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Surgical services expand this month as new suite opens

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

With the opening this month of its renovated operating suite, Keesler Medical Center again offers a wide range of surgery to eligible beneficiaries.

This is a significant step in the medical center's return to pre-Hurricane Katrina operations, according to Lt. Col. Barbara Coppedge, acting 81st Surgical Operations Squadron surgery flight commander and operating room services element chief.

"We are opening four surgical suites and over time will expand back to seven as surgical specialties return," the colonel said.

The 81st MSGS surgical teams are able to perform a variety of surgical procedures including orthopedics, general surgery and ophthalmology. Oral surgery is performed by 81st Dental Squadron maxillofacial surgeons.

Since inpatient services re-

opened Aug. 15, the surgical staff has used two operating rooms in the new state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites. The unit — which was under construction long before Katrina struck — was completed in August. Obstetric service resumes in January 2007.

Colonel Coppedge said the surgical department developed the reconstitution plan for the operating rooms in early December 2005.

"We submitted for replacement items and equipment," she said. "While the ORs were under renovation, Keesler surgical staff members were able to maintain their skills through a resource-sharing agreement with the Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Health Care System facility in Biloxi and other locations."

During the reconstruction, Colonel Coppedge was Keesler's liaison with the VA.

"We assigned a team of 73

Please see **Surgery**, Page 9

Santa's helpers



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Keesler Spouses Club members Tammie Searfass, Aline Kundrotas and Jenn Wilkins prepare packages for mailing Monday to deployed Keesler troops from the base post office. Thirty-three club members have sent at least one package each that's scheduled to arrive in time for the upcoming holidays. Mrs. Searfass' husband is Capt. Albert Searfass, 332nd Training Squadron. Mrs. Kundrotas is the wife of Col. Leon Kundrotas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron commander. Mrs. Wilkins' husband is Capt. John Wilkins, 81st Communications Squadron.

This week in the Triangle

Airborn mission system specialist, 9 a.m. today, Dolan Hall.

Air traffic control tower, 9 a.m. today, Cody Hall.

Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. today, Allee Hall.

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

Joint task force management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Monday, weather training complex.

Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Monday, Bryan Hall.

Air traffic control radar, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.

Command post, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Bryan Hall.

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

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



October honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,422

Non-prior service — 2,088

Temporary duty — 1,207

Joint service — 106

Combat controllers — 22

Non-prior service arrivals — 149

Guard, Reserve — 741

International — 32

Fiscal 2007 graduates — 2,391

Total since 1942 — 2,236,763

It's awards package time — supervisors, are you ready?

By Lt. Col. Kay Spannuth

333rd Training Squadron commander

The busy holiday season is fast approaching and people are looking forward to time off to celebrate with friends and family.

Supervisors know this is also awards season. It's that time of year of the seemingly never-ending taskings for a multitude of base, functional and community annual awards write-ups. These are good taskings because it's an opportunity to recognize people for the outstanding things they have done all year.

The time to start those award packages was back on Jan. 1. That was the ideal time to create a method for tracking each individual's accomplishments and mission impact. By keeping the information current throughout the year, it could've been used for enlisted and officer performance reports, and quarterly awards packages. By now, much of the work

on annual awards packages would be done.

If you didn't do all that, you're likely to find yourself burning the midnight oil because someone you supervise really deserves the recognition. Your only consolation — you aren't alone.

Next year, you can avoid the mad scramble to re-read each criteria, get the right headings, decide who to put in for what award, write the bullets, fine tune them and fine tune them some more by starting early.

Of course, everyone would like their effort to produce an award winner, but no matter the outcome, the effort is worth it. Everyone wins when a supervisor cares enough about their people to recognize their efforts.

So, if you're scrambling now you may want to consider a New Year's resolution make a plan and start those award packages Jan. 1, 2007.

Necessary, evil — that's e-mail

By Col. Charles Brown Jr.

Weapons School commandant

NELLIS Air Force Base, Nev. — During my 20-plus years of service, I've watched how we communicate and its impact on our ability to operate effectively as organizations and leaders.

With the access to so many communication tools — e-mail, cell phones and Blackberries — I wonder how effective and ineffective we've become at the same time.

During my first Nellis tour as a captain, my organization had one computer for the entire office and no one had e-mail or a cell phone. Now, I personally have two computers, a cell phone, a Blackberry and three separate e-mail accounts. With all this technology, one might think my ability to effectively communicate and lead has increased tenfold. I'd argue it hasn't.

Back when we didn't have all of this technology, we actually had to talk to people. We used to stand around and talk, because no one was in his cubicle sending and reading e-mails. We either picked up the phone or got up from behind our desk to communicate.

Don't get me wrong, I think all of the communication technology is great and does improve our effectiveness. However, I also see these tools as necessary evils that detract from the effectiveness of organizations and leaders.

The communication tool that has contributed the most to the effectiveness and ineffectiveness is e-mail. The one thing I appreci-

ate about e-mail is how it allows organizations and leaders to communicate more quickly and to a broader audience. I can send one e-mail and get the word out to everyone quickly. However, I think e-mail is less effective when working an issue with a small group.

We often send, wait for the response, then respond to the response, then someone responds having not read the other responses, then we thank each other for the responses, and so on. Sometimes it takes days to resolve something a simple phone call might've accomplished in half the time it took to draft and read each e-mail. Even worse, we create a firestorm due to either the misinterpretation or impersonal nature of an e-mail.

Just because an e-mail is sent, communication hasn't necessarily taken place. Communication doesn't occur if the e-mail isn't read or if it's misinterpreted.

I'm not saying we should become old school and never e-mail. However, there are times when e-mail is less effective than an old-fashioned conversation.

As leaders and Airmen, we need to determine when e-mail isn't just a communication tool, but an effective or ineffective communication tool.

Bottom line, before you draft and hit send, think about how much time you might save and how much better you might communicate by picking up the phone or moving from behind your desk.

Think before you hit "send."

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.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890
Base operator — 377-1110
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603
Child development center — 377-2211
Civil engineering — 377-5561
Civilian personnel — 377-2268
Military personnel flight — 377-2276
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
Emergencies — 911
Family campground — 594-0543
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510

Library — 377-2181
Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Medical center information — 377-6550
Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.
Military pay — 377-7272
Pass and registration — 377-3893
Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360
Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Public affairs — 377-2783
Red Cross — 377-3030
Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Visitor center — 377-2595
Youth center — 377-4116

Civilians shortchanged

Comment — Basic allowance for housing for military people has gone up since Hurricane Katrina, but locality pay for civilian employees has not.

This doesn't seem fair.

Response — Shortly after the increase in BAH was approved, we asked Air Education and Training Command to consider an increase in locality pay for civilians.

Our rationale was that civilians were also affected by the increase in post-Katrina housing and general living costs. AETC was supportive, as was Air Force headquarters. However, the Office of Personnel Management ruled such an increase would be an improper use of locality pay authority.

Although unrelated to Katrina, civilians did receive a small increase in locality pay this year.

Seat belts:
1) save lives,
2) are the law.
What's your excuse?

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Letter to Airmen

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

7 Nov 06

Service Before Self

One of my greatest privileges as your Secretary is witnessing the selfless dedication on display by Airmen around the world. You consistently demonstrate your commitment to the Core Value of *Service Before Self*.

Wherever I look, Airmen are executing our mission – flying and fighting in Air, Space, and Cyberspace. More than 30,000 Airmen are deployed around the world in support of 11 major operations and more than 62,000 Airmen are serving overseas. Whether our Airmen are fighting the Global War on Terror, providing deterrence on the Korean peninsula, or bringing aid to communities devastated by natural disasters, they continue to perform wonders. Many continue to volunteer in their own, or nearby communities long after the headlines fade – they are all heroes.

Across all ranks and specialties, Airmen serve a higher cause than their own self-interest. Air Force Reserve C-130 crews serve the greater good of our citizens, fighting wildfires in Oregon, Idaho, and California. Airmen serve on KC-135s and E-3s over the skies of South America, supporting counter-drug operations. Airmen serve deep in the mountains of Afghanistan, calling in A-10s and B-1s for airstrikes in support of coalition troops. Airmen serve as America's silent sentries, maintaining the readiness of our Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles deep in underground control centers across the heartland. Air National Guardsmen serve in the skies over our homes, providing air defense patrols and alert forces ready at a moment's notice. In the AOR, the service of Air Force medics and evacuation teams saves the lives of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and their fellow Airmen.

Whether on the tip of the spear or supporting the mission with steadfast professionalism, all Airmen are equally committed to *Service Before Self* – defending our nation at the cost of great personal sacrifice. Together with your families, you selflessly embrace the spirit of service.

Upon entering the Air Force you were sworn in and took the first step to accepting our core values as a way of life. Unlike ordinary citizens, your commitment to serve our nation exemplifies *Service Before Self*. I am fully confident that this value lies deep within us all.

Medal of Honor recipient, A1C John Levitow, explains it best in his quote etched forever in the Inscription Wall at our Air Force Memorial: "I have been recognized as a hero for my ten minutes of action over Vietnam, but I am no more a hero than anyone else who has served their country."

Service Before Self is more than a slogan: it is a moral imperative I see internalized daily in all of America's Airmen. It makes me ever proud to serve alongside you.

Michael W. Wynne



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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

7 Keesler CCAF graduates receive scholarships

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Seven Community College of the Air Force students received special recognition during the fall commencement ceremony Nov. 8.

Four graduates received \$500 Pitzenbarger Awards sponsored by the Aerospace Education Foundation to support their continued education from Kirt Quist, president of the John Stennis Chapter of the Air Force Association:

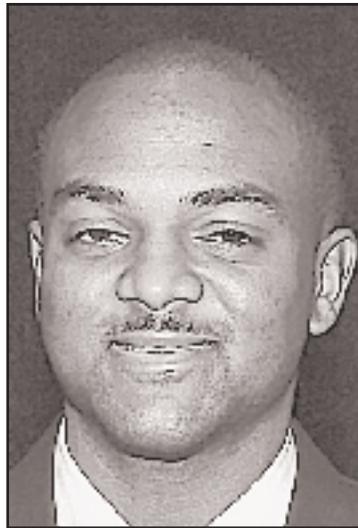
Senior Airman Kervin Dupart, 338th Training Squadron, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science from Park University. He wants to earn a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in information systems management and apply to Officer Training School.

Senior Airman David Flaherty, 81st Medical Support Squadron, is applying to San Diego State University for the Fall 2007 term to major in communication after he completes courses at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. In January, he becomes a reservist and cross-trains into the public affairs career field.

Staff Sgt. Irene Rosario, 81st Medical Group, completed an associate degree in pre-nursing from MGCCC and began classes this fall with American Continental University in the health care management bachelor's degree program.

Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 81st Supply Squadron, is enrolled in the pre-physical therapy associate degree program at MGCCC. Her goals are to become a logistics manager and physical therapist while pursuing a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, represented by faculty member Carl Nehlig, presented each Pitsenbarger recipient with an excellence award of \$100 towards the cost of books and materials for one term. ERAU's program is intended to provide extended campus centers a



Airman Dupart



Airman Flaherty



Sergeant Rosario



Sergeant Young

way to recognize military and civilian personnel who earn work-related honors.

Chief Master Sgt. Gwendolyn Rucker, 81st Supply/Transportation Squadron, president of the Keesler Chiefs Group, presented \$150 scholarships to three students pursuing their first CCAF degree to promote enlisted professionalism:

Tech. Sgt. Crista Auge, 81st Training Support Squadron, is enrolled in CCAF's information systems technology degree program and the bachelor's degree preparatory program at MGCCC.

Senior Airman Kathryn Hernandez, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, is pursuing CCAF's electronic systems technology degree and a bachelor's degree preparatory program at MGCCC.

Senior Airman Danielle Hindel, 81st Dental Squadron, is pursuing a CCAF degree in human resource management and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Management and Technology.

Chief Master Sgt. Aliquipa Allen, 81st Training Wing command chief, gave the commencement speech.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st TRW commander, presented 170 diplomas to 146 graduates.

For a list of graduates, see Digest, Page 22.



Sergeant Auge



Airman Hernandez



Airman Hindel

CCAF fuses professional, academic advancement

The Community College of the Air Force is the only degree-granting institution of higher learning in the world dedicated exclusively to enlisted people.

CCAF, America's largest community, junior or technical college, is the only community college in the Department of Defense.

The college gives motivated, career-oriented airmen and noncommissioned officers an opportunity to earn a job-related, two-year associate in applied sciences degree.

The curriculum is designed to fuse technical and professional military education with



off-duty education at civilian institutions. This careful mix of education from diverse sources equips graduates with information and mental tools needed for enhanced performance within their Air Force specialties.

Open to active duty, reservists and Air National Guard members, CCAF offers 66 degree programs in five general areas. The

college has conferred more than 258,000 degrees since 1972. It's accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

For more information, call the education office, 377-2323.

Got shots?

Staff Sgt. Sandra Homer, left, 81st Contracting Squadron, has her immunization records reviewed by Staff Sgt. Javon Craig, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, Nov. 7 during the 81st Training Wing's deployment exercise.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

HAZMAT training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. Nov. 30 in the Wolfe Hall Auditorium.

For more information, call or e-mail Thomas Minton, hazardous waste manager, 377-3004, thomas.minton@keesler.af.mil.

Student parade

A student parade is 3:30 p.m. Nov. 30 on the parade grounds.

For more information, Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

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.

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

USM courses

American studies and administration of justice undergraduate courses are available at the University of Southern Mississippi-Keesler Center.

For more information, visit

Room 208, old Cody Hall, call Christopher Burkett, 377-2309, or go to <http://www.usm.edu.gulfcoast>.

Supply classes

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

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.

Tuition aid change

Tuition assistance 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 more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

AFOSI training

For information on Air Force Office of Special Investigations individual mobilization augmentee and technical sergeant special agent slots, call 1-240-857-0866 or DSN 857-0866.

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.

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.

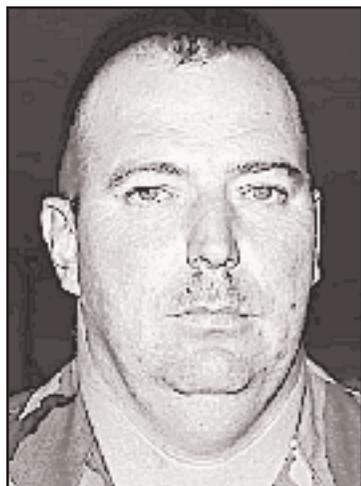
For more information, go to <http://www.nmfa.org>.

Bypass testing

Up to 30 hours of bypass testing credit can be used toward a 64-hour Community College of the Air Force degree.

For more information, call 377-0090.

NEWS AND FEATURES



Sergeant Bacon



Mr. Moseley



Colonel Szatanek

81st Civil Engineer Squadron captures 10 AETC awards

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Keesler's civil engineers won 10 Air Education and Training Command unit and individual awards.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron was selected for the Commander-in-Chief's Special Recognition for Installation Excellence Award, placed first in the engineering flight and operations flight categories and second in the large civil engineer unit and resources flight categories.

Civil engineers also won five AETC individual awards. They are:

Military superintendent — Master Sgt. Lonnie Bacon, first place.

Senior civilian — Robert Moseley, first place.

Civilian technician — Larry McKean, first place.

Senior military manager — Lt. Col. Jeffery Szatanek, first place.

Civilian supervisor — Joseph Long, second place.

The installation excellence award recognizes innovative and creative ways of enhancing base-level services, facilities and quality of life.

"It's amazing to see what the military and

civilian personnel have done to bring the installation back (since Hurricane Katrina), and to get the mission moving forward again," said Lt. Col. Ray Mottley, 81st CES commander, of the squadron's achievements. "I've never seen anything like it."

The nomination package points out the civil engineers were instrumental in the rapid recovery of the training mission and Keesler Medical Center. They also converted the Keesler Community Center into a temporary commissary, cleaned up tons of debris, awarded energy-saving contracts and operated recycling programs that saved money and conserved resources.

"We rolled together all the great work our flights have done in CE," said Colonel Mottley. "Before Katrina, the team was doing great work and they really stepped up after the storm."

"One of the reasons we won so many awards was the work done to bring the base back after Hurricane Katrina," he continued. "It was phenomenal."

"Everybody knows what their job is and they want to do their job to the best of their ability," the colonel said. "If they're (civil engineers) given a task, they go out there and knock it out as quickly as they can and as safely as they can."

Wynne 'learned a lot ... from Rumsfeld'

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld changed the way the military thinks about defense during his six years at the Pentagon.

"In each case I learned a lot about leadership, forthrightness and attention to detail," Secretary Wynne said after the announcement that Secretary Rumsfeld is leaving his post.

Nov. 8, President George Bush said he and Secretary

Rumsfeld agreed it was time for change of Pentagon leadership.

The president nominated Bob Gates, a former director of central intelligence and current president of Texas A&M University to fill the post.

IN THE NEWS

CFC goal almost doubled

Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign added \$18,559 as of Nov. 9 for a five-week total of \$238,126.

That's 198 percent of the base's goal of \$120,536.

The campaign runs through Tuesday.

For more information, call Lt. Col. George Budz, project officer, 377-3230; Capt. Albert Searfass, 377-2284; 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836; or your unit representative.

Family days vs. duty days

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are Air Education and Training Command "family days."

Dec. 29, a compressed work schedule day at Keesler, has been designated a duty day for military members to comply with Air Force Instruction 36-3003, which limits consecutive non-duty days to four days.

Dec. 29 remains a CWS day for civilian employees.

NSPS 101 course

Supervisors of civilian employees at Keesler covered by the National Security Personnel System are expected to learn NSPS.

NSPS 101, an online training course, is available at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm>. It takes less than an hour to complete the course, which is a prerequisite to technical training to be conducted on base. When the online course is completed, print and hold a certificate verifying the training.

Keesler is scheduled to convert approximately 500 non-union civilian positions to NSPS in January.

Strategic plan online

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Strategic Plan 2006-2008 is available online.

The plan articulates the Air Force mission.

The Air Force Strategic Plan 2006-2008 and other strategic planning documents, are on StrategyNet, a Web-based tool to help communicate the context and scope of Air Force strategic planning.

Early issue of Keesler News

The next Keesler News is published Wednesday, one day earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 23.

The deadline for submissions is noon today.

The newspaper office is closed Nov. 23 for the holiday and Nov. 24, an Air Education and Training Command "family day."

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Wingman Day walk

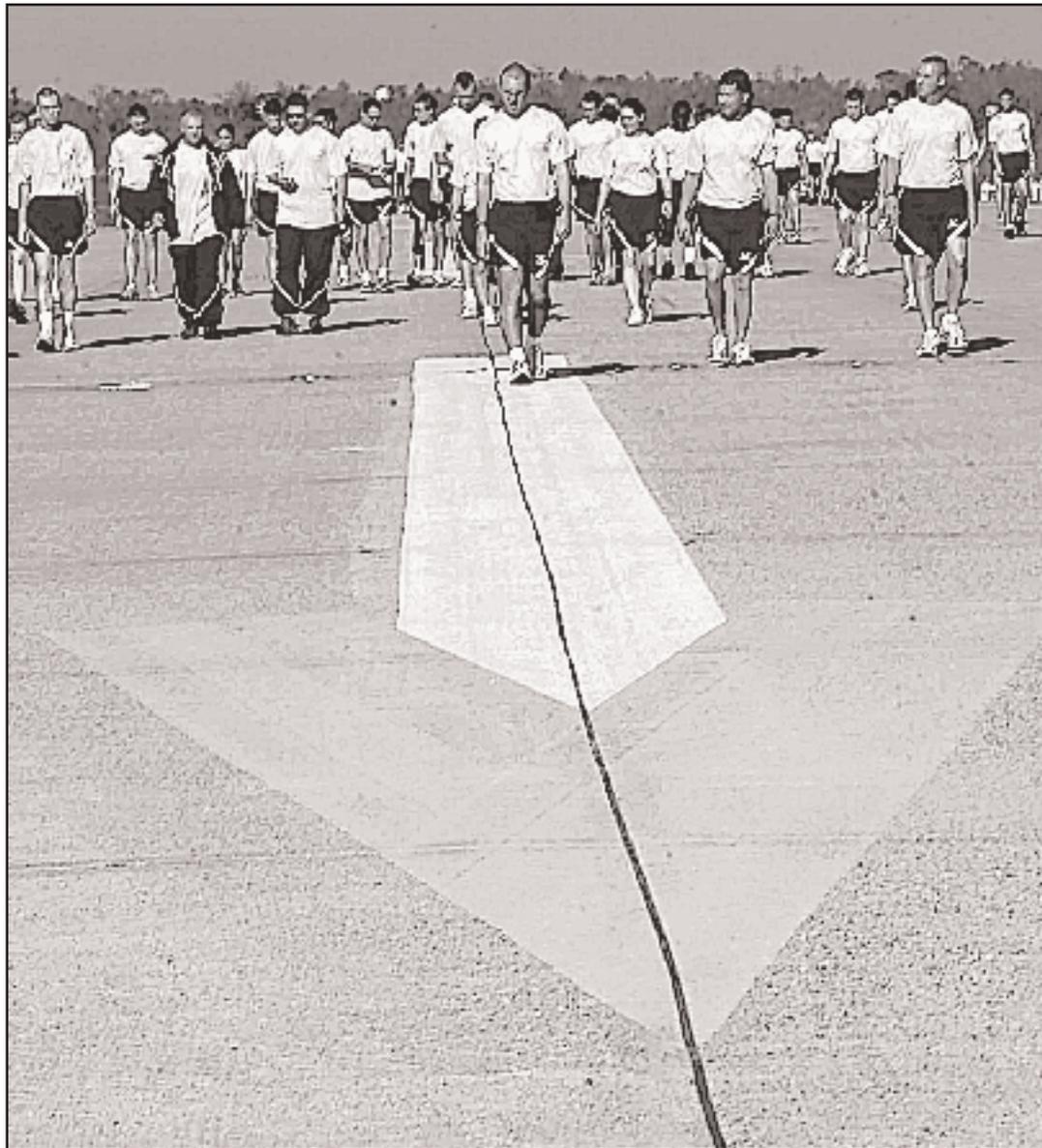


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Technical training students perform a foreign object damage walk on the runway Nov. 9. The activity was part of Keesler's observance of Wingman Day. Other activities included unit 1.5-mile runs/walks, briefings on the Air Force wingman concept and discussions of the ways the concept can be put into practice by individual Airmen and civilian employees.

Surgery,

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nurses, technicians and providers to the VA to treat active duty personnel," she said.

In addition, the Biloxi VA medical center provided instrument sterilization while Keesler Medical Center's central sterile supply, destroyed by Katrina's storm surge, was reconstructed.

"Safety and infection control are paramount for our patients," said Colonel Coppedge. "I am extremely proud of the operating room staff and the tremendous job they

have done to prepare for the reopening. Opening of our central sterile supply has had a tremendous impact on our surgical capability and expansion of specialties during our return to full surgical service."

Since the mid-August reopening, surgery teams have completed 155 procedures, plus nine emergencies after duty hours.

Although the second-floor operating rooms were not directly affected by Katrina's storm surge, the water that swept through the basement knocked out both normal and emergency power, air handling units and mechanical systems.

"The surgery floor, like most other areas above the basement, escaped visible damage," said Maj. Jeffrey Van Slyke, 81st Medical Group project health facilities officer and chief of construction and transition.

"However, supplemental air handling units and a chiller above two operating rooms received wind damage and required replacement," he continued.

"After the storm, the air handling systems were off for days, resulting in high humidity and mold growth," he said. "Operating rooms required extensive rebuild to ensure the cleanest air possible."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Updating LeaveWeb

On the first duty day upon returning from leave, military members are required to update LeaveWeb.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 81st Mission Support Squadron superintendent of customer service, 377-5455.

Open season for civilian benefits

An open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits, Federal Flexible Spending Account and the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance runs through Dec. 11.

For more information, visit the BEST Web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>; click on Civilian Employees, then on Benefits and Entitlements.

Force shaping preparations

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

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

Civilian retirement resource

Retirement information for Air Force-serviced civilian appropriated fund employees is available on the benefits and entitlement services team Web page, <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best/default.asp?prods3=272&prods2=264&prods1=44>.

Click the "Retirement" link on the far left side of the page and select from the available items.

Employees serviced by BEST may reach BEST benefits counselors weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT. Employees located in the United States can call toll-free 1-800-616-3775 (press 2, then 2 again and follow the prompts).

Hearing impaired employees may reach a benefits counselor by calling toll-free TDD 1-800-382-0893.

Additional voluntary retirements

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force offers additional voluntary retirements to a select group of officers.

The Force Shaping Program Phase II additional measures offer voluntary retirements to officers with at least eight years total active federal commissioned service and 20 years total active federal military service.

The Air Force waives active-duty service commitments (except aviation continuation pay, judge advocate continuation pay and critical skills retention bonus) and allows officers meeting these criteria to apply for voluntary retirement.

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for retirement between now and Sept. 1, 2007.

Some force-shaping initiatives are still offered, such as the "Blue to Green" option for officers and the waiver for lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire with two years time in grade through 2007. The Air Force also authorizes a temporary program to allow officers to establish a voluntary retirement date up to 15 months in advance.

Government travel card

Delinquency rate spike during holidays target of AETC, Keesler finance officials

AETC News Service and Keesler News staff

The Air Education and Training Command commander challenges his commanders and their Airmen to “break” the traditional rise in government travel card delinquencies during this time of the year.

With Gen. William Looney’s leadership focused on reduced delinquencies, AETC’s rate has fallen dramatically and is routinely the lowest of all major commands in the Air Force.

Based on simple analysis of the data, the holiday season has proven to be a difficult time, especially during December. Over the last four years, AETC’s December delinquency rate has been twice as high as the rest of the year. This phenomenon has come to be known as the “Holiday Spike.”

“In fact, the command has never met the goal in the month of December,” said Maj. Eric Bradshaw, AETC finance branch chief.

General Looney has expressed his high satisfaction with AETC’s tremendous strides to reduce the amount of GTC delinquencies. The overall objective is to achieve the Department of Defense’s goal of 2 percent or lower delinquency. Vance Air Force Base, Okla., was recently praised by the Air Force Comptroller for its record-setting 17-month run at zero percent. Other bases, including Keesler, are following Vance’s lead.

Keesler exceeds standard

Keesler finance officials feel the base can continue to exceed the 2 percent standard and help AETC meet the objective set by DOD.

“We’ve been below 2 percent since May and I see no reason we wouldn’t meet the DOD standard,” said Dennis Villers, 81st Comptroller Squadron supervisory accountant and base GTC program coordinator.

“When the goal changed to 2 percent, there weren’t many people who thought we’d get there,” General Looney said. “But, with the hard work of our Airmen and the leadership of our commanders, below 2 percent has become the standard for the command. With their continued efforts, I am confident we can break this holiday trend this year.”

“The spike occurs for various reasons,” Major Bradshaw said. “One reason is some travelers may defer paying their bill to increase the amount of funds they have available for personal reasons during the holiday season. Additionally, travelers may delay filing their settlement vouchers due to holiday leave plans.”

Pay bills when due

There are steps everyone can take to help avoid the spike this year.

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— Mr. Villers, 81st

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ers to pay their bills when they’re due,” the major said. “They must also file their travel vouchers within five days of returning from temporary duty and use split disbursement for all outstanding GTC charges (mandatory). If the TDY exceeds 30 days, travelers should use the accrual voucher process to pay their GTC bill for all outstanding charges through that point in the TDY.”

Following these simple steps keeps delinquencies low and helps AETC to smash the “Holiday Spike.”

“When members are TDY for more than 45 days they are entitled to a 30-day accrual voucher which pays them for the 30 days they just completed,” Mr. Villers said.

If service members find themselves at a base without an Air Force finance office, Mr. Villers said, members can fax or e-mail their requests for an accrual voucher to the Keesler office. They can also use the link through the virtual military personnel flight system to file one.

Mr. Villers said Keesler’s strategy to lower the delinquency rate during the spike period is to keep commanders informed on the status of their accounts and recommending them to only activate GTC accounts for personnel who have been selected for official travel. Once the member returns from official travel their accounts should be deactivated.

Keesler’s finance office sends weekly delinquency updates to unit commanders via the unit’s agency program coordinators showing the delinquent accounts, according to Mr. Villers.

“Commanders and APCs are doing an outstanding job working with their personnel to ensure we meet the DOD standard,” he said.

For more information, contact your unit agency program coordinator or call Mr. Villers, 377-4756.

Second Lt. Nick Plante, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Tricare Online: New look, new home on Web site

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Tricare beneficiaries get a pleasant surprise the next time they visit Tricare Online.

The Web site has a new name, a new look and a new home. It's now part of Tricare.mil, the official Web site for all Tricare information.

"We reorganized the Web site with our beneficiaries in mind," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director, Tricare Management Activity. "Now they can go to one site to look up benefit information, schedule an appointment or track claims. Everything's in one place, making the site easier to use."

Tricare.mil comprises five main content areas:

My Health (Tricare Online) — personal health information and online appointment scheduling for Tricare Prime enrollees.

My Benefit — Tricare benefit information.

MHS Staff — resources for Military Health System staff members.

Tricare Standard handbook available to beneficiaries

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tricare officials are making a handbook available to all beneficiaries covered under Tricare Standard.

This new manual goes into much greater detail than the old booklet, making it as useful as the Tricare Prime and Prime Remote handbooks.

Although the handbook is full of useful data from what's covered to how to file a claim, it doesn't include cost information.

Because of annual cost changes, Tricare created a separate summary of beneficiary costs flyer that contains costs for all Tricare programs, including dental and pharmacy. Tricare officials update the flyer whenever the rates change.

Beneficiaries now may ask for copies of the Tricare Standard handbook or the summary of beneficiary costs flyer from their regional contractors, a local Tricare Service Center, or view the documents on the Tricare Smart Site, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/TRICARESmart>. Basic information on Tricare Standard is available at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/Factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=318>.

Tricare Providers — information for Tricare network providers.

Pressroom — the latest news about Tricare and the military health system.

In the next phase of Web site improvements, beneficiaries are going to be able to enter their profile and receive benefit information tailored to them.

New health care plan available to reservists

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In addition to a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise, Air Force reservists can look forward to better health care options in 2007.

Since Oct. 1, drilling reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system.

The first tier of the current plan starts with \$81 monthly premiums for reservists without dependents who recently participated in a contingency operation. Cost of the plan jumps to \$767 a month for non-deployed reservists and their families eligible to sign up for employer-provided health care.

Individuals covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program aren't eligible for the new plan.

Another new benefit helps reservists without dependents who were mobilized for 139 or more days in support of a contingency operation. It permits a second housing allowance in lieu of per diem if reservists are ordered to serve at a location too far from home to commute.

This allowance is retroactive to Oct. 1. However, payment of this allowance is up to service secretaries and doesn't automatically apply to everyone eligible.

Reservists in the Selected Reserve who think they may be eligible for a second basic allowance for housing payment must check with their particular

service for the current policy.

Another benefit extends the maximum number of days reservists can be called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 12304. The revised Presidential Reserve Call-up changed from a maximum of 270 to 365 days.

The age before mandatory separation from service due to non-promotion changed to 64 for major generals and to 62 for brigadier generals and below.

Other allowances for reservists are also extended or expanded. Air Force Reserve Command may or may not fund these allowances.

For more information, visit the Office of Air Force Reserve Web site under the Policy Integration Directorate's information page.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Left, baker Peter Massey pours pumpkin filling into pie shells in the pastry kitchen at Azalea Dining Facility. Above left, Airman Recruit Erik Jackson, Center for Naval Technical Training Unit, is served lunch by Linda Nguyen at Live Oak Dining Facility as Airman Recruit Jenelle Fritz waits her turn.

Food services competes for Air Force honors

81st Services Division

Keesler is this year's Air Education and Training Command nominee for the Hennessey Award as the top multiple facility food service operation in the Air Force.

The award is based on the entire scope of the food service program. Keesler has won the award five times, most recently in 2004.

"Keeping the Promise" is the theme for the evaluation team's site visit, according to Don Cook, 81st Services Division director.

"Our promise has always been to meet, if not exceed, our customers' expectations in providing the best service possible," Mr. Cook pointed out.

The food service operation was up and running just hours after Hurricane Katrina slammed ashore Aug. 29, 2005. It took only four hours to serve more than 4,000 people their first hot meal after they were released from the shelters.

The entire food operation was running on all four cylinders Oct. 1, feeding 10,000 hot meals daily.

The dining facilities serve approximately 2 million



Van Reynolds sprinkles parsley flakes on mashed potatoes in the kitchen at Magnolia Dining Facility

meals annually – about 5,000 a day.

The three facilities – Azalea, Live Oak, and Magnolia – offer daily snack specials, world cuisine lunches, "grab-and-go" meals, Subway-style sandwiches and vegetarian items.

Azalea opened in 2001 in the Triangle for non-prior students and can feed 1,500 people per meal.

Magnolia has been open since 1985. It hosts the monthly birthday celebrations for junior enlisted people and serves a midnight meal

Monday–Friday. The facility can serve 1,500 customers per meal.

Live Oak was opened in 1986 with a rated capacity of 800 customers per meal. Since the closure of the Pecan Dining Facility in June 2006, Live Oak has been home to

Keesler's permanent party troops.

The base has the first central preparation kitchen in the Air Force. Central prep delivers 38,000 pounds of fresh fruit and 41,000 pounds of fresh cut vegetables to the dining facilities each month. A separate central pastry kitchen prepares up to 5,000 servings of fresh breads and desserts daily. Central pastry also bakes and decorates the cakes for the monthly birthday celebrations.

Food service has an active recognition program offering monthly dining facility, customer service, and employee awards.

Upcoming menus are published weekly in the Keesler News and featured on a daily menu hotline, 377-3463.

Customers can rate the dining facilities by completing comment cards and dropping them in a box at the cashier's station. Facility managers respond within three duty days if necessary.

Glenn Jones, food service officer, and Earlene Smith, 81st SVD, contributed to this report.

Airman's Attic relocates

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Airman's Attic has made another move — this time to the former chapel building near the dental clinic also occupied by the Keesler Spouses Club thrift store.

The attic had been moved to a house in Bay Ridge immediately after Hurricane Katrina. The base's housing demolition and construction project made the latest relocation necessary.

Airman's Attic accepts items in good to excellent condition to give to 81st Training Wing enlisted members, staff sergeants and below, free of charge. It's open every Friday, including down Fridays, from 3-6 p.m.

"Furniture, appliances and infant items are the most needed year-round, and the need has increased since Hurricane Katrina wiped out many Keesler households," said Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, who co-chairs Airman's Attic with Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Allen. Both are from the 81st Medical Group. "Seasonal items, adult clothing and non-essential items aren't accepted."

Sergeant Anthony said volunteers, military and civilian, are being sought to help staff Airman's Attic.

Donations can be made during hours of operation, or can be arranged by calling Sergeant Anthony, 376-3102 or 3100 or 228-324-3702 (cell); Master Sgt. James Henry, 334th Training Squadron, 377-0886; Master Sgt. Stanley McKenzie, 81st MDG, 376-5008; or Master Sgt. Marion Fletcher, 334th TRS, 377-1457.

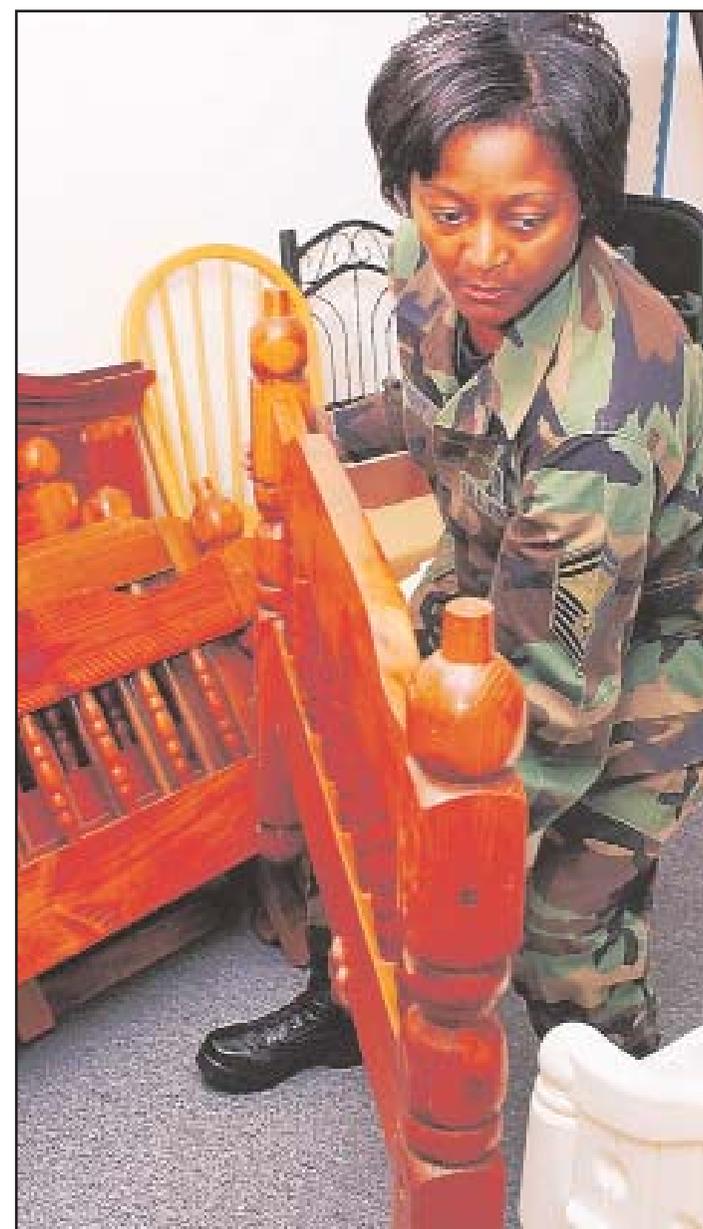
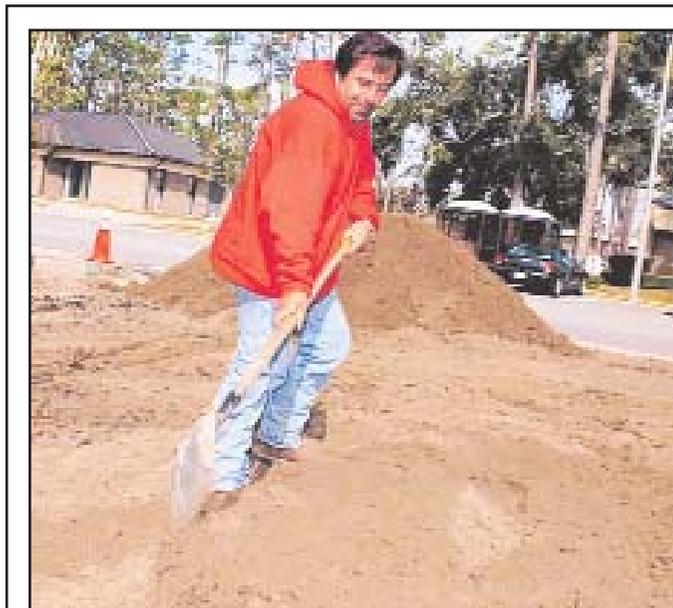


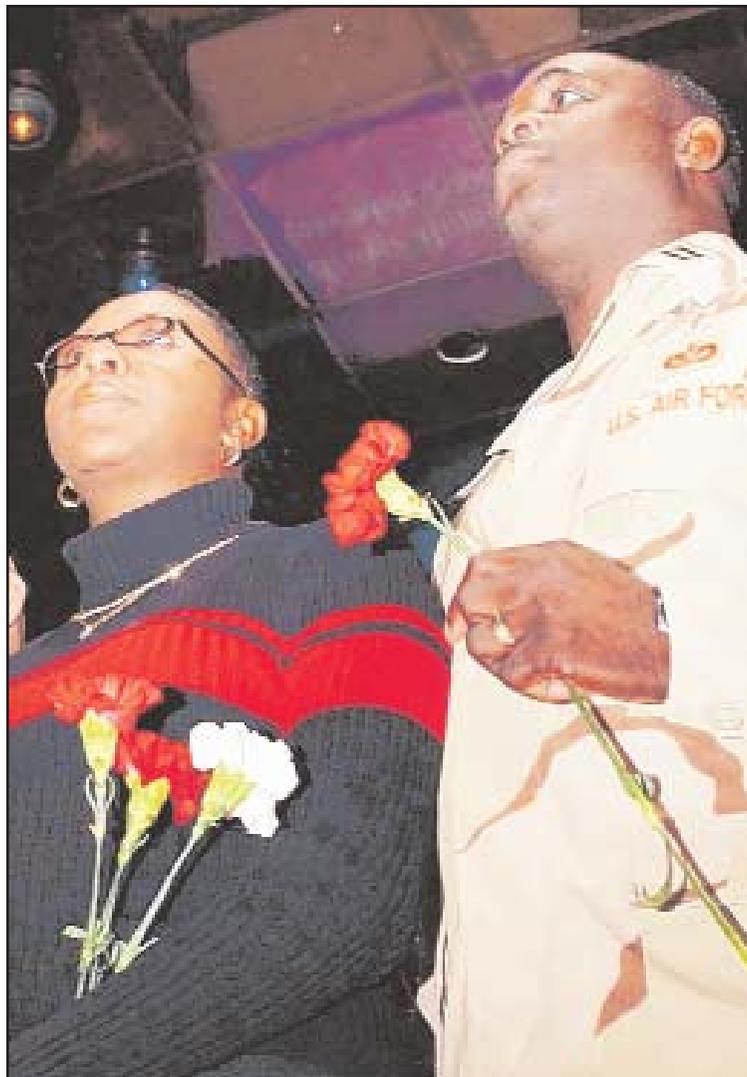
Photo by Kemberly Groue
Sergeant Anthony moves donated furniture at Airman's Attic. The facility supplies infant and household items free of charge to junior enlisted members. Located in the former chapel adjacent to the dental clinic, it's open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.



Clean dirt

Carlos Rodriguez from Valley Crest Landscaping spreads clean soil in front of Sablich Center Nov. 8. Soil contaminated by Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters is being replaced with high-quality topsoil, compost and other additives before new trees and plants are put in place. About 190,000 new plants and 300,000 square feet of planting space is being redeveloped as part of the \$4.9 million landscaping project.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Welcome home

Far left, Kimberly and Chaplain (Capt.) Winston Jones hold carnations they received at the luncheon for Keesler personnel who've returned recently from overseas deployments and their families Nov. 8 in Vandenberg Community Center. The chaplain was deployed to Al-Udeid, Qatar, from May to September.

Left, Senior Airmen Meagan and Patrick Costello, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, fix their plates at the luncheon. She was deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, from May to September.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

HOLIDAY NOTES

Home Away program

Home Away From Home is a chapel program for non-prior service Airmen to spend Thanksgiving with active-duty, civilian and retiree families.

Families host two or more Airmen for the holiday meal.

For more information or to sign up, visit the Fishbowl in the Levitow Training Support Facility or the Triangle and Larcher chapels, or e-mail winston.jones@keesler.af.mil or call 377-2520 or 2331.

Student sign-up forms are available from their charge of quarters and the Fishbowl.

Fall festival

An ecumenical fall festival is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Triangle Chapel annex.

Free crafts, food, games, space walk and prizes are planned.

For more information call 377-2520.

Thanksgiving service

The ecumenical Thanksgiving service is 4 p.m. Sunday at Triangle Chapel.

The service is followed by a dessert social.

For more information call 377-2520.

Thanksgiving dining

Commanders, chiefs and first sergeants are invited to serve the Thanksgiving meal, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at Live Oak and Magnolia dining facilities.

To participate, call the food service office, 377-2200.

Family day closures

On upcoming Air Education and Training Command family days — Nov. 24, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 — customer service organizations such as personnel offices, finance and Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed.

The medical center provides emergency services, but won't offer appointments for routine care.

Housing office closes

The housing office closes Nov. 23-26 for Thanksgiving.

Wanted: Volunteers



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Retiree Norman Lopez, left, receives directions from volunteer Dean Todd at the inpatient clinic lobby information desk in Keesler Medical Center. Mr. Todd, also a retiree, is one of approximately 70 medical center volunteers. That number is less than half the volunteers working in the facility before Hurricane Katrina, according to Emily Shelton, volunteer supervisor. She noted that before Hurricane Katrina she had at least 150 people assisting throughout the medical center. For information on becoming a medical center volunteer, call Ms. Shelton, 388-6841 or 669-2263.

KEESLER NOTES

Housing closure

The housing office is closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today for a unit function.

Chapel position

For information on the position of Protestant singles program coordinator, call Master Sgt. Ernest Shreck, 377-4859.

Audiology open

Audiology and hearing aid services are available at the audiology clinic.

For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603.

New CPO hours

The civilian personnel office now serves customers and returns phone calls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days.

Priority is given to employees with appointments.

To make an appointment for matters related to labor, training and employee management services, call 377-3142, and for staffing and classification matters, call 377-2268.

Switchboard issues

The telephone switchboard is a contract operation monitored by the 81st Communication Squadron.

Formal complaints or comments based on operator response time, type of assistance, operator courtesy, accuracy and speed, require a customer complaint record. Forward CCRs to 81CS/SCMP or e-mail to thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call 377-4778.

TeamKid

TeamKid, a chapel program for children, meets 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 377-2520.

Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior non-commissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor

guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>.

Mail delivery

Office mail must be picked up and mailed at Room C8, Building 0901, 708 Fisher Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and working Fridays.

The deadline for same-day mail and Federal Express is 1:30 p.m.

For more information call 377-4060 or 3292.

Club giveaway

Two H3 Hummers are given away as part of the annual Air Force Club membership drive through Nov. 30.

One winner comes from new members who sign up, and one is from those who were members as of Aug. 31.

To sign up, visit the Katrina Kantina in the marina park, or call 1-888-871-5608 and mention card code 5TH7.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

From left, Promesha Sloan drives toward the basket as Shandrika Smith and Johnise Johnson attempt to cut her off during a Lady Dragons practice session Nov. 9 at Blake Fitness Center. Sloan is from the 81st Medical Support Squadron, Smith is from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron and Johnson is the wife of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Van Johnson.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Filling in again, Lady Dragons' coach optimistic

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

In 1992, Richard Vincent was asked "to fill in" during an emergency that arose for the Keesler women's basketball coach.

"It was supposed to be a temporary thing as I was already coaching the men's team," recalled the retired Air Force transportation noncommissioned officer. "Fifteen years later, I'm still filling in."

Vincent first got involved in coaching basketball much earlier, during his 22 years on active duty. The passage of time hasn't dampened his enthusiasm for the game or the Lady Dragons.

"I just love to be around the game and the young people who play it," he said. "You know they've got to want to play real bad — practice and games are all on their own time, they don't get paid and when they're on the road, their expenses are out of their own pockets."

Hurricane Katrina was a blow to the program, limiting the team to a handful of pickup games going into the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference tournament. Still, Keesler placed fourth in the post-season event.

"That was really quite an achievement, because we lost so many players after the storm," said Vincent, who's worked in transportation at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi for 14 years. "People were reassigned to other bases because organizations here didn't have any place to put them."

This year is different. The Lady Dragons are a dozen strong, six holdovers from 2005-06 and an equal number of newcomers. They have a 20-game schedule before the SEMAC

tournament, Feb. 23-25 at Ft. Benning, Ga..

Although the team opened the season with four losses, Vincent is pleased with what he's seen so far and optimistic about the future.

"When we went to Bishop State (a community college in Mobile), they'd been practicing daily," he recalled of the 55-42 defeat. "We'd practiced for an hour and a half. "Down the stretch, they made every shot they had to and we just couldn't close."

Six days later, Keesler took on Bishop State again, this time at Blake Fitness Center. The end result was the same, but the differences between that 51-47 loss and the earlier one weren't lost on the coach.

"We played more as a team in the second game," Vincent said. "We looked for each other more on offense. Defensively, we rebounded and protected out goal much better."

In SEMAC openers last weekend, the Lady Dragons lost at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., 63-49 and 61-57.

"We had only eight players and seven were guards," Vincent noted. "Still, by learning from the first game we played them close in the second game."

Teamwork is the point Vincent and assistant coach Teddy Johnson, 81st Medical Support Squadron, continue to emphasize to their players.

"How we play as a team will decide how far we go," Vincent said. "That's what we want them to realize."

Despite the early losses, so far, so good, according to the coach.

"Our players practice hard and play hard," he said. "They're very competitive. Anyone who comes to our games won't be disappointed."

2006-07 Lady Dragons — scores, schedule

Oct. 21-22 — at Ft. Benning, Ga., postponed to a later date.

Nov. 1 — at Bishop State (Mobile). Bishop State 55, Keesler 42.

Nov. 6 — Bishop State 51, Keesler 47.

Nov. 10-12 — at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Eglin 63-49 and 61-57..

Nov. 18-19 — Moody AFB, Ga.

Nov. 29 — Faulkner State.

Dec. 9-10 — Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla.

Dec. 16-17 — Ft. Benning.

Jan. 11 — at Faulkner State (Mobile).

Jan. 13-14 — at Moody.

Jan. 20-21 — Eglin.

Feb. 10-11 — at Mayport.

Feb. 23-25 — Southeastern Military Athletic Conference tournament at Ft. Benning.

SEMAC members: Keesler, Eglin, Ft. Benning, Moody, Mayport.

Home games: 2 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sundays at Blake Fitness Center. Faulkner State game Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. at Blake. Some games may be moved to Dragon Fitness Center if Blake is unavailable due to floor replacement project or off-base if Dragon is also unavailable due to prior commitments. Starting times subject to change based on arrival of visiting teams.

For more information, call Richard Vincent, head coach, 343-9951, or Teddy Johnson, assistant coach, 376-3057.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Gaude Lanes — re-opens Dec. 4, including 11th Frame Cafe.

Fitness centers

Aerobics — openings for certified instructors. For more information, call 377-8380.

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 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Health and wellness center — Register through today for Nov. 20-Jan. 1 “walk your way through the holidays.” Participants receive pedometer and log book. Complete the program to receive medal, 11 a.m. Jan. 4 at Crotwell walking track.

Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run/walk — 7 a.m. today. Refreshments served.

Towel service — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. No greens fees. Electric carts \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts, \$2. Club rental: \$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

For more information, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Local course support — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and

Great Southern Club 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.

Outdoor recreation

Deep sea fishing — reserve a boat for up to six people for \$600, including the captain and tackle. Deposit: \$300. Bring your own refreshments. Fishing license isn't required.

Turkey casting contest — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Winner receives \$50 savings bond and a turkey.

November fishing tournament — weigh in the largest flounder for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

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

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

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

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

Buddy days — bring a friend fishing and receive 10 percent discount on skiff rental.

Tennis

Clinics and league — beginner/intermediate (2.5-3.0) women's clinics 9 a.m. Mondays, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis campus on Debuys Road. League play begins in February.

For more information, call Shannon Howard, 239-5827.

Youth center

Classes — taekwondo, 5-5:45 p.m. for ages 3-5 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40.

For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Community College of the Air Force

Second Air Force — Tech. Sgt. Gina Gray.

41st Aerial Port Squadron — Senior Airman Molly Alexander; Staff Sgt. Benjamin Bray.

53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Anthony Barganier.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Eunice Savage; Staff Sgt. Sharon Opel; Master Sgt. Ronald Ware.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Jose Madrigal; Staff Sgt. Mirinda Walker.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Marcela Travitajara.

81st Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Irene Rosario.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Richard Miller; Master Sgt. Douglas Wilder.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen David Flaherty, Susan Nieto and Jennifer Straka; Staff Sgt. Elizabeth VanHuffel; Tech. Sgts. David Boggs, Beverly Brown, John Dianala, Jacey McDuffie, Jerry Parks and Melvin Thompson; Master Sgts. Roger Smith and Kathleen Wells.

81st Mission Support Group — Tech. Sgt. Logan Blackmon.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kristy Williams; Tech. Sgt. Deborah Johnson.

81st Operations Support Flight — Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Matthew Thompson.

81st Supply Squadron — Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Anna Crane.

81st Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Candice Hayes; Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman; Master Sgt. Kevin Benjamin.

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Joy Baker and Aaron Eden; Staff Sgts. Brent Eggleston and Jose Garza; Tech. Sgt. Joseph Wheeler; Master Sgts. Steven Alford and Martin Rivera.

81st Training Wing — Staff Sgt. Courtney Carroll; Tech. Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield; Master Sgt. Lorne Ryland.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Master Sgt. Paul Reaves.

96th Aerial Port Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Tobey Pruitt.

332nd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Jennifer Bosch; Staff Sgt. Kevin Yanders; Tech. Sgt. Michael Babbitt.

333rd TRS — Senior Airman Clifford Thompson II; Staff Sgts. Christopher Deakle and Mark Yonkin; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Geiger, Joseph Harkleroad Jr., Nevin Joplin, Richard Petty and George Thompson; Master Sgt. Anquan Lee.

334th TRS — Senior Airman Kristi Pope; Staff Sgts. Michael Bangora, John Burgess, Joshua Cubero, Andrea Davis, Stephen Ebel, Darrell Lee, Robert Lupton, Kristina Moseley, Erica Stokes, Victor Struggs and Michael White; Tech. Sgts. Thomas Autorino, Jonas Paterno and Albert Stallcup; Master Sgts. Philip Kreiser and Lee Young.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Veronica Bird, Matthew Brown, Barney Burr, Jacqueline Carlisle, Michael Garrett, Christopher Gates, Jennifer Greer, Yolanda Heyward, Dustin Hindel, Lydia Martinez, Janet Presley and Kenneth Woodward; Aerographer's Mates 1st Class Justin Coryell, David Elliott and Kristopher Weibel; Sgt. Jessica Litogot; Tech. Sgts. Ricky Harmon and Richard Lopez.

336th TRS — Senior Airmen Dustin Beach and Clarissa Pittman; Staff Sgt. Marsheila Baker, Timothy Bayes, Meki Bocage, Scott Cook, Jessica Mathias, Tametha McNelley, Jared Narlock, Katrika Penny, John Pickard, John Pugh, Sean Rafferty, Brian Randazzo, T'Erricka Rush and Joanne Simmons; Tech. Sgt. Larry Bright Jr., Michael Dignan, Bryan Henry, David Hughes, John Mitchell, Lee Pearson, Carrie-Ann Pogue and Waddell Reese Jr.; Master Sgts. George Arthur, Cynthia Barrowman and Rogers Trahan.

338th TRS — Senior Airmen Michael Burton, Jesse Campbell, Elizabeth Condon, Adam Cone, Timothy Crismon, Kervin Dupart, Stephen Langdon, Richard Lowe Jr.; Staff Sgts. James Baird, William Christian, James Ebbs, Jacob Hess II, Crayton Hullum, Tommy Lewis, Johnathon Murray, Richard Oliver Jr., Adam Runquist, Jack Smith Jr., Jamee Stewart, Jeffrey Thompson and Michael Wonch; Tech. Sgts. Dennis Brown, Kenneth Kennedy, Christopher Kurt and Ross Ott.

366th TRS — Staff Sgt. Michael Moore.

403rd Communications Flight — Senior Airman Deangela Williams.

403rd Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgts. Helen Barfield and Jeffrey Broman.

403rd Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Wade Fail.

403rd Wing — Tech. Sgt. Janet Moore.

815th Airlift Squadron — Staff Sgt. Bernice McCray; Tech. Sgt. Darren Bannister.

ROTC Detachment 014 — Tech. Sgt. Kara Marvici.

Keesler NCO Academy — Senior Airman Angeliq Parker; Tech. Sgt. David Harrison.

First Term Airmen Center Class 06-23

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Airmen Basic Dong Kim and Wei Lin.

81st Civil Engineering Squadron — Airman 1st Class Stanley Lynn.

81st Communications Squadron — Airman 1st Class Clint Stevens.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Ronald Hodges and Chrysta Mason.

81st Dental Squadron — Airmen Hoi Tang and Brad Weeks.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Alexandro Meza.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman Basic Jaresha Miles; Airmen 1st Class Brue Graham, Brandon Keith, Melissa Toomey and Jennifer Walker.

81st Medical Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Cody Brightman; Airman 1st Class Laura Nephew.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airman Basic David Cannon; Airmen 1st Class Porshia Manning and Jazmin Jones.

81st Transportation Squadron — Airman 1st Class Eryka Counter.

Student honor roll

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems — Airmen Basic Barbara Fouch, Naomi Harper, Tyler McClendon and Jimmy Ramirez; Staff Sgt. John Moore; Tech. Sgt. James Woods.

Air traffic control operations flight — Airmen Basic James Ashton, Kia Bologna, Seth Bolz, Jennifer Clark, Nicholas Cooper, Constance Dietrich, Joshua Eales, Kevin Garlock, James Nelson, Cameron Soso and Michael Widener; Airmen Grant Gardow, Christopher Latson, Aaron Otero-Bunker, Jason Owens, Michael Vallejo and Randall Vaughn; Airmen 1st Class Lanell Andona, Ryan Carney, Richard London, Matthew Mitchley, Daniel Monahan and Corrine Mudge; Senior Airmen Jeremy Benton, David Caldwell and Justin Coker; Staff Sgts. Kristopher Caulifield, James Francis and Eric Urioste; Capt. Marcel Sirak.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jared Bryan, Kevin Knott, Amy Wilson and Matthew Wolfe; Airmen 1st Class Matthew Calhoun, Michael Lee, Geoffrey Manter and Ryan Singer; Staff Sgt. William Torok II; Tech Sgts. Sylvia Diebel, William Meister, William Scott and Guy Terwilliger.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Thomas Butler,

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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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Joseph Forcucci, Tiffany Mandrell, Amanda Milheiser, Michelyn Odonnell, Ashley Pickel and Raquel Smith; Airmen Ryan Armes, Eric Smith and Sara Warner; Airmen 1st Class Julia Guthrie, Joshua Fink, Ma Riollette Hidalgo, Michael Parker, Sarah Marshall, Kyle Reece, Jesse Shiner, Nathan Smith and Jessica Stull; Senior Airmen Holmes Martin and Tanishia Skeith; Staff Sgt. Aleha Will; Master Sgt. Jody Lambert.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic David Blair, Brandon Lirio, Stephen McNeese and Raymond Rugenstein; Navy Airmen Apprentices Carissa Drobil and William Klug; Marine PFCs Ananda Anonsen and Matthew James; Airman 1st Class Keith Wilson; Navy Airman Sottery Pek; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronald Galloway; Staff Sgt. Randy Jones; Marine Sgt. Valo Gonzalez; Tech. Sgt. Steven Bass.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Derek Elkins, Bret Ward, Thomas Kurtz and Aaron Zeichner; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Kauanui, Mike Schuldt, Christopher Thompson and David Wright; Senior Airmen Kenneth Elwood, Michael John, Kellie Kovar, Daniel Moore, Ray Scearce, Krista Schueroff and Jack Wrobel; Staff Sgts. Aaron Brewer, Nickolas Case, Michael Green, Jason Hetzel, Adam Smith and Kevin Strattan; Master Sgt. Joel McDonald.

Communications and information training flight — Airmen Basic Stephanie Marasco, Nathaniel Pearson, Christopher Pinnegar and Timothy Stencil; Airman David Maher; Airmen 1st Class James Chrisley, Michael Henderson, Timothy O'Connor, Kyle Sais and Joshua Stoltz; Senior Airmen Jared Friesen, Eric Gottfried, Remigio Isla and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Frederick Dacanay, Dennis Maldonado, Jeffrey Morter and Han Wang; Tech. Sgt. Sebastian Calderon.

338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Airmen Matthew Ford and Daniel O'Brien; Airman 1st Class Kent Hadler; Senior Airman Carlton Fike; Staff Sgts. Nelson Copeland and Ray Parrish.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-1 — today through Dec. 14.
- Class 07-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.
- Class 07-3 — Feb. 21-March 29.
- Class 07-4 — April 16-May 23.
- Class 07-5 — June 5-July 12.
- Class 07-6 — Aug. 3-Sept. 12.
- Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

- Class 07-1 — today through Dec. 14.
- Class 07-2 — Jan. 9-Feb. 16.
- Class 07-3 — Feb. 27-April 5.
- Class 07-4 — April 17-May 24.
- Class 07-5 — May 30-July 10.
- Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
- Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Arts and crafts center

Weekend toast to the holidays — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Free treats, craft demonstrations, create gifts and decorations.

Fall display — throughout November. Photos put on coffee mugs, \$6.50.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

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

Mini mold pouring — 5 p.m. today. \$15 including first firing. For youth 13 and older.

Turkey cooking tips — Today. Learn from the experts; call for time.

Cooking class — 11 a.m. Saturday. Holiday treats; call for details.

Kids crafting class — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$10. Thanksgiving table treat. Children 7 and under need parent's involvement.

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

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20; new project each month.

Advanced matting — \$25. Beginners framing a prerequisite. For more information, call 377-2821.

Made in the wood shop contest — make project in the wood shop through November and be eligible to win a prize; no entry fee. Four age categories; 16 and older.

Framing — one class, two sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. today, and Nov. 30. \$60. Sign up in multicraft shop.

Engraving shop — wide selection of awards and plaques; custom items for going-away and holiday gifts.

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

Vehicle resale lot — on Tingle Street, immediately north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building on Larcher Boulevard. Previously owned vehicles for sale. To place vehicle on lot, bring registration, license and proof of insurance to multicraft shop in the arts and crafts center. \$5 two weeks; \$10 month.

Beginner auto care classes for groups — call for details.

Winterize your vehicle — check antifreeze and pick up a free checklist.

Oil collection site — for privately-owned vehicles.

Closed — Friday, Nov. 23 and 24.

Family advocacy

Anger management — 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For more information call 377-6216, 376-3458 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

Friends for life — for couples 4-5:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and 12, Keesler Medical Center life skills enhancement center conference room, Suite 1-D. To register call 376-3457 or e-mail paula.tracy@keesler.af.mil.

Dads 101 — for expectant dads 3:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, Keesler Medical Center life skills enhancement center conference room, Suite 1-D. To register, call 376-3457 or e-mail paula.tracy@keesler.af.mil.

1-2-3 Magic — parenting class; to register call 376-3457.

McBride Library

Orientations — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Gale Group reference data base — for use in library. For more information, call 377-3760.

Tours — For information, call 377-2827.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday -Wednesday 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.

Palace Chase briefings — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

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.

Employment opportunities

Reserve opportunities — for members separating from active duty interested in the Air Force Reserve or the Palace Chase programs, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-7116, for an appointment. His office is in Room 229, old Cody Hall.

Opportunities for medics — the Air Force Reserve needs flight surgeons, doctors, dentists and nurses. Some opportunities are available with the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Keesler. Eligible members enjoy many military benefits of being in the military and earn retirement credit, while serving two days per month of inactive training and two weeks of active duty training each year. Some members may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-7655 or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Junior ROTC — immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and noncommissioned offi-

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, huah puppies, 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.

Dinner — 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.

Friday

Lunch — 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.

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

Saturday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Sunday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Monday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

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, 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, frijole salad, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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

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cers. Those who retired within the past 10 years or are six months from retirement may qualify to be an instructor. To apply or for more information, go to <http://www.foats.af.mil> and select "AFJROTC" or call Jo Alice Talley, toll free 1-866-235-7682, extension 7742; DSN 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Web sites

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates for 2007 programs are Dec. 5-14 for Feb. 6-9 program at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; March 5-15 for May 8-11 program at Lackland AFB, Texas; June 5-14 for Aug. 21-24 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30, 2007 program at Randolph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Thanksgiving dance — 6 p.m. Nov. 24. Dance contest, prizes.

Comics on duty — 8 p.m. Nov. 30. \$3 for show and dance.

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

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

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket — up to eight games.

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

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music. Open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays.

Football Frenzy — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Watch your favorite team on Direct TV.

Taco Tuesdays — 5 p.m., two tacos for \$1 for members, \$2 nonmembers

Members only after hurricane season party — 5 p.m. Nov. 30. Free Cajun food, tropical music and hurricane drink specials.

November to "re" member — squadrons/divisions can earn up to \$300 in Dragon Dollars by recruiting highest percentage of new or renewed members during the month. For more information, call 377-2219.

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

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

Youth center

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

Gobble gala dance — 6-10 p.m. Friday, ages 9-17. DJ, dance contest, turkey contest, games. Snack bar available. Free members, \$5 nonmembers.

FitFactor turkey challenge — 2-5 p.m. Saturday, ages 6 and older, centered around basketball skills. Winner wins a turkey.

Congressional award program — 6 p.m. Tuesday, ages 14-21. Set and achieve personal goals in four areas to become eligible for the Congressional Award Medal.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-16.

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

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays in the new multimedia room, for ages 9 and older.

4-H Club meeting — 6 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Focus is on outdoor adventures and community service.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Art projects, story telling or poetry writing.

Wacky Wednesday — 5-6 p.m. Board, table game tournaments.

Torch Club — 4 p.m. Wednesdays, ages 9-12. Leadership programs, activities, community service.

Mini Munyons taekwondo class — Mondays and Wednesdays. 5-5:45 p.m. ages 3-5, \$50 month.

Taekwondo class — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

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

Instructors needed — for youth programs, including those for preschoolers and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

Closed — Nov. 23-26.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/81svs/WhattoDo/ITT/index.htm>.

Information on local and out of state attractions — free brochures with information on Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Tours to New Orleans Saints games in the Superdome — \$60 including ticket. Put your name on waiting list for — Dec. 3, San Francisco 49ers, sign up by Nov. 28; Dec. 17, Washington Redskins, sign up by Dec. 12; Dec. 31, Carolina Panthers, sign up by Dec. 13. All trips depart Vandenberg Community Center 9 a.m., return 6 p.m.

MEETINGS

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

Recurring

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. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aadd.officers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 (81st Communications Squadron building) 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 — meets 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. 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, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month in Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

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 recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., The Guardian (PG-13, 135 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Open Season (PG, 100 minutes); 6:30 p.m., School for Scoundrels (PG-13, 100 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Marine (PG-13, 91 minutes).