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Tech. Sgt. Thomas O'Connell, 81st Training Support Squadron, left, scans Staff Sgt. Priscilla Hall's identification card at the Dolan Hall shelter June 22. Sergeant Hall is in the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Base passes first test of plan since slammed by Katrina

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler passed the first test of its response to weather threats last week during the first hurricane exercise since Hurricane Katrina slammed the base Aug. 29.

The scenario kicked off June 15 as fictional Tropical Storm Michael formed off the coast of Jamaica with 40 mph winds.

By the time Keesler personnel showed up for work June 19, Michael had been upgraded to a Category 3 hurricane with 115 mph winds, sending the base into hurricane condition 4, which signals a storm's expected arrival within 72 hours.

The exercise progressed to HURCON 3 June 20 as Michael strengthened to Category 4 with 138 mph winds. According to the scenario, Michael was expected to make landfall along the Mississippi and Louisiana coast. However, the hurricane

made a turn on June 21 and veered away from Keesler. The exercise was terminated June 22.

"All organizations performed well and showed they are prepared," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Cavanaugh, exercise evaluation team superintendent.

Last week was the first physical exercise of any kind for the 81st Training Wing since Hurricane Katrina, according to Sergeant Cavanaugh.

"Keesler had been granted an exercise waiver that expired May 31," Sergeant Cavanaugh explained. "The scenario was designed to exercise the capabilities of our personnel to respond to increased hurricane conditions. Although the exercise hurricane turned away from Keesler and the Gulf Coast, we were able to demonstrate that we are ready if a storm

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This week in the Triangle

Computer networking cryptographic, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.
Communications officer network, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Network administration applications, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Certificate authority workstation-system administrator, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.
Air traffic control, 8 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Friday, weather training complex.
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.



May Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,880

Non-prior service — 2,224

Temporary duty — 1,639

Combat controllers — 17

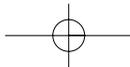
Non-prior service arrivals — 142

Guard, Reserve — 1,055

International — 27

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 17,639

Total since 1942 — 2,225,711



COMMENTARY

Use words, ideas, actions to inspire others – not rank

By Col. Daniel Ciechanowski

91st Operations Group commander

MINOT Air Force Base, N.D. — Your supervisor comes into the office and demands that you have Airman Jones' enlisted performance report finished by close of business "or else!"

So, you do as you're told. It's not your best effort, but at least the boss will be off your back.

Months later, your new supervisor tells you he really wants you to finish Airman Smith's EPR today. He explains that he attended last month's senior airman below-the-zone promotion board and watched a great Airman lose out on early promotion because of a missing EPR. He knows the next board will happen soon and says Airman Smith has really impressed him. He offers to help you prepare the EPR.

Who would you prefer to work for, Boss 1 or Boss 2?

The answer seems obvious. While there are times when immediate action is required, I believe we use rank and direct orders as a crutch too frequently in lieu of more effective means of communication.

Let's dissect the approach used by Boss 2. He employed four techniques that make up what professor David Gergen, author of *Eyewitness to Power*, calls the art of successful persuasion:

Credibility that assures — What gives the boss credibility in this case? First, the Air Force granted him authority by naming him your boss. Additionally, he's served on promotion boards and has acquired inside knowledge of the process.

When combined, these elements attest to his credibility and assure the subordinate. Yet the most important ways a supervisor can earn trust aren't based on rank. Technical knowledge and personal proficiency give his subordinates a reason to take him seriously. Developing trust and confidence is essential if he wants to be effective.

Empathy that bonds — The boss uses

empathy next to demonstrate the impact of not getting the EPR done on time. He tugs at your emotions. Does it bother you that someone lost out on early promotion because an EPR wasn't done on time? How would you feel if this happened to you?

Be careful not to overuse empathy. You can only play on heartstrings so many times, but when used very sparingly, empathy can be effective.

Explanations that inform — Boss 2 compliments Airman Smith's performance and explains his plans to push the Airman for early promotion; therefore, he needs the EPR immediately. We can inspire action by providing background information and logical arguments.

When you tell people to "just do it" without an explanation, they're not encouraged to do their best. By demonstrating the importance of an action, persuasion becomes an easy task.

Words, actions that inspire — Getting your own hands dirty can often incite action. Some leaders are great speakers and can use flowery language to motivate. Most of us can't write or speak in glittering prose, but we can all act. When we offer to pitch in and work with our troops, nine times out of 10 they respond with enthusiasm and commitment.

You now have some new tools to try out the next time your unit is assigned a tough task. Remember persuasion first, direct orders last.

Build your credibility by becoming an expert. Cautiously appeal to an Airman's sense of empathy, but more often, explain your decisions using logic, conviction and factually-based arguments. Use words, ideas and actions to inspire, and don't be afraid to lend a hand.

If one approach doesn't work, try another, but don't give in to the urge to pull rank. The ability to be more persuasive makes you a more effective person in the office and in all aspects of life.

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.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

ASSIST

ROTC cadets get birds-eye view of Air Force life

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sixty ROTC cadets have been getting an introduction to "the real Air Force" this summer while they're at Keesler for Aerospace 100 special training, commonly referred to as the ASSIST program.

Three sessions with 12 cadets each took place during June. Two more sessions are July 10-14 and 17-21.

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

The cadets, representing different colleges and universities, are accompanied by a field grade officer and a noncommissioned officer.

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

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

Schedules varied from group to group, and included a windshield overview of the base, a tour of Biloxi, a presentation on family support services, an introduction to the combat control career field and a meeting with chief master sergeants to share a senior enlisted perspective with the future officers.

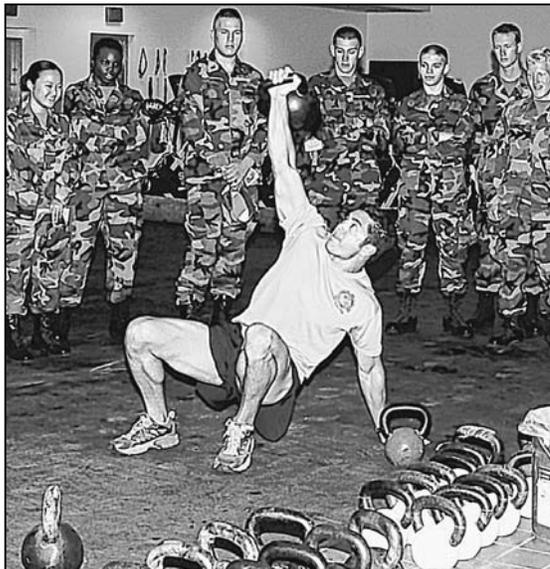
The cadets also visited chapels, fitness and recreation facilities, the military working dog compound, retail facilities and the air traffic control tower.

Part of the week was spent shadowing individual company grade officers on the job. One group pitched in with hurricane repairs in a Biloxi home.

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



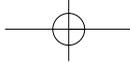
Cadets Yoo-Na Hwang, left, and Jessica Elliott check out a dropsonde used by the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to record weather data during hurricane missions prior to an incentive flight June 21. Cadet Hwang is a sophomore at the University of Hawaii, and Cadet Elliott is a freshman at Fayetteville State University, N.C.



Staff Sgt. Michael Sciortino, a combat control instructor in the 334th Training Squadron, demonstrates how combat controllers use kettle bell weights to work out in their weight room in Locker House to a group of ROTC cadets June 20.



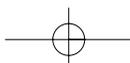
Photos by Kemberly Groue
Cadet Daniel Carter, a junior at the University of Memphis, Tenn., hammers a board into place inside a house being repaired at 199 Hoxie Street, Biloxi, June 7. The house sustained major damage during Hurricane Katrina last summer.



In memory of Midway

Navy Petty Officers 2nd Class Terry West, left, and Marcus Caldwell carry a wreath during the Keesler Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit's Battle of Midway observance, Friday. The unit's permanent party members "manned the rails" in Allee Hall's south passageway in their summer white uniforms for a ceremony that recalled highlights of the June 1942 battle, considered the turning point of World War II in the Pacific. The event included comments by Cmdr. Ken Schwingshaki, the unit's commander, a wreath-laying ceremony and playing of Taps.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group awards ceremony for the second quarter is 3:30 p.m. July 12 in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Capt. Tom Styles, 377-3216, or Tech. Sgt. Heather Watson, 377-5511.

Drill downs, parades

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

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

Drill downs — 7 a.m. Aug. 11 and Oct. 20.

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

Club scholarships

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

Membership Scholarship Program.

For more information, visit <http://www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm>.

Submit entries by July 14 to Donald Cook, 81 MSG/SV, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Keesler AFB, MS, 39534.

Tuition aid change

Effective Saturday, Air Force tuition assistance pays only for reimbursable fees associated with a class.

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Center's site when applying for tuition assistance.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Supply classes

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

To schedule a class, call 377-2270.



Dark Knights' new leader

Lt. Col. Stacy Yike, left, new commander of the 338th Training Squadron, talks to Staff Sgt. Rafael Lara, a ground radio student about communication equipment used on deployments for tactical air control party missions. Colonel Yike, previously the special assistant to the director for joint plans and programs at the Pentagon, assumed command June 22 from Lt. Col. Christopher Cook, who led the squadron for two years. He's now the action group's deputy division chief for the deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for international affairs at the Pentagon.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

NEWS AND FEATURES

There goes the neighborhood

Buck Vice from D&G Contractors of North Carolina uses a trackhoe to demolish a home in Maltby Hall housing area Monday. D&G is a subcontractor for Earth Tech, the overall demolition contractor hired by the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence to level 976 units to make way for new housing. In this phase of the project, homes are also being torn down in Northwest Falcon Park and North Thrower Park. The construction contract for the new housing is expected to be signed in mid-July.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Communicators' crisis response team wins Air Force award for Katrina actions

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The 81st Communications Squadron's crisis response team earned an Air Force communications and information award for its support of Keesler during Hurricane Katrina.

The Gen. Edwin Rawlings Award for 2005 recognizes a team that performs one-time, non-recurring special acts associated with special projects, process improvements, short- or long-term endeavors that significantly improve communications and information support to Air Force and/or Department of Defense missions and operations.

Keesler's team, comprised of four Air Force specialty codes and seven different ranks, provides vital technical skills before, during and after a disaster.

Among the team's accomplishments:

Assisted in assessing infrastructure damage and securing \$4.5 million for sustaining assets.

Coordinated shutdown of servers during flooding of Keesler Medical Center.

Saved 39 different pieces of communications equipment in 13 different offices, saving \$12,000 in damages.

Transformed shelter areas into workplaces by installing 19 network drops for 2nd Air Force.

Kept network operations running for the crisis action team, resolving 57 customer problems in two days while sheltered.

Enabled doctors to talk with the CAT after

flooding killed the medical center's remote telephone switch, helping doctors coordinate patient care and arrange evacuation of critical care patients.

Restored network services to 23 Keesler facilities within one hour of power restoration, enabling units to return to full operations.

Kept DSN telephone lines active when technicians pumped four feet of water out of the cable vault for nine hours so the 81st Training Wing could verify the safety of 6,006 personnel sheltered in seven facilities and maintain the link to Air Staff and major commands.

Worked with the local postmasters for alternate delivery of mail and restored 100 percent postal service six weeks after the storm.

Maintained network services for the entire wing, despite the hurricane lifting the roof of the 81st CS facility six inches.

Helped the 97th Air Expeditionary Group begin essential support of the Joint Task Force Katrina mission, assisting more than 7,000 humanitarian relief sorties flown.

Created an official use call plan using four other bases, enabling the CAT to make commercial calls when local service failed.

Rewired CAT electrical room to restore power when the generator failed.

Installed communications for expeditionary medical support tent.

Rewired a building slated for demolition to help restore critical military personnel flight functions.

IN THE NEWS

Work schedule change

The compressed work schedule day off scheduled for Friday has been moved to Monday at the direction of Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander.

Friday becomes an eight-hour work day for military and civilians in the wing. July 7 is a nine-hour work day, according to Hermon Smith, the civilian personnel flight's employee management services element chief. Leave taken on these days must take these hours into consideration.

Medical center updates

81st Medical Group

Training for AHLTA, the new electronic health record system for the medical center beneficiaries, continues through Monday, temporarily reducing access to health care appointments.

The chiropractic clinic is now in the Arnold Annex. The phone number is 377-0800.

The Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system is operational for some 81st Medical Group clinics and offices. For a list of phone numbers, including new 376 prefix, see Page 25.

Credit union building reopens

The Larcher Boulevard branch of Keesler Federal Credit Union reopened June 22 with regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. Drive-up service is available for an additional 30 minutes.

KFCU has been operating out of a trailer since mid-October because of damage from Hurricane Katrina, according to branch manager Connie Ziz.

Fair housing assistance available

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in any housing transaction based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center, 15105 Lemoyne Blvd., Suite 1-A, in North Biloxi offers free services to eliminate housing discrimination.

For more information, call 396-4008.

Parking lot closes

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed July 19 for drill evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, the lot's open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Cliff Nicholson, 377-2780.

Sewer line construction

Work begun this week to construct sewer lines near the corner of Phantom and Hercules streets is expected to take two months and may close traffic lanes periodically.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Duane Sanders, 697-5357.

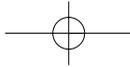
No Keesler News July 6

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

This year, that week is Monday through July 7.

The newspaper office is closed Monday and Tuesday, and open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and July 6 and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 7.

Publication resumes with the July 13 issue.



81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron welcomes new commander July 6

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron welcomes a new commander July 6 as Col. (Dr.) David Rhodes relinquishes command of the unit to Col. (Dr.) Michael Johnson.

The ceremony is at 9 a.m. in the 815th Airlift Squadron auditorium.

Colonel Johnson comes to Keesler from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he commanded the optometry flight and was deputy commander of the 88th AMDS.

The colonel earned his doctorate degree in optometry from the Michigan State College of Optometry at Ferris State University in 1983.

Colonel Johnson was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in 1979 and entered active duty in 1983.

He's an internationally published author with a number of scientific papers in various professional journals and is an adjunct faculty member of two colleges of optometry. He was the major contributing author to the Air Force Optometry Handbook and edited Air Force Instruction 44-117, Optometry Instruction, the vision portion of Air Force Pamphlet 44-133 and the policy letter outlining the Aviator Contact Lens Program. He's an inventor of ophthalmic instruments and has designed several clinics.

In 1993, Colonel Johnson was Air Force and Air Education and Training Command's Optometrist of the Year.

Colonel Rhodes' new assignment is commander of the 16th Medical Group at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Exercise,

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actually heads our way.

"Materials to harden the critical facilities and shelters are on hand, meals ready-to-eat are ready to be delivered if necessary and our HURCON database functioned as expected," he continued.

Under normal circumstances, all base units participate in HURCON exercises. However, if circumstances prevent a unit from fully participating, it's exempted from those portions that would impede the accomplishment of its mission.

"For example, academic training is almost never disrupted for an exercise," Sergeant Cavanaugh pointed out.

As the exercise unfolded, "we didn't observe any significant shortcomings," Sergeant Cavanaugh said. "People need to continue to be prepared for changes that may come about. A good example is pet sheltering. Once Michael became a Category 4 hurricane, the decision was made not to allow sheltering of pets (on base). People need to have an alternative if this should happen for real."

Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, observed, "Safety of our folks and their dependents is our No. 1 priority, and

Officials: Air Force ready

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — With Hurricanes Katrina and Rita still fresh on their minds, Air Force officials stand ready to face anything Mother Nature may throw at them this hurricane season.

"We provide first-in, last-out support for humanitarian crises and natural disasters," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "Airmen excelled at accomplishing a difficult mission under chaotic circumstances last year, and we're even more prepared this year because we learned many valuable lessons from those experiences. We're better prepared to protect the public."

From communications to logistics to airlift, many components came together in response to the hurricanes that slammed the Gulf Coast and devastated Keesler last year. The Air Force response was one of the first major "total force" operations experienced on American soil.

In support of Katrina and Rita relief efforts, Air Force aircrews delivered more than 12,000 tons of supplies and evacuated about 3,800 patients by air, while more than 29,000 evacuee passengers were flown out of the devastated regions.

Air Force medics treated more than 16,000 people, and more than 6,900 people were rescued, making Katrina efforts the largest search-and-rescue operation since Vietnam.

Expeditionary combat support Airmen delivered 92 tons of relief supplies to Keesler and helped deliver 182,640 meals ready-to-eat and 242,507 gallons of water.

"Many units supporting the effort were combined, from active, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve," said General Moseley.

we're taking every measure to ensure all safety and accountability options are examined. Of course, we have to be prepared for anything that Mother Nature sends our way.

"We have a plan, and it's a good one that's been tested

during Katrina and other storms that targeted this area," the colonel added. "We need to stay alert, fine-tune our preparations and remain flexible for the inevitable changes that accompany real-world events."



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.

Data theft measures

Air Force Print News
RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — In an additional effort to help Airmen substantiate their status, the Air Force Personnel Center e-mails active-duty, Guard and Reserve members potentially affected by the Veterans Affairs data theft.

The center notifies individuals based on the information provided by the VA. This is in addition to the AFPC Web site, which gives active-duty, Guard and Reserve members the opportunity to check their status themselves. All others potentially affected, including Air Force retirees, should contact the VA.

For the latest information on this issue and for information on how to protect against identity theft, visit First Gov, the Government's official Web portal, or call the VA call center, 1-800-333-4636.

Force shaping preparations

In preparation for the next officer force-shaping board in the spring, officers are encouraged check their education levels in the virtual military personnel flight.

To correct errors, e-mail the Air Force Institute of Technology's Academic Coding Branch, afit.coding@afit.edu, or send an official transcript from the college or university to AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

Reading list additions

Air Force Print News
WASHINGTON — Five books have been added to the Air Force chief of staff reading list:

Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, by James M. McPherson.

The First Heroes: The Extraordinary Story of the Doolittle Raid, America's First World War II Victory, by Craig Nelson.

The Persian Puzzle: The Conflict Between Iran and America, by Ken Pollack.

Airpower Against Terror: America's Conduct of Operation Enduring Freedom, by Benjamin Lambeth.

Eddie Rickenbacker: An American Hero in the Twentieth Century, by W. David Lewis.

The reading list can be accessed at <http://www.af.mil/library/csafreading>. The books are also available through Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and Air Force libraries.

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.

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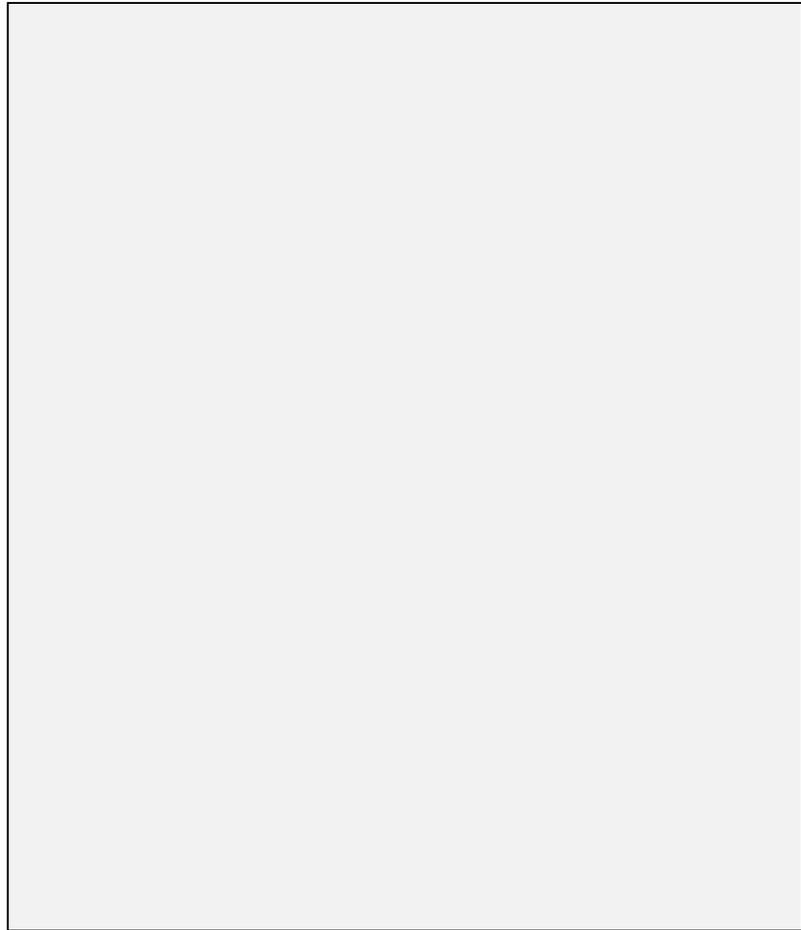
Base improves safety record in fiscal 2005
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The 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights...

Their first look at Keesler
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New money man



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Senior Airman Robert Anderson, left, 81st Comptroller Squadron, explains the finance self-service terminal to Lt. Col. Robert Gurner, 81st CPTS commander, at the Vosler Training Facility June 23. Colonel Gurner assumed command of the squadron June 13, replacing Maj. Richard Fogg. He comes to Keesler after serving as the comptroller at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Major Fogg is now comptroller at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

3 majors selected for promotion

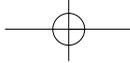
Three Keesler majors were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel Tuesday.

81st Operations Support Flight — Larry Evers.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Alexis Sotomayor.

332nd Training Squadron — James O'Donnell.

Air Force-wide, 1,063 majors were selected for promotion and in Air Education and Training Command, 447 were selected.



Rising VI commander's call issues addressed

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, fielded questions from Rising VI Association members at their recent commander's call.

These are the responses to five questions that required additional research:

The first question focused on when entitlements start if a person is on convalescent leave and an evacuation order is given.

When a member is on convalescent leave, evacuation entitlements don't begin until the end of the convalescent leave. In the case of maternity leave, this could be a significant amount of time.

Commanders have the capability to end a member's convalescent leave and place that member on temporary duty status in order to start evacuation entitlements. However, each situation is treated on a case-by-case basis.

If a member is convalescing in the local area and an evacuation has been ordered, it makes sense to end the leave and place the member on TDY orders. If a member is convalescing outside the local area, away from the threat of a hurricane, it doesn't make sense to end the leave. Once the convalescent leave ends, evacuation entitlements start.

Another question referred to a fitness center survey that expressed interest in paid aerobics classes versus free classes.

Air Education and Training Command informed the 81st Services Division that there's no fiscal 2007 funding for fitness class instruction.

In an effort to continue offering the classes, the 81st SVD is asking its customers if they're interested in paying a small fee.

Using personal service contracts for individual instructors and charging a small fee per class (or per month) to pay the instructors may be one way to continue the service.

The "opinion-meter" survey gives the 81st SVD valuable information about which types of classes are most valued by customers and whether customers are willing to pay for the service.

The survey was conducted at Dragon Fitness Center for 10 days. It's being repeated for 10 days at Blake Fitness Center.

For more information, call Linda Marinovich, 377-8380, or Tom Golden, 377-1597.

Someone asked if having high-speed Internet access in lodging is possible.

The MidAtlantic Broadband Co. is currently adding such access in lodging. This contractor provided all equipment and maintenance at no cost to the Air Force. Installation of wiring is 65 percent complete and an initial shipment of 500 modems has arrived.

Depending on the availability of modems, installation should be complete by the end of July. A shortage of modems has caused some delays in the

project, which was originally scheduled for completion in May. The contractor has installed wireless HSI in the pit area of Muse Manor at no cost until the project is completed.

A two-part question first asked why a member was told his damaged patio fence couldn't be repaired or replaced. The second part dealt with the possibility of salvaging materials from base housing units scheduled for demolition to be used on damaged occupied homes.

According to 81st Civil Engineer Squadron officials, fence repairs were stopped as a result of funding constraints and the planned demolition of affected homes. Instead, the 81st CES focuses its attention on fences deemed safety hazards. With housing office approval, occupants may remove fence materials from homes scheduled for demolition.

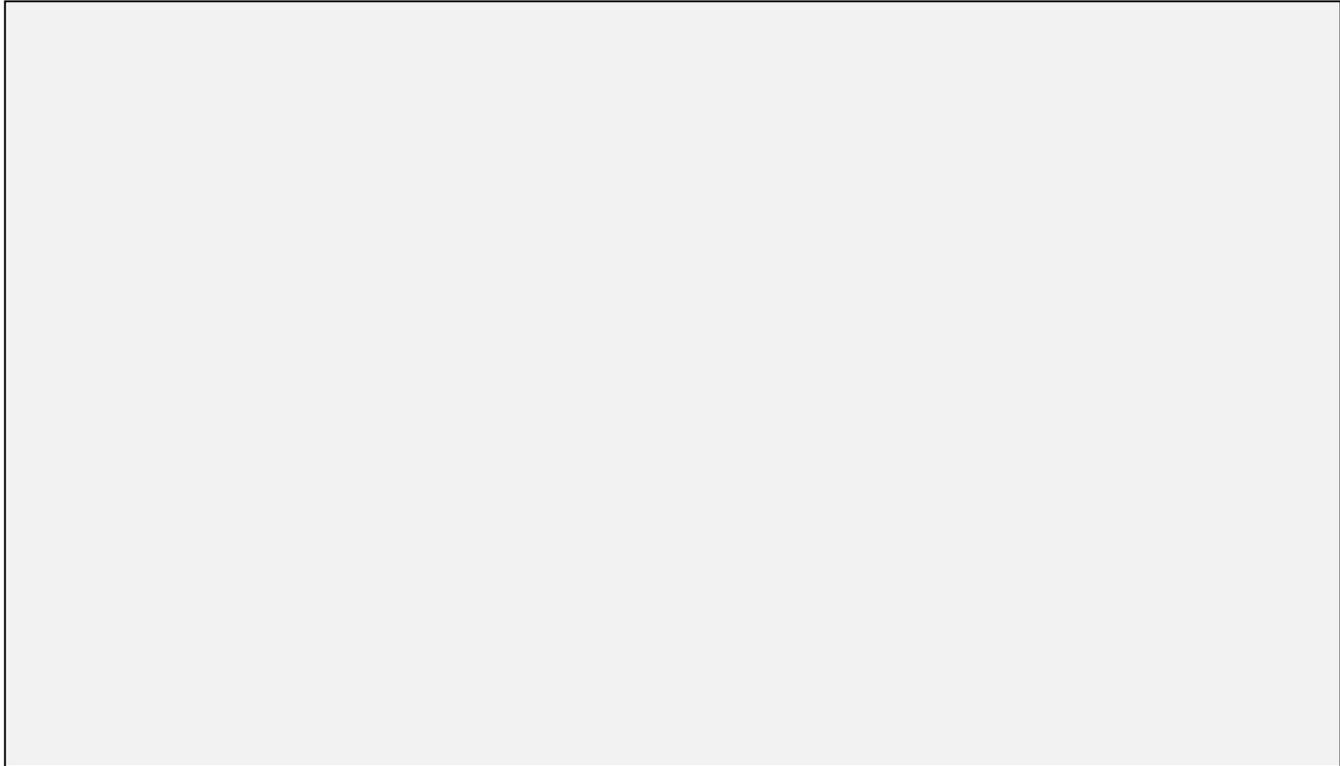
The maintenance contractor retrieves and stockpiles materials from homes scheduled for short-term demolition.

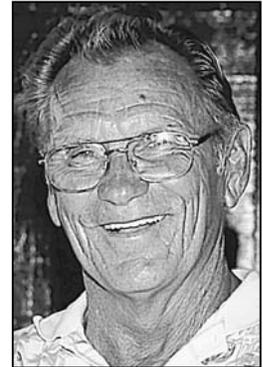
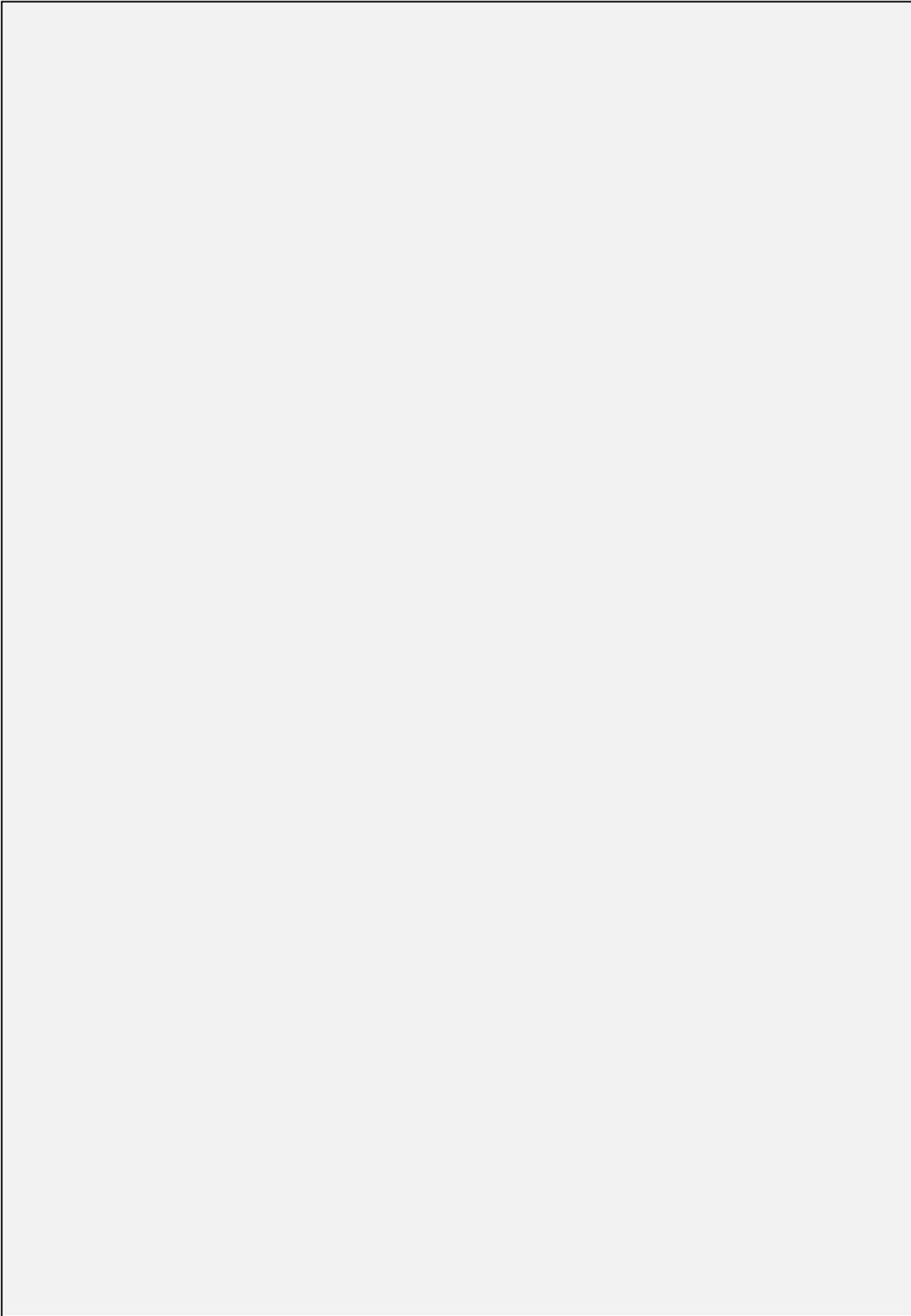
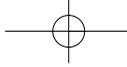
For more information, call the housing office, 377-9741.

The final question concerned moving the next motorcycle safety course from August to an earlier date.

Classes are proceeding as scheduled and none have been cancelled. Class dates: basic course, July 11-13, Aug. 15-17 and Sept. 12-14; experienced course, July 6, Aug. 8 and Sept. 6.

For more information, call John King, 377-2007.





Mr. Horton

Lights out – electrician ends 33-year career

81st Civil Engineer Squadron

Edward Horton Jr. retires from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron Monday with more than 33 years of federal service at Keesler.

He came to the base in 1973 as an electrician's helper and became a junior electrician seven months later.

Mr. Horton was promoted to electrician in 1975 and moved into an electrician supervisory position in 1979. He spent 13 years managing the rotary conversion shop and maintaining the 400-cycle generators.

After the squadron's reorganization in 1993, he began working in Zone 1, which includes training facilities. He became the work leader in the alarm maintenance shop.

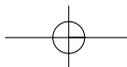
Mr. Horton completely revamped the fire and security alarm systems, standardizing them and bringing them up to modern specifications.

He was the resident expert on fire and security systems and reviewed designs and submissions for installation of all base fire suppression systems.

Mr. Horton resumed supervisory duties five years ago with a promotion to electrical systems supervisor responsible for management of power production and exterior electrical distribution systems.

He's received numerous time-off awards, 20 superior performance awards and several achievement awards.

His wife, Diana, works in the 336th Training Squadron.



Despite stormy start, 'Katrina baby' thrives

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

No, her name isn't Katrina. Sage Madison Post's dramatic birth at Keesler Medical Center during a cesarean section by flashlight as Hurricane Katrina stormed ashore became an inspirational story in the tumultuous days after the storm.

However, without the family's consent, federal regulations to protect the privacy of personal health information kept many details of the birth from being released.

A handwritten note and photos slipped under the door of the 81st Training Wing's public affairs office almost 10 months later filled in the blanks of the family's story.

"I started carrying around a copy of Sage's birth certificate because people acted like they didn't believe me when I told them about her delivery during Katrina," said Stephenie Post, wife of Senior Airman Aaron Post, 81st Transportation Squadron.

Scrambling for shelter

The Posts and their then-2-year-old daughter, Austin, joined other expectant parents who sheltered at Keesler Medical Center. Mrs. Post was 39 weeks pregnant and scheduled for a repeat cesarean section Aug. 30, the day after the hurricane pounded Keesler.

"We watched the trees in the wind through little windows as the storm blew in," she remembered. "Before the power went out, we were watching TV and playing X Box to keep from getting bored."

When the storm surge flooded the medical center's basement, the generators became inoperable and left the facility without power. Families had to drag their belongings upstairs in the dark to safety.

Tripping with a toddler

Mrs. Post carried Austin while her husband carried a portable crib and their hurricane supplies. Mrs. Post tripped with the toddler in her arms and her water broke, triggering labor.

"I had never experienced labor before," Mrs. Post explained. "My first two deliveries were planned C-sections, so I never experienced labor before."

Her first daughter, Brittney, who was born six years ago, "is in heaven now," she added.

The Posts and the medical team had decisions to make. There was no way to air-evac Mrs. Post because of the high winds. She could have proceeded with a vaginal delivery, but she'd been advised to have a repeat C-section. There are certain risks



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Life is getting back to normal for the Post family, now settled in a home on South Court Street in North Pinehaven military family housing area.

involved with any surgical procedure, even under optimal circumstances.

When Mrs. Post opted for the C-section, a team of about 50 medics and support personnel prepared the makeshift delivery room in the intensive care unit, performed the surgery and ensured the health and safety of the mother and child.

The ICU had windows where the afternoon sun provided some illumination.

Equipment had to be pushed about 500 feet down the dark hallways from the delivery room to the ICU. After furniture and equipment were rearranged, the floor was scrubbed and the walls were cleaned with anti-septic wipes to sanitize the area as much as possible. Sheets were taped up over the unit's windows to provide some sense of privacy.

"I wasn't really scared about the delivery — I was confident that these people knew what they were doing," Mrs. Post insisted. "But I was in a lot of pain, and I was ready for it to be over with."

The tiny room was packed with medics for the delivery, some holding industrial flashlights to provide as much illumination as possible.

For the second time, Airman Post

couldn't be present for his child's birth. When Austin was born, he was stationed in Korea. The makeshift delivery room was too crowded this time, so he waited down the hall with Austin.

"Considering what we were going through, the medical team was great," Mrs. Post said. "One lady was talking to me, putting me at ease and telling me everything that was going on."

The darkness, heat, humidity and lack of ventilation presented challenges during the delivery, but the medics did what they could to keep Mrs. Post comfortable.

The 8-pound, 9-ounce baby girl arrived at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 29. Not long after the storm had passed, the Posts and other medical patients were transported via a C-130 to Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, for follow-up care.

"We weren't allowed to return to our home to see what the storm had done or to get any of our things before we left," Mrs. Post noted. "After we were given the OK, we went to Oregon to stay with our families until things settled down."

The family's home in Harrison Court was flooded by Katrina's storm surge. They were able to salvage their bedroom furniture and some of

their clothing that was upstairs, but everything on the first floor was ruined.

"And we had moved a lot of things downstairs so that I wouldn't have to keep running up and down the stairs late in my pregnancy," Mrs. Post added.

The Post family moved into a vacant home in North Pinehaven that wasn't affected by the hurricane and began to put their lives back together. Their insurance covered the depreciated value of their possessions, not the replacement cost, but proceeds from a lawsuit that had been pending for several years finally came through and enabled them to replace their household belongings.

Mommy's hair, daddy's eyes

The baby's unusual name, Sage Madison, was chosen because Mrs. Post "wanted something original that wasn't hard to spell or pronounce. I let Aaron pick Austin's name because he was overseas when she was born."

Sage has her mom's dark hair and her dad's eyes and chubby cheeks. In spite of the stormy circumstances surrounding her birth, she has a sweet, sunny disposition.

"The people at the child development center just love her," said Mrs. Post, who's now attending a beauty college in Gulfport. "And Austin has learned so much there — she and Aaron just went to Oregon for three weeks to visit our families, and when she was around a cousin who was a little older than she was, it was obvious just how much she's learning at school."

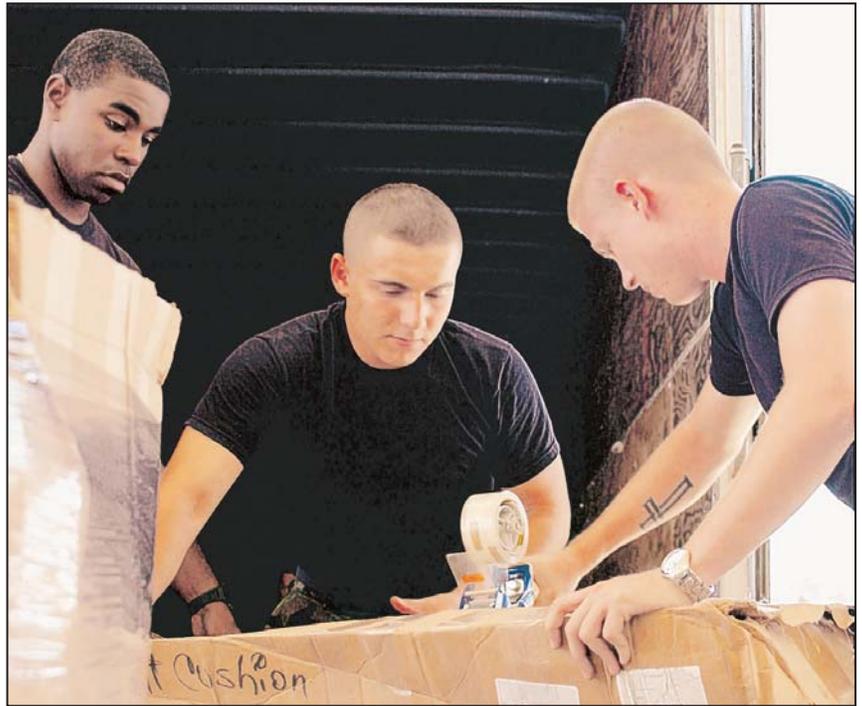
Ready to move on

An assignment nearer Oregon and away from hurricane country may be the deciding factor in whether Airman Post re-enlists or not. He's been in the Air Force almost seven years and at Keesler nearly two years, working as an auto paint and body technician. He says he's acquired a lot of skills that will serve him well, whether he remains in the military or reenters the civilian work force.

The Posts have a boat and enjoy water activities, but "I really miss snowboarding and winter sports," Airman Post pointed out.

"We wanted everyone to know that with all of the horrible things that Katrina did to Keesler, something really good came out of it — our daughter," Mrs. Post remarked. "She's a very happy, healthy baby, and her sister loves having a playmate. Trying to recover what we lost has been hard work and has kept us very busy, but we want to thank everyone who's helped our family."

Helping those helping others



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airmen Brian Gosha, left, and Yevgeny Ishchuk and Airman 1st Class Chelly Collings, students in the 336th Training Squadron, tape up boxed furniture in a Salvation Army warehouse in Biloxi June 21. The furniture is being distributed to Hurricane Katrina victims.



Airman Basic Danella McLaughlin, 338th TRS, helps pull weeds at the volunteer camp site.



Airman Billy Joe Gordon, 81st Supply Squadron, moves cinder blocks at the volunteer camp site for Urban Ministries June 23. Members of the First Term Airman's Center, along with recent FTAC graduates, helped beautify the area.

From commissary bagger to academy cadet

Son of instructor, clerk following his dream

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

A former Keesler commissary bagger began training at the Air Force Academy today in pursuit of his dream of becoming an Air Force officer.

Christopher Flynn recently finished the 10-month Air Force Academy preparatory school he said has given him the confidence to enter the academy's four-year program.

"The prep school is kind of a secret — not many people know about it," said the 19-year-old son of Kenneth Flynn, an instructor for the 338th Training Squadron's computer networking and cryptographic systems school, and Aree Flynn, a commissary cash clerk.

"I found out about it through (an Air Force Academy) liaison officer. When I applied, he said, 'Your (academic aptitude) scores are too great to be in a (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program, but they barely miss the academy (minimum required scores), so your best bet is to go to the prep school,'" he recalled.

Christopher said life at the prep school was rigorous.

"I'd say it was the entire four years of the academy compressed in one," he said. "Academics were a bit of a challenge — especially chemistry. (The staff) encouraged you in athletics — it was a big opportunity to get together as a team."

A 2005 graduate of Biloxi High School, Christopher began working as a commissary bagger in 2002 to earn money for college. He continued bagging groceries for commissary patrons until his senior year.

"I don't know how much money I earned," he said. "I gave it all to my mother as soon as I got it."

Christopher was a Junior ROTC cadet at Biloxi High, where he earned numerous awards. He also served as his squadron's commander, safety officer, special projects officer and information management officer.

Christopher was also a staff sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol prior to entering the academy prep school.

He said his father's Air Force career allowed him to connect with military life.

"I grew up around the Air Force," said Christopher. "I was always around the military, and I wanted to stay with it."

Mr. Flynn retired from active duty at Keesler in October 1999 as a master sergeant. At the time, he was the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the

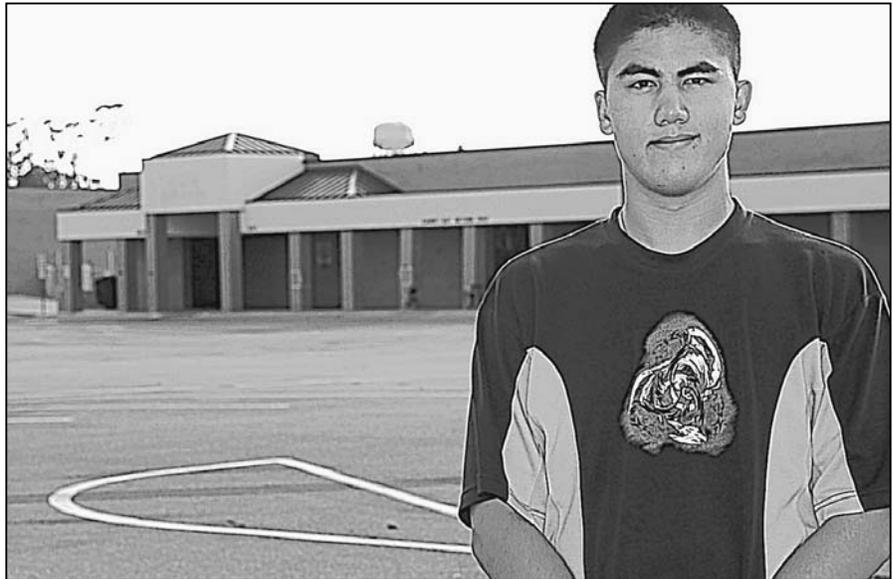


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Christopher bagged groceries for more than two years at the commissary (background).

respiratory therapy section of Keesler Medical Center. He's been an instructor as a civilian since July 2000.

Mrs. Flynn has worked at the commissary since 1993.

Christopher said being at the prep school when Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast added some stress for him and some fellow classmates.

"When it happened, we had just finished (basic training)," he said. "It really made a lot of us worried who had family down here.

"We did take a break from the Katrina mess by going to visit him," said Mr. Flynn. "Parents weekend at the academy happened to be Sept. 2-5."

Mr. Flynn said from the time Christopher returned from prep school, his son has helped the family repair storm damage at their home.

"Chris has been working very hard during his 'summer break,'" said his father. "He's been laying floor tile, doing plumbing and other storm repairs."

Christopher said he's considering training as a pilot, but he's also interested in engineering-related career fields.

"I'd say I'll probably stay for a career — I would say (at least) more than one term of service," he said. "I just love the lifestyle."

Preparing for academy

According to the Air Force Academy's Web site, the academy's prep school offers a preparatory program beginning in July and ending in May each academic year.

The program integrates academic preparation, military training, and athletic conditioning to develop those skills and character traits necessary to be successful at the academy in cadet candidates. The curriculum includes intensive instruction in math, English and basic sciences.

To qualify for an appointment, prep school students must successfully complete pre-prep school courses in academics and military training, pass a physical fitness test, exhibit strong ethical character, receive the recommendation of the prep-school commander, and be approved by the academy admissions board.

For more information on the prep school, go to <http://www.usafa.af.mil/?catname=Prep%20School>.

When you give blood, you give the gift of life.

Right people in right place at right time = life

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

A man collapses on a softball field, turns blue and stops breathing.

His teammates are trained in self-aid and buddy care. Medical personnel are playing on an adjacent field. A fire truck equipped with an automated external defibrillator is parked nearby.

What are the odds all those lifesaving elements would be at the Triangle softball complex at that moment May 31? Because they were, Staff Sgt. Darin Ginder, 35, 81st Transportation Squadron, is alive today.

The drama unfolded when the sergeant overran second base and dived back to the bag. He landed face down, one hand on the bag, and motionless. Not only was he called out by the umpire, he was unconscious.

Although medics and then firefighters who happened to be at the softball complex eventually stepped in, the first to come to Sergeant Ginder's aid were three teammates, 2nd Lt. Mark Williams and Nickie Bailey, 81st TRANS, and Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 81st Supply Squadron.

With help from other members of the team, the trio turned Sergeant Ginder onto his back.

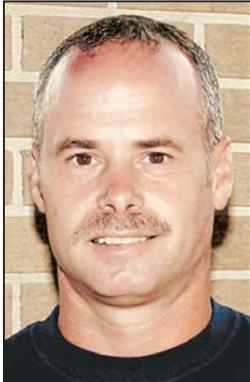
"His face was already fairly blue and his breathing stopped," Lieutenant Williams recalled.

Calling on their self-aid and buddy care training, the lieutenant, sergeant and civilian attempted to open Sergeant Ginder's mouth to clear any blockage from his airway. They were unsuccessful.

"He was lock-jawed," said Lieutenant Williams.

Ms. Bailey suggested cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which she and the lieutenant did.

Shortly, they turned Sergeant Ginder's care over to Master Sgt. Angelo Plaza and Airmen 1st Class Derek



First to Sergeant Ginder's aid were teammates, from left, Lieutenant Williams, Ms. Bailey and Sergeant Krejci.

Firefighters, from left, Mr. Smith, Mr. Martin and Mr. Chadwick, shocked the sergeant twice with an AED from their fire truck before turning his care over to an ambulance crew.

"The AED pads were placed on the patient's chest and I started monitoring his vitals. 'No sign of pulse ... shock advised,' was reported (by the AED), so I shocked him."

— Mr. Smith

Gablinske and Brett Wolfe. Sergeant Plaza, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and the two Airmen from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, scaled a 10-foot fence to get from an adjacent softball field to the scene. They continued CPR.

Ironically, the fire department softball team, complete with a fire truck, was also present, waiting for a field to become available.

Firefighters Troy Smith, Chad Martin and Guy Chadwick were running toward the commotion when Mr. Smith "heard people

yelling that he wasn't breathing." Mr. Smith called over his shoulder for the AED on the fire truck.

"The AED pads were placed on the patient's chest and I started monitoring his vitals," Mr. Smith said. "'No sign of pulse ... shock advised,'" was reported (by the AED), so I shocked him."

Nothing. Mr. Smith shocked Sergeant Ginder again.

About that time, and only eight minutes after the sergeant collapsed, ambulance crews from Keesler Medical Center and American Medical

Response arrived. Sergeant Ginder was handed over to them.

"As we were leaving the field, we were told he became responsive in the ambulance," Mr. Smith said.

The sergeant was taken to Biloxi Regional Medical Center by AMR's Carlos Redmon and Adam Brickaeu, where his condition was stabilized. The following day, he was transferred to Ocean Springs Hospital, where he was a patient in the cardiac care unit until his release June 9.

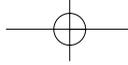
"I just dropped," is all Sergeant Ginder said he

remembers of the incident.

Although he had no history of heart trouble, "The doctors said my heart is weak, so they put a defibrillator/pacemaker in my chest," the sergeant said from his home in the Thrower Park housing area, where he's convalescing.

The device monitors the heart and has the capability to identify and respond to irregularities.

Sergeant Ginder said there hasn't been an opportunity to personally thank all those who came to his aid May 31. "But my wife and I are working on a letter to them."



'Oh, my aching back!' may be no laughing matter

By Jan Oglesby

81st Medical Operations Squadron

"Oh, my aching back!" is a common expression and often used in jest. However, back pain can be a serious short- or long-term health issue.

Low back pain generally lasts from a few days to a few weeks in the acute or short-term phase, and may be caused by trauma or a disorder such as arthritis. Pain from trauma may be caused by a sports injury, work around the house or in the garden or a sudden jolt such as a car accident or other stress on spinal bones and tissues.

Chronic back pain persists for more than three months. It is often progressive and the cause can be difficult to determine.

Most low back pain can be treated without surgery. This involves using over-the-counter pain relievers to

reduce discomfort and anti-inflammatory drugs to reduce inflammation. The goal of treatment is to restore proper function and strength to the back, and prevent recurrence of the injury.

Medications are often used to treat acute and chronic low back pain. Effective pain relief may involve a combination of prescription drugs and over-the-counter remedies.

Most patients with back pain recover without residual functional loss, but people should contact a doctor if there isn't a noticeable reduction in pain and inflammation after 72 hours of self-care. Recurring back pain resulting from improper body mechanics or other non-traumatic causes is often preventable.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and other institutes of the National

Institutes of Health conduct pain research in laboratories and support pain research through grants to major medical institutions. Currently, researchers are examining the use of different drugs to effectively treat back pain — in particular, chronic pain that has lasted at least six months.

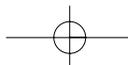
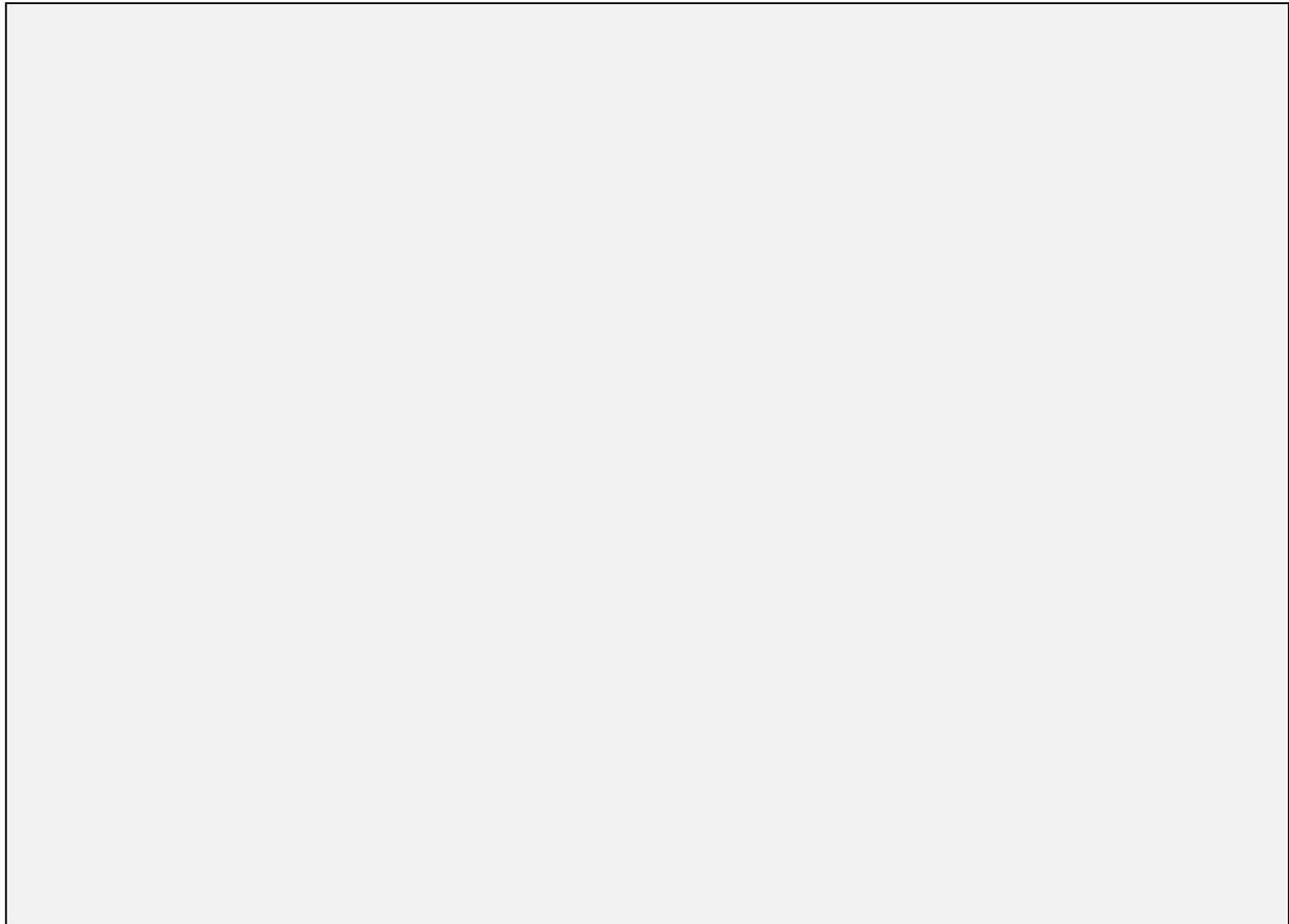
Nearly everyone has low back pain sometime. Men and women are equally affected. It occurs most often between ages 30 and 50, due in part to the aging process, but also as a result of sedentary lifestyles with too little (sometimes punctuated by too much) exercise. The risk of experiencing low back pain from disc disease or spinal degeneration increases with age. Men and women with a history of obesity are at increased risk for low back pain.

A thorough medical history and physical exam can usually identify any dangerous conditions or family history

that may be associated with the pain. The patient describes the onset, site and severity of the pain; duration of symptoms, any limitations in movement and history of previous episodes or health conditions that might be related to the pain.

Following any period of prolonged inactivity, begin a program of regular low-impact exercises. Speed walking, swimming or stationary bike riding 30 minutes a day can increase muscle strength and flexibility. Yoga can also help stretch and strengthen muscles and improve posture. Ask your physician or orthopedist for a list of low-impact exercises appropriate for your age and designed to strengthen lower back and abdominal muscles.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke contributed to this report.



Fireworks follies threaten 4th of July fun

Safety office, fire prevention office and Keesler News staff

The lingering drought in south Mississippi makes fireworks a dangerous proposition for Independence Day.

Additionally, many beachfront viewing areas in east Biloxi are still closed as debris from Hurricane Katrina continues to be cleared.

James Palmer, Keesler's fire prevention chief, stressed that fireworks are strictly prohibited on base and in surrounding cities, but fireworks continue to be sold in Harrison and Jackson counties outside city limits.

"Some people insist on buying and using them, regardless of the dangers," Mr. Palmer said.

Although fireworks are a traditional part of many holiday celebrations, reckless or illegal use can be a serious threat.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said about 9,600 fireworks injuries were treated in emergency rooms in 2004, the most recent statistics published. Eight fireworks-related fatalities were reported.

Forty percent of the injuries involved children under age 15. Almost two thirds of the injuries were burns, but other people were blinded or received lacerations.

Firecrackers and sparklers were associated with the most injuries, followed by rockets.

Illegal fireworks continue to be a serious problem, according to the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

The council said in the past decade, illegal explosives and homemade fireworks have caused nearly 33 percent of reported injuries.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at an outdoor public display put on by professionals. For safety's sake, stay in the designated viewing area. To get the full effect of the display, view from about 500 feet from the launch area.

For people who opt to light their own fireworks, here are some safety reminders and guidelines:

Fireworks are not toys. They burn at about the same temperature as a household match.

They can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.

Buy fireworks from reliable merchants.

Never attempt to make your own homemade fireworks. Mixing chemical powders can result in an untimely and unwelcome explosion that can cause death or injuries.

Know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device.

Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are federally-banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death. If you know of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Different fireworks mean different hazards, so read the instructions on each one and follow them carefully.

Light the tip of each firework at arm's length, using a fireworks lighter or fuse wick. Move back immediately.

Light one firework or sparkler at a time. Rockets should be launched from a rocket



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Public fireworks displays are Monday night at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in Gulfport in conjunction with the annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, and Tuesday night on the beach in Biloxi and Ocean Springs.

launcher, not from glass or metal containers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, so make sure that anyone holding one wears gloves and puts each spent one into a bucket of water as soon as it's gone out.

Never give fireworks to small children. Close adult supervision of all fireworks activities is necessary.

Don't throw fireworks onto a bonfire.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.

Always ignite fireworks outdoors.

Never throw fireworks at another person.

If a firework doesn't go off, it could still be live and could go off unexpectedly. Douse the "dud" with water, then bury it.

Pets hate bangs and flashes and get frightened around fireworks, so keep pets indoors and close curtains to make things calmer.

Before lighting any fireworks, make sure enough room is available in a safe place.

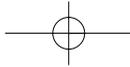
Have a full bucket of water handy for any emergency, and for disposing of used sparklers.

Loose clothing or scarves can catch on fire very easily. If clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over to put out the flames.

Drinking alcohol adds to the danger when there are fireworks and bonfires around. Consider not having any alcoholic drinks available until after all fireworks have been set off.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910, or fire prevention office, 377-8441.

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



KEESLER NOTES

Promotion ceremony

A noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3 p.m. Friday in Welch Auditorium.

Those being promoted wear the uniform of the day.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Steven Alford, 377-1691.

Dorm party

The dorm council holds a dorm block party for permanent party dorm residents through the rank of senior airman, noon Friday between Buildings 4908 and 4910.

The event features games and prizes.

For more information, call or e-mail Senior Airman Nysiah Fludd, 377-5782, nysiah.fludd@keesler.af.mil.

Free admission

Gulfport's Lynn Meadows Discovery Center offers free admission for military families, active duty, retired and reserve, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 897-6039.

81st MSS closure

The 81st Mission Support Squadron closes at noon July 13 for an official function.

The student personnel center is minimally staffed.

For emergencies, call Capt. Robert Roeckers, 697-9058.

Top III brisket sale

The Top III's annual brisket sale is Aug. 4, with an Aug. 1 deadline for orders.

A \$5 purchase covers two

barbecue sandwiches, chips, pickle and a soft drink. Meals are served at the unit level.

To purchase tickets:

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, 377-3252.

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Bradley Waid, 377-3541.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Master Sgt. Eileen Boles, 377-3845.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Master Sgt. Lisa Ware, 377-6216.

81st Supply Squadron — Master Sgt. Lew Hansen, 377-1452.

81st Services Division — Master Sgts. Andrea Turner, 377-1986, and Tim Dutton, 377-2940.

85th Engineering Install-

ation Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Charles Watson, 377-1129.

334th Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Jerry Simer, 377-3024.

336th TRS — Master Sgts. George Arthur, 377-0931, and Brent Misita, 377-0931.

338th TRS — Master Sgt. Robert Rodriguez, 377-0694.

366th TRS Detachment 6 — Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Jennings, 871-2860.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 81st SUPS, 377-9522.

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.

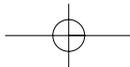
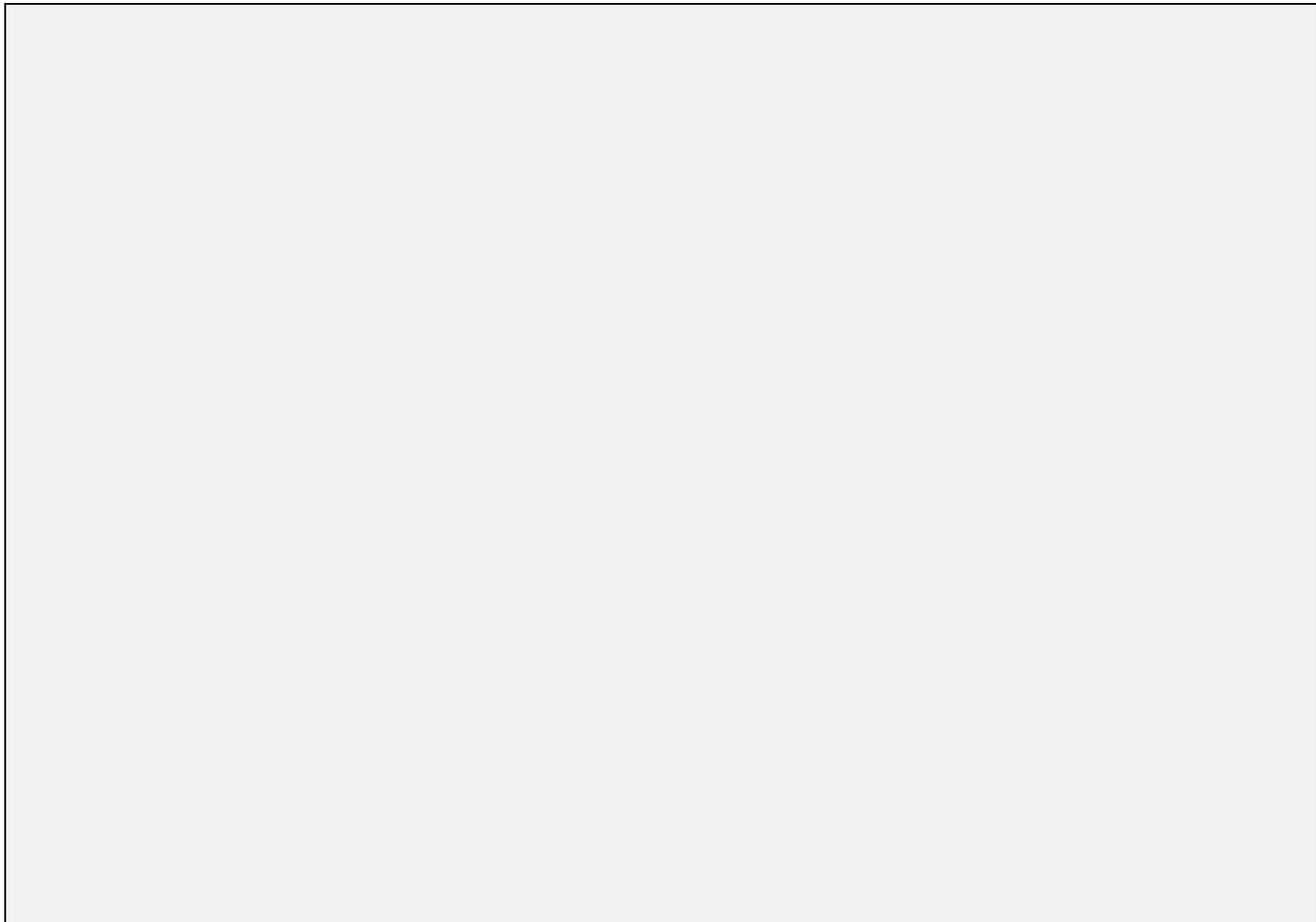
For 403rd Wing training weekends, breakfast is also served 6-7:30 a.m.

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.

Hurricane guides

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

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



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Softball

Trainers, reservists favorites for tournament title

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The boys of summer have gone ... temporarily, at least.

The 2006 Keesler intramural league regular season concluded Wednesday and now the teams will have to wait to take the field again until July 17, when the double-elimination tournament is set to begin.

With a late season push, the 332nd Training Squadron overtook the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A team for the American League regular season championship.

In the National League, the 403rd Wing ended up with the best record, earning them the No. 1 overall seed for the post-season.

The 332nd TRS is one of the hottest teams in the league as the regular season ended, winning three straight, including a 14-12 victory over the then-American League-leading 81st CES-A team in the final game of the regular season, June 21.

The hottest team entering July is the 403rd Wing. The



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Catcher Aaron Shaheen, left, 335th TRS and batter James Pope, 81st CES-A, await a pitch during their game June 14 at the Triangle softball fields. The 335th TRS team edged the 81st CES-A 14-12.

team hasn't suffered a defeat since a May 23 loss to the Coast Guard, 11-1, their only loss of the season.

Since then, they've reeled off eight in a row, the last a 9-5 victory over the 81st Mission Support Squadron, June 21.

The 403rd Wing, 81st CES-A team, and the 332nd TRS, along with the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, the Keesler Marine Corps Detachment-A team and the Center for Naval Technical Training-A team, are the top seeds in the dou-

ble-elimination tournament.

The 332nd TRS ended the regular season one-half game ahead of the 81st CES-A and the CNATTU-A squads in the American League standings. Both the CNATTU-A and civil engineers ended the regular season with 9-3 records;

however the civil engineers defeated CNATTU-A, 24-10, June 5.

The National League saw the 403rd Wing, at 11-1, ended the season a game ahead of the 85th EIS and the MARDET-A teams.

The 85th EIS and the MARDET-A had 10-2 records, but the 85th EIS won an early season match with the MARDET-A team, 14-12, May 16.

The question is: will the 403rd Wing win it all, or follow the same fate as last year's number one seed, the 336th TRS?

The Red Wolves finished the 2005 regular season with just one loss (12-1), only to be defeated in the tournament championship game by the 81st CES-A team, which had finished their regular season in third place.

The questions will begin to be answered beginning July 17 at the Triangle softball fields.

Lady Dragons play at home for first time since Katrina

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The Keesler women's softball team hosts the Keesler Classic softball tournament Saturday.

Among the other teams that have agreed to participate in the one-day tournament are Tyndall and Hurlbert Air Force Bases, Fla., as well as Maxwell AFB, Ala.

According to Lady Dragons' head coach Angelo Plaza, the tournament will give Keesler a good idea where their team stands, as there is no league for them to participate in right now.

"The Keesler Classic, as well as a couple of other tournaments we have already participated in, will help us prepare for the biggest tournament of

the year for the Lady Dragons, the Air Education and Training Command championships at Lackland AFB, Texas, beginning July 28," Plaza said. "We play in many tournaments during the year but we strive to do our best at AETC because bring back the command trophy is a big honor.

"Without having any type of regular season, we have been trying to play local teams and participate in tournaments wherever we can find them," Plaza said.

The coach said getting the team together was tough, but he likes what he has.

"I've called eight bases in the Southeast region for participation in tournaments and every base with the

exception of three say they have no women's softball team because there's just no interest," Plaza said. "That's very unfortunate in this day and age when American women are center stage during the Olympics taking home gold medals in softball, soccer and basketball. Every year it's a struggle to put a team together, but during the 'rebuilding,' this year's team is one of the strongest I have coached."

Some of the returning players for this year's edition of the Lady Dragons include Patty Harrison, 81st Medical Support Squadron; Nickie Bailey, 81st Transportation Squadron; Shantra Nuehring, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron; Jennifer Underwood, Naval Air Station, Pascagoula, and Allie

Plaza, spouse of head coach Plaza.

Team members Nicole Clement, 81st Medical Support Squadron, Kristina Andreozzi, a reservist at Eglin AFB, Fla.; Kelli Rabideau and Rachele Johnson, 403rd Wing; Clara Saucier, 81st Mission Support Group; Dawn Harrison, Patty's Harrison's daughter, and Becky Smith, spouse of Jeff Smith, Coast Guard, made the roster for the first time.

After the AETC tournament, the Lady Dragons participate in the 2006 Military World tournament in Panama City, Fla., Aug. 17-20.

Nickie Bailey, 81st Transportation Squadron, contributed to this report.

Bowler tries for U.S. youth team

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A youth bowler tries to qualify for the U.S. youth bowling team in July.

Shawn Wade, 20, son of Bill Wade, 81st Communications Squadron, and Rickie Fuller, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, competes at the Pepsi United States Bowling Congress Youth Championships, July 7-10 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla..

If he qualifies, he would represent the United States, against other bowlers his age from around the world.

Shawn, a bowler since age 12, said he actually became a better bowler after Hurricane Katrina.

"Before August, there were a lot of different activities for me to do," he said. "After the storm, a lot of people's options were limited. I was good before, but the practice really helped my game."

Shawn's mother said that he's a big fan of the sport.

"He probably bowls about four or five nights a week," said Ricki. "He also watches bowling when it comes on Sunday afternoon on television."

She added that bowling is one of his many interests.

"He has always been a good athlete," said Ricki.

"He was the captain of his high school soccer team and

he played football, baseball and basketball in high school as well."

"I always liked bowling; I guess because I'm good at it," Shawn said.

His mother said that the family is looking at options for him to bowl and go to college.

He currently attends Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at the Jackson County campus, and said his ultimate goal is to become a professional bowler.

"And to bowl a perfect game," he said. "I've bowled a 289 a couple of times. I want to bowl a perfect game one day, hopefully soon."

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. daily.

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

Free water aerobics classes — 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Triangle pool.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Carts available for rental, \$10 per person.

Keesler/Home Depot scramble tournament — 1 p.m. July 21 at Gulf Hills Country Club, Ocean Springs. Two-person select shot, \$40 per person. Fee includes green fee, cart, lunch, and prizes. Limited to 50 teams. For more information and to register, call 348-7589 or 990-3708.

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

Deep sea fishing trips — non-working Fridays, \$100 per person payable at time of registration. Minimum 5, maximum 6 people.

Private charter deep sea fishing trips — \$600 boat rental includes the captain and all tackle needed to fish. \$100 deposit at time of reservation, balance due day of the trip. Minimum one person, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

July fishing tournament — weigh in the heaviest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond

Disc golf — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent or sale.

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

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

Pontoon boat training — is necessary before renting a boat. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: All games are at the Triangle softball fields.

Intramural

(Final regular season standings)

American League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
332nd TRS	9	2	0
81st CES-A	9	3	0
CNATTU-A	9	3	0
81st MDSS-A	9	3	0
81st CS	8	4	0
333rd TRS	7	5	0
MARDET-B	6	6	0
335th TRS	6	6	0
81st TRSS	5	7	0
Firefighters	3	9	0
338th TRS-B	2	9	1
81st TRNS/SUPS	2	9	1
81st MDOS	2	11	1

National League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
403rd Wing	11	1	0
85th EIS	10	2	0
MARDET-A	10	2	0
81st SFS	8	4	0
USCG	7	4	0
USS Mesa Verde	6	6	0
81st MSS	5	7	0
338th TRS-A	4	8	0
81st MSGS	4	8	0
81st CES-B	4	8	0
CNATTU-B	3	9	0
81st MDSS-B	3	9	0
HQ, 2nd AF	2	9	0

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.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 06-D

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Eunice Savage (leadership award).

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Edson Aglibut, Eric Banker, Robert Cline, Brandon Cullum, Anthony Jones, Adam Lynch, Anita Pascual (John Levitow Award) and David Person.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Senior Airman Justyn Holt.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Alisha Knott and Benjamin McQuagge.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Damien Williams.

81st Transportation Squadron — Senior Airmen Adrian Cohill, Donald Edwards, Bryce McKinney, Charles Pichelmayr and Anthony Weiger (distinguished graduate and academic achievement award).

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Sidney Crawford.

338th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Ramsey Orr.

First Term Airmen Center Class 06-13

81st Dental Squadron — Airmen Basic David Brookes, Emma Curry, Rebecca Nunez and Veronica Torres; Airman Jacob Robles; Airman 1st Class Marcus Easterling.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman Gusmary Cueva.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airmen Basic Danielle Gable, Shelley Recheluk and Cynthia Smith.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman Basic Destini Thompson.

81st Supply Squadron — Airman Basic Oscar Barboza-Rios; Airman Billy Joe Gordon.

335th Training Squadron — Airman Basic Rashedia Robinson.

338th TRS — Airmen Basic Sharon Lee and Danelle McLaughlin.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Matthew Bolt, David Bussiere, Stephen Buynack, Anthony Cavetano, Aaron Clark, Frederick Branham Claton, Daniel Cook, Ryan Davis, Monique DeLetoile, Arnold Ellis, Matthew Ford, Justin Gunderson, Andrew

Hawkins, Benjamin Kafer, Isaiah Kidd, Vang Le, Dillion Longden, Zachary Madren, Andrew McAnnally, Chad Mitchell, Mario Orellana, Taylor Pasi, Anthony Phillips, Matthew Rey, Timothy Rogers, Leslie Rowdenbates, Michael Scott, Daniel Simpson, Sean Stone, Christopher Warton, Gary Whitehurst and Eric Wiltz; Airman Anthony Caputo, Arthur Carroll, Jon Duncan, Nathaniel Elman, Austin Flor, Ian Hatt, Joshua Juskewitch, Brandon McGuire, Bruce Poll, Michael Rivers, Crystal Skeer, Christopher Thayer, Zachary Tyree and Eugene Woolington; Airmen 1st Class Rhonda Baptista, Van Brewer, Jeremiah Bro, John Collera, Robert Dohm, Daniel Frasure, Shaun Hargadine, Robert Keck, Miguel Martinez, Michelle Patterson, Daniel Ramey, Paul Singh, Roger Smith, Jonathan Steckler, Lee Stuchell, Daniel Wilson and Sydney Wilson; Senior Airmen Carlos Mathew, Brian Nichols and Scott Shaffer; Staff Sgts. Brad Hammack, Clayton Herron, Johnny Kiefer, Christopher Manley, Sean Mardis, Stacy Nabor, YiCheng Pan, Timothy Pastore, Jason Smith, Malcolm Tevanian and Eric Willis; Army Sgt. Joe Nelson; Senior Master Sgt. Mounir Ferchichi; Maj. Gazia Al Shawabkeh; Jorge Arce.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Alexander Benson, Joshua DeWitt, Thomas Enright, Robert Ervin, Matthew Franklin, James Gerhardt, Ronald Hutchins, Sarah Jones, Mark Morris, David Sevick, Geoffrey Stillwell and Katylyn Wilstead; Airmen Ryan Horton, Mathew Marrow and Christopher Story; Airmen 1st Class Timothy Bonner, Joseph Castrechino, Timothy Clark, Carey Davis, Travis Hobbs, Morgan Morris and Michael Piazza; Senior Airmen Adele Brewer and Scott Close; Staff Sgts. Donald George, Yuri Miller, Andres Munoz, Robert Pate, Aaron Paul, Delorean Sheridan and Sean Thompson; Senior Master Sgt. Ya Ling Hou.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Justin Carlie and Shalisa Magee; Airmen 1st Class Scott Jackson and Samantha Yeanish; Senior Airman Edward Savage.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Lee; Navy Airman Recruit Jordan Bates; Marine Pvts. Bryan Weingart, Steven Yates; Airmen Tiffany Coleman, Weston Dahl, Jaime DeWitt, Laura Groh, Courtney Johnson, James Pann and Joshua Stewart; Airmen 1st Class Sean Ayres, Anthony Delauder and Nathan Smith; Navy Airmen Jacob Cerda, Erin Langton, Jared Thorton and Anthony Valence; Senior Airmen Craig Dunbar, Craig Harris, Fred Horner and David Kepple; Petty Officers 3rd Class Jacqueline Keyes, Leland Repp; Staff Sgt. Roy Bock; Tech. Sgt. Jack Cohenour.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Nathan Hammer, Joshua Miller and Brandon Self; Airmen Koby Cole and Lance Weston; Airmen 1st Class James Egan and Anthony Geddings; Senior Airmen Wai Lee and Gene Pabst; Staff Sgts. William Blake, Brad Brophil, Steven Maestas, David Moore, Sara Rought and Delone Rush.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Andrew Gabaldon, Valencia Henderson, Steven Szymanski, Napoleon Tavale and Ashley Vorse; Airmen Bryan Colburn, David Miguel and Stephen Swircek; Airmen 1st Class Albert Alston and Timothy Rischer; Senior Airmen Cedric Green, Ryan King, Mark Ransaw, Jamica Reddick and Edvonn Taylor; Staff Sgts. Antonio Acevedo, Ifejika Animalu, Jerry Brech, Willis Chhorvy, Carl Mcmillin, Bradley Tatum, Adiel Valdesvega, Lee Weyers and Tim Whitfield; Tech. Sgts. Bruce Collins, David Hogue, Levi Ingram and Jeffrey Westerholm; Master Sgts. Danny Cooper and Guy Menefee; Senior Master Sgt. Bridgit Pena; Capt. Nadeem Ali.

338th TRS

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Katie-Raye Barker, Brendan Bitney, Aaron Hetman, Peter Lett, Keith Morris, Brenton Pistek, Latoya Scott, Tenita Ross, Michael Scarlata, Daniel Sleeter and Nathon Wheat, Airmen 1st Class Daniel Anderson, Christopher Cowan, Angus Coy, Michael Downs, Christopher Stephen Johnson, John Kingsley, Christopher Konze, William Mullins, Brain Picardo, Dalpne Simmons, Matthew Soucy, Christopher St. John and Jansen Velante; Staff Sgts. Michael Cassidy, John Hayes and Matthew Powers.

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Michael Keany, James Robinson, William Rosario, and Joseph Rutledge.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Independence Day

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday, Tuesday. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed Monday and Tuesday.
Keesler Medical Center pharmacy — closed Monday and Tuesday.

Pharmacy refill pickup office at Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center — closed Monday and Tuesday.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Furniture store — closed.
Class Six — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Service station — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. gas; retail and service bays closed.

Military clothing sales — closed.
Katrina Pizza — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dawg Daze — closed.
Seattle's Best Coffee — closed.
Mobile units — closed.
Subway — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Beauty shop — closed.
Barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Laundry and dry cleaning — closed.
At Ease Apparel — closed.
Force One Rental — closed.
Enterprise Car Rental — closed.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Vandenbergh Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.
Half Time Café — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Outdoor recreation — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
Auto hobby shop — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Dragon Fitness Center — closed.
Information, ticket and travel office — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Child development center — closed.
Family child care — closed.
Gaudé Lanes — closed.
Veterinary clinic — closed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-E — Aug. 1-Sept. 7.
Class 06-F — Sept. 19-Oct. 27.
Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 06-5 — graduation July 20.
Class 06-6 — Aug. 7-Sept. 14.
Class 06-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.
Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Airman and family readiness center

Federal job resume writing — 2 p.m. today, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Participants should look through classified advertisements, Internet job postings and federal job search resources to find the kind of "help wanted" ads for which they'd like to apply to use in class to make the learning process more realistic. For more information, call 377-2179.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and cream of broccoli soup.

Friday

Lunch — corned beef, cornbread, pineapple chicken, Yankee pot roast, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, egg noodles, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, cornbread, pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Independence Day cookout — barbecue ribs, grilled loin strip steak, barbecue chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, corn, assorted fruit and pastries, canned drinks and holiday candy.

Dinner — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

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

Dinner — barbecue ham steak, baked turkey and noodles, jalapeno cornbread, beef ball stroganoff, egg noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, calico corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

July 6

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.

July 7

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.

July 8

Lunch — fish almonline, 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.

July 9

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.

July 10

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.

July 11

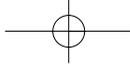
Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

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.

July 12

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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Arts and crafts center

Summer youth camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. \$25 per week.
Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first firing.
Macrame — for information on new class, call 377-2821.
Framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. \$60.
Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. \$25.
Engraving shop — custom items for gifts, mementos and squadron awards.
Coin-operated car wash — foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towlelettes, 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.

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 377-2818.

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 attractions.

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.
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.

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Cook your own steak night — 5 p.m. today.
Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1 starting 5 p.m. July 11.
Wings 'n' things — 5 p.m. until they're gone, July 12. Free for members, \$3 for nonmembers.
Random cash giveaway — \$50 cash to a club member, once a week between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.; must be present and have club card to win.

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-Thursdays, ages 9-18.
Summer camp/clinics registration — archery, track and field, basketball and cheerleading. For more information, call 377-4116.
Teen extreme camps registrations — For more information, call 377-4116.
Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. Saturday.
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. 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. 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/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>.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 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/keeslerse/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 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.

July weather outlook

Temperatures and thunderstorms reach their peak in July, with average temperatures ranging from 77 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Thunderstorms normally occurs 18 days of the month. Often thunderstorms are within sight of Keesler, but won't actually move over the base. Wind tend to be from the south at 5-10 knots with gusty conditions near thunderstorm activity. Hurricanes, tropical storms and depressions occur frequently in July and should be closely monitored.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	102
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	90
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	77
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	60
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	66
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	7.36
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	12
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	18
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	7.59
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	2.4
1,000 feet.....	0.6
300 feet.....	0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles.....	16.3
3 miles.....	1.1
1 mile.....	0.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	41.3
4-10 knots.....	53.3
11-21 knots.....	5.3
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.

Keesler Medical Center phones

Editor's note: These 81st Medical Group phone numbers have changed 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.
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.

