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Keesler marks 59th birthday of Air Force

By Senior Airman Jake Gard
Keesler News staff

Keesler marks the Air Force's 59th birthday Monday with events ranging from athletic competitions to a poster contest.

A 5.9-kilometer run/walk, beginning and ending at the youth center, kicks off the activities at 7 a.m. Sign-up is 6-6:55 at the youth center.

For more information, call Linda Marinovich, 377-8380, or Staff Sgt. Erika Hamilton, 377-4409.

The rest of the day's events:

Basketball — hot shot contest, 9 a.m., Blake Fitness Center. Sign-up is 8-8:55 at the center. The participant who scores the most points shooting from designated areas for one minute wins.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kanasha Webber, 377-8885.

Home run derby — 9 a.m., Triangle field, next to Triangle pool. Sign-up is 8-8:55. Units receive points for

each homer hit by their people. Participants may bring their own bats and pitchers.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sean Stromer, 377-9592.

Modified confidence course challenge — 10 a.m. next to 81st Communications Squadron facility. Sign-up is 9-9:55. Obstacles to be determined. Units receive points for obstacles completed by their people.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jarmin Blanton, 377-1358.

Longest drive and closest to pin — 10 a.m., Bay Breeze Golf Course. Sign-up is 9-9:55. Units receive points based on their people's performances.

For more information, call Melvin Raley, 377-0917.

Poster contest — for age groups 5 and younger, 6-8, 9-12 and 13 and older. Entry deadline at the youth center is 10 a.m. Monday. Happy 59th

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Supporting Seabees

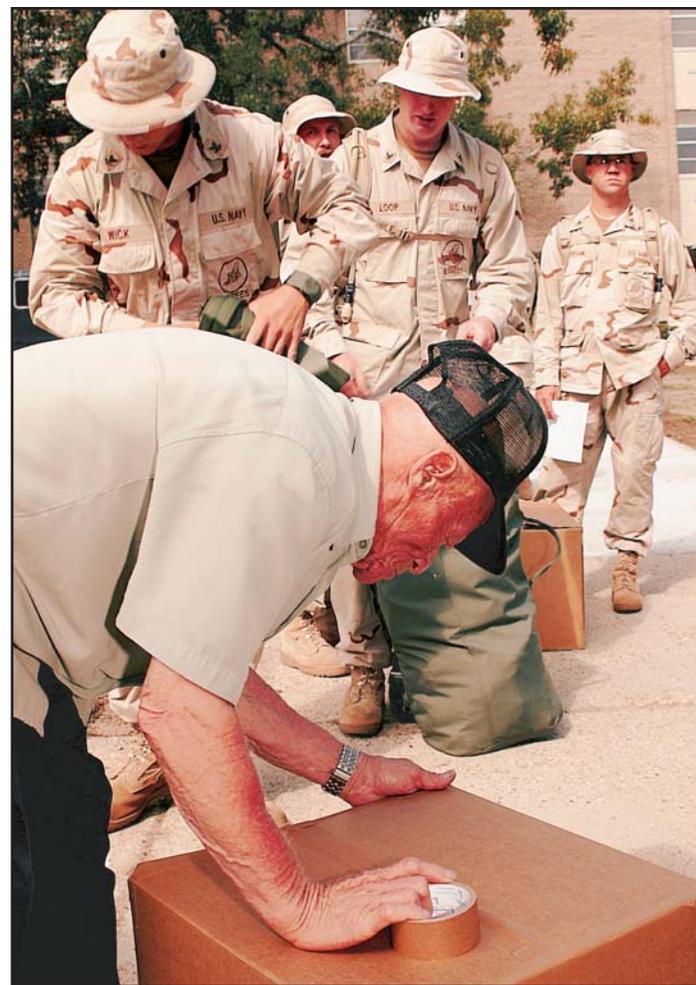


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Eddie Brown of a Gulfport moving company packs personal belongings of Sailors from Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport at Locker House Sept. 7. The traffic management office at Keesler supported the activity for Seabees preparing to deploy overseas.

This week in the Triangle

Command post, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.

Air traffic control tower, 10 a.m. Monday, Cody Hall.

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Monday, weather training complex.

Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

Radio communication systems, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



July Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,105

Non-prior service — 2,094

Temporary duty — 993

Combat controllers — 18

Non-prior service arrivals — 122

Guard, Reserve — 691

International — 58

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 24,624

Total since 1942 — 2,232,685

COMMENTARY

We've only gotten better over these past 59 years

Editor's note: The following is a message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley on the Air Force's 59th birthday.

WASHINGTON — Over the course of the past 59 years, the Air Force has established itself as the dominant force in air, space and cyberspace.

Our knowledge-enabled Airmen have revolutionized the way our nation defends itself and its allies across the full spectrum of threats.

Before our inception as an independent service, the Air Force responded wherever and whenever needed, whether for disaster relief,

humanitarian operations or combat operations.

We've only gotten better in time.

Our heritage is one of technological innovation, courage and dedication. As we build on that proud heritage and look toward new and unlimited horizons, we'll continue to deliver unmatched air, space and cyberspace dominance for the interdependent joint team and our nation.

Your tireless commitment, agility and professionalism are the foundation for our successes. Without you, and the support of your families, we couldn't be the world-class team we are. America's

Airmen exemplify our core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

As we lead into our diamond anniversary celebration, we count on our most valuable asset — our Airmen — to continue the magnificent work our forebears began. We're confident you'll conquer tomorrow's challenges with the same courage, commitment and confidence that defined our first 59 years.

Thanks to our entire Air Force family across the globe: active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans and all their families.

Happy birthday, Air Force!

Remember, celebrate, look ahead

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

More than a century ago, America achieved the "wings" of powered flight, which provided the vision to imagine the possibilities of air and space power.

Early air power advocates such as Billy Mitchell and Hap Arnold gave us a proud heritage of courage, innovation and an unlimited vision for the future.

On the afternoon of July 26, 1947, the crew of the presidential aircraft, the "Sacred Cow" was preparing to bring President Harry Truman to the bedside of his dying mother. Moments before the aircraft doors closed at National Airport in Washington, D.C., a briefcase containing three documents was delivered to the president.

The first was the National Security Act of 1947, which established the Department of Defense and realigned and reorganized our armed forces. The second was Executive Order No. 9877, titled Functions of the Armed Forces, which defined the roles and responsibilities of the military. The third was the nomination of James Forrestal as our first secretary of defense.

Before the plane departed, President Truman signed all three of these historical documents, transforming the future of our nation's military. Born out of many years of debate and the lessons learned from World Wars I and II, it was the first document, the

National Security Act of 1947, which established the Air Force, effective Sept. 18, 1947.

Fifty-nine years later, our Air Force remains a world-class capability without peer, thanks to the soaring spirit and unwavering dedication of the extraordinary men and women who serve in it. Today, you stand on the shoulders of giants — names like Mitchell, Spatz, Rickenbacker, Pitsenbarger, Sijan, Levitow and Davis — whose courage, dignity and character exemplify the spirit of the unbroken line of Airmen who've triumphed over challenges with valor, innovation, perseverance and success.

Monday, we pay tribute to the last 59 years with a determination to meet and embrace the challenges which lie ahead. From our Air Force's first test of independence, delivering humanitarian aid during the Berlin Airlift to fighting the global war on terrorism, our ability to adapt to changes in our operating environment has been an inherent part of our heritage. The current Air Force mission statement, "To deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace," testifies to our ability to look ahead and respond to future threats.

Birthdays are special occasions. They allow us to remember the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future. Happy birthday to the men and women of our Air Force!

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:

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Housing — 377-9741

Identification cards — 377-3203

Inspector general — 377-3010

Legal assistance — 377-3510

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Military pay — 377-7272

Pass and registration — 377-3893

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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



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Letter to Airmen

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

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Energy Conservation

Much like your own household budget, increased energy costs have significantly impacted the Air Force's bottom line. For example, just a \$10 increase in a barrel of oil costs the Air Force almost \$600 million a year – money better spent fighting the GWOT or recapitalizing our aging fleet. Under the auspices of AFSO 21, I ask every Airman to make energy use a priority and bring forth ideas on how we can be more efficient in its use.

As the largest user of energy in the DoD, the Air Force has developed a two-pronged energy strategy to attack this problem. This strategy of assured domestic supply and aggressive energy conservation will benefit our entire Air Force, but we need all Airmen to do their part. Let me give you some examples of what your Air Force is doing.

On the supply side, the Air Force continues to pursue cutting edge technology. As the Nation's largest purchaser of renewable energy, we used over one million-megawatt hours of green power in 2005 – enough to power 70,000 homes for a year! Green power accounts for 11% of all Air Force electric consumption, which includes thirty-seven Air Force installations. Just recently, we won the 2006 Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Protection Award for our green power initiatives – a monumental achievement!

We also generate renewable power at several installations using solar, wind, and biomass (plant-derived) sources. Our research labs are hard at work developing synthetic hydrocarbon fuels made from coal, oil shale, and biomass. Look for our first test flight, on a B-52 using synthetic fuel, later this month!

On the demand side, we continue to look for ways to reduce energy consumption in our facilities, vehicles, and aircraft operations. We reduced facility energy usage by 30% over the last twenty years by incorporating energy conservation into our operations – without impacting the mission or quality of life. We are currently testing and developing several innovative methods of powering ground vehicles with alternative fuels, such as E-85 ethanol, hydrogen, and hybrid fuel cell-electric power systems. Additionally, our Aviation, and Acquisition & Technology communities are aggressively looking for ways to increase aircraft fuel efficiencies through engine and airframe design.

These examples demonstrate our commitment to increasing efficiency and eliminating wasteful practices in all areas of our work. To assist in our efforts to communicate our energy strategy, every Airman should develop new ways to personally and organizationally conserve energy. Your efforts in making energy conservation a part of your day-to-day activities will benefit our entire Air Force, and free up precious dollars for other critical programs. I thank you all!


Michael W. Wynne



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Air Force lieutenant surpasses Camp Shelby's push-up record during combat skills training

By Senior Airman
J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. — The installation record for the most push-ups in the gas chamber without wearing a mask was 162. And thus a challenge was made to the Airmen attending combat skills training here.

Without a second thought, 1st Lt. Stephen Maddox picked up the gauntlet.

He had certainly done more than 162 push-ups before. The lieutenant was an offensive lineman for the Air Force Academy before his current assignment to the 325th Communications Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Urged on by his fellow Airmen, he answered with two words: "Bring it."

First up was his actual gas chamber qualification. He would have to knock that out before moving on to the challenge. After some quick calisthenics, he dropped his mask and did 70 push-ups. For Lieutenant Maddox, it was a warm-up.

"The record was set in 2004 by a Wisconsin National Guardsman," said Army Master Sgt. Jerry Nickles, a nuclear, biological and chemical non-commissioned officer and training instructor. "The push-ups aren't the problem. I've seen people do 200. It's staying in there with all that gas."

Lieutenant Maddox and several supporters entered the chamber filled with tear gas. He tore off his mask and immediately hit the ground to start his shot at the record.

Others joined in, removing their gas masks as well and keeping pace with the lieutenant. One Airman did 17 before he had to get out. Another did as many as 50. By the time Lieutenant



Air Force photo

Lieutenant Maddox, left, completed 165 push-ups in a gas chamber without wearing a mask Aug. 30, breaking a long-standing Camp Shelby record.

"The Air Force never
backs down from a challenge —
plus it's always good
to beat the Army."

— Lieutenant Maddox

Maddox hit his first 70, he hit his stride.

"I knew I had to just keep at it," the lieutenant said. "There was no way I was going to quit."

He took a couple of breaks, but as the effects of the gas would set in, he immediately got back to task. One by one, his supporters fled the room, the gas too much for them to stay inside.

A few minutes later, Lieutenant Maddox emerged from the chamber. A crowd of more than 100 Airmen stood by, waiting to hear if he'd done it.

"165!" someone yelled out. The crowd went wild; his boisterous supporters kept

calling out the number. No one could believe it, not even the Soldier instructors.

"Plenty have tried and have done 50, 60, 70," Sergeant Nickles said. "I certainly didn't think he'd do it. That record will be around for a while; no one is breaking that."

For Lieutenant Maddox, the victory was one of Air Force pride and friendly competition with the sister services.

"When they told us about it, they issued it as a challenge," Lieutenant Maddox said. "The Air Force never backs down from a challenge — plus it's always good to beat the Army."

Officers can study foreign languages via Internet site

By Christine Harrison

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Air University currently offers an opportunity to active-duty company grade officers to study a foreign language online at no cost.

In an effort to fulfill the Air Force chief of staff's guidance to develop culturally- and linguistically-competent Airmen, Air University presents the opportunity to develop skills in 28 foreign languages through the Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center.

Squadron Officer College, the Air University college for development of lieutenants and captains, has 920 licenses and is making them immediately available service-wide. Air Force officers can take part in this opportunity to learn a new language skill or brush up on an existing ability.

"This is a great opportunity for CGOs to better prepare themselves to contribute in a challenging, expeditionary environment," said Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, commandant of Squadron Officer College. "These skills will help Airmen communicate with allies and build bridges across cultures."

Students who enroll in the

course have up to one year to use it.

To apply, company grade officers must first receive permission from their supervisor, then go to the Squadron Officer College Web site, http://soc.maxwell.af.mil/soc_dirs.htm and click on the Rosetta Stone link.

Once there, register for the course and submit the Defense Language Institute language assessment survey. Students then receive log-in information via e-mail. At that point, the only requirement is an Internet connection to complete the lessons.

"You should plan to spend three to five hours per week using the course," said Capt. Gary Mears, chair of distance learning programs. "If you are inactive in the course for three weeks, you will lose your account."

Upon completion of the course, or at the one-year point, students are required to retake the Defense Language Institute survey, as well as take a Defense Language Proficiency Test in the language studied.

These scores are reported back to Squadron Officer College, and the DLPT becomes a permanent part of the student's record.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Senior rater policy

The Air Force has a new policy for senior noncommissioned officers regarding senior rater endorsements.

Effective with senior master sergeant enlisted performance reports closing out on or after Aug. 1, 2007, and master sergeant EPRs closing out on or after Oct. 1, 2007, completion of Senior NCO Academy (correspondence or in-residence) and a Community College of the Air Force degree are required for senior rater endorsement.

To schedule an appointment with a counselor or to enroll in the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course, call the education office, 377-2323.

Virtual assistant class

Sept. 26 is the deadline for

active-duty military spouses of any service assigned to Keesler to apply for an October course to help them learn how to be "virtual assistants."

The course is Oct. 3 and 5, with an evening "spouse with a mouse" session Oct. 4 for the spouse and military member.

Self-employed virtual assistants provide offsite business support services. Assignments are sent through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer, and real-time online messaging.

Lana Smith from the airman and family readiness center is the certified instructor.

The online application is at http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm.

For more information, call Ms. Smith, 377-2179 or 8593.

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.

Sept. 29 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 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.

Parades — 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

Drill downs — 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.

AFOSI training

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is filling Reserve individual mobilization augmentee and technical sergeant special agent slots.

For more information, call 1-240-857-0866 or DSN 857-0866.

Weapons training

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

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

Supply classes

To schedule a general supply class, call 377-2270.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Take note to vote



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Capt. Cindy Myers, left, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, registers for absentee voting for her home state of Illinois with help from 1st Lt. Aaron Williams, a unit voting representative from the 81st Security Forces Squadron, Sept. 7 at Muse Manor. The registration booth enabled voters to prepare for the Nov. 7 general elections. Keesler's voting assistance officer is Maj. Aaron Albers, 377-9181.

Mail-order prescription process maximizes military drug benefits

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — More military health system beneficiaries are having prescriptions mailed to their homes, rather than picking them up at installation or commercial pharmacies.

Defense Department officials welcomed this development as part of ongoing efforts to control rising health care costs, said Capt. Thomas McGinnis, chief of pharmacy at the office of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Captain McGinnis said the Department of Defense spent \$5.4 billion last year to provide pharmaceuticals to beneficiaries.

"In fiscal 2006, we're predicting we're going to spend \$6 billion" on pharmaceuticals, the captain said. "We're trying to do everything we can to save money to sustain this great prescription drug benefit our beneficiaries have."

The Congressional Budget Office estimates DOD will save \$1.5 billion from 2007 to 2016 by transferring prescription delivery from retail pharmacies to mail-order service, according to a Tricare Management Activity news release.

The number of mail order prescriptions delivered to beneficiaries in July topped June's total, moving mail order prescriptions to 7.4 percent of the total that Tricare fills, the high-

est level in two years. In the same period, the number of prescriptions filled at military treatment facilities and retail pharmacies dropped.

DOD gets discounted purchase-price rates on pharmaceuticals dispensed at military treatment facilities or by mail order.

"DOD saves about 40 percent on all medications dispensed from the mail-order pharmacy," Captain McGinnis said.

Mail-order prescriptions are more economical for Tricare beneficiaries who pay a \$9 copayment for each brand-name prescription and \$3 for each generic one.

Retail pharmacies dispense 30-day prescriptions, while mail-order prescriptions are filled in 90-day supplies, so customers taking long-term administered drugs need to obtain more prescriptions via the over-the-counter method. As a result, Tricare customers can save as much as \$72 each year per brand-name prescription by using the mail-order service. The number of a customer's prescriptions multiplies such savings.

Some customers want to obtain certain prescriptions, such as pain relievers, more quickly over the counter, Captain McGinnis said, but it's more convenient for beneficiaries to have most of their prescriptions mailed to their home instead of making trips to the pharmacy.

IN THE NEWS

Monthly formal retreat today

The monthly formal retreat ceremony is 5 p.m. today at the flagpole in front of 81st Training Wing headquarters on Chappie James Avenue.

The ceremony is conducted by the 81st Mission Support Group.

In case of rain, the ceremony moves to the next duty day.

Restoration advisory board meets

Keesler's restoration advisory board holds a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Biloxi Community Development Department building, 676 Martin Luther King Blvd.

The meeting provides updates on Keesler's environmental programs.

For more information, call Lisa Noble, 377-8255.

Planes renamed to honor cities

The cities of Gulfport and Biloxi are honored with the dedication of a Hurricane Hunter WC-130J and a Flying Jenny C-130J-30 by naming them the Spirit of Gulfport and the Spirit of Biloxi, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Brig. Gen. Richard Moss, 403rd Wing commander, presides over the ceremony recognizing the special bond between his unit and the people of the Gulf Coast.

Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway and Gulfport Mayor Brent Warr unveil the city logos on the nose of the aircraft.

Commissary shopping privileges

Because of Hurricane Katrina's impact, Keesler's Department of Defense civilians and nonappropriated fund and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees may continue to shop at the commissary until Oct. 31.

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.

The guest speaker is Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Music is provided by the Air Force Reserve Band.

Tickets for the event, sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, are \$40 for uniformed military and \$50 for civilians. Reserved tables are \$400 for military and \$500 for civilians.

For tickets or more information, call 377-2783.

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.

Good deed

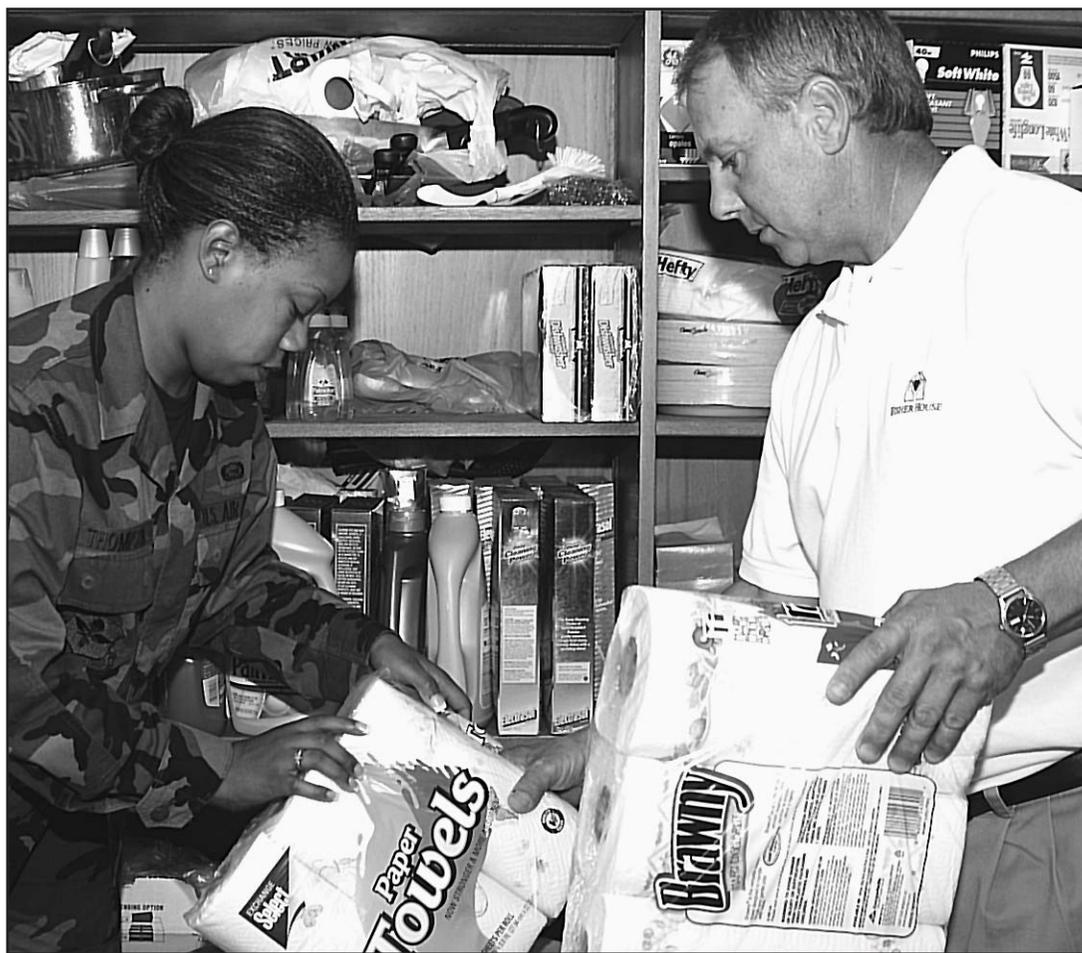


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Destini Thompson, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and Larry Vetter, Fisher House director, unpack goods her unit donated to the facility which houses families of military patients at the Keesler and Biloxi Veterans Affairs medical centers. The items were donated by 81st SFS members. Airman Thompson and Chief Master Sgt. John Edwards spearheaded the ongoing effort.

Birthday,

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Birthday Air Force is the theme. Ribbons awarded for first three places in each age category. Winning posters displayed at the Welch Auditorium celebration, 3 p.m.

For more information, call Jeri Peterson, 377-2826.

Birthday cakes — served

at all three dining facilities. Cakes on display during lunch hours and available free at regular dinner hours.

Free pool — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-3308.

Commander's call — 3 p.m., Welch Auditorium. Birthday cake cutting ceremony. Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, presents the traveling trophy

to the unit winner of the athletic events. Additional prizes awarded to top performers from each event.

For more information, call Capt. Grace Beck, 377-3340.

Celebration continues — 4:30 p.m., Katrina Kantina. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and discounts on beverages for permanent party members and retirees.

For more information, call Jennie Lessley, 377-8313.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Verifying civilian employment

Verification of employment and income is essential when civilian employees are applying for personal or commercial loans, mortgages, other employment, etc.

A Web-based system is available at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for civilian employees who need to verify employment or income.

Employees may download a tri-fold brochure that provides complete instructions on obtaining verification of employment and income by accessing http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cgi-bin/askafpc.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=7588. Right click on the file How to Brochure.pdf, then save it to your hard drive.

The brochure must be read or printed with Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

Civilian personnel officials advise employees to download and keep the brochure handy, as local civilian personnel flights no longer verify employment.

Employers, lending institutions, and employees may also gain additional information or initiate the verification process by accessing <http://www.theworknumber.com>.

Adoption leave of absence

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

For more information, contact your commander's support staff or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775, option 1, 2, or DSN 665-5000.

Virtual outprocessing

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — All Airmen undergoing permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual outprocessing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

Airline ticket credit process

If an airline ticket was purchased with a government travel card, apply for the airline credit through your travel agent or the airline.

If credit isn't received within 30-45 days, call the Government Card Service Unit to file a dispute. The phone number is on the back of the card.

The bank requires a copy of the credit voucher for the unused ticket or refund. The credit voucher must include the name of the airline, date the ticket was purchased and ticket number.

For more information, go to https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81cpts/FMF/GTCC/GTCC_main.htm or <http://www.saffm.hq.mil/affsc/>.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

People planning to travel on temporary duty don't need orders to make reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger standby services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

Use of the Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

Hispanic observance under way on weekend

Hispanic Heritage Month events at Keesler:

Chapel service — 1 p.m. Sunday in the Larcher Chapel.

Food tasting — a free Hispanic food tasting is hosted by the committee, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at the youth center. The committee members provide several homemade Hispanic dishes and walk-ins are also welcome. Entertainment includes dancing and a performance by the band Mariachi Sol Del Valle of Mobile. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211.

Spanish service — 2 p.m. Sept. 24, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Pass Road, Biloxi. Entire service conducted in Spanish.

Dia de Familia — Family day, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 8, marina park. Entertainment includes piñatas, children's karate, dancing, volleyball, basketball and domino tournament. Hispanic and patriotic music. Participants bring their own dish.

Luncheon — noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 12 at El Rancho Restaurant, Pass Road, Biloxi. Cost: \$10. The menu is chicken or steak fajitas or salad selected at time of reservation. Yolanda Johnson of Biloxi is the guest speaker. Music is provided by Mariachi Sol Del Valle. For reservations and to make menu choices, call Ms. Ochoa, 377-2211, by Oct. 5.

2 base members on promotion list

Two Keesler members were selected for September supplemental promotion.

They are:

81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Stanley McKenzie, selected for master sergeant.

338th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Kendra Pitre, selected for staff sergeant.

Sept. 21 is collection drive for household hazardous waste



81st Civil Engineer Squadron

It's time to clean out the shed, storage cabinets and the trunk of your car to get ready for the environmental office's semi-annual household hazardous waste collection day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 21.

The collection site is in front of the recycling center, just west of the post office.

Residents of base housing and dormitories, employees and retirees can bring in acceptable items free of charge.

Any flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous or reactive product is hazardous and should be disposed of properly. Look for words like "Caution," "War-

ning" or "Danger" on labels.

Acceptable items for collection include paints, solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft supplies, automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

Items that can't be accepted include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, "white goods" such as stoves and refrigerators, ammunition, explosive materials, containers larger than five gallons or any waste generated by any business or base work area.

For more information, call 377-3004.

Air Force

Roots of youngest service run deep

By Jim Gildea

81st Training Wing historian

Although the Air Force wasn't officially established until Sept. 18, 1947, its historical roots can be traced back prior to World War I.

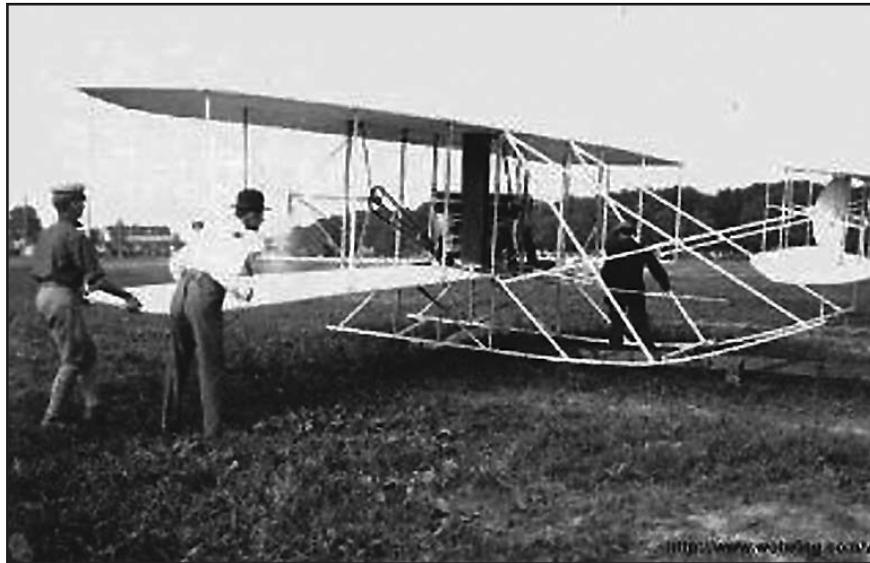
Aug. 1, 1907, the Army Signal Corps established a small aeronautical division to take "charge of all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines and all other kindred subjects," although at the time there were few aeronautical "subjects" upon which to build. From the close of the Civil War until 1907, the Signal Corps had acquired 10 balloons and a small dirigible. In 1909, the government purchased its first airplane — a Wright brothers biplane — at a cost of \$25,000 (plus a \$5,000 bonus for speed in excess of 40 mph.)

Many changes rapidly occurred throughout the ensuing years that drastically altered the dynamics of the Signal Corps and formed the nucleus of a separate service.

May 20, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson issued an executive order transferring aviation from the Signal Corps to two agencies under the secretary of war: the Bureau of Aircraft Production, headed by John Ryan, and the Division of Military Aeronautics, directed by Maj. Gen. William Kenly. The War Department officially recognized these two Army agencies May 24 as comprising the Air Service of the Army.

The Army Reorganization Act of 1920 made the Air Service a combatant arm of the Army, while the Air Corps Act of 1926 changed the name of the Air Service to Air Corps. At the time, the Air Corps had 919 officers and 8,725 enlisted personnel, and its "modern aeronautical equipment" consisted of 60 pursuit planes and 169 observation planes.

March 1, 1935, the General Headquarters Air Force, which had existed in gestation since Oct. 1, 1933, became operational and assumed command



This Wright Flyer was purchased by the Signal Corps for \$30,000, Aug. 2, 1909. The original airplane was redesignated Signal Corps Airplane No. 1, the world's first military heavier-than-air flying machine.

Air Force photo

and control over all Air Corps tactical units.

Five years later, Nov. 19, 1940, the General Headquarters Air Force was removed from the jurisdiction of the chief of the Air Corps and given separate status under the commander of the Army Field Forces. Seven months later, these air combat forces returned to the command of air leaders as Gen. George Marshall, Army chief of staff, established the Army Air Forces on June 20, 1941, to control both the Air Corps and the Air Force Combat Command (formerly General Headquarters Air Force).

Eight days before General Marshall's action, an 832-acre site in Biloxi was officially designated Air Corps Station No. 8, Aviation Mechanics School. Later that June, the War Department renamed the new base in honor of 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler, a native of Greenwood, Miss., who died behind German lines after being shot down in air combat in the last months of World War I.

Another War Department reorganization occurred March 9, 1942, and created three autonomous Army commands: Army Ground Forces, Services of Supply (later, in 1943, Army Service Forces) and Army Air Forces. This reorganization dissolved the office of the chief of the Air Corps and the Air Force Combat Command, and merged all elements of the air arm into the Army Air Forces. This administrative reorganization didn't affect the status of the Air Corps as a combatant arm of the Army.

Finally, the National Security Act of 1947 became law on July 26, 1947, and created the Department of the Air Force, headed by a secretary of the Air Force, and established the Air Force as a separate military branch. Sept. 18, Stuart Symington became the first secretary of the Air Force, and on Sept. 26, Gen. Carl Spaatz became the new service's first chief of staff.

In fiscal 1948, the newly-established Air Force had approximately 374,000 active-duty members and 101,000 civilian personnel. Those numbers peaked at an all-time high in fiscal 1953 and 1956 when the active-duty force climbed to roughly 980,000 and the civilian force crested at just over 400,000. Today, the Air Force's numbered strength closely resembles that of 1948 and stands at 348,058 active duty and 146,440 civilians.

Although only 59 years old and considered the youngest branch of the armed forces, the Air Force has established a rich and honorable heritage. From the early days of balloons and dirigibles to the present day of the F-22 Raptor, it has evolved through time to become the most powerful, the most technologically advanced and the most feared fighting force in the world.

As the Air Force has evolved, so has Keesler, from training aircraft mechanics and recruits in 1941 to the "electronics and computer training center for the Air Force" today.

Sources: Air Force Historical Research Agency and Air Force Personnel Center.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Bloker

The F-22A Raptor air-dominance fighter, shown flying over Langley Air Force Base, Va., in 2005, features improved capability over current Air

Force aircraft. From the inception of the battle, the F-22A's primary objective is to establish air dominance through counter-air operations.

Rising VI

Council amplifies enlisted voice

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Rising VI Council is working hard to harness the energy of junior enlisted members to accomplish great things for Keesler.

“This is an excellent opportunity for folks to spread their wings,” said Staff Sgt. Patrick McKimmie, 338th Training Squadron, the council’s new president. “If anyone has ever stood by the water cooler and wondered why something was happening or why we do things the way they do, they need to come to our meetings.

“The Rising VI can get answers,” he continued. “We not only have the ear of our leadership, but their voice is also heard. The council aims to improve and take full advantage of a two-way communication flow with the chain of command.”

Networking is the best reason for junior enlisted members to get involved with Rising VI, according to Sergeant McKimmie. Supervisors are encouraged to attend meetings with their troops.

“Membership is free and open to permanent party members, E1s through E6s, of all services on base,” he explained. “It’s a great way to meet others from different units and career fields all over the base, as persons and as information resources.”

Sergeant McKimmie emphasized that Rising VI “has its hands in everything, from the upcoming 81st Training Wing annual awards, to community and volunteer opportunities, professional and military development activities and mentoring each other.”

Meeting plans

The next Rising VI meeting is 3:15 p.m. Wednesday in Room 121, Thomson Hall Auditorium.

For more information, call Sergeant McKimmie, 377-1513.

The council works closely with the Top III and first sergeants council on programs and activities.

For enlisted members who are unable to attend the monthly meetings, the council is considering Thursday afternoon follow-up meetings at lunch time.

“People can also e-mail any council member for information, advice or input — if we don’t have the answer, we’ll get them an answer,” Sergeant McKimmie said.

“However, I can’t emphasize how important it is to come to the meetings and see what kind of opportunities we can create for our base,” he added.

In addition to Sergeant McKimmie, other council members are:

Vice president — Staff Sgt. James Pope, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Recorder — Staff Sgt. Sean Stromer, 338th TRS.

Public affairs — Tech. Sgt. Waddell Reese, 336th TRS, assisted by Senior Airman Anita Pascual, 81st CES.

Treasurer — Staff Sgt. Roshunda Jones, 81st Supply Squadron, assisted by Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 81st SUPS.

KEESLER NOTES

Comptroller closing

The 81st Comptroller Squadron closes at 1 p.m. today for an official function.

For emergencies, call 365-8922.

Case lot sale

A case lot sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the temporary commissary in the former Keesler Community Center on Meadows Drive.

Tax office

The tax office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Friday due to filing deadline extensions resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work days.

For more information, call 377-4454.

For Katrina-related questions, call the Internal Revenue Service, 1-866-562-5227.

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.

Members receive 2 percent cash back on every eligible dollar they spend on purchases made with their club card at the base exchange (except gas, 1 percent), commissary and in Air Force Services activities and 1 percent back on every eligible dollar spent off base when purchasing with the membership card.

Points are redeemed by calling 1-800-759-0294.

People who sign up for membership during the drive are eligible to receive 0 percent interest rates for 12 months on purchases and balance transfers, with a "go to" rate of Prime plus 4.99 percent.

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

Chapel positions

The chapel has several vacancies starting Oct. 1 for a Protestant religious education coordinator and music directors and musicians for Protestant traditional, contemporary,

and gospel worship services, and Catholic worship services.

Work statements are available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays at the Triangle Chapel on Ploesti Drive.

Resumes and sealed bids are accepted at Triangle Chapel until 5 p.m. Sept. 25.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Harp or Tech. Sgt. Ernie Shreck, 377-4859.

Air conditioner upkeep

Air conditioning units have condensate drain lines that can become blocked and overflow into homes.

Proper maintenance includes a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach and 1/2 cup water poured into the drain line each month.

For help in locating the drain or for more information, call housing maintenance, 374-0003.

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.

Anniversary issue

Copies of the Hurricane Katrina one-year anniversary issue of the Keesler News are available in the newspaper office.

To reserve copies, call 377-4130, 3163, 3837 or 9966.

The newspaper office is in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, on L Street.

Victim advocates

The sexual assault prevention and response office is seeking applications for victim advocates.

This voluntary additional duty is open to active-duty or Department of Defense civilians of any grade, rank, age, race or gender.

Selection is based on the application, commander's state-

ment of understanding, background check, personal interview and training.

Training is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

Submit completed applications to the office by Sept. 7.

For more information, call 377-8635 or 7278.

SARC program

The sexual assault prevention and response office presents Relationship Safety and Your Teen, 6-7 p.m. Sept. 19 at the youth activities center.

The course is designed to assist parents whose teens are dating or who have pre-teens talking about relationships with the opposite sex.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-8635.

Hurricane guides

Copies of the Keesler News' 2006 hurricane guide are available in the base newspaper office.

To reserve copies, call 377-4130, 3837, 3163, 7340 or 9966. Pick copies up 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. work days in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, L Street.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Hurricane Katrina repairs to Gaudé Lanes roof done

By Senior Airman Jake Gard

Keesler News Staff

Restoration efforts continue at Gaudé Lanes to repair the damage sustained from Hurricane Katrina.

The bowling center is expected to reopen in late October, according to David Horner, project manager.

This is about one month later than reported in an article on the status of the repairs in the Aug. 10 issue of the Keesler News. Resetting target dates for the completion of repair and reconstruction projects has been common since Katrina for a variety of reasons, with weather being a major factor.

The roof of the building is fully restored, Horner said. Work on the bathrooms, floors, ceiling and walls, and the replacement of carpeting could be finished as soon as Friday.

The 11th Frame Café is projected to be finished by the time the rest of the facility is ready to reopen, according to Horner.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Shane Belvin, left, and Michael Woods remove the hurricane-damaged alleys at Gaudé Lanes in preparation for installing new ones in the bowling center. The men are contractors from California.

In the swim of things



Photo by Kemberly Groue

John Geraghty, 81st Training Support Squadron, takes advantage of lap-swimming time at the Triangle pool. The pool is open daily except Mondays. Lap swimming is 11 a.m. to noon. Recreational swimming is noon to 7 p.m.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — closed until further notice for Hurricane Katrina restoration.

Fitness centers

International championship wrestling — 7 p.m. Friday, Blake Fitness Center. Tickets: adults, \$12; ages 4-12, \$7; 3 and younger, free. Tickets available at Vandenberg Community Center, youth center and at the door. For more information, call 377-7858.

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 aerobics, kickboxing, yoga and spin cycling. 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 — grand reopening ceremony canceled. 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

Back Bay of Biloxi fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Saturday. Cost: \$15 per person. Minimum of six people, maximum of eight. Mississippi fishing license required.

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 heaviest red drum 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, Daniel Antillon, Erwin Armstrong, Kyle Babbert, Wyndell Bagaioisan, Andrew Banks, Eric Breen, Jeremy Boone, Matthew Booton, Henry Bradshaw, Eric Coovert, Justin Cureton, Manuel Desouza, Josselyn Diss, Caleb Drake, Gary Duke, Robert Evans, Daniel Feliciano, Daniel Foster, Eddie Givens, Zachary Grove, Eric Hall, Christopher Harris, Jonathon Harris, Jonathan Hempfing, Mario Hernandez, Avery Hines, Alfred Hodges, Thomas John, Jason Johnson, Kurt Joob, Beau Jordan, Mitchell Leckey, Justin Lewis, Jerred Lute, Emanuel Magat, Michael Magsayo, Richard Marshall, David Massie, BobbyJoe McGlothlin, Christopher Mizenko, James Moree, Cordan Norris, Evan Nota, Daniel O'Brian, David Orr, Robert Palos, Nicholas Peterson, George Prassas, Miranda Ralston, Shawnten Ray, Standley Riley, Brad Russell, Kyle Schwartzmille, Ryan Shonka, Paul Smith, Jason Stahr, Quentin Thomas, David VanWhy, Thomas Walsh, Alponso Williams, Roderick Wilson and Nathan Wigington; Airmen Rodney Baumer, Derek Deboer, Robert Duenas, Melissa Carver, Patrick Chandler, Ryan Connolly, Kevin Corn, Daniel Flesher, Aaron Germalsky, Jonathan Heylman, Justin Johnson, Jeremy King, Eric Landon, Demetrius Mapp and Andre Smith; Airmen 1st Class Faiyaad Alam, Matthew Andes, Andrew Appelhanz, Kyle Barber, Brian Cavender, Joseph Dailey, David Devoe, Paul Donahoe, Nathaniel Eaton, Daniel Edvalson, Ian Fitchpatrick, Kareem Fuentes, Adam Haas, Miguel Hernandez, Elizabeth Horn, William Imeraj, Thomas Lee, Teddy Knapp, Nicholas May, Ian McAlister, Jeffrey McElhinny, Michael Merz, Adam Nelson, Codey Newcomb, Shane Peacock, Wesley Phillips, Jason Price, Hour Ong, Brett Orehowsky, Nathan Risner, Joesph Scioneaux, Kevin Schwarz, Jeffrey Skarski, Souraphone Souriyaseng, Clayton Smith, Michael Smith, Vicki Smith, Brendan Spencer, David Staffeld, Daniel Thomas, Ryan Tingler, Eric Titus, Mark Valdez, Ronald Venable, Harvey Wargo, Nicole Williams, Chad Wood and William Yavorsky; Senior Airmen Micah Drag, Daniel Gruber, Gabriel Rhodes and David Widman; Staff Sgts. Christopher Blue, Ricarido Camacho, Christopher Cheatham, Joel Cook, Matthew Doyal, Tyrone Graham, Roberto Ruiz, Lee Settlemeyer, Jhosef Tallybarrios and Richard Wyson; Tech. Sgts. Nathaniel Bartnick and William Hardee; Master Sgts. Hong Jeong and Gilbert Yulfo; Senior Master Sgt. James Kitch; Chief Master Sgt. Jae Jeon; Joseph McCloskey.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Staff Sgt. John Moore; Tech. Sgt. James Woods.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Anthony Atkinson, Jason Henre, Cody Marcus, Chaz Morrell, Kyle Posey, Jeremy Smith and Alexander Yeager; Airman Brian Redman; Airmen 1st Class Skyler Burns, Jamie

Calcasola, Clay Ford, Jessica James, Donald McCann, Stephan Price, Sofia Ruiz, Michael Ryan and Titus Weimers; Senior Airman Zachary Blades; Staff Sgts. Shane Broome, Christopher Howell, Matthew Rumsey, Steven Williams and Christopher Willis; Tech. Sgt. Charles Perry; Capt. Lazar Zorin.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Basic Jeffrey Bias; Senior Airman Bradley Harris; Tech. Sgt. Scott Newton; Senior Master Sgt. Duggan Johnson.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Ashley Adams, Jonathan Rodriguez and Samantha States; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Clark and James Jean; Staff Sgt. Edward Kennedy; Master Sgt. Dogan Ergin.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Lani Burkhardt, Christopher Cravotta, Kristin Cunningham, Eddy Diaz, Karla Kincaid-DePena, Melina Levesque, Raymond Wolowicz, Abigail Wright, Airman Sean Campbell, Cassandra Nutter and Ryan Schlabach; Airmen 1st Class Brandon Bednarski, Kayla Boykin, Jessica Chiles, Julie Flowers and Mark Simpson, Senior Airmen Charlotte Baker, Terrence Pride, 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 Sgt. Matthew Massengale.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rachelle Breiland and Jenny Gibbs; Airmen 1st Class Rosendo Gonzales and Johana Medellin; Senior Airmen Chantal Moore and Faith Pritchard; Staff Sgts. Shirley Arnold, Gena Chacon, Michael Heuker, Melanie Leon-Guerrero and Katrina Munroe; Master Sgt. Dewitt White.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Vincent Hlas, Jameel Lemon and William Talafuse; Navy Airmen Recruits Dennielle Bergeron and Jonathan Graham; Airman David Gutknecht; Navy Airmen Apprentices David Fredrick and Ashley Hudson; Marine Pfc. Andrew Stevenson; Airmen 1st Class Megan Conley, James Fey, Timothy Heineken, Jessica Hicks and Matthew Semder; Navy Airmen Leya Katz and Jessica Lubis; Senior Airman Angel Franco; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Sarah Lester; Marine Sgt. Christopher Stamps; Tech. Sgts. Charles Horton, Mathew Jones, Steven Montgomery and Matt Thewes.

336th TRS

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

Communications and information training flight — Airmen Basic Simret Amdemichael, Kenneth Anderson, Ashley Bullock, Stephanie Duvall, Davon Ham, Rebecca Catillo-Harding, Denis Hernandez, Tyrone Richards, Alexandria Stapp, Laneshia Threadgill and Ryan Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Gregory Benson, Kanasha Booker, Jose Encarnacion, Douglas Kirkman, Oleg Samsonov, Jeffrey Shaw, Benjamin Springsteen, Lindy Vasquez and Teresa Verdi; Senior Airman Jennifer Bell; Staff Sgts. Joshua Copeland, Frederick Dacanay, Pedro Forero, Joshua Horning, Jefferey Morter, Bridget Petru, David Sevart and Han Wang; Tech. Sgts. Bruce Collins, David Hogue, Dwayne Huffman, Bridget Petru and Jeffrey Westerholm.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Justin Barnhill, Trace Ferre, John Filleau, Randall Hendrickson, Nathon Miguel, Justin Owens and Daniel Simpson; Airman Jerome Ibanez, James Matheny and Crystal Skeer; Airmen 1st Class Luchezar Abbott, Clarami Gasilos, David Hultgren, Benjamin Ortiz, Kevin Porter, Francisco Rosa, Ryan Souvignier, James Spevack, Ivan Trejo and Ryan Underwood; Senior Airmen Malcolm Boston, Rachael Hill, Brian Kendall, Dion Rives and Stephen Shirley; Staff Sgts. Lyza Beaudreault, Stephen Bondo, Ricardo Camacho, James Davis, Keith Downey, Matthew Doyal, John Lewis, Stacy Nabor, Shonda Robinson and Richard Wyson; Tech. Sgt. Jesus Torres.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic Alexander Bartholomew, Dustin Brookens, Joseph Collins, Nicholas Comtois, Jacob Cormier, Michael Cousino, Jesse Crawford, Benjamin Holmes, James Kaufmann, Isaiah Kidd, Neili Kozak, Jacob Krekelberg, Richard Lewis, Steven Mason, Kenneth Matthews, Cameron

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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 Chapel9 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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Mcarthur, Victor Moore, Anton Pero, Cody Pridgen, Tenita Ross, Devon Suits, Lance Swinney, Sean Triglia and Timothy Woods; Airmen Brendan Bitney, Patrick Dermady, John Gibson, Edmon Lyons Jr, Jeremy Palmberg, Matthew Pummill, Fletcher Ross, Terry Wilson and Nathaniel Weber; Airmen 1st Class John Abad, Corey Burton, Nicholas Bartek, Wendell Carpenter, Mark Chinander, Angus Coy, Michael Downs, Lance Egan, Josue Figueroa, Tristan Fioretti, Luke Goodnight, Deena Gough, Justin Guyor, Justin Harrison, Thomas Henderson, Jeremy Holder, Robert Holland, Paul Hunter, Stephen Jez, Laura Magee, Frederick Mayhew Jr., Mitchell Mead, Aulii Nickens, Michael Oliver, Rebecca Patterson, Dallas Pauls, Jesse Rheault, Clinton Rowland, Shahoni Ryan, Jarrick Rudolph, Jonathan Short, Michael Simmons, Steven Sisum, Parker Stenberg, Lonnie Stover, Christopher St. John, Justin Trumble, Brandon Trumble, Jesse Wagner, Sharad White, Taylor Williams, Roger Williams II and Stephan Zurko; Senior Airmen Michael Carpenter, Paul Dykstr, Adam Fry, Eric Guenther, Travis Oder, Brian Picardo, Manuel Rivera Toro, Marko Salopek and Adam Shifrin; Staff Sgts. Michael Blanner, Michael Cassidy, Douglas Darby, Andy Guerra, Brian Hadfield, Jason Morris, Matthew Powers, Ronald Stewart, Thomas Thompson, Joshua Ward and Jonathan Willis; Tech. Sgts. Frank Dardar, John Rabaz, Joel Steinbrunner and Michael Stofko; Master Sgt. Willie Kinsey.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-F — Tuesday-Oct. 27.

Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-6 — graduation today.

Class 06-7 — Monday-Oct. 26.

Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Arts and crafts center

Weekend toast to Italy — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Sept. 29; Italian snack, Italian art, view demonstrations and visit facility.

Artist/craftsman contest — entry deadline Sept. 21, judging Sept. 23. For more information, call 377-2821.

Photography contest — entry deadline Sept. 28, judging Sept. 30. For more information, call 377-2821.

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

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

Advanced pottery — take the next step on the potter's wheel. Call for details.

Ceramic painting class — 10 a.m. Sept. 30, salute to Italy; make bread plate or pasta bowl. For more information, call 377-2821.

Sewing 101 — 6 p.m. Sept. 21. \$10. Bring your own machine or try one of ours. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow; stuffing provided.

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Sept. 23. \$10. Complete a pottery project; parents must accompany children 7 and younger.

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

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.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 23. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Sept. 30. \$20.

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

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22. \$25.

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

Auto skills center

Open Sundays — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Auto air conditioners — serviced at a reasonable price.

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

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

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 sign-up — sign up for a free library card and receive a mouse pad and bookmarks.

POW/MIA Recognition Day — Friday; special display.

Tours — For information, call 377-2827.

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

Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, 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.

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.afoats.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.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Back to '50s party — 8 p.m. Sept. 21; '50s movies, costume contest, snack specials.

Tops In Blue auditions — noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 21. To schedule an appointment, call 377-3308 no later than Friday.

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. Board games, ping pong tournament and more.

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. Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. 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. Sept. 28. Cook your own steak or chicken.

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

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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

Air Force birthday lunch — loin strip steak, herbed and lemon baked fish, glazed chicken breast, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, oven browned potatoes, corn on the cob, peas, steamed carrots, shrimp cocktail, French onion soup, fruit medley salad, waldorf salad, and candy.

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 — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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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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.

Job ready — 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

Smart moves — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 25.

Goals for growth — 4:30 p.m. Sept. 26.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Creative art projects.

Act smart — 4:30 p.m. today and Sept. 28.

Congressional Award Program — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 14-21.

Kids in control — 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. Wednesday, ages 10 and older. Register by Tuesday. Child must be accompanied by a parent.

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 non members.

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.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Editor's note: Inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome — beginning Sept. 25, \$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. Mark Harrell, president, 377-2293, or e-mail keesler.aaddofficers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 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 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shanda Yarborough, 377-3653, or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-7924.

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 recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 7 p.m., Ant Bully (PG, 88 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Miami Vice (R, 135 minutes); 6:30 p.m. Talladega Nights: The Ballads of Ricky Bobby (PG-13, 110 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Barnyard (PG, 90 minutes).