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Dragons deployed –
50

Happy birthday, Keesler!

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Birthday No. 65 is commonly associated with retirement.

Not for Keesler. Here, it's cause for the celebration of a mission older than the Air Force itself.

The base marks 65 years of training warriors Monday, and celebrates with festivities through June 15.

In advance of the official start of the four-day birthday party, three Keesler Idol semifinalists are chosen, 5:30 p.m. today at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-3308.

Monday through June 15

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — historical display, Levont Training Support Facility.

Monday

Noon — bring unit birthday card entries to parade field; cards moved to marina park after opening ceremony for display.

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Coin of praise

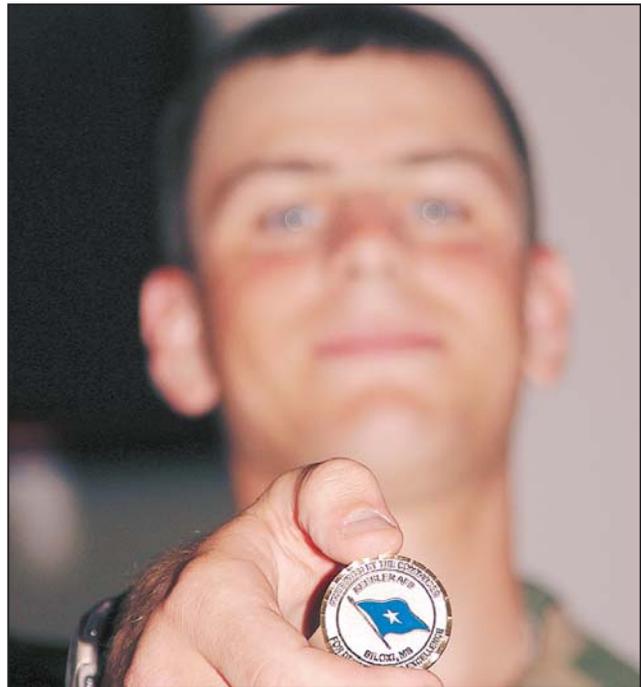


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airmen Basic Isaac Blach, 338th Training Squadron, shows off the coin he received from Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, for removing a large, potentially hazardous rock from the middle of Larcher Boulevard that was ignored by other passersby.

This week in the Triangle

Computer networking cryptographic systems apprentice, 10 a.m. today and Wednesday, Bryan Hall.
Basic information boundary protection, 10 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Basic information protection internal controls, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Theater deployable communications voice network, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Advanced communications officer training, 11 a.m. today, McClelland Hall.
Weather officer, 9 a.m. Friday, weather training complex.
Network administration applications, 10 a.m. Friday, Stennis Hall.
Basic instructor, 10 a.m. Monday, Hewes Hall.
Communications-computer systems programming craftsman, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.
Communications-computer systems operations apprentice, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Theater deployable communications data network, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.
Information management apprentice, 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



May Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,212

Non-prior service — 2,113

Temporary duty — 1,072

Combat controllers — 27

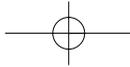
Non-prior service arrivals — 106

Guard, Reserve — 749

International — 19

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 16,044

Total since 1942 — 2, 224,105



COMMENTARY

To be successful leaders, we must constantly evolve

By Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty

81st Medical Group commander

Leadership is often thought of as a skill that's developed gradually, but I disagree.

In my journey through the ranks, I've often wondered how our systematic approach to officer development translates to actual leadership growth. The Air Force promotes gradual increases in responsibility and mentoring from senior officers. But has anyone completed a case study of officers who've undergone leadership development to determine our actual return on the investment?

If you think about it, do any of the service schools you've attended really prepare you to command?

In a past assignment, a new commander came into my unit. The orderly room staff was doing their usual "beating the bushes" to find any "intel" on the new boss. By talking with friends and connections at the commander's old unit, they knew exactly who was coming.

Then I overheard one of the sergeants say she remembered him as a second lieutenant. I asked, now that almost 15 years had passed and he's a colonel, how he's changed. Her response is ingrained in my memory, "He's still the same." I don't think she was saying he still acted like a second lieutenant, but that he led like one. To me, the implication was that what you learn during your initial experience as an officer or enlisted Airman sets the tone for the rest of your career.

I can't count the times I've heard that if you want to be a general or chief, you need to prepare when you are a lieutenant or Airman. This is true, but you also need to be aware that more than likely your disposition 10 to 20

years from now has been predetermined. How we handle people and situations early on becomes a permanent part of our personality.

Striking, isn't it? This isn't to say there isn't anything you can do about it, but I believe if you continue your career with blinders on, then yes, you'll still be a "second lieutenant" or "Airman" when you retire.

If you are thinking, "I'm not planning on making the Air Force a career," the point isn't applicable to military service alone. Your style follows you wherever you end up. We'll all work for someone.

So how do we escape our predetermined approach to leadership? I believe the answer lies in constant evolution and a state of awareness — keeping your ears to the ground, accepting criticism from all sources and doing what's right. There'll always be someone better than you, there may be someone trying to hold you down and there can be someone trying to lift you up.

You might not always be around "the someone" you want, but you need to learn from every experience — and remember you're "the someone" for those around you. Seek out new experiences and new opportunities, and soak up knowledge from those around you to improve yourself and your teammates. In this way, you evolve as a person and as a leader — removing the blinders that keep you from going beyond your predetermined limits.

Where do you start? Promote constant evolution in others through this rule: Never try to take down your competition; try to make yourself better first and then help your competition to be better than you.

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.

Grimacing over gate changes

Comment — I work on compressed work schedule Fridays. The new days and hours for the Meadows Drive Gate don't take me and others like me into account.

I now have to travel the additional distance to the White Avenue Gate, where traffic is backed up. Because I work on the Meadows Drive Gate side of the base, all of this adds up to leaving home a lot earlier in order not to be late for work.

Closing the Meadows Drive Gate at 6 p.m. on the days it operates is also inconvenient. By the time I get off and make one stop — for gas or to shop at the commissary — the gate is closed, and I have to go all the way to the White Avenue Gate to leave the base.

I've been told the changes are due to manning issues. If that's true, I don't understand why there are four guards on the White Avenue Gate.

Response — The new days and hours for the Meadows Drive Gate are the result of a review of current and future 81st Security Forces Squadron manning, traffic surveys of all our gates, a study of commute time differences between that gate and the White Avenue Gate and consideration of an Air Force requirement to minimize the number of entry points whenever possible.

The number of contract guards at a gate is dictated by post-9/11 instructions from higher headquarters. Some of these guards perform normal entry control, while others are required to conduct anti-terrorism measures designed to keep our people and resources safe.

We understand that routines may be hard to break. We're also confident our people are able to cope with these changes.

Further questions may be directed to Master Sgt. Junius Oates, 81st SFS, 377-3070.

Seat belts:

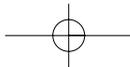
1) save lives,

2) are the law.

What's your excuse?

Make a difference.

VOTE



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler marks 65 years of training warriors

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Even before there was an Air Force, there was a Keesler Field. Monday, Keesler turns 65, making the base more than six years older than the service to which it belongs.

In those 6 1/2 decades, Keesler has trained nearly 2.25 million American and foreign military people in a broad range of subjects and disciplines.

June 12, 1941, the original 832-acre site was officially designated Air Corps Station No. 8, Aviation Mechanics School, Biloxi, Miss.

Before the land was transferred to the Army Air Corps by the City of Biloxi and Veterans Administration, it was known as the Biloxi Country Club. Actually, the area included not only three golf courses, but the Biloxi airport, a baseball park used by the Washington Senators major league baseball team for spring training, the Naval Reserve Park and some private property.

Named for World War I aviator

Later that June, the War Department renamed the new base in honor of 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler, a native of Greenwood, Miss., who died behind German lines after being shot down in air combat with four enemy aircraft in the last months of World War I.

Originally, the base's mission was training aircraft mechanics. But the first threads of change which have marked the base's history were being spun even before Keesler was activated. Basic training was added and the first 12 recruits arrived Aug. 12. They were followed Sept. 20 by the first class of about 800 aircraft mechanic students.

More than 7,000 troops were in basic training and another 4,000 in aircraft mechanics school when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, bringing the U.S. into World War II.

Training recruits, mechanics

During the war, 336,000 recruits and 142,000 aircraft mechanics were trained here. Most B-24 mechanics stationed throughout the several theaters of war — Europe, Africa, the Far East and Pacific — received their training in Keesler classrooms.

Many pilots forced to ditch in the Pacific Ocean owed their lives to OA-10A amphibian aircrews graduated from the air-sea rescue school here. Chemical warfare training was also conducted at Keesler during the war, and shortly after it ended, the world's first rotary wing school for helicopter mechanics opened here.

In 1943, Keesler's first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — WACS — arrived to fill administrative and clerical positions. In the same year, the training of U.S. allies' military people was introduced. This program continues today, with as many as 100 students at a time from more than 50 nations receiving personnel, administrative and electronics training here.

The installation that would become known as the "Electronics and Computer Training Center for the Air Force" moved from aircraft mechanic to electronics training in 1947, the year the Air Force



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Student formations have been a familiar sight at Keesler since the base opened in 1941.

became a separate service. The new service first moved its radar school from Boca Raton, Fla., to Keesler, and then elements of its communications and electronics courses from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Eventually, these courses evolved into ground and airborne communications-electronics maintenance and operator training, and air traffic control courses. Then came the semi-automatic ground environment air defense system that made the digital computer a central feature of Keesler's electronics training program.

New training missions

In 1967, flying training came to Keesler under the Military Assistance Program. Over the next six years, about 800 South Vietnamese pilots earned their wings in T-28s here before advancing to jet fighters.

Another new training mission arrived in 1968 — personnel and administration courses, previously taught at Amarillo AFB, Texas. In 1972, when the Air Force became the manager for all training in the Defense Department's worldwide military command and control system, Keesler people taught programs here and at sites around the globe.

Pilot training ended in 1973, then resumed two decades later with the activation of the 45th Airlift Squadron. Originally, the squadron trained pilots on both C-12 and C-21 aircraft. With the departure of the C-12 mission as the decade ended, the 45th AS became the 45th Airlift Flight.

Host to associate units

From 1973 into the 1990s flying activity at Keesler centered around three associate units: 403rd Wing of the Air Force Reserve, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. The 7th ACCS left several years ago. The 53rd WRS — Hurricane Hunters — was deactivated as an active-duty unit in 1991 and reappeared as an arm of the 403rd Wing two years later. The reservists also operate the 815th Airlift Squadron, a transport unit.

Keesler is also host to elements of other Air Force and Department of Defense organizations. The most familiar of these are the base exchange (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) and com-

missary (Defense Commissary Agency).

Growing in numbers and visibility in the 1990s were the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, reflecting the increasing emphasis on joint military training and operations in the wake of downsizing. A slight reversal of this trend was the deactivation of the Army Training Detachment six years ago.

Gains outweigh losses

Downsizing ... Keesler has taken some losses, but the overall effect here has been growth.

The departure of 7th ACCS followed the transfer in 1993 of chapel service support and paralegal specialist schools, and the First Sergeant Academy to Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Outweighing the losses have been gains of more than two dozen courses and hundreds of military and civilian employees from the closures of Chanute AFB, Ill., and Lowry AFB, Ill. These are in addition to the "upsizing" effects of locating 2nd Air Force headquarters here, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard presence, and C-21 aircrew training.

As Keesler turns 65, it covers more than 1,500 acres with a real property value in excess of \$200 million.

Base bounces back

Prior to Hurricane Katrina last summer, about 15,000 military and civilian employees worked and trained here. Nearly that many more military family members called Keesler home, and more than 10,000 military retirees frequented the base for a variety of services. The numbers are lower across the board as the base, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, recover from the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. However, training is already back stronger than ever and progress is evident across the base as the reconstruction effort moves forward. The pricetag: nearly \$1 billion.

Katrina wasn't the first hurricane to vent its wrath on Keesler — there was Camille in 1969, Frederic 10 years later, Elena in 1985 and Georges in 1998. It's highly unlikely Katrina will be the last. However, as now, the base bounces back every time to resume the mission it has fulfilled since 1941: Training warriors.

African-American group provides 9 scholarships

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Nine Mississippi Gulf Coast students are recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the African-American Heritage Committee.

The scholarships honor Col. Lawrence E. Roberts, a Tuskegee Airman who served in several leadership positions at Keesler before his retirement. He died in 2004.

Paulette Powell, AAHC president, said that the committee raised \$12,000 this year through a variety of fundraisers, including a gospel fest, barbecue, bowl-a-thon and a three-on-three basketball competition.

A \$5,000 contribution was given by Good Morning America's Robin Roberts, one of Colonel Roberts' four children.

Recipients are:

Alexandria Harper, daughter of Phinney and Sonya Davis of Gulfport, is a graduate of Harrison Central High School who'll major in pre-pharmacy and business administration at the University of South Alabama.

Brianna James, daughter of retired Master Sgts. Stanley and Joyce James, is a graduate of Biloxi High School. Her mom works in the 81st Mission Support Squadron. She'll attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for preparatory courses toward a major in pre-clinical laboratory science at Louisiana State University.

Kashay Johnson, daughter of Kim Johnson, 338th Training Squadron, and Pastor Jason Johnson of Ocean Springs, is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School who'll major in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Brittany Jones, daughter of Harry and Darlene Jones of Pascagoula, is a graduate of Moss Point High School who'll major in nursing at the University of Mississippi.



Miss Harper



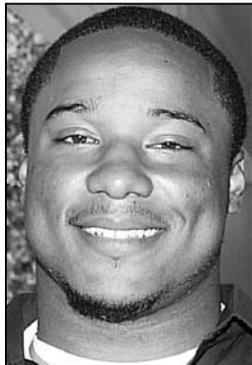
Miss James



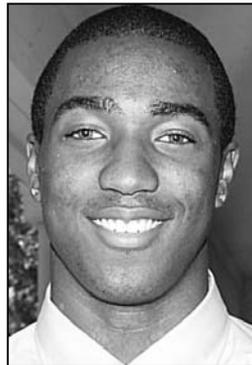
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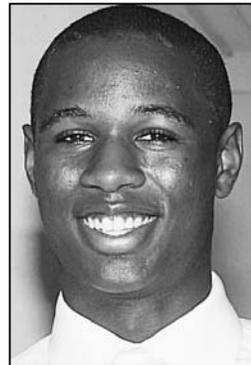
Miss Jones



Mr. Moore



Mr. Roberts



Mr. Scott



Miss Wallace



Miss Young

Earvin Moore, son of Yolanda and Rafe Pride, 332nd TRS, and Roger Moore, is a graduate of Stone County High School who'll major in electronics at MGCCC.

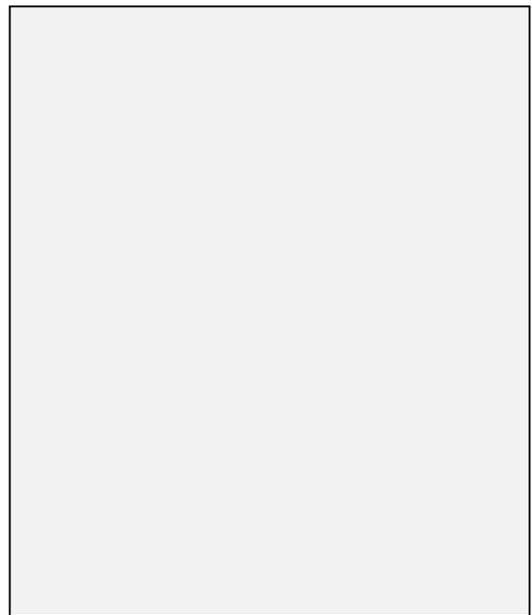
Paul Roberts Jr., son of Paul and Ardell Roberts of

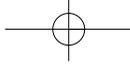
Gulfport, is a graduate of St. John High School who'll be attending Mississippi Valley State University on a football scholarship and majoring in business.

Jonathan Scott, son of retired Master Sgt. Romeo and Cassandra Brown of Ocean Springs and Ben Scott of Dallas, is a graduate of Ocean Springs High who'll major in government at the Coast Guard Academy.

Arianté Wallace, daughter of Gary and Yolanda Wallace, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, is a graduate of Biloxi High School who'll major in child and adolescent psychology at Alcorn State University.

Nichole Young, daughter of Joy and Master Sgt. Lee Young, 334th TRS, is a graduate of Biloxi High School who'll major in biomedical sciences at USA.





TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Testing dates

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are:

ACT — today for July 11 test.

PRAXIS I — June 26 for Aug. 7 test.

PRAXIS II — June 26 for Aug. 8 test.

To schedule, call 377-2323.

Special duty jobs

An Air Education and Training Command recruiting team holds a special duty assignment briefing, 8:45-11:30 a.m. June 22 in Welch Auditorium.

Positions to be discussed are recruiters, military training leaders, technical training instructors, professional military education instructors and career enlisted aviators.

Mad Dogs get new leader

Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay assumes command of the 332nd Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Anthony Williams, 10 a.m. June 15 in front of Dolan Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony is held in Welch Auditorium.

Colonel Ramsay comes to Keesler from Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon, where he's chief of the biological defense policy programs branch under the director of strategic security.

Colonel Williams, who's commanded the squadron since January 2005, previously served as director of operations for the 338th TRS for almost two years. His new assignment is ROTC commander at the University of North Dakota.

Positions are open to senior airmen with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active military service from all Air Force specialty codes.

For applications, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

Club scholarships

Six students receive a combined total of \$25,000 in the 10th annual Air Force Club

Membership Scholarship Program.

Current club members and their spouses, children, stepchildren and dependent grandchildren who've been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for the Fall 2006 term as part-time or full-time undergraduate or graduate students are eligible.

Applicants provide an essay of no more than 500 words on the topic, "Proud to be an American," along with a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments.

For more information and an entry form, visit <http://www.p.afsv.af.mil/clubs>.

Submit entries by July 14 to Donald Cook, 81st Services

Division chief, 81 MSG/SV, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Keesler AFB, MS, 39534.

Scholarship program

Homefront America, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has partnered with the W. Daniel Tate Family and Sara's Hope Foundation to fund a scholarship program for military children.

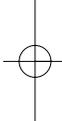
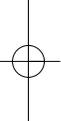
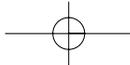
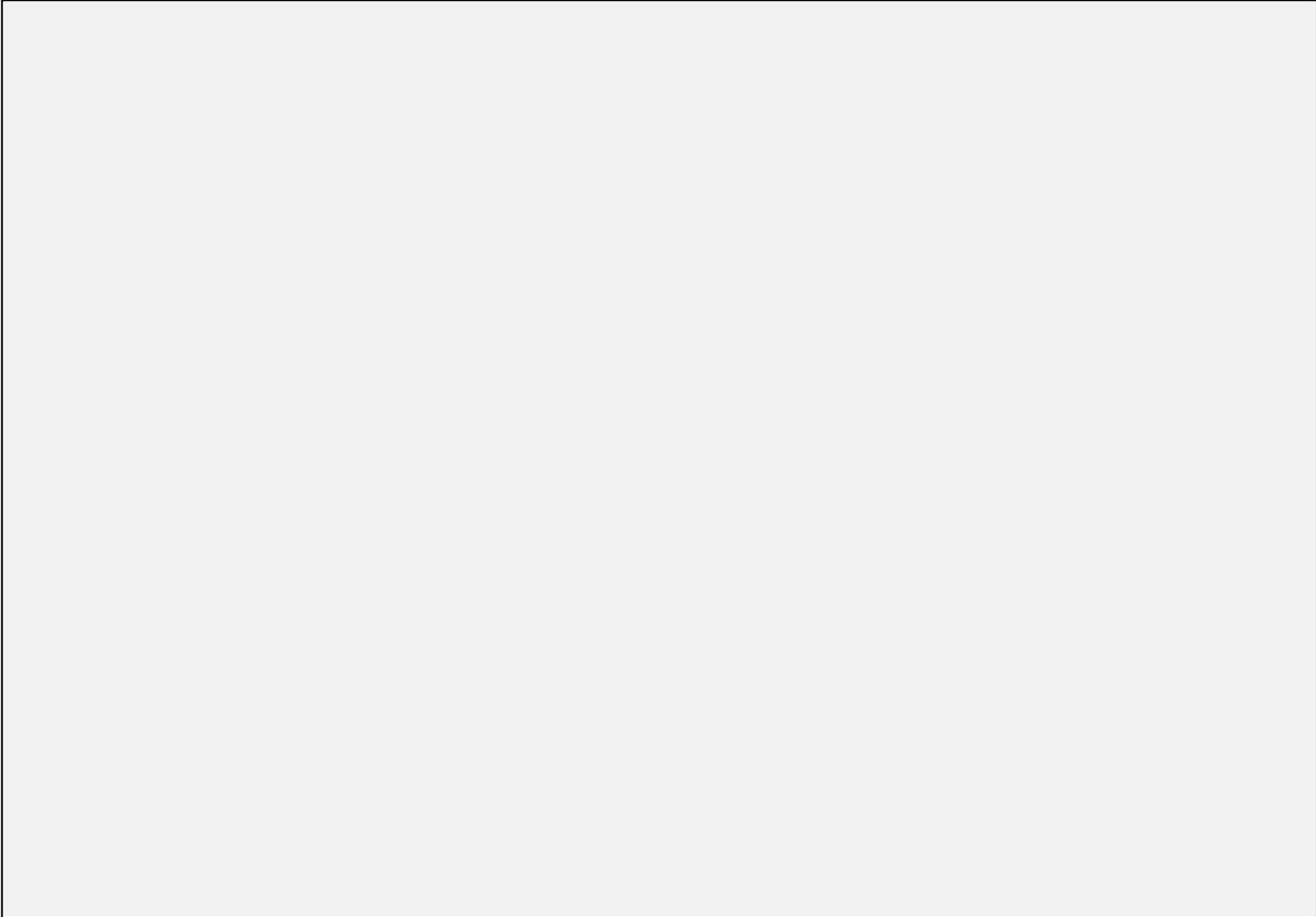
The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award essay contest provides 20 individual \$1,000 scholarships.

For more information, go to <http://www.nmfa.org>.

Supply classes

General supply classes are available monthly in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Center.

To schedule a class, call 377-2270.



NEWS AND FEATURES

Feeling queasy?

Medics see more stomach bugs

By Col. (Dr.) Tony Van Goor

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron acting commander

There's been an increase in the number of stomach virus cases seen at Keesler Medical Center in the last two months.

Lt. Col. Karen Brooks, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health flight commander, said the most likely culprit is Norovirus, which has been in the news for infecting cruise ship passengers.

"Norovirus causes a mild illness lasting two to three days which is when people are the most infectious to others," Colonel Brooks explained. "The symptoms of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea resolve in one to three days for most healthy adults and children."

"The spread of the Norovirus is not a Keesler-only issue — the entire Gulf Coast community is experiencing similar outbreaks," she continued. "However, because our student population is concentrated into dorms, we are at greater risk of a larger outbreak occurring."

Norovirus can be transmitted in food and water, but the most likely way to get it is from a person who has it. If he doesn't wash his hands well

Virus, be gone

To prevent the spread of Norovirus:

Wash hands often throughout the day, before eating and after using the restroom. Use a waterless gel hand sanitizer often if soap and water aren't readily available.

Sick people should be isolated if possible for 48-72 hours and shouldn't prepare food for others until 72 hours after onset of symptoms.

Avoid shaking hands or sharing food or eating utensils with people who've been sick with the illness.

Children are especially vulnerable to the virus. Wear gloves while changing diapers of sick children or cleaning up stools or vomit. Wash hands well afterwards.

A solution of one part bleach to nine parts water kills the virus. Ensure good ventilation while using this solution and be careful not to damage fabrics and carpet.



with soap and warm water, especially after using the restroom, he can spread the virus to every surface he touches.

Norovirus can be shed from the stool for one to three weeks after a person recovers, so good hand hygiene after using the restroom is essential.

"The idea is to break the chain of transmission by preventing the transfer of germs from contaminated surfaces to healthy people," the colonel stressed.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. LeCorey Jones, 377-6896.

Retirees get red carpet treatment

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler hosts Retiree Appreciation Day Friday. The day is designed to give thanks and assistance to Keesler retirees and their families from within a 250-mile radius.

A shuttle runs every 30 minutes from the Vandenberg Community Center to old Cody Hall to marina park and back.

Events include:

8:30-10:30 a.m. — health fair and information booths, Vandenberg Community Center.

8:30 and 9:30 a.m. — windshield base tours.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — front-of-the-line service at the legal office in the Levitow Training Support Facility, the finance office in the

Vosler Building, identification cards at old Cody Hall and the vehicle registration desk at the visitor center at the White Avenue Gate.

9:45 a.m. — welcome by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, Welch Auditorium.

10-10:45 a.m. — retired Army Maj. Gen. William Matz, president of the National Association of Uniformed Services, speaks on congressional entitlements and benefits, Welch Auditorium.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — free barbecue and fish fry, marina park.

The event is co-sponsored by the retiree activities office and the 81st TRW.

For more information, call 377-3871 or 9464.

IN THE NEWS

Air Force Honor Guard recruiting

The Air Force Honor Guard's recruiting team gives a special duty briefing and performance, 10:15 a.m. June 19 in Welch Auditorium.

Airmen first class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active federal military service from all Air Force Specialty Codes are eligible.

The Air Force Honor Guard performs at public and official ceremonies in the Washington, D.C., area and provides military honors to deceased veterans.

Copies of Air Education and Training Command's special duty applications are available from Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

For more information, call Sergeant Turner; Jim Taylor, 377-2081; DSN 754-6210 or visit <https://wwwmil.bolling.af.mil/orgs/OG/HG/indexHG.htm>.

Services career field tops

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Each year, Air Force officials evaluate career fields for unity and exceptional performance that warrants recognition by the entire force.

In conjunction with the Air Force Association, one career field is recognized with an Air Force-level award.

Services, Air Force Specialty Code 3M0X1, was selected based on significant contributions to the war on terrorism and humanitarian relief on bases around the world and to Air Force families, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

New director for Guard

National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. — Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley is the 12th director of the Air National Guard.

"I am thrilled about this opportunity to lead the more than 106,000 members of the Air National Guard during the global war on terrorism," said General McKinley, who has 32 years service and was promoted to three-star rank when confirmed as director.

He succeeds Lt. Gen. Daniel James, who retired.

New Purple Heart stamp issued

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — A new version of a postage stamp commemorating the Purple Heart and those who have earned it went on sale May 27.

The stamp is a new version of the Purple Heart definitive stamp issued in May 2003 by the U.S. Postal Service.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president to members of the military who have been wounded in combat or to the next of kin of those killed in action.

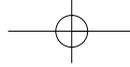
No Keesler News July 6

By contract, the Keesler News doesn't publish the week in which the Independence Day federal holiday falls.

This year, that week is July 3-7.

The newspaper office is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 3, 5-6 and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 7.

Publication resumes with the July 13 issue.



Birthday,

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4-5 p.m. — celebration kickoff with opening ceremony, reception and cake cutting; parade grounds.

Tuesday

Squadron competitions:

8 a.m. — one-pitch softball tournament, Field 1; register by Wednesday at Blake Fitness Center.

3 p.m. — confidence course challenge. For more information, call 377-5342 or 3653.

Wednesday

Family day events:

7:30 a.m. — 5-kilometer run/walk, youth center.

9 a.m. — grand reopening of youth center.

9:30 a.m. — water balloon activities and fire truck tours, youth center.

1-3 p.m. — family crafts and youth cupcake decorating contest, arts and crafts center.

2-4 p.m. — C-130 and C-21 aircraft tours, base operations.

5 p.m. — family movie, youth center.

June 15

Birthday bash, marina park:

9-10:30 a.m. — bring birthday cake entries to Katrina Kantina; judging at 11, with prizes for best decorating, most unique and best tasting. For more information, call 377-2821.

11 a.m. — food lines, booths and activities begin. Disk jockey and live performances all afternoon.

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — fishing tournament.

Noon — welcome by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander; birthday cake contest winners announced.

Noon to 3 p.m. — free boat rides.

Noon to 7 p.m. — free swimming at base pools.

12:10 p.m. — “Bottom Line” performs active and new rock.

1 p.m. — birthday cake entries sliced and served.

1:10 p.m. — Oreo cookie-licking contest.

1:30 p.m. — “V Street” performs classic country music



Pride Week's target: Beautification of base

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron sponsors Pride Week in conjunction with Keesler's 65th birthday celebration.

“We need facility managers, housing residents and tenant squadrons to join in and help make Keesler the showpiece of our command,” said Capt. Brad Ledford, project officer.

Suggested tasks include weeding and edging flower beds, cleaning dumpster enclosures, beautifying entryways, sprucing up exterior signs, pressure washing and weeding parking lots and walkways, cleaning utility and electrical closets, replacing ceiling tiles, cleaning air vents and painting projects.

Volunteers opportunities are available for several common area projects.

For more information, call Captain Ledford, 377-5805, or Master Sgt. Andrew Reed at the self-help store, 377-3864.

from '70s and '80s, with a touch of '60s and '90s.

2:30 p.m. — sponsor giveaways. Corporate sponsors are Abita Springs, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Cellular South, Gatorland, GEICO, Grainger, IP Hotel and Casino, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Keesler Spouses Club, Merchant Foodservice, Mississippi Media Broadcasting, Planet Beach Tanning and Spa, Raising Cane's, Rex Distributing, The Home Depot, Universal Studios and USAA.

3 p.m. — karaoke.

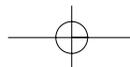
3:30 p.m. — Keesler Idol finals.

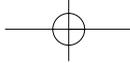
4 p.m. — awards presentation and recognition of Keesler members selected for promotion to technical and master sergeant by General Capasso.

4:45 p.m. — “Rochambeau” performs classic rock from 1970s and 80s, with a touch of 60s and '90s.

6 p.m. — activities end.

For more information, call 377-1597 or youth center, 377-4116; arts and crafts activities, 377-2821, and sporting events, 377-4385.





AAFES: Thwart identity theft through vigilance

AAFES News Service

DALLAS – Widespread reports concerning identity theft have prompted many past and present military members to reevaluate the security of their personal information.

As recent news reports have highlighted, data such as social security numbers, passwords and birthdates must be closely guarded in a digital world.

“Whether active duty or retired, it’s very important to keep a close eye on your financial statements to make sure there aren’t any unexpected charges or other unordinary activity,” said Mike Howard, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s chief financial officer. “With that said, unless suspicious activity has been found, there’s really no reason to close credit cards or bank accounts.”

With more than 1.4 million accounts, the military exchanges’ proprietary Military STAR® credit card relies on a variety of safeguards to ensure its cardholders’ privacy is secure. Used worldwide at Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchanges, this all-services card has become a trust-

ed tool for troops shopping in military exchanges from Baghdad, Iraq, to Fort Bragg, N.C..

“We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our cardholders to those associates who have a need to know for the performance of their duties,” said Mr. Howard. “We maintain strict physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard nonpublic personal information.”

Considering many Military STAR® cardholders are or have been active participants in the war on terrorism, the exchanges recognize the sensitivity of military personnel’s private information goes beyond the threat of a fraudulent purchase.

In the event personal information is compromised, the Federal Trade Commission recommends the following actions be immediately taken:

Step 1 — contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; <http://www.equifax.com>; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.

Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); <http://www.experian.com>; P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013.

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; <http://www.transunion.com>; Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790.

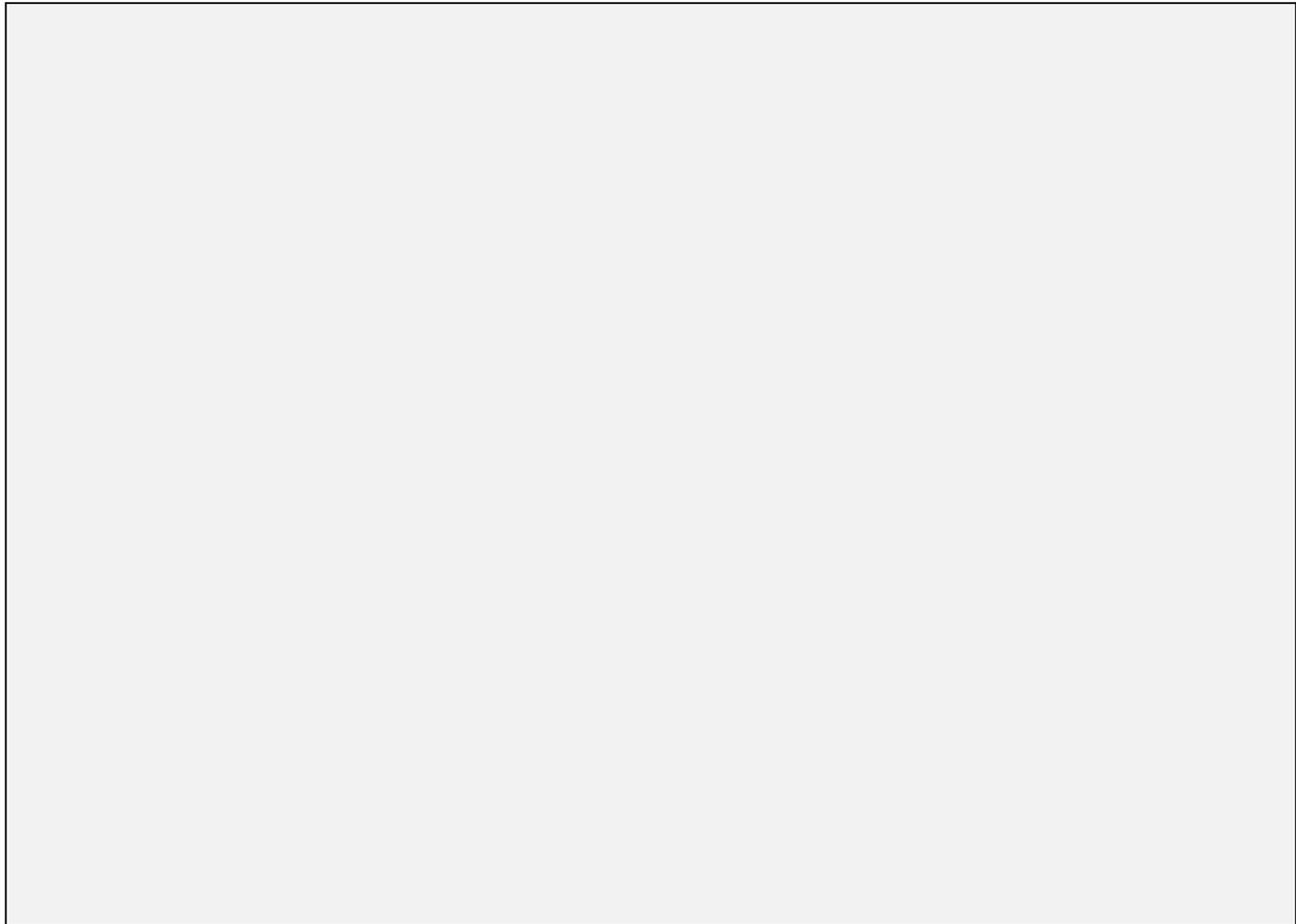
Step 2 — close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

Step 3 — file a police report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Step 4 — file a complaint with the FTC by contacting the agency’s identity theft hotline by ephone, 1-877-438-4338; online, <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>, or by mail, Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20580.

The Military STAR® Card is accepted at AAFES, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchange activities, as well as the exchange catalog and online store, <http://www.aafes.com>.

For more information on the Military STAR® Card, visit <http://www.aafes.com> and click on the Military STAR® Card icon.



Some medics move

81st Medical Group

The 81st Medical Group commander and staff have relocated from the clinical research laboratory to Arnold Annex behind the Meadows Drive tennis courts.

This includes the commander, deputy commander, superintendent, administrator, chief of medical staff and chief nurse. Telephone numbers are unchanged.

The 81st MDG senior staff moved into the CRL shortly after Hurricane Katrina damage forced closure of the medical center. Relocating to the renovated Arnold Annex frees up the CRL so the staff can begin to return to normal operations there.

Other medical group operations returning to or transferring permanently to Arnold Annex are physical therapy, occupational therapy and brace shop, transcription services, Tricare Regional Office South and Web support. Systems support also relocates in the Arnold Annex until the command staff returns to the medical center in the next year or so.

In other 81st MDG developments:

The first aid station relocates from the medical center to the Triangle Clinic June 17-18 as the basement contractor replaces water valves.

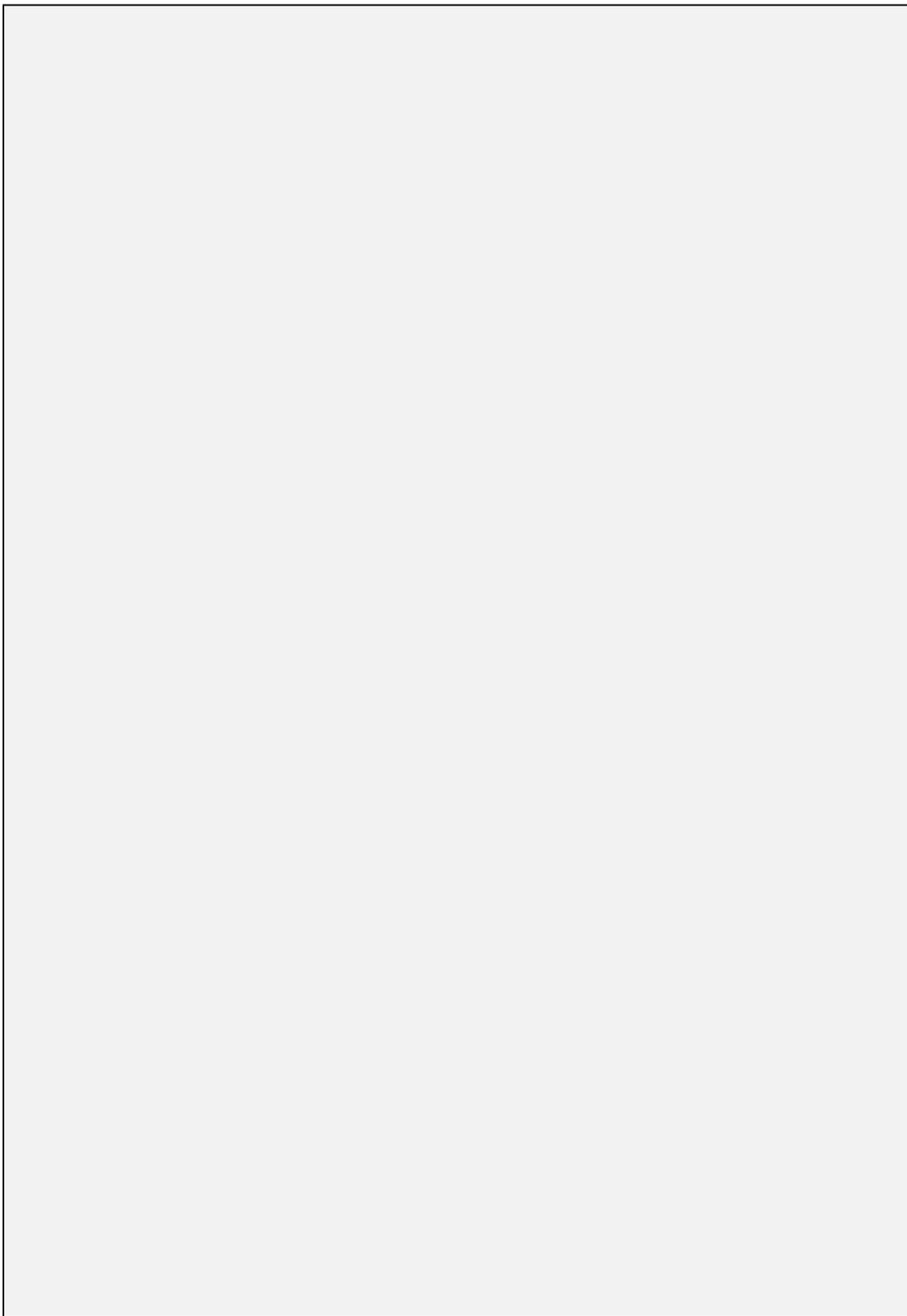
The water systems are turned off from 6 p.m. June 16 to 8 p.m. June 18.

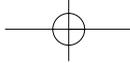
The Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system becomes effective for some 81st MDG clinics and offices June 15.

For a list of phone numbers, including the new 376 prefix, see Page 25.

Training for AHLTA, the new electronic health record system for the medical center beneficiaries, continues through July 31

During this period, access to health appointments is reduced, according to medical officials.





Hurricane repairs at Sablich Center to cost \$7 million

Left, the education and distance learning office is one area in Sablich Center that sustained major damage from Hurricane Katrina. Offices in the building were moved to old Cody Hall and other temporary locations.

Right, Celso Segura, left, and Juan Olivares from LTRC, Inc., a Texas contractor, repair the south entrance door June 1. A \$7 million contract for facility repairs was awarded last month. Furniture has been removed, and flooring and associated asbestos removal is under way. Repairs should be completed in April.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Katrina impacts housing privatization

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Despite delays caused by Hurricane Katrina, Air Education and Training Command is still on track to meet its goal of privatizing 100 percent of military family housing.

Keesler has been removed from one of two housing privatization groups. AETC is now planning to replace all of Keesler's housing with a military construction project.

According to Garrett Smith, AETC's civil engineering housing branch project manager, the use of military construction funds will enable a faster delivery of 1,067 quality homes to Keesler.

Construction proposals for the 1,067 Keesler homes are under evaluation, and AETC anticipates that completion of construction in late summer 2008.

The Defense Department's 1996 housing privatization initiative is intended to be a more timely and cost-effective way to provide quality military family housing than traditional MILCON funding.

Before Hurricane Katrina, AETC intended to convey the rest of the command's military family housing to private developers by dividing the remaining installations into two groups.

Group I includes Altus Air Force Base, Okla.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Group II now includes Columbus AFB, Miss.; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Vance AFB, Okla.; and Goodfellow, Laughlin and Randolph AFBs, Texas.

Lackland AFB, Texas, was the first military installation to privatize a portion of its housing in 1998. The first phase provided 420 homes in 2001, and AETC is working to privatize the rest of Lackland's housing under a sole-source initiative with the existing privatized owner. The real estate transaction for Phase II should close later this summer.

Little Rock AFB, Ark., was AETC's second installation to implement housing privatization in 2004. This project has already delivered a new community center, and three model homes are expected to be completed this summer.

“Proposals were based on pre-Katrina market conditions ... construction costs have risen 15 to 20 percent, utility rates increased 20 to 173 percent and fuel costs are now extremely high ... these factors have driven project development costs beyond normal contingency allowances.”

— Mr. Smith

Katrina resulted in nationwide cost increases generated by material shortages and limited labor resources, so Group I and II projects are delayed.

“Because proposals were based on pre-Katrina market conditions, we have to take time to resolve the economic disparities Katrina produced,” said Mr. Smith. “Regional construction costs have risen 15 to 20 percent, utility rates increased 20 to 173 percent and fuel costs are now extremely high. All these factors have driven project development costs beyond normal contingency allowances.”

“Even though the timeline ... has changed, our commitment to ... providing access to safe, quality, well-maintained housing remains the same,” said Col. Leonard Patrick, AETC civil engineer.

6 training halls provide shelter from storms

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Six Keesler facilities are on the list to provide shelter from hurricanes that may target the Mississippi Gulf Coast this season.

After Hurricane Katrina devastated the region last summer and confined people to base shelters for six days, senior leadership decided only mission-essential personnel and students would shelter if another hurricane makes a beeline for south Mississippi. Family members and non-essential personnel are expected to evacuate.

This year, designated shelters include Thomson, Bryan, Jones, Allee, Wolfe and Dolan halls. Keesler Medical Center, which sheltered about 1,200 people last year, won't be used as a shelter this season as hurricane repairs are ongoing.

Allee Hall, the largest shelter at 43,680 square feet, currently has the smallest capacity with space for 821 evacuees, but that figure will be reworked as air conditioning work is completed.

Initial capacity for other facilities includes 1,410 for Dolan Hall, 1,354 for Wolfe Hall, 1,100 for Thomson Hall, 1,085 for Jones Hall and 676 for Bryan Hall.

Officials from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron and shelter managers calculated the space available to accommodate evacuees.

The process goes far beyond simple square footage, according to Master Sgt. Michael Garrett, 81st CES readiness flight superintendent.

For example, Thomson and Wolfe halls have the same area — 32,600 square feet. However, Thomson Hall can shelter 1,100, while Wolfe Hall can accommodate 1,354. The way buildings are configured, space is used and equipment is located accounts for the differences.

Last week, an Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency team surveyed base facilities to determine which are structurally sound following Katrina and could be used as alternate shelters if required. AFCEA is compiling a report of its findings.



Special day for 'Old Glory'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Wednesday is Flag Day, a national celebration of the history of the American flag and a time to remember proper etiquette for its display.

Flag Day recognizes the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States 229 years ago on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia.

A resolution was passed specifying that the flag have 13 stripes alternating between red and white, and the union have 13 white stars on a blue field representing a new constellation. Although the resolution didn't specify how the stars should be arranged, a full circle arrangement of the stars was adopted later.

On May 1, 1795, the flag was changed to 15 stars and 15 stripes. This flag stood over Fort McHenry as the British attacked during the War of 1812, Sept. 13-14, 1814. This flag, found still standing after the attack ended, inspired Francis Scott Key to compose The Star-Spangled Banner.

On April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law limiting the flag's stripes to 13 and providing for a star to be added to the blue field for each new state. This flag evolved into the flag flown over the United States today, with its last star added for Hawaii in 1960.

Flag Day was first observed in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the adoption of America's red, white and blue banner.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration. However, Flag Day didn't become a national observance until Aug. 3, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed a resolution denoting June 14 of each year as the official birthday of the Stars and Stripes.

As America's flag developed throughout history, so too did traditions and proper etiquette guiding the proper use and display of "Old Glory." The United States Flag Code adopted by Congress states, "The flag represents a living country and itself is considered a living thing."



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Staff Sgts. Shane Monterosso, left, and Carlos Diaz, and Tech. Sgt. Diane Bone secure the flag during January's formal retreat ceremony conducted by the 81st Training Wing staff agencies. Sergeants Monterosso and Bone work in the protocol office, and Sergeant Diaz works in public affairs.

Flag display guidelines

Always hoist the flag briskly and lower it ceremoniously.

Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. The flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it's properly illuminated at night. Each Air Force installation is limited to one illuminated flag staff.

When displayed vertically or horizontally on a wall, the union should always be to the flag's uppermost right (the observer's left). In a window, the union should be to an outside observer's left.

When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north on an east-west street and to the east on a north-south street.

The flag shouldn't be displayed during inclement weather, except when an all-weather flag is used.

The flag shouldn't be displayed on a float in a parade unless from a staff.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.

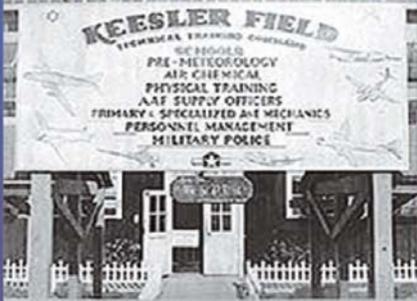
The flag shouldn't touch anything beneath it, such as the ground or water.

The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. Flag patches may be used on the uniforms of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations. A flag lapel pin is considered a replica and should be worn on the wearer's left lapel near the heart.

For more information, call the 81st Training Wing Protocol Office, 377-3359.



Keesler's 65th Birthday Party CELEBRATION



The old entrance to Keesler Field.



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JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!

Monday, June 12 ~ Celebration Kickoff

4-5 p.m. ~ Opening Ceremony, Reception, and Cake Cutting at the Triangle Parade Grounds

Tuesday, June 13 ~ Squadron Competitions

8 a.m. until ~ One Pitch Softball Tournament at Field One
Register at Blake Fitness Center

3 p.m. ~ Confidence Course Challenge

For more information, call 377-5342 or 377-3653

Wednesday, June 14 ~ Family Day

7:30 a.m. ~ Family 5K Run/Walk at the Youth Center
Register at Blake Fitness Center or the Youth Center

9 a.m. ~ Grand Reopening of the Youth Center

9:30 a.m. ~ Family Water Balloon Activities at the Youth Center
Tour Fire Trucks at the Youth Center

1-3 p.m. ~ Family Crafts & Youth Cupcake Decorating at the Arts & Crafts Center

2-4 p.m. ~ Tour of C-130 and C-21 Aircraft at Base Operations

5:30 p.m. ~ Family Movie on Giant Screen at the Youth Center

Thursday, June 15 ~ Birthday Bash in the Marina Park

11 a.m.-6 p.m. ~ Live Bands, DJs, Karaoke, Food, Beverages, Games, Keesler Idol Finals, Inflatables, Prizes, Boat Rides, Giveaways, Oreo Licking Contest, Fishing Tournament, Birthday Cake Decorating Contest and Awards Presentation.

NOTE: Drop cakes for judging at the Katrina Kantina 9-10:30 a.m.

Noon-7 p.m. ~ Swim Free at the Base Pools

Ongoing Festivities ~ Static Displays

Monday-Thursday ~ Birthday Cards Displayed in the Marina Park

Monday-Thursday ~ Historical Display at the Levitow Training Support Facility
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

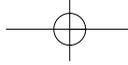
For more information:

General Info.	377-1597
Youth Center	377-4116
Arts & Crafts Ctr.	377-2821
Blake Fitness Ctr.	377-4385

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African American Heritage Committee Keesler group about more than black history

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler's African American Heritage Committee is in its 17th year and going strong.

The AAHC was founded in 1989 to promote cultural awareness to the base community.

According to Paulette Powell, committee president, the AAHC does more than just help the base celebrate Black Heritage Month in February.

"We hold meetings, have fundraisers and discuss other topics during the entire year," Mrs. Powell said.

The fundraisers benefit the community, said 1st Lt Millie Ziebell, AAHC project officer.

"These events have included car washes, sandwich sales, fashion shows,

comedy shows, golf tournaments, barbecues, food samplings and more," the lieutenant explained. "It takes a year-round effort to meet our annual scholarship goals. Organizations like ours try to provide the extra financial assistance some local high school seniors may need heading off to college."

Nine Mississippi Gulf Coast high school seniors recently received Col. Lawrence Roberts college scholarships from the AAHC. The scholarships are named after the former member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Mrs. Powell said the fundraisers also benefit the committee members who help put them together.

"They give us a chance to get out and get to know the people in the community we work in," Mrs. Powell said. "It's also a chance for people to see

that military personnel do more than just work here."

The committee has also brought high-profile African Americans to Keesler as speakers at special events.

"Before he passed away, Colonel Roberts was a guest speaker," she said. "We also were able to get former Air Education and Training Command commander Gen. Lloyd 'Fig' Newton to speak here."

The committee operates under an Air Force Instruction and has a constitution.

"It (AFI) specifies how many fundraisers we can have in a given time period, steps needed to have an official function and other guidance," Mrs. Powell said. "The constitution includes by-laws, as well as the duties of each of our elected officials."

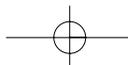
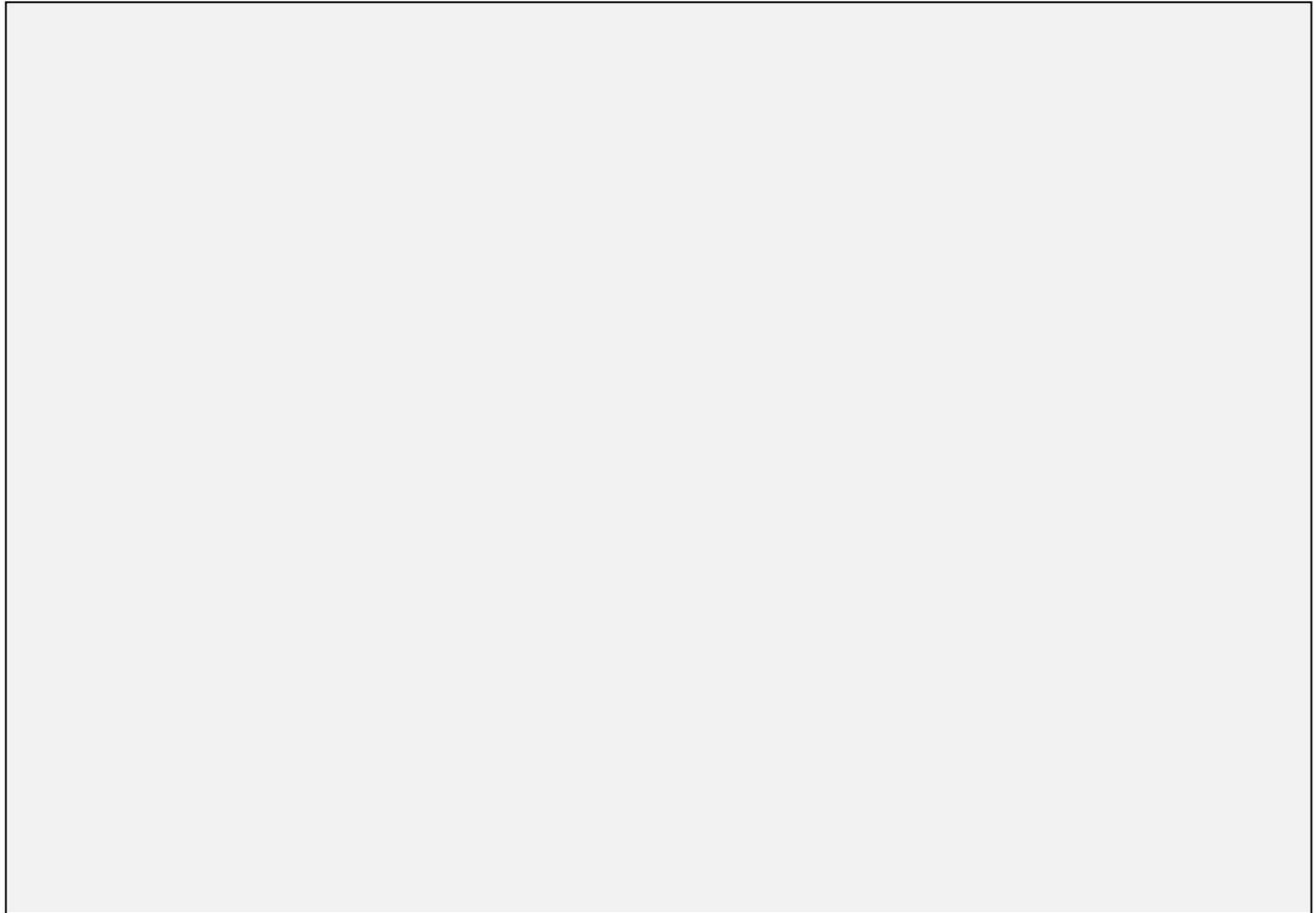
The AAHC meets at 3:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Center.

Membership is open to all Keesler personnel. The AAHC currently numbers about 65 members, according to Mrs. Powell.

The committee's next event is a JuneTeenth softball tournament, June 16-18 on the Triangle softball fields. Cost is \$125 per team.

For more information on the tournament, call Senior Master Sgt. Cliff Massey, 377-1305; Master Sgt. Teddy Johnson, 377-7963; or Staff Sgts. Calvin Oliver, 377-6898, or Eddie Coleman, 377-1214.

For more information on the AAHC, call Mrs. Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.



Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34.276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states "any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval."

It states that the "installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked."

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

"People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

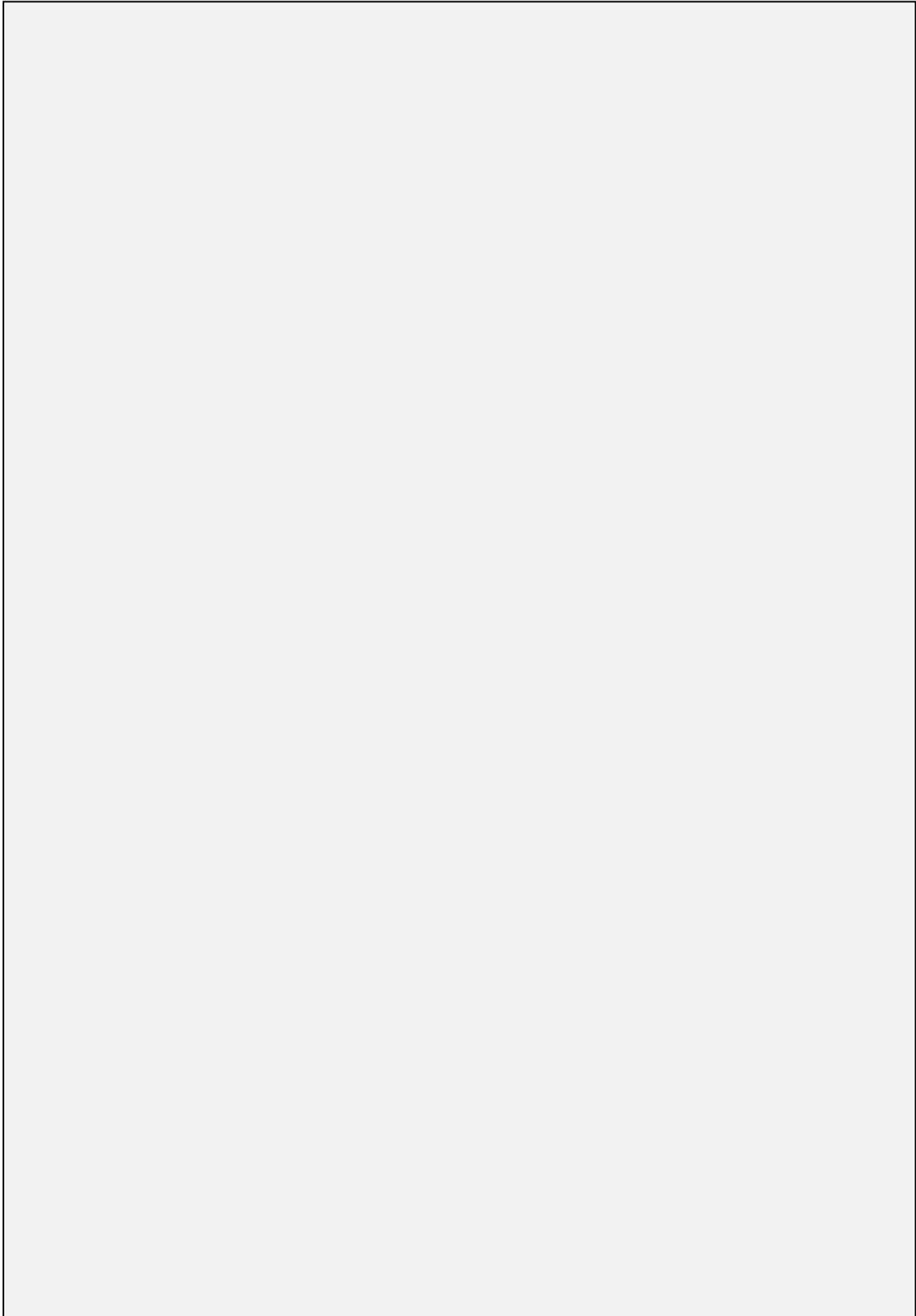
Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

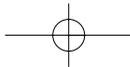
Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

"Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge," said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They're assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.





KEESLER NOTES

Self-help store moves

June 19, the self-help store relocates temporarily to Dock 4 on the east side of the Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002, while hurricane repairs and upgrades are made.

Repairs are expected to take six to eight weeks.

The telephone number at the temporary location is 377-3864.

Live Oak dining hours

Live Oak Dining Facility's new hours are 5:15-7:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. weekdays.

On weekends, holidays and

down Fridays, hours are 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For 403rd Wing training weekends, breakfast is also served 6-7:30 a.m.

Permanent party enlisted personnel are authorized to dine in any of the dining facilities during all hours of operation. Officers, enlisted and civilians on official temporary duty orders for training can use the Live Oak, Azalea and Magnolia dining facilities.

AAFES promotions

Promotions at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service fur-

niture store this month:

Mattresses — through June 30.

Electronics, Whirlpool appliances — June 15-30.

Comedy on tap

Two Guys Walk into a Funeral, a comedy by Lt. Col. Greg Stanley, 2nd Air Force, is performed 8 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday at the Biloxi Little Theatre on Lee Street.

Colonel Stanley also directs the one-act play.

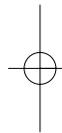
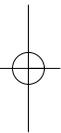
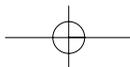
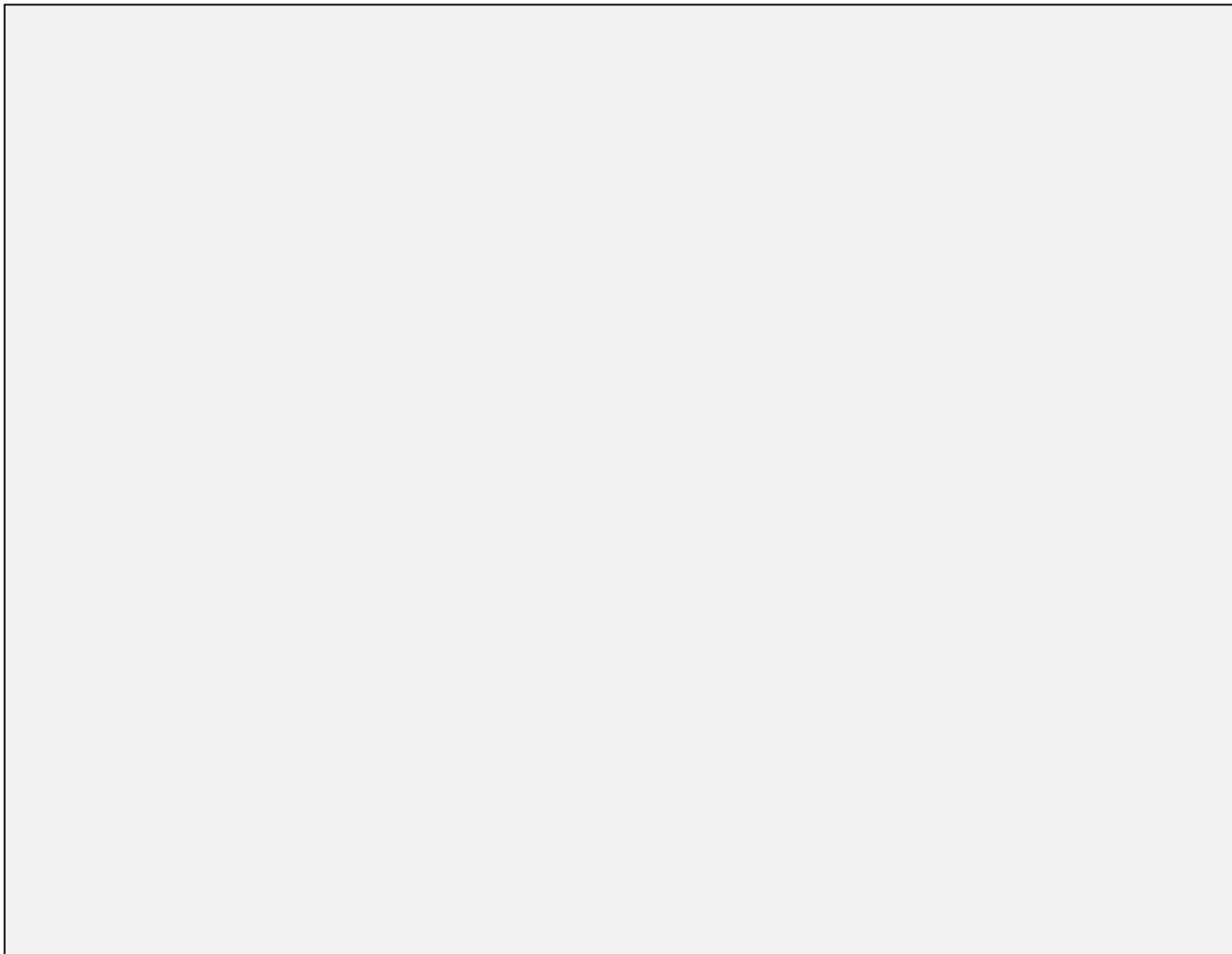
Tickets are available at the box office each night for \$10.

For reservations or more information, call 432-8543.



Tops in state

Randi Reed, Orange Grove Elementary School student, received an award for having the highest score on the Mississippi Curriculum Test. The MCT is designed for the state based on nationally accepted education standards. Randi is the daughter of Donna and Master Sgt. Andrew Reed, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.



SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Kim Acree, Sharon Allen, Joyce Moore, Heather Jamrick and Karen Teague follow leader Carmen Mowry during a water aerobics class at the Triangle pool June 1. Classes are held 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Triangle pool. Classes are free with a pool pass; others pay a fee. Acree is married to Michael Acree, 81st Medical Group. Allen is from the 338th Training Squadron, Moore is from the 81st Mission Support Squadron, and Jamrick and Teague are from the 81st Training Support Squadron. Mowry is an instructor with Milienium Contracting in California.

Main swimming pool closes for repainting until June 23

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The main swimming pool on Meadows Drive is closed until June 23 and all pool activities, including water aerobics classes, move to the Triangle until repair is completed.

According to John Rettig, outdoor recreation director, the base pool opened as scheduled May 27, but the lifeguards on duty noticed something was different in the pool.

"There was cloudiness in the water," he said. "We looked at the pool and noticed that there was paint getting into the water. They asked the people that

had been in the pool to evacuate immediately."

Rettig said that the pool had been painted after it was closed in 2005.

"Sometimes, if there is a problem with the paint, or if the properties of the paint are inconsistent, it could chip," he said. "That caused the cloudiness in the water.

"We had to close the pool before things got worse," Rettig said. "We thought it was okay, but May 27, it wasn't what we thought."

Once the problem was identified, it was decided that the process had to start again, Rettig said.

"The water will have to be drained from the pool

before we re-sand it, then re-paint the pool again," he said.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron is handling the whole process, he said.

"We are hopefully that everything will go smoothly and that we will have two pools available June 23," he said.

The Triangle pool is open from noon to 7 p.m. daily, except for Wednesdays, when it is closed.

Lap swimming is still available at the Triangle pool from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information on other pool activities, call 377-3568.

NCO Academy class makes difference

Students from other bases help rebuild storm-damaged houses in Biloxi

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler news staff

The first Keesler NCO Academy class since Hurricane Katrina forced the school to close graduated June 1.

At least three Biloxi families will remember the students for the rest of their lives.

Thirty students from the academy volunteered more than 250 hours to help rebuild three homes in Biloxi that were damaged by Katrina in 2005.

Tech. Sgt. Susanna Voorhies from the 91st Operations Support Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., knew she wanted to do something while she was here for school, but didn't know for sure until she saw a news-cast during one of her first nights here.

"There were six houses in the local area that needed to be worked on, according to the broadcast," she said. "The story also mentioned that Habitat for Humanity, the group here to help rebuild some of the damaged homes, needed volunteers. Every NCO Academy class has a class project they must work on, so we decided to volunteer for ours."

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-governmental and non-profit organization devoted to building and renovating housing.

Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 200,000 houses around the world.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Pirkl from the 28th Maintenance Squadron at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., also wanted to do something while he was here for the NCO Academy.

"I saw the images of what had happened, but I figured the footage had been from months ago and everything was better," Sergeant Pirkl said. "I was amazed when I arrived in Mississippi; it looked like the storm had just hit about a week ago."

Sergeant Voorhies said she



Sergeant Voorhies rolls a coat of paint on in a house in Biloxi.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Tech. Sgt. Betty Brown from Ellsworth AFB, S.D., paints a window sill in a house in Biloxi.

12 new windows."

Sergeant Voorhies said the work was intense, and that the people really appreciated their efforts.

"The toughest part of the job was not having air conditioning in the houses," she said. "But the families were real nice: they fed us lunch, gave us water and kept us company the whole time."

This class is the first to graduate from the Keesler's NCO Academy since July 2005. Since Hurricane Katrina, students have attended the academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Sergeant Pirkl said that the volunteer experience has made him realize that he could lend a hand more often.

"People everywhere need a little help," he said. "I think I'll do some volunteer work when I return to Ellsworth."

Sergeant Voorhies said she wants to keep up with the three houses and their progress.

"I asked Brent Tucker, the person from Habitat for Humanity, to send me e-mails with pictures of the houses," she said. "I have also left the contact information for the next NCO Academy class. I'm stationed with one of the incoming students for the next class and let her know what we did so that they can continue with what we started."

"I saw the images of what had happened, but I figured that the footage was from months ago and that everything was better ... "

— Sergeant Pirkl

called the Habitat for Humanity office about volunteering and they were able to give her information.

"I mentioned that we would like to do what we could, and they told me someone from Virginia was headed

to Biloxi to help out with houses," she said. "It worked out perfectly."

The 30 students worked on three different houses in Biloxi on three different Saturdays, said Sergeant Pirkl.

"One of the houses had

minimal damage; all we needed to do was install floor boards," he said. "The other two really needed work."

"We had to put up wall-board, then paint the second house," Sergeant Pirkl continued. "The third house we had to rip out and then re-install

Air Force women, men shine at volleyball championships

By Steve Brown

Air Force Services Agency

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — The Air Force women took top honors and the men came in second at the 2006 Armed Forces Volleyball Championship here May 11 to 18.

The Air Force women beat Army in their first match — 25-13, 25-16 and 25-13.

Kristin Huit, Vance Air Force Base, Okla., made 34 assists. Molly Stowers, Eglin AFB, Fla., had 14 kills, while Alice Bartek Aviano Air Base, Italy, added eight. Dawn Rawlins, Patrick AFB, Fla., and Shaylor Billings, Vance AFB, each had seven kills.

Huit, Rawlins and Gina Marino, Air Force Academy, Colo., each had two aces. The Air Force women won their second match of the day, defeating the Marines, 25-18, 19-25, 25-13 and 25-21.

Navy then played Air Force in a tough five-game match, taking the first game, 25-20. The Air Force came back in the second, 25-16. Air Force lost, 24-26, before winning, 25-16 and 15-11. Monika Johncour, Randolph AFB, Texas, excelled in this match.

On the third day, Air Force dispatched Army, 25-16, 25-23 and 25-19. They then beat the Marine Corps, 25-20, 25-12 and 25-21.

The final day opened with Air Force and Navy. Air Force won the first game 25-21, which included two serving aces from Cassie Sepulveda, Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

The trend continued as Air Force won 25-22. The third and final game saw Air Force edge Navy, 25-22.

Final records in the women's championship were Air Force 6-0, Navy 4-2, Army 2-4, and Marine Corps 0-6.

Four members of the Air Force women's team were named to the all-tournament team — Johncour, Huit, Rawlins and Stowers.

Stowers, Marino and Sepulveda will remain on site for the 2006 Conseil International du

Sport Militaire Volleyball Championship, Friday through June 21.

On the first day of men's play, Army beat Air Force — 25-18, 25-22, 20-25, 18-25 and 15-13. Jamie Cummins, Eglin AFB, had 38 assists.

Chris Rice, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, had 14 kills, while Thomas Klemas, Hanscom AFB, Mass., and Steven Lorenzo, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, had 13 and 10 respectively.

The Air Force then beat the Marine Corps 25-20, 25-18, 23-25 and 25-16.

Cummins had 38 assists and Lorenzo made 12 kills. Both Klemas and Miguel Garcia, Patrick AFB, had nine kills, while Kailii Kahele, Hickam AFB, had eight. Aaron Lacar, Hill AFB, Utah, contributed many saves during this match and the tournament.

The Navy then defeated Air Force 28-26, 25-20 and 25-21.

The Air Force men once again came up short when they lost to Army — 25-20, 21-25, 25-21 and 25-19. Shawn Manning, Luke AFB, Ariz., had 25 assists in the final three games. Rice had 13 kills while Lorenzo had five blocks.

The Air Force men returned to their winning ways over the Marine Corps, 29-27, 22-25, 25-9 and 25-22. Manning had 41 assists, while Klemas had 12 kills, four blocks and three aces. Garcia had 12 kills and five blocks, Miguel Vallejo, Hickam AFB, had nine kills and Kevin Szymanski, Hickam AFB, had eight.

Air Force and the Navy entered the match with identical 2-3 records. Manning had 27 assists. Szymanski had 11 kills and Klemas had eight. Garcia matched Klemas' eight kills and also contributed six point-gaining blocks. The final game scores for the Air Force men's team was 25-21, 25-20 and 25-18.

Final men's standings were Army 5-1, Air Force 3-3, and Navy and Marine Corps, 2-4.

Lacar was the only Air Force player selected to the all-tournament team. He, Constancio Torres, Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Lorenzo were selected to the Armed Forces CISM Team.

SCORES AND MORE

Fitness centers

Blake Fitness Center — open 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 — open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays.

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

Free water aerobic classes — 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and thursdays at the main pool. Participants without a pool pass must pay to use the pool.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker.

Two-for-one golf lessons — schedule a half-hour les-

son for \$25 and receive a second half-hour lesson free. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Outdoor recreation

Father's Day special — June 18. Free rod and reel rental for dads.

Fishing trip to oil rigs — Saturdays. \$100 per person. For reservations, call 377-3160.

Youth center

Three-on-three soccer — accepting late registration for ages 5-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. 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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GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 06-4

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Charles Knott Jr.

81st Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. David Helms.

81st Dental Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Patricia Reece.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Tammy Dubbels and Shane Fountain.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Keri Bernhardt (distinguished graduate), Alfred Smith and James Tew.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Carmaneta Dixon.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgts. James Dykes and Chad Smith.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Christopher Craig.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Eugene Berg and Patrick Key (distinguished graduate).

333rd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Christopher Geiger and Velma Green.

334th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Shane Grosso (distinguished graduate).

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Michael Marston.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Jeremy Griffin, Waddell Reese and Joshua Reynolds.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. William Catts (John Levitow Award), Dwayne Maurice, Brian McIntier and Kevin Wilkins.

HONORS

Student honor roll

335th Training Squadron

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Lacey Harrier, Jennifer Hughes, Ashleigh Tysdal and Vanessa Wilson; Airmen Bonnie Lynch and Daniel McMillan; Airman 1st Class Valencia Randolph; Senior Airman Steve Remy; Staff Sgts. Emery Blanchard, Thomas Caracane, Amanda King, Catherine Morris, Jose Santiago and Ryan Siefert; Tech. Sgts. Tammy Coates and William Fulkerson.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Miller, Jason Pedicord, Neal Phoeteama and Jared VanOrman; Airmen James Brown and Lance Weston;

Airmen 1st Class Daniel Routier, Mark Withers and Brandon Zahn; Senior Airmen Gene Pabst, Christopher Petro and Amber Stanley; Staff Sgts. Robert Beuparland, Brad Brophil, Steven Maestas, Delone Rush and Jeffrey Wills; Tech. Sgts. Kodie Killian and Rodney Thompson; Tracy Mangino.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Benjamin Nelson, Ian Reyes and Tyrone Stroman; Airman Christina Crayton; Airmen 1st Class Gustavo Reyes and Christopher Tran; Senior Airman Joshua Eldridge; Staff Sgts. Gary Johnson and Michael Tabisola; Tech. Sgt. Scott Shields.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Michael Box, Kenneth Dawson, Adam Glovoval, Marques Moore, Zachary Payne, Jason Rodriguez and Kyle Waddle; Airmen Abigail Bjorkman, Aaron Bray, Dillon Davis, Joshua Donate, Caleb Jones, Justin Moore, Matthew Smither, Christopher Stroup and Jeremy Whitecotton; Airmen 1st Class Luchezzi Abbott, Kyle Amburn, Walter Anderson, Dustin Brown, Andrew DeBardelaben, Ceven Epps, Danoel Fernandez, Shane Flot, Gabriel Flynn, Kenneth Fray, Jason Hart, Joseph Hill, Randall Hodkin, James Jennings, Davis Mosby, Jermy Page, Jerry Priddy, Joseph David Quitano, Joel Rodriguez, Francisco Rosa, Nicholas Rudder, Ryan Underwood and Nathan Welch; Senior Airmen Steven Bik, Dion Rives and Michael Schmidt; Staff Sgt. Steven Bolli; Tech. Sgts. Tyrone Grant and Matthew Norris; Master Sgt. Clay Hardy.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 06-D** — graduation June 15.
- Class 06-E** — July 12-Aug. 12.
- Class 06-F** — Aug. 24-Sept. 29.
- Class 06-G** — Aug. 7- Sept. 14.
- Class 06-H** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.
- Class 07-1** — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-5 — Monday-July 20.

Arts and crafts center

Cruise-in — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, auto hobby shop. For more information, call 377-3872.

Summer youth camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. \$25 per week.

Scrapbooking — 1 p.m. June 16. \$15 including supplies for two-page layout; bring photos.

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. June 17. \$10 including supplies. Father's Day project; parent must accompany ages 7 or younger.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. June 24. \$25 including first firing.

Macrame — for information on new class, call 377-2821.

Beginners woodworking — 5 -7:30 p.m. June 28. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5 p.m. Friday or June 23. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or June 24. New project each month.

Framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 30. \$25.

Engraving shop — custom items for gifts, mementos and squadron awards.

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

Vehicle resale lot — corner of M and T Streets; buy, sell or trade privately-owned vehicles. For more information, call 377-2821.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	Welch Auditorium
:05	AAFES Furniture Store
:08	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall
:10	Thomson Hall
:11	New Cody Hall
:13	Supply, civil engineering
:14	Shoppette
:16	Shaw House
:17	Muse Manor
:19	McBride Library
:21	Medical center, Tyer House
:22	Sablich Center
:23	Dental clinic
:24	Allee and Wolfe Halls
:25	Base operations
:27	Hangar 4

Technical training route

5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

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

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.
For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass
Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.
Daily Mass
Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship
Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.
For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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McBride Library

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

Flower festival — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 2-5.

Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Block party — noon to 5 p.m. June 24 for nonprior service students only.

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

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

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Board games, ping pong tournament and more.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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

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

Katrina Kantina

Cook your own steak night — 5 p.m. June 29.

Youth center

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

Taekwondo — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Summer camp/clinics registration — archery, track and field, basketball and cheerleading. For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen extreme camps registrations — FitFactor; Kids for Broadway Theater; Lights, Camera, Action; Extreme Adventure; Understanding Me/Understanding You; Weird Science; Backyard Mississippi and Teen Warrior. For more information, call 377-4116.

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. Monday, ages 14-21.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. today and June 17.

Free home alone safety workshop — 6 p.m. June 15, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child.

Three-on-three soccer registration — accepting late registrations, ages 5-12.

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

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

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

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 — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Torch Club — 3 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.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. Monday-Wednesday, 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.vba.va.gov/efit/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>.

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818.

Brochures — information on area and out-of-state attractions.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Harrell, president, 377-2293, or e-mail keesler.aaddofficers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 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>.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the 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 Spouses Club — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, president, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.geocities.com/keeslersc/KSC.html>.

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

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community

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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 almonde, 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

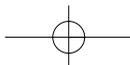
Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

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 — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, 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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Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, president, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, Keesler NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shanda Yarborough, 377-3653, or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-7924.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

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

Keesler Medical Center phones

Editor's note: As of June 15, these 81st Medical Group phone numbers change as the new phone system is phased in:

81st Medical Operations Squadron command section — 376-3304.

Allergy clinic — 376-0391.

Audiology, speech pathology and ear, nose and throat — 376-0418 and 0419.

Cardiovascular — 376-6663.

Chiropractic clinic — 376-0446.

Coumadin clinic — 376-3494.

Customer relations — 376-3092.

Dermatology — 376-0458.

Flight medicine — 376-3132, 3135, 3136 and 3137.

Life skills — 376-0383.

Medical law — 376-3008.

Nutritional medicine — 376-0466 and 0467.

Occupational and physical therapy — 376-0464.

Ophthalmology clinic — 376-0453.

Orthopedics — 376-0428.

Outpatient records — 376-4735.

Public affairs — 376-3018.

Radiology — 376-0481.

Surgery — 376-0424.

Thoracic surgery — 1-866-801-2266.

Triangle annex — 376-0324.

Tricare office — 376-4752.

Women's health — 376-0172.

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.

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