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Cutting tie to past



Photo by Adam Bond

Senior Airman Joseph Turpin, 81st Communications Squadron, cuts the live phone cable at Keesler Medical Center as Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, looks on Nov. 15. The event dedicated the newly-installed, state-of-the-art voice over Internet phone system which connects phone signals via the Internet.

Spouses conference Topics cover deployments to decorating

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A spouses conference Nov. 14 provided a cornucopia of information and ideas from a variety of different sources, from the Keesler commander to a pair of home decorators.

Laura Capasso opened the conference by noting it was one day shy of a year since her husband, Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, took command of the 81st Training Wing. She recalled that in those difficult days less than three months after Hurricane Katrina, her husband's focus was on four specific areas — taking care of people, mission accomplishment, recovery of vital assets and community outreach.

"One person just can't do it alone," Mrs. Capasso explained, using the metaphor of geese flying in formation to illustrate how important a team effort is for success.

"Birds flying in a 'V' formation create uplift that enables all to fly further than they could on their own," she pointed out. "If a bird falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into flight to take advantage of the lifting power of the one ahead."

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This week in the Triangle

81st Training Group graduations

335th Training Squadron
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Monday, weather training complex.

336th TRS
Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.

334th TRS
Aviation resource management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.

332nd TRS
Precision management equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



October honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,342
Non-prior service — 2,090
Temporary duty — 1,125
Joint service — 107
Combat controllers — 20

Non-prior service arrivals — 152
Guard, Reserve — 718
International — 32

Fiscal 2007 graduates — 2,929
Total since 1942 — 2,237,301

Meaning of Thanksgiving special for Team Keesler

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

This week, members of Team Keesler are gathering with family, friends and loved ones to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

As Americans, we have much to be thankful for this holiday season. We live in a nation where we're free to express our thoughts and ideas, where we can use our talents and abilities to build a better life and future, and where all people are free to worship as they please.

Along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this holiday season brings special meaning as we reflect and give thanks for the progress we've made in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It was one year ago this month that Laura and I joined Team Keesler, and we couldn't be prouder of your exemplary accomplishments.

It's clear the overwhelming spirit of Keesler has carried us through the past 12

months. You've been given great tasks, faced them with strength and courage, and overcome all odds and obstacles to rebuild our base and community.

We're at the beginning of one of the most significant transformations in the history of Keesler. Over the past year, you've written the preface and several chapters of our story, but the larger story has many more chapters to be written. Because of you, each new day brings another chapter to its conclusion. Your story is one of leadership and commitment, a best-seller by all standards.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember that by working together, there's nothing we can't accomplish. Laura and I wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and look forward to another great year. Thank you for what you've already done and for what we'll do together to ensure the needs of our people, mission and community are well served.

Change requires positive attitude

By Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela

81st Mission Support Squadron commander

"The more things change, the more they stay the same."

So true. The only constant in life is change. We live in a world that's always changing. Sometimes we can be proactive and control events. Other times, things just happen and we must react.

Regardless, one thing that shouldn't change is our positive attitude. A positive attitude towards change makes every experience an opportunity to better ourselves and our environment.

In the past year, our base, our community and our country experienced the forces of change. In every event, we quickly saw vibrant new beginnings which continue to bloom as we move forward. With every new start, we see the promise of the future.

Change is good. It keeps us fresh, it helps us improve and be well prepared for the mission ... today and tomorrow.

So, how do we maintain a positive outlook toward change?

Start by having a plan. The first step in a good plan is understanding the goal — where we want to be on the other end.

Second, a good plan defines why the current situation must be left behind. For example, saying I want to lose weight because my current situation isn't healthy. This adds personal value to the change process, which equals personal motivation.

Finally, a plan needs to have an organized means to get from the old to the new. It can be a set of small goals or a "to do" list. It needs to be realistic.

There it is — in order to make a positive change, you need to understand what you want to change, why it's important to change and have a means to make the change happen.

Not all changes happen as quickly as we'd like. Over time, the process can wear on our positive attitudes. To keep motivated and maintain the drive to success, review your plan often to refresh your understanding of the what, why and means. Express and share your feelings and thoughts. Celebrate the small successes along the way. Recognizing the progress and effort after each step or small contributing goals keeps momentum behind the change.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, our chief of staff, said recently, "We're at a critical juncture for the United States Air Force and Department of Defense — a transition period that will shape the nation's security for a generation or more. Tomorrow's Air Force must be and will be more agile, more compact and more lethal than ever — ensuring global air, space and cyberspace dominance for the United States as we enter the 21st century."

As we embrace these changes (means), let's remind ourselves of the Air Force goals (what) and that we're changing today so tomorrow we're still the world's best Air Force (why).

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:

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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
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1-800-435-9941

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377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

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

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Jason Moree leads his 336th TRS teammates through their freestyle routine at the final drill down of the 2006 season Oct. 20.

Red Wolves drill rivals for '06 title

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

The 2006 drill down winners were awarded bragging rights, letters of appreciation and the opportunity to keep their drill ropes during a ceremony Nov. 8 on the 81st Training Group drill pad.

The 336th Training Squadron Red Wolves accumulated 44 points for the top spot for the season, which ended Oct. 20.

The score combined bi-monthly drill competition results in open ranks inspection, regulation drill and freestyle drill.

Rounding off the top three in the tight competition were the 335th TRS Bulls, 42 points, and 334th TRS Gators, 40 points.

"It took a lot of hard work and the team strove for perfection," said Staff Sgt. Cleveland Ford, 336th TRS military training leader and drill master of ceremonies.

Mid-October tabulations showed a crowded leader board with the 336th TRS and 335th TRS tied with 35 points and the 334th TRS with 34 points.

The last competition broke up that clutter. The 336th TRS placed second overall Oct. 20, which led them to the annual championship.



Airman Moree demonstrates his rifle-twirling skills during the freestyle drill.

Army trains Airmen for 'outside the wire' mission

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

FT. HOOD, Texas — Volunteer security forces Airmen from 65 bases completed Army training here Nov. 3, giving them the skills to perform a unique mission in Iraq.

Fort Hood provided 182 Air Force security forces members with general and advanced combat skills via Army instruction to prepare them for their new mission.

The Airmen came together to form Detachment 7, 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. They will be assigned to train and work with Iraqi police forces in Iraq for 365 days.

Normally, this type of assignment is performed by the Soldiers; however, the Army requested the Air Force's help.

"It's all part of the in-lieu-of training," said Maj. Cody Barker, commander of Detachment 2, 2nd Air Force, and Air Force liaison at Fort Hood.

ILO training prepares Airmen for nontraditional combat environments in support of the combatant commanders' requirements where Airmen are deployed to assist Army personnel.

"This is an extremely dangerous mission for the Air Force, because it is totally outside the wire and on the streets," said Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Salvaggio, Head Quarters Air Force Security Center security forces manager.

The six weeks-plus of training provided the 154-member deployment team and 28 alternates with basic skills such as first aid, map reading, marksmanship and advanced skills including enhanced first aid, escalation of force, counter-improvised explosive device and counter-insurgency techniques, all part of the total theater immersion training they experienced at the Fort Hood training center. They also were taught how police work has been done in Iraq from an Army unit recently deployed there.

"The active-duty security forces Airmen who've just completed the training were at a high level of training when they arrived," said Army Col. David Clark, commander of the 2nd Training Support Brigade, 75th Division. "They were an impressive lot; they were fit and had most of the basic skills and fundamental knowledge. They will have success."

Colonel Clark also said the group

was motivated to learn, and that helped the Army instructors teach the Airmen.

The Airmen felt they benefited from the training because it provided them with the know-how to accomplish their mission.

"At my last home station, we used the basics. But basic is not enough for where we are going," said Senior Airman Robert Wetzel, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. "Five and 25! When you hear that shouted, it means you scan five to 25 meters before stepping out of your vehicle. It's a reminder that complacency will put you and your comrades in jeopardy."

The Airmen felt the time spent training together provided them with a chance to get to know each other and build relationships.

"For the next year, we will be bleeding, sweating and crying together," said Airman Wetzel. "We are going over there not as Airmen, but as a family."

Others agreed.

"I think the time we all got to spend together during the training was very beneficial to the coming together of this group," said Airman 1st Class Ashley Tubbs, Eglin AFB, Fla.

"Originally we came from 65 different bases," said Staff Sgt. Robert Hanks, Tinker AFB, Okla. "The training has jelled us as one strong unit."

The Airmen felt they were trained by highly competent, highly skilled instructors.

"Some of us thought that we would have to put up with Air Force insults from Army instructors, but they were great to work with," Airman Wetzel said.

"The Army instructors were amazing. They were always around so if you did not understand something they would go over and over it until it was completely understood," Airman Tubbs said.

Team members think they're ready for their unique mission.

"I came here as a security guard of a missile field, and I'm leaving here as a war-ready security forces Airman," Airman Wetzel said.

"Everyone on this deployment is doing something amazing by putting themselves in harm's way for their country," Airman Tubbs said. "Did I mention that we all volunteered for this?"

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, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

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.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user

identification and password to log on.

First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online.

Members can accomplish this request from their workstation through the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

AFVEC may be accessed through the Web site, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, or through the Air Force Portal using the portal's reduced sign-on technology. New My AFVEC users are required to create an account.

Upon registration, select the

"Request TA" option. A PowerPoint tutorial in this section provides instructions on processing online applications.

It's important to know and enter basic course registration information in the request.

Scholarship program

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

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

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

Supply classes

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

NCO assists in rescue from submerged truck

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

A noncommissioned officer from the 45th Airlift Squadron assisted in the rescue of a woman from her overturned and submerged club-cab pickup truck on rain-swept Interstate 10 Nov. 15.

Tech. Sgt. Eric Bailey was on his morning commute from his home in Gulfport to Keesler when he witnessed the accident.

"The truck hydroplaned out of control into the median, rolled on its side, slid into about four feet of standing water in the middle of the median and rolled on over onto its top," he said.

Sergeant Bailey stopped on the edge of the median and raced on foot to the upside down truck. He was able to open the passenger side door enough to squeeze part way into the cab, which was filled with water.

"I was disoriented in the dark and under water, and couldn't find the driver," he recalled. "Then, the door closed on my hips. I was run-



Sergeant Bailey

ning out of breath, so I dislodged myself and went up for air."

Back on the surface, Sergeant Bailey met another motorist who stopped to help. They quickly agreed they'd have to turn the truck upright in order to free the driver. Pushing and pulling together, they were successful.

With the truck right-side up, the driver, a woman Sergeant Bailey estimated to be in her 60s, floated unconscious to the surface of the

water in the flooded cab.

"The driver's side door was locked. Another man who stopped went in through the passenger side door and unlocked it so we could get the woman out," Sergeant Bailey said.

The three men carried the woman to the edge of the road, where she regained consciousness. Moments later, Biloxi police and an ambulance arrived.

The woman was taken to Biloxi Regional Medical Center, treated for minor cuts and bruises and released, according to Sergeant Bailey, who removed her personal belongings from the truck and delivered them to her there.

He stayed with the woman, known to him only as "Patricia," until contact was made with her son. She was on her way from Texas to Alabama to visit him when the accident occurred.

As Sergeant Bailey was about to leave the hospital, "She told me to expect a Christmas card from a very thankful new friend."

Tricare reimbursement rates available

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — An updated list of the Tricare reimbursement rates is now available to beneficiaries.

The changes for fiscal year 2007 include updated rates for inpatient mental health, residential treatment centers, partial hospitalization, hospice, and inpatient cost-shares for civilian hospitals.

"We take very seriously the president's initiative toward transparency in health care costs," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "This is just one way we make the cost of medical services available to our beneficiaries."

Tricare reimbursement rates are aligned with Medicare rates as set by Congress. However, Tricare does have some dispensa-

tions that may not be available to Medicare to ensure beneficiaries continue to have health care available.

"It is important for our service members and their families to know that we will take care of them," General Granger said.

Medicare premiums also change annually. Now the Medicare Part B premium is linked to income. In 2007, individual incomes trigger premium increases at \$80,000, \$100,000, \$150,000 and \$200,000.

For married couples the premium rises when the income is double those amounts. However, this change has no effect on Tricare costs or benefits for those who are also Medicare beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries may view the updated reimbursement rates on the Tricare Web site, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecost.cfm>.

IN THE NEWS

CFC approaches \$250,000

Keesler's Combined Federal Campaign added \$10,934 as of Nov. 16 for a six-week total of \$249,060, 207 percent of the base's goal of \$120,536.

The campaign ended Tuesday.

NSPS office relocates

The National Security Personnel System office has relocated to Room 111, Airman Leadership School.

For more information, call June Clemenens, 377-9356, or Gary Schafer, 377-4787.

Marine Corps' birthday

The Keesler Marine Corps Detachment observed the 231st birthday of the service Nov. 10 at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort.

Featured was the traditional passing of the birthday cake from the oldest Marine present to the youngest. This year, Master Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, born Dec. 21, 1961, passed the cake to Pfc. Victor Moreno, born Aug. 29, 1988.

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.

Customer service organizations such as personnel offices, finance and Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot adjacent to the Keesler NCO Academy is scheduled to be closed 7:15-10:45 a.m. Dec. 13 for drill evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Rosetta Lee, 377-2740.

End-of-year Keesler News

By contract, the Keesler News doesn't publish during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays.

The last issue of the base newspaper for 2006 is Dec. 21. The first issue of 2007 is Jan. 11. The deadline for submissions to the Jan. 11 issue is noon Jan. 8.

The Keesler News office is closed Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Due to the Martin Luther King birthday federal holiday Jan. 15, the deadline for the Jan. 18 Keesler News is noon Jan. 11, four days earlier than usual.

The newspaper office is closed Jan. 15 in observance of the holiday.

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.



Piecing together puzzle for spouses

Amanda Kilcrease attaches a piece to the Heart Link puzzle Nov. 16 at the Triangle Chapel. She's the wife of Airman 1st Class Jay Kilcrease, 335th Training Squadron. This was the first Heart Link spouse orientation session since Hurricane Katrina, according to Jackie Pope, who spearheads the activity. Following opening remarks by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, the eight spouses who attended received a series of briefings to familiarize them with Keesler.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Spouse,

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"When the head bird gets tired, it moves back so another can take its place, and the birds honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

"We have to stand by each other in times of need," Mrs. Capasso stressed. "Whenever we need a boost, there's strength, power and safety in numbers."

General Capasso followed his wife to speak on two topics — the global war on terror and challenges facing the Air Force and Air Education and Training Command, primarily related to budget constraints.

"It's not your father's war or your grandfather's war," the general said. "We are facing a clash of cultures and civilizations. Our enemies do not accept freedom of speech or that women are equal. They do not accept the existence of the United States and call for the taking of innocent lives of anyone that disagrees with its world view.

"The enemy is committed to his cause and has global aspirations," he continued. "The enemy is very patient and looks for our weaknesses.

This war isn't going to end tomorrow.

"I'm concerned that the average American may have forgotten about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," he added. "It's only a matter of time before it happens again — maybe five years, maybe 10 years from now. Just remember that your spouses are on the front lines facing these threats to protect our freedom."

General Capasso then talked about the Air Force's current priorities and the growing focus on cyberspace. He said Keesler is a major contributor to AETC's mission of training Airmen, with 26,000 students graduated in the past year.

"Air power saves lives," the general emphasized, noting that C-130 cargo planes are reducing the number of convoys required to deliver supplies in Iraq. He also mentioned "in-lieu-of training" which prepares Airmen to support Soldiers and Marines in areas where manning is inadequate, such as transportation, security, communication, fuels, medical, logistics, intelligence, interrogation, civil engineering and base operations.

"This number is expected to grow over the next two years," he said.

General Capasso also referred to aging aircraft and how funding is being reworked to update the fleet.

"The Air Force's biggest expense is personnel," he pointed out. "Close to 40,000 positions, military and civilian, are being cut through fiscal 2011."

The general said restructuring efforts are under way to maximize what can be accomplished with fewer people.

"We all need to look at process improvements to save time and money, rather than to settle for business as usual," General Capasso stated.

Lt. Col. Charles Dunn, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, gave an overview of family housing strategies, particularly the housing construction project, the largest ever in the Department of Defense.

He emphasized that the new homes are larger and have more amenities, with more of a community feel in a natural setting. Higher elevations make homes less susceptible to future storms or flooding.

Between housing and new facilities to replace those destroyed by the hurricane, "In essence, the entire base is being rebuilt," Colonel Dunn said. "It's a domino effect —

as one thing happens, other things happen."

The colonel said phasing efforts attempt to limit families to just one move during the building process, but indicated some families may end up moving three times.

Although a housing construction timeline is in place, Colonel Dunn noted dates can change significantly if more labor becomes available. Then, the five housing construction phases might overlap.

"Labor and material costs are up about 40 percent since Katrina," he said. "Materials have become more readily available, but skilled labor is still in short supply."

Representatives from the housing office explained the rental partnership program, which maintains a list of off-base housing and works with landlords to waive deposits and security fees for military renters. Renters agree to one-year leases and pay rent by allotment. They reported on the current status of base housing, the process of getting into a house and terminating the living arrangement.

Overviews were given of four groups open to spouses — the Keesler Spouses Club, open to all military, civilian and retiree spouses, and unit spouse organizations in the

81st Medical Group, 81st Mission Support Group and 81st Training Group.

Youth center director Jeri Peterson outlined clubs, classes, sports, special events and upcoming programs available at the recently renovated and expanded facility.

Airman and family readiness flight officials offered information on programs such as career enhancement, assistance during deployments, financial counseling, volunteer resources, supplemental child care, relocation, transition assistance and the Air Force Aid Society.

Decorators John Folding and Sherry Box provided tips and tricks on small space decorating, particularly in base housing.

Feedback on the conference was positive, according to Lt. Col. Shari Miles, director of staff. She said comments included, "Wonderful experience ... I look forward to future conferences ... There are resources available to me that I wasn't aware of ... Everything was great ... Thanks for the opportunity to meet so many people."

The event was hosted by the 81st TRW, Keesler NCO Academy, airman and family readiness flight and the chapel.

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.

Special accrual leave

Air Force Print news

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days.

Special leave accrual carry over also applies to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for 30 days or more.

Airmen who lost leave may carry over the following leave amounts:

Up to 120 days for Airmen deployed or assigned to hostile fire/imminent danger pay areas;

Up to 120 days for Airmen impacted by significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements as a result of Hurricane Katrina; and

Up to 90 days for Airmen who deployed or were assigned to other than hostile fire/imminent danger locations.

Additionally, Airmen who lost leave as a consequence of assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30, 2006, are authorized restoration of the leave they lost.

Those Airmen who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact their local military personnel flight customer service element for additional guidance, such as eligibility to carry over leave beyond the following fiscal year.

For more information at Keesler, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 81st Mission Support Squadron, 377-5455.

Update duty history online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen are responsible for reviewing their duty history and requesting changes, additions or deletions online through the virtual military personnel flight.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site where they can access their duty history under "Most Popular Applications" or "Self-Service Actions/Personal Data."

Members requesting an action related to duty history can log on to the Personal Services Delivery Transformation Web site and click on "duty history" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>. Check the related link for a tutorial on updating your duty history online.

MyPay processing of pay items

For information on processing pay items through myPay, call the 81st Comptroller Squadron, 377-7272 or 4212.

For a personal identification number for myPay, e-mail TRAVEL@keesler.af.mil from a government computer.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or going online to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Helping hands



Photo by Maj. Paul Lips

From left, Senior Airman Arron Eden, Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton and Master Sgt. John Baliey put finishing touches on playground equipment at Gorenflo Elementary School in Biloxi. The trio and 17 other members of the 81st Training Support Squadron gave up their Nov. 11 for the humanitarian project.

HOLIDAY NOTES

Thanksgiving meals

Traditional Thanksgiving meals are served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Live Oak and Magnolia dining facilities.

Dining facility officials recommend permanent party military personnel and their guests dine 1-3 p.m.

Retirees and their immediate families are invited to dine at Live Oak.

Toys for Tots

Donations are being collected through Dec. 20 to provide gifts for needy children through Toys for Tots.

Boxes are being set up in various buildings across the base for new unwrapped toys for children up to 12 years old.

There's no specific price limit, but groups can join together to purchase more expensive items such as wagons and bicycles.

For more information, call Cheryl Moore, 209-7052.

Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park is Dec. 7.

At 3:30 p.m. there's a live manger scene and Christmas village, with entertainment provided from 3:45-4:45 and children's activities and an arts and crafts project at 4.

The annual Christmas tree lighting is at 6 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival at 6:15 to visit with Keesler kids.

Free hot dogs, chili, cider, hot chocolate and cookies are provided.

Youth gift camp

A youth gift camp is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at the arts and crafts center.

The \$25 fee covers lunch and supplies for three gifts.

For more information, call 377-2821.

Christmas story time

Christmas stories for ages 2-5 are 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at McBride Library.

For more information, call 377-2181.

Holiday rentals, shipping

Force One Rental provides United Parcel Service shipping and holiday rentals such as food servers, turkey fryers, tables, chairs and tents.

To reserve items or for more information, call 436-6714.



The store, located in Building 4818, is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Day room decorating

A squadron day room decorating contest is planned for permanent party and nonprior service dormitory residents.

Prizes are given for first and second place entries.

To enter, call 377-3308 by Dec. 14.

Santa calling

To have your child receive a personal call from Santa Dec. 20-23, call the youth center, 377-4116, by Dec. 16.

Youth center party

The youth center's free holiday celebration is 2-5 p.m. Dec. 16 for ages 6 and older.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Gift wrapping

Free gift wrapping is provided for nonprior service students, noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 at Vandenberg Community Center.

There's a four-gift limit per person.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

Holiday camp

The youth center's holiday camp is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18-22 for ages 6-12.

The registration fee is \$10 per child.

The registration deadline is Dec. 13.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Postal service

The postal service center in the Triangle is open 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Dec. 21 through Jan. 2, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Tree trimming

Help is needed 5-9 p.m. Dec. 21 to decorate the Christmas tree at Vandenberg Community Center.

Free refreshments, movies and caroling are provided.

Bellingrath Gardens

A trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama is 4-7 pm Dec. 22.

The \$33 fee covers transportation and admission. Sign up by Dec. 13 at the ticket and trip office in Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-3818.

Holiday games

Holiday games are planned for Dec. 25-30 at Vandenberg Community Center for students who remain at Keesler during the holidays.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

Football party

A Direct TV football party with pizza and popcorn for nonprior service students is 11 a.m. Dec. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

New Year's Eve

Two New Year's Eve parties are planned at base facilities.

At Gaude Lanes, festivities are planned from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1 for ages 10 and older. Ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

This event isn't just for bowlers — everyone's invited. Bowling, games, hors d'oeuvres, midnight toast and breakfast, party favors and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Alcoholic beverages are sold separately.

The reservation deadline is Dec. 22, and a minimum of 50 people is needed.

For prices, call 377-2817.

At Vandenberg Community Center, the party is from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1. The fee is \$3 per person for party favors and food.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

Waste — proper disposal options available

Recycling center

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality prohibits the disposal of “special waste items” into general solid waste bins.

Prohibited items include tires, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, microwaves, electronics and dehumidifiers. Disposal of these items in Mississippi landfills is a violation of state regulations and carries a \$25,000 fine.

The proper procedure for disposing of such items purchased with government funds is to contact Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office-Keesler to advertise them Defense Department-wide for reuse.

Points of contact are Dee Estal, 377-2187, dolores.estal@dla.mil, or Paul Pearl, 377-2307, paul.pearl@dla.mil.

If DRMO can't find an organization to reuse the item, it may be downgraded to scrap. Once this has been done and documented by DRMO, the item can be dropped off at the Keesler Recycling Center. Documentation is required by recycling center officials.

The contact for arranging to drop off tires is Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman, 377-1748, david.hollyman@keesler.af.mil.

For disposal of personal and off-base special waste items, contract the Harrison County Beautification Commission, 214-1405, hcbeautiful@digiscape.com.

For more information, contact Richard Guillen, pollution prevention manager, 377-4816, richard.guillen@keesler.af.mil.

Publications manager retires with 36 years federal service

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Mary Ann Wine, 81st Communications Squadron, retires Dec. 1 with 36 years of service.

Ms. Wine, who was born at Keesler while her father was stationed here in the 1940s, first worked for the FBI in Washington, D.C., in 1970.

Three years later, she became an accounting technician at the laundry office at Keesler. She later served as a secretary at the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, a clerk dictating machine transcriber and a lead clerk typist in the word processing center.

In 1983, she was assigned as supervisor of the text publishing section.



Ms. Wine

Ms. Wine came to her current position in 1995. As publications manager, she converted paper publications so

they were accessible electronically.

Ms. Wine said she's had "a good career. I enjoy what I do, and I have very good people that I work with and for."

First Lt. Carmen Andrews, Ms. Wine's supervisor, described her as "one of the most awesome employees. She always has a smile on her face and an open door. Her quality is top-notch."

Ms. Wine's job performance is reflected in numerous awards, from squadron to base to Air Force level.

In retirement, she said she plans to spend more time with her children, Rich and Melisa, and her three grandchildren Lynsey, Ashleigh and Cameron.

KEESLER NOTES

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.

Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn and Pinehaven housing areas, with Tuesday as the recycling day.

Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 377-5822.

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.

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](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.

Military rental

Force One Rental, 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818, offers 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.

Blood drives

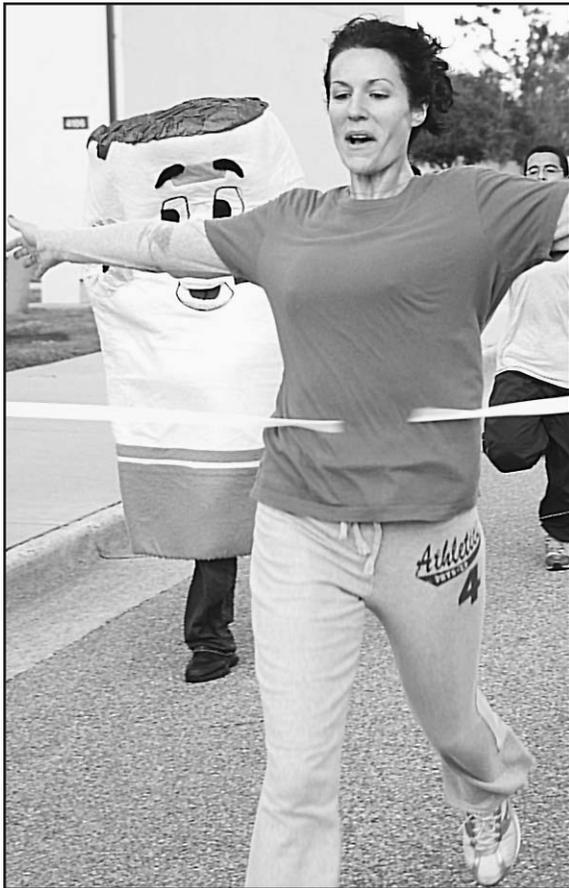
To schedule mobile blood drives, call Jill Peterson, 377-9324.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop in the former Chapel One building is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Jennifer Plante, left, breaks the tape at the finish line for the Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run/walk in front of the health and wellness center Thursday. Right, Jerry Goreline approaches the finish line. Plante, the wife of Nick Plante, public affairs, won the women's overall title with a time of 20 minutes and 3 seconds. Goreline, chapel, was the men's overall champion in 16:30.

Spouse runs away with title in her first 5-kilometer race

Keesler News staff

A spouse competing for the first time was the first female to cross the finish line in the Great American Smokeout 5-kilometer run/walk Nov. 16.

Jennifer Plante, wife of Nick Plante of public affairs, completed the run in 20 minutes and 3 seconds, nearly 2 minutes faster than her nearest rival.

Although this was her first competition, Plante has been running 3-5 miles several times a week with her husband for the past six months.

The overall men's winner among the nearly 100 participants was Jeremy Goreline, chapel, in 16:30.

Plante and Goreline were actually double winners, also claiming first place in their age groups, 18-34 for her and 35-49 for him.

Other results by age group:

Men 50-plus — Jim Taylor, retiree, first, 22:20.

Men 35-49 — Goreline, first; Barry Newman, sexual assault response coordinator office, second, 19:20; Chris Aric, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, third, 22:55.

Men 18-34 — Zachary Wallick, 81st MDOS, first, 16:59; Jimmy Shields, Marine Corps Detachment, second, 17:59; Anthony Weiger, 81st Transportation Squadron, third, 19:04.

Women 35-49 — Lisa Ware, 81st MDOS, first, 26:01; Claudia Foss, public affairs, second, 29:53; Jennifer Algieri, safety, third, 39:15.

Women 18-34 — Plante, first; Jen Lepper, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, second, 21:57; Amy Gilliland, 81st Comptroller Squadron, third, 23:47.

The event was cosponsored by the 81st Services Division and the health and wellness center.

Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, and 2nd Lt. Nick Plante, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Lady Dragons' basketball schedule

Nov. 29 — Faulkner State.

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

Dec. 16-17 — Ft. Benning, Ga.

Jan. 11 — at Faulkner State (Mobile).

Jan. 13-14 — at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Jan. 20-21 — Eglin AFB, Fla.

Feb. 10-11 — at Mayport.

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

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.

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

Golfing reservist top female athlete among bluesuiters

Air Force Print News

ROBINS Air Force Base, Ga. — Air Force Services selected an individual mobilization augmentee as the Air Force Female Athlete of the Year for 2006.

Linda Jeffery is a services officer in the 314th Services Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The award recognizes her accomplishments in golf from Oct. 1, 2005, to Sept. 30, 2006.

Jeffery fired a 76, 74, 77 and 82 to win the 2006 Air Force Women's Golf Championship by 39 strokes Aug. 4 at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

One week later, she and her teammates won the Armed Forces Women's Golf Champ-

ionship by 125 strokes, also at Vandenberg. She had the best individual score, 322, nine strokes under her closest competitor.

The Air Force reservist then traveled to Galway, Ireland, to compete in the Conceil International Du Sport Militaire Golf Championship. She won the CISM individual title by 12 strokes, and her team won by 53.

Jeffery received her Air Force Female Athlete of the Year Award Nov. 14 during the Air Force session of the Athletic Business Conference in Las Vegas.

In her off-duty time, Jeffery is a stay-at-home mother who cares for her 2 1/2-year-old twins.

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.

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.

Air Force Sergeants Association tournament — noon shotgun start, Dec. 1, Sunkist Country Club. Cost: \$40 per person for four-person teams. Prizes and lunch. Proceeds support AFSA Magnolia Chapter. Register by Monday with John Geboy, 377-5807, or Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

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.

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, Gulfport. 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

Student honor roll

334th Training Squadron

Air traffic control operations flight — Airmen Basic James Ashton, Seth Bolz, Nicholas Cooper, Constance Dietrich, Kevin Garlock, Rashad Hudson, Michael Jaegar, James Nelson, Jason Owens, Makenzie Parker, Nat Perez, Cameron Soso, Daniel Torres and Samantha Yeagar; Airmen Grant Gardow, Philip Irwin, Brian Redman, Michael Vallejo, Randall Vaughn and Clayton Yeasted; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Aguil, Ryan Carney, Clay Guillot and Clayton Shiver; Senior Airman David Caldwell; Staff Sgts. Marquese Hayden and Matthew Rumsey.

336th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Monique Allen, Adrianna Bascochea, Lisa Labrada, Iris Lopez, David Mancha, Naomi Quitugua, Christina Scott, Robert Scott, Adam Seiwel, Alisha Shiffer and Stephen Toussaint; Airman Kelly Kagels; Airmen 1st Class Kristoffer Furnace and Tanisha Parks; Senior Airman Gregory Fisterbusch; Staff Sgts Scott Brock, Tonieta Close, Lacy Foss, Katrina George, Jamie Harris and Jessica Tull; Tech. Sgts. Eric Butler and Douglas Motonaga; Marguerite Gallegos.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Derek Elkins and Bret Ward; Airmen 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 Seearce, 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 Desiree Colon, Katrina Cruz, Monika Golden, Daniel Koonce, Nathaniel Pearson, Shawn Remigio and Timothy Stencil; Airmen Ryan Hopper, Carl Niger and Victor Santos; Airmen 1st Class Melinda Baez, James Chrisley, Brandon Cunningham, Nicholas Gomez, Michael Henderson, Shawn Nichlos, Timothy O'Connor, Kyle Sais, Joshua Stoltz and Vinh Tran; Senior Airmen Christopher Blair, Jared Friesen, Eric Gottfried, Remigio Isla, Michelle Ross, Gregory Smith, Zachary Tobler and Daniel Turillo; Staff Sgts. Frederick Dacanay, James Hardcastle, Dennis Maldonado, Jeffrey Morter, Lonnie Potts, Han Wang and Kimberly Wilhite; Tech. Sgt. Sebastian Calderon.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Saturday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....5 p.m.

Sunday Mass

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

Daily Mass

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

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

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah 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.

338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Airmen Benjamin Black, Matthew Ford, Travis Freeman, Jason Kirby and Daniel O'Brien; Airmen 1st Class Kent Hadler and Christopher Whitely; Senior Airman Carlton Fike; Staff Sgts. Nelson Copeland and Ray Parrish.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving Day

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

Keesler News — closed Thursday and Friday.

Commissary — closed Thursday.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Car wash — open 24 hours.

Fam camp — open 24 hours.

Mini-mart — 6-11:30 a.m. Thursady

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed Thursday-Sunday.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Vandenberg Community Center — 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday; noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Half Time Café — closed Thursday and Friday.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk Thursday. No rental carts available.

Outdoor recreation — closed Thursday and Friday.

Arts and crafts center — closed Thursday and Friday.

Auto hobby shop — closed Thursday.

Katrina Kantina — closed Thursday and Friday.

McBride Library — closed Thursday and Friday.

Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed Thursday.

Information, ticket and trip office — closed Thursday and Friday.

Youth center — closed Thursday-Sunday.

Child development center — closed Thursday and Friday.

Family child care — closed Thursday and Friday.

Gaudé Lanes — closed.

Veterinary clinic — closed Thursday and Friday.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Furniture store — closed Thursday.

Class Six — closed Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Service station — closed Thursday.

Military clothing sales — closed Thursday and Friday.

Katrina Hot Dogs and Pizza — closed Thursday and Friday.

Seattle's Best Coffee — closed Thursday and Friday.

Mobile units — closed Thursday and Friday.

Subway — closed Thursday.

General Nutrition Center — closed Thursday.

Beauty shop — closed Thursday.

Barber shop — closed Thursday.

Laundry and dry cleaning — closed Thursday.

At Ease Apparel — closed Thursday.

Force One Rental — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed Thursday.

Military rental — closed Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Friday.

Housing office — closed Thursday and Friday.

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.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

The base shuttle doesn't run on Thanksgiving Day. For emergencies, call 697-2392.

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:04	:34
:06	:36
:08	:38
:09	:39
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
:20	:50
:21	:51
:22	:52

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	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.

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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.

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

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.

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, towlettes 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 — Thursday and Friday.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant Sunday school — 9:15-10:15 a.m. class available for babies, toddlers and adults.

Team kids Sunday — 4-5:30 p.m. grades K-6.

Men's Bible study — Tuesdays noon-1 p.m.

Women's Wednesday morning Bible class — 9-11 a.m.

Wednesday night youth Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m.

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. Tuesday, 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. 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

Opportunities for medics — 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 officers. 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.afaots.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.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>.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Thanksgiving dance — 6 p.m. Friday. 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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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 — 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.

Thanksgiving Day

Lunch — shrimp cocktail, yogurt, onion soup, macaroni salad, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, beef, roast turkey, baked ham, boneless roast turkey, gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, baked sweet potatoes.

Dinner — mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, rice, green beans with mushrooms, steamed corn, peas, carrots, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, devil's food cake, candies, soft serve yogurt.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, meat loaf, steak, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit salad, bean salad, bean soup, gumbo, chili, buffalo wings

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, cornbread, Italian sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumplings soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs and tacos.

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

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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.

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 — Thursday.

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 — Sunday, 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 organization 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 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Facility. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337, or Master Sgt. James Craig, 377-4136.

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 con-

ference 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., Employee of the Month (PG-13, 130 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., The Marine (PG-13, 91 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Departed (R, 149 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Everyone's Hero (G, 86 minutes).