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In remembrance
From left, Airmen 1st Class Marvin Howdershell and Nicholas Small place flags in front of head stones in Biloxi National Cemetery Saturday in preparation for the Memorial Day observance held on the grounds Monday. The Airmen are technical training students in the 335th Training Squadron.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

'Complacency' storm season threat

By Perry Jenifer
Keesler News editor

Although "Complacency" doesn't appear on the list of storm names for the 2007 hurricane season, it may be the greatest threat for Keesler.

"It may be tempting to look back on last year, with no hurricane threats, and wonder what all the fuss is about — checklists, hurricane kits, evacuation plans," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "That's the danger. Complacency can set in.

Then, we're unprepared for the next storm, putting lives and property at tremendous risk."

Although the 2007 hurricane season opens Friday, the base received a wakeup call nearly a month ago. Tropical Storm Andrea spun to life off the Atlantic coast, producing rain and high surf in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina before reversing direction and taking her last breath in the open ocean.

Andrea's unseasonably early appearance coincided roughly with Keesler's

annual hurricane exercise. The base received good marks for the response to scenarios spawned by the fictitious "Hurricane Michael."

"The exercise was a success overall," said Lt. Col. Mack Breeland, 81st TRW inspector general.

"We were able to go through the entire scenario from preparatory actions to post-hurricane response," he continued. "We reviewed our response teams, action

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This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Allee Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Command post, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Communication-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Personnel, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.
Radio communication, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.
Information management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Wednesday, weather training complex.



April honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,859
Non-prior service — 1,751
Temporary duty — 963
Joint service — 100
Combat controllers — 22
Medical — 23
Non-prior service arrivals — 120
Guard, Reserve — 714
International — 47
FY07 graduates — 16,633
Total since 1942 — 2,254,605

COMMENTARY

Biggest opportunity to excel on horizon, Team Keesler

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

We have much to be proud of and a lot to be excited about.

You can just look around and see the outstanding progress we've made over the last 21 months — progress highlighted in a list of achievements too long for this commentary. Each of you, the men and women of Team Keesler, have been the positive force responsible for the tremendous accomplishments we've generated.

What I'd like to do is share a couple of your most recent events to highlight our continued success and to talk about our biggest opportunity which lies on the horizon.

Last month, the 81st Medical Group crushed both the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the health services inspections of Keesler Medical Center. These outstanding accomplishments are a remarkable feat by all standards, serve as a shining example of the foundation being strengthened in world-class health care and represent a facility that reflects the excellence of the Airmen it houses.

We also completed the Air Force Assistance Fund drive last month. You reached out and again touched the lives of those in need (active-duty, retirees, reservists, Guard and surviving spouses) by pledging more than 199 percent of our goal — a simply magnificent and awesome accomplishment.

To date, Team Keesler has won 62 Air Education and Training Command awards, 14 Air Force awards and three national awards for 2006, including the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This award is a tremendous testament to your continuing efforts in moving the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Keesler back to normal operations. You continue to set the standard in everything you do.

Once again earlier this month, Team Keesler came together to host the 2007

Mississippi Special Olympics. Through your unselfish volunteer efforts, you allowed nearly 900 athletes a continuing opportunity to develop their physical fitness, demonstrate courage and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympians and the community. The event was another shining example of your dedication, pride and commitment.

These accomplishments represent only a select few of the recent outstanding contributions you've made and continue to make following Hurricane Katrina in rebuilding and touching the lives of others. All of these are tremendous sources of pride for the entire base.

Our biggest opportunity now lies on the horizon and each and every one of you plays an important role in our success.

In 80 days, the AETC Inspector General team arrives to conduct our operational readiness inspection. The ORI is one of our most important events of 2007.

The purpose of the ORI is to validate how well we do our job and test our ability to respond to deployment readiness, emergency management, and force protection scenarios. This isn't just a military inspection — it involves every member of our team, whether you wear the uniform, are a government civilian or a support contractor.

We're well under way in our preparations. I challenge each of you to continue delving into every one of your unit processes and functional programs to ensure we've left no stone unturned. The key to our success is your continued positive attitude, extra effort and detailed preparation.

I see the ORI as another opportunity for the AETC IG to tell us what we already know — Keesler is ready for anything because we have great people who can work together to overcome any obstacle.

As we look ahead, I've no doubt we'll prove once again that Keesler is the "best of the best" in AETC. Keep charging!

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call 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, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st 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	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Base operator — 377-1110	Medical center information — 377-6550
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Military pay — 377-7272
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Pass and registration — 377-3844
Child development center — 377-2211	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 377-6360
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Public affairs — 377-2783
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Red Cross — 377-0732.
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Emergencies — 911	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Family campground — 594-0543	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Housing — 377-9741	Visitor center — 377-2595
Identification cards — 377-3203	Youth center — 377-4116
Inspector general — 377-3010	
Legal assistance — 377-3510	
Library — 377-2181	

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HURRICANE AWARENESS

Phone numbers and Web sites
for information and accountability
for Keesler members:

Personnel Accountability Team
1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center
1-800-435-9941

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

81st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness
377-3811 or DSN 597-3811

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service

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

Keesler Public Web site

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

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review it often,
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Back to the future

Keesler prepares to train Iraqi air traffic controllers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Trainers in the 334th Training Squadron are stepping back in time to train Iraq's future air traffic controllers.

Air traffic control students at Keesler benefit from sophisticated simulators that bring cutting-edge realism to their training. But with \$800,000 price tags, those teaching aids won't be available in Iraq anytime soon.

Stepping back in time

"In a sense, we're going back to the future in the way that we'll be initially training Iraq's air traffic controllers," said Master Sgt. Bill Lince, who's developing the training. "In Iraq, due to logistics and electric power constraints, we'll do much of the training using a static lab — wooden stands with plastic aircraft and an airfield outline painted on a table."

Air traffic control training has been conducted at Keesler since the late 1950s. When Sergeant Lince trained here in 1988, a static lab was used for the bulk of his training. The same method was used until the first simulators came on line in 1999.

Building foundation

By way of 2nd Air Force and the 81st Training Group, the 334th TRS was tasked to develop a suitable air traffic control lesson plan to support the Coalition Air Force Transition Team. The CAFTT's main focus is to provide a framework for development of the Iraqi Air Force's structure and training programs.

Basic military training has been initiated and technical instruction has begun in several fields.

For air traffic control students, the tower course is scheduled to begin in July and the radar course in September. Classes will be conducted at a small airfield near Baghdad.

Master Sgt. Mike Polley, former supervisor of the air traffic control fundamentals course, has been deployed to Iraq since January to assist in revising the on-the-job training that Iraqi air traffic controllers will receive. He also serves as the airfield's deputy chief controller until he returns to Keesler in June.

Sergeant Lince, who deploys for the first time in October, has spent the last nine years in Keesler's training arena



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Airmen Basic Scarlett Worriax, Laaron Odom II and Kirk Cash, 334th TRS students, get a lesson in aircraft sequencing from Sergeant Lince using a static lab in Cody Hall. A similar setup will be used to train air traffic control students in Iraq.

except for a one-year remote assignment to Osan Air Base, Korea. Keesler's former air traffic control tower course supervisor will be teaching and managing air traffic control tower training in Iraq, as well as assisting and advising the CAFTT on training issues.

"Since the world of air traffic control is constantly changing, we always have a fresh new lesson plan handy," Sergeant Lince pointed out.

The lesson plan Sergeant Lince used as a framework for the Iraqi training

package was originally developed by three Keesler instructors, Master Sgt. Lori Derr, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Taylor and civilian Dan Seevers. Sergeant Taylor is now at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

"I've molded and fleshed out that lesson plan into a format that provides students passing through the course with all the tools necessary to go to their base and be successful in on-the-job training," Sergeant Lince explained. "Technical training for air traffic control is just the 'tip of the iceberg.' Controllers have to

be in upgrade training for six months to a year or more before they can finally work traffic on their own.

"The students from this course should provide trainers and facility managers like Sergeant Polley the raw materials they need to build a backbone for Iraq's air traffic control career field," he continued. "Also, some of the early graduates may be looked upon to become instructors in that same course so that eventually it will be a self-sustaining entity where Iraqis will teach Iraqis."

Exercises underscore deployment preparation, contingency response

From left, Senior Airman Kenneth Dukes, Airman 1st Class Israel Walker and Senior Airman Kirk Mullins carry Lt. Col. Deb Collins to a casualty collection tent after a sniper attack during a contingency exercise May 24 behind the heritage center. Airman Dukes is from the 81st Transportation Squadron and Airmen Walker and Mullins are from the 81st Supply Squadron. Colonel Collins is the 81st Training Wing staff judge advocate.



Airmen 1st Class Malinda Hitchcock, standing left, and Krystina King have their records verified by Staff Sgts. Eddie Coleman, left, and Jimmy Simmons at the deployment facility during a May 23 deployment exercise. All four are assigned to the 81st Mission Support Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Tech. Sgt. Randy Sherlin, top, an exercise evaluation team member from the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, scrutinizes the actions of firefighter Guy Chadwick, left, and Senior Airman Brandon Kahili, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, as they assess the neck injury of Airman Basic Alli Corsaro, a 338th Training Squadron student, during a force protection exercise May 21. In the scenario, a disgruntled military member escaped after detonating an explosive device during a unit get-together at marina park, and was apprehended later.

African-American committee gives 3 scholarships

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Three recent high school graduates received \$1,000 scholarships from the African-American Heritage Committee at the Katrina Kantina Friday.

The organization held fundraisers throughout the year to support the program.

Recipients are:

Darius Culpepper, Biloxi High School, plans to attend Auburn University and earn a degree in criminal justice. He's the son of Mrs. Michelle Holder and the late Mr. Arthur Holder.

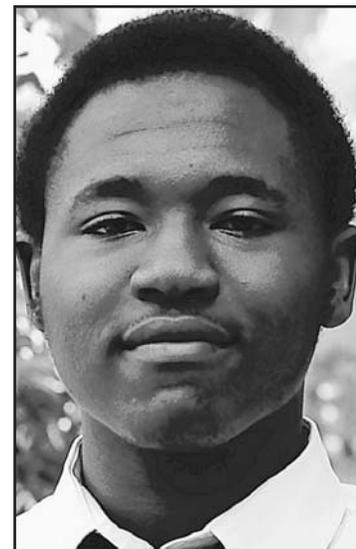
Philip Mignott, D'Iberville High School, plans to study

engineering technology at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for two years before attending Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in industrial engineering. His parents are Dervin Mignott, 338th Training Squadron, and Cheryl Mignott, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Alidra Payton, D'Iberville High School, is headed to the University of Mississippi to study art before attending Drexel University, Pa., to earn a master's degree in art administration. Her parents are Mrs. Alicia Johnson and Mr. Sammy Payton.



Mr. Culpepper



Mr. Mignott



Miss Payton

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Parades, drill downs

The 81st Training Group's student parades are today, July 12, Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. June 15 and Aug. 10, and 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

For more information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Kwame Felton, 377-3245, and on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Joyce, 377-2737.

Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, commanders and law enforcement officials.

Training is 9 a.m. June 12, Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 in Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call 377-3510.

Graduate courses

The University of Southern Mississippi offers six graduate courses in adult education, including three online.

For more information, call Christopher Burkett, 377-2309.

Embry-Riddle degrees

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a wide variety of undergraduate degrees online and in a traditional classroom setting.

For more information, call 377-4271, or visit Room 217, old Cody Hall.

Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

Fall classes

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univer-

sity undergraduate and graduate courses begins July 16.

Classes are Aug. 6-Oct. 15. For more information, call 377-4271, or visit Room 217, old Cody Hall.

LOAC training

Military personnel are required to satisfactorily complete Law of Armed Conflict training every 15 months.

Online training is at <http://development/81trss/ancillary/training.htm>, and click on the flash or text versions of the training. The system asks for your first and last names, rank, organization and office symbol.

After reviewing the material, take a 10-question quiz. A score of 70 is required. After training, print a dated certificate. Keep a copy and give one to your unit deployment manager, who notifies the legal office.

NEWS AND FEATURES



Online, phone-based self-service transforms personnel capabilities

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen around the world are trading in long lines and filling out lengthy paperwork at personnel offices for the convenience of online and phone-based self-service capabilities.

These advances in technology allow individuals to manage their personal tasks more efficiently and conveniently, even from the comfort of their own home.

Leaders are working to bring those same conveniences to valued Airmen and civilians.

Benefits abound

Air Force personnel communities are going through the most comprehensive transformation effort since the service's inception. This effort is referred to as personnel service delivery transformation.

"Many Airmen are witnessing and benefiting from the ease of access and use afforded with the transformation," said Tim Beyland, director of plans and integration. "Every time a military member or civilian uses a self-service application or contacts the Air Force Contact Center, he's benefited from our PSD transformation efforts.

Simpler career moves

"By continuing to improve our personnel services each quarter, Airmen can now make informed career decisions without having to travel to a personnel office," he added.

"Our active-duty component continues to make tremendous strides through the centralization of personnel processes like retraining, retirements, Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records, duty status, duty history and evaluation appeals,

which affect both the officer and enlisted corps," Mr. Beyland explained.

Centralized services

"By centralizing the work at the Air Force Personnel Center, what used to take about 200 personnel in the field to complete now takes only 61 people located at the Air Force Contact Center," he said. "This provides increased service to our customers, ensuring that our valuable resources are properly allocated in support of our wartime mission, as well as creating a leaner, stronger organization."

Assignment preference, duty history updates, career job reservation and selective reenlistment programs used to generate an estimated 2,500 military personnel flight visits per month or 300,000 per year. However, since centralizing these processes earlier this year, most personnel requests are now processed electronically through self-service applications.

Easier record-keeping

AFPC specialists scanned more than 18,000 unit personnel records group records from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; Altus AFB, Okla.; Ft. Meade, Md., and Lackland AFB, Texas, into an electronic format for ease of access, review, retrieval and printing.

The Air National Guard and Reserve have deployed the virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve, an Internet-based automated tool available 24/7 and accessible from home, work or deployed location.

Airmen can request retirement applications and corrections to awards and decorations, or nominate members for awards. In January, near-

ly 5,000 online requests were received through vPC-GR.

In this total-force effort, the Air Force civilian personnel community has a vital role.

"The Air Force led the way within the federal government by providing civilian employees with electronic personnel records or official personnel folders," said Mr. Beyland.

EBIS for civilians

Since 1996, civilian official personnel folder documents have been stored electronically.

Another tool for civilian employees is the electronic benefits information system. Through EBIS, employees can obtain general, personal and projected benefit transaction information such as a complete benefits summary, retirement estimates, information on health insurance, life insurance and thrift savings plan benefit transactions.

Two upcoming civilian initiatives include an automated retirement package self-service application which allows an employee to complete and submit a retirement package online, and a new recruitment tool called USA Staffing which is designed to increase staffing efficiencies.

Contact centers merge

Another important goal of PSD is the integration of the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and the Recruitment Service Center with the active-duty Air Force Contact Center and the Air Reserve Personnel Center Contact Center.

"The integration of contact centers is a significant milestone as we continue to progress towards a total-force vision," said Mr. Beyland.

IN THE NEWS

Commander's call

An 81st Training commander's call is 3 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. June 7 at Welch Auditorium.

NCO from Mississippi dies in Iraq

Air Force Print News

LITTLE ROCK Air Force Base, Ark. — Staff Sgt. John Self, 314th Security Forces Squadron, was killed May 14 by a roadside bomb near Baghdad, Iraq.

Sergeant Self had been in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since September on a 365-day deployment.

Sergeant Self was on patrol in Baghdad when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device.

The Pontotoc, Miss., native is survived by his mother, Jill.

Airman acquitted of murder

Air Force Print News

BOLLING Air Force Base, D.C. — May 16, a military jury found Airman Calvin Hill not guilty of the Aug. 14, 2005, premeditated murder of Airman 1st Class Ashley Turner while the two were stationed at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, as well as a related obstruction of justice charge.

Airman Hill had earlier pleaded guilty to larceny and wrongful appropriation of about \$2,700 from Airman Turner's bank account, making false official statements and being absent without leave.

Tops in Blue on coast July 10

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's musical and performing ambassadors, presents a free performance, 7 p.m. July 10 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

This year's theme is "The Fly by Tour — A Musical Tribute to 60 Years of Proud Air Force History."

Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Parking is free.

For more information, call Dave Bowers, 377-2958.

ORI preparation tools

Operational readiness inspection preparation tools are available on the ORI 2007 site of the Keesler home page.

The site includes ORI reports from recent Air Education and Training Command inspections, Keesler's last ORI in March 2004 and the 81st Training Wing's 150-day countdown checklist.

The AETC inspection team arrives at Keesler on Aug. 19 for an ORI that runs through Aug. 27.

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.

Hurricane,

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required at various stages and items we still need to work on.

“There’s still some work to do to ensure we’re fully ready, but the exercise did make the wing better prepared,” the colonel added.

General Capasso was also quick to point out, “There’s always room for improvement. We can always tweak something here and fine tune something there to ensure we’re prepared when faced with the real thing.”

17 named storms

The “real thing” this year includes 17 named storms, nine hurricanes and five intense hurricanes, as projected by a Colorado State University team of atmospheric scientists led by renowned hurricane forecaster William Gray.

To earn a name, a tropical system must produce sustained winds of 39 mph. At 74 mph, a tropical storm becomes a hurricane and at 111 mph, a “Category 3” or intense hurricane.

It’s no comfort that these storm numbers are up from those of an earlier forecast of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three intense hurricanes by Mr. Gray’s team. The explanation: “... the rapid dissipation of El Nino conditions.” El Nino is a recurring oceanic phenomena that influences weather in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

Preparation key

The probability of one of the 17 forecast storms making landfall on the Gulf Coast between the Florida panhandle and Brownsville, Texas, is 49 percent, well above the average for the last 100 years of 30 percent, according to the Colorado State scientists.

Although the forecast is alarming, General Capasso noted, “All we really need to know is, preparation is the key to protecting lives and property. The hurricane guide on Pages A1-8 of this issue of the Keesler News is a valuable preparation tool. Use it to help you and your family get ready ... now.”

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.

Officer VSP application deadline

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Today is the deadline for Officer Voluntary Separation Pay applications.

Eligibility criteria remains unchanged, including the no-later-than separation date of Sept. 29 for most officers who take part in the program, and Jan. 29 for officers who earned their commission between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-616-3775, or visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

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.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" for deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

E-mail no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

Emergency data cards

Airmen are required to designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The designation becomes part of the member's emergency data record. Most Airmen add the information to their virtual RED through the virtual military personnel flight.

Deployed personnel contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their records.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

MyPay item processing

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.

Data theft protection resources

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — For information on data theft protection resources and protecting against identity theft, visit First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal.

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.

Sunscreen, clothing provide protection from sun's rays

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON —Your face and hide are at risk when the sun's up.

While you bask in those compliments about your great tan, here are the usual health carps about tans:

You injured the largest organ of your body. You've sped the day you'll be a leathery prune. You upped your chances of contracting skin cancer.

You tan when your body begins to find ultraviolet-B radiation intolerable. The most potent UVB source is sunlight for most people. Your body's defense is to create UVB-absorbing melanin skin coloring. You get darker as the exposure continues. The defense isn't perfect; that's why people burn.

Tanning damages cells

Repeated tanning and burning damages skin cells and wears out the skin's natural immunity and repair systems over time. As UVB compromises the skin's ability to protect and fix itself, damaged cells and tissues can wreak havoc.

If you're unlucky, moles, rashes and other lesions erupt. If the only luck you have is bad, you're looking at lethal malignant melanoma — skin cancer.

Then there's ultraviolet-A radiation. UVA plays no role in tanning and burning, but it penetrates the skin deeper than UVB rays and also damages the skin's immunity and repair systems.

Skin loses flexibility

The skin dries, loses flexibility and wrinkles in time; the risk of cancer increases.

On any given day of the year, the sun's most intense UVB radiation arrives at midday.

While people usually know to take precautions at high noon, they may not realize the sun's ultraviolet energy is almost all a constant, imperceptible, day-long, year-round stream of deep-penetrating



UVA radiation. Keep that in mind when you've been out long enough to catch a tan.

People of color may have a protective head start against UVB, but they too can darken and burn — it may just take longer.

Further, skin color offers no protection against UVA.

Combating the sun

Fortunately, protection is easy. Stay indoors. Stay out of the sun.

When those aren't options, your best defenses are sunscreens and clothes.

Sunscreen chemicals can be found in commercial cosmetics, skin creams and lotions, and lip balms.

Sunscreen protection is expressed as a "sun protection factor." The SPF multiplies the time you can be exposed to UVB safely. If your normal limit in the sun is 10 minutes, a UVB sunscreen rated at SPF 15 would help protect you for 2.5 hours.

Using sunscreen

There's no standard way to express UVA protection, such as an SPF, so it's possible your sunscreen and cosmetics offer none. Read the ingredients list. Common screens such as padimate and homosalate only stop UVB. If your product contains an effective UVA sunscreen such as benzophenone and avobenzone, the maker probably trumpets that fact.

Three year-round sunscreen rules: Use it liberally. Use it

often. Apply it to exposed skin at least 20 minutes before going outside. According to some medical researchers, sunscreens fail because people skimp. After all, the stuff's expensive and people get distracted and are rushed.

Follow the product instructions. While "apply generously" doesn't say how much is enough, it's a hint that the stingy little dab on your fingertip that you've been using isn't enough to protect your whole face.

Wash your hands? Reapply sunscreen. Wash your face? Reapply. Sweat? Reapply. Wipe your brow? Reapply. SPF protection time's up? Reapply.

Give it time to set in

Sunscreens don't work until they set in 20 to 30 minutes. If your normal sun limit is 10 minutes, but you apply your SPF 3,000 screen only after you're on that lift up the sunny ski slope, you may be overdosed on UVB before you reach the top.

All clothing can provide some protection against UVB rays and also some against UVA if layered or heavy.

One layer of T-shirt fabric provides minimal protection against UVB and none against UVA. Tightly-woven fabrics protect better than loose weaves against both UVB and UVA. Dry protects better than wet. The Centers for Disease Control estimate blue denim jeans have an SPF of 1,700. The jury's still out on whether fabric color makes any protective difference.

Wear a hat

It's smart to wear a hat and sunglasses in the sun, regardless of the season. Sunglasses should say they filter both UVA and UVB. If they don't or they filter only UVB, consider them good only for fashion statements.

Don't use tanning booths and beds. UVB radiation isn't safe whether it's from Mr. Sun or bulbs.

Lessons from Katrina

Patient care at medical center impacted if another hurricane threatens Keesler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina have led to significant policy changes at Keesler Medical Center for the 2007 hurricane season.

Brig. Gen. James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, stressed during the recent 81st Training Wing commander's call that the medical center is no longer an approved shelter. Patients, dependents and staff won't shelter in the facility.

Officials advise those who normally seek care at the medical center to make preparations in advance of hurricane season and be aware of the impact a storm could have on services.

In particular, patients are advised to fill prescriptions well in advance of a hurricane threat. This information is included on the pharmacy's telephone refill request system and stamped on take-out bags.

If a hurricane targets Keesler, patient-care limitations and decisions depend on the storm's severity, category and path.

Three to four days prior to anticipated landfall, access to medical care begins to be altered or limited. Closure of all medical services is closely associated with base evacuation or closure.

Master Sgt. Mary Sarris, noncommissioned officer in charge of 81st MDG medical readiness training, said depending on storm conditions, medical services are impacted at these estimated time frames before a hurricane's landfall:

60 hours — new admissions are done on a case-by-case basis, with only very minor short-term medical problems allowed.

48 hours — obstetric admissions may be stopped and surgeries and appointments may be cancelled. Medical personnel start to identify patients to be discharged or evacuated. The laboratory, immunizations and allergy clinic, radiology and the pharmacy may close, but could wait until the 36-hour point.



Tricare 'smart cards' essential for evacuation

To obtain Tricare "smart cards" that provide important contact information for beneficiaries:

Visit the Tricare Service Center on Pass Road in Biloxi, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or the Tricare marketing office in Room 1G-300 of Keesler Medical Center, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and compressed work schedule Fridays.

Download a card at <http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart/product.aspx?id=423&CID=132&RID=2>.

36 hours — all patients should be discharged or evacuated. All appointments and surgeries are cancelled and no patient care is provided. Medical shelter teams and storm mission-essential shelter teams should prepare to shelter. Medical group personnel not assigned to a shelter team should evacuate once the official order is given by the 81st Training Wing commander.

24 hours — all medical services are closed, including the emergency room. Ambulance service ceases once wind speeds reach or exceed 30 mph.

The 51 medical personnel assigned to the rapid recovery team evacuate with 81st Training Group students or

shelter on base if students are unable to evacuate.

The 11-member ride-out team, a subset of the RRT, may shelter on base if the RRT evacuates with trainees. Ride-out team evacuation is storm-dependent.

Each of the six base shelters has a four-person medical team to support trainee sheltering or the ride-out team. Emergency care only is available to shelter occupants.

Sergeant Sarris said pre-identified medical personnel on shelter teams are the medical group's only storm mission-essential personnel. All other medical personnel evacuate.

Celebrating heritage



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Bernadette Goodness, left, Biloxi dance instructor, and Angie Yarman, spouse of retired Chief Master Sgt. Dale Yarman of Biloxi, perform the Philippine dance "Pista Sa Nayon," which means town fiesta, at the youth center, May 23. The dance was one of many activities held during the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month extravaganza. Other activities included food tasting, cultural displays and performances. The extravaganza was the final event planned for the month-long observance.

CORRECTION

An article in the May 24 issue of the Keesler News incorrectly identified John Dockens, 81st Mission Support Squadron, as the Department of Defense disabled employee of the year for 2007.

Actually, Mr. Dockens won at the Air Education and Training Command level.

Playgroup sets schedule for summer

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Keesler Playgroup begins its 2007 summer program Tuesday

The playgroup, sponsored by family advocacy, is for parents and their children up to age 5.

The summer program meets at a variety of locations.

“The meeting point for all local excursions is the excursion site of the week,” said Marty Woodall, coordinator. “If someone doesn’t know how to get there, call me at 326-3810.

“Everyone is responsible for paying their own expenses at each excursion. No drinks, snacks or crafts will be provided and no donations will be collected.”

She noted all the scheduled excursions are in the immediate area except for the New Orleans Zoo, out of consideration for the cost of gas and because many spouses are on a tight budget due to the deployment of their spouse.

The summer schedule:

Tuesday — New Orleans Zoo. Depart from main base swimming pool on Meadows Drive at 8 a.m. Bring lunch, or food is available at the zoo. Entry fee with military discount is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

June 12 — marina park, 9:30 a.m.

June 19 — Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport kids swimming pool, 11 a.m.

June 26 — Not Too Little, Ocean Springs, 10 a.m.

July 10 — kite flying, Front Beach, Ocean Springs, 9:30 a.m.

July 17 — Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport kids swimming pool, 11 a.m.

July 24 — Chuck E Cheese, noon.

July 31 — Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, 10 a.m.

For more information, call family advocacy, 376-3457.

Mustangs, legends gather in Ohio city

By Jason Yaley

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Reaffirming its commitment to the commemoration of 60 years of air and space power, the Air Force announced that Columbus, Ohio, has been selected as host for the nation's only Air Force Heritage Week in conjunction with The Gathering of Mustangs and Legends in September.

"Air Force Heritage Week will give the citizens of the area the opportunity to pause and remember the talented, dedicated, professional Airmen serving around the world, day and night, to keep America safe," said Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

General Gabreski joined Lee Lauderback, President of Stallion 51 and organizer of The Gathering of Mustangs, Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks and Rod Borden, senior vice president and chief operating officer of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority at Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus for the announcement earlier this year.

"My charge to the citizens of Ohio and around the United States is to find your way to Columbus the last week of September for Air Force Heritage Week and The Gathering of Mustangs and Legends," General Gabreski said. "You owe it to yourselves to see them fly, you owe it to yourselves to hear their stories, you owe it to them to listen."

General Gabreski spoke about the role Air Force heritage played in her own life as the daughter of retired Brig. Gen. Alonzo Walter, who flew F-86 Sabre missions as a fighter pilot in Korea.



Illustration by Mike Carabajal

The capital of Ohio plays host to Air Force Heritage Week in late September.

She also talked about her father-in-law, the legendary flying ace, retired Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski.

The occasion also included narrated flyovers of two P-51 Mustangs and two F-16s from the Ohio National Guard.

At the conclusion of the announcement, General Gabreski presented Mr. Lauderback with a copy of the official letter from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley declaring the gathering as an official Air Force Heritage Week.

Quoting Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the Air Force legend and namesake for the Columbus Airport to play host to the gathering, General Moseley's letter stat-

ed, "Aviation is proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible."

The Gathering of Mustangs of Legends unites Airmen and aviation enthusiasts of the past and present. It brings together Air Force legends like retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager and historic planes, including a flyover of at least 51 P-51 Mustangs, for a week in September.

Now partnered with the Air Force, the gathering also features senior Air Force leaders speaking at events, flight demonstrations, ground displays, and a show by the Air Force's elite aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds.



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Air Force

May 15, 1970 — Sgt. John Levitow became the first enlisted recipient of the Medal of Honor since World War II.

Air Education and Training Command

May 20, 1977 — Community College of the Air Force awarded its first college degrees at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Keesler

May 10, 1943 — The first women's unit, Detachment, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was activated.

Yard sale

The 333rd Training Squadron's booster club sponsors a yard sale, 9 a.m. June 15 in the Stennis Hall parking lot.

Table rent is \$7.

For more information or to reserve a table, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Smith, 377-1261, or Tech. Sgt. Ben Labelle, 377-5838.

Dorm picnic

The dormitory council hosts a picnic for permanent-party dorm residents, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 8 between Buildings 4908 and 4910.

Cost is \$1. Friday is the deadline to buy tickets.

Food is provided by the Top III. Games are furnished by the 81st Services Division.

To assist with the picnic,

call Airman 1st Class Nicole Allums, 376-3101.

Hurricane guides

A limited number of copies of the Keesler News' 2007 hurricane guide are available in the newspaper office, Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center.

To reserve copies, e-mail kn@keesler.af.mil or call 377-4130, 3163, 7340, 3837 or 9966.

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a source of supplies.

For more information, visit, call or e-mail the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002, 377-200, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

Surplus property sale

A non-appropriated fund excess property sale is Wednesday through June 7 in the former Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

Furniture, small appliances, televisions, microwaves, pictures and ironing boards are available.

Wednesday, hours are 9-11 a.m. for senior airmen and general schedule 3s and below, NA 1s and 2s, and NF1s only; and noon to 3 p.m. for all other identification card holders.

June 6-7, hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all authorized buyers.

Transactions are on a first-come, first-served cash-and-carry basis, and all items must be removed immediately.

Customers are responsible for loading their purchases into their vehicles.

Commercial outlet representatives shouldn't expect to make large quantity buys.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program for Air Force spouses of less than five years, is 7:30 a.m. June 21 in the Triangle Chapel.

To register, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2179.

For information on limited child care, call Jackie Pope, 377-5346.

Multimedia services

For information on multi-

media products and services available at Wall Studio, call the multimedia manager, 377-2793, or multimedia quality assurance personnel, 377-4636.

Entrance closed

Due to construction delays, Keesler Medical Center's A-Tower entrance is closed until early July.

Food handler training

Food handler training is required for unit fundraisers involving food, according to base public health officials.

For more information, 376-3161 or 3155.

Cycle courses

For information on motorcycle safety courses, call the safety office, 377-2910.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Intramural softball

Trip to players' pool proves profitable for 81st MSGS

By Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh

Keesler News staff

A trip to the players' pool is paying off for the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron intramural softball team.

"Our manpower isn't what it was at the squadron," said 81st MSGS coach David Shah, "so we had to pull a few folks from the players' pool in order to field a team. We picked up some dependents and a few guys from the 334th (Training Squadron) and they've been a great asset to the team."

The player's pool is a listing of names of people interested in playing the sport whose squadron doesn't have a formal team; therefore they can be "picked up" by another group to form a team.

The infusion of players from the 334th TRS helped May 23 as the 81st MSGS defeated the 81st Dental Squadron, 10-4.

After learning their May 23 game was forfeited by the now defunct 334th TRS team, 333rd TRS players opted to use the field and take advantage of the opportunity to play and practice.

"One of our strengths as a team is that we're out here because we just enjoy the game, the teamwork, the camaraderie and the opportunity to represent the Mad Ducks," said 333rd TRS multi-position player Scott Passman.

Several other May 23 games were nail-biters that hinged on the outcome of the bottom of the last inning.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Jimmy Frattle, left, CNATTU pitcher, under the watchful eye of his catcher, Benjamin Kittleson, reaches unsuccessfully to tag Jarvis Hardiman, 81st SFS, as he slides into home May 23.

On Field 2, the 81st Security Forces Squadron took on Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit team.

Although down 0-5 early, the cops rallied to tie in the last inning. Then, with two outs, the cops' Erik Castro dug in at the plate, waited for his pitch and nailed a line drive, allowing two teammates to score for a 7-5 victory.

The 81st Mission Support Squadron-Comptroller Squadron game with the 81st Medical Operations Squad-

ron-Medical Support Squadron and the 81st Communications Squadron game with the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron also provided one-run victories, 10-9 and 15-14, respectively.

Also noteworthy, the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron has blown away its last two opponents, 81st MSS-CPTS, 19-2, and 338th TRS, 24-6.

For more scores and schedules, see Scores and More, Page 20.

For more information or scheduling questions, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Post-Katrina repairs on track at Bay Breeze

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Repairs to Keesler's Bay Breeze Golf Course are on schedule, according to Tama Manu, manager.

To date, approximately \$4.5 million has been allocated to put the course back in shape following extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina.

"The irrigation system is fully functional, and all the damaged fairways and cart paths have been repaired," Manu said. "The lake was drained, silt removed, a liner was installed and covered with clay and the lake refilled."

"The greens project resulted in redesigning and replacing all the greens to meet U.S. Golf Association standards, and redesigning and reshaping the bunkers for better playability and improved appearance," he continued. "The greens have also been re-seeded with a new certified Tifdwarf Bermuda grass."

There are still things left to be done such as repairing the landscaping, which begins next week, and minor repairs from damage caused during construction.

"Although the basic course remains the same, enhanced



appearance and playability is evident on every hole," Mr. Manu said.

If the weather cooperates, Bay Breeze will reopen for play early this fall.

In the meantime, Keesler golfers can play at the Naval Construction Battalion Center's course in Gulfport, or take advantage of military discounts offered at Gulf Hills and St. Andrews courses in Ocean Springs.

The driving range, which isn't affected by the restoration project, remains open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Balls are purchased from the ball machine for \$2 a bucket.

AAFES anglers eligible for Florida fishing trip

AAFES News Service

DALLAS — Troops fishing for a good deal at exchanges in the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico this summer can reel in an all-expense paid vacation for two to south Florida.



of their choice to the Florida Keys. They'll have a chance to be randomly paired with anglers competing in Gary Ellis' Redbone Fishing Tournament for one day.

Authorized AAFES shoppers can register for a

chance to win through June 14. No purchase is necessary to enter.

This prize package, valued at approximately \$3,500, is awarded on or about July 15.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Monday Night Budweiser (as of May 14)

Team	Won	Lost
Man On!	76	50
Perry's Refrigeration	71	55
Martini's	69	57
Bam! Bam! Bam!	68	58
Wayne's World	65	61
Slater's Shooters	65	61
Spare Time Pro Shop	64	62
Hoop's Gang	61	65
Our Gang	59	67
Gannon's Cannons	56	70
Endangered Species	53	73
Wicked Women	49	77

Tuesday Night Hospital (as of May 15)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 7	102	26
Team 5	86	42
Scrubs	86	42
Dirty O's	86	42
Team 2	73	55
Team 1	66	50
The Big O	60	68
Spare Ballz	51	77
Juggonauts	14	114
Team 10	8	112

Wednesday Night Mixed (as of May 9)

Team	Won	Lost
JSOT-B	101	46
MUDD	91	56
Select Few	85	62
WEJUSWANAHAVFUN	81	66
Go Getters	81	66
70's Plus	81	66
Bowling Express	76	71
Misfits	76	71
Whatever It Is	75	72
David's Rejects	56	91
Beef O'Brady's 1	55	92

Thursday Intramural

Possible summer league — if enough teams are interested, play starts 6 p.m. June 7 at Gaudé Lanes. Four-person team; \$7 lineage cost. For more information, call Greg Schon, 377-2817.

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed

Summer league — starts today. For more information, call Tricia Toth, 594-0237.

Friday Night (as of May 18)

Team	Won	Lost
Sandbaggers	98	56
That Won Team	83.5	70.5
We Don't Have a Name	83.5	70.5
Team 12	82	72
We'll Think of a Name	82	72
Beef O'Brady's	81	73
Team 6	80	74
Pin Pals	75	79
I Don't Care	73	81
Harry's Team	69	85
Bringing Up the Reer	64	90
Team 3	53	101

Other

Stars and Strikes — coming soon. For information, call 377-2817.

Summer leagues — sign up for Monday night (three bowlers four games), Thursday morning seniors and Friday night mixed.

Tuesdays — teenagers bowl for \$5. Ten lanes available.

Celebrating at the speedway



Photo by William Moss

The Air Force 60th anniversary logo is unveiled on NASCAR driver Ward Burton's State Water Heaters car May 8 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C. The unveiling was in recognition of "American Heroes Memorial Day Salute to the Armed Forces."

Saturdays — birthday parties available. For information and reservations, call 377-2817.

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

Bowl-a-rama — 5 p.m. to closing Monday-Friday and all day Saturday. Bowl two hours for \$10.95, including shoe rental.

Nonprior service students open bowling special — show UBU club card to bowl for \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m. Saturdays, \$2 per game; Monday-Saturday, \$2 per game after \$4 p.m. Shoe rental, \$1. Not applicable with other discounts or specials.

Fundraisers available — for more information, call 377-2817.

Fitness centers

Fitness classes — step aerobics, turbo-core, cycle/spin, slo-robics and boxing workout. For more information, call 377-2907.

Outdoor recreation

Swimming pools — main base pool on Meadows Drive is open noon to 5:30 p.m. daily except Monday. Triangle pool is open noon to 7 p.m. daily except Wednesday. For more information and costs, call 377-3568.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. For prices, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental. For more information, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3180.

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

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, and Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses available.

Paintball

81st Training Wing group challenge tournament — 11 a.m. today.

Paintball course — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays open play, 1-3 p.m. tournaments or group play with reservation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball Intramural

May 21 — 81st TRSS 10, 81st DS 6; 81st SFS 20, 333rd TRS 6; 81st MDOS-MDSS 8, 81st MSGS 4; 338th TRS 10, 334th TRS 0; 81st CES 19, 81st MSS-CPTS 2.

May 22 — 81st CS 15, 85th EIS14; MARDET 16, 2nd Air Force 4; 335th TRS 18, 81st TRANS-SUPS 6; 336th TRS 10, 403rd Wing 2; 332nd TRS 14, 81st AMDS 1.

May 23 — 81st SFS 7, CNATTU 5; 81st MSGS 10, 81st DS 4; 333rd TRS 10, 334th TRS 0; 81st MSS-CPTS 10, 81st MDOS-MDSS 9; 81st CES 24, 338th TRS 6.

Monday, Field 1 — 6 p.m., 81st TRSS vs. 338th TRS; 7 p.m., CNATTU vs. 81st DS.

Monday, Field 2 — 6 p.m., 333rd TRS vs. 334th TRS (334th TRS dropped out of league); 7 p.m., 81st MSGS vs. 81st MSS-CPTS; 8 p.m., 81st SFS vs. 81st CES.

Tuesday, Field 1 — 6 p.m., 81st AMDS vs. 81st CS; 7 p.m., 403rd Wing vs. 332nd TRS; 8 p.m., 81st TRANS-SUPS vs. 336th TRS.

Tuesday, Field 2 — 6 p.m., MARDET vs. 335th TRS; 7 p.m., 85th EIS vs. 2nd Air Force.

Wednesday, Field 1 — 6 p.m., 333rd TRS vs. 81st MSS-CPTS; 7 p.m., 334th TRS vs. 81st CES; 8 p.m., 81st MSGS vs. 338th TRS.

Wednesday, Field 2 — 6 p.m., 81st6 SFS vs. 81st DS; 7 p.m., 81st TRSS vs. CNATTU.

June 7, Field 1 — 6 p.m., 81st CS vs. 332nd TRS; 7 p.m., 336th TRS vs. 81st AMDS; 8 p.m., 403rd Wing vs. 335th TRS.

June 7, Field 2 — 6 p.m., 81st TRANS-SUPS vs. 2nd Air Force; 7 p.m., MARDET vs. 85th EIS.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 07-10

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman 1st Class Casey Claveau.

81st Communications Squadron — Airman Matthew Bryan; Airmen 1st Class Steven Fuchs and Heath Wellman.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Kimberly Delus and Carie Squadrito.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman Taylor Kanka; Airmen 1st Class Dominic Ancona, Chelsea Andrews, Jollyjack Nierva and Ashley Ross.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airmen Tiffany McCall and Christina Schaffer; Airmen 1st Class Scott Kunowsky and Katherine Mack.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Larry Moreno.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman Troy Smalls.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Adam Hall and Chenita Joyner.

Airman Leadership School Class 07-4

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Thomas Gerhart, Jose Gonzalez and Kenneth Tuten.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Cheyenne Youngbird and Jonathan Lowe.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Senior Airman John Scharbach.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Stephanie Bangora.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Angela Pedersen, Thomas Vaghy and Kimberly Zimlich.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Danielle Hindel (class commander) and Karina Lawson.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Jamaal Smalls, Nicholas Whitney (John Levitow Award), Edward Rivers and Benjamin Thomas.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Steven Kiseleski.

332nd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Melanie Hutchison.

333rd TRS — Senior Airman Jason Samuel.

336th TRS — Senior Airman Vanna Johnson.

338th TRS — Senior Airmen James McCarroll and Michael Burton (academic achievement award).

366th TRS Detachment 6 — Senior Airman Ronald Eaves (flight chief's leadership award and class first sergeant).

Detachment 101 Field Investigations — Senior Airman Ethan Kibler (distinguished graduate).

HONORS

Student honor roll

332th Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airmen Basic Andrew Doman, Jeffrey Le, Kyle Martin and Kevin Shoultz; Airmen 1st Class Beau Dicken and Kirk Sefchik; Senior Airman Badar Al Rashdi.

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Seth Allphin, Aaron Bradford, Curtis Capple, Jeffrey Elam, Adam Harris, Matthew Howley, Joshua Kirchler, Joshua Klapak, Calvin Lee, Cory Littlefield, Arnold Mast, David Moreno, Johnathan Parker, Shan Perry, David Piedra, Michael Ryan, Ryan Shea, Calvin Slade and Kevin Wiese; Airmen Geoffrey Barger, Gregory Jas, Dong Kim, Charles Scholle and Andrew Scott; Airmen 1st Class Anneice Allen, Andrew Boerger, Jarad Branch, William Brown, Andrew Clark, Luis Colon, Joseph Corra, William Dixon, Daniel Jamison, Brandy Jones, Jordan Jones, Anna Kelly, Eric Miller, Ronald Morrison, Nathan Roczen, Daniel Rodgers, Peter Scidmore, Ashley Smith, Peggy Snyder, Anthony Stubbs, Vincent Swider, Jennifer Thomas, Aaron Wasden, Gerald Williams and Andrew Myers; Senior Airmen Laela Badgette, Derrick Cox, Renee Crisman, Gabriel Howard, Michael Morales and Pete Wherly; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bailey, Joshua Cash, Jeffrey Geiger, Christopher Harper, Jong Lee, Leon Leon-Rivera, Gregory Mills, Carlos Moralejo, Tim Ortiz, Michael Poulter, Julian Rey, Daniel Sallie, Nicholas Scherbring, Joseph Schescke and Steven Thornton; Tech. Sgts. Jerry Gillman and John Pyeatt; Lt. Sulamin AlMufarej; Gregory Bartel.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Candice Clark, Casey Decker, John Forbing, Thomas Gibbons, Jacob Harvey, Nathaniel Lauritzen, Brittney McMurphy, Damico Perry and Sean Purdy; Airmen Jon Cypert, Benjamin Leneave, Ebony Monroe and Zephan Spencer; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Barney, Nathan Hanson, Rashelle Kock, Nicole Nadeau and Sarah Titone; Staff Sgts. Daniel McGranahan and Christopher O'Brien.

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rondarrius McDonald and Lawrence Stephens; Airman 1st Class Leona Kendrick; Staff Sgt. Micheal Mitchell; Master Sgts. Lawrence Aragon and Brian Thomas; Chief Master Sgt. William Summer.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman Basic Ericka Scrivner; Airman Brett Cranwell; Airmen 1st Class Milissa Ashley, Rebecca Carter and Jeffrey Tlamka; Senior Airmen Jarod Bonura and Justin Wright.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jinji Batoon, Mark Canto, Kristina Flanigan, Alicia Huber, Jeremy Journigan, Kristen Oshiro, Theresa Papa and Elaina Valdez; Airman Cynthia Braun, Airmen 1st Class Adam Acosta and Brandon Schmitt; Senior Airmen Anthony Carriker and Richard Gilbert; Staff Sgts. Raphael Bell, Jose Espinosa, Dusty Gates, Mario Leon-Guerrero and John Stover; Master Sgt. William Schy.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Brandon Epperson, Joshua Harvey, Melissa Knoblauch, Christopher McCullough and Anthony Rich; Airmen Jakira McCambel, Krystal McPherson and Joli Ofsthun; Navy Airmen Apprentice Nicholas Boos and Arnold Hodges; Airman 1st Class Chris Braxton; Navy Airman John Cope; Marine Cpls. Ryan Gagnon, Jessica Kruppa, Justin Lecklider and Jerrod Vaughn; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Sorenson, Robert Taylor and Alan Valentine; Marine Sgts. Michael Bennett and Pelita Young; Tech. Sgts. Shannon Lilley and Kimberly Thorton; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Miller.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Basic Michael Menke; Airman Alan Cruz; Airmen 1st Class Donald Bathurst, Martin Evans, Timothy Jones, Eric Karas, Carlin Kubenka, Gordon Moore, Kevin Paulson, Jason Plante, Dustin Scott, Farris Skaff, Jeremy Twidt and Samuel Vazquez-Ayala; Senior Airmen Jeremy Albrect, Jonathan Beck, Kristin Caswell, Byron Estrada, Elizabeth Kerber and Demetrio Lopez; Staff Sgts. Cathey Bronson, Rex Ching, Rena Dillard, Barrette Lafrance, Jason Swenson, Kevin Williams and Jeremy Yates; Tech. Sgts. David Guy, Dean Peterson, Eric Risner and Steve Wilburn; Senior Master Sgts. Robert Baker and Michael Wilson.

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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, Tyler 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	Tyler 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

Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Vil-las; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls.

Wait at the main entrance of hotels for pickup. Allow a five to 10 minute window on arrival time. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs for classes starting after 6:30 a.m. or for service to hotels not listed.

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.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Medical Center chapel.....Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 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 1-616-881-1994.

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Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Bauman, Jordan Deese, Jessica Dibble, Regina Frie, Loran Harding, Stephanie Ignacio, Charles Lee, Mary McDermott, Arturo Ontiveros, Jedediah Sherwood and Christopher Toney; Airmen Paul Adams, Marina Corsi and Andres Lopez; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Robert Ernst, Nicholas Freet, Ashley Gallegos, Jaysiel Garcia, Anthony Martin, Brian McQuillen, David Peek, Everette Pennington, Bryan Scharman, James Shuckebrock and Jay Vanvranken; Senior Airmen Bren Calpin, Dawn Mais and Sonny Rasay; Staff Sgts. Jessica Anderson, Kenneth Braden, Shaun Deegan, Jennifer Giles, Frank Harris, Christopher Kerens, Lindsay O'Bannon, Randal Shingledecker, Johnny Stewart, Kimberly Washington and Kara Wilson; Senior Master Sgts. Michael Maggiacomo; Daniel Phister.

338th TRS

Network infrastructure systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic John Drabeck, Airmen Jason Downs and Charles Fine; Airmen 1st Class Erick Anderson, Richard Anderson, Randell Conyers, Alan Dwyer, Justin Dyke, Rachel Gabbard, Aron Lilley, Jeffrey Sawrie, George Spettigue and Erish Vega-Vierra; Senior Airmen Brad Bishop and Cenetra Johnson; Staff Sgts. Greg Brigham, Lesley Carhart, Jonathan Carrasco, Chunming Dai, Brad Drake, Daniel Hall, Robert Higgins, Gregory Hiltbruner, Javier Quintero, James Quiroz, Micah Weeks, Justin Weitenbeck and Matthew Zirkle; Tech Sgt. Bodie Peterson; Master Sgt. Robert Edgren.

Radar systems apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Chad Andersen, Curtis Doughty, Devin Roper and Brett Schroder; Senior Airmen Matthew Jackson; Staff Sgt. Daniel Jordan.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-5 — graduation July 10.
Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-5 — graduation July 10.
Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced matting — today. \$25. Beginner framing class is prerequisite. Call for time.

Special for mothers — all moms who register for a craft class this month receive free gift.

New classes coming soon — photography and beading.

Stamp cards — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for a firing in multi-craft shop. Fill card and get free mold rental or firing. Fill card having framing done in the frame shop and get 10 percent off next order.

Auto hobby shop

Beginner auto care classes for groups — oil changes, tune-

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. compressed work schedule 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.

ups or brakes. For more information, call 377-3872.

Chapel

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

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

Wednesday night Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m.

Friday night youth teens — call 377-2520.

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.

McBride Library

Library services orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Book display — new selections for ages through grade 3.

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 area and out-of-state attractions — free brochures for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

Board game night — 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Survivor night — 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Katrina Kantina

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

It's your choice — select between two club cards.

Dr. Dick's karaoke show — 5 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

Annual membership — \$25, ages 9 and older. Discount prices on programs, classes and sports.

Super Saturdays — 1-5 p.m., ages 6 and older. Sign up by previous Wednesday. \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Track and field and archery camps — ages 6 and older. Sign up by Friday. \$25 members, \$30 non members.

Summer camp — pick up registration package now.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, ages 6-12.

Super Saturdays — 1-5 p.m. Recreation programs for ages 6 and older. \$4 for members, \$5 nonmembers. Sign up on previous Wednesdays.

FitFactor aerobics — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 9 and older. Sign up Friday prior to scheduled event.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for those separating with honorable discharges and 2:30 p.m. for retirees. Briefings are in Room 122, old Cody Hall. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This appointment is required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation/retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 10-12, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual; no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops with mushroom gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

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, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

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

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

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

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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until retirement, 8-11 a.m. June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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.

Basic interviewing skills for military spouses program — 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness center, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Employment opportunities

Tri-County Job Fair — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Singing River Mall, Highway 90, Gautier. More than 50 companies expected at event sponsored by Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi Governor's Job Fair Network. For more information, call 377-8593 or 8592, 1-601-321-6154 or visit <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>.

Career focus program for spouses — information on area employment opportunities, job Web sites, human resources contacts, temporary jobs, on-base listings and free training programs. Computer lab available for resume preparation or job search; located in Room 121, old Cody Hall. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik at the airman and family readiness center, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www-r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are Tuesday through June 14 for Aug. 21-24 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.; and Sept. 12-21 for Nov. 27-30 program at Randolph AFB, Texas.

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.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.

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 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.

Web sites

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

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

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

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

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.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 public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

Air Force Sergeants Association — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-5566 or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

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 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

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

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

Keesler Spouses Club — 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, Room 121, Thompson Hall. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Patrick McKimmie, 377-1513, or James Pope, 377-1305.

Top III — meeting times and locations vary. For more information, call Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6510.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 11 a.m. third Wednesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Glenda Mosby, 377-0178, or e-mail gmosby1@bellsouth.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are 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., Vacancy (R, 80 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Blades of Glory (PG-13, 93 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Fracture (R, 113 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., In the Land of Women (PG-13, 97 minutes).

Recall

Soldier Bear toy set — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, recently announced a voluntary recall of the Soldier Bear brand Invincible Transport Converters toy, Style 88931. Surface paints on toy action figures contain high levels of lead that's toxic if ingested and can cause adverse health effects. From August 2006 through April, 758 were sold at AAFES stores worldwide for about \$19.95. Consumers should immediately take the toys away from children and return the product to the nearest AAFES store for full refund. For more information, call AAFES, 1-800-866-3605, or visit <http://www.aafes.com>.

CANE HURRRI

Crisis checklist — don't face storms without it

A checklist can help people collect items to keep on hand to meet their immediate needs in emergency situations — such as hurricanes.

This sample checklist can be especially helpful in making preparations to evacuate out of the path of an approaching hurricane.



Food

Dried and canned products, such as fruit, vegetables, milk, juice, bouillon and soup.

Grains, nuts, jerky, snacks, trail mix and granola and high-energy bars.

Condiments, herbs and spices.

Instant coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Manual can opener.

Paper plates, cups, napkins and paper towels.

Fondue pots fueled by candles or Sterno fuel can be used indoors; propane and fuel stoves or grills can only be used outdoors.



Safety

Flashlights.

Two radios — solar or wind-up and battery powered.

Extra batteries.

Fire extinguisher.

Hand tools.

Plastic sheeting, duct tape and towels to seal air gaps.

Blankets.

Survival manual.

Area map with highlighted evacuation routes.

Waterproof matches and lighter.

Candles.

Battery-operated lanterns.



Health

First aid kit.

Family or pet medications.

Vitamins and minerals.

Feminine hygiene supplies.

Waterless hand cleaner, pre-moistened towelettes, towels, washcloths and soap.

Household chlorine bleach.

Supplies for babies and the elderly.

Extra medications and prescription glasses.

Online resources

<http://www.redcross.org>

<http://www.iprep.com>

<http://www.ready.gov>

<http://www.READY.gov>

<http://www.preparedness.com>

<http://www.fema.gov>

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

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

<http://www.mdot.state.ms.us>



Water

Store one gallon per person per day — two quarts for drinking and two quarts for cooking and cleaning.

Use clean, sterilized plastic soda bottles or water containers. Date and store in cool, dark place; rotate often.

Emergency indoor water sources include ice cubes, reservoir tank of toilet and hot water heater (with gas or electricity off, open drain at bottom of tank, turn off water intake valve and turn on a hot water faucet. Refill tank before turning gas or electricity back on.)

To disinfect water, add two or three drops of household bleach per gallon. Shake well and let it set for 30 minutes before using.



Car

Gas tank should be at least 3/4 full. Place five-gallon can of gas in trunk.

Road maps.

Flashlights and batteries.

First aid kit.

Cell phone or walkie-talkies.

Flares.

Jumper cables.

Blanket.

Compact tent.

Light jacket or rain gear, clothing, socks, shoes and hat.

Freezer bags, quart and gallon size.

Cash, change and credit cards.

Pocket-size survival manual.

Portable radio with extra batteries.

Personal hygiene supplies — toilet paper, feminine supplies, soap, tissues, paper towels, moist wipes, brush, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and shampoo.

Health supplies — multivitamins, energy bars, dried fruit, nuts, jerky, trail mix, water and bleach.

Safety supplies — candle lantern, whistle, waterproof matches, lighter, large piece of aluminum foil for cooking if necessary, string, compass, clothespins and pocket knife.

Miscellaneous supplies — pen or pencil, paper, extra batteries, glasses, scissors, sunglasses, deck of cards, needle and thread, book, metal cooking pot.



Home

Sanitation items such as a portable toilet or 5-gallon trash can with lid and plastic liners, odorless sanitation liquid or tablets and toilet paper.

Eating and cooking utensils and containers.

Needle, thread and safety pins.

Forty-gallon garbage can with lid and plastic liners.

Cash and credit card.

Entertainment items, such as books, toys, games, crayons, paper, compact disks and deck of cards.

Change of clothing and shoes.

Extra set of car and house keys.

Documents in fireproof safe or airtight plastic container, such as birth and marriage certificates, passports, insurance policies, deeds, recent tax returns, Social Security cards, driver's license, bank accounts, credit card information, stocks, bonds, immunization records and other family information.



Pets

To shelter at home, store low-protein food to reduce stool volume, water, bowls, puppy training pads, garbage bags for refuse, bed, blanket, familiar toys and crate.

In case of evacuation, obtain a pet carrier or crate, and collect identification and vaccination records, registration papers, food, water, medications, muzzle and leash.

GAME HURRI

'Tis that season, Keesler

Andrea's message: Wake up

By Perry Jenifer
Keesler News editor

If any complacency about hurricanes settled in following the uncommonly quiet 2006 season, Andrea was a wakeup call.

The first name on the list for 2007 tropical storms appeared off the southeast coast the first week in May — nearly a month ahead of the official start of the season.

This unseasonably early system brought rain and high surf to coastal areas, then turned tail and ran out into the Atlantic Ocean and disappeared. No harm done, but the message was clear: Be prepared.

“Those who’ve endured hurricanes know, and newcomers can be assured, Keesler has a plan for the protection of our people that works,” said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. “Early preparation is the key.”

History reveals just how vulnerable Keesler is to hurricanes. In every decade dating to the 1960s, the base has been in the crosshairs of a major storm. There was Camille in 1969, Frederic in 1979, Elena in 1985, Georges in 1998 and Katrina in 2005.

Four of these five hurri-



Photo by Stanley Morgan

Hurricane Katrina's rising storm surge rolls through a parking lot, flooding vehicles and buffeting Dolan Hall.

cane names — Camille, Frederic, Elena and Katrina — have been retired by the National Weather Service due to their severity.

Twenty-one months later, Keesler is still recovering from Katrina, the Aug. 29, 2005, storm described as the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. Her sustained winds of 130 mph and storm surge of up to 35 feet spread death and destruction from New Orleans to Mobile.

Keesler received a double blow. The first came from the south as Katrina came ashore from the Gulf of Mexico. The second struck from the north as the hurricane

moved inland, whipping the Back Bay of Biloxi into a frenzy that inundated Bayview Avenue and everything for several blocks inland.

The base exchange and commissary were under water. The medical center basement was flooded, knocking out all power to the facility and forcing the evacuation of patients to military medical facilities elsewhere. More than 1,000 family housing units were damaged beyond repair.

Basewide, Katrina hammered Keesler to the tune of nearly \$1 billion in damage.

For the first time anyone

could remember, the base also recorded a hurricane-related fatality. William Gibson, an 81st Services Division civilian employee, died of complications from exposure to flood waters.

Katrina brought to a devastating close a period of relative calm for the coast dating to Georges, Sept. 28, 1998.

None of storms of the 1960s, 70s, 80s and 90s was a glancing blow that knocked you off balance temporarily, then passed on ... out of sight and out of mind. They were head-on, death and destruction-dealing collisions.

“Katrina and others have shaken Keesler over the

years, yes,” said General Capasso of the recent history of hurricanes on the coast.

“When one of these storms hits, there’s no escaping that.

“While regrettable, one death and only three injuries is an outstanding record when compared to some neighboring communities,” he continued. “The reason our record is so good is clear — we were prepared.

“Keesler’s plan is a good one. It has served the base and our people well through the years. Become familiar with our hurricane plan, and if the need arises, use it,” the general said. “You can’t go wrong.”

At least one Category 2 (sustained winds of at least 96 miles per hour) or stronger hurricane has struck Keesler in each of the last five decades — Camille (1969), Frederic (1979), Elena (1985), Georges (1998), Ivan (2004) and Katrina (2005).

Perhaps the single greatest contributing factor to the base's record of one death and three injuries from all those storms is its five-step hurricane preparation plan. HURCON, an acronym for hurricane conditions, is the name given to the base plan. June 1, the base goes into HURCON 5, the first level of the base plan.

Preparation

Personnel review and update Keesler Form 21, Shelter Information, by the seventh of each month during the hurricane season. The form is available at <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/>.

Families are advised to develop disaster plans. For an example, see crisis checklist, Page A8.

At HURCON 5, as of June 1, crisis action team implements tropical storm advisory and directs commanders and/or first sergeants to review TSA checklists and take appropriate actions.

At HURCON 4, listen to latest weather bulletins and follow instructions from unit commanders.

Off-base and base housing residents should:

Brief family members on their responsibilities. Review actions to take if sheltering is necessary.

Keep radio and television on for information on status of the storm.

Check supply of food that can be eaten without cooking.

Stock flashlights, extra batteries, camp lantern, transistor radio, special prescribed medicines and food, baby food, first aid kit, insecticides, water purification tablets, fire extinguisher, tool kit and hardware, boards for windows and plastic bags to cover any broken windows.

Tie down mobile homes and disconnect propane tanks.

Secure objects in open areas.

Fill car tanks with gasoline.

Store small boats in enclosed shelters or tie them down.

At HURCON 3, dorm residents should:

Store personal items in lockers and drawers.

Move furniture to walls opposite windows.

Unplug electrical equipment and turn off lights.

Close all doors.

Secure equipment, motorcycles, trash cans, signs, etc.

Stand by for briefings by unit commanders.

Plan to brace doors securely.

Stack furniture and rugs.

Have flashlights within easy reach.

Stay away from windows.

Keep in contact with duty section or squadron.

Minimize phone calls to base.

Pay particular attention to bulletins and advisories issued by base officials, and to radio and television for information and evacuation or sheltering instructions.

At HURCON 2, make final preparations — fill jugs, bottles, etc., with drinking water. Put important personal papers or valuables in waterproof strong boxes. Everyone except mission-essential personnel and students is encouraged to evacuate.

At HURCON 1, mission-essential personnel and students report to their designated shelters.

After a “hurricane watch” is issued by the National Weather Service, the crisis action team convenes in the command post. From there, bulletins are distributed to units across the base declaring specific hurricane conditions and directing actions to be taken at each HURCON level.

Hurricane advisories, updates and other related information are available only through advisories and bulletins issued from the crisis action team.

The National Weather Service issues a “hurricane watch” at HURCON 4 or 3 and a “hurricane warning” at HURCON 2 or 1.

Sheltering

The 81st Training Wing commander decides whether mission-essential personnel and/or students shelter on base or evacuate.

Only one entrance to each shelter is open.

People on basic allowance for subsistence provide their own food. Although those on meal cards receive meals-ready-to-eat, they should bring extra food.

Take non-perishable food, baby supplies, clothes and prescription medicine for three days. Take flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kit, as much water as you can carry, books, magazines, games, cards, blankets or sleeping bags, pillows, manual can opener and portable radio with batteries. Take base and coast maps, as familiar landmarks may be gone and familiar roads closed when you leave shelters or return from evacuation. Take important documents and cash.

Alcohol, electrical appliances, weapons, pets and smoking aren't allowed in shelters.

To shelter pets off-base, call the Humane Society of South Mississippi, 863-4394, Extension 101. For information on sheltering cats and dogs on base, visit <http://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/81trw/xpo/pets.htm>. Shelter pets with three-day supply of water, food and medicine.

There are five levels of preparation for hurricanes: **HURCON 5** (also referred to as Hurricane/Tropical Storm Advisory and Preparation, or TSA). Review, update and execute, as needed.

HURCON 4 — 72 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots (58 mph).

HURCON 3 — 48 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 2 — 24 hours prior to the forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

HURCON 1 — 12 hours prior to forecast arrival of winds of at least 50 knots.

Recovery

After a hurricane passes, Keesler people who evacuated contact their units for instructions. If communication with the base isn't possible, call the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

Those who shelter on base:

Remain in shelter until officials say you may leave.

Military report to duty sections. Control centers delegate recovery operations to all units.

Don't enter damaged buildings.

Don't check for gas leaks with matches.

Don't turn utilities on until they've been checked.

Don't eat or drink anything without first checking it for damage or contamination.

Assess and record all damage.

Report building damage to 81st Civil Engineer Squadron if you're in base housing, or to your insurance company if you live off-base.

Report damaged personal property to your insurance company.

Make plans for temporary lodging until repairs are made.

Stay away from stray animals.

Emergency phone numbers — fire department, 911; chaplain, 377-2111 (after hours, 377-4330); command post, 377-4330; medical center, 377-6555 or 6556; security forces, 377-3040.

Emergency management phone numbers — Hancock County, 467-9226. Harrison County: 865-4002 (Gulfport), 384-7800 (Biloxi), 452-2448 (Pass Christian), 863-7292 (Long Beach). Jackson County: 769-3101 or 3111 (Pascagoula), 475-7887 (Moss Point), 875-0114 (Ocean Springs).

Coast radio stations — stay tuned for information and instructions on Keesler's recovery, medical care and emergency assistance for housing, clothing, food, etc.:

AM stations — 570, WVMI, Biloxi; 1130, WQFX, Biloxi-Gulfport; 1190, WBSL, Bay St. Louis; 1240, WGCM, Gulfport, 1390, WROA, Gulfport-Biloxi; 1490, WXBD, Biloxi; 1580, WZZJ, Pascagoula.

FM stations — 90.3, PMPB Biloxi; 92.5, WXOR, Ocean Springs-Biloxi-Gulfport; 93.7, WMJY, Biloxi; 94.5, WJZD, Gulfport; 96.7, WUJM, Gulfport; 97.9, WCPR, Gulfport; 99.1, WKNN, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 102.3, WGCM, Gulfport; 103.1, WOSM, Ocean Springs; 105.9, WXRQ, Pascagoula-Biloxi-Gulfport; 107.1, WXYK, Gulfport-Biloxi; 107.9, WZKX, Gulfport-Biloxi.

Family assistance center — in the aftermath of a hurricane, information on programs and services for Keesler people may be consolidated in a one-stop family assistance center.

vice near Miami gives names to tropical disturbances with rotating winds of more than 39 mph.

Giving women's names to tropical storms was a common practice in the late 1800s. When the National Weather Service began naming these storms in 1953, it continued the tradition of using female names.

Beginning in 1978 (for Pacific storms) and 1979 (for Atlantic storms), male and female names were alternated by the National Weather Service.

Six lists of names are rotated every six years.

Noteworthy storms have their names retired from the list. These 39 names have been retired: Agnes, Alicia, Allen, Andrew, Anita, Audrey, Betsy, Beulah, Bob, Camille, Carla, Carmen, Carol, Celia, Charley, Cleo, Connie, David, Diane, Donna, Dora, Elena, Eloise, Flora, Frances, Frederic, Gilbert, Gloria, Gracie, Hazel, Hilda, Hugo, Ione, Ivan, Janet, Jeanne, Joan, Katrina and Mitch.

These are the names for tropical storms in the Atlantic in 2007:

- Andrea
- Barry
- Chantal
- Dean
- Erin
- Felix
- Gabrielle
- Humberto
- Ingrid
- Jerry
- Karen
- Lorenzo
- Melissa
- Noel
- Olga
- Pablo
- Rebekah
- Sebastien
- Tanya
- Van
- Wendy



Categories of storms

Category 1 — wind speed 74-95 mph. Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored mobile homes. Storm surge of 4-5 feet above normal.

Category 2 — wind speed 96-110 mph. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees, some trees down, glass broken by flying debris, major damage to exposed mobile homes and roof damage to structures. Storm surge of 6-8 feet above normal.

Category 3 — wind speed 111-130 mph. Large trees blown down, most signs destroyed, major roof damage, window and door damage, some structural damage to homes and many mobile homes destroyed. Storm surge of 9-12 feet above normal.

Category 4 — wind speed 131-155 mph. Many trees blown down, all signs damaged or destroyed, extensive window and door damage, and complete destruction of many mobile homes. Storm surge of 13-18 feet above normal.

Category 5 — wind speed greater than 155 mph. Very severe and extensive window and door damage. Complete failure of roof structure on most residences, small structures overturned or destroyed, and complete destruction of mobile homes. Storm surge of 18 or more feet above normal.

Wind speed conversion chart

Mph	Knots
5	4.3
20	17.4
25	21.7
30	26.1
35	30.4
40	34.7
45	39.1
50	43.2
55	47.8
60	52.1
65	56.4
70	60.8
75	65.1
80	69.5
90	78.0
100	86.0
120	104.0
140	122.0
160	139.0

with language of hurricanes

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach constant speeds of 74 miles per hour or more and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center called the eye.

A band of high-velocity winds extends outward 20 or 30 miles from the rim of the eye, and winds may gust to more than 200 miles per hour as they approach it.

Hurricane winds do their share of harm, but they cause the greatest damage when dumping water on the areas over which they move. As storms move across the coastline, they create huge waves and storm tides which may reach 25 feet or more above normal. As winds diminish, the torrential rainfall normally accompanying the hurricane strikes. Drownings are the most common fatalities associated with hurricanes.

The following terms are associated with hurricane activity:

Tropical cyclone: The general term for all rotating storms originating over tropical waters.

Tropical disturbance: A moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics that maintains its identity for 24 hours or more.

Tropical depression: Rotary circulation at surface, highest constant wind speed 38 miles per hour (33 knots).

Tropical storm: Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speed ratings from 39 to 73 miles per hour (34 to 63 knots).

Gale warnings: Issued when winds of 39 to 54 miles an hour (34 to 47 knots) are expected.

Storm warnings: Issued when winds of 55 to 73 miles an hour (48 to 63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is expected to strike a coastal area, gale or storm warnings will not usually precede hurricane warnings.

Hurricane watch: Issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours.

Hurricane warning: Issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles an hour (64 knots) or more and dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued.

Flash flood watch: A flash flood is possible in the area. Stay alert.

Flash flood warning: A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

Tornados: Sometimes spawned by hurricanes, these violently rotating columns of air may produce severe damage and casualties. The typical path of a tornado is 50 feet wide and a few miles long, but some have cut a path much larger. If a tornado is reported in your area, a warning will be issued.

Waterspout: A tornado over water.

Typhoon: The name given to hurricanes that develop west of the international dateline.

When a tropical disturbance gets into high gear, with rotary motion and wind speeds of more than 39 miles per hour, it's considered a tropical storm and receives a name. If wind speeds reach 74 miles per hour or more, it's called a hurricane, but keeps the same name.

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The time to act is now. Insurance companies won't write policies if your property is in an area under a hurricane threat.

To guarantee complete coverage, inventory household goods. Photograph expensive, hard-to-replace items and antiques. Have receipts and appraisals for expensive items. Keep this in a lock box or take it along when you evacuate or shelter.

Water damage is usually covered only if wind removes part of the roof or debris breaks windows, letting water into the house. Damage caused by flooding or rising water is covered for base housing residents.

Flood, structural, wind damage

Off-base, flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance program. Rates vary depending upon where you live, and the type and date of construction of your house. People who live off-base should also view their policies for structural and wind damage coverage.

Off-base residents can also obtain insurance to cover debris removal, which applies only to roofing material or other debris, not trees or bushes.

Temporary repairs coverage reimburses the policy owner for necessary and reasonable repairs made to prevent further storm damage. Living expense insurance provides motel, food and transportation if you're forced from your home.

Consider replacement cost insurance, too. For your house, make certain the amount of insurance is adequate to pay the cost of building a new house.

You may submit claims for personal property lost, destroyed or damaged on base. However, you must contact your insurance company first. The government makes up the difference between your insurance and the depreciated value of the property, up to the maximum allowable for that particular category.

Military and civilians who live off base can't submit damage claims to the government. Base housing occupants can receive up to \$100,000 in claims payments. However, to ensure adequate coverage for replacement costs, base housing occupants are wise to invest in extra personal property or special coverage insurance. For about \$25 a month, you can buy \$30,000 worth of contents and liability coverage.

Comprehensive car insurance is also worth looking into. Most claims for damage processed by the base legal office after Hurricane Elena in 1985 were for automobiles hit by wind-blown roofing materials.

Boats, campers, mobile homes

Only active-duty people can make claims against the government for such damage. The maximum payable for uninsured damage or loss to a vehicle on base is \$3,000. In most cases, glass and paint damage alone are going to be above that figure.

People who store boats at the base marina sign a document waiving the base's responsibility for any losses. Boats and campers in base storage areas are covered up to \$2,500 each.

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



'Disaster stress' — what it is, how to cope with it

A hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico is on a collision course with the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

A scenario for stress? You bet.

"Disaster stress," as mental health experts call it, may manifest itself in a variety of ways — before and after the disaster occurs:

Physical — fatigue, tension, nausea.

Emotional — anxiety, anger, helplessness, depression.

Mental — forgetfulness, easily distracted, intrusive thoughts, nightmares.

Behavioral — increased drinking, irritability, restlessness, trouble sleeping.

Social — dropping out of usual activities, and after the disaster hits, avoiding the site.

These are the faces of disaster stress. Here are some ways to deal with them:

Ask for social and emotional support from loved ones.

Give social support to others.

Don't abandon your usual social networks, i.e., church neighborhood groups, co-workers.

Become part of a disaster survivor group.

Control drinking and pill-

Children, pets feel stress, too

Children and even pets are also vulnerable to stress.

For children, it's important to take along favorite toys, blankets or something else they really love when the family evacuates or shelters. Familiar objects ease the stress of sudden moves and strange places.

Parents' state of mind and ability to handle difficult situations are also important to children. Work on yourself first, then reassure your children. Prepare them for losses and let them know that's part of life.

As you start over, assure your children it's OK to grieve at the same time you're getting on with life.

Disaster can be as traumatic for pets as for people. They're going to need comfort and reassurance when the disaster has passed. Walk pets on leashes until they become reoriented.

taking carefully. Avoid over-indulgence.

Understand you'll experience stress, but also believe it becomes less intense over time.

Try for some non-work exercise about three times a week, like a brisk walk.

Eat nutritious food and avoid excessive caffeine, alcohol, tobacco and sugar.

Talk to someone you trust about your personal feelings. Survivors often learn to talk to and listen to each other, which helps.

Think of yourself as a survivor, not a victim. A survivor

is tough, experienced, active. A victim is passive, helpless.

Use these strategies to help yourself: positive self talk, a new perspective on a negative experience, thought stopping, humor, divide the big problem into small problems and plan how to deal with each one.

Be patient. Recovery from disaster stress takes time. If you feel you're not healing, ask for professional help.

For more information or assistance in dealing with disaster stress, call the 81st Medical Group's life skills enhancement center, 377-6216.



Map by Gulf Publishing Company

As this map shows, although the Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge is out, several roads lead from the coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter. Officials advise against sheltering in out-of-

state coastal cities; travel inland to the north. They suggest the longer people wait to evacuate, the farther they'll have to travel to find accommodations. The yellow areas are Louisiana, left, and Alabama.

Evacuating? Here are routes to safe harbors

Evacuation routes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast lead from the three coastal counties — Hancock, Harrison and Jackson — toward shelter.

Make hotel reservations before an evacuation order is issued. Be prepared to travel 150 miles to the evacuation order mileage limit north and away from the storm track. On arrival, call your unit control center, emergency management representative, the Keesler Accountability Team (phone number to be determined) or the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-435-9941.

At Keesler, mission-essential personnel and students may be required to shelter on base. All others are encouraged to evacuate. An evacuation order may be issued as early as HURCON 3 or as late as HURCON 1, depending on the specific hurricane threat.

Evacuation routes:

Hancock County

Mississippi 607 — goes through the NASA preserve and could be taken to Interstate 59.

Mississippi 43 — begins in Waveland and from which Mississippi 603 branches north of Kiln. Mississippi 603, which links up with Mississippi 53, could also be taken to I-59.

To reach Keesler's Emergency Intranet from your government computer, go to <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil>, click on the image to enter, then click on KENET (on the left side of the page).

Interstate 10 — could be taken west to I-59 north at Slidell, La., or to I-12 west to Baton Rouge, La. Officials advise against going to New Orleans to ride out a storm because that city is below sea level and highly susceptible to flooding.

Harrison County

U.S. 49 — major evacuation route to the north.

Mississippi 67 — meets U.S. 49 at Saucier. Can help evacuees avoid traffic congestion on southern end of U.S. 49.

Mississippi 15 — heads north from the intersec-

tion of I-10 and I-110. Meets Mississippi 26, which runs east and west. Going east, Mississippi 26 crosses Mississippi 57, which intersects U.S. 98 north to Hattiesburg, and runs on into Lucedale. There, Mississippi 63 and 613 connect and continue north. U.S. 98 could also be taken north. Mississippi 26 west goes to Wiggins and such northbound routes as U.S. 49, Mississippi 29, and still farther west, I-59.

Jackson County

Mississippi 57 — runs north from U.S. 90 about halfway between Ocean Springs and Gautier. Crosses Mississippi 26 and intersects U.S. 98, which goes north to Hattiesburg.

Mississippi 63 — runs north from Moss Point to Lucedale in George County. Four lanes all the way to U.S. 98 in Lucedale.

Interstate 10 — runs out of the county to the east toward Mobile. Disaster preparedness officials advise against seeking shelter in Mobile and other coastal cities. However, highways in Alabama going north toward Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, such as I-65, can be reached by going to the outskirts of Mobile.