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Recovery draws praise from Looney

AETC leader: Spirit, resolve keys to effort

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, paid Keesler his third visit in the past eight months April 25.

During this visit, the general received a report on post-Katrina recovery operations from Brig. Gen. Paul Casspo, 81st Training Wing commander, toured Keesler Medical Center and Bay Ridge housing area and attended an 81st Training Wing commander's call briefing, where he pinned aircrew badges on the last graduates of the airborne battle management systems operator course.

Before his departure, the general was interviewed for this article.

General Looney was very impressed with Keesler's progress, spirit and resolve in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He attributed the success of recovery efforts to date to the combined resolve

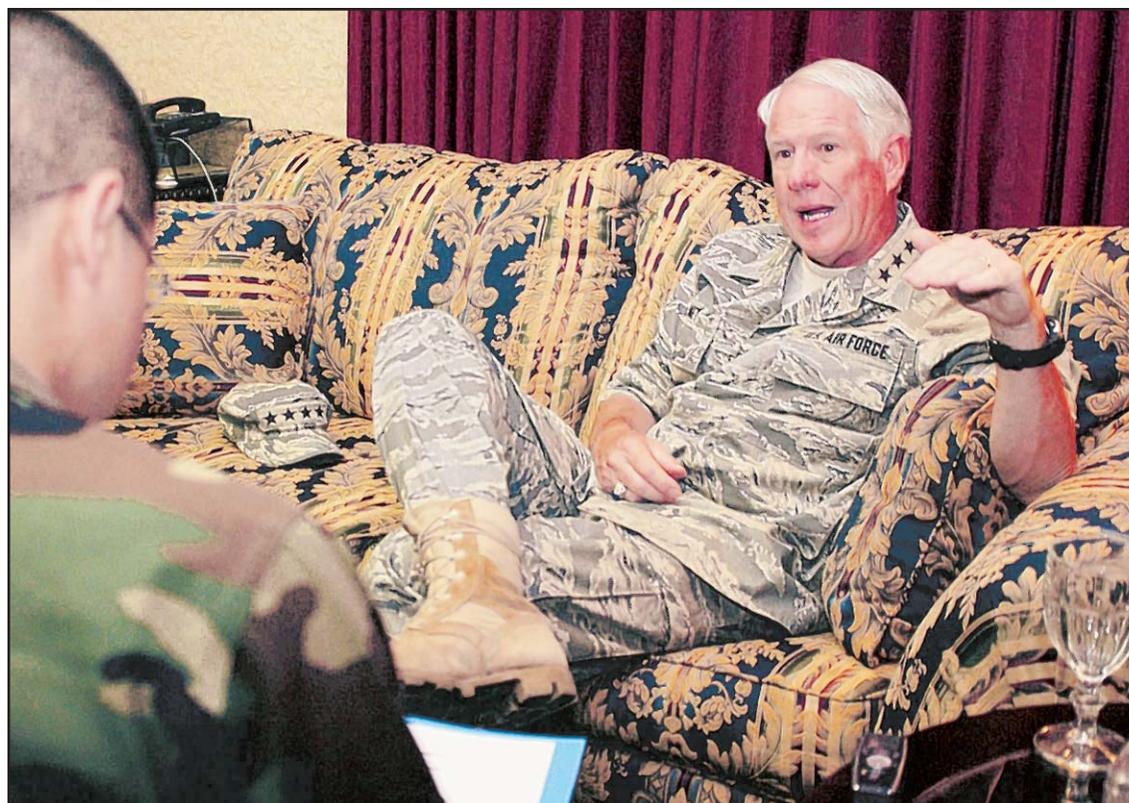


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Diaz takes notes as General Looney makes a point during April 25 interview.

of the base and surrounding communities.

"The progress has been miraculous and it's taken extraordinary individuals doing extraordinary things," he said. "The thought was that it'd take almost two years to bring Keesler back to its normal stu-

dent load, and the men and women of Keesler made that happen in about four months."

What impresses General Looney most about Keesler's people in their post-Katrina environment is their never-quit attitude.

"It's the whole camaraderie

that has come together, their undying spirit and the fact that they will not and never give up," he said.

General Looney said credit for Keesler's restoration goes beyond the base itself.

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This week in the Triangle

Communications-computer systems operations craftsman, 9 a.m. today, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson hall.

Ground radio apprentice, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall.

Weather forecaster apprentice, 10 a.m. today, weather training complex.

Communications-computer systems planning and implementation management craftsman, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

Precision measurement equipment laboratory apprentice, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dolan Hall.

Computer network cryptographic and systems apprentice, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 3,387

Non-prior service — 2,243

Temporary duty — 1,126

Combat controllers — 18

Non-prior service arrivals — 103

Guard, Reserve — 715

International — 12

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 12,672

COMMENTARY

You can help apply brakes to housing area speeders

By Master Sgt. Ken Oates

81st Security Forces Squadron

Spring has sprung and so have speedometers in our military housing areas.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron and 81st Training Wing leadership have noticed a disturbing trend — violations of the 15 mph speed limit on housing area streets.

The surge in contractors who aren't used to driving in our housing areas seems to account for most instances of speeding.

Housing area residents can help curb this problem by being attentive to the speed of vehicles driving near your homes, writing down descriptions of speeding vehicles, the drivers and license plate numbers. Then, visit the 81st SFS desk sergeant, Building 3501, Larcher Boulevard across from the old commissary. A patrolman will receive your com-

plaint and take action on it.

Just like civilian law enforcement agencies, the 81st SFS can identify registered owners of vehicles through a national computer database. With that information, the 81st SFS contacts the Keesler agency responsible for the military member, civilian or contractor and addresses the issue. For military or civilian employees, this could be the first sergeant or commander. Our prime contractors have multiple sponsors.

A speeding citation isn't issued in most cases. However, this procedure allows both the 81st SFS and supervisors an opportunity to address the issue in hopes of preventing a reoccurrence. Although our patrols do their best to monitor compliance with the speed limit in housing areas, they can't be everywhere. They need your help.

Military retirement What it's actually worth

By Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Levin

81st Dental Squadron commander

I'm an Air Force colonel of 28 years and a commander for more years than I'd like to admit.

Most of us can think back to the days when we entered active duty and remember the reasons we chose the profession of arms. In my case, it was not only the lure of traveling the world, being part of the greatest fighting force bar none or even the hope of learning a new trade. I needed a reliable pay check and a job that allowed personal growth and job security.

I don't think that's very different from many who are entering active duty today.

Unquestionably, my reasons for staying are very different from why I joined and I wouldn't give up my Air Force experiences for anything.

Rather than reflect on all the benefits how the military has impacted my life, I want to focus on retirement bene-

fits, which I believe are misunderstood and under-represented.

How many of you know what your Air Force retirement is really worth? How much would you have had to save to draw a particular monthly income?

My hope by asking these questions is to get you thinking, because unless you've gone through this thought process, you won't be able to make the right decision when it comes time to leave the military.

No matter which program you fall into, Air Force retirement plans are among the very best available anywhere on the planet. Where else can you start drawing payments at the 20-year point for the rest of your life and have those payments indexed to inflation? The words "indexed to inflation" make our plan great.

Here are a couple of examples of the value of a military retirement plan:

A 30-year chief master

sergeant retiring this year gets \$48,546 a year. Many would start drawing benefits at age 48 and could do so for more than 40 years. That's actually longer than they served on active duty.

How much would this chief have to have in the bank to receive \$48,546 for 40 years indexed to inflation? Figuring on an inflation rate of 3.5 percent per year, he'd need to have \$1.8 million in the bank that pays \$37,000 annually for 40 years, assuming a 5 percent rate of return annually.

A 20-year master sergeant retiring this year draws \$21,390 a year. He'd have to have \$750,000 in the bank to pay out this amount for 40 years.

As these examples demonstrate, your retirement can almost double by remaining on active duty for 30 years.

This logic can be used to calculate the worth of your retirement, regardless of your rank. Try it. You may be pleasantly surprised. I was.

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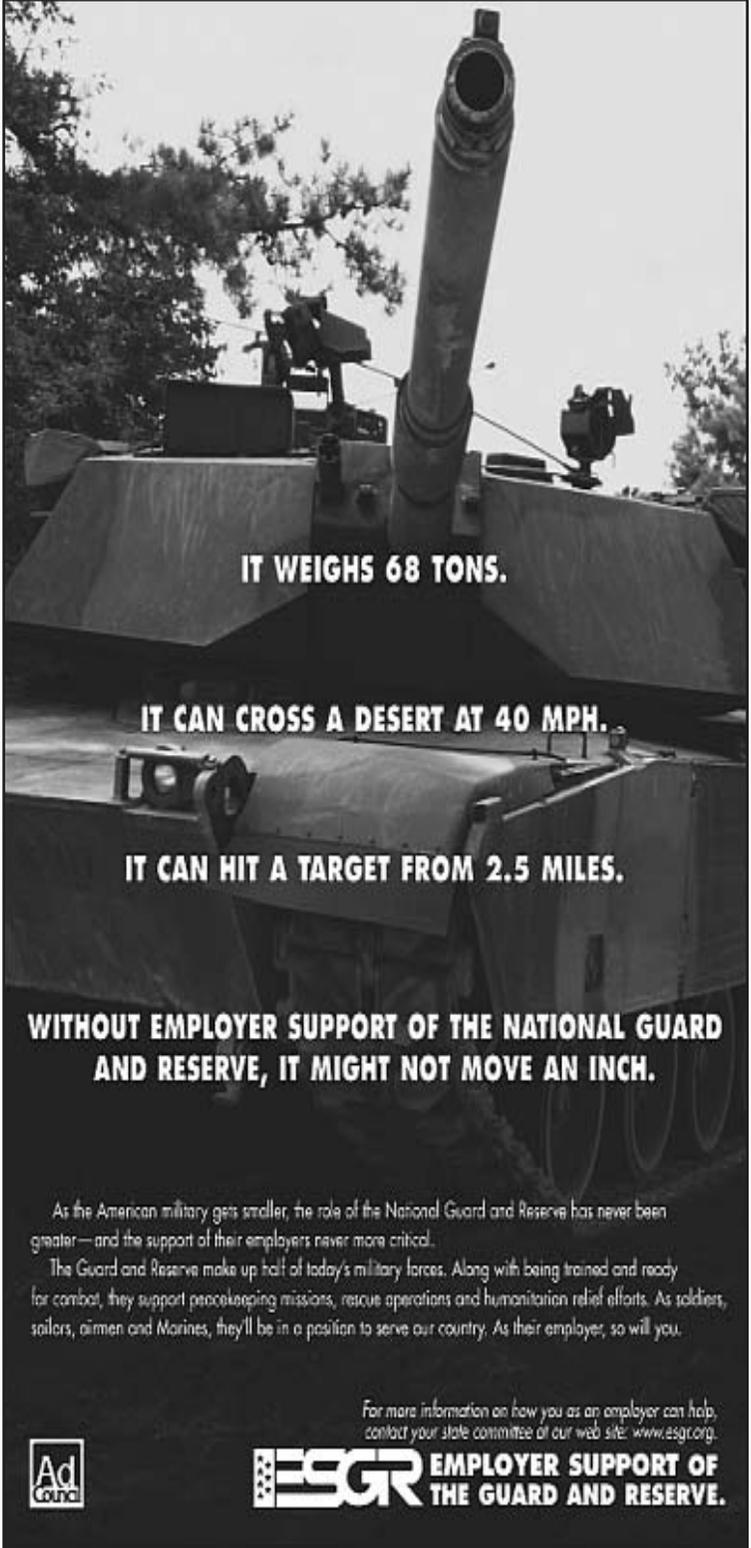
By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

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.

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Keesler's 2006 safety goals

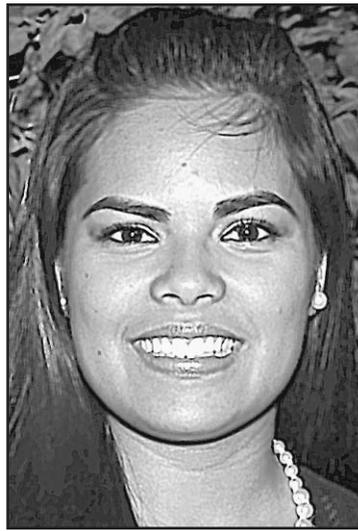
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a best business practice,
a competitive and asymmetric
advantage.**

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



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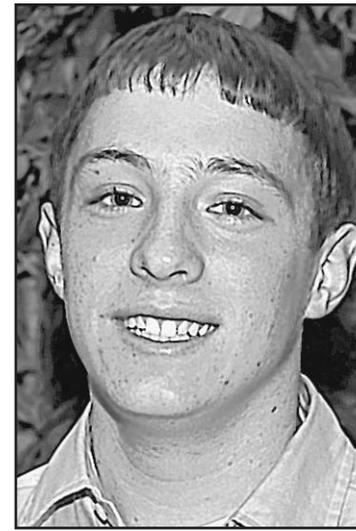
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Ms. Goodwin



Ms. Rowell



Mr. White



Ms. Young



Ms. Davis



Ms. Miner



Ms. Rhodes



Ms. Zimmerman

10 scholarships given at spouses club ceremony

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Ten students headed to college this fall received scholarships at a reception April 26 hosted by the Keesler Spouses Club at Vandenberg Community Center.

The officers spouses club at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., funded a \$1,500 Hurricane Katrina scholarship.

First Command Financial Planning provided a \$1,000 scholarship.

Eight of the other scholarships were funded by the Keesler Thrift Shop and other fund-raising efforts by the KSC. In spite of setbacks in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the group was able to award four \$1,000 and four \$500 scholar-

ships this year.

Scholarship winners are: **Kelsey Nikolaus**, Hurricane Katrina scholarship recipient, a senior at Ocean Springs High School, is headed to Abilene Christian University, Texas, to major in education. Her parents are Col. (Dr.) Brent and Bonnie Nikolaus, 81st Dental Squadron.

Roxanne Ambion, First Command recipient, is a senior at Biloxi High School. She'll major in business management at the University of South Alabama. Her parents are Master Sgt. Jerome and Ana Ambion, 81st Training Wing.

KSC \$1,000 scholarships: **Tiffany Goodwin** is majoring in criminal justice at Indian River Community



College, Fla. Her husband, Allen, is assigned to Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 407.

Christine Rowell, Biloxi High School, plans to major in

communications at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her parents are Master Sgt. Wayne and Bethany Rowell, 81st Transportation Squadron.

Charles White, St. Martin High School, plans to major in pharmacy at the University of Mississippi. His parents are retired Chief Master Sgt. Charles and Ruth White.

Nichole Young, Biloxi High School, plans to major in medicine at the University of South Alabama. Her parents are Master Sgt. Lee and Joy Young, 334th Training Squadron.

KSC \$500 scholarships: **Tiersa Davis**, Mercy Cross High School, plans to major in elementary education at the University of South Alabama. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Gregory Davis and Karen

and Rod Fields.

Rhea Miner, Ocean Springs High School, plans to major in psychology at the University of Mississippi. Her parents are Master Sgt. Curt Miner, 81st Training Support Squadron, and Christine Miner, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Anna Rhodes, Biloxi High School, plans to major in art at the University of South Alabama. Her parents are Col. (Dr.) David and Nikki Rhodes, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Shera Zimmerman, St. Martin High School, plans to major in business at Mississippi College. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Eric and Lynn Zimmerman.

Club opens membership to all Keesler spouses

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

As of April 25, the Keesler Officers Spouses Club is now the Keesler Spouses Club.

The change is more than just a new name, according to Laura Capasso, wife of Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. The new name reflects a new philosophy for spouse involvement that embraces all enlisted, civilian and officer spouses on base, including active-duty, retired, Guard and Reserve spouses.

Shannon Sanders, spouse of Maj. Troy Sanders, 335th Training Squadron, submitted a letter to make the change in February.

Mrs. Sanders brings a unique perspective to the club as a prior enlisted member and prior civil service employee, as well as an officer's spouse.

"After Hurricane Katrina, we realized what an awesome opportunity we had to have a joint organization to pro-

Tuesday's meeting — hurricane readiness

Hurricane preparedness is the theme for the next meeting of the Keesler Spouses Club, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the marina.

Prospective members are invited to attend. Several appointed board positions are available for the coming year.

For more information, call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324.

vide support to the base," Mrs. Sanders said. "When we talk about the Keesler family, let's really mean it."

Club members feel the change in membership is important for many reasons.

"After Katrina, Keesler's officer spouses relied heavily on the club as a core support structure to provide a

much needed social and post-hurricane stress outlet," explained Mrs. Capasso, who serves the club as senior adviser. "The benefits realized for officer spouses highlighted the lack of social support for other spouses on base. The membership felt including all spouses would be a vital step to improving morale and esprit de corps at Keesler.

"In an age of troop reduction, having an organization that includes all spouses will help mitigate some of the effects," she added.

The general's wife sees benefits for families as well.

"Some new military spouses aren't familiar with aspects of military life, such as deployments, extended temporary duty and long hours during exercises," she pointed out. "The KSC provides an avenue for new military spouses to get acquainted with and receive mentorship and advice from 'seasoned' spouses to help the transition."

The KSC is a private, nonprofit

organization with social and charitable interests. The club promotes social, recreational and similar activities for its members, while supporting scholarship candidates and charitable or educational groups.

Funds are raised primarily through the Keesler Thrift Shop in the former Chapel One.

Membership entitles a spouse to attend KSC functions and the opportunity to volunteer at the thrift shop and serve on various committees which address social functions, community service and charitable donations.

Incoming president Tammie Searfass is married to Capt. Albert Searfass, 332nd TRS, who formerly served as an enlisted member. She strongly supports the joining of officer, enlisted and civilian spouses into one organization.

"We're all Keesler spouses and should come together as one," she emphasized.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Summer school

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

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

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

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

For appointments or more information, call 377-2287.

USM program

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

The next term starts May 30. An academic adviser is at

Keesler Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Room 208, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2309.

Supply classes

General supply indoctrination, bench stock management, repair cycle management and equipment management classes are available monthly in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Center.

To schedule a class, call 377-2270.

Waste training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. May 18 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

For more information, call Thomas Minton, 377-3004.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed May 31 for drill evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot will be open.

For more information, call

Master Sgt. Cliff Nicholson, 377-2780.

Drill downs, parades

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

May's parade has been cancelled and replaced with a pass-and-review during Special Olympics, Friday.

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

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

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

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.

Tour time



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Junior ROTC Cadet Col. Naideen Morban, left, cadet corps commander at Biloxi High School, gives Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, a tour of the school April 26. General Capasso received a briefing on past events and future JROTC plans and spoke to the students and the school's JROTC commander, retired Lt. Col. Joseph Nastasi.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Keesler nearly doubles goal

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Team Keesler nearly doubled its goal by raising \$121,670 in its 2006 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

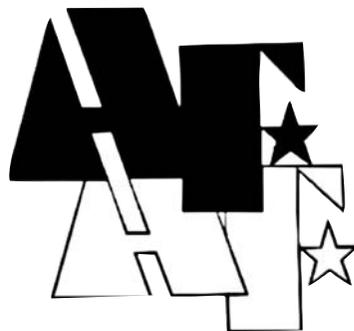
Keesler's drive, which ran March 15 to April 26, collected 197 percent of its \$61,711 goal.

Maj. Gregory Kendrick, base project officer, said Monday that Air Education and Training Command adjusted Keesler's goal downward from its original \$66,145 mark due to the number of people currently assigned.

"It's not a big deal since we blew the goal out of the water — it just makes us look even better," he pointed out.

Keesler members didn't have to look very hard for a reason to give to this year's campaign.

In Hurricane Katrina's wake, the base received more than \$2.1 million in assistance from the Air Force Aid Society, one of the four chari-



ties under the AF AF umbrella.

"This is just another example where Team Keesler continues to make a difference every day," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "The spirit of giving back to those who have helped us in our time of need has been simply overwhelming. I could not be prouder of the entire team."

Major Kendrick said once the base passed its goal early, other goals seemed more and more attainable.

"After we reached our goal after just a couple of weeks, I thought we had a realistic chance to get to \$100,000," he explained. "When we reached

that, it was unbelievable.

"This shows the generosity of the people here," the major commented. "Military, civilian, officer, enlisted, it didn't matter — people gave what they could. And we couldn't have done this without the hard work of the all of the group, unit and squadron representatives. They were the faces of AF AF."

The 332nd Training Squadron won the Keesler First Sergeants' "penny war" and received a free pizza party for collecting 35,072 pennies.

Also, the 81st Training Group raised more than \$50,000 during the campaign, more than any other group, unit or squadron.

In addition to the AFAS, the other three campaign beneficiaries are the Air Force Enlisted Village Widows' Fund, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation.

Air Force-wide, the AF AF campaign ends Friday.

McKinley takes top enlisted spot

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief McKinley assumes his new position July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray after 29 years of service.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," General Moseley said. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner.

"We were blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified candidates for the position," General Moseley continued. "While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently the command

chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college and re-entered the Air Force in 1982.

Chief McKinley's career includes assignments in the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant fields. He has also served as the command chief master sergeant of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia, and 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government. The chief master sergeant of the Air Force serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

IN THE NEWS

New personnel system rolls out

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Friday, the new National Security Personnel System was implemented.

About 11,000 Defense Department civilian employees from 12 organizations are part of the initial Spiral 1.1 phase-in process of the new system.

Employees are converted to pay bands that replace the general schedule and given new results-focused performance plans that are clearly linked to their organization's mission and strategic goals, defense officials said.

The performance appraisal cycle for Spiral 1.1 employees began Sunday and ends Oct. 31. These employees receive their first performance pay increases in January. In addition, employees performing satisfactorily receive an increase equivalent to the general pay and locality increase received by general-schedule employees in January.

New Meadows Drive Gate hours

The Meadows Drive Gate is open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, beginning May 15.

Monday, the Oak Park Gate was closed and the Judge Sekul Avenue Gate opened 3:30-5:30 p.m. on work days for outbound traffic only.

The Judge Sekul and Meadows gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and non-working Fridays.

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

Today is National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed at 10 a.m. today in the Triangle Chapel.

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) Onyema Okorie, 377-4861 or 2520.

Commander's call

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

Joint public affairs element

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — By standing up the Joint Public Affairs Support Element, the U.S. military is on its way to greatly improving the way it delivers timely, accurate information from combatant commanders to the media.

The element's mission is to train joint public affairs professionals to rapidly deploy as a team to help combatant commanders properly disseminate information to the press. The element also specializes in training commanders and their staffs to understand the communication capabilities they have within their own organization.

The element has already been deployed to support joint task force commanders during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the massive October earthquake in Pakistan.

"We learned from Katrina how we could integrate into U.S. Northern Command to support state and federal authorities," said Col. Donna Pastor, a JPASE training chief. "It's about having people rapidly available who are trained as a team and are prepared to operate immediately."

JPASE officials expect to have full operational capability by September 2007, with a staff of 48 people made up of civilians and personnel from all the military branches.

Visit,

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“Thanks to everyone’s hard work here, we’ve been very fortunate. We’ve got great support from Congress, the administration, office of secretary of defense and Air Force leadership in making the rebuilding of Keesler a priority,” he emphasized.

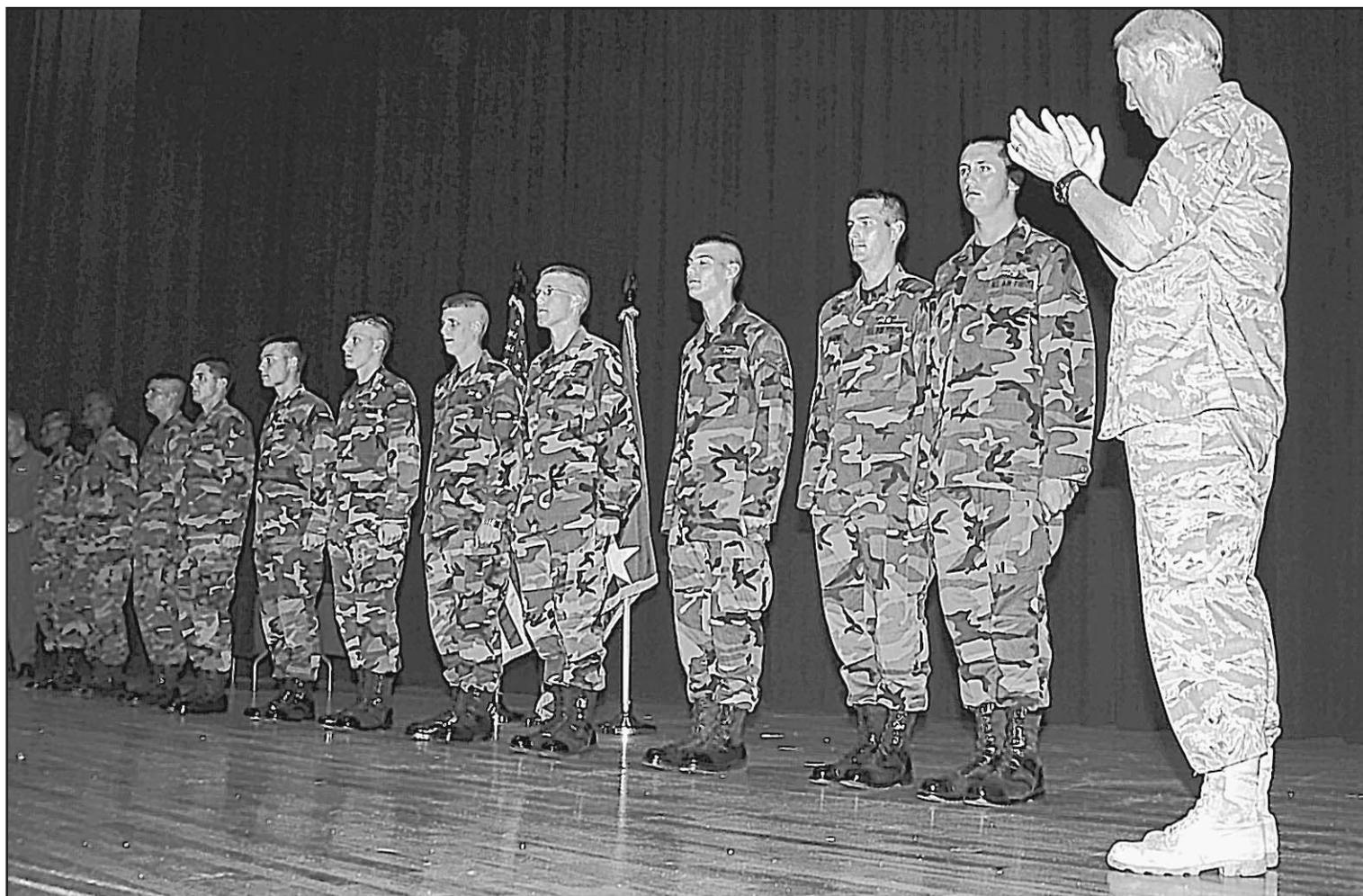
“At the end of the day, we’ll find that the Keesler post-Katrina will be even more impressive than the Keesler pre-Katrina.”

The general also shared what’s in store for AETC in the next five years and how Keesler will play a role in that.

“We’re on a steady course right now to always develop America’s Airmen today for tomorrow, which is the motto of the command. I don’t see us veering off that track, and I see that what Keesler is doing today, it will continue to do.

“Needless to say, there are going to be modifications to the courses as new technology comes online that will help us teach and educate our Airmen to an even higher level,” he said.

“There will probably be some new techniques that will also be incorporated into the training as we transition more and more into an expeditionary Air Force and adapt our training, procedures, poli-



Photos by Kemberly Groue

General Looney leads applause for final class of airborne battle management system operators in Welch Auditorium.

cies and tactics to reflect the expeditionary nature versus the garrison force.

“I would say that these are minor changes on the edge to the path that AETC is following today and will continue to follow,” the AETC commander concluded.



General Capasso, left, leads General Looney on a tour of the new 2nd Air Force commander’s residence in the Bay Ridge housing area. The home replaces the one destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey, left, describes the demolition of the former 2nd Air Force commander’s residence to General Looney during the AETC commander’s tour of the Bay Ridge housing area. Sergeant Dorsey is assigned to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, which completed the demolition of the hurricane-ravaged home while the general was making his third visit to the base in eight months.



Sergeant Sargent



Ms. Varble



Ms. Suchomel



Ms. Berry



Sergeant Gatton

Volunteers

Keesler recognizes those who keep on giving

Family support center and Keesler News staff

Six people and one organization were recognized April 26 in a ceremony at Vandenberg Community Center for their contributions to Keesler and the surrounding communities.

Referring to the volunteers, Maj. Teresa Roberts, family support center director, said, "These individuals truly epitomize service before self and excellence in all we do. They make up the heart of all the wonderful things Keesler accomplishes.

"I'm convinced these individuals would do this work regardless of whether or not they were recognized, but we are honored to have had the opportunity to show our appreciation," she added.

The Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award recipient was **Tech. Sgt. Julie Sargent**, 332nd Training Squadron, who helped Team Keesler establish humanitarian relief operations on the coast after Katrina.

She procured resources for displaced citizens in D'Iberville, found furniture for residents of Seashore Methodist Center while they were displaced to a tent city in D'Iberville and served Thanksgiving dinner to more than 1,200 D'Iberville residents at the city's community center.

She also obtained two tractor trailer loads of books, desks and materials for D'Iberville High School, and supported 2,100 storm victims daily by supplying resources to major distribution points in Biloxi.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the

"Keesler Air Force Base built strong partnerships with local area schools, communities and non-profits throughout the entire state of Mississippi."

— Mr. Lowe

Year Award went to **Cathy Varble** for more than 30 years of volunteer work at Keesler. Mrs. Varble is the wife of retired Lt. Col. Thomas Varble. She's credited with a vital role in developing scholarships enabling numerous students to continue their education.

She was instrumental in the recovery and reopening of the Keesler Thrift Shop in the aftermath of Katrina. She was also involved in reading programs in Mississippi Gulf Coast schools, taught Sunday School and served as a hospital volunteer.

The Outstanding Volunteer Group Award went to the **338th TRS**, which removed piles of rubble, bricks, lumber, trash, trees, homes and appliances from more than 10 hurricane-ravaged sites, streets and neighborhoods.

The Dark Knights partnered with the Navy, Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Quality, Boy Scouts, Bureau of Marine Resources, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Hancock and Harrison counties and the city of Biloxi to assist in recovery

and rebuilding of the coast.

The Volunteer Excellence Award went to **Karron Suchomel**, 81st Comptroller Squadron, who served as a volunteer counselor in areas pertaining to marriage, parenting and substance abuse. After Hurricane Katrina, she was instrumental in the establishment of the Biloxi and Gulfport Katrina's Closets.

Very Important Patriot Award recipients were:

Cryste Berry, wife of Maj. Keith Berry, 81st Medical Group, for her efforts after Hurricane Katrina. Once the storm passed, she opened her home to volunteer workers. Mrs. Berry fed the volunteers, cleaned for them and did their laundry.

Master Sgt. Randy Schneider, 81st Communications Squadron, for countless hours coaching youth sports, more than 40 hours mentoring Biloxi second graders at Gorenflo and Lopez Elementary schools in reading, planning and supervising the installation of 50 computers at Gorenflo Elementary School and more than 200 hours of

labor installing drywall in homes damaged by Katrina.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Gatton, 81st Medical Support Squadron, for contributing more than 2000 hours to various causes. He aided the Saucier Volunteer Fire Department by responding to more than 1,000 structure, vehicle and brush fires, and providing assistance during automobile accidents and medical calls.

As a member of the fire prevention team, he helped educate children at the Saucier Head Start and Saucier Elementary School on fire safety.

John Lowe, volunteer coordinator at the family support center, said of the volunteers, "Keesler Air Force Base built strong partnerships with local area schools, communities, and non-profits throughout the entire state of Mississippi.

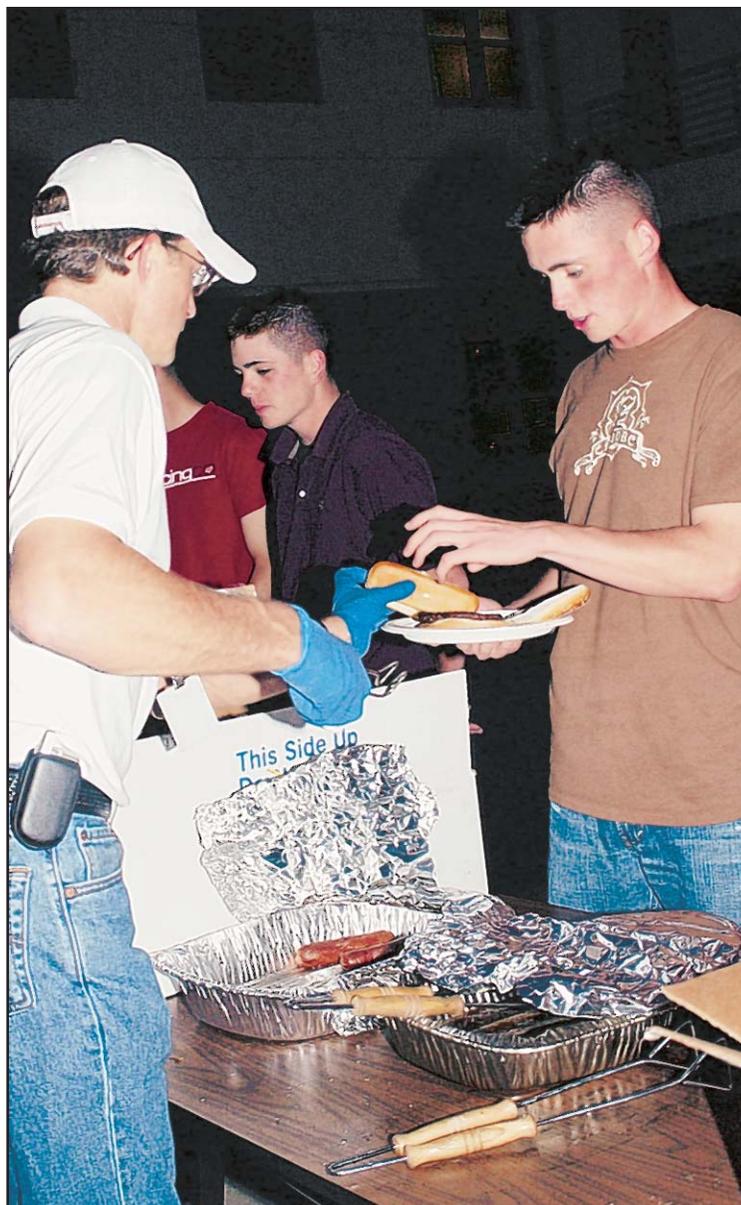
"During 2005, military personnel, family members, Defense Department civilians, contractors, retirees and their families donated both their time and their money, resulting in a positive impact on the environment, improved community quality of life and letting individuals know they are valued," he said.

"Keesler provided more than 420,000 hours of volunteer service to base and community events equating to \$8,051,400 based on the independent sector's dollar value of \$19.17 per hour for volunteer service," Mr. Lowe concluded.

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

Student volunteers enjoy barbecue, fun, games

Scott Kindred, left, Salvation Army warehouse manager, serves a hot dog to Airman Jason Kimball, 336th Training Squadron student, at a food table set up behind the Levitow Training Support Facility Friday. The barbecue was organized by the family support center for student volunteers. The Biloxi Salvation Army provided food for the event.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airmen 1st Class Rickey Smith, left, 332nd TRS student, and John Ward, 334th TRS student, joust for supremacy while atop padded stands at the student barbecue. The event featured many other games and was put together for students who helped with humanitarian relief efforts on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina struck the area.

Post-Katrina: Some patients' data is out of date

81st Medical Group

The Keesler Medical Center staff has encountered difficulty contacting some patients since Hurricane Katrina.

Some patients have changed to unlisted telephone numbers and others have moved.

The medical center staff needs current, accurate contact telephone numbers and mailing addresses in order to provide services to these patients.

Patients who've changed phone numbers or moved are asked to go to the military personnel flight, first floor, old Cody Hall, to update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

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

Outpatient clinic entrance reopens 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Family practice clinic staff in the former medical specialties clinic area sees patients with acute uncomplicated illnesses, handles personal health assessments and provides medication refills. Urgicare and walk-in services aren't available. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. A case manager and social worker are available.

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

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

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

Clinics are closed for warrior training, 1-5 p.m.

the second Thursday of each month. The family practice and pediatric clinics have limited access. Acute care appointments are available in the morning; however, the clinics close at noon and reopen at 7 a.m. the next day. The first aid station is open for simple acute needs. Medication refills and urgent or emergency care aren't available. Pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services are available with reduced staffing. Be prepared for longer waits for these services. For emergencies, go to the nearest emergency room.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For blood donor center donations, call 377-9324.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New dermatology patients are seen by referral only.

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

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

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

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



Going, going, gone

Top, the former residence of the 2nd Air Force commander at 201 Arnold Circle in Bay Ridge military family housing received extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina's winds and storm surge. Left, the structure was leveled April 25, and another home won't be built on the spot.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Contracting is 'back home' again

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

April 26, the 81st Contracting Squadron moved back into its pre-Katrina quarters in Building 4605, the structure it shares with Keesler's visitor center.

Spending almost eight months in temporary locations "was a daily reminder that things still weren't quite back to normal," said Lt. Col. George Budz, 81st CONS commander.

Contracting moved from Allee Hall to old Cody Hall before interior repairs were completed to its offices.

"It's been quite a journey; but we made it — being home, back in our building, is great," said Carolyn Murphy, an acquisition flight chief.

Building 4605 took up to four feet of storm surge and wind damage from its vantage point at the base's southern border.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Linda Falks, 81st CONS director of business operations, moves binders back into her office.

To be habitable again, the facility had to be "low gutted" to the waterline. Walls, ceilings and flooring were replaced, electrical and communication repairs were made, painting was completed and new furnishings were purchased.

The cost of interior demolition, repair and replacement of furnishings and an electronic filing system is estimated at \$1.1 million so far. A new metal roof still in the works will cost about \$588,000.

Grant program ends Friday

Friday is the last day to process Hurricane Katrina homeowner grant applications at the Keesler Service Center.

Call 377-1378 or DSN 597-1378 for appointments at the center in the 2nd Air Force headquarters conference room, 721 Hangar Road.

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

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

Air Force Aid Society

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

For more information, call 377-2179.

Civilian absences

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

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

For more information, call 377-3142.

Coins, patches

Operation Dragon Comeback coins and patches are still available.

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

Contact unit representatives or e-mail Tech. Sgts. Eric Alvarez, eric.alvarez@keesler.af.mil, or Anthony Bellocq, anthony.bellocq@keesler.af.mil.

Prescription process saves \$500 million in 5 years

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — In the first year since the Department of Defense began using the uniform formulary process to review and classify prescription drugs, \$500 million has been saved.

In addition, the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service has avoided more than 171,000 potentially life-threatening drug interactions since 2001, said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

“More than 2.1 million prescriptions are filled in the military health system during a typical week,” Dr. Winkenwerder said. “Since we began using the pharmacy uniform formulary last year, we have been able to move forward rapidly to make prudent decisions that protect our beneficiaries’ health and at the same time save costs.”

The uniform formulary established a process that places prescription drugs into one of three cost-share tiers, based upon their relative clinical and cost effectiveness.

“These pharmacy decisions reflect our strong interest in seeing that our beneficiaries get the medications they need,” Dr. Winkenwerder said. “It is our goal to ensure that the best balance of efficacy and cost effectiveness is accomplished.”

The DOD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meets quarterly to recommend medications for placement on the uniform formulary or to be non-formulary. The group is made up of physicians and pharmacists, representatives from the military services, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Coast Guard. Their recommendations are vetted with a beneficiary advisory panel, whose membership includes representatives of active-duty

families and retirees, civilian health care professionals and Tricare contractors.

The uniform formulary is just one of several measures DOD has implemented over the past five years to enhance quality and reduce costs, said Capt. Tom McGinnis, Tricare chief pharmaceutical officer.

“Savings have also come from DOD and VA pursuing joint contracts for our pharmacy programs. In fiscal 2007, it is estimated that we will save nearly \$200 million alone by using joint national contracts,” he said.

Beneficiaries are also being encouraged to use the Tricare mail order pharmacy program for maintenance medications to save money and for convenience.

“Mail order is a win-win because it reduces the department’s costs dramatically, while offering maintenance medications to our beneficiaries for

reductions from what they are paying to the retailers,” Dr. Winkenwerder said.

Since 2001, DOD’s software program for physicians and pharmacists called PDTS has improved the quality of DOD prescription services and enhanced patient safety by reducing the likelihood of adverse drug interactions and duplicate treatments.

With each new or refill prescription, a screen automatically checks the prescription against the beneficiary’s complete medication history before it’s dispensed. This transparent online activity occurs in the background for health care providers.

This initiative prompted civilian medical facilities and pharmacies nationwide to use adverse event screening software.

For more information on the Uniform Formulary, visit http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/unif_form.cfm.

Educational records open to officer promotion boards

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders announced recently that promotion boards will once again consider officers' educational progress as they advance in rank.

Beginning with the calendar year 2008 central selection boards, information on all degrees earned by an officer are available to the board.

In a joint letter released from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff T. Michael Moseley, they state, "Our expeditionary Air Force will need all the cultural, political and technical skills available."

Including an officer's educational level reverses a decision the Air Force made a few years ago. Educational records were masked because some Airmen were using their benefits to pursue degrees not relevant to Air Force duties, they said.

"Over time, earning a post-graduate degree deteriorated into a method to increase the likelihood of promotion," the letter reads.

The decision to unmask the educational records comes from an unforeseen adverse effect from the previous masking decision.

"Unfortunately, many others stopped pursuing degrees that would have benefited themselves and the Air Force. Also, boards were unable to

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Master's degree programs are available at Keesler in several different areas from the University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"Tuition assistance will pay 100 percent of the tuition cost — up to \$250 per semester hour — for master's programs," said Robin Manson, an education specialist in the education services office.

Ms. Manson mentioned that online graduate degree programs have become increasingly popular as well in recent years.

For more information about graduate programs, call 377-2323 or visit the education services offices in Room 212, old Cody Hall.

see which Airmen were meeting their full potential," they said.

"Both of us want to encourage Airmen, not discourage them, from pursuing advanced education," the letter reads. "There are several avenues to obtain degrees, and the Air Force is developing others. Our nation needs our best and demands nothing less."



Leadership camp for kids offers anti-drug strategies

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

DEFY is the message for Keesler kids again this summer.

In this case, DEFY is Drug Education for Youth, a free eight-day leadership camp for children ages 9-12, June 19-29.

This is the third year for DEFY. Keesler's deployment facility, a convenient walk to base recreational sites, once again serves as camp headquarters.

DEFY is structured to nurture the development of positive self-image and personality traits, according to camp coordinator Bill Cooley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

"It's a goal-oriented program to produce young people with character, leadership and confidence which equip them to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens," he explained.

The program's three parts:

Phase 1, the camp itself, consists of an academic curriculum focusing on self-management skills, drug resistance education and information skills, social skills and physical fitness, combined with educational field trips and swimming, bowling and other recreational activities.

"The emphasis is on team building, conflict resolution, goal setting and self-confidence," Mr. Cooley said.

Phase 2 includes monthly meetings covering topics such as personal safety, relationships, study skills, nutrition, self-esteem, community cultural connections and coping with bullying.

Phase 3 encourages graduates to become active members of positive community-based activities such as Boy or Girl Scouts, Boys or

DEFY deadlines

The DEFY Leadership Camp is 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 19-29 at the deployment center, Building 1917.

The free program is limited to 30 children ages 9-12 who are family members of active-duty members, reservists or Department of Defense civilians.

Today is the deadline for staff applications. They're available in Room 5711, Locker House, Building 3101.

Staff members are enlisted members, officers or adult family members who are willing to devote two weeks to the camp and attend mandatory training, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 14-15. Military members need permissive temporary duty orders.

June 1 is the deadline for youth applications available at the youth center.

June 15 is a mandatory parents' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the deployment center.

June 29 is the camp graduation ceremony.

For more information, call Bill Cooley, 377-9221 or Erica Trahan, 377-8485.

Girls Club, Civil Air Patrol and other programs.

DEFY offers specific benefits to pre-teens.

"The program improves their ability to make effective decisions, resolve conflict, build effective interaction with adult mentors and transition into community-based youth involvement," Mr. Cooley noted.

"DEFY staff members are trained on interaction with children, conducting youth training sessions, order and discipline, and specific roles as friend, advocate and positive role model," he added.

**A telephone is
an enemy's cheapest agent.**

Vigil of hope



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Martin Young, left, 81st Training Group, and his wife, Master Sgt. Ruby Young, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, listen to the Keesler Chapel Choir perform during a candlelight vigil in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 24 on the Biloxi Town Green. Tricia VanProoyen, wife of Tech. Sgt. Tim VanProoyen, 81st Training Support Squadron, was one of the featured speakers. Keesler co-sponsored the ceremony with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

KEESLER NOTES

New hours

New hours for the customer service section of the 81st Mission Support Squadron:

Five-day weeks — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Compressed work schedule weeks — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Troy Taillac, 377-6281.

Women's retreat

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

Registration is open to the first 50 women to apply.

For more information, call Belinda McIntyre, 388-7546, or e-mail Val Housen, valvvs

god@bell south.net.

Military rental moves

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

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

Services offered include truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Surplus furniture

Surplus office furniture is available in Hangar 3.

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

For more information, call Lt. Col. Cherry Dunn, 377-3902,

or Tech. Sgt. Greg Spinney, 313-0948.

Operation Hero

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

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

Lunch is provided.

The registration deadline is Tuesday.

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

MEO office

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

For more information, call 377-2759.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Special Olympics weekend kicks off Friday

By Master Sgt.
Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler welcomes 557 athletes and 112 national games delegates during the Special Olympics Mississippi State Summer Games Friday-Sunday.

In addition to military personnel, military retirees, dependents and others with normal access to the base are welcome to serve as Special Olympics volunteers.

To sign up, call the volunteer hotline, 377-4263.

Event schedule:

Friday

Noon — completion of the statewide Olympic Torch Run by Mississippi law enforcement officers, moving from Veterans Boulevard along Highway 90 and entering the base through the White Avenue Gate, then along Larcher Boulevard and Meadows Drive to the Triangle area and Welch Auditorium.

1 p.m. — golf, Bay Breeze Golf Course.

6 p.m. — opening reception, Muse Manor for sponsors and distinguished visitors before the opening ceremonies.

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



Photo by Kemberly Groue

A participant in the 2005 Special Olympics Mississippi State Summer Games tosses a bocce ball during competition at the Triangle track.

Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday

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

Adverse weather plan for Special Olympics

In the event of rain or other adverse weather, the following summarizes the plan for affected activities.

Friday

1 p.m. — golf, canceled; athletes transported to Vandenberg Recreation Center for movies and/or karaoke.

8 p.m. — opening ceremonies, cancelled.

Saturday

9-10 a.m. — wheelchair events, canceled; athletes transported to Dragon Fitness Center for table games.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium; remains active unless lightning occurs; if canceled, athletes go to Biloxi Junior High School to participate in basketball, beachball, volleyball and team handball.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — track and bocce, canceled; athletes transported to Welch Auditorium for movies and/or karaoke; volleyball, soccer fields; canceled; athletes transported to Blake Fitness Center for volleyball, horseshoes and other activities.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — sailing, Ocean Springs, cancelled; athletes transported to Biloxi Junior High School to participate in basketball, beach-ball, volleyball and team handball.

1:30-4 p.m. — softball/tennis ball throws, Fields 4 and 5, canceled; athletes walk to the Vandenberg Recreation Center for movies and/or karaoke.

7 p.m. — closing ceremonies, canceled; smaller entourage for the ceremonies moves to Welch Theater.

8 p.m. — street dance, cancelled; movies at Welch Theater and Vandenberg Community Center.

Olympic Village and concessions — closed; athletes at Olympic village walk to either Welch Auditorium or Vandenberg Community Center.

Unaffected activities — powerlifting, rollerskating and badminton continue as scheduled.

Alternate and overflow facility for cancelled events is the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Six new pontoon boats headed for base marina

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Hurricane Katrina did damage to Keesler's boats, including the its pontoon boats and the Keesler Dolphin, but replacements are on the way.

According to John Rettig, marina manager, new pontoon boats were assembled for the base April 26.

They should be received by outdoor recreation personnel within the next two weeks,

“There were six damaged boats and we are receiving six new ones ... they should be operational by Memorial Day.”

— Rettig

according to Rettig.

“There were six damaged boats and we are getting six new ones,” he said. “They

should be operational by Memorial Day.”

The Keesler Dolphin, a charter boat, also sustained

major damage and needs to be replaced, he said.

“We received funds from Air Education and Training

Command to acquire a newer vessel to replace it,” Rettig said. “Unlike the pontoon boats we’ll get soon, we won’t have the newer vessel here until around October.”

The Keesler Dolphin had been in use since 1985 for charter fishing.

“We have another charter boat, but it only can take six people,” he said. “The Dolphin took 22 people.”

For more information, call 377-3160.

Air superiority



Photo by Master Sgt. Robert Valenca

Anthony Brooker, left, is declared the winner over his opponent and teammate, Jared Moreland, at the USA National Senior Men's and Women's Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas April 15. Brooker finished seventh overall. He's stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes hours — Monday through Wednesday, 5-9:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; working Fridays, 5-10 p.m., non-working Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m.; holidays, closed.

Mother's Day special — Moms bowl free May 13.

Nine-pin, no-tap tournament — noon May 26. Limit 24 teams, \$75 per team. To register, call 377-2817.

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

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

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

Memorial Day — closed.

Fitness centers

Memorial Day 5-kilometer fun run/walk — 3 p.m. May 26, marina park.

May fitness challenge — pick up activities list at Blake or Dragon Fitness Center.

Air Force fitness test — official or unofficial, administered by certified Air Force physical training leader. For more information, call 377-2907.

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

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

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

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Golf

First sergeants tournament — 1 p.m. May 12, Sunkist Golf Course, at Sunkist Country Club. Cost is \$40

per person. Proceeds benefit Project Cheer and Diamond Assist fund. For more information, call Steven Alford, 377-1691, or John Geboy, 377-5807.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 16 of 18 holes available. Free for walkers only. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use. Retrieve your own balls due to loss of ball picker.

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

Outdoor recreation

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

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

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

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

Softball

Women's tryouts — 5 p.m. May 12, Field 9. Open to all Keesler personnel. Experienced preferred. For more information, call 365-4977.

Youth center

Three-on-three soccer registration — through May ages 5-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Swimming lessons preregistration — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through May 11. Pools open Memorial Day weekend.

America's kids fun run — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20, Crotwell Track across from Keesler Medical Center; ages 5-13. Sign up now.

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

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

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic James Ahn, Kassel Alexander, James Allred, Roy Ballentine, Joshua Baird, Daniel Bartolucci, Adam Beamer, Douglas Bein, Hannah Bergstrom, Aaron Bray, Brenden Britney, Michael Brown, Andrew Carpenter, Joshua Ciota, Jacob Cormier, Jesse Crawford, Oscar Del'Toro, Joshua Evans, Jeremy Fazely, Jonathan Ferguson, Derek Gallant, Josue Gimbernard, David Glasheen, Adam Glogovac, Allan Hall, Dorian Hadley, Adrian Higgs, Sean Ingenluyff, Michael Introini, Kaleb King, Jacob Kredelberg, Jonathan Kucyj, Paul Lawrence, Josiah Littrell, Ivan Logue, Elliott Lovelace, Kirk Martin, Alfred Masiello, Waylon McCullough, Robert Messing, Tyler Metivier, Alex Miller, Andrew Mitchell, Bryan Newton, Mark Newton, Don Nguyen, Christopher Ortiz, Zachary Payne, Jose Pena, Michael Peyton, Michael Robert, Amy Rojas, Tenita Ross, Tommie Russell, Robert Sherman, Michael Simmons, Philip Spencer, Rene StJulien, Christopher Stuve, Kevin Taylor, Sean Triglia, David Van Eaton, Chad Vaughn, Jarrett Willis and Harrison Yoo; Airmen Thomas Campbell, Aaron Gedmin, Cameron Javanmardi, Cole Jenness, Tabatha Luparell, Mitchell Mead, Matthew Miller, Richard Nazario, Eric Orr and Timothy Puckett; Airmen 1st Class Luchezar Abbott, Dennis Adams, Sean Bird, Cliff Chan, Chun Chan, David Crosby, Timothy Dunbar, Luke Goodnight, Kenneth Gross, Mary Guiang, Jason Ho, Sarah Jones, Justin Kolb, Andrew Lavoy, Joshua Lee, Stephen Moore, Davis Mosby, Randi Owens, James Parmentier, Dallis Pauls, Victor Phan, Kermit Perez-Torres, Dat Quach, Michael Ramos, Juan Roman, Clinton Rowland, Richard Schneider, Ryan Souvignier, Simon Stewart, Ryan Tobkin, Justin Trumble, John Wilcox and Benjamin Zimmerman, Senior Airmen Alex Aguilar, Steven Bik, Jonathon Bowles, Russell Carney, Larry Dorsey, Adam Fry, Kale Fry, Timothy Pasquale and Craig Wellmerling; Staff Sgts. Lyza Beaudreault, Michael Cassidy, Richard Dorgan, Mark Dumas, Jerome Dunn, Antar Grier, Andy Guerra, Joseph Langford, Richard Loudbear, Napoleon McCormick, Danny McNeil, Lucius Penn, Jose Peraza, Joshua Ward, James Whipkey and Hector Velez; Tech. Sgts. Angelo Frangoulis, Grant McKinney, Michael Pafford, Clinton Pilgrim, Rusty Shaffer, Scot Sparks, Michael Stofko and Robert Wisniewski; Master Sgts. Monte Cook and Wallace Phillips; Stephen Holtorf.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jonathan Armstrong, Jared Bavender, Cristoval Benavidez, James Dela Pena, Nathan Fahy, Robert Haldorsen, Shawn Ham, Nicholas Loerch, Garrett Sauer, Nicholas Vifquain and Derrick Walker; Airmen Oryan Ballard, Quintin Echols and Jeramie Piefer; Airmen 1st Class Johnathan Allard, Jason Brown, Joshua Edgett, Audra Justice, Bradley Larsen, Jesse Lowe, Joseph Monet, Evan Poole, Charles Simper, Kimberly Strother and Jim Yang; Senior Airman Brian Degrego; Staff Sgts. Gregory Cummings, Lawrence Huffman, Scott Hupp, Richard Mallow and Jarrett Minor; Tech. Sgt. Stefano Guadagnuolo.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Kelly Kapeller and Kelly Walsh; Airmen 1st Class Chrisandra Acker, Bryan Thompson, Vania Mar and Darrell Snell; Senior Airman Daniela Smith; Staff Sgts. Aaron Grunden and Ernest Owens; Tech. Sgts. Shawni Hedberg, Xavier Manderson, Linda Rainey and Douglas Waithe; Senior Master Sgt. Shellie Woods; Jeffrey Withrow.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Kwadwo Agyenfrempong, Kenneth Newton, Elisa Parris, Brandi Romaella, Samuel Shim and Matthew Terkay; Airmen Vickie Erickson, Jenna Pennington and Ebony Scott; Airmen 1st Class William Allen, Andreea Amadi, Jared Felix and Seth Yates; Senior Airmen Laura Rissler and David Warner; Staff Sgts. Misty Brumitt, Dawn Erdmann and Barou Yoplo; Tech. Sgts. John Bey, Katrina Cruz, Ruby McBride, Jill Miller and James Moneyhun; Master Sgt. Jeanie Helms.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jasmine Anderson, Rashika Lewis and Jonathon Lundy; Airman 1st Class Ray Ayala-Velez; Senior Airmen Matthew Alcanter and Derrick Lee; Staff Sgt. Kayci Speer; Tech. Sgt. Melissa Boney; Master Sgt. Colleen Winchester; Senior Master Sgt. Dawn Cherry.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Felicilda and Nina Valentine; Navy Airman Recruit Joseph Sloop; Airmen Jacob Callahan, Stephanie Clark, Houston Green, Charles Henderson and Shawn Morris; Airmen 1st Class Sean Doyle, Douglas Engel, Andrew Farley, Steven Gentry, Scott Lowrey, Heather Tobin and Ustem Nu; Navy Airman Kristian Shelley; Senior Airman Michael Reilly.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Bowes, Corey Hyers, Kristine Jones, Joshua Miller, Jason Pedicord, Benjamin Symanowicz and Robert Watts; Airman Lance Weston; Airmen 1st Class David Aiken, Andrew Burton, Megan Stockinger and Joshua York; Senior Airmen Damon Farr, Mark Heikell, Gene Pabst and Wai Lee; Staff Sgts. David Avalon, Elijah Blackwell, Brian Harrison and David Morgan; Master Sgt. Mark Petot.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Shawna Bittler, Latoi Booth and Atalya Hamilton; Airmen 1st Class Ondina Flores, Melissa Nash, Stephanie Page and Krystal Waite; Senior Airman Danielle Gantt; Staff Sgts. Jeremy Gilchrist, Aileen Pule, Lisa Rodriguez and Audrey Ronald; Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Damu; Gerald Currington.

338th TRS

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Eric Brannen, Clayton Ellis, Ryan Lee, Andrew Miller, Richard Nearing, Joshua Smith and Lee Striebich; Airmen Jeremy Denney, Kevin Gibson, Mary Huggins, Jesse Leslie, Marcus Neal, Bradon Robinson and Angelica Stamper; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Carlson, Jose Charlesworth, Cory Hisel, Brian Jackson, Marcus Kimm, Tyler Martin, Jovan Nieves, Steven Pelliccione, Ace Ranada, Jereme Sampson and Abraham Yi.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 06-D — Wednesday through June 15.

Class 06-E — July 12-Aug. 12.

Class 06-F — Aug. 24-Sept. 29.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:05	:35
:08	:38
:10	:40
:11	:41
:13	:43
:14	:44
:16	:46
:17	:47
:19	:49
:21	:51
:22	:52
:23	:53
:24	:54
:25	:55
:27	:57

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel10 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

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

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

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Fishbowl. Family home evenings, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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Keesler NCO Academy

- Class 06-4** — graduates June 1.
- Class 06-5** — June 12-July 20.
- Class 06-6** — Aug. 7- Sept. 14.
- Class 06-7** — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.
- Class 07-1** — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

Arts and crafts center

Scrapbooking — 1 p.m. May 19. \$15 including supplies for two-page layout. Bring your photos.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. May 20. Create a patriotic item.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. May 27. \$25 including first firing. Ages 13 and older welcome.

Macrame — Learn this old craft that's been made new again. For more information, call 377-2821.

Kids crafting class — 11 a.m. Saturday. \$10. Mother's Day project. Parent must accompany child 7 or younger.

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

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. May 13 or 27. New project each month.

Beginners woodworking — 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 31. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

Frame shop — 10 percent off framing of graduation certificates. Now open Saturdays.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 19. \$25. Beginners framing a pre-requisite.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, briefings

Keesler Parent Community College — 4:30 p.m. May 15, youth center. Capt. Liz Najera discusses the stress of severe weather for children, particularly in the post-Katrina environment. Child care is extended to parents with children already at the youth center. Space limited; to register, call Paula Tracy, 377-7006 or 6216.

Budget management, credit, investments and insurance — 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. May 16, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Geared for high school graduates headed to work or college, spouses and those facing lifestyle and income changes. To register, call 377-2179.

Tobacco cessation program — noon or 5 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 17 for six weeks; includes behavior modification, dental health, nutrition and more. Nicotine replacement therapy available. To register, call 377-5305.

Resume writing, job search and applications for first-time employment — 3 p.m. May 17, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Federal resume and job search — 1 p.m. May 22, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Resume writing for military spouses — 9 a.m. May 23, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Smooth Moves — 9 a.m. May 24, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For members and their spouses facing permanent change-of-station moves. To register, call 377-2179.

Interview skills and salary negotiation — 9 a.m. May 25, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Engraving shop — custom-made Mother's Day coaster with your own design. Order by Tuesday.

Youth summer craft camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays for 8 weeks beginning June 6. Ages 8 and older. For more information, call 377-2821.

McBride Library

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

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

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

X-Box tournament — 9 a.m. May 13 and 27, and June 10; free. For more information, call 377-4355.

Armed Forces Day dance — 6 p.m. May 20. \$3. Dance contest and prizes.

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

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

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

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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

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

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Home Depot night — 5 p.m. May 17 with free food and giveaways; 5:30-6:30 p.m. random club card drawing for \$50 cash giveaway.

Youth center

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

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

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

Summer camp registration — through May for school-age program, cheerleading, basketball, theater and teen camp. For more information, call 377-4116.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Game room tournaments — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

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

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

Creative corner club — 4:30 p.m. May 17.

Read by mail program — 4:30 p.m. May 11 and 25.

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

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

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. May 15, ages 14-21.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. May 17.

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

Three-on-three soccer registration — through May, ages 5-12.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11, June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

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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 — 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, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 12-14, July 10-12, Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an “as available” basis as long as use doesn’t adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail “public folders” and click on “transition employment opportunities” for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluegray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

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

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/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, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each 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 Benjaman, 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.