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Dragons deployed —  
79

\$287.8 million

## Keesler has Katrina housing contract

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Housing for Keesler's military families moved forward with Friday's award of a \$287.8 million contract for construction of 1,067 new homes.

The massive construction effort by Hunt Building Company is driven by

Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed or damaged base housing 13 months ago, according to Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

"This is tremendous news," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "A lot of hard work went into making this project happen and it

will reap great benefits for our Airmen. It brings us one giant step closer to bringing closure to Hurricane Katrina."

The general described the contract as covering the "largest military housing construction project in Air Force history."

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## AETC commander visits medical center

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, left, explains to Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, how sump pumps and flood doors will protect Keesler Medical Center's basement power generators and electrical substations from future Hurricane Katrina-like storm surges. General Looney toured the facility Sept. 21 after addressing a meeting of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce on the global war on terrorism and Katrina recovery efforts. For coverage of his remarks to the chamber, see Page 9.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

## This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.  
Air traffic control radar, 10 a.m. today, Cody Hall.  
Air traffic control tower, 9 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.  
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.  
Command post, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.  
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Friday, weather training complex.  
Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.  
Combat weather team operations and officer, 10 a.m. Tuesday, weather training complex.  
Airborne mission systems specialist, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dolan Hall.  
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.  
Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.  
Information management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



August honor flight

## Student numbers

Total students — 3,731

Non-prior service — 2,157

Temporary duty — 1,465

Joint service — 94

Combat controllers — 15

Non-prior service arrivals — 147

Guard, Reserve — 836

International — 56

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 25,603

Total since 1942 — 2,233,664

## Our business isn't revenge — it's making world better

By Col. Anthony Johnson

**455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander**  
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — We sent three young men and a young woman home in flag-draped metal containers recently.

I was flying over the scene shortly after one of the young men died.

The warrior we were talking to on the radio was audibly shaken by the event. Looking down on the situation from two to three miles above, I was too far removed to truly feel his pain. He obviously wanted to avenge the loss of a fellow hero and understandably wanted revenge for the pain he was suffering.

My flight lead may have helped him reap a bit of that revenge. However, ladies and gentlemen, we aren't in the revenge business.

**Our business** is to make it possible to get on an airplane without taking our shoes off and carry a laptop, toothpaste, perfume and our Ipod on that airplane with us.

**Our business** is about building a free, democratic nation to let the people of Afghanistan experience a better way than tyranny.

**Our business** is about establishing an economy built around commodities that compliment the values most Americans hold close to their hearts versus one that tears at the fabric of our society.

**Our business** is to restore the freedoms Americans enjoyed prior to 9-11.

**In short, our business** is to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

I mentioned I was too far removed to feel the pain felt by the young man we were talk-

ing to on the radio. But when I landed my airplane safely on an airfield inside a secure compound, the pain became a bit more real as I visited the members of the squadron who'd just lost one of their mates.

I felt completely helpless. There was nothing I could do to relieve their anguish.

They're warriors. Warriors conceal their grief and continue the mission, but they were hurting. As I think about the grief on their faces when they loaded their comrade's body on an airplane for the journey back to his family, the thought of my family having to endure that same pain is unbearable to me.

Although I look forward to going home, it won't be an occasion to celebrate. When all of us who've come together for this common purpose complete our task and have done some good in this place, when the women and children of Afghanistan enjoy the freedoms that most Americans take for granted, then we can celebrate.

Please pray for the four young people who died fighting for our freedoms and thank them in the most sincere way you can.

Thank them for fighting for you and your family. Thank them for fighting for all the thankless citizens going about their lives as if nothing is happening here and in Iraq.

Pray their families' grief soon subsides and they have peace.

Again, I thank you for volunteering to leave your respective towns, cities and countries and joining in this worthwhile effort. We didn't start this fight, but we must win it for our children and grandchildren.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

**Base locator** — 377-2890

**Base operator** — 377-1110

**Base taxi (official use)** — 377-2430

**Career assistance adviser** — 377-3697

**Central medical appointments**  
— 1-800-700-8603

**Child development center** — 377-2211

**Civil engineering** — 377-5561

**Civilian personnel** — 377-2268

**Military personnel flight** — 377-2276

**Keesler Federal Credit Union** — 385-5500

**Emergencies** — 911

**Family campground** — 594-0543

**Airmen and family readiness center** — 377-2179

**Finance** — 377-4212

**81st Communications Squadron help desk** — 377-0066

**Housing** — 377-9741

**Identification cards** — 377-3203

**Inspector general** — 377-3010

**Legal assistance** — 377-3510

**Library** — 377-2181

**Lodging (reservations)** — 377-9986

**Medical center information** — 377-6550

**Military pay** — 377-7272

**Pass and registration** — 377-3893

**Pharmacy (refill call-in)** — 377-6360

**Satellite pharmacy** — 377-9791

**Public affairs** — 377-2783

**Red Cross** — 377-3030

**Sexual assault prevention and response team** — 377-8635

**Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040

**Shoppette, Class Six** — 432-2367

**Telephone trouble** — 377-2130

**Traffic management (outbound)** — 377-2446

**Traffic management (Inbound)** — 377-7813

**Visitor center** — 377-2595

**Youth center** — 377-4116

## Inspector general — ensuring people treated fairly

By Stephanie Douglas

**Inspector general congressional inquiry liaison**

The inspector general's office is available as an impartial third party to help answer questions, resolve issues and solve problems in a fair and timely manner.

Military and civilian personnel, retirees and civilians with no Air Force affiliation have the right to contact the IG or their congressmen.

If you feel you've been wronged, you're encouraged to first discuss your problem with your supervisor, first sergeant or commander. This is the easiest and quickest way to solve problems.

However, if the problem lies within your chain of command or you feel uncomfortable approaching people in your organization, you may speak with the IG directly. After we've determined the best course of action, we may work directly with

your chain of command for resolution.

Although the IG's office is here to help you with your problems, many issues don't fall within our scope of authority.

If a law or regulation exists which provides a specific means of appeal, that channel must be used. For example, complaints dealing with enlisted administrative separations are referred to the military personnel flight in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208.

Other issues with appeal processes in place include civilian conditions of employment, equal opportunity and treatment, correction of military records and privacy act complaints.

If you've used the proper appeal process and feel it was improperly or prejudicially handled and have no other means of redress, you may enter a complaint of mishandling with us. We can look at your

concern before the appeal process if you feel the incident was reprisal against you. Reprisal is taking or threatening to take an unfavorable personnel action or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable personnel action on a military member for making or preparing a protected communication.

Additionally, the IG office is Keesler's clearinghouse for all congressional and high-level inquiries. When you file an inquiry with your congressman, it ultimately ends up in the IG office for a response.

The IG office is also the focal point for the fraud, waste, and abuse program. Individuals may report incidents of suspected fraud, waste and abuse in person or anonymously through the FWA hotline, 377-7053.

We're in Room 106, 81st Training Wing headquarters on Chappie James Avenue. Our phone number is 377-3010.

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Phone numbers and Web sites  
for information and accountability

for Keesler members:

### Keesler Accountability Team

1-800-673-9356

### Air Force Personnel Center

1-800-435-9941

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ndw>

### 81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

### Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

### National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

### Keesler Public Web site

<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

## Keesler's 2006 safety goals

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advantage.

Make every employee ...  
feel safe at work and home.



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377-4130.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## First Term Airman Center offers welcome to Air Force, Keesler

By Senior Airman Jake Gard

Keesler News staff

Keesler's First Term Airman Center helps recent technical school graduates transition into permanent party life.

"When airmen come to their first duty station, a lot of the Air Force is still a mystery to them," explained Staff Sgt. James LaBelle, FTAC non-commissioned officer in charge. "The purpose of the FTAC is to give them an orientation of their first duty station, both on and off base."

The FTAC program guides enlisted airmen in what's expected of them through active-duty personnel, Sergeant LaBelle said.

Base agencies contribute to the more than 80 briefings the airmen receive to get oriented with their first assignment. Participants receive nine duty days of training, as well as base tours to become better acquainted with Keesler services.

"Since the hurricane, I'm getting 10 to 15 airmen in each class," Sergeant LaBelle commented. "We have 25 classes per year, running continuously every two weeks."

Sponsors or supervisors of first duty station airmen should take them to the orderly room to get their in-processing checklist, and schedule them for FTAC, according to Sergeant LaBelle.

Airmen enrolled in FTAC receive an assignment letter that lists the class time, location, uniforms of the day and what to bring.

Although FTAC isn't required for prior Reserve and Air National Guard personnel who enlist to active-duty status, they're strongly encouraged to participate.

FTAC classes are welcomed to Keesler by the 81st Training Wing's vice commander and command chief.

Briefings are given on a



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Airmen 1st Class Arthur Williams, left, and Mary Williams, right, both from the 81st Medical Support Squadron, learn more about the military equal opportunity office from Tech. Sgt. Tonisha Layne, an MEO technician, in Garrard Hall Sept. 25, the first day of the current FTAC course. The two Airmen aren't related.**

variety of topics, including career progression, military personnel flight questions, Air Force Aid Society and finance. In addition, airmen are able to interact with personnel from public affairs and the legal office to answer questions that might arise.

Class members are given an opportunity to get involved with the Biloxi community. One of those organizations, Urban Life Ministries, builds houses for low-income families who lost their homes in the hurricane.

"I try to give class members an opportunity to help out with community services," Sergeant LaBelle pointed out. "We lay Sheetrock, paint,

spackle and put in flooring."

Graduations are held on Thursdays, where participants receive a certificate of training, coin and class photograph. Another photograph is sent with a letter to each airman's family, a gesture highlighted as a "best practice" by Air Education and Training Command during Keesler's 2004 Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Graduations are a milestone in (an airman's) career," Sergeant LaBelle said. "We get crowds of 60 people to come support these troops. We want airmen to know they're important. They have something that the Air Force is looking for, so they deserve a graduation."

The Keesler Honor Guard needs new members.  
For more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

# Japanese, American troops interact in classroom

By Master Sgt. Brad Sprague

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA Air Base, Japan — Japanese and U.S. military forces have many training opportunities to interact and learn from each other, and that bilateral relationship is carrying over to the military education classroom.

Walk into an Airman Leadership School class here and it resembles a coalition headquarters environment, with Airmen from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and U.S. Sailors and Soldiers studying alongside their Air Force counterparts.

But that bilateral feel is nothing new here. More than 30 JASDF Airmen have graduated from ALS classes since Japanese students began attending about 10 years ago.

“We have an incredible opportunity to bring different people and cultures together,” said Master Sgt. David Duncan, ALS flight chief. “We’re all here supporting the same mission, so it

works out very well. We have a great facility, and the fact they work with us here on this base makes it a natural fit.

“(Students) think it’s an incredible opportunity to learn the philosophy and difference in the way leadership is exercised. Even inside the American forces, the Navy does it a little different than the Army, and the Army does it a little different than the way we do,” Sergeant Duncan said. “Then you throw the JASDF into the mix (and find) all of the cultural and leadership differences create a very good learning experience for everybody.”

Japanese Senior Airman Yutaka Fuse, assigned to the JASDF’s 26th Air Control and Warning Squadron, is one of three Japanese students in the class. He said he has little opportunity in his day-to-day job to interact with Americans, but at ALS “I can learn U.S. military technology and talk to U.S. service members.”

Another Japanese student in the

class is Staff Sgt. Wataru Takahashi, who works in the services unit for the JASDF’s 3rd Air Wing here. “About 40 (JASDF Airmen) took the test, and three people were chosen. I didn’t know what kind of school ALS was, but I was glad to be chosen,” he said.

One U.S. Airman said students benefit from learning in both the classroom and during informal settings.

“It’s been a good experience because within the class interaction we learn a little bit about the JASDF, the Navy and the Army, so we are able to see the differences in the services,” said Senior Airman Judy Tyler, 35th Medical Support Squadron. “We also get to know a little more about each other during breaks.”

Particularly valuable is when students from the same career field interact with each other, according to Sergeant Duncan.

In the current class, Sergeant Takahashi has a services counterpart from

the U.S. Air Force, “so you see those two pairing off every so often, talking about services stuff. It’s neat to see more of that than just what our curriculum teaches,” Sergeant Duncan said. “They get that no-kidding networking stuff.”

The next step in bilateral education for the ALS here is to bring on board a JASDF instructor full-time, said Sergeant Duncan. The Air Force Senior NCO Academy has international instructors, so he asked them about the process they went through. He said he’s now tailoring that to meet the situation here.

The bilateral success of ALS is due in large part to bilateral support, Sergeant Duncan said.

“Every single time I’ve asked the JASDF for anything, they’ve given it to me. And they’ve invited us to their banquets and parties. They want to do all of these combined operations events too,” he said.

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## CCAF scholarships

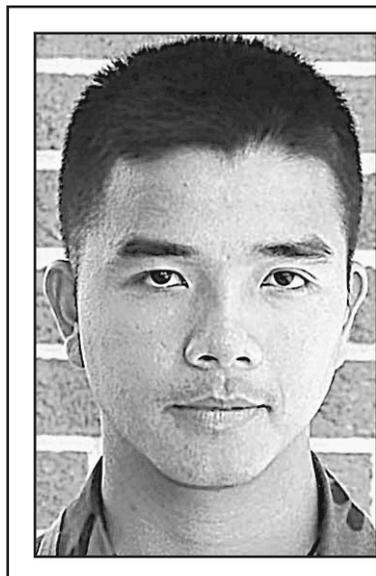
The Keesler Chiefs Group provides three \$150 scholarships twice a year to airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Friday is the deadline to submit an application and an essay titled "The Value of Education to an Airman/NCO" to the education office or a chiefs group member.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgts. E.J. Williams, 377-2315, or Donald Seaton, 377-5203.

## Pitsenbarger Awards

Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for Community College of the Air Force fall graduates to apply for four \$500 Pitsenbarger Awards sponsored by



## Academic ace

**Airman 1st Class Huor Ong completed the seven blocks of the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a 100-percent average. He's headed to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., for further training in the missile and space systems electronic maintenance course.**

the Aerospace Education Foundation.

The awards, presented at the fall commencement ceremony, are presented to top Air

Force enlisted members graduating from CCAF who are pursuing a bachelor's degree. Prior winners aren't eligible.

Applications are available

at the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at <http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp>.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

## Drill downs, parades

Drill down competitions are every other month on the drill pad, and student parades in alternate months on the parade grounds.

**Parade** — 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

**Drill down** — 7 a.m. Oct. 20.

For more information, call Staff Sgts. Kwame Felton, 377-9527, for drill downs and Deanna Attaway, 377-2103, for parades.

## Medical training

**Air Force Print News**

**RANDOLPH** Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physi-

cian assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

The selection board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center on March 27. Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 by Jan. 26.

For more information, contact local military personnel flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

## Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only and is not for recreational use.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 377-3354.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Keesler CFC starts Oct. 10

By Senior Airman Jake Gard

Keesler News staff

The 2006 Combined Federal Campaign is Oct. 10-Nov. 21 at Keesler.

Keesler's goal is \$120,535. The 2005 drive was canceled due to Hurricane Katrina.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, said 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, assistant installation project officer. Each year, more than 300 CFC campaigns raise millions of dollars to support eligible non-profit organizations.

The annual drive enables federal civilian employees and military personnel to contribute to the charities of their choice. Individuals fill out pledge forms to designate where their donations go.

"We're going to have key workers set up through all the squadrons and units on base," said Lieutenant Stewart. "We will have at least one key worker per every 20 persons. Those key workers will be responsible for contacting all federal employees and military personnel in their organization, enabling everyone to participate in the 2006 CFC and to con-



tribute to the charity of their choice."

Individuals are able to choose from many charities, including base organizations.

A list of non-profit organizations receiving donations is included in a pamphlet distributed to the key workers. Donations can be made in cash, by check or automatic withdrawal from pay.

For more information, call Lt. Col. George Budz, 81st Contracting Squadron commander and installation project officer, 377-3230, or Lieutenant Stewart, 377-1836.

## Training on new personnel system mandatory for civilians, supervisors

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

National Security Personnel System training is mandatory for civilian employees and their supervisors at Keesler, according to Lee Hathorn, civilian personnel officer.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, "has directed mandatory attendance at all NSPS courses at Keesler," Mr. Hathorn said.

"Depending on the course, we've already provided scheduled participants by name, dates and type of training, location and set aside certain days for training," he added. "Attendance will be taken at each session and the results provided to the wing commander for tracking purposes."

The NSPS courses include: **Change management** — completed Wednesday were two-hour sessions dating back to Sept. 11. This training, geared to all civilian employ-

ees and their supervisors, addressed dealing with change in general, not necessarily NSPS.

**Human resources** — covers the human resources aspects of NSPS, including classification, pay bands, promotion changes, assigning employees, filling jobs, etc. Designated trainers for each organization set up dates and locations. All NSPS-covered employees and their supervisors are required to attend as scheduled.

**Performance management** — covers the civilian appraisal system, pay for performance, salary increases, etc. Designated trainers set up dates and locations. All NSPS-covered employees and their supervisors are required to attend as scheduled.

Because the length of the supervisory performance management course (two days) differs from the employee performance management course (one day), training must be

scheduled separately, according to Mr. Hathorn.

"The human resource course, however, is four hours for both supervisors and employees. Some trainers may elect to combine the sessions for more convenience," he said.

**NSPS 101** — online overview of the technical aspects of the new system. This course is also mandatory for NSPS-covered employees and their supervisors. All are encouraged to take this course prior to attending human resource and performance management training.

"Print a copy of your completion certificate and present it when appearing for human resource or performance management training," Mr. Hathorn said.

For more information, call Deatrice Jimerson, human resources, 377-7967; Larry Williams, performance management, 377-7976; or Glenn Lowery, scheduling and training issues, 377-7090.

## IN THE NEWS

### Travel changes

As of Sunday, travelers can load their authorization/orders and file the voucher in the Defense Travel System when they take leave in conjunction with temporary duty.

Whether taking leave at the TDY site or another location, driving a personal vehicle or using commercial air DTS supports requests.

Also starting Sunday, Standard Forms 1164 aren't accepted by finance for reimbursement of expenses on official business incurred after Sunday. Travelers must submit a local voucher using DTS for expenses as taxicabs, public carriers, missed meals or privately-owned vehicles while transacting official business in the locality of the permanent duty station. Claims should be submitted as soon as practical for individual trips or by combining recurring trips. The local voucher shouldn't be used for use of a personal vehicle in connection with TDY travel involving per diem allowance.

For more information, contact your squadron defense travel administrator.

### Salute to Military Oct. 17

The 28th annual Salute to the Military is Oct. 17 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The 6 p.m. cocktail hour is followed by dinner at 7:30.

Tickets for the event are \$40 for uniformed military and \$50 for civilians. Reserved tables are \$400 for military and \$500 for civilians, 10 seats per table.

For tickets or more information, call 377-2783.

### Air Force stops MySpace profile

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force discontinued its user profile on the MySpace.com Web site Sept. 19 after concerns that association with inappropriate content might damage the service's reputation.

Air Force officials became concerned about "friends" being able to link their personal pages to the site, some of which were of questionable taste and content.

### Memorial nears completion

Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force Memorial's stainless steel spires were finished Sept. 21.

The 270-foot structure on a promontory overlooking Arlington Cemetery is dedicated Oct. 14.

### Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Oct. 12 issue of the Keesler News is noon Oct. 5, four days earlier than usual, due to the Columbus Day federal holiday Oct. 9.

The newspaper office is closed Oct. 9 in observance of the holiday.

### Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are:

**Biloxi** — Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park. The park is off-limits except during daylight hours or official events.

**Pascagoula** — Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway.

**Moss Point** — Toni's Lounge.

# Looney: Enemies testing our commitment in Iraq

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Air Force remains ready to carry out the will of the American people, but Gen. William Looney III wants to be sure they're armed with the facts about the global war on terrorism.

Air Education and Training Command's commander carried that message to Biloxi's civic and business leaders during a speech hosted Sept. 21 by the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce.

"Regardless how you feel about Iraq, it's irrelevant — the fact is that we're in Iraq now and we're being tested by our enemies on our commitment," the general observed. "To the average American, the threat to our country is difficult to comprehend. It's vital for all Americans to fully understand the challenges and threats we're facing."

General Looney said that the United States and its allies face an enemy with a commitment to a cause unlike no

other, "except perhaps the kamikaze of World War II. The enemy has a strategy with global aspirations — no price is too high to pay."

AETC's leader asserted that the enemy has committed to a long war and publicly articulated its goals for decades. The enemy's short-term goals include reestablishing Muslim control in many areas, advocating "jihad" or holy war, ridding the Middle East of western influence and erasing Israel from the map.

In the current fight, the enemy exploits open societies where he can strike when and where he chooses. Establishing and expanding safe havens for terrorists across Asia, Africa, and South and Central America are essential to that plan.

General Looney said, "The long-range plan is to bankrupt and exhaust the 'far enemy' — the United States — as well as to expand the jihad to secure Dar-al-Islam," literally translated as the House of Submission or the world under Muslim control.

He also stressed the enemy's resolve to overthrow those who've renounced Islam, gain weapons of mass destruction capabilities and control the oil resources of the region.

The general also reviewed the positive effects of the U.S. presence in Iraq, citing the improving status of electricity, oil production, water and sewer capabilities, health, education, security, justice, transportation and communications.

"I have a hard time when people say Iraq and that part of the world aren't interested in democracy," General Looney remarked, citing the 70 percent turnout in Iraq's December elections, compared to the 60 percent response in the 2004 U.S. presidential elections. "They were under constant threat of attack, but 11 million Iraqis still came out to vote."

He also pointed out the differences between the global war on terrorism and the Vietnam War. The differences between volunteer warriors and a conscripted force, coupled with techno-

logical advances and religious fervor, make a huge difference in the way today's battle is being fought.

"That enemy (from Vietnam) didn't follow us back to America," General Looney asserted. "But this enemy can and will, and it's like pouring gasoline on a bonfire."

The global war on terrorism is a test of wills, and the enemy has staying power, the general pointed out.

"The enemy has no rules — it's all about terror, fear and whittling away at our willpower," General Looney stated. "If they can whittle away at American resolve, they're successful. They never have to beat us militarily — just stay alive."

He said it's vital for Americans to understand the terrorist threat to the future of the country, to understand the U.S. strategy and how long it will take to accomplish it and to be confident about leadership and the resources available to defeat the enemy.

"It's a long war, but it's a war we can and must win," he concluded.

## Housing,

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Colonel Mottley observed, "More information will be available in the future regarding what the homes will look like and when we can expect construction to start and finish on the first homes."

In preparation for construction of the new homes, 1,213 existing homes are being demolished, the colonel explained. More housing units — 146 — are being demolished than will be built.

"Prior to Katrina, the Air Force did a study that determined Keesler's on-base housing requirement was 1,067," Colonel Mottley pointed out. "All Katrina did was accelerate the process."

"As of Tuesday, we've demolished 889 homes, or 73 percent, and we're scheduled to be finished with demolition of the remaining homes by the end of October," he added.

**A 3-5 minute steady tone on the base siren is a tornado warning — take cover.**

## AETC commander applauds Gulf Coast's recovery from Katrina

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, paid tribute to Biloxi and its recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina during a Sept. 21 luncheon sponsored by the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce.

"Shortly after becoming a part of AETC, I visited Keesler in July 2005 — in August, you had another visitor and she wasn't nearly as hospitable as I was," General Looney said.

About two days after the storm struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, General Looney and his wife, Marilyn, and several members of his staff flew into Keesler to gain an appreciation for what had occurred. He took a helicopter trip over the shoreline to see the devastation of the area.

"It was truly mind-bog-

gling and breathtaking to see the level of destruction, not only on Keesler but in the surrounding area — it was truly a nightmare," he commented.

"To come back now and to see the difference between then and now is even more breathtaking and mind-boggling," he continued. "It's a true testament to the courage of the individuals who live on the Gulf Coast and a true testament to the cooperation between the great community of Biloxi and Keesler. I applaud and commend you for where you are today."

Acknowledging that it would be many years before South Mississippi has rebounded completely from Katrina, "someday it will be even better than you had imagined," the general commented. "The Air Force pledges we'll be with you every step of the way in recovery."

## Panel wants to know why ...

# ... some women leave service earlier than men

By Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Female military doctors, lawyers and chaplains are more likely than their male counterparts to leave the military after serving five to eight years.

The Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services wants to know why.

By examining these three career fields, the committee hopes to understand why female service members in general have such higher rates of military separation during this period, said Mary Nelson, DACOWITS chairwoman.

Ms. Nelson said it's important to retain more women, and finding why they're leaving during this time frame may help to accomplish this.

Early findings are simple, she said. The main reasons women are getting

out after five to eight years of service is to start a family.

"They don't want to have a 2-week-old (baby) and have to be deployed," Ms. Nelson said.

One possible solution to this problem, she said, is "on-off ramps," points at which service members can take a leave of absence from the military. While calling the concept a good idea, Ms. Nelson acknowledged it comes with some issues.

"If we have these off-ramps, where people can get out and take a two-year leave, then it becomes an issue of when they come back, where are they?" she said. "Are they still with their same class they entered with? If so, then they're at a great disadvantage and aren't going to be promoted through the ranks.

"So as they come back, adjustments have to be made to their date of rank so that they're competitive again.

"It seems like we have provisions for people to leave for educational reasons, then come back in, so maybe this could be extended," Ms. Nelson added.

Because survey data never tells the full story, DACOWITS members go to installations and hold focus groups among female service members, Ms. Nelson said. Committee members ask a broad range of questions to help them understand the problems these women face and their reasons for wanting to leave the military.

When meeting with these women, committee members are eager to elicit possible solutions from the women, she said.

The committee's 2005 report studied issues related to balancing work and life and found most women put their families first.

"They're making the decision based on their family as well as their deep

desire to serve their country," she said.

The committee concluded female service members garner great satisfaction from overseas assignments, but consider the needs of their families first, Nelson said.

"I think that really was the focus of our report last year," she said. "How can people balance their work, their career and the needs of their families?"

Numerous high-ranking military officials of both genders stressed to Ms. Nelson that women offer something the military wouldn't have without them.

"They offer a different perspective. They offer a different way of looking at things, a different way of communicating, a different way of gathering points of view and getting consensus," she said. "It's a different way of doing things, and it's something military members I've talked to feel very strongly that the military needs."

## Home wreckers

Asa Vice from DNG Contractors removes debris from a waterfront home he leveled on Vandenberg Drive in Bay Ridge the same day. The demolition of base homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina is making way for construction of 1,067 new housing units.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Roy Wright from Clauss Construction takes down a home in South Throver Park Sept. 14.

# Pinwheels for Peace

## Display spotlights domestic abuse

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A pinwheel is a childhood reminder of simple, joyful, peaceful times.

Keesler's family advocacy program is taking this symbol to draw attention to the problem of abuse within the family during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October with Pinwheels for Peace.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, a ceremony at the child development center features a garden of more than 350 pinwheels representing families from Mississippi's three coastal counties who sought protection in a domestic violence shelter during 2004, the most recent year for which records are available.

The display will crop up for a few days at a time at various base locations during the month, such as the Triangle and Keesler Medical Center.

"There was a program done in Ohio in support of child abuse prevention called Pinwheels for Prevention," said Paula Tracy, family advocacy outreach manager for the 81st Medical Operations Squadron. "I liked the pinwheel idea—something colorful, tangible, and visual—a departure from the typical written statistics. Because I am very concerned about the impact of domestic violence on children, it just tied it all together for me.

"The display is meant to serve as a reminder to the entire base community that prevention of domestic violence is a year-round mission," she continued. "The Air Force needs strong,



"All families  
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— Ms. Tracy

healthy families. All families have problems, but healthy families don't ignore them. They seek information, take classes or get counseling to deal with problems before they become crippling."

At Keesler, programs that support spouses and families are offered through family advocacy, the airman and family readiness center, life skills center, the chapel and a variety of resources on base and in the surrounding communities.

"Reach out when you need to, and be there for support if someone else needs you," Ms. Tracy said.

For more information, call Ms. Tracy, 376-3457.

To report sexual abuse,  
call Keesler's sexual abuse  
response coordinator hotline,  
377-7278 and 697-0562.

# Buying used car? Better be wary

## Legal office

Keesler legal officials report an increase in complaints by Airmen about fraudulent sales tactics by Mississippi Gulf Coast car dealers.

Here are some common scams and how to avoid being taken to the bank by unscrupulous car dealers:

### Fraudulent advertising

— A car dealership advertises one price on the Internet or verbally, but the final price on the printed sales contract is substantially higher. This is the bait-and-switch method, and it violates Mississippi and federal law. The sales contract price controls, so make sure the price negotiated is the price paid.

When asked, the dealer often says the lower figure is the “cash” price and the higher amount is the “credit” price. There’s no such thing as “cash” price in law or practice with car purchases.

If you experience these tactics, walk away.

### Seller-arranged financing

— Perhaps most profitable for car dealerships is seller-arranged financing. A typical arrangement is for the dealer to obtain financing at a certain interest rate, then charge the buyer a higher rate. For example, the buyer qualifies for 12 percent interest, but the seller offers 15 percent. The finance company gives the seller the difference.

To prevent this from happening pre-qualify for a loan

from a bank or credit union prior to buying a car.

**Costly add-ons** — Used car dealerships also make money on pricey add-ons, such as warranties, gap and collision insurance. Gap insurance is usually a good idea, and many banks and credit unions offer this coverage free as part of financing.

Warranty insurance may not be used outside Mississippi. Consider buying a factory warranty, which often comes as part of a factory-refurbished vehicle. Collision insurance protects only the finance company if you’re in an accident. Buying coverage from a national car insurance company is a better way to go.

**Mechanical defects** — The downside of buying a used vehicle is there may be unknown defects, such as prior accidents or excessive wear and tear. Have a mechanic check the car out. It’s better to spend \$50 to \$100 up front than thousands on a clunker.

Another option is to buy a factory-refurbished used vehicle. A title check from a national organization for the vehicle identification number is also a good idea.

For more information or assistance, visit the legal office, second floor of the Levitow Training Support Facility, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday or 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For appointments at other times, call 377-3510.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Smoking, as this woman is doing, lighting matches or lighters at the pump or while using gasoline anywhere else is an invitation to disaster.

# Careless use of gasoline ...

## ... can provide spark that's hazardous to your health

### Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS — A military member goes to the gas pump to fill two five-gallon containers and puts them in the trunk while running errands.

After parking at the Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., hospital, the car burst into flames. By the time the fire and smoke cleared from the June 5 explosion, 10 vehicles were destroyed.

“The Ft. Leonard Wood Fire Department suspects the fire most likely started when an electrical spark from the tail or brake light ignited fumes that accumulated in the hot enclosed trunk,” said Mike Myers, Army and Air Force Exchange Service health and safety manager. “It was a miracle no one was fatally injured.”

With 269 gas stations worldwide serving 11.6 million customers, AAFES has a vested interest in educating military families on the dangers of careless gasoline use. The American Petroleum Institute recommends the following precautionary

measures for storing and transporting gasoline:

**Store at room temperature**, away from potential heat sources such as the sun.

**Keep appliance pilot lights** or igniters more than 50 feet from stored gasoline.

**For better ventilation**, handle gasoline outdoors. In addition, Mr. Myers recommends keeping gasoline containers tightly closed and not storing them in the trunk for a prolonged period of time.

“Gasoline and other fuels are extremely dangerous and we must exercise great care when using, transporting or storing them,” he said.

Transporting and storing gasoline isn't the only potential hazardous situation. A separate but equally important issue is static electricity. Additional refueling and fuel safety guidelines include:

**Turning off the vehicle** engine while refueling.

**Putting the vehicle** in park and/or set the emergency brake.

**Disabling or turning off** any auxiliary sources

of ignition such as a camper or trailer heater, cooking units or pilot lights.

**Not smoking, lighting matches or lighters** at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else.

**Using only the refueling latch** provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle — never jamming the refueling latch on the nozzle open.

**Not re-entering the vehicle** while refueling.

**When dispensing gasoline** into a container, using only approved portable containers and placing them on the ground to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

**When filling a portable container**, manually controlling the nozzle valve throughout the filling process.

**Filling container** no more than 95 percent full to allow for expansion.

Think safety — an accident is only an attitude away.

# Heart disease linked to high blood cholesterol levels

By Maj. Shirley Brown

81st Medical Group

Each year more than one million Americans have heart attacks, and about half that many die from heart disease.

High blood cholesterol levels are directly linked to the risk of developing heart disease.

High blood cholesterol itself doesn't cause symptoms, so, many people are unaware that their level is too high.

The body naturally makes the cholesterol needed for normal functioning. It's present in cell walls and membranes throughout the body, including

the brain, nerves, muscle, skin and heart. The body uses this fatty substance to produce hormones, vitamin D and the bile acids that help to digest fat.

Only a small amount of cholesterol is required to meet these needs.

When there's too much cholesterol in the blood, it builds up, attaches to arterial walls and causes hardening of the arteries. The arteries become narrow and blood flow is slowed down or blocked.

Cholesterol is typed into several categories:

**Total cholesterol**, which measures

the amount of cholesterol present in the blood.

**HDL, which is considered good cholesterol** and helps clean fat and cholesterol from arteries, carrying it to the liver for removal from the body.

**LDL, which is termed bad cholesterol** when it deposits cholesterol in arteries, hardens and causes blockage.

Blood cholesterol level has a lot to do with the chances of getting heart disease. The higher the cholesterol level, the greater the risk of having a heart attack.

Adults age 20 and older should have their blood cholesterol checked at least

once every five years. The tests alert them when there's a need to lower their numbers.

Several factors can affect a person's cholesterol — diet, physical activity and weight.

Food low in saturated fat, such as lean meats, poultry, fish and grain, can help keep the numbers down.

Walking, gardening and playing sports are definite steps toward a healthy heart.

Eating fruits and vegetables for snacks and smaller portioned meals are positive actions to control weight gain.

## Hispanic Month Family Day next event at Keesler

Hispanic Heritage Month events:

**Dia de Familia (Family Day)** — 1-4 p.m. Oct. 8, marina park. Entertainment includes piñatas, children's karate, dancing, volleyball, basketball and a domino tournament for adults. Hispanic and patriotic music performed. Bring your own dish.

**Luncheon** — noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 12, El Rancho Restaurant, Pass Road, Biloxi. Menu: chicken or steak fajitas or salad. Cost: \$10, which includes fajitas, beans, rice, drink and dessert. Guest speaker: Yolanda Johnson of Biloxi. Music by Mariachi Sol Del Valle. For reservations and to make menu choices, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, by Oct. 5.



Photo by Adam Bond

Staff Sgt. Trisha Miller, left, and Greg Lewis fill their plates at the Hispanic Heritage Month food-tasting Sept. 21 at the youth center. Sergeant Miller and Mr. Lewis are both assigned to the legal office. Hispanic Heritage Committee members and others prepared a variety of dishes for the event, a mainstay of the annual base observance.

# KEESLER NOTES

## Fingerprinting process

The 81st Security Forces Squadron no longer accepts walk-ins for fingerprints.

For appointments, call 377-4660 or 5404.

## TeamKid

TeamKid, a chapel program for children, meets 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 377-2520.

## Bazaar vendors

The Keesler Spouses Club is still accepting vendors for its bazaar, scheduled for Oct. 20-21 in Hangar 5.

For more information, visit the Keesler Thrift Shop or club's Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>, or call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324.

## Club giveaway

Two H3 Hummers are given away as part of the annual Air Force Club membership drive through Nov. 30.

One winner comes from new members who sign up, and one is from those who were members as of Aug. 31.

To sign up, visit the Katrina Kantina in the marina park, or call 1-888-871-5608 and mention card code 5TH7.

## Patients sought

The pediatric dentistry clinic is looking for patients for the advanced education in general dentistry residency.

Patients should be between 4-10-year-old dependents of active duty or military retirees and not enrolled in the dental insurance plan. They're required to be available for treatment on Thursday mornings.

For more information or to make a screening appointment, call 376-5164.

## PT uniform wear

In organized physical training, any combination of the PT gear is worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes.

At other times any combination can be worn with civilian clothes.

Commanders or equivalents determine which PT events are "organized."

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 377-1091.

## Waste not

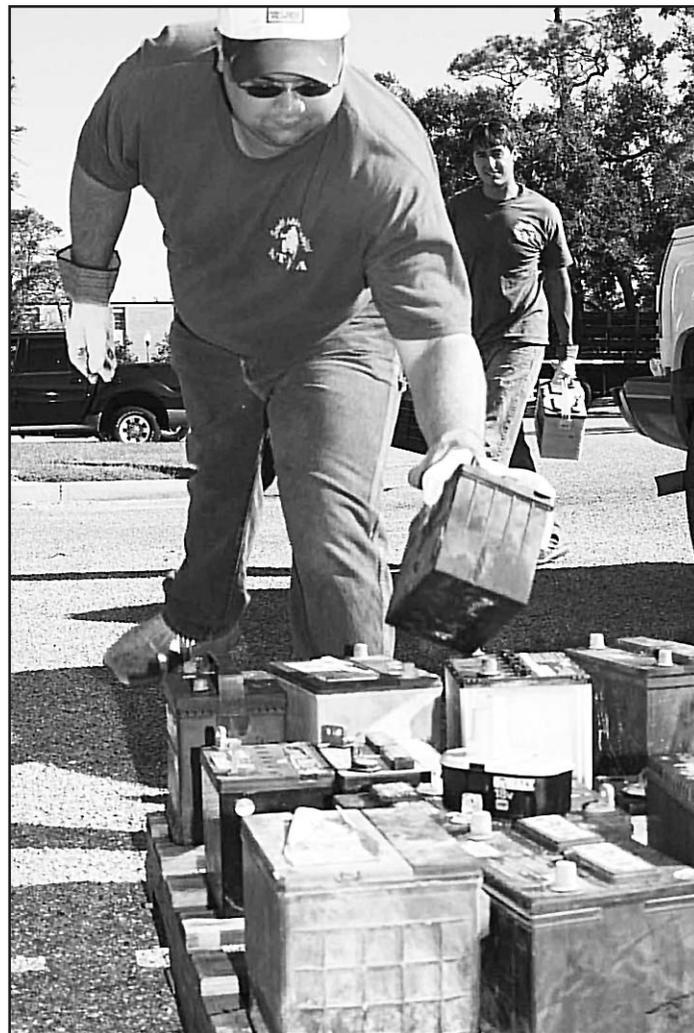


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Rodney Fagan, left, and Brad Smith, environmental technicians with Complete Environmental and Remediation Company in Purvis, unload car batteries from a truck next to the recycling center. The batteries were among the items accepted during Keesler's semi-annual household hazardous waste recycling day Sept. 21.**

## Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior non-commissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

## Thrift shop

The thrift shop in the former Chapel One building is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

## Preschool playgroup

A preschool pals playgroup is offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 100-B of the former Chapel One.

The group is a joint venture of the chapel and the family support center. The hour offers toys, games, music and a chance for parents to visit.

For more information, call Kristy LaBelle, 596-8215.

## Military rental

Force One Rental, 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818, offers truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION



## Caught in a trap

Jim Pascual, left, closes in on ball carrier Daniel Clay from one side as teammate Aaron McDevitt goes for Clay's flag from behind, Sept. 20. Pascual and McDevitt play for the 81st Medical Support Squadron. Clay is a member of the 332nd Training Squadron team. The medics beat the Mad Dogs, 12-6. With the victory, the medics improved to 5-0, one-half game behind the Dirty Boys, 6-0, in intramural standings as of Monday. The loss was the Mad Dogs' second in six games.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

## Mouth guards reduce risk of sports injuries

By Staff Sgt. Stephen Pasion

### 81st Dental Squadron

Organized sports or recreational activities include the risk of injury.

A mouth guard helps prevent injuries to the teeth, lips, cheeks, tongue and jaw.

According to the American Dental Association, a mouth guard can help cushion a blow to the face that otherwise might result in an injury to the mouth. It can limit the risk of chipped or broken teeth, nerve damage to a tooth or even tooth loss, as well as protect the soft tissues of the tongue, lips and cheek lining.

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons estimates more than 3 million teeth will be knocked out in youth sports this year.

Almost one-third of all dental injuries are sports-related.

Mouth guards aren't necessary only for contact sports such as football, hockey and boxing. Baseball, basketball and soccer players are also at risk

### Care

**Rinse** thoroughly under cold water after each use.

**Clean** in a solution of soap and cool water to prevent bacterial buildup.

**Store** in a container with a small amount of water to prevent it from drying out and becoming fragile.

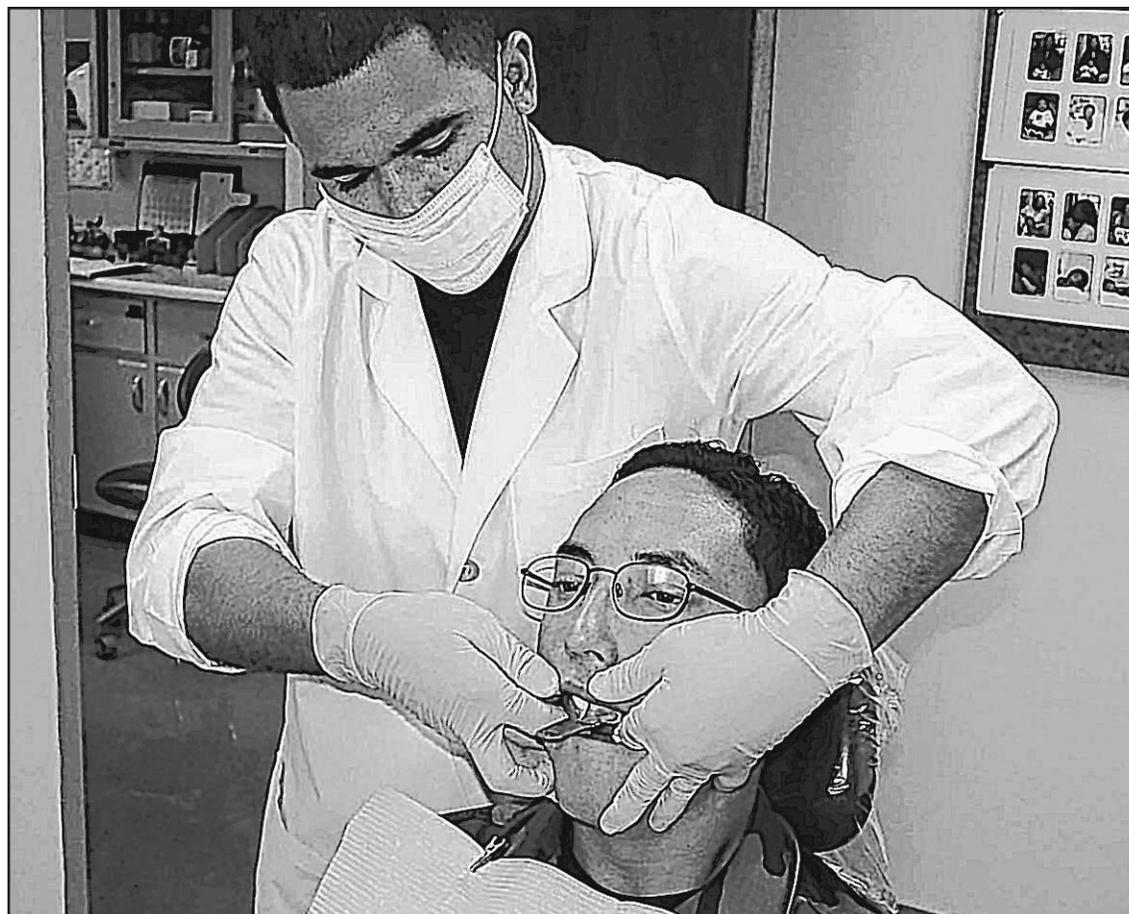
**Mouth** guards wear out and can be damaged. Generally, they need to be replaced after each sports season.

for mouth injuries.

Thirty-four percent of all injuries to basketball players involve the teeth or oral cavity. Properly-fitting mouth guards prevent many of these injuries.

People participating in any type of physical sport at Keesler are encouraged to wear mouth guards.

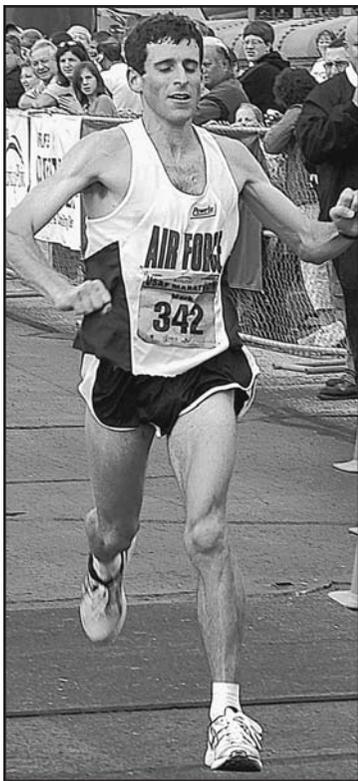
For more information on getting a mouth guard, active-duty personnel call the dental clinic, 377-4510.



Stephen Pasion makes an impression for a sports mouth guard for David Reimer. Both men are 81st Dental Squadron dental assistants.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

# Doctor runs to men's title in 10th Air Force Marathon



Air Force photo  
Cucuzzella finishes in 2 hours, 31 minutes and 17 seconds.

## Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — An Air Force doctor and an Army helicopter crew chief won the top spots in the 10th Annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 16.

The Air Force Running Team's Mark Cucuzzella crossed the finish line in 2:31:47 to win his first full marathon men's division title.

Michelle Elliott of the Army won the women's division title with a time of 3:17:48.

"This is what I do for fun on my lunch hour" to keep healthy and fit, the men's winner said.

Cucuzzella, with the 89th Medical Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., said he tries to get his patients to run.

Elliott, the women's winner, said she was "shocked that I was the first female finisher."

She works on Apache helicopter at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

She took up distance running 10 years ago, when her husband passed away.

"It kind of takes me to a different place," Elliott said.

On this race day, it took her to first place.

Participants set wheelchair and half-marathon records.

Forty-five year old Glen Ashlock broke the wheelchair record by more than 12 minutes, finishing in 1:47:06. Monica Szymanski won the women's division in 3:08:16.

Derrick Butler won the men's half marathon in 1:09:03. Caitlin Reese won the women's division in 1:22:20.

Coming in first in the relay division was the National Guard Stars with a time of 2:35:21.

In the 5-kilometer race, Eric Petersen won the men's division in 17:13. Women's division winner Gabrielle Beal finished in 21:37.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Bowling

**Gaude Lanes** — tentatively scheduled to reopen Nov. 30, including 11th Frame Cafe.

### Fitness centers

**Blake Fitness Center** — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Dragon Fitness Center** — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Free classes in , kickboxing, yoga and spin cycling. Aerobics classes discontinued until further notice. Parent/child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

**Triangle Fitness Center** — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

For more information, call 377-3056.

**Towel service** — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued. Customers furnish their own towels.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

### Golf

**Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range** — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. No greens fees. Electric carts \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts, \$2. Club rental: \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

**Local course support** — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and Great Southern Club courses offer reciprocal playing privileges to current members of Bay Breeze.

Bay Breeze members are required to show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster. Once their membership is verified, members pay only the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

### Outdoor recreation

**Deep sea fishing** — reserve boat for up to six people for \$600, including the captain and tackle. Bring your own refreshments. Fishing license isn't required.

**September fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest alligator gar for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

**Disk golf** — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for rent or sale.

**Camping package available** — includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stove and tent.

**Pontoon boat training** — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

### Pools

**Main pool** — closed.

**Triangle pool** — open daily except Mondays. Lap swimming, 11 a.m. to noon. Recreational swimming, noon to 7 p.m..

### Youth center

**Classes** — taekwondo, 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday for ages 6 and older. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40. Register for gymnastics, karate.

For more information, call 377-4116.

# DIGEST

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Christeen Angelaitis, Michael Archer, Kyle Babbert, James Biggs, Christopher Boatwright, Eric Breen, Justin Cordovan, Dustin Budzene, Alexander Christy, Rachel Cook, Colin Cox, Dustin Dargin, Manuel Dezsouza, Caleb Drake, Nicholas Elgar, Daniel Foster, David Foy, John Garza, Nathan Garvin, Michael Gumataotao, Kyle Harris, Walter Heidelberger, Nicholas Heinrichs, Eric Keller, Curtis Lee, Joshua Martin, David Massie, Richard Marshall, Joshua McQuiston, Sarah Melvin, Zachary Murray, Jacob Nichols, Jeffrey Padgett, Trevor Philley, Cruz Ramires, Camden Rodriguez, Joshua Rodriguez, Luis Santos, Ian Sweeney, Spencer Tietz, Devin Whitehead, Nathan Wigington and Scott Zumwalt; Airmen Rodney Baumer, Glory Bilang, Jeremiah Butcher, Jonathan Heylman, Derek Morrow, Brenden Osborn, Andre Smith and Donald Wentworth; Airmen 1st Class Terence Brady, Justin Creger, Joseph Dailey, Daniel Deherrera, Ricky Flynn, Andrew Gropp, Adam Haas, Randy Hestand, Jason Kochenderfer, Antonio Leach, Jeffrey McElhinny, Anthony Meyer, Nicole Moody, Huor Ong, Kyle Perry, Jeffrey Skarski, Chad Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Harvey Wargo, Anthony Whitehead, Matthew Whitlington, Mark Valdez, Chad Wood, William Yavorsky and Sebastian Zelazny; Senior Airmen Steven Henderson and Oliver Thompson; Staff Sgts. Lee Bugay, Joel Cook, Roberto Ruiz and Lee Settlemeyer; Chief Master Sgt. Jae Jeon; Joseph McCloskey.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Adam Blizman, Christopher Blount, Robert Goldsmith, Jason Henre, Chaz Morrell, Kyle Posey and Jeremy Smith; Airman Brian Redman; Airmen 1st Class Justin Bowers, Skyler Burns, Jonathan Chickletts, Clay Ford, Sean Heron, Jessica James, Nathaniel Kilborn, Clayton Shiver, Titus Weimers and Fred Wilson; Senior Airmen Zachary Blades and Joseph Kliebert; Staff Sgt. Matthew Rumsey; Tech. Sgt. Charles Perry.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Lani Burkhardt, Thomas Butler, Christopher Cravotta, Kristin Cunningham, Eddy Diaz, Karla Kincaid-DePena, Melina Levesque, Chasity Peters, Raquel Smith, Raymond Wolowicz and Abigail Wright; Airmen Sean Campbell, Cassandra Nutter, Ryan Schlabach and Eric Smith; Airmen 1st Class Jessica Chiles, Julie Flowers, Kyle Reece, Sarah Robertson and Mark Simpson; Senior Airmen Charlotte Baker, Holmes Martin, Terence Robbins, Sharon Salvador, David Tallman and Latesha Taylor;

Staff Sgts. Cindy Anderson-Hollins, John Cody, Michael George, Cheryl Johnson, Bethany Lanski, Raul Ramos-Zayas, Jennifer Restey, William Simmons, Michael Tucker and Dennis White; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Little; Master Sgts. Jody Lambert and Matthew Massengale.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Vincent Hlas and William Talafuse; Airman David Gutknecht; Navy Airman Apprentice Ashley Hudson; Marine Pfc. Andrew Stevenson; Airmen 1st Class Timothy Heineken, Brian Morris and Matthew Semder; Navy Seaman Christopher McKenna; Senior Airman Angel Franco; Tech. Sgts. Mathew Jones and Beverly Laidlow.

#### 336th TRS

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Nikita Lettunich, Jeffrey Morgan and Matthew Theerman; Airmen James Harris, Jason Smith and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Shawn Kelly, Alexander Knoblock and Richard Pilcher; Senior Airmen Justin Millen, Daniel Moore and Todd York; Staff Sgts. Aaron Aldridge, Nickolas Case, Jason Hetzel, Viet Nguyen, Andrew Porden, Adam Smith, Eric Stone and Edward Wtulich; Tech. Sgt. Vance Victorino.

**Communications and information training flight** — Airmen Basic Eryka Counter, Brian Dunham, Rebecca Perez and Frances Respicio; Airmen 1st Class Kyle Basler, Gregory Benson, Jason Clark, Jose Encarnacion and Joshua Stoltz; Senior Airmen Eric Gottfried, Remigio Isla, Edvonn Taylor and Jennifer Zortman; Staff Sgts. Pedro Forero, Isaac Smith and Lee Weyers; Tech. Sgts. Sebastian Calderon, Bruce Collins, David Hogue and Jeffrey Westerholm.

#### 338th TRS

**Computer, network, cryptographic systems course** — Airmen Basic Kevin Creamer, John Filleau, Michael Fox, Alexander Glasco, Willie Harrell, Michael Morris, Rorie Perez and Andrew Pratt; Airmen Wesley Chapman, Robert Duenas and Johnathan Prince; Airman 1st Class Douglas Bein, Erik Bowcock, Jennifer Heist, Robert Mixon, Timothy Munoz, Eric Peterson and Nathan Risner; Senior Airman Joshua Royal and Alex Torres-Abadia; Staff Sgts. Stephen Bando, David Brackett, Richard Dorgan, Keith Downey, Jerome Dunn, Marty Escalante, Shonda Robinson, Timothy Smith and James Whipkey.

**Radar systems flight** — Airmen Steven Adams, Robert Degrasse, Travis Freeman and Christopher McClanahan; Airmen 1st Class Jason Bishop, Joshua Deamusategui, Sarah Dorris, Brian Housholder, Michael Keany, Edgardo Ortiz-Torres, Terry Owens, Jordon Padilla-Ragasa, William Rosario and Joseph Rutledge; Senior Airman Chris Edwards.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 06-F** — graduation Oct. 27.  
**Class 07-1** — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.  
**Class 07-2** — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.  
**Class 07-3** — Feb. 21-March 30.  
**Class 07-4** — April 16-May 23.  
**Class 07-5** — June 5-July 12.  
**Class 07-6** — Aug. 3-Sept. 12.  
**Class 07-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 06-7** — graduation Oct. 26.  
**Class 07-1** — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.  
**Class 07-2** — Jan. 9-Feb. 16.  
**Class 07-3** — Feb. 27-April 5.  
**Class 07-4** — April 17-May 24.  
**Class 07-5** — May 30-July 10.  
**Class 07-6** — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.  
**Class 07-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

### Airman and family readiness center

**Financial information and investing** — 3 p.m. today, Room 122, old Cody Hall, taught by USAA Education Services. To register, call 377-2179.

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## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

### 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38 Thomson Hall
:09	:39 New Cody Hall
:11	:41 Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42 Rental store
:13	:43 Shaw House
:14	:44 Old base exchange
:15	:45 McBride Library
:16	:46 Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47 Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48 Sablich Center
:19	:49 Dental clinic
:20	:50 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51 Base operations
:22	:52 Hangar 4

### Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

### Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

**Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.**

## COAST AREA TRANSIT

**Keesler Express** — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

#### Minutes after hour, bus stop

:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:22	Welch Auditorium
:24	Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel .....9 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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## Arts and crafts center

**Weekend toast to Italy** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; Italian snack, Italian art, view demonstrations and visit facility.

**Photography contest** — entry deadline today, judging Saturday. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Advanced pottery** — call for details.

**Ceramic painting class** — 10 a.m. Saturday, salute to Italy; make bread plate or pasta bowl. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Wood shop** — open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20.

**Framing** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60. Sign up in the multi-craft shop.

**Multi-craft shop** — now open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.

**Engraving shop** — custom items for going away and holiday gifts, special mementos and squadron awards.

**Made in the wood shop contest** — make a project in the wood shop through November and be eligible to win a prize; no entry fee. Four age categories; ages 16 and older.

## Chapel

**TeamKid Ministry** — 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel, for children in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) David Barns, 377-4859.

## McBride Library

**Library card signup** — sign up for a free library card and receive a mouse pad and bookmarks.

**Tours** — For information, call 377-2827.

**Orientations** — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Veterans benefits briefing** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

**Transition assistance program workshop** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

**Palace Chase briefings** — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

### Employment opportunities

**Reserve opportunities** — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

**Opportunities for medics** — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655 or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

**Junior ROTC** — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months

from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.foats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at [vince@militaryadvantage.com](mailto:vince@militaryadvantage.com).

**Military Connection** — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Free dance revolution pad** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

**Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

**Half Time Café** — open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Wednesdays, Italian, \$5.95; working Fridays, catfish, \$6.50.

### Katrina Kantina

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

**Football Frenzy** — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV.

**Taco Tuesdays** — two tacos for \$1.

**Thirsty Thursday** — 5 p.m. today. Cook your own steak or chicken.

**Catering** — for weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions to celebrate.

### Youth center

**Annual membership** — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Receive discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

**Before- and after-school care program** — register 5:30-8 a.m. or 3:30-6:15 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

**Act smart** — 4:30 p.m. today.

**Power hour** — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-16.

**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

**Self-directed activities** — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

**Movies and snacks** — 5 p.m. Mondays in the new multimedia room, for ages 9 and older.

**TRAIL Keystone Club meeting** — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Focus is on outdoor adventures and community service.

**Smart girls** — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Girls-only topics.

**Wacky Wednesday** — 5-6 p.m. Tournaments in various board and table games.

**Torch Club** — 4 p.m. Thursdays for ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service.

**Friday night dances** — 6-10 p.m., ages 9-17. \$2 for members, \$4 nonmembers.

**Teen time** — 6-10 p.m., ages 13-17. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

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## DINING HALL MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

### Friday

**Lunch** — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

**Dinner** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

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

### Sunday

**Lunch** — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — Swiss steak, baked chicken, cornbread, Italian sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

**Dinner** — pita pizzas, jalapeno cornbread, country-style steak, fried chicken, oven-brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, cole slaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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**Super Saturdays** — 2-5 p.m. for ages 6-12. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

**Gymnastics** — Tuesdays. 5 p.m. ages 3-5, 6 p.m. ages 6 and older. Call for fees.

**Taekwondo** — Mondays and Wednesdays. 5-5:45 p.m. ages 3-5, \$40 per month. 6-7 p.m. ages 6 and older, \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

**Dance** — Tuesdays. 4 p.m. ages 3-5, 5 p.m. ages 6 and older. Call for fees.

**Guitar** — lessons for ages 6 and older. Call for times and fee.

**Instructors needed** — for programs for ages 3-5 and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

## Auto skills center

**Open Sundays** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Auto air conditioners** — serviced at a reasonable price.

**Beginners auto care** — \$5 per class. Change oil, brakes, tune-ups, tire changing and more. For dates and times, call 377-3872.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum.

**Vehicle resale lot** — behind Keesler Club, on Larcher Boulevard. To register, bring registration, license and proof of insurance to the multi-craft shop in the arts and crafts center; \$5 for two weeks, \$10 month. For more information, call 377-2821.

## TICKETS AND TRIPS

**Editor's note:** Inside Vandenberg Community Center.

**Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome** — \$60 including ticket. Call for schedule.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions. For more information, call 377-3818.

**Free brochures** — information on various attractions.

## MEETINGS

**Editor's note:** To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.

**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

**Air Force Sergeants Association** — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Thursday of the month, youth center, J Street. For more information, call Desarae Chereskin, 341-0988.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aadd officers@keesler.af.mil.

**At Eze Toastmasters Club** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 (81st Communications Squadron building) conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

**Keesler Amateur Radio Club** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on 146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-

May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle1rn@yahoo.com.

**Keesler Spouses Club** — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, president, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

**Native American Heritage Committee** — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

**Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81** — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month in Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Movies

**Editor's note:** Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

**Friday** — 7 p.m., Snakes on a Plane (R, 106 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., Step Up (P-13G, 103 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Descent (R, 99 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., Accepted (PG-13, 93 minutes).

### October weather outlook

October is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Summer is over — the days are warm, but mild, and the nights are cool. Air mass thunderstorms are rare and hurricanes and other storms in the Gulf of Mexico become less common. Low pressure systems usually remain to the north and frontal passages tend to be weak. Normally, October is relatively dry, but prolonged periods of rain have occurred. Expect some hazy days.

**Extreme maximum temperature (F)**.....93

**Mean daily maximum temperature (F)**.....78

**Mean daily minimum temperature (F)**.....62

**Extreme minimum temperature (F)**.....33

**Mean relative humidity (percent)**.....69

**Mean monthly precipitation (inches)**.....2.76

**Mean number of days with precipitation**.....5

**Mean number of days with thunderstorms**.....2

**Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)**.....8.42

**Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:**

**2,000 feet**.....4.9

**1,000 feet**.....2.6

**300 feet**.....0.5

**Percentage of observations with visibility less than:**

**6 miles**.....15.6

**3 miles**.....3.4

**1 mile**.....1.0

**Percentage of observations with wind:**

**0-3 knots**.....34.3

**4-10 knots**.....59.8

**11-21 knots**.....5.9

**22 knots or greater**.....0.0

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

# Auto hobby shop keeps cars cruising

By Earlene Smith  
81st Services Squadron

The auto hobby shop, located behind the tennis courts on the east end of Meadows Drive, is equipped to provide for the needs of customers who want to save money by doing their own repairs.

Customers using the shop save money on one of the most expensive components of vehicle maintenance — labor.

The facility has eight drive-in stalls with seven lifts, including a motorcycle lift. Stalls are available first-come, first-served.

Use a stall to check the radiator, oil, transmission fluid, hoses, belts and tires. If replacements are needed, oil, heater, fuel and airline hoses, filters and assorted accessories are available for purchase in the automotive retail area.

If you're having a problem with your vehicle and you're not sure what's causing it, the auto hobby shop has a Modis



Courtesy photo

**Keep your vehicle in tip-top shape, regardless of make or model, and save money doing it by using the auto hobby shop.**

scan-diagnostics machine, Mitchell Manual on Demand and mechanics on staff to assist in pinpointing problem areas.

Serious auto hobbyists can rebuild an engine or transmission in one of the two engine cages, use the bead blaster for cleaning rust, use the welding bay equipped with both Oxyacetylene and mig capabilities or mount and remount tires.

A 20-ton press for taking off really stubborn parts and a parts washer are also accessible.

Standard and metric tools are provided with the shop fee.

The mechanics at the auto hobby shop rank with the best. Jerry Krumnow and Larry Castell have 50 years of combined experience working with everything from golf carts to flight line fire trucks.

They're available for wheel

balancing, turning brake drums and rotors, air conditioning checks and charging, and engine diagnostics.

If repairs to your vehicle can't be completed in one day, or if you're going on temporary duty and need a secure location in which to keep your car, a storage area at the auto hobby shop may be rented for a monthly fee.

The shop is also the collection point for used oil from privately-owned vehicles. Take the oil to the check-in counter, have the amount logged in and deposit it in the appropriate receptacle.

The auto hobby shop is open 1-8 p.m. Wednesdays-working Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. nonworking Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

If you'd like to know more about maintaining your vehicle, group classes are offered by request.

For more information, call 377-3872.

## Thirsty Thursday Oktoberfest

All ranks  
are invited  
5 p.m. Oct. 26  
at the  
Katrina Kantina.  
German food.  
Beer specials.  
Members \$6.  
Nonmembers \$8.



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## Air Force Clubs

# Warriors get Blue Star benefits

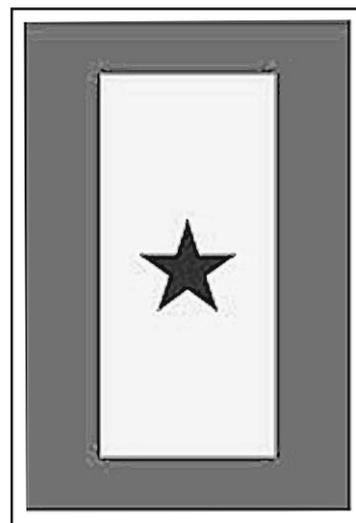
### Air Force Clubs

Many Air Force club members aren't taking advantage of an offer from Chase Bank.

The Blue Star Benefit program was created in 1999. Inspired by the World War II tradition of displaying a blue star in the window for each family member in service of their country, the program rebates all interest on purchases and fees charged during deployment in a military campaign.

Eligible card members include Chase Military Card members (primary, joint, and authorized users) serving on active duty in a military campaign and designated to receive a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. government.

Eligible card members must contact Chase Bank in a letter requesting a rebate of interest payment. A sample letter can be downloaded at [https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/Clubs\\_Ltd/Documents/BlueStarBenefit](https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/Clubs_Ltd/Documents/BlueStarBenefit)



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With the letter, the card member must provide an official military document indicating that the member is entitled to receive a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. government.

Documentation is sent to Card Member Service, P.O. Box 8650, Wilmington, DE 19899-8650.

Upon redemption, eligible

card members receive a refund of all finance charges incurred on their accounts during their time in a military campaign. The amount is refunded as a credit on their accounts retroactively. The card member must be in good standing at the start of the military campaign and remain in good standing throughout the campaign.

The member's account must remain open during the time the rebate is requested and received. Finance charge rebates are limited to interest and fees on purchases on the account and don't include finance charges or fees on balance transfers or cash advances made during the member's participation in the military campaign.

A waiver of finance charges is effective for the duration a card member is deployed in a military campaign or for one year, whichever is shorter.

Claims must be submitted within one year of the card member's military campaign end date. Campaigns before

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# EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

## BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

**Golf** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Free greens fees. Electric carts rent for \$10 for 18 holes and \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts are available for \$2. Rental clubs are \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes.  
**Driving range** — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for a bucket of 30 balls.  
**Golf lessons** — \$25 for a half hour of instruction. To schedule, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**Give Parents a Break\*** — 4-10 p.m. Oct. 7. For more information, call 377-2211.  
**Parents Night Out\*** — 4-10 p.m. Oct. 7. Held in conjunction with Give Parents a Break each month; offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3.50 per hour per child.  
 \*School age children go to the youth center.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3189.  
**Be your own boss** — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes.  
**We've moved** — visit us at our new office in the Locker House, 505 C St., Bldg. 3101.  
**Extended duty child care and mildly-ill child care** — Providers are available.

## FITNESS

**Monster Circuit Challenge** — Oct. 19 at Dragon Fitness Center. No need to sign up — just show up 6:30-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or 3-5 p.m. Choose to do each station at Level 1, 2 or 3. You're finished when you complete all 50 stations. Refreshments served. Sponsored by Gatorade, Aquafina and Propel.  
**Dragon Fitness Center** — all cardio equipment has individual LCD TV/DVD player; bring your headphones. For more information, call 377-2907.  
**Triangle Fitness Center now open** — for more information, call 377-3056.  
**Parent/child fitness room** — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years; children must be supervised at all times.  
**Certified aerobic instructors needed** — call 377-8380.

## GAUDÉ LANES AND 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Closed — through Nov. 29 for Katrina restorations.

## HALF TIME CAFÉ

**Editor's note:** for more information, call 377-2424. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. No to-go orders on buffets.  
**Dine-in or take-out** — open for lunch and dinner with pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.  
**Italian lunch buffet** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. \$5.95 includes spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, salad, pasta salad, bread sticks, garlic bread and 16 ounce soda or iced tea.  
**Catfish lunch buffet** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays. \$6.50.

## MCBRIDE LIBRARY

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee. Free check out of music CDs, VHS and DVD movies. Free internet service. Stop by and explore.  
**Orientations** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Halloween stories** — 10 a.m. Oct. 31, ages 2-5. Come in a costume and receive a special treat.  
**Customer appreciation month** — all faxes just 50 cents a page throughout October.  
**Gale Group reference data base** — for information, call 377-3760.  
**Tours/orientations** — call 377-2827.

## MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2752.  
**Convenience store** — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.  
**Information on local and out-of-state attractions** — brochures are available.  
**Discounted tickets** — for a complete price list, those with military user accounts may log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>. \$1 service charge added to all ticket sales.  
**New Orleans Saints football games at the Superdome** — \$60 per person including ticket and round trip transportation. Tours depart at 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 — Tampa Bay Buccaneers, sign up by Tuesday.  
 Oct. 15 — Philadelphia Eagles, sign up by Oct. 11.  
 Oct. 29 — Baltimore Ravens, sign up by Oct. 24.  
 Nov. 19 — Cincinnati Bengals, sign up by Nov. 14.  
 Dec. 3 — San Francisco 49ers, sign up by Nov. 28.  
 Dec. 17 — Washington Redskins, sign up by Dec. 12.  
 Dec. 31 — Carolina Panthers, sign up by Dec. 13.

## KATRINA KANTINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2719.  
**All ranks invited** — snacks, beverages and music. Located in marina park.  
**Air Force Club membership drive** — two club members will win a brand new H3 Hummer. All new members who sign up for club membership during the annual membership drive through Nov. 31 are eligible to win one of the H3 Hummers. The second H3 will go to someone who was a member in good standing as of August 31. Watch for other great incentives for being an Air Force club member.  
**Random cash giveaway** — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., a club member wins \$50 cash; must be present and have club card to win.  
**Taco Tuesdays** — two for \$1.  
**Wings and things** — 5 p.m. Oct. 11. Keesler Club members get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.  
**Catering** — let our caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.  
**Free club membership** — it's a great time to be a member. Dues aren't being charged thanks to Hurricane Katrina — enjoy benefits of free club membership.

## HELP WANTED

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-9032.  
**Nonappropriated fund jobs** — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at human resource office, Room 5417, Locker House, Building 3101, 505 C Street. Information pamphlet and complete job listings are available; 24-hour job line is 377-9055. Nonappropriated fund employment Web site <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160. Located in the enclosed pavilion at marina park.  
**Buddy days** — bring a friend and receive a 10-percent discount on a skiff rental during October.  
**Deep water fishing on the Boston Whaler** — \$600, maximum six people, includes the captain and all the tackle needed to fish. Bring your own food and beverages. No fishing license required.  
**Back Bay fishing trips** — 7 a.m. to noon; call for dates. \$15 per person. Maximum six people. Bring your own food and beverages. Mississippi State fishing license required.  
**October fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest speckled trout and win a \$100 savings bond.

## VANDEMBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.  
**NFL Sunday Ticket** — watch up to eight games on Sundays.  
**CyberSports internet gaming** — base-to-base competitions, squadron challenges, all-nighters, wireless Internet connection, hot games (instruction available); <http://www.cybersports.cc>.  
**Halloween party** — 6 p.m. Oct. 28. Free candy; prizes for the best costumes.  
**Pool tourneys** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Winners get into the weekend dance free.  
**Game night** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, UNO, Phase 10 and more.  
**Dance Revolution pad** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays; free.  
**Karaoke** — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.  
**Late night dance** — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission. Sponsored by National Productions.  
**Birthday dance** — 6 p.m. Oct. 20. People with October birthdays enter the dance free.



# FALL FESTIVAL

## Oct. 28

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Arts and Crafts Center

**Handmade crafts**  
(Craft booths \$15. Sign up at the center. Handmade crafts only.)

**Bike rodeo**  
(Bicycles and motorcycles)

**Craft demonstrations**  
(Pottery demo by master potter from the Ohr-O'Keefe Art Museum)

**Kids activities**

- Bouncy castle
- Costume contest
- Fire department's "House of Fire"
- Activity booth by The Home Depot

**Airmen costume contest**  
(Airmen create their costumes at the center from supplies provided.)

**THE HOME DEPOT**

**377-2821**



Tricks & Treats  
**Halloween Party**

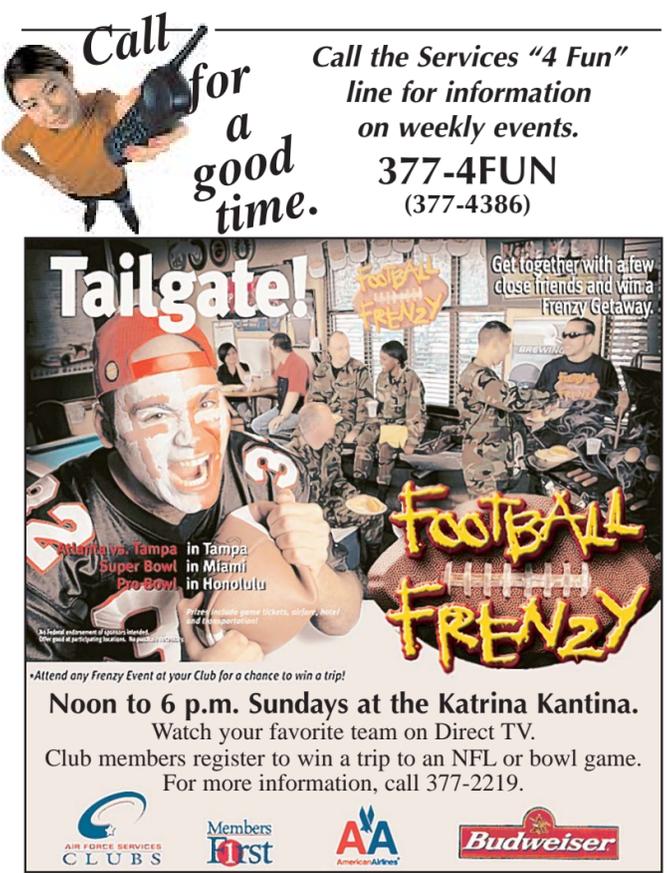
at the Katrina Kantina

**5 p.m. Oct. 31**

Ghost and goblin costume contest  
Wicked karaoke 5:30 p.m.  
Ghoulish grub  
Witches brew drink specials

**377-2219**

Club members free; nonmembers \$3 at the door.



Call for a good time.  
Call the Services "4 Fun" line for information on weekly events.  
**377-4FUN**  
(377-4386)

**Tailgate!**

Get together with a few close friends and Vima Frenzy Getaway.

**Football Frenzy**

Atlanta vs. Tampa Super Bowl in Tampa  
Pats vs. Colts Pro Bowl in Miami  
Pats vs. Colts Pro Bowl in Honolulu

Attend any Frenzy Event at your Club for a chance to win a trip!

**Noon to 6 p.m. Sundays at the Katrina Kantina.**  
Watch your favorite team on Direct TV.  
Club members register to win a trip to an NFL or bowl game.  
For more information, call 377-2219.

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## ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

**Space available accommodations** — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts around the world.

**Affordable price** — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$299.

**To reserve** — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, is required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

**Editor's note:** Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens first of the month prior to scheduled date at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

### Specials

**Weekend toast to Germany** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 and 20. Enjoy free German treats, recreate steins and Hummels, view craft demonstrations and check out facility.

**Fall festival** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28. Crafters, register for a craft booth, only \$15; bikers, register for rodeo. For more information, see page A2.

### Multi-crafts shop

**Return of late nights** — open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.

**Sewing 101** — 5 p.m. Oct. 5. \$10. Bring your own machine or try one of ours. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow. Stuffing provided.

**Ceramic mold pouring** — 10 a.m. Oct. 7, ages 13 and older. \$25 including first firing. Learn to pour your own ceramics. Pour a project you select and two more to keep and finish as you like.

**Scrapbooking class** — 5 p.m. Oct. 12. \$10. Create a two-page 12x12 fall layout.

**Advanced pottery** — Oct. 14. Take next step on potter's wheel. \$40, call for times.

**Kids crafting class** — 11 a.m. Oct. 14. \$10. Complete a Halloween ceramic project; ages 7 and younger require parent's involvement.

**Cooking class** — 11 a.m. Oct. 20. Make a flavored mustard to go with those German bratwurst, give as a gift or keep for yourself. Call for details.

**German stein ceramic painting class** — 10 a.m. Oct. 21. \$15 plus cost of stein. You choose color and style.

**German Hummel ceramic painting class** — 5 p.m. Oct. 26. \$15 plus cost of statue.

**Teen class** — 1 p.m. Oct. 21. Beaded project; free class with purchase of \$10 kit. Ages 13 and older only.

### Frame shop

**Custom shadow boxes** — great for retirements. Order early.

**Beginners framing** — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60. Sign up in the multi-crafts shop. Learn a skill that's enjoyable and saves you money.

**Advanced matting** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20. \$25. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

### Engraving shop

**Custom items** — available for going-away gifts, special mementos and squadron awards.

### Wood shop

**Now open Sundays** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Made in the wood shop contest** — make a project in our wood shop through November and become eligible to win a prize; no entry fee. Categories are ages 16-20, 21-30, 31-49 and 50 and older.

**October parent-and-me special** — work on a project for one week with your child, ages 16 and older, and receive half off the shop use fee.

**Beginners woodworking** — 5-7:30 p.m. Oct. 11. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

**Beginning intarsia** — 10 a.m. Oct. 7. \$15. Create a Christmas gift with intarsia, the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

**Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Oct. 14. \$20. New project each month.

### Auto hobby shop

**Open Sundays** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Beginner auto care classes** — available to groups. Call for details.

**Oil collection site** — for privately-owned vehicles.

**24-hour coin-operated car wash** — features foamy-brush wash, high-pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes and Armorall, and vacuum station.

## RESALE LOT

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-2821.

**Buy, sell, trade** — \$5 for two weeks. Register with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

**New location** — on Tingle Avenue behind the Keesler Club.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

**Editor's note:** Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

**Authorized patrons** — active-duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty status for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

**HomeAgain® microchip identification** — recognized worldwide, \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin of your family pet.

**Veterinarian now on staff** — call for an appointment.

## TOPS IN BLUE

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3308.

**2006 show** — 7 p.m. Nov. 1, Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Free admission and parking.

**Share the music contest** — become eligible to win an iPod by answering a short on line survey about Tops in Blue, log on to <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

## YOUTH CENTER

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-4116.

**Annual membership** — \$25 ages 6 and older, allows for discounted programs, classes and sports.

**Give parents a break and parents night out** — 4-10 p.m. Oct. 7, kindergarten through grade 6. Register and pay deposit by Oct. 5.

**Worldwide Day of Play FitFactor kickoff** — 2-5 p.m. Oct. 7, ages 6 and older. Games, snacks and door prizes.

**Girls-only day out** — 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 14, ages 13-15. Free self-esteem building workshop. Register by Oct. 12.

**Fright fest Halloween dance** — 6-10 p.m. Oct. 27, ages 13-17. Costume contest and more. Members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

**Halloween costume contest and party** — 2-5 p.m. Oct. 28, ages 6-12. Members free, nonmembers \$5.

**Base wide teen and family talent showcase** — 5:30 p.m. Oct. 19. Groups and individual acts in singing, musical, dance and specialty areas. Sign up by Oct. 16 at the youth center or Vandenberg Community Center. Dress rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Talent showcase Oct. 19. Top acts will be taped and forwarded for Air Education and Training Command and Air Force competition.

**Boys and Girls Club fine arts and photography contest** — for youth through age 18. Entries accepted through Nov. 9.

**TRAIL, Keystone Club** — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service projects.

**Torch Club** — 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and 25, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service.

**Lights on after school open house** — 5 p.m. Oct. 12. Events and entertainment to showcase school age program.

**Teen "Iron Chef" challenge** — 6-10 p.m. Oct. 13.

**Home alone safety workshop** — 6 p.m. Oct. 25, ages 10 and older. Register by Oct. 19. Parent must accompany child.

**Instructional classes** — Register for dance or karate.

**Tae kwon do** — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. Monthly fee: members \$35; nonmembers \$40.

**Mini-Munyons tae kwon do** — 5-5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

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