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Evolving threats, events prompt need for vigilance

By Ken Oates

Antiterrorism and critical infrastructure program chief

While terrorist organizations such as Al-Qaeda still pose a significant threat, their ability to conduct coordinated large scale attacks within the US has been degraded. This by no means indicates we are safe from attack and in fact the efforts of terrorist and extremist organizations to inspire individual attacks have made us quite vulnerable. For this reason, today's most significant threat within the U.S. may be that of the "lone wolf" or homegrown violent extremist.

These offenders are literally threats from within. In general, they're U.S. persons who have been radicalized locally or remotely. They may also be motivated by individual anti-government, hate or supremacist beliefs. These persons should be of great concern to Keesler personnel based on the knowledge among our own military ranks, civilian work force or family members. Events such as the 2009 attack at Fort Hood, Texas, by an active-duty major and the recent arrest of another military member planning to conduct a similar attack at an off-base restaurant adjacent to Fort Hood highlight this threat.

A key take-away from the Fort Hood events is the threat is as much internal as it is external. Hostile

actors need not be a card-carrying member of a terrorist or extremist organization to pose a threat.

Another take-away is that an attack targeting Department of Defense personnel need not be conducted on a military installation, since there are plenty of target locations outside the installation's protected perimeter. Clubs, restaurants, and special events all serve as soft targets where a violent operation may be easily planned and conducted against the military.

To thwart an attack:

Look within first. Be aware of co-workers and family members going through stressful situations. Look for significant changes in their demeanor such as severe depression or anger associated with individuals, groups or organizations. Tipping points, like pending disciplinary actions such as Articles 15, courts-martial or employee dismissals, as well as personally stressful periods such as a divorce or separation, may be catalysts for violent action. Also, be aware of personnel making extreme statements that justify the actions of those who commit terrorist or violent criminal acts.

Look outward from your workplace to off-base places you frequent. Persons, including terrorists, looking to conduct an operation often provide several indicators of pending action. The easi-

est of these to observe is surveillance, which generally takes the form of monitoring and recording activities. Taking pictures or videos, drawing diagrams or maps and taking notes are all key examples of surveillance. An exceptional training video on pre-event indicators is available through the Department of Homeland Security "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign website, <http://www.dhs.gov/files/reportincidents/see-something-say-something.shtm>.

Trust your instincts — report it. Don't be the one on CNN who saw or knew something ahead of an incident, but didn't take action. On base or outside our immediate perimeter, report your suspicions or concerns to the 81st Security Forces Squadron's Base Defense Operations Center, 377-3040, or Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 407, 377-3420. If off base, call 911 or contact local authorities directly. Don't delay — report it immediately.

Taking threats seriously is the first step to preventing a violent event; learning what to look for and how to react when your suspicion is aroused is the next.

Information and training on protecting yourself, family, and coworkers is available through the installation antiterrorism office, 377-2808

Warriors vital in workplace, not just battlefield

By Master Sgt. Joel Shepherd

333rd Training Squadron first sergeant

In "The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century," award-winning New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman observes, "Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up, you better start running."

In this African proverb, I see a stark relationship between our Airmen's drive to run with a warrior ethos and the success of our Air Force. I see many Airmen at all levels struggle with the warrior ethos concept, and I'm not sure they understand its intent and purpose.

The redundancy of our routine administrative duties, curriculum development, podium time and management struggles make it easy for us to undermine this warrior ethos concept. Sometimes it's portrayed as

something you only need in combat. As Airmen, we need to remember that our daily operations, in conjunction with our warrior ethos, have a direct impact on the future of our Air Force.

Our embodiment of this ethos or spirit enables us to become better followers, leaders and producers. A direct understanding of a warrior ethos doesn't only come with a bloody bayonet or a bomb dropped on a target. It's not the kills under your belt that characterize you as a warrior; it's the characteristics of the warrior that give you this priceless ethos.

Picture a warrior in your mind, fictional or non-fictional. What characteristics or traits do they possess that make them come to mind? They probably possess character traits such as pride, discipline, resiliency, courage, self-sacrifice, expertise and strength.

Two iconic warriors possessed these same traits, yet they never held a bloody bayonet or dropped a bomb on a target — Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

Gandhi had the courage and self-sacrifice to take on an entire empire as he battled discrimination and

poverty to win India's independence without raising a finger.

King had the discipline to stand fast when others literally spit in his face and threw rocks at him. He had the expertise and resiliency to write his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" while locked up behind bars.

Much like them, we have our own challenges. Our ability to overcome these challenges is fueled by these warrior ethos characteristics.

These characteristics are seen in our Airmen's daily operations and actions. We don't always recognize these characteristics when we see them.

For example, our pride is evident when our technical school instructors educate their students and stamp them as fully-functional weapon platforms upon graduation. Our discipline surfaces as we enforce standards and breed the next generation of warriors, instilled with the discipline required to be operationally effective. The expertise of our craft is present as our Airmen spend countless off-duty hours in lesson preparation and curriculum development to ensure the students receive the best possible

product. Our resilience is shown through the wing support groups as they continuously work through daily challenges despite limited resources and manning. Our courage shines when we do the right thing, the hard thing; despite its lack of popularity among our co-workers.

Our Airmen and their families practice self-sacrifice when they are tasked to deploy; without question they sacrifice the things most dear to their hearts. The strength of our Airmen shimmers in their pursuit of off-duty education, excellent fitness scores and community involvement as they refine their mind, body, and soul. Yes, these characteristics are embedded and make up the Air Force Warrior Ethos.

It doesn't matter if we're lions or gazelles. What matters is that we never stop running to be the best that we can possibly be every single day by learning and embodying the characteristics of the warrior ethos. The future of our Air Force is born and bred with this warrior ethos and depends on our determination and boundless efforts. Thanks for serving and thanks for leading.

ON THE COVER

Senior Airman Jeremy Buckley, second from left, is welcomed to Keesler Friday by Chief Master Sgt. James Brown, left; Capt. Matthew Upchurch and Maj. Gen. Alex "Don" Roberts. Buckley, deployed to Afghanistan from the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron, Key Field, Miss., received shrapnel to the right leg from an improvised explosive device July 29. He came to Keesler Hospital via Landstuhl Army Medical Center, Germany, and Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Brown is the 238th ASOS superintendent; Upchurch is the co-pilot from Scott AFB, Ill., who assisted in Buckley's transport and Roberts is assistant adjutant general-air, Mississippi Air National Guard, Mississippi Joint Task Force, Jackson, and serves as Mississippi Air National Guard commander.



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DRAGONS ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What careless driving habit concerns you the most?



"Talking on the phone."

Capt. Elvis Ta, 403rd Wing



"Texting while driving."

Dan Ransom, 81st Medical Group contractor



"Being on the phone while driving."

Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Thomas, 81st Force Support Squadron

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Academy ranked among nation's best colleges

Air Force News Service

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy received top-10 rankings in most available professors, low drug and alcohol use and best school administration, according to *The Best 376 Colleges* book released Aug. 2 by Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review ranks the Air Force Academy's faculty fifth in the nation in "most accessible professors" and ranked the Academy's administration as No. 9 in the nation in "School Runs Like Butter."

At the Air Force Academy, the student-faculty ratio is 8:1, average class size is 20, 100 percent of the faculty are full-time and no classes are taught by teaching assistants. Several academic departments here also staff extra instruction laboratories throughout the academic day, with at least one professor available each class period to help cadets tackle questions arising from their latest lessons. The Princeton Review ranked the Air Force Academy number one in professor availability in its 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Best Colleges editions, and number four in the same category for its 2010 Best Colleges edition.



The Academy also came out in several other top-20 rankings in the nation and was also selected as one of the Best Western Colleges on the book's regional college list. The Princeton Review features

the Air Force Academy and other local colleges in *The Best 376 Colleges*, the new 2012 edition of its annual best colleges guide. The guide utilizes online student surveys in 62 categories to assess the academic, administrative, social, extracurricular and quality-of-life aspects at American colleges.

"Each of our 376 best colleges offers outstanding academics," says Robert Franek, the book's author and Princeton Review senior vice president and publisher. "We don't rank them hierarchically, 1 to 376, because they differ widely — and importantly — in their program offerings and campus culture, and that is their strength. Instead, we tally lists of the top 20 schools in 62 categories based entirely on what students at these schools tell us about their campus experiences. Our goal is not to crown one college 'best' overall, but to help applicants find and get in to the college best for them."

The book's college profiles and ranking lists are posted on <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx>

The Air Force Academy's fall semester began Aug. 4.

NCO Academy announces 18 graduates from Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Eighteen Keesler technical sergeants are members of Mathies NCO Academy Class 11-5 that graduated July 13.

Graduates are:

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Tensly Howard.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Celestine Lewis.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Aubrey Williams.

81st Medical Group — Edmon James.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Jamie Stewart.

81st Training Support Squadron — Dustin Douberly, Chosniel Jefferson and Shaun Wilke.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Kimberly Cruickshank.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Jason Palmitessa.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Shandreka Glanton and Robert Yaus.

334th Training Squadron — Scott Middleton.

335th TRS — Waichung Liu, Joseph Overlay, Janis Petry and Kevin Timmcke.

345th Airlift Squadron — Steven Cauthron (distinguished graduate).

July's Airman of Month named

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Group has announced its Airman of the Month for July.

Airman 1st Class Ericka Donovan is a yellow rope student leader from the 335th Training Squadron. Donovan, from Sierra Vista, Ariz., graduated from avionics system training Aug. 4 with a 100 percent average.

The four squadrons that train nonprior service students select one Airman to compete at a monthly group board.

Airmen are graded on personal appearance, communication skills and military bearing. They also respond to questions about customs and courtesies, dress and appear-



Donovan

ance, selected entries in the Airman's Manual and current events from that week's issue of the Keesler News.

Don't drink and drive.

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

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

When you call "911" in this region on cell phones, the 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.



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TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

WCU registration

William Carey University is enrolling for the fall trimester which begins Aug. 22.

William Carey offers flexible bachelor's and master's degree programs.

For more information on degrees, Veterans Affairs benefits and tuition assistance, call 376-8440.

Career and technical education is available for finishing GS 1750 requirements while working toward a degree. Online and live courses on base are offered.

Dr. Karen Juneau is available to answer questions about the program. For more information, call 282-0470.

MGCCC fall session

The fall session begins Aug. 22 for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler.

Registration for active-duty military is under way. Others may register Monday through Aug. 18.

View the fall schedule at www.mgccc.edu.

For more information, call 376-8477 or visit the MGCCC office, Room 221, Sablich Center.

USM fall term

The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast holds onsite registration Tuesday in the Fleming Education Center at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

Orientation for new undergraduate students is 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. Register at www.usm.edu/gulfcoast.

Advisement and registration is 2-6 p.m.

The fall term begins Aug. 24.

For more information, call 376-8479.

Academy LEAD program

The Air Force Academy's admissions office hosts 15 Airmen for a three-day tour Sept. 22-25 as part of its Leaders Encouraging Airman Development program.

Qualified Airmen must send letter of endorsement, Air Force Form 1786 signed by squadron commander, copy of high school transcript, copy of ACT or SAT scores and a biography by Wednesday.

For more information and application procedures, call the education office, 376-8472.

CCAF deadline

The deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduation is Aug. 26.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including your nomination action request.

For more information, visit Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

OTS recruiting boards

Dates for Officer Training School recruiting service boards:

Rated — Dec. 1 application cutoff for Jan. 23; June 21, 2012, cutoff for Aug. 13, 2012.

Non-rated — March 1 cutoff for April 16.

CALT program

The Civilian Acculturation and Leadership Program is a two-week in-residence course patterned after the Officer Training School curriculum.

CALT is open to Air Force civilians in permanent General Service 7-13 with a bachelor's degree and two to five years experience.

Applications are open on a continuing basis. Nominees can apply by completing Air Force IMT 4059, Air Force Civilian Competitive Development Nomination Form.

Seven classes are offered between October and September 2012. Classes are open until all seats are filled.

For more information, call 376-8161 or log on to Air Force Personnel Services.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilians using tuition assistance must receive a grade of "C" or higher for undergraduate classes or a grade of "B" or higher for graduate classes.

Failure to do so results in reimbursement to the government for its portion of paid tuition assistance.

Course grades must be provided to education services within two weeks of course completion.

For more information, call 376-8708.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Medics deploy for training exercise, may affect access to hospital care

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A major field training exercise this month will affect access to care at the Keesler Hospital.

Almost 100 “Dragon Medics” deploy to Camp Atterbury, Ind., about 35 miles south of Indianapolis, starting Monday to participate in “Vibrant Response 12/12A.” They’ll return Aug. 24.

Col. (Dr.) Nicholas Miniotis, 81st Dental Squadron commander, leads the Keesler contingent.

“The 81st Medical Group personnel will provide medical support to 7,000 military members,” he explained. “Our people also will participate in the exercise to improve readiness skills under field conditions and interoperability with the Army command. The Air Force provides a mobile hospital that can provide emergency, surgical and short-term inpatient care. The EMEDS (expeditionary medical support field hospital) can be chemical protected and can include a team to decontaminate patients.”

Miniotis added, “The exercise is a requirement for the 81st EMEDS to become certified for the DCRF (Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Enhanced Conventional Weapons Response Force) mission. The 96-member Keesler group team participating in the exercise includes a surgical team, an emergency room team, staffing for a three-bed intensive care unit and 22-bed ward plus ancillary staff for a field hospital. Operations last approximately two weeks

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— Miniotis

Call central appointment line

Although the 81st Medical Operations Squadron family health flight has several providers involved in Vibrant Response 12/12A, Maj. Tracy Hinote, flight commander, stressed, “Family health is dedicated to meeting our patients’ needs. The best way to access care is to call the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603, as soon as it opens, 5 a.m. for active-duty members and 6 a.m. for all others.”

from processing here to return to Keesler.”

Keesler team members completed EMEDS training at Camp Bullis in San Antonio July 25-29. An EMEDS team from the 99th MDG, Nellis AFB, Nev., is also participating.

Miniotis noted both EMEDS are “on call 24/7/365” and are tasked to be “wheels-up” in 48 hours or less to provide medical support during a major disaster involving CBRNE elements. The current tasking began Oct. 1, 2010, and ends Oct. 1, 2012.

The U.S. Northern Command oversees the DCRF, a secretary of defense-controlled joint task force that includes civil defense. Its pri-

mary objectives are to save lives and minimize human suffering by providing life-saving capability as soon as 96 hours following a CBRNE incident. The response force supports civil authorities to mitigate further loss of life and relieve suffering in response to a CBRNE disaster.

The task force is capable of providing medical, decontamination, command and control, communications, logistics, transportation, casualty evacuation and public affairs assistance.

The joint operating area includes the continental U.S., Canada, Mexico, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.

IN THE NEWS

Dates slip for housing privatization

The dates for housing privatization closing has slipped by about a month, according to Brett Long, chief of the housing flight for the 81st Infrastructure Division.

The new tentative schedule:

Monday through Aug. 26 — Congressional notification to transfer funds.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 9 — transfer funds.

Sept. 12-19 — advertise bonds and lock interest rates.

Sept. 26-30 — close and take over Sept. 30; rent starts Oct. 1.

“It could be a few days sooner, but the Sept. 1 closing date is out,” Long said July 28.

Clinics close for warrior training

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

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

Staffing is reduced in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics general surgery, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services. For urgent situations, call central appointments at 1-800-700-8603 or report to the emergency room.

For emergency situations such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room. If it’s an emergency, contact 911 for an ambulance.

Dental residency program review

The Commission on Dental Accreditation is reviewing the general practice and endodontics residency programs of the 81st Medical Group Nov. 15-16.

Third-party comments from students and patients are solicited by CODA until Sept. 15, 60 days prior to the scheduled review. Such comments must pertain only to the standards for the particular program or policies and procedures used in the commission’s accreditation process.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the commission’s policy on third-party comments may be obtained by contacting the commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling (800) 621-8099, extension 4653.

Many of the CODA standards and policies also are available at the American Dental Association’s website at www.ada.org/100.aspx. Comments are screened by commission staff for relevancy. For comments not relevant to these issues, the individual is notified that the comment is not related to accreditation and, where appropriate, referred to the appropriate agency.

For local questions, consult the program directors or the 81st Dental Squadron Residency Flight Commander, 606 Fisher Street, Keesler AFB, MS 39535, or call 376-5190.

Dragons deployed — 224



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Michael Gonzales, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, expresses his pride in the selection of his wife, Senior Airman Janice Gonzales, 81st Dental Squadron, for promotion by pinning her staff sergeant stripes on their daughter, Jaylene, 1.

Team Keesler has 91 names on staff sergeant promotion list

By Airman 1st Class Heather Heiney

Keesler Public Affairs

Ninety-one Team Keesler members were on the staff sergeant promotion list released Aug. 4.

Across the Air Force 11,337 senior airmen were selected from the 26,549 eligible for a 42.7 percent selection rate.

Keesler senior airmen on the list are:

45th Airlift Squadron — Jillian Balderas.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Ashley Jordan and Eliza Rupp.

81st Communications Squadron — Brittani Austin, Daniel Egert and Quincy Harris.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Brandon Maxwell.

81st Dental Squadron — Sagan Barber, Aaron Betancourt, Giovanna Gladney, Janice Gonzales, Lizeth Rico Gallegos and Jemal Young.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Richard Colon, Eriqa Cortez, John Doiron, Corey Handley, Norlisha Holmes, Terrance Malone, Zachary Merryman and Janette Savedra.

81st Force Support Squadron — Jeremy Journigan and Katrina Mitchell.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Tina McGrath and Hana Webb.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Jazmin Butler, Daniel Hayes, Danielle McNerlin, Sarah Owens, Stacey Welch and Carlos Zuniga.

81st Medical Group — Brandon Otwell and Barbara Panama.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Dominic Ancona, Dudley Callahan, Jason Evans, St. Ange, Sheene Giray, Jonathan Lee, Khaliha Love, Kathryn Rice, Kayla Spiel, Nicklaus Stone, Miranda Tomb, Jessie Vanney and Ebane Waddell.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Elizabeth Hansen, Nicole Rambert, Wesley St. Clair, Justin Whitaker and Aimee Winters.

81st Operations Support Flight — Cody Baker and Kevin Pulley.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Jordan Brown, Amanda Green, Barin Harmon, Joseph Hart, Christopher Hernandez, Joseph Jahnke, Bradley Jenkins, Aarron Lewis, Clinton Mathes, Joshua Miller and Paul Schneider.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Dennis Hargrove, Cedrick Hutchins, Antoinette Marrow, Whitney Miller, Isidro Saldana and Teara Turner.

81st Training Group — Valerie Divert and Alesha Gervais.

81st Training Wing — Matthew Splichal.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Brian Bone, Bo Brauer, Cory Brower, Travis Crowell, Roderick Hall, Steven Hurne, Antonio Keefe, Matthew Kidwell, Rajab Kigembe and Collazo Lugo.

334th Training Squadron — Michael Stafford.

345th Airlift Squadron — Steve Baird, Branden Fox, Richard Griffin, Kevin Haynes, Chad James, Jacob Landry and Shawn Nyer.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Training for new supervisors

Three mandatory supervisory training courses for newly-selected supervisors must be completed within six months of assuming a supervisory role.

The Air Force Supervisor's Course provides civilian supervisors with leadership and management skills required in supervisory positions.

The Civilian Personnel Management Course must be taken by all civilian and military supervisors who manage civilians. This course provides background information and an understanding of applicable civilian personnel laws and regulations needed to carry out civilian personnel management responsibilities.

The Military Personnel Management Course provides civilian supervisors of military members the basic skills, knowledge and abilities required to supervise enlisted and officer personnel.

Personnel requiring these courses can register online through the Air Force Human Resource Management School's virtual campus at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=AF-ED-00-38>. Periodic reports will be provided by Air Staff and major commands identifying supervisory completion, so supervisors should complete the required courses in a timely manner.

For more information, call 376-8161 or 8154.

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.

Transition assistance classes

81st Force Support Squadron

The airman and family readiness center plans the following classes for 2011 at the Sablich Center.

For more information or to preregister for classes, call 376-8728.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 for retirees, Room 110. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation or retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible. Medical separation must receive a one-on-one briefing.

Transition assistance program workshops — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12-14, Oct. 17-19, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 12-14, Room 108A. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms.

Veterans benefits briefing — 8-11 a.m. today, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A.

Retirement briefings — 1-3:30 p.m. today, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Room 108A; for members with less than a year until retirement.

Executive transition assistance workshop — Dec. 6-9 for colonels and chief master sergeants with the necessary knowledge and skills to organize their search for a second career in the private, nonprofit and government sector. Air Education and Training Command headquarters facilitates this workshop. For more information, call Robert Bertels, DSN 487-2669.

This week's movies at Welch Theater

Friday — 6:30 p.m.,
Cars 2 (G).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Bad
Teacher (R); 6:30 p.m.,
Larry Crowne (PG-13).

Sunday — 1 p.m.,
Monte Carlo (PG).



70 years strong

Quality of life blossomed as Keesler grew

By Lisa Campbell

CSC marketing director

It all started with an old golf course, ball park, airport, Naval Reserve Park and swampy woodland. From these seemingly unassociated areas emerged Keesler, one of the largest technical training bases in the Air Force. In 70 years, Keesler has graduated more than two million students, trained more than 175,000 mechanics and hosted 330,000 recruits for basic training.

Keesler was originally activated June 12, 1941, as Army Air Corps Station No. 8 and was the government's response to Franklin D. Roosevelt's plea to increase national defenses. With the looming threat to world peace, the base was developed rapidly to accommodate the large number of technical school students that were arriving for training each day. The growth of the base was so rapid that students were arriving faster than barracks could be built. The first newcomers to the base lived in tents set up in the Naval Reserve Park, also known as "Tent City," in the location now known as marina park. Tent City featured outdoor cooking facilities, the first post exchange, chapel and barber shop, all in tents as well.

Aug. 25, 1941, the base was renamed Keesler Army Airfield in honor of 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler Jr., a native of Greenwood, Miss., killed in action in 1918. In the first six months, the base underwent tremendous construction, essentially creating a "city within a city." From the beginning, the Air Force recognized the value of creating an uplifting and convenient environment for military personnel and their families.

Original to the base in approximately the same locations today are the flight line, golf course and marina park. The golf club house that was originally a part of the Biloxi Country Club was one of the few buildings left standing on the new installation, but was

Celebrating Keesler's heritage

Keesler celebrates "70 Years of Excellence ... With a Touch of Class!" Aug. 27 with these celebrations:

Golf scramble — 8 a.m., Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Golfers must have verifiable handicaps for the four-person select-shot tournament. The cost is \$40 per player for green fees, cart, coffee, pastries, lunch, beverages, prizes and giveaways. Preregistration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 377-3832.

Family party — 9 a.m. to noon, Bay Breeze Event Center. Free activities and refreshments are planned, including games, a clown, face painting, inflatables, pony rides, arts and crafts, cookies and ice cream. For more information, call 377-4116.

Gala — 7-11 p.m., Bay Breeze Event Center. Guests are asked wear Kentucky Derby garb, with prizes for best dressed guests. There's live entertainment by Big Band Theory, dancing, scotch and cigar sampling, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a photo booth. Tickets are \$15 for Air Force Club members and \$20 for nonmembers. Tickets are available at Bay Breeze club and pro shop, the marina and Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-1690 or 2334.

converted into the Officers Club and Mess.

In June 1943, Keesler's population peaked with more than 30,000 active-duty students and permanent party members stationed on the base. During this time, a favorite meeting place was the Service Club, with its library, lounge, writing rooms, dance floor, radio, phonograph, piano and restaurant.

Over the next 10 years, Keesler Field experienced a variety of changes and growth. The first nursery was opened by the Keesler Field Women's Club in 1947, the base was renamed Keesler Air Force Base in 1948 and the first swimming pool opened in 1949. The first Airman's Club opened for lower grade enlisted in 1951 and within six months there were 10,000 members.

Construction of "The Triangle," a \$44 million project, included a brand new service club called Vandenberg Hall that opened in 1954 and housed a base exchange, outdoor patios, snack bar, ballroom and recreation rooms.

North of Allee Hall sat the main base bowling lanes and one of the three gyms. What is now Triangle Fitness Center was originally the Triangle Area

Bowling Lanes. It wasn't until the '60s and '70s that buildings such as McBride Library, Blake Fitness Center and Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center were constructed.

As Keesler's missions and student load shifted, so did the amenities offered on the base.

In 2005, the impact of Hurricane Katrina was one of the most significant. The devastating blow left the base with approximately \$950 million in damages as 95 percent of the base experienced some type of damage from the storm. From great tragedy came extraordinary revival. Known as "Operation Dragon Comeback," the base took on a massive reconstruction project and resumed training within days of the natural disaster.

More than 1,000 new homes were constructed in the largest military family housing construction project in Air Force history. In 2010, Keesler opened a new and improved commissary and base exchange and post office and unveiled the \$26.5 million Bay Breeze Event Center that houses Keesler's collocated club, community center, golf clubhouse and information, tickets and travel department.

Wing recognizes quarterly award winners



Figueroa



Davis



Bowden



Mazza



Barrow



Johnson



Blease



Denslow



Rodriguez



Powell



Fizer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Training Wing's top performers were honored at a quarterly award ceremony Aug. 2.

Airman — Airman 1st Class Ashley Figueroa, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Dorothy Davis, 334th Training Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. John Bowden, Airman Leadership School.

Company grade officer — Capt. Dorinda Mazza, 335th TRS.

Civilian Category I — Parlee Barrow, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Civilian Category II — Corey Johnson, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron.

Civilian supervisor Category II — James Blease, 81st Mission Support Group.

Honor guard Airman — Airman 1st Class Jake Denslow, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Honor guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Joe Rodriguez, 338th TRS.

Volunteer awards — Staff Sgt. Anthony Powell, 338th TRS, military; Alauna Fizer, 81st Force Support Squadron, civilian.



For hurricane preparation resources,
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Road rage sets a deadly stage.

New commander for 81st LRS



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Matthew Chesnavage, left, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, gives Lt. Col. Duff Weir, the squadron's new commander, a tour of the vehicle maintenance shop. Weir comes to Keesler from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. where he was commander of the 460th LRS and deputy commander of the 460th Mission Support Group. After two years, Lt. Col. Robert Hicks relinquished command of the 81st LRS July 26 and serves as chief of the logistics operations division at Fort Eustis, Va.

Keesler singer rekindles passion, auditions for 'American Idol'

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

"You're going to Hollywood!!" are the four words Hazel McMillan really wants to hear when she auditions for American Idol in Houston at the end of August.

McMillan, 24, works at the front desk of the Inns of Keesler. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Frederick McMillan, 209th Civil Engineering Squadron, Mississippi Air National Guard, is currently deployed to Iraq.

Hazel McMillan was born in the Philippines and grew up in Quezon City, Manila. She's been singing all her life.

"For as long as I can remember, it's just something I've always loved to do," McMillan said.

As a former member of a four-girl singing group in the Philippines, McMillan likes to frequent local karaoke bars with friends to keep her singing pipes in tune.

"My friend actually has a karaoke machine at her house," said McMillan. "Sometimes I'll go over there and we'll just sing all night long."

According to McMillan, singing helps calm her down.

"When I'm upset about something, I like to sing," she explained. "That's usually when I do karaoke night."

"I'm already nervous," said McMillan. To calm herself down, she's chosen "How Do I Live?" by LeAnn Rimes as her audition song.

"My favorite singers are Celine Dion, Whitney Houston and LeAnn Rimes," said McMillan. She lists Shania Twain, Mariah Carey and Jennifer Lopez as other favorites.

"I love everything about them," exclaimed McMillan. "I like their voices, their sound, their lyrics — everything. I used to listen to them on the radio growing up and would just try to copy them as they sang."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

McMillan heads to Houston later this month to audition for American Idol.

"I know I can sing.
I just don't want
to throw all that away."

— McMillan

McMillan is trying to arm herself with six songs that she's memorizing to be ready if she makes it to Hollywood. It's all part of her plan of not giving up on her dream. It's been six years since she's performed on stage and she's looking forward to rekindling her passion.

"I know I can sing," said McMillan. "I just don't want to throw all that away."

McMillan hasn't watched American Idol since the days of Clay Aiken and Ruben

Studdard and just recently got the idea to audition. While discussing her idea with a coworker, they looked online and found that Houston was holding auditions at the end of August.

McMillan performed in front of a group of kids Aug. 2 at the child development center, and if their reaction is any indication, McMillan is definitely headed to Hollywood.

"Everyone tells me I'm really good," she said. "The kids thought I was awesome."

Panetta addresses fiscal challenges

By Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Though defense spending must and will be part of the solution to the national financial struggle, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told the Defense Department workforce in a message Aug. 3, budget reductions must take sound strategy and policy into account.

President Barack Obama signed a bill Aug. 2 raising the nation's debt ceiling and outlining spending reductions.

"One of the key challenges we face as a department (is) how to ensure that our military has everything it needs to protect our national security at a time of considerable fiscal challenge in our country," Panetta wrote.

The secretary said reductions in defense spending that will result from the legislation — \$350 billion over 10 years — are in line with what DOD leaders were anticipating. Defense leaders can implement those reductions while maintaining the military's excellence, the secretary wrote, adding that spending choices must be based on sound strategy and policy.

"As a department, we are asking ourselves: What are the essential missions our military must do to protect America and our way of life? What are the risks of the strategic choices we make? And what are the financial costs?" he wrote.

Across-the-board cuts have in the past resulted in a force undersized and underfunded relative to its responsibilities, Panetta wrote.

"I will do everything I can to ensure that further reductions in defense spending are not pursued in a hasty, ill-conceived way that would undermine the military's ability to protect America and its vital interests around the globe," he added.

The debt ceiling agreement contains a mechanism that will take effect if Congress fails to further reduce the deficit, Panetta noted.

"If that happens, it could trigger a round of dangerous across-the-board defense cuts that would do real damage to our security, our troops and their families, and our ability to protect the nation," he wrote. The potential deep cut in defense spending is not meant as policy, he explained, but rather is designed to spur responsible, balanced spending reduction and avoid misguided cuts.

"I am aware that as Washington discusses strategy and policy, you and your families are discussing the implications of the decisions that might result, on issues from the future of military pay, to benefits, retirement and health care," Panetta wrote.

"I promised in my first message as secretary that I will fight for you. That means I will fight for you and your families as we face these budget challenges," he added.

Potential energy savings explored for Keesler's computer systems

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The 81st Communications Squadron is taking a look at the base's computer systems to take advantage of possible energy savings.

"Technology exists that could allow us to shut down our systems and allow systems to be remotely 'turned on,'" said Julie Noakley, chief of network operations. "The Air Force has experienced issues effectively enabling this technology, but a number of the service's technical agencies are troubleshooting the issues for future implementation.

"Windows 7 includes enhanced power management capabilities and our technicians have been tweaking the default settings during the deployment to take advantage of these enhancements," Noakley continued. "Additionally, we're drafting an official request to modify the Air Force's standard desktop settings to implement some of these power saving enhancements across Keesler."

The modified power settings would turn off the hard disk after 10 minutes, never allow the computer to "sleep" and turn off the display after five minutes.

Noakley suggests other power-saving tips for the base's computer users:

- Turn off monitors when away from your desk and at the end of the duty day. If all monitors on base are turned off at the end of the work day, savings could total could be more than \$115,200 per year.

- Unplug peripherals that aren't being used, like external hard drives and DVD drives.

- If available, plug peripherals into power strips and simply turn off the strips

at the end of the day. Be sure your computer isn't powered by the same power strip.

- Keep computers clean of dust and don't leave them in places with poor air circulation that can cause overheating.

- Close applications and disable Windows "gadgets" that aren't needed.

- Avoid unnecessary streaming video and audio. If you must watch videos, avoid using full-screen mode when possible.

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



Defense Department telecommunications systems are subject to monitoring.



Goody boxes

Airman 1st Class Anthony Monegro, 334th Training Squadron student, loads boxes of items donated to Keesler's active-duty members by New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton, Aug. 2. A truckload of nonperishable food items, household goods and health and beauty products was distributed to about 300 families. The airman and family readiness center coordinated the giveaway.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

TRICARE survivor benefits continue when sponsor dies

By Sharon Foster

TRICARE Management Activity

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — TRICARE will continue to provide coverage for family members if a sponsor dies. Options and costs will vary based on the sponsor's military status when he or she dies and if the surviving beneficiary is a spouse or child.

If a beneficiary is the spouse of an active duty service member who died while on active duty, the beneficiary remains eligible for TRICARE as a "transitional survivor" for three years following the sponsor's death and will have active duty family member benefits and costs.

After three years, a beneficiary remains eligible, as a "survivor," for TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra, and may purchase TRICARE Prime at the retiree rates. If a beneficiary is overseas, he or she remains eligible for TRICARE Over-

seas Program TOP Standard once the transitional survivor status ends.

If a beneficiary is the child of an active duty service member who died while on active duty, he or she remains eligible for TRICARE benefits as an active duty family member. His or her transitional survivor status ends at age 21, or 23 if the beneficiary is enrolled in a full-time course of study.

In the United States and U.S. territories, the pharmacy benefit remains the same regardless of the TRICARE program option the beneficiary uses. Beneficiaries may fill prescriptions through a military treatment facility, TRICARE pharmacy home delivery at <http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery>, TRICARE retail network pharmacies or a non-network pharmacy.

The TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit Plan is a three-year benefit for transitional survivors offering the

same coverage as the regular dental plan. The beneficiary will have no monthly premiums but is responsible for paying applicable cost-shares for covered services.

If enrolled in the dental plan at the time of the sponsor's death, the beneficiary will be disenrolled from the TRICARE Dental Plan and enrolled in the TDP Survivor Benefit Plan.

When the TDP Survivor Benefit Plan ends, the beneficiary is eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. The TRDP also may be available if the beneficiary doesn't qualify for the TDP Survivor Benefit Plan because he or she was not enrolled in the TDP at the time of his or her sponsor's death.

It's important that all information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is up-to-date for this process to move quickly and smoothly.

For more information, go to TRICARE's website, <http://www.tricare.mil>, or talk with your regional health care manager.

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Current training vital to 403rd Wing's mission

By Tech Sgt. Ryan Labadens

403rd Wing Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the third story in a four-part series on how Air Force reservists from various career fields train throughout the year to serve their country.

Many Air Force Reserve jobs branch out into various career fields, each containing its own sets of training requirements. For Citizen Airmen of the 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron and 403rd Communications Flight, maintaining their individual training requirements is vital to remaining worldwide deployable.

According to Tech. Sgt. David Swanson, 403rd CES unit training manager, the unit's primary wartime mission is setting up a bare base (if one is not in place) and providing base operating support.

The sergeant said the squadron's technical school graduates enter upgrade training immediately upon returning to home station. This consists of career development courses and other specialty training.

"With 11 different career fields within our squadron, training requirements can vary dramatically," said Swanson.

For example, emergency managers maintain hazardous material certification, electri-



During the April unit training assembly, Senior Airman Earl Jordan, left, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Coleman, 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron fire fighters, prepare to investigate a building during a structural fire exercise at the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport.

cians and power generation members learn advanced life-saving skills and fire fighters hold up to 20 different Department of Defense certificates.

Swanson said each CES member trains to meet requirements in four categories, including home station training, mission-essential equipment training, combat

skills training and Silver Flag. Silver Flag is a week-long exercise where civil engineers simulate establishing a bare base while under attack and operating in a chemical or hazardous environment. Like other Citizen Airmen, new civil engineering troops also can benefit from the seasonal training program.

"Members are encouraged to participate in the STP, which allows newly assigned members to get hands-on training (in their specific careers)," said Swanson. "Depending on the career field, they can have up to 180 days of continuous full-time training."

For the communications flight troops, Tech. Sgt. Vernon Forde, 403rd CF cyber systems operator, said much of the flight's training can be accomplished during unit training assemblies and annual tours. However, some training can be accomplished offsite through civilian training classes or "off-the-shelf" training software reservists

can purchase for their personal computers.

"Many of our members perform computer work on the outside for their civilian jobs, so some of the certifications they receive from the civilian side can be applied to their Reserve jobs," said Forde.

Master Sgt. Serena Birch, 403rd CF chief of knowledge operation, said one of the flight's main tasks is to keep base computer and communications networks up and running while deployed at home and around the globe.

Communications includes career fields such as client support, knowledge operations and cyber systems operations and transport.

Birch said each career has its own set of training requirements and responsibilities tailored to help maintain computer operations and communications stateside and in deployed locations.

One facility particularly important for training new cyber systems operators is the

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens

network training work center at the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, said Forde.

The sergeant conducts much of the flight's network and router installation training at the center. He said the facility simulates two linked networks set up at separate geographic locations.

The system is completely isolated from the active network at Keesler, allowing the 403rd CF to practice a wide variety of scenarios in a controlled environment. Sergeant Forde said the work center meets many of the training requirements for wing members in information management career fields.

"Having this work center up and running provides our people with a valuable training tool for sharpening their network skills," said Forde. Whether it's at home or abroad, Citizen Airmen of the 403rd CES and 403rd CF have access to the tools and talent they need to help them support the Air Force mission.



Tech. Sgts. Vernon Forde, left, and Steven Feliciano, 403rd Communications Flight cyber systems operators, service a computer in the network training work center. Members from various communications career field use the lab to hone their computer networking and routing skills.

eight days a week

Airman and family readiness center

Editor's note: Registration is required. All briefings take place in Room 108, Sablich Center, unless otherwise noted.

Today — 8-11 a.m., Veterans Administration benefits briefing. 9-11:30 a.m., career beginnings and assessments. 1-4 p.m., retirement benefits briefing.

Wednesday — 9-11 a.m., survivors benefit briefing. For single and married members and their spouses.

Aug. 18 — 9-11 a.m., civilian resume writing. Bring a copy of resume for review.

Arts and crafts center

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-2821.

Saturday — 10 a.m., advanced creative woodworking class. Learn intarsia, a technique that uses varied shapes, sizes and types of wood inlaid together. \$25 includes materials.

Through Sept. 1 — summer photo contest. To enter, submit a printed copy of your photo to the center; entries will be placed on display. Prizes awarded. Free to enter.

Bay Breeze Collocated Club

Editor's note: Must be age 18 or older to enter collocated lounge. For more information or reservations, call 377-2334.

Tuesdays — 5-8 p.m., taco Tuesdays. \$1.50 for two tacos for Air Force Club members; \$1 per taco for nonmembers.

Wednesday — 5-8 p.m., member appreciation night in the lounge. Drink and food specials for Air Force Club members.

Through Aug. 26 — reserve your seat for the upcoming Texas Hold 'Em tournament.

Bay Breeze Golf Course

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-3832.

Wednesdays — 4:30 p.m., free golf clinic. Adults only.

Aug. 20 — 8 a.m., summer slam golf tournament. Registration now open, two-person best ball with handicap. Prices vary.

Child development center

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-2211. Fee based on family income.

Through Oct. 1 — open enrollment for kindergarten transition program for 4-year-olds and preschool part-day program (morning and afternoon sessions.)

Fitness centers

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-4385 or 3056.

Through Wednesday — doubles racquetball tournament registration, Blake Fitness Center.

Through Aug. 24 — summer power lifting competition registration, Triangle Fitness Center. Competition is Aug. 26; free to participate.

Gaudé Lanes

Friday-Saturday — 9 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday, glow bowling.

Saturday-Sunday — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 1-4 p.m., Sunday, nine-pin no-tap tournament. Three game no-tap set with shoes, \$15 per person. Chance of winning up to \$800, multiple entries allowed.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Monday — last day to sign up for "Sure Hope it Floats" cardboard boat regatta. Event takes place Aug. 20 at Triangle pool. Spectators welcome.

Swimming pools

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3948 or 3568. Identification and entry fee required for admission; \$1.50 daily or purchase a \$20 single season pass or \$60 family season pass, available at pools and outdoor recreation.

Daily except Monday — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., main base pool. Adult lap swim 11 a.m. to noon.

Saturday and Sunday — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Triangle pool. Adult lap swim 11 a.m. to noon.

Vandenberg Community Center

Wednesday — 6 p.m., free ping pong tournament.

Friday and Saturday — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., late night dances. \$3; nonprior service students only.

Youth center

Editor's note: For more information or to register, call 377-4116. Drop-ins accepted on space-available basis.

Friday — 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday night fun, ages 6-12. Games, skating, movies and more. \$10 for the first child, \$5 each additional. Air Force Club members receive 10 percent off first child's fee.

Tuesdays — tennis lessons, 5-5:30 p.m., ages 4-7; 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 8-10; 5:30-7 p.m., ages 11-16. Prices vary. Dance class, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 3-5; 6:30-7:30 p.m., ages 6 and older. \$45 per month.

Through Sept. 3 — youth flag football registration. \$50 for first child, \$25 for each additional child. Season begins in October. Air Force Club members receive 10 percent off first child's fee.

Dragon Wagon

Thursday-Sunday — catch a ride to base "hot spots" for 50 cents, \$10 monthly passes available at Gaudé Lanes and Legends Café; Air Force Club members ride free. For route and schedule, visit <http://www.keesler81fss.us>.

Skin cancer screening

The dermatology clinic has a limited number of appointments today for skin cancer screening.

Patients who've been screened in the last 12 months aren't eligible. Patients are screened for skin cancer; other skin issues won't be treated.

For more information or appointments, call 376-3501.

Senior NCO induction

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony is 6 p.m. today at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

For more information, call 377-8767.

Feds feed families drive

Food donations are collected 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at the commissary as part of the Feds Feed Families campaign.

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Fisk, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, said Keesler's partner for the drive is the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen in Biloxi.

The program was launched to encourage federal government employees to donate nonperishable food items for distribution

to area food banks.

The overall federal collection goal is 2 million pounds. The Defense Department's goal is 733,800 pounds.

For more information, call 376-5633.

ID card service limited

The military personnel section's customer support section will have limited service Tuesday through Aug. 18 while new identification card is being installed.

Other locations to obtain ID cards are:

On base — 403rd Wing, 377-9588 or 4363.

Naval Construction Battalion Center — 4801 Marvin Shields Blvd., Gulfport, (228) 871-2322 or 2331.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, at the corner of Meadows Drive and 1st Street, assists junior enlisted members with obtaining free basic household items.

Donations are needed such as furniture, area rugs, cutlery, dishware, infant wear and maternity clothes which are

clean and in good condition.

Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon non-training Fridays and the last Saturday of the month.

For more information, call 209-1390 or 377-3814.

Keesler Thrift Shop

The Keesler Thrift Shop, operated by the Keesler Spouses Club, is at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street.

Profits benefit base and area charities and provide scholarships.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

Log on to www.keeslerspousesclub.com for a list of preferred donations. Pickup is available for bulk donations.

For more information, call 377-3217 or log on to www.keesler.af.mil.

Diversity Day

Keesler's second annual Diversity Day is Sept. 13 at the Bay Breeze Event Center.

To volunteer for one of the committees, call 377-9160 or e-mail 81mss.dpn@us.af.mil.

Supply classes

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

Block I basic supply class is 9-10 a.m. Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource managers are required to attend. For more information or to sign up, call 377-5998.

Block IIA bench stock training is 10-11 a.m. Sept. 27 and Dec. 20. For more information or to sign up, call 377-4180.

Block IIB repair cycle training is held 9-11 a.m. Sept. 21 and Dec. 14. For more information or to sign up, call 377-4192.

Block III custodian training is 1-2 p.m. Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend, as well as all other custodians annually. For more information or to sign up, call 377-2270.

For information on all supply classes, call 377-4480.

Supply source

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

For more information, visit CSC supply customer service, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call 377-2005 or e-mail 81LRS.CustomerSVC@us.af.mil

Periodontal patients

The 81st Dental Squadron periodontics department is seeking people with gum problems for the general dental residency teaching program.

Limited numbers of patients, including retirees and eligible military dependents, accepted as teaching cases receive free periodontal care at Keesler.

Patients will be treated by Air Force general dentistry residents under specialty supervision. Patients must be readily available for lengthy recurring appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

For more information, call 376-5225.

Speakers bureau

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

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

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations.

Topics include aircraft maintenance, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, Air Force history, aviation and more.

For more information, call 377-1179.

Repair parts

For maintenance activities wanting to order bit/piece repair parts, call the wing awaiting parts monitors, 377-4180 or 5590.

Survey seeks opinions of Bay Breeze golfers

By Diana White

CSC publicist

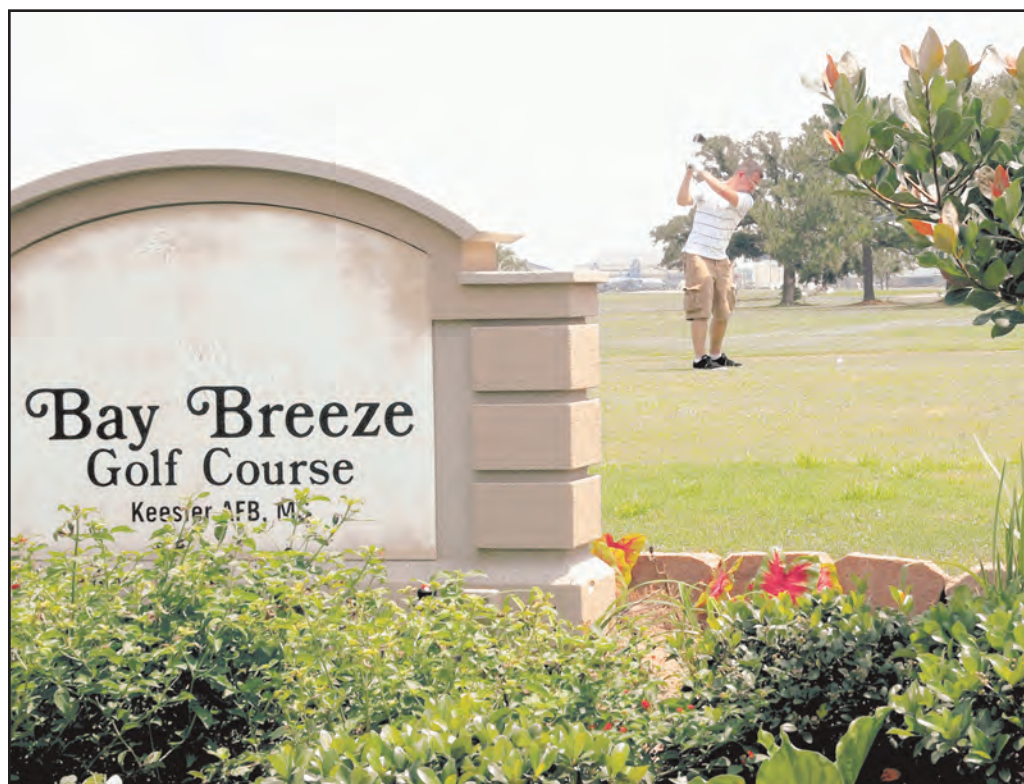
Air Force Services has launched a golfer survey at 71 courses worldwide.

This survey, designed by the National Golf Foundation, gives Keesler golfers the chance to provide valuable feedback on Bay Breeze Golf Course.

“We ran this survey in 2007 to determine what was most important to the golfers here at Keesler,” says Tama Manu, Bay Breeze Golf Course manager. “The survey results are not only important to us here, but also at Air Force level, as programs and the direction of Air Force golf are developed.”

The goal is for each base to forward 300 surveys.

For more information or to respond to the survey, go to www.keesler81fss.us or visit the pro shop for a printed survey.



Roger Keith, on temporary duty in the 335th Training Squadron, takes a swing on Hole 1 Friday. He's stationed with the 21st Operational Weather Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



2 unbeaten teams in intramural soccer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

As of Friday, one undefeated team remains in each of Keesler's two intramural soccer divisions.

The 336th Training Squadron's A-team is atop the West Division at 6-0. The Red Wolves beat the 333rd TRS-A, 5-4, Aug. 1 and the Marine Corps Detachment, 8-3, Aug. 3.

The 338th TRS remains the leader in the

East Division at 6-0. The Dark Knights trounced the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, 15-3, Aug. 2.

West Division games are Monday and Wednesday at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. East Division matches are 6 and 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. All games take place on the multipurpose field on Meadows Drive.

For more information and schedules, call 377-2444.

Sept. 10 mini-triathlon — swim, bike, run

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler's 7th annual mini-triathlon is 8 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Triangle Pool.

Patty McGruder, health promotion educator at the health and wellness center, said that three events are planned — a 200-yard swim, 9 miles cycling and 2 miles running.

For relay teams, one of the

three members must be female. Each person does a different event. The top three teams earn Commander's Cup points. All teammates must be from the same squadron.

Individual categories are individual male and female (ages 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and over 50), elite male (less than 45 minutes), elite female (less than 50 minutes), Clydesdale (men more than 200 pounds)

and Athena (women more than 150 pounds).

Competitors who sign up by Sept. 1 at the HAWC or Blake Fitness Center receive a T-shirt the day of the event. The last day to register is Sept. 7; no sign-ups are accepted on the day of the contest. Check-in time is from 6:30-7 a.m.

For more information, call the health and wellness center, 376-3170.

Keep safety in mind as you work and play this summer.

Worship schedule

Roman Catholic

Daily Mass, 11:15 a.m., Monday through Friday, Triangle Chapel.

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Triangle Chapel.

Protestant

Traditional service, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Larcher Chapel.

Contemporary service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

Gospel service, noon Sunday, Triangle Chapel.

Jewish

Services are 8 p.m. Fridays at Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport.

For more information, call 377-4050, 207-2196, 539-1655 or 1-405-740-9077.

Greek Orthodox

Sunday Divine Liturgy takes place at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-6138:

Islamic

Prayer is five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon on Friday, Building 2003.. For more information, call 377-2520.

Latter-Day Saints

Student group service, 2 p.m. Sunday, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

Watering lawns during drought

The housing office advises residents to water lawns in the early morning or early evening hours, but not overnight or during the hottest part of the day.

Adjust sprinklers so water isn't wasted on non-grassy areas.

The Airmen'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 not falter,
and I will not fail.



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

