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Dragons deployed —
57

Relief fund aids 3,000 Katrina victims

\$500,000 distributed since storm

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Nearly \$500,000 has been channeled to 3,115 of Keesler's military and civilian victims through the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

A network of base leaders and volunteers got the money flowing to the people who needed help to put their lives and homes back together after the most devastating natural disaster in American history.

As donations from around the globe headed Keesler's way, Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen, 81st Training Wing command chief, needed a team to set up a database to monitor the funds and track the applications for assistance.

A trio from the 81st Training Support Squadron's instructional technology development flight stepped in

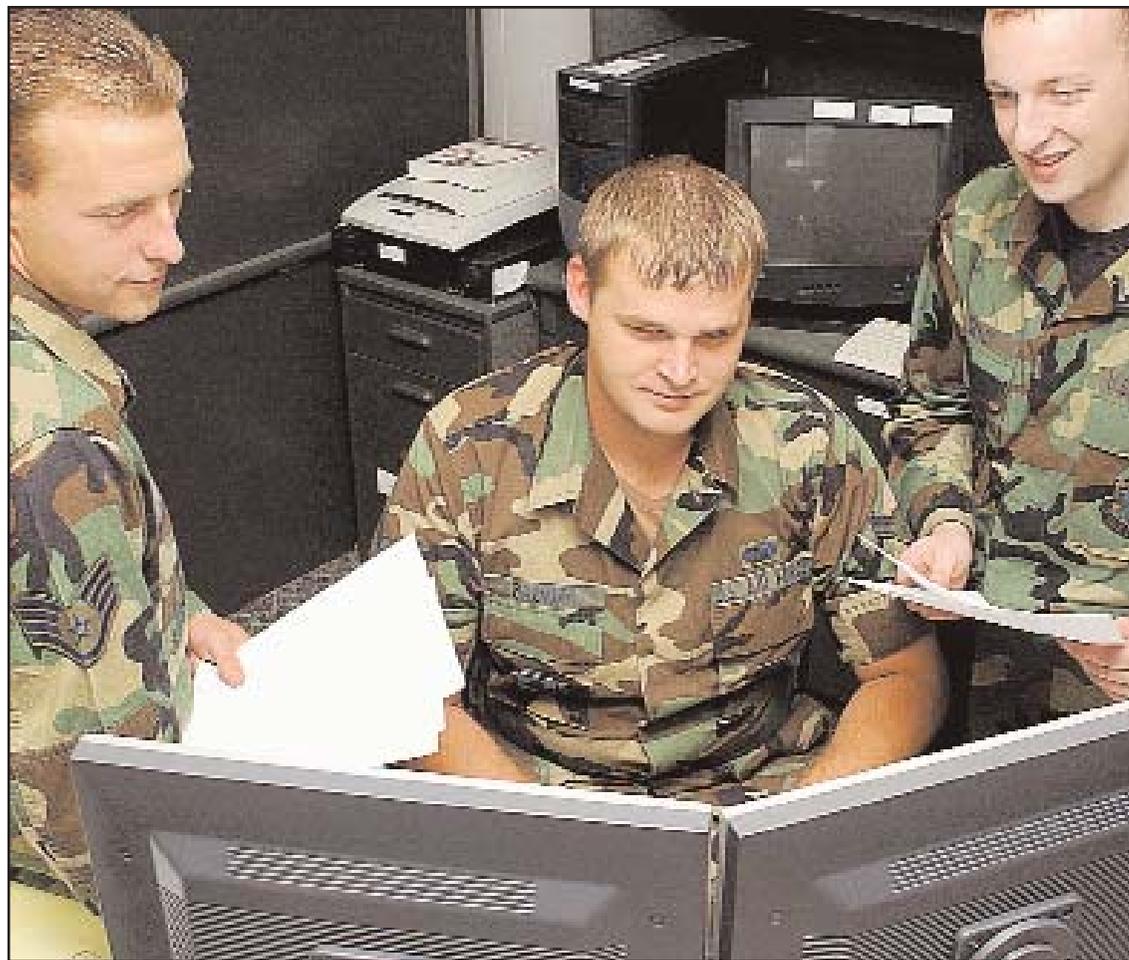


Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Sergeant Karter and Airmen Sirovey and Bauman, 81st TRSS, created the database that monitored the relief funds and tracked applications for assistance.

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This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Communications-computer systems planning and implementation, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

Radio communications systems, 11 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

Communications officer network, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.

Theater basic management core system, 11 a.m. today, Stennis Hall.

Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.

Theater deployable communications data network, 11 a.m. Monday, Stennis Hall.

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

Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.

Information protection-internal control, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Stennis Hall.

Communications-computer systems, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Information management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jones Hall.

Network management services, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.

Information protection-boundary, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Stennis Hall.



June Honor Flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,421

Non-prior service — 2,093

Temporary duty — 1,306

Combat controllers — 22

Non-prior service arrivals — 133

Guard, Reserve — 846

International — 33

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 19,958

Total since 1942 — 2,228,019

Newcomer tremendously impressed with Keesler

By Col. Rod Croslen

81st Mission Support Group commander

An old axiom is that you don't get a second chance to make a first impression.

Team Keesler, at the close of my first 60 days as the new 81st Mission Support Group commander, I feel compelled to share with you my initial impressions. You've impressed me tremendously... with your warm welcome, your obvious passion for excellence, your community spirit, and most importantly, your commitment to continue making Keesler better.

As a relatively new member of Team Keesler, I believe these impressions have merit because they're most likely the same or close to the impressions our customers and visitors have when they first visit the base or return to see how things have changed.

More important is what you do every day, not to impress, but because it's the right thing to do. The excitement my family (Nina, Nicole and Joshua) and I feel about being members of Team Keesler continues to grow as a result of what we see every day.

As I visit the units in the 81st Training Wing, our associate units and meet community leaders, I'm reminded of a publication which quoted the governor of Mississippi on the desire to develop a rebuilding plan worthy of the spirit and character of the people of South Mississippi. In my view, you're delivering on this desire, not only for South Mississippi and Keesler, but in a way worthy of the spirit of our Air Force. You've overcome challenges and fulfilled opportunities in a way that proudly represents the Air Force.

Here are some examples of things that frame my initial impressions in this regard:

First, the entrance to the base and the individuals who greet you as you come through the gate or arrive at base operations. Each reflects the pride and professionalism of Keesler.

Each time I go through a gate, it's a reminder of the effort you've made to recover from what is now known as the worst hurricane in recent history. I also note the pride of the Keesler security team, our first line of defense, and the importance of what they do to protect us and the mission. I'm also reminded that every member of Team Keesler is in some way responsible for security and safety on the base.

Second, the symbols of Keesler pride and patriotism, such as the flags and banners along Larcher Boulevard which say "Mission First, People Always and America Forever." Similarly, the organization and team mottos, such as ours in the 81st MSG, "One Team,

One Fight," which speaks to how we feel about not only the group but all of Keesler, the mission and the people. We're one team and our fight is singularly to defend freedom and sustain the Keesler mission of developing today's Airmen for tomorrow's fight, and to support the 403rd Wing in its unique mission that includes providing the first line of defense against nature's threats.

Third, the pride you show in taking care of people, the mission and the base. For example, the troops of the 81st Civil Engineer and 81st Communications squadrons, despite the challenges of weather and aging infrastructure, remain motivated to improve Keesler every day and provide uninterrupted service. I see that sense of unconditional professionalism daily in our 81st Contracting Squadron professionals who touch every aspect of the mission and the base.

More important than taking care of the base is the way you take care of people. Just a few weeks ago, members of the logistics readiness team, firefighters and medics saved the life of one of our own. Noncommissioned officers and company grade officers, out of their concern for the team, volunteered to hand out safety reminders at the gates. The same concern resonates in the 81st Mission Support Squadron, recently recognized as having the Air Force's best airmen and family readiness center, the same group that sponsors block parties and finds ways to take care of the families of our deployed troops. There's also the Air Force's best services team that works so hard to make sure after and during a hard day's work, we have opportunities to stay fit, dine, relax and enjoy the best Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast can offer.

I could go on and on — there are so many of you who should be recognized, so many ways and things that each and every one of you do to take care people on and off Keesler.

Fourth, the sense of community demonstrated continuously through your involvement in events such as Special Olympics, Air Force Assistance Fund and the placement of flags for Memorial Day services at Biloxi National Cemetery. Equally impressive is the support of the base community by such partners as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency, even in the wake of the destruction of their original facilities by Hurricane Katrina. These are things many of you do on a regular basis without fanfare. Even so, they represent our culture of pride and excellence, what we stand for and who we are as a team. What you do day to day is what's really important and because of what you do, I'm proud to serve with you.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Slow down in housing areas

Comment — The speed limit in base housing is 15 mph.

It's not being observed by everyone from officers to airmen. This has been a problem since before Hurricane Katrina.

Many families, including mine, have young children, and speeding vehicles pose a clear threat to their safety.

When I see people speeding in my neighborhood, I call out to them to slow down. The response I get ranges from drivers actually speeding up to cursing me.

Response — We're using radar carts to remind drivers of the 15 mph speed limit, increasing our patrols and strictly enforcing our policy of suspending base driving privileges for anyone caught exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph.

We also need the help of residents like you. Write down descriptions of speeding vehicles and the license plate numbers, then turn this information over the 81st Security Forces Squadron desk sergeant in the trailer behind Building 3501 on Larcher Boulevard for follow-up action.

With your complaint, the 81st SFS contacts the Keesler agency responsible for the military member, civilian or contractor and addresses the issue. A speeding citation isn't issued in most cases; however, this procedure provides both the 81st SFS and supervisors an opportunity to prevent a repeat.

Security forces leadership advises against confronting or attempting to make personal contact with any speeding vehicle.



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Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability

for Keesler members:

Keesler Accountability Team

1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center

1-800-435-9941

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

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness

377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

Keesler Public Web site

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

Keesler's 2006 safety goals

Make safety ...
a core value,
a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.

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



If you've had too much to drink,
call Airmen Against Drunk Driving,
377-7283,

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursdays

before down Fridays,
working Fridays and Saturdays.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

333rd Training Squadron Mobile training team deploys to Kuwait

333rd Training Squadron
and Keesler News staff

Tech. Sgt. Steve Foley and Staff Sgt. Mike Harvell aren't packing light for a six-week trip to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The six equipment cases they need to take training to the war fighters weigh in at more than 1,400 pounds.

Sergeants Foley and Harvell are members of one of the 333rd Training Squadron's mobile training teams that take diverse global command and control system technical training to locations around the globe.

The trainers leave for Kuwait Aug. 21 and return Oct. 8.

Recently, 333rd TRS teams have traveled to Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Ramstein AB, Germany; Yokota AB, Japan; London and Northbay, Canada, but Sergeant Foley believes that it's the first time the team has deployed to Southwest Asia.

Training is the key to integrating any command and control system into the combat environment, according to squadron officials.

GCCS-Joint is the nation's premier system for the command and control of joint and coalition forces. It incorporates the force planning and readiness assessment applications required by battlefield commanders to effectively plan and execute military operations worldwide.

The common operational picture correlates and fuses data to give war fighters vital real-time situational awareness of the battle space, enabling them to make well-informed life-and-death decisions.

The 333rd TRS GCCS instructors are at the heart of providing essential and diverse technical training. The trainers teach a suite of eight courses, five that can be taken on the road, ranging from Oracle database administration to advanced security management.

The squadron's one- and two-member mobile training teams use three different hardware configurations to support classes of up to 10 students.

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— Mr. Kisling

Sergeant Foley, an instructor supervisor, said the training kits include nine servers, 10 laptop computers, cables, routers, switches and hubs.

In Kuwait, the GCCS team teaches two courses for credit and presents two courses as a site visit. The GCCS operations center in Kuwait supports the Southwest Asia area of responsibility Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

"We do a lot of hands-on, one-on-one instruction," Sergeant Foley explained.

"Our mobile training capability provides opportunities that other courses don't," explained Morris Kisling, GCCS-J advanced instructor. "We're able to keep our finger on the pulse of the real-world mission by being exposed to the frontline system administrators on a routine basis. That interaction eliminates discrepancies between the real world and the training environment that on-base courses can't match."

Master Sgt. Peter Anthony, formerly of the 333rd TRS and now assigned to the 81st Training Support Squadron, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

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

It's time to act on officer education opportunities

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officers interested in 2007 developmental education opportunities must begin the application process in August.

A completed Air Force Form 3849, PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet, and senior rater nomination are due by Aug. 18 for officers applying for the Olmsted Scholarship, White House Fellowship, Mansfield Fellowship or Information Assurance Scholarship programs.

The application process and program details, including board convening dates, eligibility criteria and timelines are available on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site, [http://](http://www.ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/docs/dpa/developed/de_info_web_screen.ppt)

www.ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/docs/dpa/developed/de_info_web_screen.ppt.

Application packages should be sent no later than Oct. 31 to HQ AFPC/DPAFE, 550 C St. West, Ste. 32, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4734.

Incomplete or late packages won't be considered.

Thumbnail sketches of the programs:

The Olmsted Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for Air Force officers to study in a foreign language at an international university abroad. The purpose of the program is to provide officers with an in-depth understanding of a foreign language and culture so they're knowledgeable and sensitive to the viewpoints and concerns of people around the world as

they progress in their Air Force careers.

For more information, visit <http://www.olmstedfoundation.org/>.

The President's Commission on White House Fellows selects 11-19 citizens each year. The program's purpose is to give highly-motivated Americans an opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of our society.

For more information, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows>.

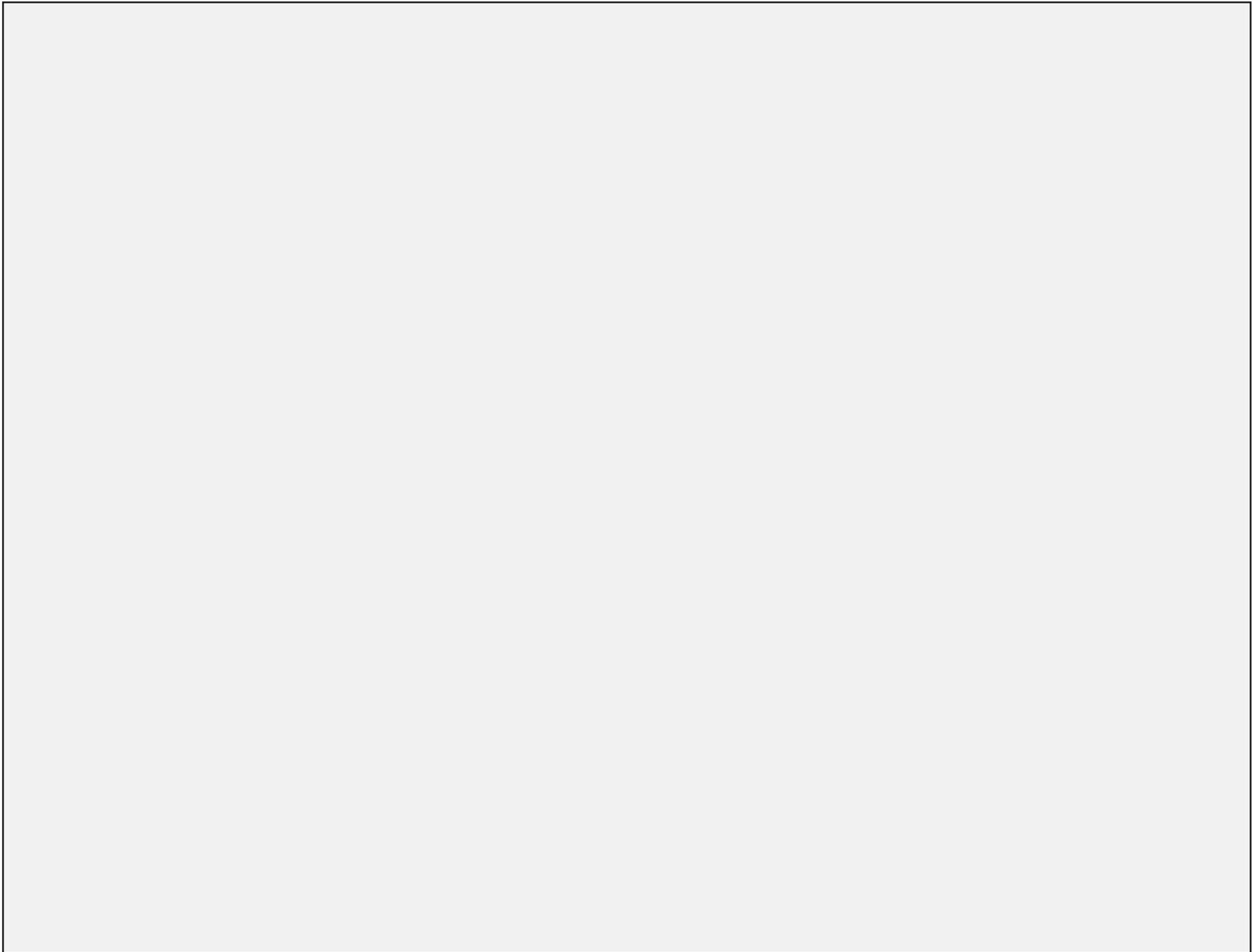
The Mansfield Fellowship Exchange Program allows a select group of federal employees to develop an in-depth understanding of Japan,

learn how its government works and establish relationships with their counterparts in the Japanese government, business, professional and academic communities.

For more information, visit <http://www.mansfieldfdn.org/>.

The Information Assurance Scholarship Program was established by the Department of Defense to increase the number of qualified personnel entering the field of information assurance to meet the increasing dependence on information technology for war-fighting and the security of its information infrastructure.

For more information visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/nii/iasp/dodmembersmain.htm>.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Post office hours

New hours at the Triangle Post Office in the Levitow Training Support Facility are 11:40 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3:30-6:10 p.m. weekdays.

Tuition aid change

Air Force tuition assistance now pays only for reimbursable class fees.

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.

Medical training

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-

duty enlisted Airmen for physician assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

The selection board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center on March 27. Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 by Jan. 26. Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date are returned and won't meet the selection board, according to AFPC officials.

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

Supply classes

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

Weapons training

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

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

Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees at Keesler.

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 212, old Cody Hall.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access

online customer service tools.

With the tools, people can request Community College of the Air Force transcripts, track receipt of civilian transcripts, view degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

Scholarship program

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

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

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

JROTC openings

Air Force Junior ROTC

positions are available to retired or soon-to-be retired officers and noncommissioned officers.

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300, or DSN 493-5275 or 5300.

Drill downs, parades

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

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

Drill downs — 7 a.m. 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.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Base bids farewell to canine cop

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 81st Security Forces Squadron bid farewell to a special team member Tuesday during a memorial service at Larcher Chapel.

Bruno, one of Keesler's military working dogs for almost seven years, had to be euthanized July 18 due to a severe debilitating disease of the lower back, according to Staff Sgt. Erik Castro, noncommissioned officer of the 81st SFS military working dog section.

Bruno, a male Belgian malinois, was nearly 11 years old. He was accepted into the military working dog program in 1998 and was certified as a narcotics detector dog and patrol dog the following year at the Department of Defense Working Dog School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"Bruno used his patrol capabilities to assist area police departments during joint agency training, conducted over 25 dog demonstrations for the local community and distinguished visitors, participated in the annual Halloween goblin patrol and assisted in the apprehension of a barricaded fugitive in base housing," Sergeant Castro said. "He also provided a strong deterrent during numerous police calls which quickly defused once he arrived."

During a month-long joint effort with customs agents at the Mexican border, Bruno alerted law enforcement personnel on several occasions, resulting in the confiscation of 118 pounds of cocaine and 243 pounds of marijuana being smuggled into the country.

At Keesler, Bruno found marijuana on 20 occasions and cocaine in three instances. He also participated in several morale searches, courtesy vehicle sweeps, confinement sweeps and more than 200 hours of random searches throughout the base.

"Bruno was a military working dog, a security forces member and a companion to every-



Courtesy photo

Bruno joined the 81st SFS on Sept. 13, 1999.

one who had the privilege of controlling his leash," Sergeant Castro explained. "The Department of Veterans Affairs didn't hesitate to give us a flag for him.

"It will be difficult to enter the facility without seeing Bruno light up with life every time you stood in front of his kennel, knowing his only desire was to keep you safe, obey your commands, and ready to give his life to protect yours," he added.

Sergeant Castro said Bruno's ashes will be spread over the foundation for the new kennel facility.

To eat or not to eat? Services officials outline dining sanctions

81st Services Division

Several categories of people are authorized to use Keesler's dining facilities:

Meal card holders — no charge, must present identification card at each meal.

Enlisted Keesler personnel drawing basic allowance for subsistence — cost of food plus surcharge; must present ID if not in uniform.

Military members on

temporary duty — cost of food plus surcharge when applicable; must present ID if not in uniform.

Civilians on TDY — cost of food plus surcharge; must present TDY orders at each meal.

Chaplains — may dine at any time; cost of food plus surcharge.

Squadron commanders and above and their written

designated representatives when eating meal to determine quantity and quality — cost of food plus surcharge; must sign guest book.

Dependents of active-duty members — food charge only for senior airmen and below, cost of food plus surcharge for staff sergeants and above; active-duty members and dependents of age must present IDs; Sunday lunch only.

IN THE NEWS

Wing quarterly awards

The 81st Training Wing second quarter awards are presented at 3 p.m. Aug. 4 in Welch Auditorium.

Awards categories are airman, noncommissioned officer, senior NCO, company grade officer, entry-level civilian, intermediate-level civilian, senior-level civilian, honor guard, Angel and Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteer.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Doug Wilder, 377-1550.

Tops in Blue show Nov. 1

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's entertainment showcase, returns to south Mississippi, 7 p.m. Nov 1 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

During each annual tour, the active-duty Tops In Blue team entertains more than 250,000 military personnel and their families at about 120 performances at 100 locations.

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

First woman leads recruiters

AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot took command of Air Force Recruiting Service from Brig. Gen. Robertus Remkes July 17.

General Vautrinot, the first female to lead Air Force recruiting in the service's 52-year history, pinned on her new rank in a ceremony preceding the change of command.

General Remkes, who headed AFRS since 2004, was selected for promotion to major general and reassignment as U.S. European Command headquarters plans and policies director at Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

AAFES' online mall transformed

AAFES Corporate Communications

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service online concession mall, CentricMall, is now ExchangeOnlineMall at <http://www.aafes.com>.

While the address has changed, the more than 55 popular retailers offering specially-negotiated prices to the military community remain the same.

"The redesign features a fresh new look and a more functional organization of shopping sites to make it even easier for our customers to find just what they're looking for," said Angela Borck, AAFES vice president of direct marketing.

Fall/winter catalog available

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — The 2006 Fall/Winter Exchange Catalog, with nearly 600 pages of popular, name brand merchandise, is available at all main stores and online at <http://www.aafes.com>, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com. Prices are valid through Jan. 15, 2007, for authorized exchange customers.

Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. Toll-free orders can be placed from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam at 1-800-527-2345. The catalog center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Civilian shopping at commissary

An extension has been approved for Keesler civilian employees to shop at the base commissary through Aug. 31, according to Lee Hathorn, civilian personnel officer.



Katrina coins for \$7 and patches for \$5 are still available. Call Tech. Sgt. Eric Alvarez, 377-0872, or e-mail eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil. Proceeds support the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Relief,

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— Staff Sgt. Scott Karter and Airmen 1st Class Tom Sirovey and Christopher Bauman.

“They developed a comprehensive application that was clear, concise and quick to complete,” Chief Allen explained. “They donated more than 640 hours designing, developing and maintaining the database to provide an auditable trail to support the fund which has proven so valuable to the base’s recovery effort.”

As the fund grew, administering it became a collaborative effort among Chief Allen, the chapel, family support and first sergeants.

“We shared accountability,” said Maj. Teresa Roberts, former director of the family support center, which has been renamed the airman and family readiness center. “We worked closely together to make the right decisions and not operate in a vacuum.”

Major Roberts relied on members of her staff to help funnel the money to the Keesler people who needed it most. Other volunteers wrote out the checks for recipients. The largest checks, \$500, went to people who experienced a total loss of their homes and household possessions.

“Active-duty military were our first priority,” Major Roberts pointed out. “The database indicated the level of need — total loss, moderate loss or no loss. After we took care of the military folks, we moved on to civilians and were still able to provide limited assistance to non-appropriated fund employees.”

In addition to contributions from around the world, Team Keesler came up with its own way to supplement the fund — Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches.

Operation Dragon Comeback, the name for Keesler’s recovery, restoration and humanitarian efforts, was suggested by Master Sgt. Terrence Scott, a firefighter from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Lt. Col. Dale King, 81st TRSS commander, came up with the idea for his squadron’s booster club to sell the coins and patches with designs created by Senior Airman Carlos Moreno, an artist in the unit’s training development flight.

Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez and Anthony Bellocq of the 81st TRSS managed the sales for the booster club and continued as project managers when the wing took over sponsorship of the project, selling the coins for \$7 and patches for \$5.

Approximately \$6,000 has been raised through the sale of the coins and patches.

“This herculean effort was tremendously successful because of the team of individuals that wrote checks, personally distributed checks and even developed a means to raise additionally funds that would help additional victims,” Chief Allen stressed. “This was truly a display of Team Keesler at its best.”

Air Force Aid Society procedures at Keesler return to pre-storm

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It’s back to business as usual for the Air Force Aid Society at Keesler.

“We’re back to our former procedures for aid applications,” said Jackie Pope, acting AFAS officer. “Right after Hurricane Katrina, interest-free loans were converted to outright grants so recipients wouldn’t have to worry about paying the money back in addition to all of their other recovery expenses.”

AFAS, one of four charities under the Air Force Assistance Fund, provided \$2.1 million to military members and retirees in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Most money went to insurance deductibles and temporary repairs.

Team Keesler responded by contributing \$121,670 to this year’s AFAF drive, 197 percent of the base’s goal. Percentage-wise, Keesler’s total topped Air Education and Training Command for this year’s campaign.

AFAS provides worldwide emergency assistance, sponsors education assistance programs and offers a variety of base community enhancement programs that improve the quality of life for Airmen and their families.

Keesler’s AFAS office is in old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Never give safety a day off.

2 NCOs, airman convicted in trials at Keesler in June

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Two staff sergeants and an airman at Keesler were court-martialed in June.

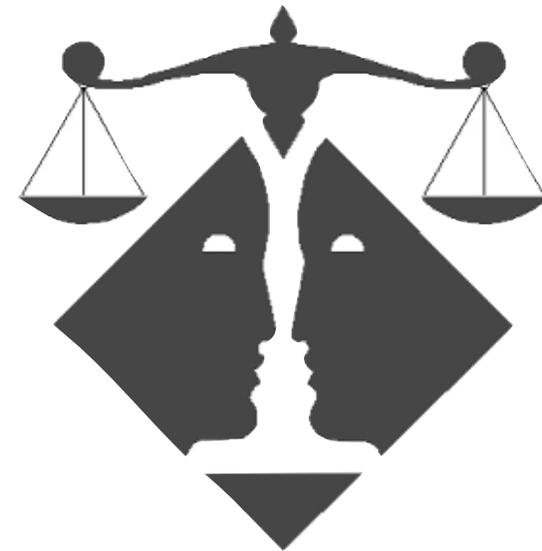
The trio was convicted on charges that included wrongful sexual intercourse and consumption of alcohol, using cocaine and marijuana, and unlawful entry.

A staff sergeant in the 335th Training Squadron was convicted of wrongful sexual intercourse and consumption of alcohol with an airman first class who was a student in the squadron. The NCO was reduced to airman basic, confined for 30 days (by pretrial agreement) and received a bad conduct discharge.

A staff sergeant in the 81st Medical Support Squadron was convicted of using cocaine and marijuana. The NCO was reduced to airman basic, sentenced to total forfeitures and confinement for one year, and received a bad conduct discharge.

An airman in the 81st Security Forces Squadron was convicted of unlawful entry and found not guilty of conspiring with two other airmen to steal another airman's electronics equipment, breaking and entering the airman's room, and stealing the equipment. The airman was reduced to airman basic, confined for two months and received a bad conduct discharge.

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



MILITARY JUSTICE

Alcohol offenses costly 4 Keesler students receive articles 15

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Four technical training students received Articles 15 in June for alcohol-related offenses.

An airman first class in the 338th Training Squadron was reduced to airman, forfeited \$713 pay and sent to correctional custody for 30 days for drinking in a dormitory while in Phase III status and underage drinking. The reduction in rank was suspended.

An airman basic in the 338th TRS forfeited \$636 pay per month for two months and sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. One month of the forfeiture of pay was suspended.

An airman first class in the 334th TRS was reduced to airman basic for underage drinking. The reduction in rank below airman was suspended.

An airman basic in the 334th TRS forfeited \$636 pay and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for drinking while in Phase II status, underage drinking and making two false official statements about attending and drinking at a hotel party.

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

Base DUIs up from 4 in May to 9 in June

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Incidents of driving under the influence in June more than doubled those recorded a month earlier by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Meanwhile, underage drinking incidents in June were the second lowest recorded this year.

The 81st SFS recorded nine DUIs last month, compared to four in May. June joined January and April as the months with the highest number of DUIs.

Of the DUIs in June, six were civilians, two were Air Force (one student and one permanent

party) and one was Navy (student).

For the year to date, 81st SFS officials have recorded 41 DUIs.

Two underage drinking incidents last month came on the heels of none in May. February remains at the other end of the scale with eight incidents.

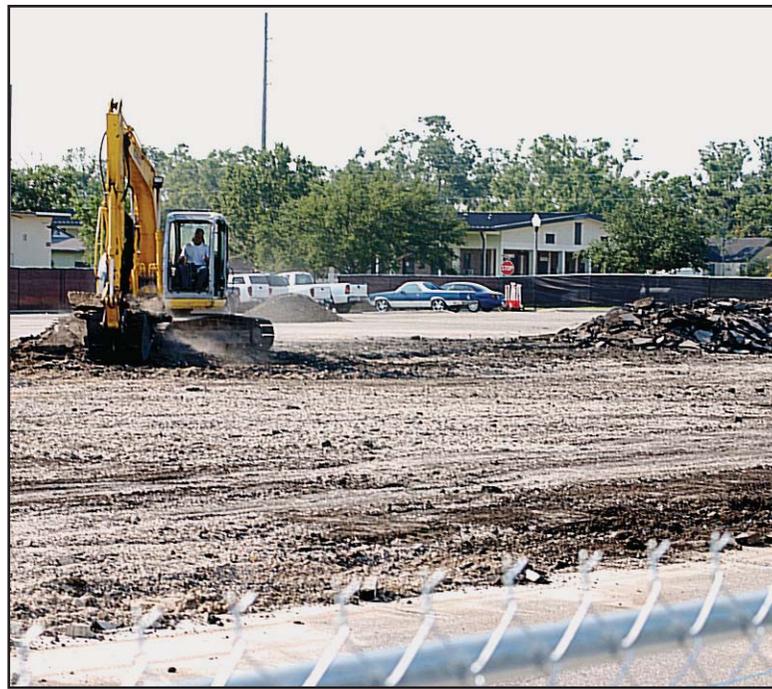
Both incidents in June involved Air Force students.

There have been 25 such incidents this year.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Clearing way for progress

Trackhoe operator Greg Mitchell of W.T. Firth Construction, Biloxi, tears up the parking lot between the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron compound and the former Pecan Dining Facility, July 20. It's the first step in site preparation for a new temporary mini-mall being planned by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The vehicle resale lot previously located there is now behind the Keesler Club.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Equipment operators David Toscano, left, driving a bobcat, and Frank Wright, operating an excavator, clear debris after leveling homes in Northwest Falcon Park, July 19. They're employed by Clauss Construction, San Diego. Demolition was scheduled to begin Wednesday on Orville Wright and Arnold Circle in Bay Ridge, moving down to Vandenberg Drive about Aug. 2.

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

Keesler Medical Center no longer hurricane shelter

81st Surgical Operations Squadron
and Keesler News staff

Keesler's hurricane shelters no longer include the medical center.

In the past, pregnant women with high-risk problems or close to the end of their pregnancies were allowed to shelter in the facility. Hurricane Katrina changed all that — the medical center is now closed in the event of a hurricane threat and medical personnel are evacuated.

"The care and well being of our patients is our utmost concern," said Col. (Dr.) David Armstrong, 81st Medical Group deputy commander. "We want to make sure families have planned ahead in the event of a hurricane. Our medical staff is available to assist families in planning for this season."

Effective this hurricane season, only mission-essential personnel and technical training students are sheltered in these six facilities: Allee, Bryan, Dolan, Jones, Thomson and Wolfe halls.

Medical officials advise pregnant women to take these steps to ensure their safety when

Keesler is threatened by a hurricane:

Have an emergency bag packed with items you may want or need for yourself, family and the new born.

Make early evacuation arrangements to safe havens near medical facilities. Call Tricare, 1-800-444-5445, if the safe location isn't near a military treatment facility that provides obstetric services. With TRICARE, choose a provider at the safe location prior to needing care and arrange how to contact them should labor begins and emergency develops.

Obtain a copy of your obstetrics medical record and hand-carry it with you.

If an emergency occurs or labor begins, get to the nearest emergency room with a copy of their obstetrics medical record. Call Tricare at the number above within 24 hours of your visit.

Have a good understanding of your Tricare coverage. If you have questions or need clarification, call the number above.

Maj. Tambra Yates, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Renters insurance Prepare early to protect family, property in storm-prone areas — Secretary Wynne

American Forces Press Service
and Keesler News staff

With hurricane season in full-swing, military officials encourage service members who don't own their own homes to purchase renters insurance to protect their personal property.

"We urge you, particularly if you live in an area prone to nature's fury, to examine how prepared you are to protect your family financially," said Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne.

Secretary Wynne said one of the lessons learned from the 2005 hurricane season is that it's important to assess insurance needs sooner rather than later.

"Too many of our teammates, including retirees, were caught unprepared and now are bearing an avoidable financial burden," he said.

"All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renters) insurance."

The secretary said Airmen should make a detailed inventory of their personal property and also should consider purchasing flood insurance, which isn't part of standard homeowner or renter insurance policies.

"Chance favors the prepared," he said.

Most insurance policies cover renters of all types, including those living in apartments, dorms or base housing.

Service members having personal financial safeguards, such as renters insurance, in place helps the military meet its responsibilities, because such planning prevents distractions to military members,

Secretary Wynne said.

"Although we often see our professional life in a very disciplined way, we sometimes don't realize how our personal well-being affects our job performance," he said. "When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the joint team."

At Keesler, legal officials emphasized the time to review and act on insurance needs is now as insurers won't write policies if your personal property is in an area under a hurricane threat.

For more information, call the legal office, 377-3510, or the claims office, 377-3630.

Steven Donald Smith, American Forces Press Service, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Blood donor center back in business

Col. William Huff, acting 81st Medical Support Squadron commander and pathology and clinical laboratory flight commander, is prepared to donate blood by laboratory technician Stephanie Stringfield, 81st MDSS, at the recently-opened blood donor center in the Arnold Annex. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. To learn more about donating blood or schedule a donation appointment, call Jill Peterson, blood donor recruiter, 377-9324, or cell phone 251-367-4468.

Photo by Steve Pivnick





Photo by Kemberly Groue

Vanilla Bean models her tutu on the way to winning the smallest dog category.

Dog show Mutts strut stuff for glory, prizes

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Winners were crowned in eight categories at the “Strut Your Mutt” dog show Friday in Vandenberg Community Center.

Double winners were Col. David and Brenda Jenkins, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. Their dog Tippy was named best dressed, then teamed with roommate Coco to win stupid dog tricks.

Tippy won an assortment of bandanas, a leash and a toy. Together, Tippy and Coco won milk bones and toys.

A total of 30 dogs participated.

The other winning dogs, their owners and their prizes:

Smallest — Vanilla Bean,

Staff Sgt. Cheri Trosclair, 81st Training Support Squadron, leash, harness, collar and dishes.

Largest — Drake, the Donald Cooks, 81st Services Division, leash, collar, toy and dish.

Cutest — Chico, the Dave Bowers, 81st SVD, picture frame, collar and toy.

Ugliest — Scooter, Vernon and Lina Morgan, retired Air Force, leash, holiday bandanas and grooming supplies.

Most unusual name — Hammer Head, Tech. Sgt. Pam Pistella, 335th Training Squadron, bath set.

Owner look-a-like — Nala, Kailani Espola, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jose Espola, 334th TRS, feeding mat, collar and toys.

Base preschool registration for ages 3-5 closes Friday

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Keesler's part-day preschool program begins Aug. 7.

Parents may enroll their 3-5-year-olds at the child development center no later than Friday by completing an Air Force Form 2606. Children are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are available 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. They're suspended on federal holidays and during Christmas holiday closings observed by Mississippi Gulf Coast schools.

"Our program is based on a creative curriculum and provides learning experiences that engage children in all areas of development and readiness skills," said Barbara Shields, program leader. "The staff pays particular atten-

tion to each child's age, developmental stage, attention span, interests, and physical and emotional needs."

The program offers children an opportunity to let their imaginations and creativity run wild while playing with blocks, puzzles, table toys, creative art, pretend play, sharing experiences with food and experimenting in the discovery and science area, according to Ms. Shields.

Little ones learn with sand and water play, tricycle riding, playground equipment, stories and sing-alongs.

Four computers are available with age-appropriate programs to assist the children in art, math, language, science, word skills and the development of hand-eye coordination.

The program fee is based on family income.

For more information, call the child development center, 377-2211.

Classes on coast begin Aug. 4

Classes resume at Mississippi Gulf Coast schools Aug. 4.

Registration times and dates, where they still apply, phone numbers and Web addresses:

Biloxi — students not registered by Monday can't start classes until Aug. 7. Late registration packets are picked up Tuesday through Aug. 3 and returned Aug. 4 for processing. For questions about school zones, call 374-1810, extension 134.

Gulfport — for school zone assignments, call 865-4613. High school registration, 8:30-11:30 and 1-2:30 p.m. through today. For more information, call 865-4600 or go to <http://www.gulfportschools.k12.ms.us>.

D'Iberville and other Har-

rison County schools — registration 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays until school starts. For more information, call 539-6500 or go to <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

Jackson County — for information, call 826-1757 or go to <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>.

Long Beach — registration 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. through Tuesday. For more information, call 864-1146 or go to <http://www.lbsd.k12.ms.us>.

Ocean Springs — registration 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Aug. 4. For more information, call 539-6500 or go to <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. First-graders must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Clinic offers shots required by schools

The immunization clinic gives back-to-school shots on a walk-in basis, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

The clinic is closed on down Fridays and the second Thursday afternoon of the month.

Shot records aren't required unless the child hasn't previously received inoculations at Keesler.

For more information, call 377-6543.

It's against the law
to pass a stopped school bus
from either direction.

No. 1 yard for July

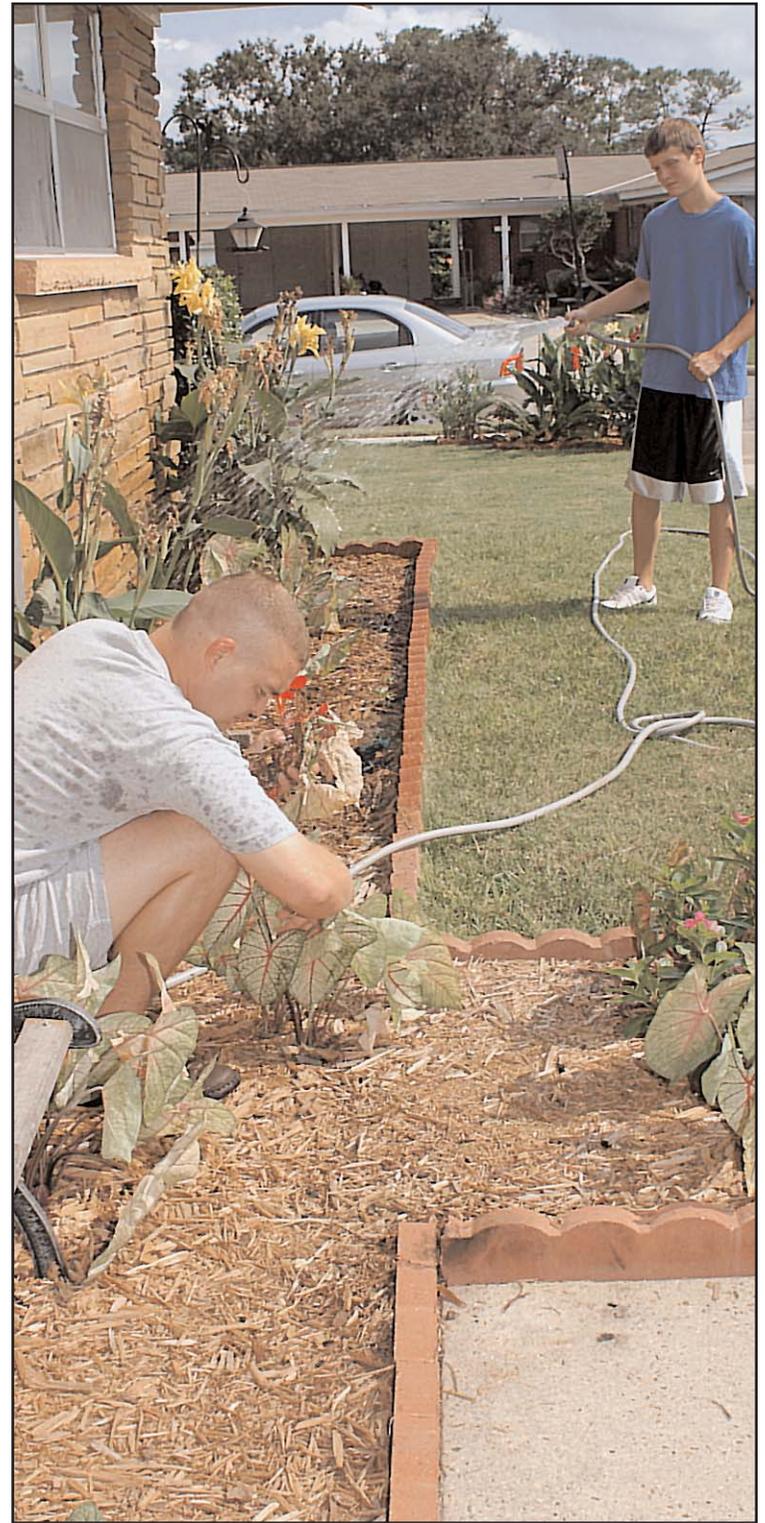


Photo by Kemberly Groue
Sgt. Michael Jordan, left, and his son, Cody Barnhill, 17, pull weeds and water a flower bed at their housing unit at 116 Monroe Circle in West Falcon Park. The Marine Corps Detachment noncommissioned officer's yard was selected for the 81st Mission Support Group Commander's Choice Award for July. Winners of the award receive a \$50 voucher for the self-help store and a letter from the 81st MSG commander or deputy commander to their commander recommending them for a three-day pass.

**If it looks unsafe,
it probably is.**

Politics: What's in, what's out for military, civilian workers

By Richard Brock

Legal office

As the November elections approach, it's a good time to review appropriate political activity for federal employees, both military and civilian.

The guiding policy is the Hatch Act (5 USC 7321-7325) and Joint Ethics Regulation 5500.7R, Section 3, paragraph 6-300.

Military and Department of Defense civilian employees are prohibited from using government supplies, equipment, communication systems and facilities in any political activity.

Military

Military members on active duty may:

Register, vote and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Make monetary contributions to a political party.

Attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Display a political stickers on the member's private vehicle

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform

Serve as an election official, under specified circumstances while not in uniform.

Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if it doesn't obligate the member to engage in prohibited partisan political activity, and is done as a private citizen.

Military members may not:

Use one's official authority or influence for interfering with an election, affecting the course or outcome of an election, soliciting votes for a particular candidate or issue or requiring or soliciting political contributions from others.

Be a candidate for, or hold, civil office except as authorized.

Participate in partisan political management, campaigns, or conventions.

Make campaign contributions to another member of the Armed Forces or employee of the federal government, such as the president, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Civilians

DOD civilian employees may:

Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections.

Register and vote as they choose.

Assist in voter registration drives.

Express opinions about candidates and issues.

Contribute money to political organizations.

Attend political fund-raising activities.

Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings.

Join in and be an active member of a political party or club.

Sign nominating petitions.

Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or municipal ordinances.

Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.

Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.

Hold office in political clubs or parties.

DOD civilians may not:

Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

Collect political contributions unless both the collector and the donor are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the donor isn't a subordinate.

Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business with DOD.

Engage in political activity while on duty, in any federal workplace, while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia identifying the office or position of the DOD employee, or while using a government-owned or leased vehicle.

Solicit political contributions from the general public.

Be a candidate for public office in partisan elections.

Wear political buttons on duty.

Contribute to the political campaign of another federal employee who is in the DOD employee's chain of command, including the political campaign to re-elect the president or vice president.

For more information, call 377-3510.

**You can't exercise
your right to vote
if you're not registered.**

KEESLER NOTES

AFCEA luncheon

The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association luncheon is noon Aug. 2 at the Katrina Kantina.

The buffet is \$10.

For reservations, call Capt. Grace Beck, 377-3340, by today.

Top III brisket sale

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

A \$5 purchase covers two barbecue sandwiches, chips, pickle and a soft drink. Meals are served at the unit level.

For more information or names of ticket representatives, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 81st SUPS, 377-9522.

Senior NCO events

A senior noncommissioned officer induction seminar and ceremony is Aug. 7-10.

The seminar is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily in the McClelland Hall auditorium. The induction ceremony for recently selected senior master sergeants and their guests is 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino.

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

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program for Air Force spouses with five years or less Air Force affiliation is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 24 in Room 151, old Cody Hall.

Limited child care is available.

To register or for more information, call Jackie Pope, 377-5346, or Lana Smith, 377-2179.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop is located in the former Chapel One building adjacent to Sablich Center.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. Donations are accepted during regular hours.

For more information, call 377-3217.

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.

Gate hours

The Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. workdays.

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is open 3:30-5:30 p.m. work days for outbound traffic.

Both gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and compressed work schedule Fridays.

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

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.

Tax office

The tax office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Sept. 15.

Extensions apply to federal and state tax returns.

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

For more information, call 377-4454.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Then there were 2 Civil engineers, reservists reach base softball finals

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

The 403rd Wing and defending champion 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A squared off Tuesday night for the base softball championship on Triangle Field 1.

Because the Keesler News deadline occurred before the game, the results will be published in the Aug. 3 issue.

Double-elimination, which marked the earlier rounds of the playoffs, was dropped for the finals. It was one game, winner takes all.

A 12-run rule after five innings, 20-run rule after four innings and time limit on games were suspended for the championship.

In the second round of the playoffs, the civil engineers edged the 81st Medical

Support Squadron-A, 13-12; the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit-A eliminated the 332nd Training Squadron, 22-1; the 403rd Wing handed the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron its first loss, 11-10; and the 81st Security Forces Squadron blanked the Coast Guard Pirates, 12-0.

In third-round action, the 81st MDSS-A eliminated the CNATTU-A, 14-11; the 81st CES-A eliminated the 81st MDSS-A, 16-11; the 85th EIS sent the cops packing, 10-6; and the reservists sent the engineering installers home, 13-5.

Tuesday night's championship game featured two of intramural softball's best teams, said Derek Rose, 81st Services Division interim

sports program director.

The reservists, who won the National League crown with an 11-1 record, cruised into the title game with a 3-0 record in the playoffs. They outscored their opponents 39-26.

The 81st CES-A finished in a three-way tie for second place in the American League. Sharing that spot with the civil engineers were the CNATTU-A and 81st MDSS-A. All were 9-3 and one-half game behind league champion 332nd TRS.

The civil engineers also entered the finals 3-0 in the playoffs. They outscored their opponents 59-36.

For more information, visit the intramural sports Web site, <http://eteamz.active.com/keeslerafb/>.

Back-to-school physicals available

By Capt. Andrea Trout

81st Medical Operations Squadron

School is about to start on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

That means sports and other activities that require physical examinations. Physicals are available by appointment at Keesler Medical Center.

School activities physicals, as with any well-child examinations, have a 28-day access standard. This means they can be booked into a date up to 28 days from the day the scheduling call is made.

These appointments are rarely, if ever, available on short notice.

Sports and other school activities have been

found to be vital to the psycho-social well-being of adolescents. Studies show students who are actively involved in extra-curricular activities have lower rates of drug and alcohol use.

Pediatricians recommend all children have yearly physical examinations to evaluate growth and development.

To schedule physicals for children enrolled in Tricare Prime at Keesler, call 1-800-700-8603. Otherwise, call the children's primary care provider.

Children under age 18 are required to have a parent or guardian with them at the time of their appointment.

**Going boating?
Be sure there's a life jacket
for everyone on board.**

'Return to Dominance'

Falcons hungry for victory after 2 losing seasons in row

By Master Sgt. Ken Wright

Air Force Academy

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — For Air Force Academy football players, last season was one to be remembered, but not so much for the things athletes normally enjoy reminiscing.

As players walked victoriously from the field after blowing out New Mexico with a strong 42-24 win in the 2005 season finale, it felt good to finish strong.

Nevertheless, for those who still had at least one season left to play, the triumph left them hungry for more.

That final game marked the finish of the team's first consecutive losing seasons under the leadership of head coach Fisher DeBerry — 5-6 in 2004 and 4-7 in 2005. Returning players were determined to avoid a "three-peat."



DeBerry begins his 23rd year as the Falcons' head coach this season.

Instead of brooding over the disappointing season, they went straight to executing a plan to recapture the team's long-established winning ways.

Foremost on the list of things to remedy: returning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the academy.

To keep focused on their task, players have adopted the motto "Return to Dominance" for the upcoming season. This speaks to their desire to beat Annapolis and West Point following last year's losses to the sister service academies. Those defeats were only the second time in Air Force Academy football history the team lost to both academies in the same season.

"Those losses were both only by three points," DeBerry said.

The loss to Navy was particularly frustrating for players and fans, as it was the third consecutive loss to the midshipmen, all of which were by only three points. Two were decided on the final plays of the games.

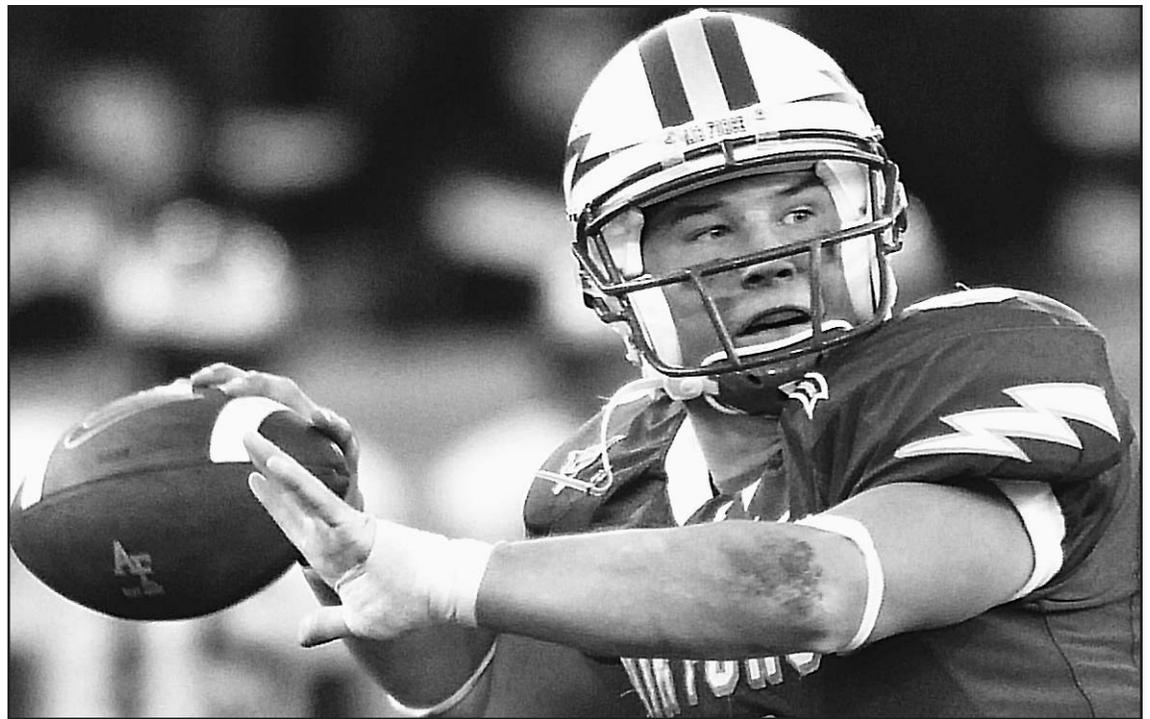
"For so many years we have dominated the commander-in-chief's series, so it's tough to take those losses," DeBerry said.

The losses to Army and Navy were representative of a season that included four games lost by a total of only 10 points. That said, this year's team and coaching staff are finished licking their wounds and ready for a little payback.

"There's nothing we can do about last year except learn from the positive things that happened," DeBerry said. "There were a lot of them, such as that it met nobody's expectations. Our expectations are very high and the players know it. And it's a great motivation going into this year. They are not accustomed to losing, let alone a losing season."

Following the victory over New Mexico, players headed to the weight room and began strengthening themselves for the season ahead.

"They started showing up at 5:30 a.m. and then again in



Photos by Danny Meyer

Junior quarterback Shaun Carney has proven to be one of the more successful passing quarterbacks in Air Force history. During the 2005 season, he posted a completion rate of better than 60 percent and rushed for more than 700 yards.

2006 schedule

Sept. 2 — open

Sept. 9 — at Tennessee

Sept. 16 — open.

Sept. 23 — at Wyoming*

Sept. 30 — New Mexico*

Oct. 7 — Navy

Oct. 12 — Colorado State*

Oct. 21 — at San Diego State*

Oct. 28 — Brigham Young*

Nov. 3 — at Army

Nov. 11 — Notre Dame

Nov. 18 — Utah*

Nov. 24 — at Nevada-Las Vegas*

Dec. 2 — at Texas Christian University*

*Mountain West Conference.

the afternoon after classes for training," DeBerry said. "We never had a player who was late or missed a practice, which shows the commitment of our players to each other and the team's goals."

This season's schedule is as challenging as any the academy has seen as the

Falcons fly to Tennessee for the season opener Sept. 9, and then face Notre Dame at Falcon Stadium Nov. 11.

"I believe we're the only team in history to beat (Notre Dame) four years in a row," DeBerry said. "We accept the challenge. And we want to play that caliber of schedule and team. We also won't be favored against Tennessee. They, like us, have traditions in their program, plus an orange sea of 108,000 fans, but we won't be intimidated."

Air Force has always played a dominant game when it comes to rushing, being ranked in the top five nearly every year for more than two decades.

As for tactics, the time-tested triple-option is still the best option for the Falcons, according to DeBerry. Without the luxury of recruiting the behemoth players found on civilian university teams, it's hard to argue against his choice of weapons.

"I like the way this team has come together and the respect they have for one another," DeBerry said.

"Their greatest strength is togetherness and brotherhood, and the attitude of not letting each other down."

Developing cadets into great football players is not the only interest of the veteran coach. He knows the young men on his team are headed for far greater challenges than what they'll find on any football field. DeBerry believes football is the consummate team game and draws a correlation between his team and the Air Force team.

"Everyone has their own responsibilities within the framework of the team. Football teaches you better than any other sport, the importance of teamwork," DeBerry said.

"It's also a game of ups and downs. Day-to-day activities within the Air Force also go up and down, so I think this game really prepares them to handle the adversity and tough times ahead," he said. "We've had some great players that have made great Air Force officers, and that's what we are all about."

Retiree, active-duty teams claim golf tourney titles

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

A team of military retirees and another of active-duty members took top honors at the scramble golf tournament Friday at Gulf Hills Country Club in Ocean Springs.

Retirees Sal Crespo and Ray Hernandez posted the low gross score, a 64, for the 18-hole event.

The low net score of 66 was turned in by John Geboy, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Doug

Hinderliter, 333rd Training Squadron.

A total of 42 two-man teams from Keesler and Naval Station-Pascagoula participated in the one-day tournament.

The event was sponsored by Bay Breeze Golf Course and Home Depot.

Gulf Hills is one of three courses on the Mississippi Gulf Coast offering reciprocal playing privileges to Bay Breeze members since the base course was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — Closed through Aug. 31 for Hurricane Katrina restoration.

Fitness centers

Free mini-triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Aug. 25, Triangle pool. Must be at least 18. Register by Aug. 18 at Blake or Dragon fitness centers.

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

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

Free aerobic and yoga classes — Dragon fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Towel service — towel service at the Blake and Dragon fitness centers has been discontinued. Customers are required to use their own towels.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 377-7858.

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. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. No charge. Participants retrieve their own balls.

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

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

For more information, call 348-7569.

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 of five, maximum of six people.

Private charter deep sea fishing trips — \$600 boat rental includes the captain and all tackle needed to fish. Deposit of \$100 required at time of reservation, with balance due day of the trip. Minimum of one person, maximum of six people.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Back Bay of Biloxi fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Aug. 19 and 26. Cost: \$15 per person. Minimum of six people, maximum of 8. State fishing license required.

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

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

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

Fishing trip to oil rigs — Saturdays. Cost: \$100 per person.

For reservations, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — required before renting a boat.

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Pools

Main pool — open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays. Water aerobic classes are held 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lap swimming is available at any time.

Triangle pool — open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. Lap swimming is available from 11 a.m. to noon.

Free water aerobic classes — 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Triangle pool. Participants without passes pay to use the pool.

Pool parties — available evenings for \$50 first two hours, \$25 each additional hour. To reserve two weeks in advance, call 377-3568.

Softball

*Intramural playoffs

First round — 81st Medical Support Squadron-A 20, 332nd Training Squadron 1; 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A 25, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit-A, 13; 403rd Wing 15, Marine Corps Detachment-A 11; 85th Engineering Installation Squadron 20, Coast Guard 19.

Second round — Coast Guard 14, USS Mesa Verde 11; 81st Security Forces Squadron 10, MARDET-A 8; CNATTU-A won by forfeit over 333rd TRS; 332nd TRS 19, 81st Communications Squadron 17. MARDET-A eliminated.

Third round — 81st CES-A 13, 81st MDSS-A 12; CNATTU-A 22, 332nd TRS 1; 403rd Wing 11, 85th EIS 10; 81st SFS 12, Coast Guard 0. Coast Guard and 332nd TRS eliminated.

Championship — 81st CES-A vs. 403rd Wing, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Triangle Field 1. For results, see Aug. 3 Keesler News.

*Not all results were reported.

Youth center

Taekwondo classes — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday for ages 6 and older. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 06-5

45th Airlift Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Eric Bailey and Trenice Vinson.

53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Stack.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Richard Atkinson and Robert Patrick.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Tilton.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Eric Hanks.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Timothy Brown and Tammy Down.

81st Operations Support Flight — Tech. Sgt. Mark Savelio.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Jerold Strauss and Joseph Wheeler (distinguished graduate, commandant award).

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Reginald Hall and Troy Young.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Michael Babbitt (distinguished graduate), Taite Randolph and David Sanders.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgts. Richard Petty and Benjamin Smith (distinguished graduate and academic achievement award).

334th TRS — Tech. Sgt. James McAnelly.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Melissa Bridges (John Levitow Award) and Clinton Presley.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Larry Bright, Edgar Lopez-Barreto and Anthony Mello III.

366th TRS Detachment 6 — Tech. Sgt. Jimmie Godwin.

403rd Maintenance Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Paul Greene.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Justin Barnhill, Joshua Bearinger, Justin Beauvais, Richard Bloodgood, David Bohland, Milton Brinkley, Sibert Cabello, Kyle Castagnetto, Dock Caudill, Christopher Chamberlin, Timothy Chow, Arron Clark, Christopher Corradino, Kevin Creamer, Kerry Davis, David Dunn, Winston Edwards, Arnold Ellis, Kyle Emerick, John Filleau, Michael Fox, Justin Gates, Alexander Glasco, Justin Gunderson, David Hartman, Jennifer Heist, Robert Hernandez, Kenneth Human, Richard Hupp, Lukasz Kultur, John

Kim, Dillon Longden, Jerred Lute, Joshua MacKay, Andrew McAnally, Daniel Mears, Chad Mitchell, Tyler Mousner, Adam Nyitray, Daniel O'Brian, Jesse Pickrell, Sean Pulaski, Patrick Quade, Patricia Qyra, Timothy Rodgers, Justin Rogers, Dustin Rokicki, Leslie Rowdenbates, Anthony Segars, Eric Semrow, Thomas Short, Jacob Studebaker, Nathaniel Thornton, Keith Tyndall, Gary Whitehurst, Zachary Whitten, Alphonso Williams, Timothy Williams and William Woosley; Pvt. Michael Spaeth; Airmen Timothy Allbaugh, Anthony Caputo, Jesse Downey, Richard Ebert, Aaron Gemalsky, Shawn Greggs, Ian Hatt, William Hirner, Michael Horch, Joshua Juskewitch, Bryson Murphy, Roger Rantz, Christopher Schreiber, Jeffery Silvis, Christopher Thayer, Zachary Tyree, Jaimes Vanderhoof, Logan Walker, Carl Wise and Michael Zoller; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Amrich, Erik Bowcock, Timothy Call, Sean Campbell, Matthew Clairday, Brandon Coleman, Douglas Cox, Robert Dohm, Jordan Dombrowski, Jaime Fultz, Kent Hadler, Joshua Hamrick, Joshua Hankinson, William Jones, Robert Kaster, Melvin Lee, Eric Mensing, Daniel Miles, Christina Miller, Spencer Montague, Timothy Munoz, Jose Nazario-Velazquez, Michelle Patterson, Cyrus Perry, Kimerly Rayburn, David Rush, Bryan Santana, Lee Stuchell, John Thomas, James Tracy, Jeffrey Turner, Melissa Wendt and Eugene Woolington; Senior Airmen Jon Blewett, Thomas Bontrager, William Cajasromero, Micah Drag, Daniel Gruber, Christopher Hannifin, Carlos Mathew, Brand Nealis and Brian Nichols; Staff Sgts. Paul Bandy, David Brackett, Richardo Camacho, Keith Downey, Matthew Doyal, Brad Hammack, Gregory Jordan, Floyd Mitchell, Lee Morris, Yi Pan, Anthony Swiercinsky and Richard Wysong; Tech. Sgts. Nathaniel Bartnick, Kevin Gause and Thomas Winkler; Senior Master Sgt. Mounir Ferchichi; Capt Cho Lee.

Metrology — Airman Basic Michael Roberts; Airmen 1st Class Cyrus Perry, Jens Knudsen and Mark Schermann.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Travis Beeh, Derin Ercin, Devin Hennessy, Jim Hulett, Autumn Knight, Jessica Stull and Jessica Witzke; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Cline, Douglas Prawitt, Kevin Wade and Christopher Wilson; Senior Airmen James Deaton, Tyler Parsons and Laree Williams.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Craig Arsenault and Ryan Karstedt; Navy Airmen Recruits Thomas Bartlett, Dale Day and Ryan Pogue; Airman Francisco Machado; Airmen 1st Class David Davis, John Gaston, Brandon Gilliland and Shane Sutton; Navy Airman Jesse Gray; Navy Seaman William Corless; Marine Cpl. Lacy Layne; Coast Guard Petty Officers 2nd Class Matthew Corder and Tiffany Sheltrown; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, Michael Hanks and Joseph Williamson

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Koby Cole; Airman Michael Flanigen; Airmen 1st Class William Caporellie, Jack Dervin and Richard Pilcher; Senior Airmen Michael Doria and Todd York; Staff Sgts. Robert Baker, Jesse Beinhower, Brad Brophil, Steven Maestas, Jason Oliver, Sara Rought, Delone Rush and John Sable; Tech. Sgt. Melroy Simmonds; Maj. Sameer Al Thodan.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Sabrina Bell, Christina Bowdin, William Bright, Seul Chung, Jessie Daut, Daniel Hadder, John Howe, Stephen Johnson, Megan Ponto, Patricia Price, Justin Rivera, Casandras Rodriguez, Stephen Swircek, Steven Szymanski and Napoleon Tavale; Airman David Miguel; Airmen 1st Class Albert Alston, Gregory Benson, Joshua Chittim, Christopher Daniel, Jose Encarnacion, Nicholas Freeman, Vanessa Garcia, Karl McGarvey, Sarah Naughton and Jeremy Rosa; Senior Airmen Marcus Alexander, Cedric Green, Ryan King, Barrett Payne, Amanda Prater, Jamica Riddick, Amber Sprangers and Edvonn Taylor; Staff Sgts. Ifejika Animalu, Timothy Arcega, Jerry Brech, Michael Chenevert, Pedro Forero, Phillip Landers, Carl McMillin, Kenneth Robaczewski, Bradley Tatum, Lee Weyers and Tim Whitfield; Tech. Sgts. Bruce Collins, Tina Gomez, David

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off-base

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

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

COAST AREA TRANSIT

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

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

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

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

For more information, call 896-8080.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Hogue, Jeffrey Howard, Levi Ingram and Keith Vannoy; Master Sgts. Danny Cooper, Guy Menefee, and Isidro De La Rosa; Senior Master Sgt. Bridgit Pena; Audrey Latson.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course — Airmen Basic Kassel Alexander, Douglas Bean, Allan Hall, Jerome Ibanez, Brian Kozemczak, Craig McGuire, Austin Tyler, Corey Wagner and Matthew Whitehead; Airmen Aaron Bray, Moses Celestino, Nicholas Delio, William Doyle, Adam Glogovac, Michael Hinkle, Michael Introini, Brandon McGuire, August Richards, Christopher Tuter and Luis Vasquez; Airmen 1st Class Luchezar Abbott, Andrew Amiri, Sean Frankovsky, Jason Hultgren, Steven Lewis, Paula Olson, Christopher Primmer, Thomas Robertson, Nicholas Rudder, David Shelton, James Spevak, Elliott Stokes, Ryan Underwood and Jeffrey VanCamp; Senior Airmen Jonathon Bowles and Michael Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Lyza Beaudreault, Oliver Bugarin, James Davis, Richard Dorgan, Leslie Hubbard, John Lewis, Alejandro Ramirez, David Simpson and Richard Williams; Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Carter.

Radar systems flight — Airman David Vanderloop; Airmen 1st Class Sarah Dorris, Brian Housholder, Josue Laboy, Kermit Perez-Torres and Joseph Rutledge.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

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

Keesler NCO Academy

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

Health and wellness center

Smoking cessation — six-week class starts this week; noon or 5 p.m. sessions Wednesdays. To register, call 376-3170.

Arts and crafts center

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

End of summer camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Games, projects, refreshments.

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

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

McBride Library

Orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday and Aug. 9, ages 2-5.

Read club — 2 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 9, ages 6-12.

We are America — display throughout the month.

Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

Auto skills center

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

Auto air conditioners — serviced at a reasonable price.

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

Vehicle resale lot — relocated to the parking lot behind the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard. Entrance is via Tingle Street immediately north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building adjacent to the club. Registration for vehicles, recreational vehicles and boats to be placed on the lot is done at the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 377-2821.

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.

Katrina Kantina

Taco Tuesdays — two tacos for \$1.

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-Fridays, ages 9-18.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. July 27.

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.

Summer camp/clinics registration — members \$25, non-members \$35. For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen extreme camps registrations — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ages 13-15. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. 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>.

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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

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, steamed rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and MonteCristo sandwich.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

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

Tour to New Orleans Saints football game — Sept. 25 vs. Atlanta Falcons. \$60. Sign up by Sept. 19.

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/keeslersc/KSC.html>.

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

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

August weather outlook

August weather is similar to July's, but there's an increased threat of hurricanes. Any tropical system that forms in or tracks into the Gulf of Mexico is considered a threat to Keesler and closely watched to ensure adequate and timely protective measures.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	102
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	89
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	76
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	61
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	76
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	6.63
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	12
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	15
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	8.5
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	3.0
1,000 feet.....	0.6
300 feet.....	0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles.....	20.6
3 miles.....	1.9
1 mile.....	0.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	47.5
4-10 knots.....	48.3
11-21 knots.....	4.1
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.

Arts, crafts — let your creativity run wild

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

The arts and crafts center has facilities, equipment and programs available to assist do-it-yourselfers in repairing or replacing certain items damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina or a recent permanent change-of-station move.

Wood shop

The wood shop is equipped with everything you need to produce book shelves to dining room furniture. There are table saws, band saws, scroll saws and radial arm saws; sanders, routers, jointers, a shaper, planer, lathes and good supply of hand tools.

Thirteen different types of wood — all the major pieces — are available for purchase.

The center has a library of woodworking books and furniture patterns to make your task easier from start to finish.

Charles Tio, wood shop carpenter, is ready to assist and guide you with any project you undertake.

People without woodworking experience are asked to attend one of the center's monthly beginners' woodworking classes. The next class is 5-7:30 p.m. Aug. 30. Participants in the \$25 class complete a small project, earn a safety certification and receive an operator's card for future shop use.

Equipment qualification cards from other bases are honored, but cardholders must get a local safety briefing at the wood shop.

Beginning and advanced intarsia woodworking classes are also offered monthly. Intarsia is the art form of joining pieces of wood in a decorative pattern. Each beautiful piece is relatively inexpensive to make, easy to assemble and lasts a lifetime. For information on the next class, call 377-2821.

Use of the wood shop is \$2.50 an hour. People ages 16 and older are welcome, but youth ages 16 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult certified on the equipment they want to use on their project.

The shop is open 1-7 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Clockwise from left, JoAnn and Daniel Menikheinh of Saucier, Henry Stiller of Long Beach, arts and crafts center framer Jerry Miller and Chief Master Sgt. Denise Rucker size and cut mats during a framing class. Mr. Menikheinh is a retired Navy chief petty officer, Mr. Stiller is a retired master sergeant and Chief Rucker is assigned to the 81st Supply and Transportation Squadrons.

Ice Cream Social

1-3 p.m. Aug. 5

Arts and Crafts Center

Free banana splits, surprise shakes and ice cream sundaes, plus bingo and make 'n' take projects.

Sponsored by Raising Cane's

For more information, call 377-2821.



Frame shop

Have your art work framed at the full-service frame shop at the arts and crafts center.

The staff can help replace frames or glass damaged in shipment. Make your selection from 50 different moldings in stock and a large assortment of matting, all available at reasonable prices, or save even more by doing your own framing.

A self-help framing class is conducted monthly. For just \$60, including supplies, instruction and tool use, participants learn in four lessons how to measure and cut the mat, frame and glass using professional framing equipment, and may use the equipment for savings on future work.

The next framing class is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Preregistration is required. Sign up in the multi-craft shop.

The frame shop also has

prints by local artists, shadow boxes and flag boxes for sale. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

Auto hobby shop

Novice or experienced self-help enthusiasts can keep their vehicles in top running condition and save money by using the auto hobby shop.

Inside and outside stalls, lube racks, tools, and assistance from certified mechanics are available to accomplish most jobs. Briefings on tire equipment, lift use and shop safety is provided one-on-one.

The staff provides air conditioning and brake drum/rotor service.

Used automotive oil can be deposited during shop hours, 1-7 p.m. Tuesdays-working Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays.

A coin-operated car wash and vacuums are open 24/7.

Multi-crafts shop

Relieve stress, readjust and reconnect after the hurricane through participation in individual or family craft projects.

Pursue your ongoing hobbies or experience a new craft by enrolling in one or more of the many classes conducted monthly. Selections include painting techniques, ceramics, scrapbooking, pottery, beginners sewing and cooking in the new kitchen area. There are special inventive and fun classes for youth and teens all year long.

The professional staff offers information and assistance, and manages a small craft retail area.

The shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

Engraving shop

Say thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered to help you recover from the storm. The engraving shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays with a wide variety of economically priced gift ideas including plaques, key chains and "I Survived Katrina" mugs and coasters.

"Using your hands and imagination to restore or create a work of art is enjoyable, stress reducing, sometimes profitable and, when you use the arts and crafts center, almost always an opportunity to save money," said Ginny Cooley, center director. "We urge people to stop by to become acquainted with what we have to offer, and meet our staff members who are ready to help you start a project."

Special events at the arts and crafts center include National Craft Month, youth craft camps, the annual ice cream social and Fall Festival. New this fall is the wood craftsman contest. August and September are entry months for the annual artist/craftsman and photography base level contests and Air Force Gallery. For more information, call 377-2821 or 3078.

The arts and crafts center and auto hobby shop are located on the east end of G Street. If you are leaving Keesler through the Meadows Drive Gate, the centers are behind the tennis courts to your left.

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GAUDÉ LANES AND 11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Closed — through Aug. 31 for Hurricane Katrina restorations.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Golf — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. Free greens fees. Electric carts rent for \$10 for 18 holes and \$5 for nine holes. Free pull carts available.

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

Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction. To schedule, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Give Parents A Break and Parents Night Out — cancelled for August at the child development center because of classroom moving process; next session at child development center Sept. 16. Sessions for school-age children are 4-10 p.m. Aug. 5 at the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

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

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

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



Call
"4 FUN"

The Services "4 Fun" line is now available for information on weekly events.

377-4FUN (377-4386)

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Reservations required
at least two weeks
before desired date.
\$50 for two hours;
\$25 each additional hour.
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FITNESS

Free mini triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Aug. 25, ages 18 and older, Triangle Pool. Swim 200 yards, bike six miles, run two miles. Sign up by Aug. 18 at Blake or Dragon fitness centers. Prizes and refreshments; T-shirts for all participants.

Dragon Fitness Center — basketball court is open. Each piece of cardio equipment in the center has its own LCD TV/DVD player; customers must bring their own headphones.

Free fitness classes — Dragon Fitness Center offers a variety of classes at many convenient times: step aerobics, salsa dancing aerobics, kickboxing, yoga (bring mat), and spin cycling. Monthly schedule is available at Dragon and Blake fitness centers and readers with military user accounts can log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/index.htm>.

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

HALF TIME CAFÉ

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

Dine-in or take-out — open for lunch and dinner with pizza, wings, burgers, Philly steak sandwiches and more.

Italian lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. \$5.95 includes spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, salad, pasta salad, bread sticks, garlic bread and 16-ounce soda or iced tea.

Catfish lunch buffet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays. \$6.50.



Trips to New Orleans Saints Football in the Superdome

*\$60 package deal
includes transportation and ticket*

Sept. 25 ~ Atlanta Falcons
Sign up by Sept. 19. Depart 4 p.m., return around midnight.

Oct. 8 ~ Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Sign up by Oct. 3. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 ~ Philadelphia Eagles
Sign up by Oct. 11. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Oct. 29 ~ Baltimore Ravens
Sign up by Oct. 24. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Nov. 19 ~ Cincinnati Bengals
Sign-up by Nov. 14. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 3 ~ San Francisco 49ers
Sign up by Nov. 28. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 17 ~ Washington Redskins
Sign up by Dec. 12. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Dec. 31 ~ Carolina Panthers
Sign up by Dec. 13. Depart 9 a.m., return around 6 p.m.

Trips depart from and return to the Vandenberg Community Center.

*Space limited ~ sign up early
at the information, tickets and tours office.
For more information, call 377-3818.*

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

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

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRIPS

Editor's note: \$1 service charge added to all ticket sales. For more information, call 377-3818.

Gulf Islands Water Park — \$18, shorter than 42 inches \$13.

New Orleans

Audubon Zoo — \$10, ages 2-12 \$6.

Aquarium of the Americas — \$13.50, ages 2-12 \$ 8.

Atlanta

Six Flags — \$27.50, meal deal voucher \$8.50.

White Water — \$23.25.

Dual ticket Six Flags and White Water — \$44.75.

Disnet

Big Kahuna Water Park — \$23.75, shorter than 48 inches \$21.

Tiki Pass — \$30 (includes amusement and water park).

Orlando

Busch Gardens — \$49; ages 3-9 \$40.50.

SeaWorld — \$52; ages 3-9 \$42.

Universal Orlando one-day — \$50; ages 3-9 \$40.50.

Universal Orlando two-day/third-day free — \$90.50; ages 3-9 \$76.75.

Disney's "Magic Your Way" Tickets

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

Four-day hopper — \$225; ages 3-9 \$190.75.

Five-day hopper — \$228.75; ages 3-9 \$193.50.

***Six-day hopper** — \$231.75; ages 3-9 \$195.25.

***Seven-day hopper** — \$233.50; ages 3-9 \$196.25.

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

KATRINA KANTINA

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

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

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

Taco Tuesdays — two for \$1.

Wings Night — 5 p.m. Aug. 9. Keesler Club members, show your club card at the door and get in free; nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy wings and assorted hors d'oeuvres; \$1 draft beer.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Aug. 24. Cook your own steak, \$6, or chicken, \$5; includes potato salad, green salad and roll.

Catering — let our caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Free club membership — Dues aren't being charged thanks to Hurricane Katrina — enjoy benefits of free club membership.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

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

Orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story time — How does your garden grow? 10 a.m. Wednesday and Aug. 9, ages 2-5.

Read Club — 2 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 9 for ages 6-12.

Gale Data Bases — for research and includes Opposing Viewpoints, Student Resource Center Gold, Infotrac 1 and others. Periodical articles can be downloaded, printed, or e-mailed.

Paperback swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good condition and of same genre.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays. Individual sign-ups \$100 per person; five or six people needed.

Deep water fishing on the Boston Whaler — reserve the boat for up to six people. \$600, includes captain and all tackle needed. Bring food and beverages. No fishing license required.

Back Bay fishing trips — 7 a.m. to noon Aug. 19 and 26. \$15 per person. Minimum six, maximum eight people. Mississippi fishing license required.

Pontoon boat rental — must take a training class and be certified to rent.

August fishing tournament — weigh in the largest red drum and win a \$100 savings bond.

Large family picnic? — Reserve one of our outside pavilions.

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

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

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

POOLS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3568 or 377-3948.

Main pool — on Meadows Drive, open noon to 5:30 p.m. daily except Mondays; lap swimming available normal hours.

Triangle pool — on Ploesti Drive, open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays; lap swimming available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Passes — daily \$1.50, single season \$20, family season (three or more) \$60, free for ages 5 and younger. Purchase passes at outdoor recreation and each pool. Lost season passes may be replaced by repurchase.

Water aerobics — 1:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the main base pool. Classes are free, but participants without pool passes must pay to use the pools.

Evening pool parties — reservations required at least two weeks prior to the desired date. \$50 first two hours, \$25 each additional hour.

RESALE LOT

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

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

New location — on Tingle Avenue north of 81st Security Forces Squadron building behind the Keesler Club.

VETERINARY SERVICES

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

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

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

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

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

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

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Annual youth artist craftsman contest — entry deadline Aug. 10, judging Aug. 15. Pick up your projects Aug. 17-24. Call for more information.

Multi-crafts shop

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. This is your chance to learn the basics of pottery and try the potter's wheel.

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

Ceramic painting class — 10 a.m. Aug. 19 — sign up by Aug. 10 to reserve your greenware. Make a "roses in color" cake platter in this Duncan-certified class. Fall leaves class is Aug. 26, with preparatory work Aug. 25. Create fall centerpiece with candleholders — choose one large, two small, or all three.

Sewing 101 — 11 a.m. Aug. 24. \$10. Bring your machine or try one of ours. Bring one yard of material and matching thread for a pillow; stuffing provided.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10 a.m. Aug. 11. Pour a project you select and two more to keep and finish as you like. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older welcome.

Teen make it, bake it, take it class — baking project in our new kitchen, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 12 for ages 13 years and older. \$10.

Caramel apple class — cooking project in our new kitchen, 11 a.m. Aug. 26. \$10; ages 7 and younger require a parent's involvement.

Frame shop

Custom shadow boxes — great for retirements; order early.

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30. \$60. Sign up in the multi-crafts shop. Learn a skill that's enjoyable and economical.

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

Engraving shop

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

Wood shop

Free demonstrations — 2-4 p.m. Aug. 5, lathe demonstration; 2-4 p.m. Aug. 26, make and cut crown molding demonstration. Demonstrations sponsored by the Home Depot.; shop closes for customer use at during demonstrations.

Closed — Aug. 8-22.

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

Auto hobby shop

Third Annual Cruisin' Keesler Car Show — Sept. 23. Get your car ready. The shop's qualified staff is ready to lend a helping hand.

Summer check-ups — auto air conditioners serviced at a reasonable rate. Stop by and pick up one of our free safety checklists.

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

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Karaoke — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Aug. 18; people with August birthdays enter the dance free.

YOUTH CENTER

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

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

Give Parents a Break and Parents Night Out — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 5 for school-age children.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and 31. Art project.

Congressional award — 6 p.m. Aug. 28, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for this award medal presented by a member of Congress.

Free home alone workshop — 6 p.m. Aug. 24, ages 10 and older; register by Aug. 22. Parent must accompany child.

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

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

Instructional classes — register now for dance, gymnastics, guitar and karate.

Before- and after-school program — registrations accepted Mondays-Fridays 5:30-8 a.m. and 3:30-6:15 p.m.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee. Homework help, computer lab, 4-H Clubs, and more.

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

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

Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16. Girls discuss activities to promote healthy life choices.

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

Torch Club — 3 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service, fun and friends.

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



Youth Center Summer Camp
Free Missoula Dinner Theater Camp
4-8:30 p.m. Aug. 7-11, ages 6-18.
Aug. 11 dinner theater presentation of **Alice in Wonderland**.
Register now. For more information, call 377-4116.

<http://www.ouraetcoutdoors.us>
Air Education and Training Commands's outdoor recreation Web site details activities for the military-affiliated public. Use it to plan your next outing to these AETC bases:

Alabama — Maxwell	Mississippi —
Arkansas — Little Rock	Columbus and Keesler
Arizona — Luke	Oklahoma —
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