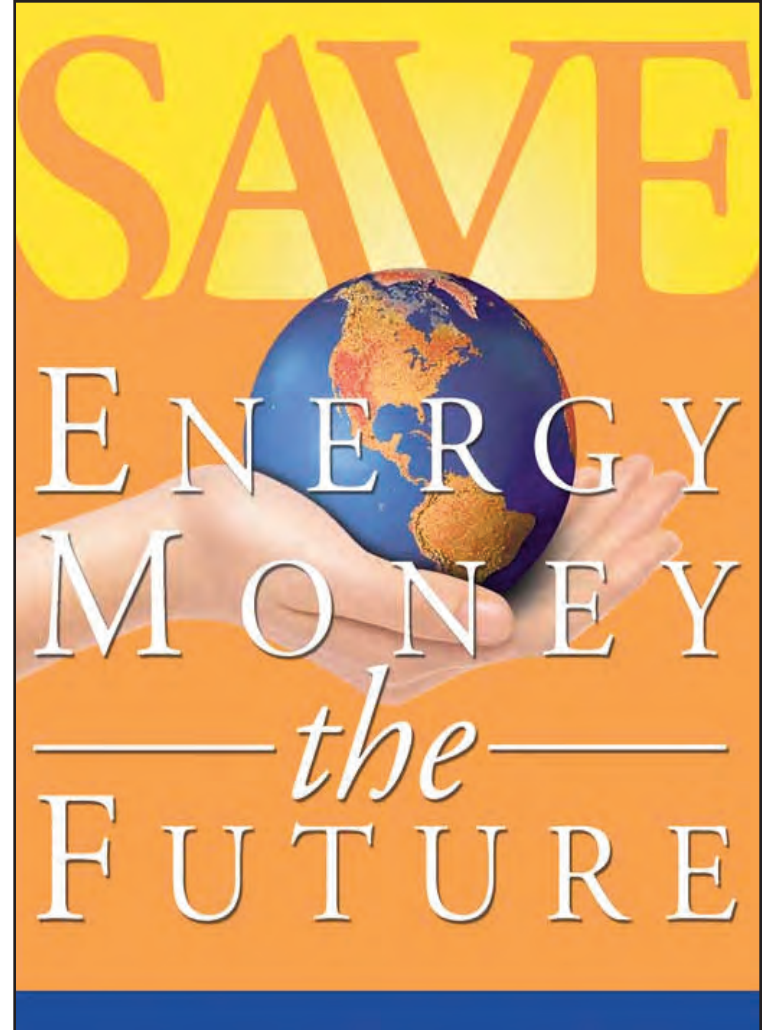
A resource library is available on the USM Gulf Park campus in Long Beach for parents to locate and check out print and video information as well as assistive devices including adapted toys, adapted recreation equipment



and augmentative communication devices.

Limited diagnostic evaluation services are available for children 6 weeks through 5 years old.

For more information, call Vickie Murdy, 601-266-5163 or 228-214-3422, or log on to www.usm.edu/ids





Left, Airman 1st Class Ashley Payne conducts a short sheet briefing about assignment notification procedures to 81st Training Group students at the student personnel center in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Right, Capt. Robert Henley, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, is provided with a common access card at the customer service office in Sablich Center by Senior Airman Monik Oubina.



Military personnel section Name has changed, but customer focus remains

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

The 81st Force Support Squadron's military personnel section supports thousands of active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and retirees customers.

"We assist Airman with military personnel programs and provide advisory services to senior leaders," said Gary Schafer, MPS chief. "We support about 45,000 customers annually, including more than 10,000 retirees in the surrounding area."

The MPS is made up of four units — customer support, career development, force management and the student personnel center.

"Our SPC is unique because it's the only one in the Air Force," Mr. Schafer pointed out. "It's located in the Triangle at the Levitow Training Support Facility and provides a 'one-stop shop' for our technical training students to take care all of their personnel issues, such as finance, identification cards, medical, travel, relocation orders and many other services. This saves class time and money."

The MPF operation has changed names over the years and was formerly known as the consolidated base personnel office and later as the military personnel flight.

"Now our organizational model complies with the Base Level Service Delivery Model, a standard that centralizes all personnel assets into a single personnel unit," Mr. Schafer explained. "These days, we're transitioning into the Personnel Services Delivery system, which means our personnel learn all the different elements of personnel operations and don't just specialize in one particular area."

What does the future hold for the MPS?

"The major movement is to mechanize more of the different services into Web-base applications," Mr. Schafer noted. "This could mean a significant reduction in personnel, meaning Airmen will have to rely more on self-service to take care of their personnel needs."

For more information, visit the customer support office, Room 125, Sablich Center, or call 376-8347.



Airman 1st Class Darnell Stewart, 338th Training Squadron, is assisted by Airman 1st Class Anthony Acevedo in the MPS customer service office in Sablich Center.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



From left, Staff Sgt. Jacob Williams, left, helps Airman 1st Class Candice Lacewell and Airman Basic Denelle Craig, students from the 334th TRS, with their outprocessing at the student personnel center in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Relaxation techniques can curb road rage

By Capt. Donna Burrow and
Senior Airman Fabian Consbruck

81st Medical Operations Squadron

With increased summer traffic on and off base, many people find themselves feeling enraged by the simple activity of driving.

Unfortunately for most people, commuting to and from work takes place during the hours of heaviest traffic congestion.

As drivers face obstacles such as bottlenecks, gridlock and construction, feelings of hostility often arise. Common emotions include anger, anxiety, stress, fear and aggravation. Triggering these feelings may be tailgating to pressure a person to go faster, blasting the horn, impeding others from passing, driving with unnecessary high beams and weaving through lanes.

Keesler members may encounter motorists who are driving recklessly and feel they need to retaliate with hasty words, hand gestures and threats. Everyone must find ways to maintain their composure and uphold a respectful Air Force image, especially those in and out of uniform.



Aggressive driving that endangers or compromises persons or property can lead to criminal charges.

Aside from the legal implications of “road rage,” a driver’s mental well-being also can be negatively impacted. Road rage perpetrators often explain a strong, uncontrollable impulse leads them to habitual episodes of aggressive driving. This driving style can become chronic as learned or conditioned reactions to feelings of anger and frustration.

There are several effective relaxation

tools that can be used to reduce stress and reckless behaviors related to road rage. Deep breathing, with an emphasis on the diaphragm, activates the body’s relaxation response and allows a person to exhale negative emotions.

While this breathing technique can be used before and after an incident occurs, it’s important not become too distracted at the same time.

For those who listen to intense music, changing to more pleasant and relaxing sounds is helpful. In addition to counting from 0 to 10 as a distracter from stressors, some find it both relaxing and entertaining to count foolish or ridiculous drivers on the road.

This reduces the overall anger reaction while allowing drivers to focus their attention on something less upsetting.

The most effective tool to prevent road rage is time management. It’s common to become frustrated when running late, so timeliness is a good prevention strategy. Reducing rushing and allowing enough time to account for unexpected road delays or obstacles will result in a calmer state of mind.



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Improved physical fitness uniform coming soon

By Brad Jessmer

Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — After much planning, anticipation and constructive feedback, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Air Force Uniform Office officials have partnered to bring an improved physical training uniform to select military clothing sales stores in July.

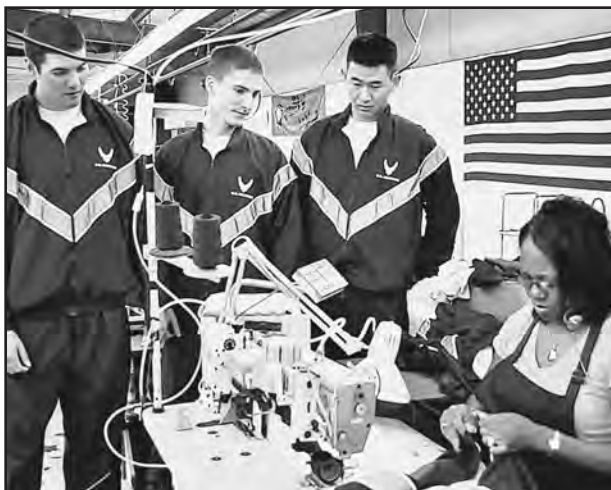
The IPTU, which consists of a running jacket, pants, trunks and a T-shirt, is an optional uniform authorized for wear.

Even though the IPTU is made to be identical to the current PTU, components of the running suits are not to be mixed, according to a policy letter issued Oct 28 by Air Force Manpower and Personnel officials.

“The new IPTU was made to look like the original PTU,” said Master Sgt. James Lynn, an AFUO subject matter expert. “However, wear policy has been established and published that prohibits wearing the new jacket with the pants from the current version or the current jacket with the new running pants.”

Material differences between the two running suits make it difficult to mix, Sergeant Lynn said.

The IPTU running suit consists of a different material with enough of a color shade difference to be identifiable from the current suit. However, the current PTU and IPTU shorts and shirts may be



mixed and also worn with the IPTU running suit.

By utilizing the latest advances in textile technology, the IPTU offers significant improvements in both comfort and functionality over the current PTU, said Capt. Nick Ferry, an IPTU program manager. Improvements include the elimination of the “swish-swish” in-motion noise, better reflectivity, lighter weight and state-of-the-art moisture wicking material with a quick-drying, anti-microbial liner.

“Much time and effort from a lot of folks has gone into the research, development and testing of the IPTU,” Captain Ferry said. “The end result is a greatly improved uniform that will eliminate many

From left, 1st Lts. Joseph Castro, Erik Svendsen and Andy Lee wear the Air Force’s improved physical training uniform and watch as Angela Smith hems the anti-microbial liner into the new uniform during a tour of the facility in Columbus, Miss., Nov. 3. The lieutenants are from the 14th Operations Support Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Ms. Smith is an American Power Source seamstress.

Photo by Sonic Johnson

concerns and frustrations our Airmen have had.”

IPTU availability is based on several factors, such as duty location. Deployed locations will take priority shipments followed by Pacific and European theaters.

Worldwide rollout of the IPTU trunks and running suit will be available through AAFES in July. The IPTU T-shirt release date is still to be determined.

According to AAFES, the IPTU will be in short supply starting out. But once all military clothing stores have received shipment, the IPTU will be available online around October.

Sergeant Esposito assists a teammate going through the Sierra Nevadas. Sergeant Esposito is participating in Sea to Shining Sea, a 4,000-mile bike ride which started at the Golden Gate Bridge and will end July 24 in Virginia Beach, Va. The goal of the ride is to honor the courage of service men and women, recognize the strength of the American spirit and challenge perceptions of how athletes are viewed

Photo by Austin Smithard



Wounded warrior bikes from coast to coast

By Maj. Belinda Petersen

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — A combat controller, who last year was lying in a hospital fighting for his life, is now riding his bicycle across America as part of his rehabilitation and to inspire other wounded warriors.

Along with 19 of his teammates, Staff Sgt. Marc Esposito from the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., is participating in the Sea to Shining Sea ride. The bike trek across America started at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and will end in Virginia Beach, Va., July 24.

“The goal of the ride is to honor the courage of (service members), recognize the strength of the American spirit and challenge perceptions of how we view athletes,” said Melissa McKinley, a public relations specialist for the event.

But before Sergeant Esposito could even get back on his bike, he spent almost a year in hospitals where he underwent several surgeries and extensive rehabilitation.

“In May 2009, I was operating in Afghanistan as a combat controller in support of an Army special operations team,” Sergeant Esposito said. “We were going after the bad guys when we hit an (improvised explosive device). Everyone in the vehicle was thrown out. I was in the rear of the vehicle, where the concentrated blast came from. I was

instantly left unconscious and catapulted from the vehicle.

“When the special operations medical technician found me, he said I was on fire, had no heartbeat and wasn’t breathing,” he said. “My legs and back were broken, and a lot of my teeth were smashed. I also suffered a traumatic brain injury.”

And now, thanks to the tremendous care and support he received from the medical community and his squadron, Sergeant Esposito is riding his bicycle 4,000 miles through deserts, mountain passes, big cities and small towns.

“It is so inspirational to see Marc and his teammates helping each other all along the way,” Ms. McKinley said.

“After conquering a hill, Marc will ride back down so he can ride along with someone who needs the encouragement to make it up the hill. That’s how Marc is; he always wants to help others.”

“I want to help others understand that there is life after an injury or illness,” Sergeant Esposito said. “When something traumatic happens, you feel like your life has been turned upside down. Everything is at a standstill. But you have to get back into life by doing what you love and loving what you do.”

That’s the message he and his teammates are inspiring in others as they ride across America, meeting people at water stops, restaurants, historical landmarks and military bases.

“They are changing people’s lives as

they go through small towns,” Ms. McKinley said.

When the team reaches Washington, D.C., Sergeant Esposito wants to visit servicemembers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the same place he spent several months enduring painful surgeries and not knowing what his future held.

Sergeant Esposito remembers how wonderful it was to have visitors when he was a patient at WRAMC.

“I want to give back by talking to the young troops and letting them know to never give up,” Sergeant Esposito said. “I want to (instill) in them that they can do it as long as they put their minds to it.”

“And an inspiration he is,” said Senior Airman Brian Petras who is also participating in the Sea to Shining Sea ride. “We met at the Center for the Intrepid while we were both going through rehabilitation, and we have inspired each other. By doing the Sea to Shining Sea ride, we want to prove that we are still an asset to our great country, that we are still very capable and can continue to serve.”

Along with Sergeant Esposito and Airman Petras, other Air Force riders include Christopher Frost, Kevin Sullivan and Scott Bilyeu.

The team rides anywhere from 30 miles to 120 miles in one day, averaging 77 miles a day. In two months, team members will only rest 11 days.

Keesler team gives supports to wounded warriors

Wounded Warrior support service contacts:

Active duty wounded warrior care coordinator — Donna Anderson, 376-3068

Recovery care coordinator — Daniel Ransom, 376-3076

Airman and family readiness center — works with wounded warriors and their extended families by providing a thorough analysis of opportunities and benefits available to medically-retired and medically-separated combat veterans, 376-8500

Transition service officer — Naomi Kraima, 376-8518

Referral management center — 376-0490

Health benefits adviser — 376-4752

Army liaison — Staff Sgt. Erick Majano, 376-5112.

Free physicals offered for students participating in sports, activities

81st Medical Operations Squadron

School and sports physical appointments are available Aug. 7 at the pediatric clinic for children 5 years old and older.

The clinic has designated more than 100 appointments as school/sports physical-only slots.

Appointments will run every 20 minutes from 8-11:20 a.m.

Physicals are required for many extracurricular activities such as sports, dance and cheerleading and may be required for participation in various summer camps or college entry in the fall. Parents should fill out and bring any forms required by a particular institution.

Generic forms will be available in advance at the pediatric clinic front desk. Parents are asked to obtain a pre-screening questionnaire



for each child prior to the appointment in order to expedite the process.

The appointment won't be scheduled with the child's primary care manager. The focus of school/sports physical appointments is to complete the requirements for the physical and will not be used to address any new medical issues.

An additional appointment will be scheduled with the child's PCM to address other issues identified during the

school/sports physical appointment.

Physicals include a review of the patient's shot record and they may obtain required immunizations by visiting the immunization clinic. Parents are asked to bring a current copy of their child's immunization record to the appointment. For those without a copy, the immunization clinic or the child's school may be able to provide one.

For an appointment, call 1-800-700-8603.



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Program helps military families with adoption

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Master Sgt. Kipp Bourgeois and his wife, Christina, adopted three children, thanks in part to financial assistance from the Defense Department's adoption reimbursement program.

The couple had been trying to conceive for more than a decade, but Christina's battle with endometriosis served as a barrier to their attempts.

They moved to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., in 2000, and saw a fertility specialist who told the couple their only hope was in vitro fertilization. But at \$15,000 a try and only a 30-percent success rate, as the doctor told them, the family just couldn't swing the cost.

They said they decided to look into adoption, specifically a special-needs adoption through the state.

"Dealing with special needs wasn't an issue for us," Sergeant Bourgeois said.

The couple set their sights

on two siblings, Emalie and Kameron, ages 3 and 4 at the time. The state considered the children as having special needs due to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and allergies. But the couple said they didn't think twice about their special needs or the fact that they would be accepting two children into their home rather than one.

"My wife fell in love with both of them, just based on their picture," Sergeant Bourgeois recalled. "They just looked like they fit in our family."

Since the adoption was done through the state of Nevada, the family's costs were minimal. Still, they had to pay about \$2,000 out of pocket for fingerprinting, training classes and a lawyer to finalize the adoption. The couple turned to the Defense Department's adoption reimbursement program for financial help, joining thousands of other military couples who have received compensation to defray adoption costs through the program since 1991.

"My wife fell in love with both of them, based only on their picture. They just looked like they fit in our family."

— Sergeant Bourgeois

In 2009, the program distributed nearly 650 payments throughout the services totaling more than \$1 million.

The program reimburses service members for certain adoption expenses such as agency and placement fees, legal fees and medical expenses. Service members who serve continuously on active duty for at least 180 days can receive up to a maximum of \$2,000 per child, but can't exceed \$5,000 per calendar year.

The Bourgeois family said the money covered their out-of-pocket expenses almost entirely after their first adoption was finalized in 2003.

They again turned to the program for help on their next adoption, three years later.

Sergeant Bourgeois was working with the birth mother and father at the time.

When the birth mother found out she was pregnant, she was distraught, knowing her family wouldn't approve since she wasn't married, he

said. Knowing they had adopted before, she called and asked the couple if they would take the baby.

Since this adoption was private, it was more costly, adding up to roughly \$13,000, Sergeant Bourgeois said. But between the department's reimbursement program and IRS tax credits, their out-of-pocket expenses were minimal.

Emalie and Kameron are now 14 and 12, and their youngest, SkylarRae, is 3.

While Sergeant Bourgeois said he remains grateful for the resources that aided his family, "the love that (my children) return makes the money not even a thought in the end."

DOD also offers service members who adopt up to 21 days of nonchargeable leave to be used in connection with the adoption.

For information, call Rebecca Stanley, airman and family readiness center, 376-8728, or Military OneSource, 1-800-342-9647.

VA eases claims process for veterans with PTSD

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Tuesday, the Department of Veterans Affairs published a final regulation intended to ease the claims process and improve access to health care for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The new rule, to be published in the Federal Register, relaxes the evidence requirement if the PTSD stressor claimed by a veteran is linked to "fear of hostile military or terrorist activity and is consistent with the places, types and circumstances of the veteran's service," a VA news release said.

"This nation has a solemn obligation to the men and women who have honorably served this country and suffer from the often-devastating emotional wounds of war," Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki said. "This final regulation goes a long way to ensure that veterans receive the benefits and services they need."

Currently, VA decision makers are required to confirm that a noncombat veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity, the release said.

Under the new rule, VA no longer will require substantiation of a stressor tied to fear of hostile military or

terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist can confirm that the experience recalled by a veteran supports a PTSD diagnosis and the veteran's symptoms are related to the stressor, a VA release said.

"With this new PTSD regulation, we are acknowledging the inherently stressful nature ... of military service in which the reality and fear of hostile or terrorist activity is always present," said Michael Walcoff, the VA's acting undersecretary for benefits.

The regulation will eliminate the need to search for records to verify veterans' accounts, "often a very involved and protracted process," Mr. Walcoff said.

It will enable VA officials "to move more quickly to award more benefits to veterans suffering from PTSD," Mr. Walcoff said.

Mr. Walcoff said he hopes the new regulation will encourage more veterans with PTSD to come forward, particularly those who have been deterred by a seemingly time-consuming and sometimes frustrating process.

More than 400,000 veterans currently are receiving compensation benefits for PTSD, VA officials said. And of the nearly 400,000 veterans treated at VA facilities for PTSD in fiscal 2009, nearly 70,000, or 19 percent, were veterans of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

However, the new regulation has the potential to

benefit all veterans, regardless of their period of service, Mr. Walcoff said.

Dr. Robert A. Petzel, the VA's undersecretary for health, said the regulation will be particularly beneficial for veterans who have had their military records damaged or destroyed, female veterans whose records don't specify they have combat experience, and veterans who have experienced combat but have no record of it.

"This is good news for America's veterans," Dr. Petzel said. "In fact, it's a historic day."

In his weekly address, President Barack Obama called the changes a "long-overdue step."

"I don't think our troops on the battlefield should have to take notes to keep for a claims application," President Obama said. "And I've met enough veterans to know that you don't have to engage in a fire-fight to endure the trauma of war."

The new regulation not only will help veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, but "generations of their brave predecessors who proudly served and sacrificed in all our wars," the president said.

"It's a step that proves America will always be here for our veterans, just as they've been there for us," he said. "We won't let them down. We take care of our own, and as long as I'm commander in chief, that's what we're going to keep doing."

Job opportunities

People interested in applying for nonappropriated fund positions may submit an application in person or on line.

Hours for the NAF personnel office, Room 211, Sablich Center, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

To apply online, log on to <https://nafjobs.afsv.net>.

For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-

9055, or log on to www.keeslerservices.us.

Biloxi public schools

Administrative offices for the Biloxi Public Schools are closed Friday and July 23 due to recent budget cuts.

Registration for the 2010-11 school year is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29-30 at the school the student will attend.

For more information, log on to www.biloxischools.net/District/Supt/Registration.asp.

Teddy Bear Run

The 81st Training Group's Teddy Bear Run is 8 a.m. Saturday starting on the west end of the Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge.

Students run across the bridge, pick up a teddy bear at the Ocean Springs end of the bridge and run with the stuffed animal back to the collection site at the Biloxi end of the bridge.

The event benefits the 81st

Medical Group Hospital's pediatric patients.

Donations of new stuffed animals may be brought to Room 144, Levitow Training Support Facility.

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

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.

Root canal treatment

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

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

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

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is needed.

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

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.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

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

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

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

For more information, call 376-3553.

Thrift shop closed

Due to an impending move, the Thrift Shop is closed through July.

For donations during the summer or if you have no way to get them to the thrift shop, call 377-3217 to schedule a drop off or pick up time.

Visitor center hours

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

Inaugural 'Diversity Day' celebrates all cultures at Dragon's Lair Tuesday

Keesler's inaugural Diversity Day is noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Dragon's Lair.

Staff Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George from the 81st Training Wing equal opportunity office is heading up the event which includes music, literature, dance, poetry, face painting, games and food for children and adults.

"This event is a celebration of all people from all nations in an effort to promote inclusiveness, rather than exclusiveness, by sharing ourselves to bring us closer together as a community and a wing," Sergeant Russell-George explained.

"It's not intended to preempt the Defense Department's mandated observances. These observances will continue to be recognized, but all



will be celebrated on Diversity Day.

"We have foreign students in the 81st Training Group, and we're asking units to adopt a culture and help students celebrate their heritage and culture," Sergeant Russell-George added.

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

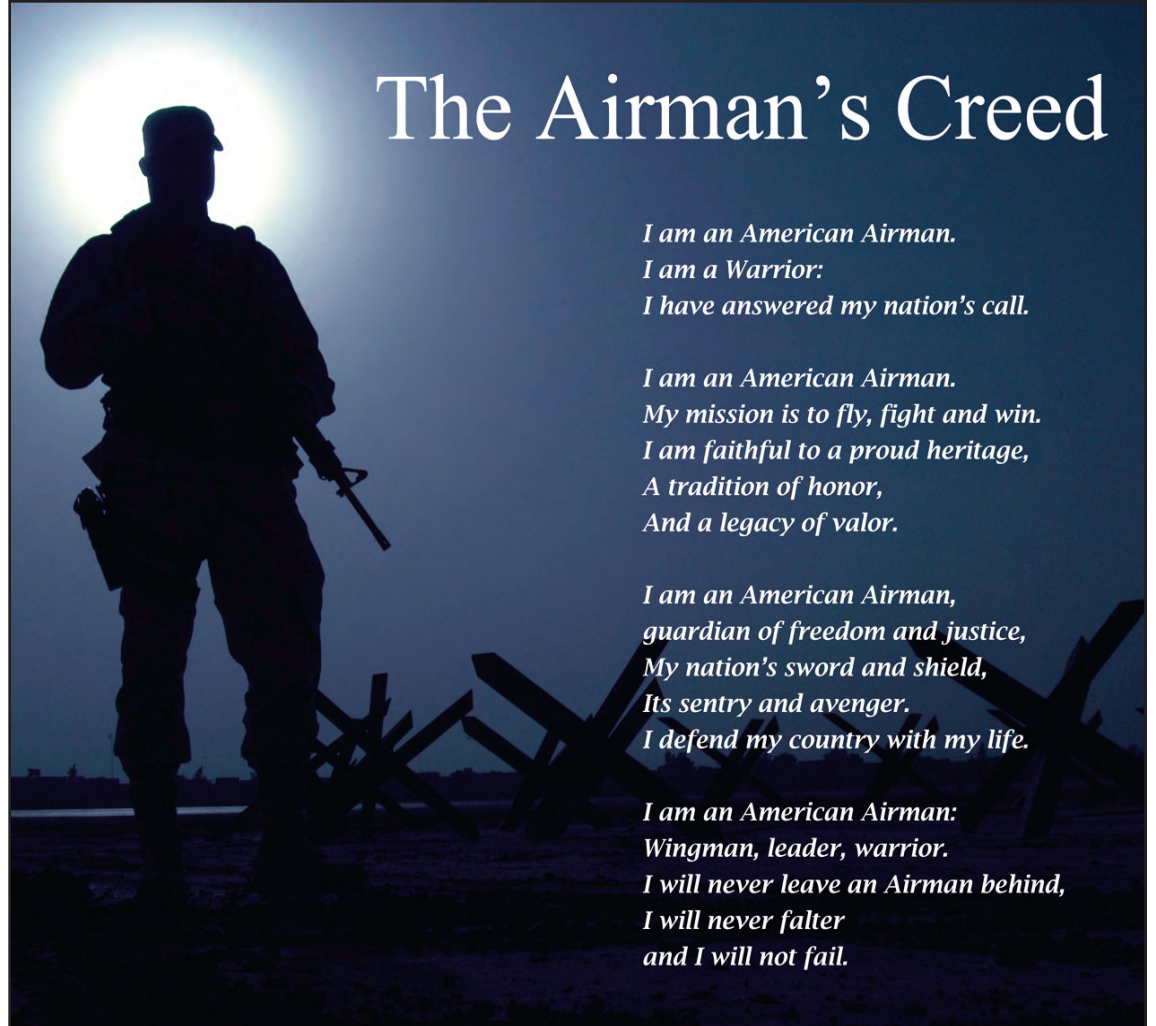
The Airman's Creed

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

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

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

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



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Tenacious Mad Dogs capture softball crown



Kevin Timmcke pitches for the Mad Dogs as first baseman Christopher Hargrove keeps his eye on the action in the July 8 title game.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 332nd Training Squadron Mad Dogs nipped the combined 81st Wing Staff Agency/ Force Support Squadron, 16-14, to win the base intramural softball championship July 8.

Both teams faced challenging competition to earn their spots in the title game.

Third seed in the American League playoffs at 8-2 for the regular season, the Mad Dogs defeated second seed Marine Corps Detachment (9-1) in a June 28 faceoff. Later that night, the Mad Dogs clobbered the American League's undefeated regular season champ, the 335th TRS Bulls, 22-9.

MARDET came back from the losers' bracket to beat the Mad Dogs, 12-10, June 30, forcing the two teams to play again immedi-

ately to decide the American League representative in the playoffs. The Mad Dogs managed to squeak past the Marines, 15-14.

The 81st WSA/FSS team, top seed in the National League playoffs, was defeated by the 334th TRS Gators, 17-15, June 29. The same night, the 81st WSA/FSS won in the losers' bracket against the 336th TRS-B team.

The 81st WSA/FSS posted three consecutive victories in the losers' bracket July 1 to earn a spot in the championship game – 13-2 over the 81st Dental Squadron, 14-4 and 12-2 in back-to-back matches against the Gators.

"I'd like to thank the entire league for its patience with all the issues we had during this season related to weather and field conditions, as well as for the outstanding sportsmanship shown throughout the season," said Sam Miller, intramural sports director.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Shawn Morgan, left, congratulates teammate Brandon Maxwell for posting a home run for the 81st WSA/FSS.

Fine-tuning youthful skills



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler golf pro Tama Manu gives 8-year-old Jude Goodman some pointers on his swing July 7 during one of Keesler's youth golf clinics. Jude's parents are Jason and Christy Goodman, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Camaraderie for cops



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Pitcher Douglas Wickline, 81st Security Forces Squadron, throws out Kevin Kinney from the Biloxi Police Department at second base during Saturday's Law Enforcement Challenge Cup hosted by Keesler at the Triangle softball fields. The Biloxi cops won both games. The event also included a cookout.

Skill, awareness needed for responsible boating

Air Education and Training Command and 81st Training Wing Safety Office

Each year, many Team Keesler members and their families take to the water for pleasure.

Operating a boat requires concentrated skill and a keen sense of awareness in the boat and on the water. A clear head and a responsible outlook are necessary to make a day on the water as smooth and safe as possible.

Whether you're new to the water or a long-time boating enthusiast, keep these safety tips in mind:

Talk to the boat dealer and consult your owner's manual to learn as much as you can before operating your boat.

Understand safe operation of your craft, including throttle control and handling.

Start slowly and get comfortable operating your boat. When trying new maneuvers or learning a new skill, operate at half-throttle or less.

Know how to swim, and make sure everyone on the boat wears a life jacket

or personal floatation device. Coast Guard statistics show drowning from simply falling overboard accounts for 25 percent of all boating fatalities.

The captain should establish authority. He's responsible for the safety of his passengers, as well as for water skiers, swimmers, anglers and others in nearby boats who may be affected by his boat and its wake.

The captain should be the designated driver and abstain from alcohol in order to safely drive the boat and its passengers to shore. He's also responsible for assuring that the crew and passengers follow the rules of the sea and drink responsibly.

Alcohol's effects are increased on the water. Studies show it takes just one-third of the alcohol a person would consume on land to make them intoxicated on a boat. Passengers should consume only one drink or less per hour and shouldn't drink on an empty stomach or when taking medication.

Carry safety equipment, such as

floatation devices, flares, a foghorn or whistle, a strong flashlight, a first aid kit and a bailing bucket.

Carry extra fuel in an approved, safe container.

Obey the laws for waterway use and follow posted speed limits and wake restrictions.

Use defensive driving techniques and slow down in crowded waters.

Be aware that weather can change rapidly over water; wind and waves can kick up quickly.

Don't exceed a boat's maximum passenger or load capacity. Distribute the load evenly.

If onboard a small boat, insist that passengers remain seated.

If the boat capsizes, have passengers stay with it.

Don't jump boat wakes or cross the paths of oncoming boats.

Let someone know the destination and estimated time of return. In case of an emergency, they'll know where to send help.

In Mississippi, anyone born after June 30, 1980, must complete a boating safety course to operate a boat.

Persons under 12 years old must be accompanied by a person 21 or older on board to operate the boat.

A six-hour instructor taught course is available for groups which is accepted nationwide. Home-study or Internet courses are available for persons unable to attend an instructor-taught course. Most insurance companies offer reductions in insurance premiums on completion.

These Internet boating courses are approved and accepted by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Operators of boats or personal water craft who take one of these courses must possess proof of successful completion to operate a boat or PWC in Mississippi's public water. Other states may not accept these courses.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910.

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

Medics wins Firecracker run



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Emmanuel Balderas, 81st
Medical Support Squadron,
was the winner of the Fire-
cracker 5-kilometer run July 1
with a time of 20 minutes,
11 seconds.



Call
Airmen Against
Drunk Driving,
377-SAVE,
for a safe ride
home.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Fall bowling leagues — accepting registrations now for the following leagues beginning in Sept. Tuesday big money; Wednesday women's, parent/child and regular; Thursday senior's and intramurals; Friday mixers and Saturday youth and bumper leagues. For more information, call 377-2817.

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.

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

Dog Day 20-Mile Baton Relay — 7 a.m., Aug. 6 at the Triangle track. Register 6-7 a.m. Teams will consist of 4 persons, with each person running a total of 5 miles, ¼ mile at a time. Participants are responsible for forming their own teams. Women's competition will be conducted first, followed immediately by the men's event. Custom T-shirts will be given to the first 20 teams to register. Awards presented to the first and second place winners in both the male and female divisions.

Fall power lifting meet — 9 a.m. Sept. 18, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift for men and women. No entry fee. Open registration through Sept. 16.

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

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. 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.

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

Free equipment orientations — new equipment has been installed at the Keesler fitness centers. Contact the fitness center of your choice for an appointment for a free equipment orientation.

Racquetball courts — only court shoes are permitted on the racquetball courts.

Free blood pressure machines — available at all fitness centers.

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

Golf

Other

Golf 4 Kids — Tuesday through July 22. Two sessions: 8-10 a.m. for ages 6-9 and 10 a.m. to noon for ages 10-13. \$40 per child. Maximum 10 per session; first come, first served. To register, or for more information, call 377-3832.

Dragon fun golf — 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$20 including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person teams. Two-person blind draw. Check in as a 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.

Fitness center work continues

Certain areas of Blake Fitness Center will be closed for renovation:

Through Friday — men's restroom/locker room. Portable showers available.

July 19-Aug. 20 — women's restroom/locker room. Closed July 19-Aug. 20. Portable showers available.

Aug. 23-Sept. 27 — reception area.

Outdoor recreation

Free kids fishing rodeo — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Three age groups for boys and girls. Bring your own pole or we can provide one. Free bait. Trophies and prizes awarded.

Pool parties — at main base or Triangle pools. For information, call 377-3568.

Beach trips to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$30 per person including a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. You bring food, beverages and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and tow-

ing 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.

Pontoon boat training — test to become certified to rent a pontoon. For more information, call 377-3160.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

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

Softball

Intramural playoffs

June 28 — 335th TRS 18, 336th TRS-A 8; 332nd TRS 18, MARDET 13; 332nd TRS 22, 335th TRS 9; MARDET 20, 336th TRS-A 12.

July 29 — 334th TRS-A 17, 81st WSA/FSS 15; 81st DS 8, 336th TRS-B 7; 334th TRS 17, 81st DS 15; 81st WSA/FSS 21, 336th TRS-B 7.

June 30 — MARDET 20, 335th TRS 16; MARDET 12, 332nd TRS 10; 332nd TRS 15, MARDET 14.

July 1 — 81st WSA/FSS 13, 81st DS 2; 81st WSA/FSS 14, 334th TRS 4; 81st WSA/FSS 12, 334th TRS 2.

July 6 — 332nd TRS 16, 81st WSA/FSS 14.

DANGER

**DO NOT
ENTER**

Base
construction
sites
are off-limits
without
authorization.

Heart Attack Symptoms

Men and women
may experience
some common
symptoms,
but there are
differences.



- Nausea/vomiting
- Jaw pain
- Back pain



- Chest discomfort
- Arm pain
- Shortness of breath

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles/information technology fundamentals — Airmen Basic Joseph Ackerman, Clayton Aguayo, Christopher Baris, Steven Barker, Nathaniel Bergan, Charles Besore, Kevin Bibb, Jorge BlasiniRivera, Patrick Boltz, Nathaniel Bruce, Jeff Burns, James Childs, Nathan Colon, Bryan Dekin, Eric Digregorio, Scott Esler, Joshua Heath, Aaron Hong, Jonathon Hosbrook, Damina Kelton, Tyler Kemplin, Amber Kochalka, Ward Jackson, Christopher Lemons, Brandon Linamen, Lucas LlligBrian Mathis, Dylan Maynard, Jeffrey McNamara, Kaleb Mechling, Steven Michalski, Marvin Miller, Jeremy Mills, Quinton Morse, Brian Motta, Jacob Nickerson, Brian Pagel, Jeremy Pursell, Johnathan Randolph, Chance Redman, Joseph Rezabek, Michael Robinson, Seth Russo, Andrew Smith, Lucas Strenge, Kevin Strozeski, Joshua Vaughn, Heather Wadley, Shane Walker, Steven Walsh, Corey Weber, Timothy Williams, Paul Witt and Brendan Wright; Airmen Michael Berrett, Christopher Bolick, Matthew Buxkemper, Shane Carte, Alberto Cortesjavariz, Alexander Curto, Anthony Diaz, Adam Fortney, Jacob Frye, Michael Harper, Michael Hill, Matthew Jarrett, Jesse Lemos, David Nance, Byron Owen, Jenna Prewitt, Jessica RiosSantillane, Pedro Rodas, Joshua Rowe, John Washington and Michael Whitmire; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Bachman, Kenneth Barthold, Anthony Bernazard, Kevin Bloomfield, James Boone, Etan Bredwick, Antonio Burgos, Leonardo Caceres, Roger Cahall, Richard Calderon, Matthew Chrest, Rodolfo Collazo, Jake Cornella, Gianluca Cugnetti, James Davis, Derek Drennan, Benjamin Eulalio, Jordan Farmer, Joseph Farrell, Matthew Fitzgerald, Ian Francke, Sean Genereux, Cicely Georges, Verhonda Gibson, Arthessius Hampton, Daniela Harris, Phillip Honie, Aaron Judd, Cherish Kalilikane, Kyle Knisley, Justin Kvantas, Orlando Layugan, Joseph Lee, Daniel Leone, Thomas MacFarlane, Alan McDade, Ryne Meador, Michael Miller, Michael Moul, David Munn, Christian Parris, Niomi Pezoa, Youwayed Rajab, Hernandez Rodriguez, Juan RodriguezAviles, Brian Rose, John Rosson, Victor SanchezZapata, Brian Silva, Terrence Smith, Shannon Squires, Joseph Stamps, Vaughn Stevenson, Owen Swanson, Brian Valentin, Kelvin VegaQuesada, Cody Voehringer, Stephen Warren, Wade White and David Yenian; Senior Airmen Faisal Al Balushi, Kenneth Andrews, Edward Ashford, Delmar Brent, Troskey Jefferson, Brian Murphy, Martin Newberry, Rodney Peoples, Samantha Prince and Eric Stager; Staff Sgts. Alun Boyns, Nathan Charneski, James Clanahan, Jackson Contreras, John Dossa, Sean Hoffman, Andrew Honarvar, Daniel Kelly, Bradley Lambert, Arthur Laurie, Brandon Nott, Aviel Perez, Dale Richer, Brian Scanlan and Dustin Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Eric Borgen and Robert Lee.

Metrology basic course — Airmen Basic Matthew Stork; Airmen Nathan Scheffel; Airmen 1st Class Teresa Jacobson, Michael Wortham, Samuel Ronan and Stanley Wesley.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Thomas Richards and Donovan Rogers; Airmen Robert Bradley, Paul Crute and Nicole Stibick; Tech. Sgts. Esperanza Aviles, Brenda Cardenas, Rachelle Herman, Nicole Langdon and Ronnie Woods.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Casey Erwin, Mathew Hetlage, Brookean Meadows, Jonathon Prater and Shawn Wright; Airmen Daniel Davidson; Airmen 1st Class Alex Arnold, Nathaniel Penalosa and Kirsten Tubbe; Staff Sgt. Brian McCue; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Ceselsky.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Marc Ariz, Sarah Hunter, Jake Jansen, Jonathan Kershaw, Matthew Kurtz, Leland McDonald, Travis Middleton, Jessica Navarro, Anthony Trabucco and Shumms Ullah; Airmen Jennifer Bruce, Badger Garner, Leighann Houser, Benjamin Minard, Richey Minard and Seth Norman; Airmen 1st Class Sarah Boren,

Andrew Campos, Austin Cooner, Joshua Corpening, Zachary Craven, Russll Crenshaw, Capreshia Dowdy, Kevin Durgan, Matthew Garrette, Adam Karre, Preston Knight, James Langley, Matthew Lee, Stephen Livingston, Ariell Malloy, Seth Mclagan, Ryan Nizamuldin, Theodore Pelfrey, Matthew Rardon, Michael Rejent, Ryan Travers, Kevin Tyndall, Alexander White, Richard Williams, Jimmel Winkfield and Eric Wong; Senior Airmen James Bak, Adam Hoyle and Millard Morgan; Staff Sgts. Bradley Davis, John Gleese, Ruan James, Keith Janda, Timothy Marallo; Senior Master Sgt. Huqwi.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Vince Croci; Airmen 1st Class Joel Archambault, Amanda Buck, Kevin Cahill, Heath Converse, Ryan Freeman, Kelvin Ithier, Maria Kehoe, Patrick Paddick, Brooke Pickering, Shantelle Small, Zachary Taillie and Joshua Wheeler; Senior Airmen James Thurman and Roy Rogan; Staff Sgts. Jonathan Baker, Lisa Beckett, Keith Bowie, Annicah Diaz, Deandrea Dorsey, Christopher Hatten, Brandon King, Chad Linck, Michael Marshall and Jeffrey Skaggs; Tech. Sgts. Venessa Hernandez, Michael Jones, Kristen McVey, Caroline Parker, Albert Trombley and Lawrence Willis.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Staff Sgts. Adam Dennis, Rachael Hillmann, and Danette Mathis; Tech. Sgts. Adelita Domingues, and David Morales; Master Sgt. Jennifer Weitekamp

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Elema Godana, Matthew McKenzie, Michael Norton, Cody Vandermartin and Brittany Witcher; Airmen Pradeep Muddasani; Airmen 1st Class Mohamed Barry, Timothy Budka, Phillip Calton, Stephanie Canizalez, Charlene Concepcion, Timothy Cram, Matthew Dier, Kevin Goldsmith, Andrew Hensley, Tyler Hunt, Zachary Kossack, Brian Pelletier, Michael Spall, Brandon Srebniak and Briana Williams; Senior Airmen Ronald Carter; Staff Sgts. Morgan Goines, Robert Gregory, Austin Lindsey, Rietta Mackley-Portley, Danielle Marshall, Mark Paquette, Chad Smith, Matthew Such, Cynthia Swensen,

Kimberly Thomas, Daniel Vasquez, Rafael Williams and Jeffrey Wyant; Tech. Sgt. Glenn Buie.

338th TRS

Ground radar systems — Airmen Basic Kristopher Werner; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Barrera, Dandre Reid, Johnny Ross and James Woolfolk; Master Sgt. Keith Henry.

Radio frequency transmission systems — Airmen Basic Austin Bass, Krystina Colon, Kaleb Eberle, Allyana Gibbs and Joshua Leonard; Airmen Xyrus Saliidebold, Joseph Soukup and Christian Tolentino; Airmen 1st Class Justin Bird, Jacon Bixler, Zachary Blenka, Megan Brown, Buck Carpenter, Andrew Codon, Elizabeth Cunningham, Kevin Davis, Jason Delauro, Porsha Evans, Weston Fischer, Volodymyr Flis, Andrew Garske, Heather Glazier, Diel Green, Briand Hadfield, Michael Hoffman, Diane Holden, Bobby Holness, Andrew Kim, Brandon Little, Andrew Moriarity, Nicholas Murray, Adam Oertley, Stephan Phillips, Jennifer Roche, Loel Rosadoramos, Kristen Tolbert, Matthew Waite, Michael Wence, Jameson Williams and Paul Wilson; Senior Airmen Ryan Covet, Jason Hester, Johnathon Istre, Robert Lewis, Amy Masuyama, and Phirachan Pimsri; Staff Sgts. Aaron Andrus, Randy Black, Eddie Cameron, Brandon Carrico, Anthony McClellan, Robert Powell, Scott Schuler, Brandon Stamps and Richard Wysong; Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Hoe; Master Sgt. Francisco Martin.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 10-6 — starts August 2.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 10-6 — starts July 27.

Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing workshops — 9:30-11:30 a.m. Room 110, Sablich Center. Dates for civilian or private sector resumes are Saturday, July 29 and Aug. 19. Resumes for government jobs, including Air Force positions, are July 22, Aug. 12 and Aug. 26. To register, call 376-8728, no later than the day before the class begins.

Arts and crafts center

Summer arts youth camp for ages 6 and older — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays–Thursdays. To register, call 377-2821. Monday–Wednesday, Plants, Pots and Photos; July 26-28, Back to School.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon, July 24. \$25 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday and July 31. \$40 including materials.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday and July 31. \$25 including materials.

Framing class — 12:30-4 p.m. July 23. \$30 per person including materials. Bring a photograph or art work, no larger than 5x7 inches for framing.

Beginning woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturdays. Make a cutting board. \$25 including materials and shop use. This class will certify you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. July 24. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday and July 31. \$20 per person including materials and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Air conditioning service — Recover current refrigerant, check for leaks, recharge the system and add freon if needed. \$60 plus \$1 per unit of needed freon.

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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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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

Voyage to Book Island children's reading program — 2-3 p.m. today. Treasure hunt with prizes. 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, luau with free food, games, crafts and prizes.

Education open house — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 29. Representatives from more than 20 schools answer questions and offer registration and course enrollment. A tuition assistance representative is available to answer questions and computers are available to apply for assistance on site.

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

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.

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 and 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 July 26. Menu changes each week. \$6 for club members, \$8 for non members.

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. July 28. Free for Keesler club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

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.

Weekend dance specials — \$3; nonprior service students only.

Friday — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Rep Yo' City. Represent your home town.

July 22 — 8-10 p.m. Latin music; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Hip Hop/R&B/Top 40.

July 23 — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. all night black light party.

July 30 — 9 p.m. Karaoke night with prizes for winners.

July 31 — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dressed 2 Impress end of summer ball; prizes for best dressed male and female.

Youth center

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

Summer camp — For school agers and teens. To check on available spaces, call 377-4116.

Missoula Children's Theater — July 26-30. Auditions July 26. Practice all week for "Jungle Book" show to be performed at 6 p.m., July 30. For more information, call 377-4116.

Saturday fun night — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12.

Volunteers needed — To share personal interests and talents with ages 13-18 during summer camp, and late afternoons and Saturdays during the school year. For information, 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.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene McCombs, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@us.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 McCombs, 377-7116; visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center, or e-mail charlene.morse@us.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 Monday-Wednesday; Aug. 9-12; Sept. 13-16; Oct. 18-21; Nov. 15-18; and Dec. 13-16. To register, call 376-8728.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

MEETINGS

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

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, or visit <http://chapter.afsa652.org/>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591, or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

Airman's Council — meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m., Sablich Auditorium. For more information, 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; 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 — 3:30 p.m. third Wednesday of the month at the Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Javaughn Johnson, 377-3456, or visit <https://keesler.eis.aetc.af.mil/81TRW/K56>.

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, 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, 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

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call Keesler's
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377-7278.

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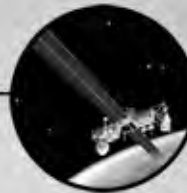
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