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Dragons deployed –
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Looney receives report on recovery



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Col. (Dr.) David Armstrong, left, 81st Medical Group deputy commander, briefs General Looney on Hurricane Katrina damage and repairs to Keesler Medical Center in the basement of the facility Tuesday as General Capasso looks on.

AETC commander tours medical center, Bay Ridge housing

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

Gen. William Looney III, commander Air Education and Training Command, visited Keesler for the third time in the past eight months Tuesday.

During this visit, the general received a report on post-Katrina recovery operations from Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, toured Keesler Medical Center and Bay Ridge housing area and attended an 81st Training Wing commander's call briefing.

Before his departure, he was interviewed for an article to be published in an upcoming issue of the Keesler News.

General Looney's first trip to the base occurred a few weeks before Hurricane Katrina battered the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast Aug. 29. At the time, he visited the 81st Security Forces Squadron, honor guard, permanent-party and student dormitories, and several training facilities.

The general was back Sept. 1, three days after Katrina. His focus was on bringing encouragement to Keesler per-sonnel in the aftermath of the hurricane. General Looney, Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, AETC command chief master sergeant, and their spouses, spent that day examining the damage and visiting with troops.

This week in the Triangle

Ground radio apprentice, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
Communications-computer systems operations craftsmen, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
Information management apprentice, 9 a.m. Friday and Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Air traffic control tower apprentice, 9 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.
Command post apprentice, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
Computer network cryptographic and systems apprentice, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
Airborne mission systems specialist apprentice, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dolan Hall.
Communications-computer systems operations apprentice, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



March Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,293

Non-prior service — 2,226

Temporary duty — 1,049

Combat controllers — 18

Non-prior service arrivals — 169

Guard, Reserve — 702

International — 5

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 12,200

COMMENTARY

Renter's insurance – don't face storm season without it

By Maj. Steven Foss

81st Supply Squadron commander

As we brace for another hurricane season, I'm reminded of our experience during and after Hurricane Katrina, and how helpful it was to have renter's insurance for our personal property.

Prior to the storm, my wife and I picked up whatever we could and got it off the floor. We put knick-knacks in rubber totes. We put some things on beds, took pictures off walls and put them, photo albums, and things like that on closet shelves.

My wife and I sheltered in Wolfe Hall, so we packed important documents into a wheeled suitcase and took them with us.

When we returned to our house, we found primarily water damage. We had two feet of water inside the house due to a surge that came in from the Back Bay of Biloxi. Everything that was on the floor was damaged. Our storage shed was washed away. The damage totaled about \$35,000.

Our renter's insurance includes an "other perils" rider that covered flood damage. This proved to be particularly important in our case, since all our property damage was caused by flooding.

After we assessed the damage, we contacted our insurance company. An adjuster came out to our house and we conducted a walk-through, from room to room. We estimated the value of the items we owned. The adjuster took it at face value.

We also told the adjuster about missing items. We had to identify our property by brand name and model, and we provided receipts where we could. Otherwise, we provided very little substantiation. The adjuster searched the Internet to help me determine the value of our property.

The settlement of our claim was very helpful, responsive and professional. Our settlement was assessed by the adjuster even before it was processed for payment, and we were able to correct errors on the spot.

The claim was completed in one month, from inspection to transcribing to research and settlement. We received our payment by direct deposit, which took another week or so. Our only contribution was a \$100 deductible subtracted from the amount we were paid.

We reviewed our policy right after the hurricane, after everything died down, and had the limit raised to \$100,000. If there had been five to eight feet of water in our house, we would have been under-insured. We recommend assessing your policy at least once a year and when you have major changes — having children or making major purchases.

With another hurricane season approaching, it's important to assess the value of your household goods and belongings. Then take out a renter's insurance policy that meets your needs or make appropriate adjustments to the policy you already have.

When your house is gone, that's not the time to wonder if your insurance is adequate.

Letter to military children

You're patriotic models for us all

Air Force Print News

Editor's note: The following is a letter to military children from Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our nation's military families, who've faced many challenges — from family separations to frequent moves — with great courage.

I'd especially like to acknowledge a special source of inspiration: children of military families.

You're patient and understanding when duty calls and your mom or dad can't attend a soccer game, music recital, birthday party or other important family or school activity. You're heroes in a quiet, thoughtful way, and I'm grateful for the unconditional love you give your mom and dad.

Many of you have experienced the sad and

sometimes frightening experience of having your mom or dad far from home, serving around the globe in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Through your personal courage and support, you serve this nation, too — and I'm proud of you.

Frequent moves are a way of life for the military child. It's never easy to say goodbye to friends and familiar routines, to begin again in a new school, a new neighborhood — and sometimes a new country. But your resilience and self-confidence are strengths that others admire, including your parents.

Growing up in a military family offers some challenges, but it also provides some special rewards. You can be proud of your mom and dad for their brave defense of this great country. Your love and support sustains them. So, thank you for being there for mom and dad. You're American patriots and role models for us all.

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.



Seat belts:

1) save lives,

2) are the law.

What's your excuse?

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Web takes student feedback to next level

By Capt. Stephen Song

333rd Training Squadron

The 333rd Training Squadron is using automated and Web-based student feedback surveys to continuously improve classroom curriculum.

These surveys are accomplished at graduation and 90-120 days after graduation to gauge how well the course improves the ability of students to do their jobs.

Surveys are a straight-forward method of gaining valuable student feedback for instructors. Surveys aren't new — so what is the 333rd TRS doing differently?

Two things — the surveys are done via the Web, and they're being used to assess the relevancy of a course after students are back on the job.

The new and improved surveys are automated, available online, and gathered within a 90-120 day window after course completion.

There are several advantages to this data collection process:

RightNow, a metric-collection and survey tool that's part of a software package provided by Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning is used. Since it's provided for government use, no costs are incurred.

The tool is provided online, so instructors avoid the time-consuming and tedious paperwork associated with survey analysis.

Recordkeeping of survey completion and history through the power of information technology is much easier. Right Now is automated, allowing the unit's survey point of contact to set up specific start and end days for survey completion.

By sending out the surveys three to four months after class completion, trainers are better able to know the mid- to long-term effects of instruction and assess whether or not what's being taught has been of value on the job.

"By allowing us to team with Air University and leverage an existing survey sys-

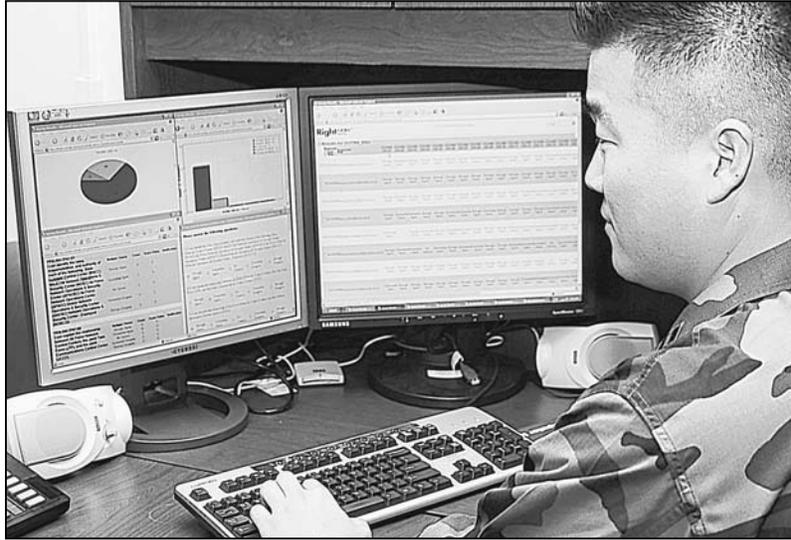


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Captain Song inserts instructor questions into the survey before sending it to students.

"This gives people in the field a way to tell us how well our classes actually prepare students for their jobs."

— Colonel Coats

tem, Air Education and Training Command gives us the ability to assess the relevance of our advanced supplemental courses 'after the fact' for the first time," said Lt. Col. Randy Coats, 333rd TRS commander. "This gives people in the field a way to tell us how well our classes actually prepare students for their jobs."

The 333rd TRS began implementing RightNow in January, when the first supplemental course survey was fielded.

The first phase of implementation includes three supplemental communications officer training courses. Through refinement of the processes and

lessons learned, the squadron plans to fully integrate this feedback process into every supplemental course.

At course completion, every student receives an e-mail with a Web site link to the RightNow system maintained by AFIADL.

The students complete the questionnaire and results are recorded and tracked by the 333rd TRS. Approximately 90-120 days after graduation, the student receives a second survey via e-mail.

This comparison between the first and second survey provides valuable data to determine the true effectiveness of the curriculum and the instructor.

Eventually, supervisors will

receive similar surveys which will provide a slightly different, potentially even more valuable perspective — does the boss think the class was worthwhile?

Through this collaborative effort between the 333rd TRS, students, supervisors and AFIADL, instructors learn and become more effective communicators, in turn developing better courses, more competent students and, ultimately, creating a better Air Force.

Also, as more courses move toward distance learning, Web-based surveys are becoming the only means of gathering effective student feedback.

The 333rd TRS teaches communications warriors to support warfighters. The team develops and conducts in-residence and world-wide mobile training in communications and information systems for Department of Defense agencies, joint service and international enlisted, officer and civilian personnel. More than 6,000 students graduate annually from the squadron's 45 courses.

For more information on the RightNow survey process, call Capt. Stephen Song, 377-4802.

ROTC cadets experience everyday life at Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sixty ROTC cadets get a glimpse of "the real Air Force" this summer when they come to Keesler for Aerospace 100 special training, commonly referred to as the ASSIST program.

Five sessions with 12 cadets each are planned for June 5-9, 12-16 and 19-23 and July 10-14 and 17-21.

Other sessions are held at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; McGuire AFB, N.J., and Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

The cadets, who represent many different colleges and universities, are accompanied by a field grade officer and a non-commissioned officer.

"For many cadets, this may be their first experience at an active-duty base," said 1st Lt. Parag Shah, base ASSIST director. "They'll only be at Keesler for five days, so we'll be giving them a broad introduction to the base's mission and operations."

Lieutenant Shah, resources and budget chief at 2nd Air Force headquarters, participated in a similar program as an ROTC cadet at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

The goal of ASSIST is to recruit, retain and train cadets by exposing them to the daily operations of an active-duty base. Cadets are introduced to as many facets of the base's mission as possible. Tours and demonstrations are highlighted and briefings are kept to a minimum.

The cadets eat in dining halls and stay in lodging facilities. Orientation flights are arranged when schedules allow.



Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, pins honorary commander pin on Mindy Pizzetta, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce president. Leonie Johnson, center, president of the Biloxi chamber, also received a pin at the drill down.

Drill down pad is Red Wolves' den

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 336th Training Squadron Red Wolves howled their way into the winner's circle at the 81st Training Group's drill down Friday.

The winning team placed first in freestyle drill and second in open ranks and regulation drill for 21 points overall.

The 335th TRS, February's drill down winner and 2005 champion, had to settle for third place this time around.

The Bulls and the 334th TRS Gators tied with 17 points, but a higher regulation drill score was the tie-breaker for overall placement.

The Gators placed first in regulation drill, third in open ranks and sixth in freestyle drill.

The Bulls were first in open ranks, third in regulation drill and fourth in freestyle drill.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs were fourth overall, with third in freestyle, fourth in regulation and fifth in open ranks.

The Dark Knights from the 338th TRS came in fifth, with second in freestyle, fourth in open ranks and sixth in regulation drill.

Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation and Technical Training Unit placed sixth in its first drill down effort, with fifth place in freestyle and regulation drills and sixth in open ranks.

Red Wolves drill team members are Airmen Basic Angel Bautista, Harry Carty, Danny Cruz, Sean Daniel, Jonathan Fernandez, Daniel Gamboa, Misty Iglesias, Andre Kim, Aja Norris, Alex-



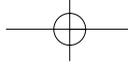
Photos by Kemberly Groue

The Red Wolves took the overall title by placing first in freestyle drill and second in open ranks and regulation drill.

ander Parker and Soyong Class Markus Annis, Michael Ramey; Airmen Jason Gro-nau, Kimberly Kadiasang, Scott Swanson, drillmaster. Mickey McKoy and Kenneth Williams, and Airmen 1st Staff Sgt. Latonya Sarrett is the drill instructor.



Friday's contest was the season's first for CNATTU. The team placed sixth overall.



Civilian orientation course attracts attention

By Capt. Paul Baldwin

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Representatives from three commands plan to meet with Air Force Materiel Command professional development staff here in May to discuss adapting the AFMC orientation course for their commands.

Leadership from the three commands, Air Mobility Command, Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Space Command, have expressed interest in developing a similar course for their civilian work forces.

While the course is significant to AFMC because its work force is nearly 70 percent civilian, other commands recognize the benefits of giving their civilians the same opportunity through a similar course. The orientation course, which has five sections, covers basic Air Force heritage, customs and courtesies.

“The purpose of the meeting is to develop a strategy and implementation plan to share and transfer the contents of the orientation course so that they can

deliver the course to their employees,” said Sherre Collier, chief of leadership development in the AFMC headquarters personnel directorate, which spearheaded the development of the course.

“We will also be developing a draft of a proposed Air Force policy for expansion Air Force-wide upon completion of the test to transfer the program to these three commands,” Ms. Collier said.

The course takes about eight hours to complete. Four of the five sections can be accomplished at a computer. The section about Air Force core values is taught in a classroom and is being added to many civilian orientation programs, AFMC officials said.

The course was introduced to AFMC civilians March 3. The idea for the course came from an emphasis by AFMC leadership on education and training for the civilian work force.

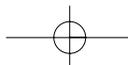
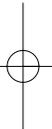
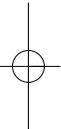
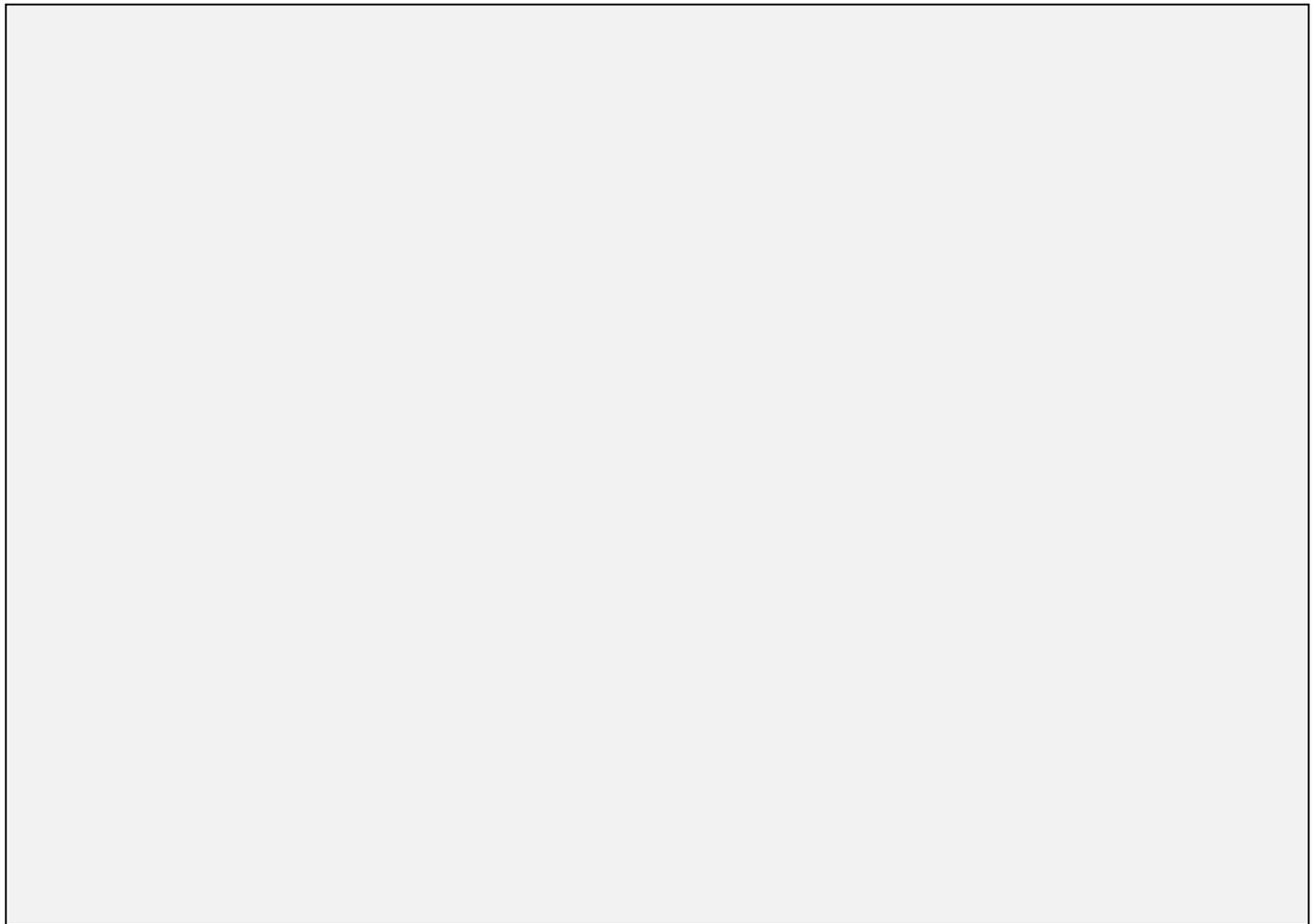
Air Force civilians weren’t receiving any Air Force background or history once they were hired. They simply processed into their units and began doing their jobs without any real knowledge about the organization that employed them, officials said.

“Our military colleagues have always had this experience in basic military training or commissioning sources, but our civilian hires were left on their own to learn as they went,” said Barbara Westgate, AFMC executive director. “Now, our civilian work force will have this same opportunity.”

Together, the five modules make up part one of the course, or Spiral 1. The modules are Air Force heritage and today, AFMC heritage and today, Air Force customs and courtesies, Air Force core values and Air Force core competencies.

AFMC civilians are awarded the new Air Force civilian pin when they complete the first five modules of the course. The pin is about the size of a nickel, pewter in color, and is dominated by the Air Force symbol. It recognizes the pride and dedication in civil service and a commitment to civilian professional development, Ms. Collier said.

Testing and delivery of Spiral 2 is scheduled for October, Mrs. Westgate said. It consists of three modules: force development, work force health, safety and security, and personnel administration.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF graduation

The spring Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Welch Auditorium.

A reception follows at the Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

MOAA scholarships

For information on Military Officers Association of America scholarships, visit <http://moaa.org>.

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Keesler Center's summer term is May 30 through Aug. 11.

Web registration for enrolled students begins Monday. Registration by appointment in Room 214, old Cody Hall, begins May 18 for new active-duty students.

The schedule is available at <http://www.mgccc.edu>.

Students taking English Composition I, oral communication or mathematics classes for the first time are required to have an assessment of skills. A computer version of

the assessment is now available.

For appointments or more information, call 377-2287.

USM program

The University of Southern Mississippi offers a technical and occupational educational bachelor's degree program on base.

The next term starts May 30.

An academic adviser is at Keesler Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2309.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Wing holds drill downs every other month, and student parades in alternate months.

Parades — 7 p.m. July 13 and Sept. 21; 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

Drill downs — 8 a.m. June 16; 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

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



Readiness training for medics

Master Sgt. Gary Bradshaw, left, and Tech. Sgt. Cory Johnson, 81st Medical Support Squadron, triage a "patient" April 19 during an 81st Medical Group medical unit readiness training exercise. The exercise, which took place adjacent to the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron's warehouse, simulated south Louisiana's bayou country. More than 30 medics were involved. The training is required for medics entering an air expeditionary force cycle. Students from the 332nd and 334th Training Squadrons acted as patients.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

NEWS AND FEATURES



Sergeant Sallustio



Airman Watts



Airman McQuern

Relaxation shifts to lifesaving for 3 combat weather students

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Three Keesler students helped rescue a person who fell into the Gulf of Mexico at Dauphin Island, Ala., recently.

Staff Sgt. Michael Sallustio, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and Senior Airmen Callie Watts, Sembach Air Base, Germany, and Yvette McQuern, Nellis AFB, Nev., took a day trip to Dauphin Island April 15.

The trio graduates from a combat weather course in the 335th Training Squadron Tuesday.

The classmates were floating on a raft off the beach when Sergeant Sallustio noticed some excitement near a boat.

"I could see four guys trying to help another person in distress in the water," he said. "Apparently, the person had fallen off of the pier and had been caught in a rip current."

The sergeant and two airmen went into the water to help.

"Myself and two other people got the victim into the other boat," Sergeant Sallustio said. "I couldn't tell for sure, but I thought that he was semi-conscious."

On the way to the beach, the boat carrying Sergeant Sallustio, two other rescuers and the victim became grounded in the sand and began sinking as water entered the boat.

The sergeant picked up the victim and carried him from the boat to the beach.

"He still had some salt water in his system, so I knew we had to do something quickly," he recalled.

Calling up his self-aid and buddy care training and experience as a lifeguard, Sergeant Sallustio performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"It took a couple of times, but eventually he vomited, so I knew his airways were cleared," he said.

During all this, Airmen Watts and McQuern had problems of their own onboard the sinking boat.

"We were struggling to keep the boat afloat by bailing water with buckets while attempting to get the boat turned into the waves and push back past the surf," Airman Watts said. "I wasn't sure exactly how much time we had, but we had to do something right away.

"I wasn't worried," she said. "I was just concerned with helping the other rescuers in their time of need."

Sergeant Sallustio was still tending to the victim, so he was unable to help his friends.

"I didn't want to leave him unattended," he said. "I also saw what was going on with the boat, but there wasn't much I could do at that time."

A few minutes later, an emergency medical team arrived and Sergeant Sallustio joined Airmen Watts and McQuern at the boat.

"We were able to save the boat, get it clear of the sand and breakers, and get the engine restarted," he said.

Emergency medical team members removed the victim from the beach. He was then airlifted to the University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile.

Although all three combat weather classmates were involved in the rescue of the man and boat, Airman McQuern deferred most of the credit to Sergeant Sallustio and Airman Watts.

"They both handled everything like professionals," she said.

IN THE NEWS

AFAF total continues to climb

As of Monday, Keesler's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$104,270.17, 158 percent of the \$66,145 goal.

The base's drive ended Wednesday.

Saturday is Seabee Day

The Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport sponsors the 2006 Seabee Day Saturday.

The event, open to the public, includes:

8 a.m. — 10-kilometer and 2-mile runs.

10 a.m. — opening ceremony parade featuring the Navy Marching Band from New Orleans.

11 a.m. — food and craft booths open.

Military static displays from Mississippi Gulf Coast units, a Seabee Command historical display, and performances by area bands and the Gulfport High School drill team are planned.

For more information, call 871-2538.

Hours for gates change

Operating hours for several Keesler gates change next month.

Monday — Oak Park Gate closes. Judge Sekul Avenue Gate opens 3:30-5:30 p.m. on work days for out-bound traffic only.

May 15 — Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. work days.

Both the Judge Sekul and Meadows gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and compressed work schedule Fridays.

These changes are effective until further notice, according to 81st Security Forces Squadron officials.

The White Avenue and Pass Road gates continue to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Cell phone usage by drivers

In accordance with recent Air Force guidance, the 81st Security Forces Squadron pulls over drivers using cell phones without hands-free devices.

Using cell phones while driving without hands-free devices is a primary offense. Drivers can be fined or have points assessed against their driver's license.

For more information, call 377-3762.

Commander's call

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is 9 a.m. May 31 and 3:30 p.m. June 1 in Welch Auditorium.

Seabee commissary reopens May 9

The commissary at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport reopens in its original location, 8:30 a.m. May 9.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The store sustained significant damage during Hurricane Katrina. A temporary facility in operation since Sept. 10 served about 12,000 patrons a month.

81st Mission Support Group welcomes new commander

Keesler news staff

Col. Rodney Croslen assumes command of the 81st Mission Support Group, 9 a.m. Monday at the F-105 static display on Larcher Boulevard in front of Muse Manor.

He replaces Col. Bruce Bush, who retires in July. Colonel Bush is on leave.

Colonel Croslen's previous assignment was ranges and munitions response deputy for the assistant secretary of the Air Force for environment, installations and logistics.

His other assignments include Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo; Air Force Center for

Environmental Excellence headquarters, Brooks AFB, Texas; Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and Air Combat Command headquarters, Langley AFB, Va.

The 23-year veteran has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology and a master's in engineering management and strategic studies.

Colonel Croslen and his wife, Nina, have two children, Nicole and Joshua.

Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton, Keesler News staff, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

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.

Sexual harassment reporting

The Air Force Personnel Center operates a hotline to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries at 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949, or commercial 1-210-565-2949.

An AFPC call center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor.

Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT. After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages for emergencies.

At Keesler, several offices can provide assistance. For harassment involving civilian personnel, call the equal employment opportunity office, 377-2975. For similar issues involving military members, call the military equal opportunity office, 377-2759. Liz Waters, the sexual assault response coordinator, can be reached at 377-8635, 8637 or 8638.

Force shaping

For information on force shaping, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm>, or call the AFPC contact center, 1-800-616-3775.

Hurricane relief medals

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Service members and civilians who took part in Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts may be eligible for a medal.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight or civilian personnel office.

Emergency data cards

A recent law requires Airmen to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The designation becomes part of the member's record of emergency data. Most Airmen add the information to their virtual RED by following the instructions in the virtual military personnel flight.

Deployed personnel contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their records.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Military OneSource provides aid

Military OneSource provides information and resources on a variety of issues ranging from everyday concerns to deployment and reintegration.

The service is funded by the Department of Defense and is available to active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

To access Military OneSource, visit <http://www.militaryone.com> or call 1-800-707-5784.

Tricare online

TricareOnline.com is the Department of Defense medical portal that provides Tricare beneficiaries with secure, interactive, one-stop-shopping access to a host of services, tools and resources.

Only a dotcom can provide unconstrained, universal access from any computer or laptop in the world — dot.mil may not always be accessible because of geographic and security restrictions.

For Keesler News delivery or display racks, facility managers call 377-3163.

Katrina Homeowner's Grant Program

For appointments to complete an application call Keesler's Service Center, 228-377-1378.

Located at 2nd Air Force Headquarters
Appointments continue through May 5

Sponsored by the Mississippi Development Authority
Homeowner Assistance Call Center: 1-866-369-6302
www.mshomehelp.com or www.mshomehelp.gov

Alcohol leads to Articles 15 for Keesler NCO, 6 airmen

Legal office and Keesler News staff

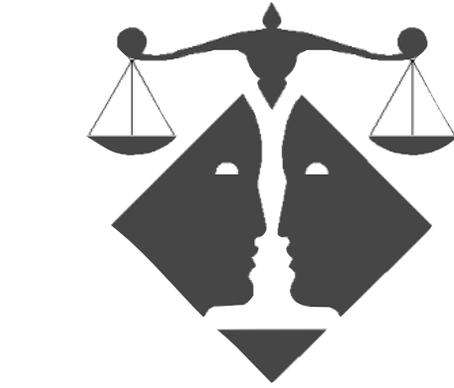
A noncommissioned officer and six airmen received Articles 15 in March for alcohol-related offenses.

A staff sergeant in the 332nd Training Squadron was reduced to senior airman and forfeited \$967 pay per month for four months for driving under the influence. Three months of the forfeiture of pay were suspended pending successful completion of the suspension period.

An airman basic, also in the 332nd TRS, forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months for underage drinking and drinking while in Phase II status. One month's forfeiture of pay was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension period.

An airman first class in the 336th TRS forfeited \$250 pay and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for drinking in a dormitory.

An airman basic, also in the 336th TRS, forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. Correctional custody was suspended pending



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successful completion of the suspension period.

Another airman basic in the 336th TRS forfeited \$589 per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for providing alcohol to minors.

An airman basic in the 334th TRS forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage

drinking and drinking while in Phase I status. The forfeiture of pay was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension period.

Another airman basic in the 334th TRS forfeited \$589 pay for underage drinking and DUI.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Some family practice clinic services available

81st Medical Group

The family practice clinic is in the former medical specialties clinic area at Keesler Medical Center.

The staff sees patients with acute uncomplicated illnesses, handles personal health assessments and provides medication refills.

Urgicare and walk-in services aren't available at this time. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

A case management and social worker are available.

The status of other services through the 81st Medical Group:

Coumadin clinic is now in Room 1F-167, in the family practice clinic. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays. Coumadin is an anticoagulation medication requiring close monitoring of certain blood levels. The staff monitors and manages the dosage for patients taking this medication. Patients are seen by referral only, meaning a physician at Keesler must submit a consult for the patient to be enrolled in the clinic. For more information, call 377-6104.

Ophthalmology clinic operates part-time in the general surgery clinic in the medical center. The staff see patients for standard, non-surgical consults and follow-ups. Appointments are limited because the staff shares equipment with the optometry clinic and is unable to see patients every day. Consults are sent to the referral management center and reviewed by the ophthalmology staff. PRK/LASIK patients who didn't receive all of their required postoperative exams (monthly for one year following the procedure), call or e-mail Master Sgt. Rickey Mann, 377-6671, or Rickey.Mann@keesler.af.mil.

First aid station closes at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday until at least June as an electrical contractor completes repairs and upgrades to the medical center's electrical system. The work requires 12-hour power outages from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday until the electrical work is complete. Otherwise, the hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The last appointment for check-in is 5 p.m. The first aid station staff is able to treat only new, acute health care problems. Patients with urgent and emergency problems — difficulty breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain, etc. — can go to the nearest off-base urgent care facility or emergency room. Ambulance coverage for Keesler is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the base 911 line. Patients are taken directly to off-base medical facilities by the contracted ambulance service. Active-duty sick call at the first aid station is scheduled through the central appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Clinics are closed for warrior training, 1-5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. The family practice and pediatric clinics have limited access. Acute care appointments are available in the morning; however, the clinics close at noon and reopen at 7 a.m. the next day. The first aid station is open for simple acute needs. Medication refills and urgent or emergency care aren't available. Pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are available with reduced staffing. Be prepared for longer waits for these services. For emergency situations, such as shortness of breath, chest or abdominal pain or bleeding with pregnancy, go to the nearest emergency room.

The appointment line is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday. Active-duty personnel may begin calling at 5 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. The family practice, internal medicine and pediatric clinics see patients 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

To access care on the first floor of the medical Center, enter through the "A Tower" at the top of the steps leading from Fisher Street. Signs directing patients to the respective clinics are posted along the route from the entrance to the clinic areas. The security staff is also available to provide directions.

Genetics is located in the medical center. The office provides case-by-case genetic counseling and cystic fibrosis testing for Tricare Prime beneficiaries only who are referred through their primary care managers.

Nutritional medicine is in the health and wellness center. The flight provides nutritional consultations through consults from clinic PCMs.

Chiropractic clinic, in the medical center's surgery clinic, sees active-duty military only. Active-duty members need to see their primary care provider for a referral and then call 377-6608 to schedule an appointment. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

Blood donor center is open. To arrange to donate blood, call 377-9324.

Mental health flight is in 1D in the medical center. Services include life skills (377-6216), family advocacy and exceptional family member program (377-7006) and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment (377-8960). Signs to the applicable check-in areas are posted at the entrance. Patients may use the entrance at the west end of the building. Call 377-7006 or 6216 to confirm appointments or the information desk, 377-6550. The off-base civilian prescription pharmacy currently occupies Room 1D-103, the first office on the right where life skills customers previously were checked in.

Tricare office is in Room 1A-200. For patient registration or eligibility, call 377-6149 or 6276. For Tricare enrollments or MEB, call 377-9962. For the referral management office, Room 1A-201, call 377-6177. For health benefits advisors, visit Room 1F-306 or call 377-6580. Tricare Prime beneficiaries, call 1-800-700-8603 for appointments, leaving phone consults for their primary care managers or requesting authorizations for any non-emergency services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

Clinical laboratory is in the medical center. The phlebotomy station is open in the main lab and routine blood testing is provided for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center. Reduced staffing means longer waits for these services.

Radiology is in its previous location. Provided are routine radiographs, computerized tomography and ultrasounds for Tricare Prime patients seen at the medical center. Reduced staffing means longer waits for these services.

Immunization clinic in the former urology clinic provides all inoculations to active duty, retirees and dependents. Flu shots and limited allergy services are available.

Internal medicine on the first floor sees active-duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Services are acute medical care, limited evaluation and treatment of chronic medical illnesses, medical consultation and referral for select subspecialty services.

Optometry clinic is on the first floor within the internal medicine clinic area. The staff sees active duty patients only. All exams are by appointment only through the Tricare appointment line, 1-800-700-8603. The clinic can order spectacles and gas mask inserts for active duty and eligible retirees provided they have a current prescription (within two years).

Pediatric clinic in the former oncology and hematology clinic area provides scheduled acute medical care for children, well baby/child visits, routine appointments, Q Code exams, and exceptional family member program and special needs family paperwork. For appointments, use the Tricare appointment line. A child psychologist and social worker are available. Appointments are by PCM referral.

Women's health in the former general surgery clinic, next to the new flight medicine clinic, provides routine women's health care to active duty, dependents and Tricare Prime enrollees. Other patients are seen on a space-available basis. Services are general gynecological problems, annual Pap smear exams, birth control and follow-up of abnormal Paps (dysplasia). No obstetrical services are available. The clinic can initiate profiles for pregnant active-duty patients. Eligible patients with questions, call 377-6920. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

Flight medicine in the surgical specialties clinic furnishes walk-in acute care, duties-not-involved-in-flying paperwork, profiles and physical health assessments.

General surgery is in the former orthopedic clinic. Surgery is available by primary care manager consult only. No orthopedic services are available.

Medical records are in the Wylie Auditorium. Original records are maintained by the medical center. For copies, complete a request form at the outpatient record's customer service desk. Allow five to seven days for copies.

Endocrine services are available by appointment only in the internal medicine clinic. Call the Tricare appointment line.

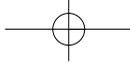
New dermatology patients are seen by referral only.

Triangle clinic, Levitow Training Support Facility, sees only non-prior service students.

Services at the dental clinic include routine care, cleanings and routine outpatient oral surgery for active-duty members only. Dental emergencies for all patients are seen through dental sick call. Call 377-4510 for appointments.

Physical and occupational therapy see patients at the health and wellness center. Services include assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders such as upper and lower extremity dysfunction and neck and back pain. Once patients receive referrals from their primary care managers, the referral management center calls them to schedule the appointment.

For the director of customer relations, call 377-9498.



Fisher House repairs near completion



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Left, Fisher House sustained significant damage during Hurricane Katrina. About \$61,000 in repairs are nearly completed. In addition to roof repairs, some windows and window glass, porch lights, shutters and front porch columns are being replaced. Replacement of the

house's wooden fencing is being done by Boy Scout volunteers. The facility is prepared to house families while military members and retirees undergo treatment at Keesler Medical Center and the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Medic uses money from Katrina relief fund to clothe his family

By Staff Sgt. Michael Eaton

Keesler Public Affairs

A Keesler master sergeant used money from Keesler's Hurricane Katrina Assistance Fund to clothe his family in the aftermath of the massive storm.

Master Sgt. Stanley Hardin, acting superintendent of the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, received \$500 dollars from the fund.

Before the storm, Sergeant Hardin, then the non-commissioned officer in charge of optometry, lived in Pinehaven military family housing with his wife, Tara, and their sons, Quintan and Kweisi.

Not knowing they wouldn't be able to return, and even worse the fact that there wouldn't be much to return to, the Hardins only packed a few items of clothing to evacuate.

"We lost everything, including our vehicle," said Sergeant Hardin.

The family, rode the storm out in Jacksonville, Fla. The family stayed in Florida about a week before relocating to Las Vegas.

"I'm usually prepared for everything," said Sergeant Hardin, who felt ill-prepared for the storm.

Sergeant Hardin's family now lives in Las Vegas where they have been since they relocated there.

Sergeant Hardin returned to Keesler when he was recalled in September. He plans to join his family in Las Vegas when he retires in July, where he'll join the Las Vegas Police Department.

AFCEA boosts math, science programs



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Capt. Grace Beck, left, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Gulf Coast Chapter vice-president from the 333rd Training Squadron, works on a rain forest diorama with Ryan Christie, 10, at Anniston Avenue Elementary School in Gulfport April 20. AFCEA gave \$2,500 grants to Anniston and Pass Christian Middle School to enhance their math and science programs in Hurricane Katrina's wake. Eight of the 12 students in Ryan's science class lost their homes in the storm. Ryan's mom is Marilyn

Coin, patch sales benefit Katrina fund

Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches are still available.

The \$7 coins and \$5 patches benefit the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

To make a purchase, contact unit representatives or e-mail Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez, eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil, or Anthony Bellocq, anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force Aid Society

Assistance requests are taken at the family support center, Room 117, old Cody Hall.

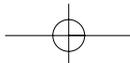
For more information, call 377-2179.

Civilian absences

May 31 is the last day for civilians to use up to 30 days of excused absence to attend to personal issues caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Employees don't get extra time added to the original 30 days approved, but can continue taking leave to handle storm-related issues. Time is tracked on time cards in hourly increments.

For more information, call 377-3142.



New vision



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ten-year-old Deedra Keys of Biloxi, left, tries on a new pair of glasses with help from Senior Airman Latosha Sheffield, a 335th Training Squadron student, as Tech. Sgt. Debra Wright, Sheffield's instructor, looks on. Sergeant Wright's personnel apprentice course adopted Deedra's family in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath. Airman Sheffield, from the 137th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Will Rogers Air Guard Station, Okla., paid for Deedra's eye exam and glasses. Deedra, who resides with her grandmother, Dessy Oselen, also received a new bedroom set, sheets and bedspread courtesy of the class.

Homeowner grant applications accepted on base through May 5

Keesler News staff

The Keesler Service Center processes Hurricane Katrina homeowner grant applications through May 5.

Keesler personnel may call 1-228-377-1378 or DSN 597-1378, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, for appointments at the center in the 2nd Air Force headquarters conference room, 721 Hangar Road.

Eligible homeowners who sustained flood-related damage, although their residences were outside a designated flood zone, may qualify for grants of up to \$150,000.

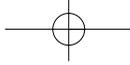
The federally-funded program is administered by the Mississippi Development Authority.

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



Photo by Kemberly

Patrick Drouilhet, left, application processor for Alexander, VanLoon, Sloan, Levens and Favre certified public accountants, looks over the application of Senior Master Sgt. Tina Shaw, center, 81st Training Wing competitive sourcing office, and her husband Louie Shaw, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. The Shaws applied for a homeowner grant at 2nd Air Force headquarters April 20.



15 ways to reduce chances of sexual assault

By Laura McGowan

Aeronautical Systems Center

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Air Force officials are aggressively seeking to educate Airmen about sexual assault prevention and the barriers that prevent victims from reporting the crime.

It has been widely documented and discussed with criminal psychologists that people who inflict the crime of rape usually begin their “careers” early in life. Unfortunately, by the time individuals with this mindset are old enough to enter the Air Force, they may have transgressed the law already and expect to do so again.

Here are some common-sense safety practices that can help military members reduce the possibility of becoming victims of sexual assault:

If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate a high percentage of all sexual

assaults in the United States involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both.

Don’t leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.

When you date someone, communicate clearly with that person to ensure they knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and nonverbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.

If you go on a date with someone you don’t know very well, tell a close friend about your plans.

You have the right to say “No” even if you: Say yes, but change your mind; have had sex with this partner before; have been kissing or “making out”; are wearing “provocative” clothing.

Always have extra money to get home. Have a plan for someone you can call if you need help.

If you feel uncomfortable, scared or pressured, act quickly to end the situation. Say, “Stop it” and

leave or call for help.

When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other and leave together.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Don’t allow yourself to be isolated with a person you don’t know or trust.

Travel with a friend or in a group.

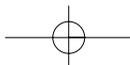
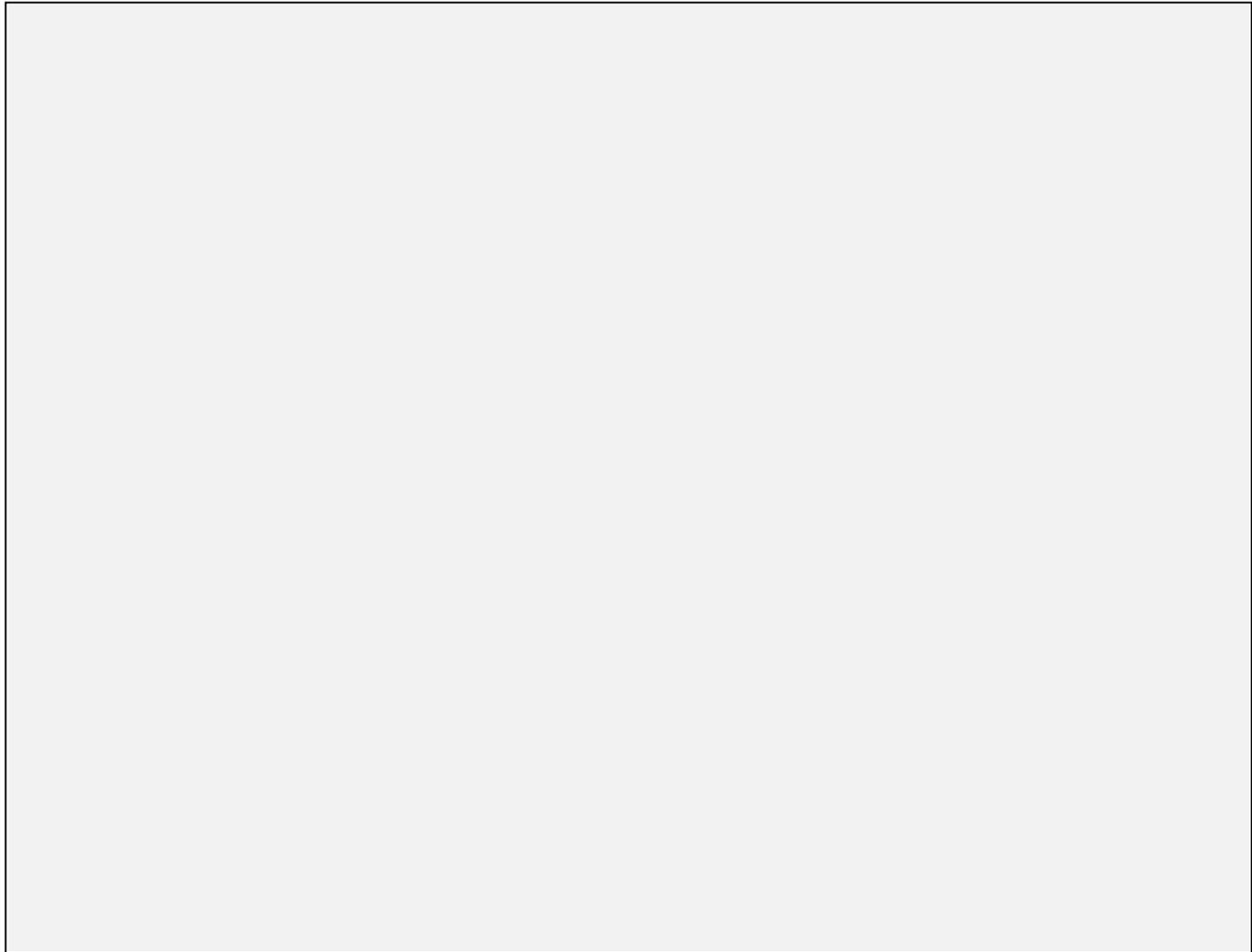
Plan your outings and avoid getting into a bad situation.

Walk only in lighted areas after dark.

Keep the doors to homes, barracks and cars locked.

Know where a phone is located.

Predators look for opportunities to commit their crimes, and the less opportunity they have, the better. Most sex offenders don’t look creepy or scary. In fact, some can be very good looking and charming.





Keesler observes Earth-Arbor Day – waste turn-in, tree planting

Brad Smith, left, an environmental technician and Kati Kelley, a project coordinator, from Complete Environmental and Remediation Company in Purvis Miss., sort and pack chemicals in the recycling center parking lot during the Earth-Arbor Day hazardous waste turn-in, April 20.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Maj. Jeff Szataneck, left, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight commander, and Col. Richard Pierce, right, 81st Training Wing vice commander, and 3- to 5-year-olds from the child development center plant a tree outside of the facility's new wing for Earth-Arbor Day.

Chaplain – counselor, mentor, morale builder

Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff

There are 2,200 chaplains and enlisted support people from the active and Reserve components serving a unique mission in today's Air Force.

The intricacy of their role in the Air Force's mission was highlighted during a recent visit to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, Air Force Chaplain Service chief.

His views were echoed by Chaplain (Col.) David Cote, who became the 81st Training Wing's chaplain Feb. 26.

Freedom of religion

"The chaplains are here to guarantee the free exercise of religion for all Airmen," Chaplain Baldwin said.

"Chaplains are simply members of the clergy who pray, counsel and go to war alongside American troops.

Whatever their church or creed, when they join the military, they pledge to serve the spiritual needs of every faith."

"That constitutionally-guaranteed right to freely practice their religion is important here at Keesler, but even more important in our expeditionary Air Force as chaplains deploy with our Airmen to ensure they have the opportunity to worship as they please, no matter where they are in the world," Chaplain Cote remarked.

71 chaplains deployed

Although chaplains are non-combatants who don't carry weapons, there are currently 71 members of the chaplain service deployed around the world. None are from Keesler, but one is scheduled to deploy in May.

The main mission of the chaplain service ministry isn't preaching, but supporting warriors and their families.

"Chaplains serve in many capacities, from counselors and spiritual mentors to morale builders," Chaplain Baldwin said.

"Our ministry doesn't stop at worship — one of the most important and rewarding things we do is to help



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— Chaplain Baldwin

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— Chaplain Cote



people to explore the spiritual aspects of their lives," Chaplain Cote pointed out.

"'Spiritual' doesn't necessarily mean 'religious,'" he continued. "It really deals with those things that give meaning to an individual's life — things like our core values, the love of a spouse and child, the ideals passed on by one's family. All those things make us more human."

Chaplains often serve as safety valves, of sorts, for commanders. By caring for families, Airmen and civilian employees, chaplains help to keep families strong and ready for whatever service is asked of them, the general said.

"If families are taken care of and their needs — whether they be physical, mental, emotional or spiritual — are met, then our Soldiers and Airmen will be in a better frame of mind to fulfill the duties they are called upon to

perform," the general said.

"Sometimes the task of putting folks in touch with their spirituality involves counseling to help remove obstacles to growth, insight and relationships with others," Chaplain Cote said.

"Sometimes it involves reaching out in friendship to affirm the goodness in another, so chaplains visit worksites and participate in plenty of fellowship activities. Sometimes it involves simply being there when a person is reaching into the depths of his or her self to discover what's there, so chaplains listen a lot."

There are many programs, both at home stations and in deployed locations, that care for people and help them through their faith journey, regardless of faith.

"The chapel is so much more than just church services," Chaplain Baldwin said. "There are many bases that

have coffee houses and programs for our young people. Chaplains also give free pastoral counseling."

Chaplains have privileged confidence. Anyone — military people or family members — can take advantage of the opportunity to speak with someone who can't and won't divulge what is discussed to anyone.

Across the Air Force, more emphasis has been placed on the four dimensions of wellness, one of which is spiritual wellness.

"Most people have some sort of deeply-held belief that encompasses who they are spiritually, even if that is having no spiritual conviction at all," Chaplain Baldwin said. "Chaplains are here to care for all people, regardless of religious background. We don't check dog tags before we sit down and talk or counsel an Airman."

"Chaplains are very much a part of the Air Force," Chaplain Cote emphasized.

"We train for deployment, we take care of the personal spiritual health of all of our warriors and their families so they can grow into the persons they were meant to be and be enabled to more effectively carry out their mission."

Same uniform, life

"The fact that we wear the same uniform and live the same life gives our Airmen a sense of security knowing that the hardship and challenges they face aren't something they're going into alone," Chaplain Baldwin said.

Wellness is the primary foundation for someone confidently stepping into battle, and chaplains are in place to help foster that wellness.

Greater, braver, stronger

"When a person is ready to face even death they will be more courageous, not in a distorted way to go die, but to go fight," Chaplain Baldwin said. "Fear is debilitating, and if you can take away that fear, you have enabled greater, braver and stronger abilities in that Airman or fighter pilot."

No matter where the military member is stationed, the chaplain service works to provide the same services available to military members at home.

In deployed areas, there are no restrictions on the services provided by the chapel staff. The priest conducting Mass doesn't water it down and the Assembly of God preacher is preaching his heart out, the general said. This provides a sense of normalcy for Airmen. It's one way the chaplain service can reassure them life is OK and lift spirits.

"It's a great calling to work with such great people," Chaplain Cote said.

Senior Airman Francesca Carrano, Edwards AFB, Calif., Public Affairs, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Family fun



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgts. Sharon Cleveland, left, 336th Training Squadron, and Michael Cleveland Sr., 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, enjoy bubble blowing with their 2-year-old son, Michael Jr., during Family Fun Day, April 20 at the child development center. The event was part of Keesler's April celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

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Women's retreat

Sunday is the deadline to register for the 2006 Keesler Chapel women's retreat, May 19-21 at the Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Ala.

Registration is open to the first 50 women to apply.

For more information, call Belinda McIntyre, 388-7546, or e-mail Val Housen, valuvsgod@bellsouth.net.

Military rental moves

Force One Rental has moved to 211 Larcher Blvd, Building 4818.

The relocation is due to construction of the temporary satellite pharmacy next to the Class VI/Four Seasons store.

Services offered include 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.

CGOC election

The annual election of company grade officers council officers is 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Building 1101 conference room.

Green thumb?

Plants, shrubs and other landscape products are avail-

able at the self-help store, Building 3517, for base housing occupants, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 377-5397.

Surplus furniture

Surplus office furniture is available in Hangar 3.

Items include desks, chairs, filing cabinets, tables and lockers.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Cherry Dunn, 377-3902, or Tech. Sgt. Greg Spinney, 313-0948.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero is 9 a.m. to noon May 13 in Building 1917.

The program provides children ages 5 and up of active-duty personnel and civilian employees an opportunity to learn about their parents' deployment duties.

Lunch is provided.

The registration deadline is May 9.

To register or for more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

MEO office

The military equal opportunity office is in Room 239, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2759.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

10th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson in September

By Brett Turner

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — The 10th annual Air Force Marathon is Sept. 16 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Among the annual events are the marathon itself, a 26.2 mile race around Wright-Patterson, the home of the Air Force Museum.

The marathon annually is run on the Saturday nearest the anniversary of the the Air Force on Sept. 18 every year.

The first Air Force Marathon was held in 1997 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.

Some 3,454 runners from all 50 states and seven other countries participated in the ninth annual Air Force Marathon, Sept. 17, 2005.

The full 26.2-mile race began the day at 7:35 a.m., followed by the four-person team relay race then the 13.1-mile half marathon race. A 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) race was held later in the day.

Hendrik Vanloon of the Belgian Air Force won the 2005 race with a time of two hours, 41 minutes and 15.9 seconds. He became the second man to claim two overall marathon wins.

Vanloon won the race in 2003.

Wright-Patterson's Mike Michno took second place overall and was the men's military winner in 2:45:33.25. He was seventh in the initial 26.2-mile race in 1997.

Kori Delwiche, McGuire AFB, N.J., won the women's race in 3:02:22.75, upsetting two-time defending champion Jill Metzger.

Metzger, stationed at Moody AFB, Ga., took second overall for women in 3:06:38.55.

Delwiche, who ran the marathon for the first time since 1999, is the fourth Air Force woman to win the women's overall division. She follows Lori Eppard in 1997; Heidi McKenna in 1998; and Metzger in 2003 and 2004.

William Bohlke, of St. Croix, Virgin Islands and a member of the Air National Guard team, took the half marathon race in 1:11:47.15.

Rebecca Oldenhouse, of Robins AFB, Ga., won the women's half marathon in 1:30:15.45.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tracy DeMarco

Runners charge across the starting line during the ninth annual Air Force Marathon, Sept. 17, 2005. The runners traversed 26.2 miles.

The National Guard Stars and Stripes relay team won its race in 2:31:05.6. Brett Still of Shaw AFB, S.C., won the overall 5-kilometer race in 15:34.31, and Kelly Donahue, of Fairborn, took the women's division in 20:45.51.

The Air Force Marathon is about much more than who finishes first, officials said.

No matter what level of skill, the runners found cheering throngs at many points along the route. The runners' chute, near the National Museum

of the Air Force to the finish line, was lined with spectators at the sidelines cheering the finishers home.

Some runners had family and friends join in with them toward the end of the race, holding hands, struggling, smiling.

They then received what some consider the best award anybody can receive at such a race — a medallion for their particular race, awarded by a base official or one of the sponsors.

Race results are available at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>.

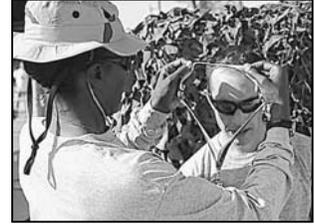


Photo by Master Sgt. Jon Hanson
Casey Jackson, right, receives his medal after finishing the 2nd Annual Boston Marathon at Ali Base, Iraq.

2nd Boston Marathon ... in Iraq?

By Master Sgt. Jon Hanson

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ALI Base, Iraq — Not everyone can run in the Boston Marathon — especially if deployed.

For U.S. and coalition forces here, the marathon came to them.

For the second year, the Boston Athletic Association brought this sanctioned event to Iraq.

More than 250 men and women ran either individually or as part of four-person teams April 15.

The Boston Marathon itself was April 17 in Massachusetts.

One of the runners in Iraq was Casey Jackson, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron. The 5-foot-7-inch, 140-pounder finished first among Air Force members and second individually in 3 hours, 2 minutes and 17 seconds.

Navy's Matt Simms, from Camp Slayer in Baghdad, won the race in 2:53:35.

Temperatures reached nearly 95 degrees — well above the 58 expected in Boston.

"The wind was stronger than expected," said Jackson. "The tailwind made it hotter. It was easy to keep pace, but it was hotter."

The 26.2-mile course took runners around Ali Base and Logistical Support Area Adder, past the Ziggurat of Ur, a 4,000-year-old temple where the Prophet Abraham was born.

The last mile took runners alongside the runway to make the turn to the finish line.

Special Olympics still looking for volunteers

By Master Sgt.
Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Volunteer positions are still available for the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games, May 5-7.

Active-duty members and their dependents, as well as civilian employees and military retirees are all eligible to assist the 557 athletes and 112 national games delegates during the weekend.

For more information or to sign up, call the volunteer hotline, 377-4263.

The signup deadline has been extended through today for the nine-pin, no-tap bowling tournament, noon Friday at Gaude Lanes.

The cost to participate is \$10 per person.

Proceeds from the tournament go to Special Olympics Mississippi.

For more information, call 377-9364 or 377-0630.

Schedule of events:

May 5

Noon — completion of the statewide Olympic Torch Run by Mississippi law enforcement officers, moving from Veterans Boulevard along Highway 90 and entering the base through the White



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Two Keesler student volunteers watch as a participant tosses a football during the 2005 event. Each Special Olympian had two volunteers as sponsors for the weekend.

Avenue Gate, then along Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive to the Triangle area and Welch Auditorium.

1 p.m. — golf at Bay

Breeze Golf Course.

6 p.m. — opening reception at Muse Manor for sponsors and distinguished visitors before the opening cere-

monies.

8 p.m. — opening ceremonies at the parade field adjacent to the Levitow Training Support Facility.

May 6

9-10 a.m. — wheelchair races, Triangle track.

9 a.m. to noon — roller-skating, Skate Zone, Ocean Springs; tennis, base courts.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — track and field events, Triangle track.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — bocce, Triangle track; volleyball, Meadows Drive soccer field.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — sailing, Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

Noon to 1 p.m. — parent luncheon, dining facility.

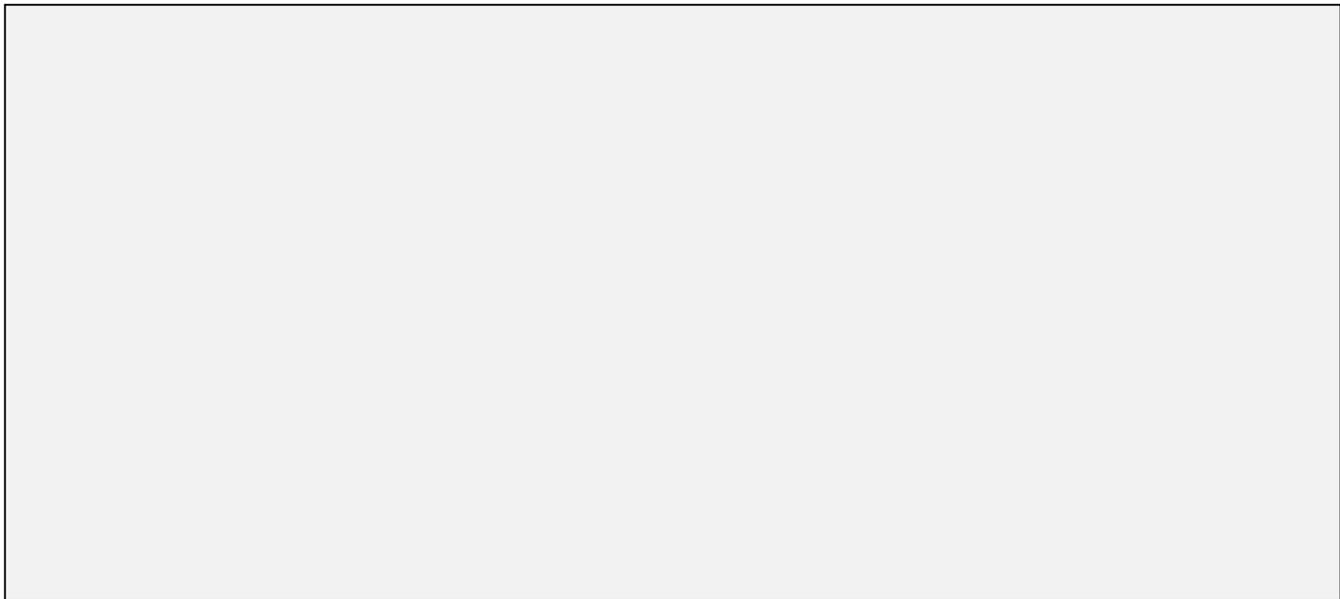
1:30-4 p.m. — running and standing long jumps, Triangle track; shot put, behind Field 4; softball throw, Field 4; tennis ball throw, Field 5.

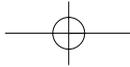
7 p.m. — closing ceremonies, parade field.

8 p.m. — street dance at the training support facility; movie at Welch Auditorium.

May 7

8 a.m. — breakfast for athletes and coaches at designated dining facilities, followed by their departure.





Falcons' outdoor track teams sweep weekly conference awards

Air Force Print News

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Sophomore Travis Picou and senior Dana Pounds were named the Mountain West Conference men's and women's outdoor track and field athletes of the week, league officials announced April 11.

It is the first career award for Picou, while Pounds collected two such honors last season.

Picou set Academy records in the 100- and 200-meter dash on the way to two individual wins at the Colorado Invitational in Boulder last week.

His regional qualifying time of 10.46 in the 100-meter dash broke the Air Force record of 10.52, which stood for nearly 18 years.

Picou's time of 20.73 in the 200-meter dash is the third fastest mark on the all-time MWC list, as well as the top time in the conference this season, and fifth fastest in the nation.

His time shattered the previous Falcon school record of



Photo by Danny Meyer
Pounds throws the javelin during a recent Mountain West Conference track meet.



Courtesy photo
Picou runs in the 200-meter dash at the Colorado Invitational Meet April 8-9 in Boulder.

20.96, set in 2000. Picou also ran a leg of the winning 4x400 meter relay team, which crossed the finish line in 3:15.36.

Pounds brought home the event title in the javelin throw at the Colorado Invitational. Her season-best throw of 186

feet, 10 inches topped the runner-up by 55 feet and is currently the top throw in the nation. Her mark in the javelin also is tops in MWC by 40 feet and is just off Academy and conference record of 188 feet, 8 inches, set last season.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 per game.

Number of lanes available for open bowling — evenings: 10 Monday, 12 Tuesday and Wednesday, eight Thursday and 14 Friday. Twenty-four lanes are open 1:30-10 p.m. Saturdays.

Reserve a lane for your child's birthday — for more information, call 377-2817.

Lanes and 11th Frame Cafe — now closed Sundays.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$29.95.

Fitness centers

Blake Fitness Center — 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-through 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 — Cardio equipment has LCD TV/DVD players. Users supply own headphones. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-through Fridays. The center is closed compressed work schedule Fridays, weekends and holidays.

Free aerobic and yoga classes — for more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

First sergeants tournament — 1 p.m. May 12, Sunkist Golf Course at Sunkist Country Club off Popp

Ferry Road. Cost is \$40 per person. Benefits Project Cheer and Diamond Assist Fund. For more information, call Steven Alford, 377-1691 or John Geboy, 377-5807.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 16 of 18 holes available (Hole 13 closed for construction, scheduled to reopen Monday). Free for walkers only. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use.

Two-for-one golf lessons — schedule a half-hour lesson for \$25 and receive a second half hour lesson free. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Outdoor recreation

Bicycle rental — new 3500 Trek, 7-speed, \$3 a day or \$15 a week.

April fishing tournament — weigh in the largest catfish during the month and win a \$100 savings bond.

For sale — hunting and fishing licenses, snacks and beverages.

Youth center

Baseball/T-ball — accepting registrations, ages 5-12. **Operation Night Hoops registrations** — through April; late night basketball league, ages 13-18. For more information call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics, taekwondo and dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 6 and older.



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HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Joshua Baird, Stephanie Brown, Shelly Burke, Joshua Dukes, Dustin Gaines, Jacob Krekelberg, Justin Moore, Matthew Nelson, Don Nguyen, Patrick Nunes, Jeremy Palmberg, Jose Pena, Tenita Ross, Michael Simmons, Sean Triglia and Timothy Wood; Marine Pvt. John Schaffer; Airmen Joshua Donati, Joshua George, Mitchell Mead and Nick Salsam, Airmen 1st Class Jonathon Bowels, Frank Dunbar, Timothy Dunbar, Kale Hall, Oscar Hernandez, Justin Kolb, Jason Laboy, Joshua Lee, Michael Neuterman, Kermit Penez-Torres, James Robinson, Clinton Rowland, Ryan Souvignier, Simon Stewart, Justin Trumble and Kou Xiong; Marine Pfc. Scott Sues; Senior Airmen Russell Carney, Adam Fry, Justin Trumble and Daniel White; Staff Sgts. Chad Gibson, Andy Guerra, Darius Miller, Christopher Pygott, Richey Saunders, Joshua Ward and Tim Wotten; Tech. Sgts. Brandly Ellsworth and Michael Pafford; Master Sgt. Monte Cook.

Metrology flight — Airman Basic Jens Knudsen; Airmen Anthony Gray, Jaron Haines, Edward Sayers; Airmen 1st Class Brian Bianco and Noel Morgan.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jonathan Armstrong, Jared Bavender, Cristoval Benavidez, James DeLaPena, Nathan Fahy, Nicholas Vifquain, Kenneth Wagner and Derrick Walker; Airmen Oryan Ballard, Quintin Echols and Jeramie Piefer; Airmen 1st Class Johnathan Allard, Joseph Carvalho, Geoff Davis, Bradley Larsen, Dustin Lientz, William O'Daniel, Caleb Skipper, Elena White and Jim Yang; Senior Airmen Aaron Bell and Ryan Thomas; Staff Sgts. Christopher Casey, Lawrence Huffman, Scott Hupp and Erich Schumann.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Kelly Kapeller and Kelly Walsh; Airman Beverly Bailey; Airmen 1st Class Sandra Clark, Vania Mar, Amanda Ridenour and Darrell Snell; Senior Airmen Lorenzo Collins and Daniela Smith; Staff Sgts. Michael Heronema, Aaron Grunden and Ernest Owens; Tech. Sgts. Steven Gieseke, Shannon Hanks and Xavier Manderson; Senior Master Sgt. Shellie Woods.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jack Garrison, and Shelley Rechelulk; Airman April Horton; Airmen 1st Class Shannon Scriven and Jacob Williams; Senior Airmen Amanda Cook, Jamie Greer and Alisia Madeiros; Staff Sgt. John Coleman; Tech. Sgts. Mark Diaz and Joan Etzenhouser; Master Sgts. Dorothy Sjoblom and Delsha Walker.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Keith Medina, James Pann and Richard Psculkowski; Navy Airman Recruit Joseph Sloop; Marine Pvt. Christina Browne; Airmen Weston Dahl, Laura Groh, Dustin Hawthorne, Courtney Johnson and John Porter; Marine Pfc. Zach Butler; Airmen 1st Class Steven Gentry, Matthew Johnson, Matthew Schart and Sabrina Slagle; Navy Airmen John Abraham, Joshua Cox and Kristian Shelley; Navy Seaman Charles Portwood; Senior Airmen Fred Horner, Michael Reilly and Brad Ritenour; Staff Sgts. Roy Bock, David Crabtree and William Smith; Tech. Sgts. Peter Buchanan and Bryan Drake.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Bowes, Corey Hyers, Kristine Jones, Benjamin Symanowicz and Robert Watts; Airmen 1st Class David Aiken, Andrew Burton, Megan Stockinger and Joshua York; Senior Airmen Mark Heikell and Wai Lee; Staff Sgts. Elijah Blackwell, Keith Browning, Jason Marlow, Brian Smith and Christopher Stewart; Tech. Sgt. Orenzy Turner; Master Sgt. Mark Petot.

Communications and information management training flight — Airman Basic Artis Gandy and Airman Christian Robles; Airmen 1st Class Lovoria Hicks and Stephanie Page; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Coleman, Richard Hidalgo, Justin Moore, Brent Myles, Benjamin Northcutt, Sonya Rogers, Michael Stephens, Desirae Wiseman and Brian Updegraff; Master Sgt. Angela Johnson.

338th TRS

Ground radio — Airman Basic Eric Brannen; Airman Aaron Broyles, Christopher Flesner and Angelica Stamper; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Berardino, Daniel Johnson, Scott Long, Cory Menchhofer, Aaron Mitchell, Jovan Nieves, Adonis Nyagbona, Elizabeth Parsons, Luis Rodriguez and Brian Schmedlin; Staff Sgt. John Hayes; Master Sgt. James Schmedlin.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 06-C — graduates Monday.
- Class 06-D — May 10-June 15.
- Class 06-E — July 12-Aug. 12.
- Class 06-F — Aug. 24-Sept. 29.

Arts and crafts center

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5 p.m. Friday. \$15.
Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday; new project each month.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older.

Air Force photography contest — entries accepted at Vandenberg Community Center for student base-level competition.

McBride Library

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

Storytime — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 2-5.

April special — send/receive faxes for 50 cents a page; international fax service unavailable.

Orientations/tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

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.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:05	:35 AAFES Furniture Store
:08	:38 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall
:10	:40 Thomson Hall
:11	:41 New Cody Hall
:13	:43 Supply, civil engineering
:14	:44 Shoppette
:16	:46 Shaw House
:17	:47 Muse Manor
:19	:49 McBride Library
:21	:51 Medical center, Tyer House
:22	:52 Sablich Center
:23	:53 Dental clinic
:24	:54 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:25	:55 Base operations
:27	:57 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 WalMart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road WalMart
: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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel10 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel contemporary worship service...11:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....1 p.m.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; 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, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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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.

Youth center

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

Summer camp registration — school age program, cheer-leading, basketball, theater and teen camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Classes — Mondays, gymnastics; Mondays and Wednesdays, taekwon do; Tuesday, dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.

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

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

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Game room tournaments — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Torch Club — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.

FitFactor fitness club — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18.

Friday dances — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15.

Super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12; 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18. Games, sports and crafts.

Creative corner club — 4:30 p.m. today.

Read by mail program — 4:30 p.m. today.

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11, June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, 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. May 8-10, June 12-14, July 10-12, Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, 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.

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.

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.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.

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>.

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.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — noon 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>.

Grief support meeting — 11:00 a.m. Sundays, Larcher Chapel bridal room; open to military and civilian personnel. For more information, call Glenda Woodard, 377-5032; Delphine McIntyre, 313-4761; or Chap. (Capt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle1rn@yahoo.com.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Jeanette Jackson, 872-0626.

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

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., Failure to Launch (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Ultraviolet (PG-13); 7 p.m., V for Vendetta (R).

Sunday — 2 p.m., She's the Man (PG-13).

May weather outlook

May is a transition month from spring to summer and is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Frontal passages are less frequent and there is less fog, stratus, and precipitation than any other spring month. When fog restricts flying operations, it is usually at or near sunrise. The number of days with thunderstorms increases slightly and most precipitation comes from rainshowers or thunderstorms. The prevailing wind is southerly. Temperatures are warmer than in April and nighttime temperatures rarely go below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Extreme maximum temperature (F)	97
Mean daily maximum temperature (F)	82
Mean daily minimum temperature (F)	69
Extreme minimum temperature (F)	48
Mean relative humidity (percent)	72

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Friday

Lunch — 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 port sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — 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.

Saturday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Sunday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Monday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cornbread, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

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 — Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines, jalapeno cornbread, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, Mexican corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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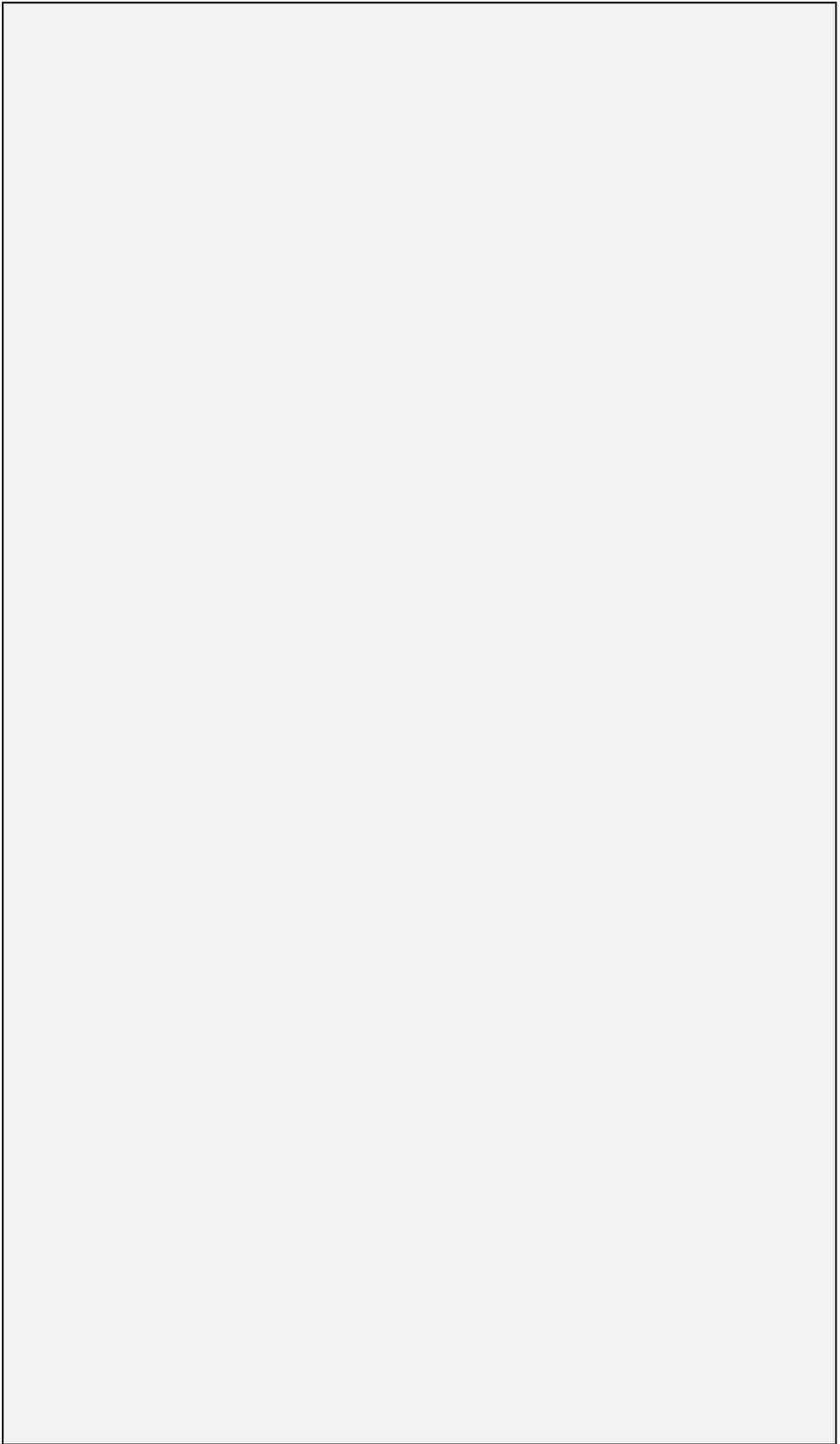
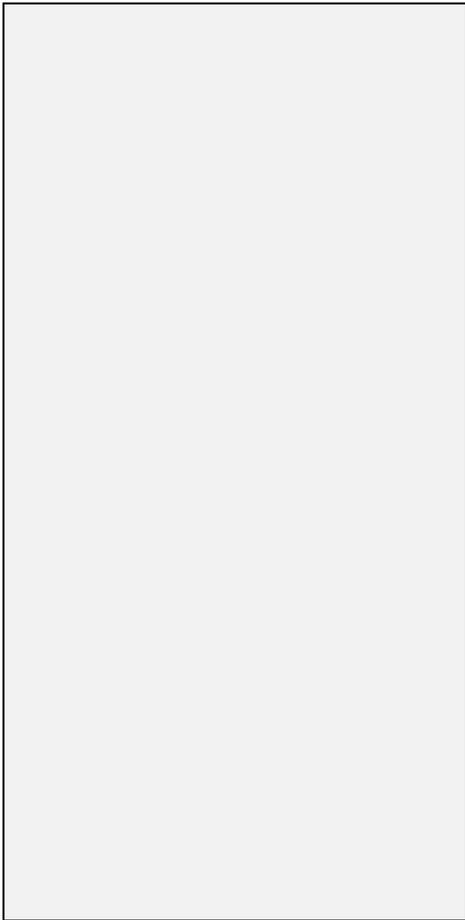
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Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	4.72
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	7
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	8
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	10.02
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	7.6
1,000 feet.....	1.7
300 feet.....	0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles.....	16.1
3 miles.....	1.6
1 mile.....	0.1
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	27.4
4-10 knots.....	64.6
11-21 knots.....	7.9
22 knots or greater.....	0.1

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.

Reunions

Torrejon Air Base, Spain — Sept. 1-3, Oklahoma City, for all years. For more information, call William Hardin, 1-405-672-8939, or e-mail torrejonspainreunion@yahoo.com.



ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Multi-crafts shop

Scrapbooking — 1 p.m. May 19. \$15 including supplies for a two-page layout; bring photos.

Ceramic painting class — 10 a.m. May 20. Spend Armed Forces Day creating a unique patriotic item. Call for details.

Ceramic mold pouring class — 10 a.m. May 27. \$25 including first firing. Youth age 13 and older welcome. Learn to pour your own ceramics. Pour a project you select and two more to keep and finish as you like.

Macrame — learn this old craft that's becoming new again. Call for details.

Youth

Summer craft camp — registration now for one or all eight weeks of camp in June and July. Different craft theme each week. For more information, see page A3.

Kid's crafting class — 11 a.m. May 6. \$10. Mother's Day project; children ages 7 and younger need a parent's involvement.

Frame shop

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 10, 17 and 24. \$60. Sign up in the multi-crafts shop. Learn an enjoyable skill that can save you money.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19. \$25. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

Engraving and frame shops specials

Mother's Day special — "love you" coaster with your own design in the engraving shop, order by May 9.

Graduation special — 10 percent off graduation certificate framing.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking class — 5-7:30 p.m. May 31. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia class — 5 p.m. May 12 or 26. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia class — 10 a.m. May 13 or 27. \$20. A new project each month.

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.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on the corner of M and T Streets.

Buy, sell, trade — \$5 for two weeks. Vehicles must be registered with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Proof of ownership and insurance required.

VANDBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

Armed Forces Day dance — 6 p.m. May 20. Dance contest and prizes.

Free Xbox Tournament — 9 a.m. May 13, 27 and June 10. Four-person teams, 15 minute rounds, 20 teams maximum. Sign up at customer service counter. Prizes awarded. Ask the staff or call for specific game titles or more information.

CyberSports Internet gaming — base-to-base competitions, squadron challenges, all nighters, wireless Internet connection, hot games (instruction available); <http://www.cybersports.cc>.

Eight-ball tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Winners get into weekend dance free.

Nine-ball tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Winners get into weekend dance free.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Dominos, Yahtzee, UNO, Phase 10 and more.

Karaoke — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Late night dance — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before down Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3 admission

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. May 19. Free admission for people with May birthdays.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. For appointment call, 377-6887 or 6883.

Low prices every day — save an average of 25-30 percent over off-base prices on Heartguard® and Frontline® products.

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

YOUTH CENTER

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

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

Teen center — snack bar, TV lounge, pool room, gymnasium, games, tournaments, workshops and computers.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 17.

"Read by Mail" — register online; May 11 and 25. Discuss books, take test and log progress for prizes.

Free home alone workshop — 6 p.m. May 18, ages 10 and older. Register by May 17. Parent must accompany child.

Congressional Award program — 6 p.m. May 15, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for a medal presented by a member of Congress.

Three-on-three soccer — registrations accepted now for ages 5-12. \$30, nonmembers \$35. Season is June-July

Instructors needed — for youth programs including programs for ages 3-5 and special classes.

Gymnastics — 4-5 p.m. Mondays, ages 3-5; 5-6:30 p.m., ages 6 and older. \$30 month, nonmembers \$35.

Tae kwon do — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$35 month, nonmembers \$40.

Dance classes — Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m. ages 3-5; 5:15-6:15 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$30 month, nonmembers \$35.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee. Homework help, computer lab, 4-H Clubs, game room, snack bar, gym, multimedia room and arcade area.

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

Pediatrics playgroup — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 2-5.

TRAIL Keystone teen meeting — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Outdoor adventures and community service projects to improve communication and leadership skills, and self-esteem.

Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Topics for girls only. Discussion and activities to promote healthy life choices.

Wacky Wednesday tournaments — 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, foosball; May 10, ping-pong; May 17, UNO; May 24, pool.

Torch club — 5 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

FitFactor club — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18. Different activity each week; free prize for registering. Win prizes tracking your fitness activities.

Free Friday dances — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15. May 5, crazy hat; May 12, western barn dance; May 19, karaoke; May 26, school's out dance.

Free super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12. May 6, closed for Special Olympics; May 13, Mother's Day crafts; May 20, America's Kids fun run; May 27, family skate day.

Office meetings — stop by and see our new facility featuring meeting rooms and audiovisual equipment. Snack bar available with soft drinks and assorted snacks. After the meeting, enjoy a game of pool, foosball, basketball, dodge ball, softball, kickball or roller skating.

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PLEASE PULL OUT AND KEEP THIS SUPPLEMENT AS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR MONTHLY EVENTS OF THE 81ST SERVICES DIVISION.

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

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211.

Give Parents a Break — 4-10 p.m. May 6. This program funded by the Air Force Aid Society offers free child care at the child development center for Air Force families who are referred by base helping agencies such as the family support center and family advocacy, as well as first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Also eligible are family members of deployed Air Force members. The program is offered 4-10 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Parents Night Out — 4-10 p.m. May 6. Held in conjunction with "Give Parents a Break" every month, this program offers child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3 per hour per child. The program is offered the first Saturday of each month.

11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-2036.

Serving lunch and dinner — burgers, hot dogs, submarine and specialty sandwiches, chicken and shrimp baskets and large assortment of side items available for dine-in or take out. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages available. For complete menu with prices log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/wheretoeat/11thframe.htm>.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Free golf — course is open daily 7 a.m. to dusk for walkers only. Free pull carts and rental clubs available.

Free driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Shag your own balls due to loss of ball picker during Hurricane Katrina.

Two-for-one golf lessons — \$25 through May. Two people get a half-hour lesson at the same time, or schedule your free lesson later. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Memorial Day summer cook-out — May 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pecan Dining Facility and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Magnolia Dining Facility. Barbecue chicken, ribs, steaks and other tempting picnic fare. Open to anyone eligible to eat at the dining facilities.

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. working Fridays noon to 4 p.m. The human resources office is in Room 5417, Locker House, 505 C St., Building 3101. Information pamphlet and complete job listings are available in Locker House. NAF employment Web site is <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>; 24-hour job line 377-9055.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

Information on local and out-of-state attractions — informational brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia attractions.

Discounted tickets — compare and save.

Six Flags over Georgia

Six Flags — \$27.50.
Dual ticket Six Flags and White Water — \$44.75.
White Water — \$23.25.
Meal deal voucher Six Flags — \$8.50.

Orlando

Busch Gardens — \$49; ages 3-9 \$40.50.
SeaWorld — \$52; ages 3-9 \$42.
Universal Orlando one-day — \$50; ages 3-9 \$40.50.
Universal Orlando two-day/third-day free — \$90.50; ages 3-9 \$76.75.

Disney's "Magic Your Way" Tickets

Editors note: Tickets expire 14 days after the first day of activation at Disney. Ticket upgrades are made at Disney World.

Four-day hopper — \$225; ages 3-9 \$190.75.
Five-day hopper — \$228.75; ages 3-9 \$193.50.
***Six-day hopper** — \$231.75; ages 3-9 \$195.25.
***Seven-day hopper** — \$233.50; ages 3-9 \$196.25.

*Special order, requires 15 working days notice and payment at time of order. No refunds or exchanges.

\$1 service charge added to all ticket sales.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Training is at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments; and to work swing and evening shifts.

Providers pre-training orientation — 4 p.m. Mondays at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

Extended duty child care and mildly ill child care — providers available.

FITNESS

Dragon Fitness Center — basketball court is now open. Each piece of cardio equipment has its own LCD TV/DVD player. Customers must bring their own headphones.

Memorial Day 5-kilometer run/walk — 3 p.m. May 26, marina park. Prizes to first-place male and female. Ten age groups. Refreshments served.

Month-long fitness challenge — select 31 fitness activities from our list. Each activity may be selected only once. Annotate date activity was accomplished, turn in your completed form to the Blake or Dragon fitness centers and collect your reward.

Air Force fitness test — take the test (official or unofficial) administered by a certified Air Force physical training leader. Score 100 points, submit verification form to the Dragon Fitness Center and get "I Maxed It Out!" T-shirt.

Free fitness classes — Dragon Fitness Center offers a variety of classes at many convenient times: step aerobics, salsa dancing aerobics, kickboxing, yoga (bring your own mat) and spin cycling. Monthly schedule available at Dragon and Blake fitness centers.

Parent/child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised by parent while in the facility.

Varsity/intramural sports — for information, call 377-2907 or 4409.

HALF TIME CAFÉ

Editor's note: for more information, call 377-2424. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. No to-go orders on buffets.

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.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2719.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music. Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Hours are 3:30 p.m. until Tuesdays-Fridays.

Random cash giveaway — once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., a lucky club member wins \$50 cash; must be present and have club card.

We cater — in the rebuilding of our community, there are still weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions to celebrate. Let our expert caterer assist you with planning and help relieve some of the stress of these busy times.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee. Free checkout of music CDs, VHS and DVD movies. Free Internet service.

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month — stories 10 a.m. Wednesdays for ages 2-5. Display throughout the month.

Get caught reading month — get caught reading at McBride Library and be surprised.

Law display — throughout the month in observance of Law Day.

Paperback book swap program — swap one for one in the same genre. Books should be in good condition.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 0002. Located in the enclosed pavilion in marina park.

Mother's Day special — May 14, moms get 10 percent discount on boat rental.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs aboard the Boston Whaler — Saturdays. \$100 per person including everything you need to fish. Minimum four, maximum six people. Call now for reservations.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon boat, you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the heaviest ground mullet for the month and take home a \$100 savings bond.

Retail store — snacks, soft drinks, beer and licenses for hunting and fresh and salt water fishing for sale.

Equipment headquarters — camping, fishing and recreational equipment available for rent. Recreational vehicle and dry storage available.

Need a place to have a large gathering or family picnic? — reserve one of our pavilions.

Bicycle rental — new 3500 Trek, seven speed bicycle rents for \$3 per day or \$15 per week.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: for more information, call 377-2817.

Mother's Day special — May 13. Bring mom out to bowl! — her bowling and shoes are free.

Nine-pin no-tap tournament — 12:30 p.m. May 26. Limited to 24 five-person teams. \$75 per team includes wings and subs buffet and a medium drink. Call now to register your team.

Closed — May 29 for Memorial Day; limited bowling and services May 30-31.

Play-and-save card — 21 games for \$29.95. Some restrictions apply; shoes aren't included.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game; some restrictions apply.

Birthday parties — great fun for the kids bowling and playing arcade games. Bring a birthday cake; refreshments available at the snack bar. Reduced pricing for reservations with more than 20 participants. Call to reserve lanes and for more information.

Plan ahead — it's never too early to schedule Christmas fund raisers. Call now.

Youth Summer Craft Camp

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 at the arts and crafts center for eight weeks starting June 6.
 Ages 8 and older — \$25 per week.
 Sign up for one or all eight weeks.

JUNE CAMPS

Ceramics - Week 1
 Learn to pour, clean, paint and glaze ceramics.

Paper crafts - Week 2
 Learn to make homemade paper, paper casting, make your own scrapbook and cards, and decoupage.

Pottery - Week 3
 Learn to make pinch and coil pots and slab rolling.

Wood crafts - Week 4
 Complete several wood projects and paint and stain them.

For July camps or more information, call 377-2821.

POOLS OPEN MAY 27

SWIMMING LESSONS

Morning and evening classes
Tuesdays-Fridays at the main base pool.

Parent/child aquatics available for ages 6 months to 5 years; regular swim lessons available for ages 5 and older.

SESSIONS

- 1 ~ June 6-16
- 2 ~ June 20-30
- 3 ~ July 11-21
- 4 ~ July 24-Aug. 4

PREREGISTRATION

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9-11 at the marina. For registration information after May 11, call 377-3160.

\$20 PER PERSON PER SESSION

\$15 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON PER SESSION

Hours

MAIN BASE POOL 377-3948
 Daily Noon-5:30 p.m.
 Monday Closed

TRIANGLE POOL 377-3568
 Daily Noon-7 p.m.
 Lap Swim 11 a.m.-Noon
 Wednesday Closed

POOL PASSES

- Daily \$1.50
- Single Season \$20
- Family Season \$60 (three or more)
- Free ages 5 and younger, no pass required.

General information

Only Coast Guard certified life vests and floating devices allowed in pool.
 Pools are open to anyone authorized to use Services facilities. Military and civilian personnel must present an identification card and the entry fee or purchase a pool pass. Civilian dependents will be provided identification card for pool entry at the Services office in Locker Building 3101.

Ages 10 and younger must be accompanied in the pool by an adult. Ages 11-13 may use the pool unattended if they can demonstrate the ability to swim at least 12 meters. Infants and small children must wear rubber pants or swim diapers in the pool.

Pool passes

Passes may be purchased at each pool and outdoor recreation at the marina. Individuals purchasing seasonal passes are responsible for lost passes, which can be replaced by re-purchase.

Pool parties

Parties are available during evenings. Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance. Cost is \$50 for the first two hours and \$25 for each additional hour. No alcoholic beverages may be served.

Water aerobics

Instructors needed — call 377-0002.

Lap swimming

Main base pool — normal hours.
Triangle Pool — normal hours and 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 377-3568.



Youth center jumps into summer with fun-filled camps, clinics

Teen Extreme Camps

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 13-15, early drop off available.
 \$55 per week members, \$65 per week nonmembers — breakfast, lunch and snacks included.
 Register now — maximum 24 participants per camp.

Boys and Girls Club programs, 4-H Programs, Fitfactor activities, team building, cultural and diversity awareness, career exploration, leadership activities, character and moral compass, food experiences, special activities, field trips.

FitFactor camp ~ June 5-9

Kick off to a healthy summer. Enroll in the "FitFactor" program and begin tracking fitness activities. Get up, get out, get fit. Prizes awarded through summer for program involvement.

Lights, camera, action camp ~ June 19-23

Delve into movie making, photography skills, digital arts, and fine arts. Learn how to make your own music through computers.

Extreme adventure camp ~ June 26-30

Push yourself to the extreme with the "Amazing Race", "Fear Factor", and "Survivor" events. Overcome your fears through high ropes course at Challenge Country.

Understanding me, understanding you camp ~ July 3-7

Explore cultural diversity and tolerance. Activities built around getting to know and accept one another; find out what respect really means.

Weird science camp ~ July 10-14

Find the "mad scientist" inside of you. Explore engineering, space and flight. Have fun discovering grossology experiments. Take a field trip to Mobile's Explorium.

Backyard Mississippi camp ~ July 17-21

Discover all the great things about Mississippi. Learn historical first achievements and famous Mississippians. Tour the Mississippi Gulf Coast and see pre- and post-Hurricane Katrina scenery.

Teen warrior camp ~ July 24-28

Explore Keesler and challenge yourself through an obstacle course. Check out the services available. Prizes for survivors of teen extreme summer camp and FitFactor.

Kids for Broadway Theater Camp

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 12-16, ages 6-18
 \$55 members, \$65 nonmembers —
 breakfast, lunch and snacks included

Perfect your theatrical skills and show what you're made of in a live June 16 production of "Little Orphan Annie Meets Richie Rich"

Summer Clinics

Six-year-olds must have birth certificate and have completed kindergarten.

Archery ~ June 19-23, 9-11 a.m.

Ages 6-12; \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers.

Track and field ~ July 17-21, 9-11 a.m.

Ages 6-12; \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers.

Basketball ~ July 25-28, 9-11 a.m.

Ages 6-12; \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers.

Cheerleading ~ July 10-14, 9-11 a.m.

Free; ages 6-18.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Home Depot Night

6 p.m. May 17 ~ Katrina Kantina

Free food ~ Giveaways

For more information, call 377-2719.

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