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Work on shopping complex begins

First of 5 phases clears site of debris

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, the slate is being wiped clean for construction of a joint commissary, exchange and shopping mall.

The programmed amount provided by special congressional appropriations is \$78.6 million for the combined Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service project.

Mounds of debris from the former main exchange, gutted by Katrina's flood waters, are being cleared now. The former commissary is being leveled soon, according to 81st Civil Engineer Squadron officials.

The five construction phases of the 28-month project have been coordinated so utility service to all buildings still in operation is uninterrupted by the demolition work.

Phase 1, which is under way, involves removal of all remaining pavement, curbs, sidewalk and utilities for the cleared areas in the North Pinehaven base housing area east of 5th Street. It also includes installing new water mains, sanitary force main and gravity sewer, and building the eastern half of the employee parking area, which serves the temporary commissary during upcoming phases.

Phase 2 consists of demolishing the former parking area, performing mass grading for the

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Photo by Kemberly Groue

David Arreola, GNC Construction Co., separates debris from the demolished base exchange with an excavator.

This week in the Triangle

- Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Allee Hall.
- Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall
- Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
- Information management, 10 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
- Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.
- Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. Friday, Bryan Hall.
- Ground radio communications apprentice, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.
- Air traffic control-tower, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.
- Air traffic control-radar, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.



June honor flight

Student numbers

- Total students — 2,829
- Non-prior service — 1,562
- Temporary duty — 1,145
- Joint service — 85
- Combat controllers — 15
- Medical — 22
- Non-prior service arrivals — 102
- Guard, Reserve — 733
- International — 47
- FY07 graduates — 20,209
- Total since 1942 — 2,258,739

Life's tests: Preparing Airmen not easy as snapping fingers

Editor's note: The following commentary was written by Lt. Col. Elia Sanjume prior to departing as 335th Training Squadron commander for her new assignment at the Pentagon.

Thirty-four Articles 15 in two years. Is that a record?

This wasn't one of my command goals.

When I first arrived to the technical training environment, if it involved tears or a wedding, I believed any student Airman's story. I'm more cynical now — you need to throw in a few long-lost crying relatives — but I still give Airmen the benefit of the doubt.

They took a noble first step by joining the Air Force to become a better person and serve their country. Through academic and military training, the technical training world readies our new Airmen to function successfully in the Air Force.

There's a saying, "What's the difference between training and experience? Training will always give you the test last. Experience will always give you the test first."

We have the training part down. By working with the career field functional managers and feedback from the field, the training schoolhouses maintain current and relevant curriculum and courses.

Although our superb academic instructors can't possibly teach every nuance of a job specialty to a new Airman in just a few months, they can provide the fundamentals that will transform a basic military training

recruit into a 3-level apprentice. As easy as snapping our fingers, we have a qualified Airman departing for the operational world.

But, it really isn't that easy.

How do you teach experience? How do you teach integrity? How do you ensure the Air Force is populated with Airmen who do the right thing when nobody is looking?

This is where military training leaders come into play. They're tasked to teach right from wrong by enforcing standards and rules. When our Airmen break the rules or laws, we hold them responsible and punish them accordingly.

Faced with new situations, an Airman sometimes makes bad decisions and fails a life test. However, if we correct the behavior and provide assistance, that Airman hopefully learns from the experience and won't fail again.

I wonder how those 34 Airmen who received Articles 15 during my two years as commander of the 335th Training Squadron are doing.

Some were given a second test, failed again and are now civilians. By doing so, they're helping us keep a quality force.

Most are out there performing the mission and doing it with integrity, service before self and excellence. I hope the training, lessons and experiences from tech school are helping them with life's tests.

One second It's time enough for tragedy

By Tech. Sgt. John Kelley
Safety office

What's a second to you?

There are 86,400 seconds in a day. That means there's one chance in 86,400 for you to become a statistic.

Although not many of us give a second a thought, in that brief amount of time an event can change the rest of our life — even end it.

Recently, Keesler experienced a mishap in which, through no fault of his own, one of our Airmen lost his life. He was returning to the

base on Interstate 10. It was late at night. He was driving in the left-hand lane, following a group of cars in the right-hand lane.

Three miles ahead of our Airman, another vehicle entered I-10 going the wrong way. This vehicle struck our Airman's vehicle head-on.

There were no skid marks, and according to witnesses, neither car attempted to swerve out of the way of the other. One witness said he couldn't tell the one vehicle was going the wrong way

until just before it passed him.

The two vehicles were traveling approximately 70 mph when they collided. Both our Airman and the other driver were killed.

What can we learn from this? It likely took no more than one second for one driver to decide to enter I-10 going the wrong way and the other to decide to drive in the left lane.

One second is all it takes to become a tragic statistic. It's also all it takes to save your life.

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

Base operator — 377-1110

Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430

Career assistance adviser — 377-3697

Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603

Child development center — 377-2211

Civil engineering — 377-5561

Civilian personnel — 377-2268

Military personnel flight — 377-2276

Family advocacy — 376-3467.

Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500

Emergencies — 911

Family campground — 594-0543

Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179

Finance — 377-4212

81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066

Housing — 377-9741

Identification cards — 377-3203

Inspector general — 377-3010

Legal assistance — 377-3510

Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986

Medical center information — 377-6550

Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.

Military pay — 377-7272

Pass and registration — 377-3844

Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1060

Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791

Public affairs — 377-2783

Red Cross — 377-0732.

Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635

Law enforcement desk — 377-3040

Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367

Telephone trouble — 377-2130

Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446

Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813

Visitor center — 377-2595

Youth center — 377-4116

Thumbs up, housing office!

Comment — This is to commend the housing office on the great service we received recently.

We were in the latest wave of mandatory moves. Our preference for housing outside the base perimeter was granted.

When it came time to accept the house we were offered, the staff was very flexible with dates and times.

We appreciate the great service during this extremely busy time of mandatory moves within the housing community and the permanent change-of-station season.

Response — Thanks for sharing your experience with our team of housing professionals.

High quality customer service is a priority for every customer who walks through the housing office door.

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

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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>

**Create a family checklist,
review it often,
make changes as needed
and activate it at the first sign
of a hurricane threat.**

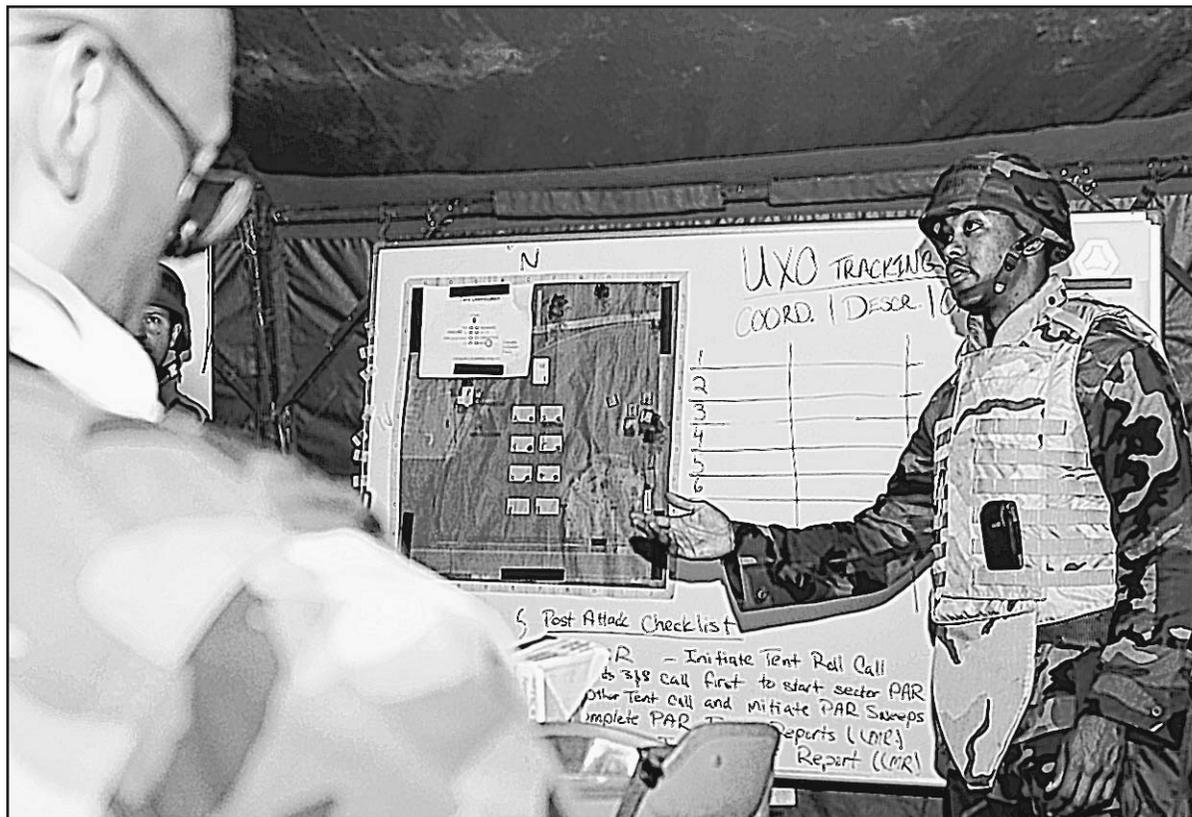
**To start, stop, increase or decrease
Keesler News delivery
or to order display racks,
facility managers call 377-4130.**



**For ORI
preparation,
see ORI 2007
on Keesler
home page.**

**Report
sexual
assaults
to
377-7278.**

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Second Lt. Laymond Wilburn, 81st Communications Squadron, explains how to report casualty information during the July 12 contingency exercise.

Right, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wallace, a member of the exercise evaluation team from the 81st Comptroller Squadron, takes notes as the CONEX scenario is explained.



Wartime skills emphasized as exercises unfold



Senior Airman Ami Burton, left, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, verifies Airman 1st Class Israel Walker's medical records as he processes through the deployment line July 11. Airman Walker is from the 81st Supply Squadron.



From left, Capt. Jeff Rich, Staff Sgt. Kevin Weaver, Tech. Sgt. Carrie Tilton and Capt. Tony Phillips discuss post-attack reconnaissance sweeps for unexploded ordnance outside their tents July 12. Captain Rich is from the inspector general's office, Sergeant Weaver is from the 81st Contracting Squadron, Sergeant Tilton is from the 81st CPTS and Captain Phillips is from the legal office.



Col. Rodney Croslen, 81st Mission Support Group commander, briefs Airmen on accountability and procedures in the survival recovery center during the July 12 exercise.

New top bull

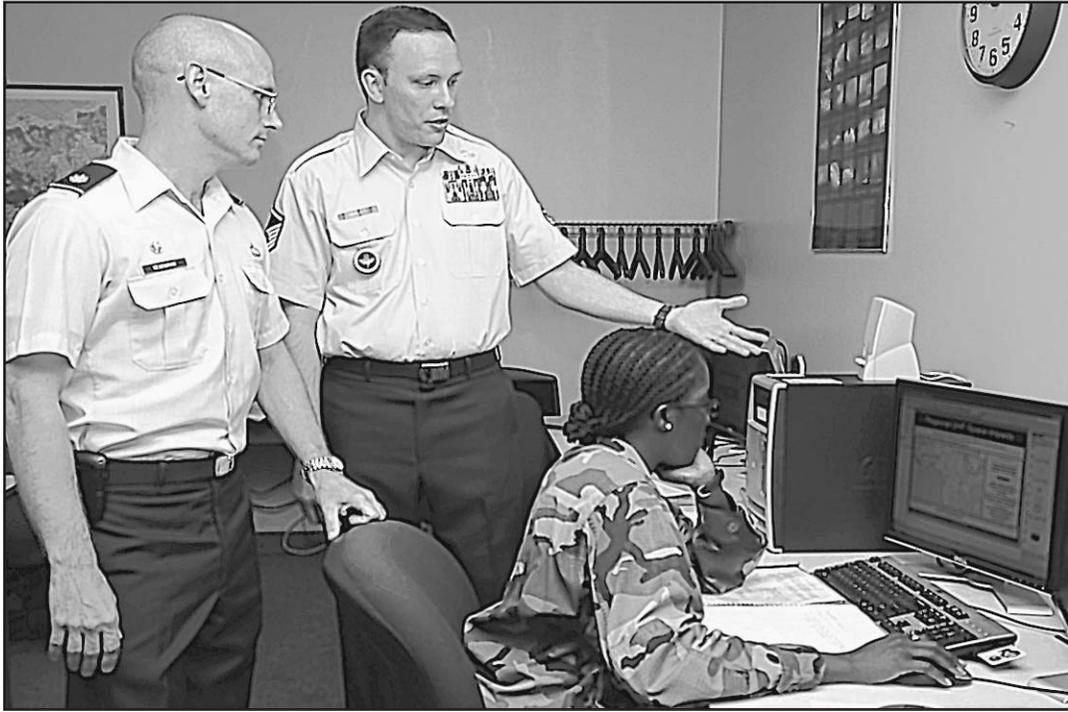


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Col. Mark Mesenbrink, left, 335th Training Squadron commander, is briefed by Master Sgt. Robert Marlett, 335th TRS instructor supervisor, on the combat weather team operations course. The student is 1st Lt. Martine Morris. Colonel Mesenbrink took command of the 335th TRS from Lt. Col. Elia Sanjume July 12.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Parades, drill downs

Today's 81st Training Group student parade is cancelled.

Other parades are 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and Nov. 15.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. 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.

Fall classes

Registration is under way for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University undergraduate and graduate courses.

Classes are Aug. 6-Oct. 15.

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

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. Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 in Wolfe Hall.

For more information, call 377-3510.

Troops to Teachers

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

Civilian tuition aid

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

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

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

Enlisted-to-AFIT

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Institute of Technology offers noncommissioned officers a chance to earn an advanced science, engineering or management degree.

These onsite AFIT programs are available at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/> or e-mail robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil.

Here's how it's done



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Don Lindsey, 338th Training Squadron, explains how a Humvee in a Jones Hall classroom is used for ground radio training to Warrant Officer 1st Class Clementin Ispravnicelu, chief master sergeant of the Romanian Air Force; Jr. Staff Sgt. Liliana-Maria Vatmanescu-Hanga and Master Sgt. Valentin Florin Usurelu July 12. A five-member Romanian delegation was accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, U.S. Air Forces Europe command chief master sergeant, on a tour of Keesler's training facilities meetings with 81st Training Group, 81st Training Wing and 2nd Air Force officials.

NEWS AND FEATURES

New performance report forms ease workload, maintain accuracy

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are introducing new officer and enlisted evaluation forms as it transforms its personnel processes.

This effort is intended to reduce the workload associated with preparing officer and enlisted performance reports, while ensuring the evaluation process remains fair and provides for accurate portrayal of performance.

Physical fitness noted

The change also includes the much anticipated addition of physical fitness documentation to both evaluation and feedback forms.

Although the Air Force used a competency-based performance evaluation and feedback process, the changes make the forms a more user-friendly, value-added product that accurately reflects an Airman's performance.

"Daily support to combatant commanders worldwide and the constant requirement to provide training and support to Airmen and their families have placed a heavy workload on our entire force," said Lt. Gen Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. "We cannot continue to accept cumbersome processes that impact our ability to operate at a high tempo. At the same time, we need to ensure that our evaluation processes fairly and accurately reflect performance."

Shorter, simpler format

The officer and enlisted performance reports were shortened and technologically enhanced to decrease completion time. OPR narrative lines were significantly reduced and the unit mission description and impact on mission accomplishment areas were eliminated.

The former OPR had six performance factor blocks to rate job knowledge, leadership skills, professional qualities, organizational skills,

The illustration shows a portion of a performance report form. At the top, it says 'KEY DUTIES, TASKS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Limit text to 4 lines)'. Below that is a section for 'PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT' with 'PRIMARY/ADDITIONAL DUTIES (For SSgt/TSgt also consider Supervision)'. It lists criteria: 'Consider Adapting, Learning, Quality, Timeliness, Professional Growth and Communication'. There are four checkboxes: 'Does Not Meet', 'Meets', 'Above Average', and 'Clearly Exceeds'. Below this is another section for 'STANDARDS, CONDUCT, CHARACTER & MILITARY BEARING (For SSgt/TSgt also consider Dress & Appearance, Personal/Professional Conduct On/Off Duty) (Limit text to 2 lines)'. The text 'Streamlined Forms' is overlaid on the bottom of the form.

Illustration by Mike Carabajal

"We cannot continue to accept cumbersome processes that impact our ability to operate at a high tempo, (but) we need to ensure that our evaluation processes fairly and accurately reflect performance."

— General Brady

judgment and decisions and communication skills. The new form has one block to indicate that all standards are met. If an officer doesn't meet standards, the new OPR allows more detailed information to be provided.

EPR narrative comments were also reduced and performance assessment areas now reflect the increased responsibility of Airmen as they progress in rank.

On performance feedback worksheets, assessment areas are now evaluated on a criterion using "does not meet," "meets," "above average" and "clearly exceeds" standards. The immediate rater's comments are also aligned to the respective performance assessment areas on the front side.

Comments by commanders and supervisors over several years indicate these changes significantly reduce the administrative burden without

negatively affecting their ability to provide an accurate assessment of an individual's performance and potential.

Implementation dates for the new evaluation forms are:

Aug. 1 — senior master sergeant.

Aug. 15 — airman basic to senior airman, chief master sergeant and officers; Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard airman basic to chief master sergeant.

Oct. 1 — master sergeant.

Jan. 1 — staff and technical sergeant.

April 1 — premier band.

The new performance report and performance feedback work sheets are available at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>.

For more information, contact the Air Force Personnel Center's evaluations programs management branch, DSN 665-2571 or e-mail AFPC.DPPPE@randolph.af.mil.

IN THE NEWS

NCO killed in Afghanistan

Air Force Print News

LUKE Air Force Base, Ariz. — A Luke Air Force Base Airman died July 9 in Afghanistan while deployed with the 75th Air Expeditionary Group in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Master Sgt. Randy Gillespie, 44, of Coaldale, Colo., was wounded during a small-arms encounter outside of Camp Stone, a forward operating base near Herat, about 300 miles west of Bagram Air Base. He was assigned to the 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Luke.

Fighter Country Partnership, a community support organization for Luke's men and women, is establishing an account for Gillespie's family under the Arizona Servicemen Memorial Fund, a 501C3 nonprofit foundation (tax deductible donation).

For more information, contact Steve Yamamori, 1-623-882-2191, 500 North Estrella Parkway, Suite B2, PMB #479, Goodyear, Ariz. 85338, or e-mail syamamori@fightercountry.org.

New e-mail system

Air Force Communications Agency

SCOTT Air Force Base, Ill. — Air Force officials began sending notifications to the workforce this month about the new E4L, or "E-Mail for Life" accounts.

Everyone is receiving a new @us.af.mil address that's used for the duration of their employment.

This has led people to misunderstand that they must somehow start managing this new account or start forwarding information.

Capt. Jason Fields, an E4L project manager, said there's no need to manage the account at this point and that all e-mails are forwarded to an individual's current location-based e-mail address.

Until the system is completely operational, bases continue to manage how names, ranks and units appear in the global address list.

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.

Death claims notification

Any persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Javaris Barnes, call Capt. Brandon Diamond, summary court officer, 376-3494.

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.

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For more information on how you as an employer can help, contact your state committee at our web site: www.esgr.org

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Project,

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entire construction site, installing a new storm sewer and removing remaining utilities.

Phase 3 involves actual construction of the new facilities, as well as completion of commissary receiving docks and remaining utilities, pavement, curbs and sidewalk in front of the parking area adjacent to the outdoor sales site. Landscaping begins once this work is completed.

Phase 4 calls for the commissary to occupy its new building, allowing for removal of the temporary commissary and associated pavement, sidewalks and utilities.

Phase 5 encompasses completion of the new base exchange receiving dock area, landscaping, employee parking area, a roadway and remaining utilities.

The target date for completion is Nov. 11, 2009.

Plans for the new AAFES facility include a satellite pharmacy, florist shop, day spa, barber shop, optical shop, alterations shop, military clothing sales, lift machine room and playground. Baskin-Robbins, Taco Bell, Anthony's Pizza, Manchu Wok and Charley's Grilled Subs outlets are in the food court area.

In the meantime, AAFES continues to serve customers at the temporary main exchange on T Street.

The new commissary offerings include frozen food,

Facts, figures

Project programmed amount — \$78.6 million.

Scheduled completion — Nov. 11, 2009.

Contractor — Caddell Construction Co., Montgomery, Ala.

Architect-engineers — Komatsu Architecture, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Project manager — Defense Commissary Agency, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Project management assistance contractor — Parsons Infrastructure and Technology, San Antonio.

Contracting office — Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

New main exchange — 179,354 square feet, including building area, canopies, outdoor garden sales and exit corridor.

Commissary — 97,876 square feet, including building area and canopy.

Satellite pharmacy — 5,707 square feet, including building area and canopy.

Parking — 1,443 regular spaces, 33 handicapped spaces.

dairy products, produce, meats, dry goods, a bakery, freshly-prepared sushi, rotisserie chicken and other hot foods.

The temporary commissary operates in the former Keesler Community Center site on Meadows Drive.

It's Cool To Pool!

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.

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Air Force Print News

RAMSTEIN Air Base, Germany — The Kosovo Campaign Medal was established in 2000 to recognize the accomplishments of military members participating in or in direct support of Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility.

Airmen who may qualify for the Kosovo Campaign Medal should contact their local military personnel flights immediately to ensure their records reflect their service.

Personally procured moves

The personally procured moves program is an alternate means of moving personal property. Whether a privately-owned vehicle, trailer or rental truck is used, the reimbursement is 95 percent of the government's constructed cost.

Counseling by the personal property office is required prior to approval for a PPM move.

For more information or to schedule counseling, call 81st Transportation Squadron customer service, 377-9439 or 3436.

Transforming travel processing

81st Comptroller Squadron

The Defense Travel System is an electronic travel order and settlement voucher producing system that's transforming the Defense Department's current processes into a single, streamlined, paperless system.

With DTS, travelers can in-put travel authorizations, review and pick available flights, make hotel and rental car reservations, electronically fill out travel vouchers, pay Government Travel Card accounts and receive direct deposit reimbursements in about a week.

For more information or training needs, call your unit DTS representative or visit <http://www.dtstravelcenter.dod.mil/>.

Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New CCB users need to establish an account.

Virtual outprocessing

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — All Airmen undergoing permanent change-of-station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual outprocessing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

Retirement applications online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

Members requesting an action related to retirement can log onto the personal services delivery transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>.

One-stop pay, personnel service

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

Keesler jogger? Know base rules

Safety office

Walking and jogging have become popular means of exercising, and for some, becoming healthier.

As with any form of exercise, there are certain risks involved.

The main risk to walkers and joggers at Keesler is vehicles. To protect yourself:

Keep to the sidewalks wherever possible and provided you don't interfere with other pedestrian traffic.

Move against the flow of traffic, staying as far to the left as possible when using roadways. This allows you time to spot oncoming cars and get off the road if necessary.

Avoid using roadways with heavy traffic. Motorists using congested roads are often preoccupied with other cars and aren't alert for pedestrians.

Anticipate danger. A motorist, unlike a person afoot, can't stop on a dime. Check traffic before crossing the streets at night or between intersections.



Wear light-colored clothing, especially when jogging in the early morning, at dusk or at night.

Use single file when jogging with others on the road.

Don't use headphones, headsets, earphones or any other item (except hearing aids to improve hearing) which could interfere with your hearing while jogging. Headphones are permitted on the circular running tracks.

Don't walk or jog on Ploesti Drive and keep to the right on "Interstate 81," the base's paved track.

An advertisement for Sparky's Safety Spot. At the top left, the word "Sparky's" is written in a large, bold, stylized font. To its right, the words "Safety Spot" are written in a bold, italicized font inside a dark oval. Below this, a cartoon dog named Sparky is depicted wearing a white helmet with "SPARKY" written on it. A speech bubble coming from Sparky contains the text: "Wearing bike helmets saves lives! Don't ride your bike without one!". In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) with the text "The name and the image of Sparky® are registered trademarks of the NFPA." below it.

Milestone baby



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Three-day-old Caleb is held by his mother, Natalie Parker, as medical technician Staff Sgt. Katherine Silva, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, listens to his heart July 9 in the Keesler Medical Center family birthing center. Caleb, born 7:56 p.m. July 6, was the 100th baby delivered in the unit since it opened in January. His father, Jamey, is a Navy petty officer 3rd class assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport.

Keesler project benefits sexual assault victims

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Imagine the unimaginable ... you've been raped. Now picture yourself being sent home from the emergency room in a hospital gown because your clothes are being kept as evidence of the crime.

That's the plight of many sexual assault victims along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. However, thanks to a Keesler project, the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence is now able to provide basic clothing and essential items to people who need help.

Collections of caring

Second Lt. Stephanie Lutz, deputy sexual assault response coordinator for Keesler's sexual assault prevention and response office, spearheaded a drive to collect 100 backpacks and tote bags and fill them with a change of clothing, travel-size toiletries and other products that could be taken to area emergency rooms where rape victims receive initial treatment.

Lieutenant Lutz, who joined the staff in May, became one of Keesler's 29 trained victim advocates last October. She talked to Liz Waters, the base's sexual assault response coordinator, about doing a project for the center, which provides services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and their families.

Generosity abounds

Keesler's victim advocates adopted three families at the center for Christmas, but Lieutenant Lutz wanted to do something that could involve the entire base. After talking to volunteer coordinator Mary Buffington about the center's needs, the drive was born.

E-mails went out across the base asking for donations, flyers were distributed and cash and supplies began pouring in.

The first donations came from Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 5669 in Ocean Springs. When member Dawn Belcher, a victim advocate from the 335th Training Squadron, told the group about



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Lieutenant Lutz, Mr. Newman and Ms. Waters sort through some of the donations.

the project, the auxiliary donated \$200 and the post itself contributed \$120.

Other money came from the Keesler NCO Academy, \$239; Airman Leadership School, \$104; and Brig. Gen. Richard Moss, 403rd Wing commander, \$200. Funds collected totaled \$868, and the chapel donated \$1,000 to purchase whatever else might be needed when the drive ended.

Supplies came from groups and individuals across the base and in the community. People contributed bags, toiletries, T-shirts and sweat pants in different sizes, flip flops, underwear, deodorant, notebooks, pens and other personal care items.

An anonymous donor prepared 20 filled bags on her own. Ms. Waters estimated the cost of each bag at \$30.

After hearing about the project at a recent conference, sexual assault response coordinators from throughout the Air Force donated the toiletries from their hotel rooms to the cause.

"People identify with different causes for different rea-

sons," Lieutenant Lutz pointed out. "Obviously this cause is close to many hearts."

Program technician Barry Newman explained that since national statistics indicate one out of ten sexual assault victims is male, 10 of the bags were prepared for men.

"It's humbling how generous people have been," Mr. Newman commented. "Many lives are still turned upside down since Hurricane Katrina, but people still find a way to help others."

"People have given not just money and supplies, but their time to assemble the bags," Ms. Waters said.

"I was impressed that many individuals contributed on their own, without being part of an organization that suggested it to them," Lieutenant Lutz said. "It's heartwarming when there's no other motivation than to help with a sensitive issue like this."

"People also wanted to donate gently-used clothing, cell phones and quilts," she added. "It sparked an opportunity for people to get creative about how to help the center."



Ms. Kranz

Kranz completes 37 years of service

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

E. Ann Kranz, 403rd Wing financial analysis officer, retired recently after more than 37 years of federal service.

In 1971, she began her career as a sales store clerk at the commissary.

Since 1973, Ms. Kranz served as clerk-typist and secretary stenographer for the medical center, secretary for the budget branch of the comptroller division, budget analyst for the 403rd Wing financial management office and budget analyst at Pacific Air Force headquarters, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Ms. Kranz received numerous awards, including sustained superior performance in 1976 and 1984-87, 1984 Air Training Command outstanding performer, 1993 Air Force Reserve financial analysis officer of the year, 2002 Air Force Reserve Command financial analysis officer and civilian of the year, 2005 AFRC financial analysis civilian of the year and the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

Keesler kids head back to school in August



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Allie Arguello and her 8-year-old daughter, Sabrina, shop for school supplies at the base exchange. Sabrina, who attends Magnolia Park Elementary School in Ocean Springs, is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Allan Arguello, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Students living in Keesler's military family housing areas attend Biloxi public schools.

Parents who didn't pre-register students in May can enroll students at Biloxi schools, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

For questions about school zones, call 374-1810, extension 125. School starts Aug. 6, but students not registered by July 31 can't start classes until Aug. 7. Late registration packets are picked up Aug. 1-3 and returned Aug. 3 for processing.

Registration times and dates, school start dates, phone numbers and Web addresses for other school districts:

Gulfport — elementary and middle schools, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday; for school zone assignments, call 865-4613. High school registration, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday through July 26. School starts Aug. 3. For more information, call individual schools or visit <http://www.gulfportschools.k12.ms.us>.

D'Iberville and Harrison County — registration 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays until school starts Aug. 3. For more information, call 539-6500 or visit <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

Jackson County — registration 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; school starts Aug. 3. For more information, call 826-1757 or visit <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>.

Long Beach — registration 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through July 27. School starts Aug. 3. For more information, call 864-1146 or visit <http://www.lbsd.k12.ms.us>.

Ocean Springs — registration 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at respective schools until classes begin Aug. 6. New elementary school zones are in effect this year. For more information, call 875-7706 or visit <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

In Mississippi, kindergarten students must be 5 years old and first-graders must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Mississippi changes requirements for childhood immunizations

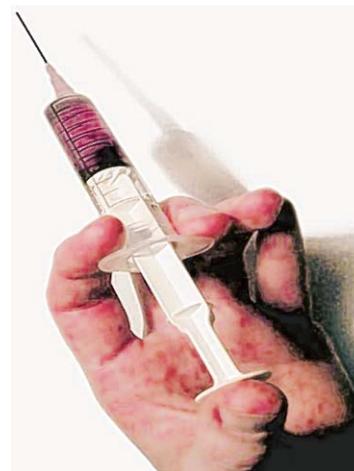
Mississippi Department of Health and 81st Medical Group

The Mississippi Department of Health announced two new requirements for childhood immunizations effective for the 2007-08 year.

These requirements are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and must be met in order for a child to enroll in any child care facility or school within the state.

Effective Aug. 1, the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) or "Prevnar," has been added as a child care requirement for children under 5 years old entering child care for the first time. Parents of children already in child care should also start making plans to make sure their children have been vaccinated with this pneumonia vaccine.

Starting in January, all children, including those already enrolled in child care, are required to be vaccinated with



the recommended doses of the pneumococcal vaccine. Children 5 years and older entering day care, child care and after-school care aren't required to receive PCV7.

Also effective Aug. 1, children entering school for the first time must have two doses of the varicella vaccine (chickenpox vaccine), have a history of chickenpox or a positive lab test showing immunity to chicken-

pox. Parents of students already enrolled in Mississippi schools are encouraged to get their children vaccinated with a second dose of varicella.

One dose of varicella vaccine or a history of chickenpox became a requirement in Mississippi for entry into child care and 5-year-old kindergarten in 2002.

According to Tech. Sgt. Wendell Wigfall, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron allergy and immunization clinic, the Air Force has been giving the first dose of varicella at 12 months since 1995.

The new vaccine requirements, other required vaccines and Mississippi Certificates of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) are available at Keesler Medical Center's immunization clinic on a walk-in basis.

For more information, call 376-3553 or 3552.

KEESLER NOTES

'Bundles for Babies'

Air Force members and spouses expecting a child can participate in the "Bundles for Babies" program, 9 a.m. to noon July 26 at the airman and family readiness center.

Participants receive baby items valued at \$75.

To register, call 377-2179.

Office moves

The medical center's uniform business office is now in Room C-02, Arnold Annex.

The office serves people outprocessing, paying bills or filing worker compensation or liability claims.

Family advocacy

For information on family advocacy programs and services, call 376-3457.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays in Building 823.

Donated household items in good to excellent condition are available to airmen through staff sergeants and their families.

To donate items, volunteer or for more information, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Archie Evans, 377-2702, archie.evans@keesler.af.mil, or leave a message at 377-3814.

Deployed family meal

Dinners for families of deployed Keesler members are 4:30-6:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays at the Live Oak Dining Facility.

The chapel pays for all first-time attendees.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael

Howard, 377-4859.

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 or 3837.

The guide is also available online at <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Customer survey

Upon delivery of household goods, military members are asked to complete a customer satisfaction survey.

The survey is the primary source of data used in determining the performance portion of each transportation service provider.

To access the survey, go to <https://icss.eta.sddc.army.mil/Survey/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%fSurvey%2fDefault.aspx>.

Entrance closed

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

Military rental

Force One Rental, 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818, offers truck and trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

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

Audiology clinic

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

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

Historical items

For information on loaning or donating historical items for display at Keesler Medical Center, call Steve Pivnick, 376-3018, or Capt. Neil Clark, 376-6000.

Thrift shop

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Cycle courses

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

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Softball playoffs heat up

81st SUPS-TRANS earns 4th postseason victory

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler News staff

Along with the sweltering summer weather, the second round of intramural softball playoffs is heating up.

The 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron beat the 81st Communication Squadron, 10-4, July 12.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS' fourth victory tied it with the 336th Training Squadron for the most wins in the second round of the playoffs.

"We had a very good, decent start to the game," said infielder Justin Boucher.

The suppliers-transporters scored six runs off of three early-inning home runs. Once they got an early lead, they never trailed in the game.

"They (81st SUPS-TRANS) pretty much had the game from the beginning," said Frankie Brown, 81st CS player.

"We just didn't hit the ball well," he added.

Roger Stewart and Billy Joe Gordon's steady play at the plate and in the field kept the 81st SUPS-TRANS scoring runs and playing sound defense, Boucher said.

According to Boucher, Stewart is the team's morale booster and loudest motivator.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Michael Ebeling, 81st CS, is about to be tagged out at home plate by catcher Ronald Baldenegro, 81st SUPS-TRANS, during a July 12 playoff game. The 81st SUPS-TRANS won, 10-4.

"He's always picking up our spirits and telling us how well we've played," Boucher said.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS finished the regular season with a 4-5 record in the National League.

Six games into the postsea-

son, the team has already matched its regular-season win total.

"We just try to go out there and do our best," Boucher said. "We play to have fun, and if we win, that's cool, too."

For complete scores, see Scores and More, Page 24.



Billy Joe Gordon, 81st SUPS-TRANS, is waved home by third base coach Roger Stewart.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Thursday Seniors Mixed (as of July 5)

Team	Won	Lost
Groovy "3"	28	14
Team 5	28	14
Team 11	26.5	15.5
Team 4	25	17
FIBO	24	18
Team 7	22	20
Me and the Guys	21.5	20.5
Team 8	19	23
Team 12	18.5	23.5
Team 6	15	27
RBR	14.5	27.5
Go Getters	10	32

Other

Free one-hour clinic — 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, ages 18 and older. Learn bowling basics.

Winter leagues — register now. For more information, call 377-2817.

Open bowling — for days and times, call 377-2817.

Summer strike force — pick up punch cards and become eligible to win weekly prizes and a \$500 grand prize or \$250 second prize.

Lunch and bowl — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Bowl free game with the purchase of a lunch combo or buffet.

Penny a pin — 5 p.m. to closing Thursdays. Price of your game is your score; over 225 is free.

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

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

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 bowling special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1 game, plus \$1 shoe rental.

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.

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

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

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

For massage therapist appointments, call 263-5515. For more information, call 377-3056.

Sports advisory council meeting — 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Vandenburg Community Center's 2nd floor conference room. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, intramural sports director, 377-2444

Golf

First sergeant fundraiser tournament — 1 p.m., July 26, Mississippi National Golf Course, Gautier. \$50 per person includes green fee, cart, lunch and mulligans. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Registration, lunch starts 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Scott Passman, 377-7788.

Free golf clinics — 5-6 p.m., July 26, ages 18 and older. For reservations, call 424-0479 or 377-0002.

Temporary pro shop — open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays in the starter shack. Gloves, golf balls and tees available.

Bay Breeze driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily; 30 balls, \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

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.

Pool parties — available at a base pool. For information, call 377-3568.

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

July fishing tournament — weigh in largest flounder and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing boat — available for charter; \$700 for first 10 people; \$35 for each additional person Monday-Thursday, \$40 weekends and holidays; \$350 deposit required.

Deep sea fishing trips — non-working Fridays and Saturdays. Fee of \$60 includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. No fishing license required. Bring food and beverage. Minimum 10, maximum 22.

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.

Running

5-kilometer "Summer Fun Run/Walk" — 7 a.m. Aug. 2, Blake Fitness Center. Free refreshments

available. Run benefits Mississippi Chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. No entry fee, but donations are accepted. For more information, call Stacy Kincy, 376-3339.

Soccer

Base teams practice 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and working Fridays and 10:30 a.m. compressed work schedule Fridays on the base soccer fields. For more information, call Eric Hernandez, 377-1991.

Softball

Intramural playoffs

American League (Standings as of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDOS-MDSS	3	0
81st CES	3	1
81st MSGS	4	2
81st DS	2	2
338th TRS	2	2
81st MSS-CPTS	1	2
81st SFS	1	2
81st TRSS	0	2
333rd TRS	0	2
CNATTU	0	2

July 11 — 81st MDOS 16, 81st CES 12; 81st SFS 11, 81st DS 1; 81st MSGS 17, 81st SFS 4.

July 12 — 81st CES 14, 81st MSGS 12; 81st CES 23, 81st MDOS 12.

Schedule — of upcoming games wasn't available at press time. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

National League (Standings as of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS	4	0
81st TRANS-SUPS	4	2
81st CS	3	2
403rd Wing	3	2
335th TRS	1	2
85th EIS	1	2
332nd TRS	1	2
MARDET	1	2
2nd Air Force	0	2
81st AMDS	0	2

July 11 — 336th TRS 14, 81st TRANS/SUPS 4; 81st CS 13, 335th TRS 11; 81st CS 22, 403rd Wing 12.

July 12 — 336th TRS 5, 81st TRANS/SUPS 3; 81st TRANS/SUPS 10, 81st CS 4.

Schedule — of upcoming games wasn't available at press time. For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Varsity

Biloxi Softball League schedule (all games at Biloxi Sportsplex)

Monday — Biloxi Fire Department, 7:30 p.m., Field 2.

Wednesday — Fundamentally Unsound, 6:15 p.m., Field 3.

July 30 — Uron Men, 6:15 p.m., Field 2.

Aug. 1 — Team Worldwide, 6:15 p.m., Field 2.

Aug. 6 — Stokes Cleaners, 6:15 p.m., Field 3.

Aug. 8 — Back Bay Drugs, 6:15 p.m., Field 1.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 07-5

81st Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michelle Worley.

81st Medical Group — Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wiese.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Heather Gulsby.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Mandy Catella.

81st Training Group — Tech. Sgt. Cathy Moen.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bernard.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jesse Goodwin.

333rd TRS — Tech. Sgt. Jason Motte (distinguished graduate).

335th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Jerome Adams and David Rife.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Albert Hopkins Jr. and Patrick McKimmie.

Airman Leadership School Class 07-5

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Christopher Freimann, Derrick Jones, Christopher Perry, Stephen Townsend, David West (leadership award) and Ivan Williams.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Christopher Allen (academic achievement award) and Jason Meuse.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Senior Airman Shawn Rasdall.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Schuyler Jenkins, Patricia Lock (distinguished graduate) and Trisha Rittenhouse.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Laura Perez and David Turner.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Senior Airman Timothy Shackelford.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen Suge Chong, Brandon Harty, Keishonda Signater, Charles Summers and Nicholas Vanni (John Levitow Award).

81st Supply Squadron — Senior Airman Julia Jackson (class commander).

81st Transportation Squadron — Senior Airman Leviticus Robinson (class first sergeant).

332nd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Ryan Bush.

Keesler NCO Academy — Senior Airman Falon Hughes Harris.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332th Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airmen Basic Andrew Doman and Kyle Martin.

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Brent Baggett, Gregory Beardsley, Julius Buncum, Bradley Bunt, Isaac Choi, Brett Clayton, Anthony Cole, Brandon Collado, Jose Diaz, Edward Dressler, Nickolus Ellis, Adam Harris, Richard Hassett, David Jewell, Anton Levin, Joshua Miller, Gregory Parks, Cameron Shoenberger, Kerry Sivels, Michael Thompson, Justin Tuck, and Christopher White; Pvt. John Nelson; Airmen Jason Degering, Jason Goble, John King, Sean Madigan, David Myers, Justin Norman, Alexander Petit, Leslie Planas, Daniel Pullen, and Jacob Schmidt; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Ackeret, Kyle Bible, Dale Cochran, Renn Christensen, Joshua Cummins, Jacob Eddleman, Richard Hamel, Jason Howard, Ryan Kelly, Carlos Lopez-Hernandez, Brett Lynch, Sarah McBrayer, Antonio Mumfrey, Brian Murphy, Anna Nedler, Nicholas Nelson, Tyson Puetz, Carlos Rivera, Brad Scala, Eric Smith, Seth Spores, Marcos Tadeo, Jesse Tosi and Christopher Wathor; Pfc. Christopher Appleby; Senior Airmen Laela Badgette, Brandon Hill, Derik Matthews, Nishant Patel, Joseph Toney and Shane Tucker; Staff Sgts. Kang Ahn, Oliver Beasley, Thad Bond, Jacob Dalbol, Adam Fairbanks, Lawrence Hanson, Nikolas Henry, Lamont Johnson, Travis Kennison, David Manso, John McMickle, Craig Meyer, Thomas Quinn, Jacob Riesgaard, Daniel Sallie, Christopher Wade, and Anthony Warren; Tech. Sgts. Glenn Corbitt, Terry Giles, Glen Godsey, and Joseph MacMillen; Master Sgts. Saud Al Saqri, Jason Haecker and Brett Pier; Lt. Mufarej Suliman; 1st Lt Ali Al Sadoon.

334th TRS

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rachel Harris, Sharae Soileau and Todd Wireman; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Cook, Sara Eighmey, James Nash and Brian Schmeling; Senior Airmen John McWilliams and Yocia Watson; Tech. Sgts. Kelly Banta and Steven Stevenson; Master Sgts. Rachel Polite and Shirley Wiggins-White.

335th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Dotzler, Christopher Evans, Christopher Garcia and Nathan Vogle; Airman 1st Class Timothy Barclay; Senior Airmen Kenneth Kippley and Joshua Toney; Staff Sgts. Stephen Studenny and George Thompson.

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Steven Berdak, Christopher Borland, Steven Colletta, Ryan Hutchinson, Larry Jackson, Joel Kampert, Sergio Klassen and Lisa Luder, Airmen Psalm Bautista, Orlando Infante and Brandon Payne; Airmen 1st Class Sutanya Allen, Jessica Campbell, Monique Cumbie, Kristina Heino, Francis Henderson, Brandon Herr, Daniel Howell, Elizabeth Lindey, Francisco Manitas, Eric Plack, James Quarmyne and Justin Viola; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond, Kanada Vang and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Brian Anderson, Charles Bland, Kerry Brown, Jacob Courmoyer, Joel Greene, Donna Jernigan, John Proetta and Adam Walter; Tech. Sgts. Nicole Branson and Edwin Perez.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Alan Clayton and Sean Connell; Senior Airmen Kristy Hymon, Patricia Innocent and Keith Kehle; Staff Sgt. Cassandra Corrado; Tech. Sgts. Henry Garcia and Christine Gerace; Heather Moore.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic David Calderon and Anthony Rich; Navy Airman Recruit Jon Wilborn; Airman John Westlund; Navy Airman Apprentice Ashley Williams; Airmen 1st Class Keith Boughton, Ashley Boyd, Alexandria Caraway, Ashley Langley, Joshua Logsdon, Stacey Mort, Shayna Moratt, Michele Navarra and Lester Washington; Navy Airman John Pavelchak; Marine Lance Cpl. Angela Hoffa; Senior Airman Sean Hartman; Staff Sgt. Gary Tinkes; Tech. Sgts. Samuel Cole, Steven Maiers and Kenneth Montenegro; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Miller.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Daniell and Jared Long; Airmen David Mooers, Christopher Morgan and Mathew Weber; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Bryan, Aja Cornella, Mario Flores, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas, Christopher Logsdon, Angel Marrero-Rivera,

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Prior-service students lodged off base

Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Villas; 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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Neil Novosad, Ying Pang, Christa Phillips, Thomas Rhodes, Neil Springer and Keedric Woodard; Senior Airmen Jonathan Beck, Kristin Caswell, LaTrice Freeman and Michael Versailles; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Cathey Bronson, Rena Dillard, Vernon Maher, Erin McKenzie, Alex Michel, Quinn Peters, Eric Lieven, Jeremy Schuster, Leo Taylor, Sonya Williams, Brian Wines and Jeremy Yates; Tech. Sgts. Dennis Egbert, John Graber, Orenzy Turner and Steven Wilburn; Master Sgt. Kenneth Law.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Ovafor Edobor, Yazan Nimri and Victor Vrigian; Airman Jonathan Hays; Airmen 1st Class Dexter Calis, Jordan Duke, Roger Gomez, Kelli Miller and James Thomas; Senior Airmen Jeffrey Campbell, Michael Caputo and Travis Terrill; Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Bartscher, Sita Daniell, Michael Hartson, Anthony Kearse, James King, Adriana Marquez and Samantha Newcomb; Tech. Sgt. Kimberly McKean; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-6 — Aug. 2-Sept. 11.
Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

Airmen and family readiness center

How to buy a home seminar — 2 p.m. Friday, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Different financing methods, forms and acronyms, dealing with realtors and other subjects are covered. Limit 30 participants; to register, call 377-2179.

10 steps to a federal job — 1 p.m. Monday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Learn how to search for federal employment, decipher announcements and prepare a federal-format resume. Bring a complete federal job announcement to class for practice in finding critical information. Limit 12 participants; to register, call 377-2179.

Virtual assistants course — for military spouses of all branches of the service is Sept. 17-19. Deadline is Aug. 22 for online reservation at http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm. Ten participants are needed, and acceptance is based on the online application. The course prepares virtual assistants, self-employed people who provide offsite business support services to their clients, such as administrative tasks, research, Web site design, resume writing, accounting, bookkeeping, marketing support, translation and graphic design. For more information, call instructor Lana Smith, 377-2179 or 8593.

Arts and crafts center

July special — free demonstrations, 1-2 p.m. nonworking Fridays. July 27, mat cutting; Aug. 10, mug sublimation with a 50 percent discount on personalized mugs ordered at that time.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday, ages 13 and older. \$25 includes first firing.

Summer youth craft camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, beginners ceramics II. \$25 per week

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.

includes snack.

Family craft camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 28. Camp kids and their families play games, do projects and enter projects in the annual artist/craftsman and photography contests. Free; refreshments served.

Annual artist/craftsman and photo contest — youth entry deadline Aug. 9; adults, Sept. 14.

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.

One stroke painting — Saturday. Learn the basics from a Donna Dewberry certified instructor. \$30 including video and practice sheets. Call for time.

Beginner photography — learn basics of technique and composition. \$40. Call for date and time.

Beginning intarsia — 5 p.m. Saturday. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. July 28. \$20; new project each month.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. \$25. Beginning framing is prerequisite. Call for date and time.

Shadow boxes — custom made.

Engraved going-away gifts — mugs, plaques, and many unique items available.

Chapel

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

Men's Tuesday luncheon Bible study — 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 376-3457 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

McBride Library

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

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

Patron appreciation day — 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and July 31; refreshments served.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to New Orleans Saints preseason games at the Superdome — Aug. 10, Buffalo Bills, sign up by Aug. 8; Aug. 30, Miami Dolphins, sign up by Aug. 28. \$60 includes ticket and transportation.

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/TTT/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

Free wacky games day — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday for non-prior service students; games, races and contests.

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.

Katrina Kantina

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

Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Fish fry — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. July 26. Oldies night with burgers, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, soda floats or ice cream sundaes. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, frontier chicken chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken cordon bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, gravy, broccoli, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken with wild rice soup, onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, beef yakisoba, canned ham, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, broccoli, peas, carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, raisin sauce, clam chowder, tomato florentine soup and buffalo wings.

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

Sunday

Lunch — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, egg noodles, gravy, cauliflower combo, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, cheesy chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

Lunch — lemon garlic fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and yakisoba, ginger rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, squash, spinach salad, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, frontier chicken chili, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, country style tomatoes, chicken noodle soup, potato soup, chili with beans, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Youth center

Teen adventure camp — through July 30. Weekly sessions available. Call for times and price.

Missoula Theater Camp — grades 1-12. Sign up now. Production of Robin Hood, July 30-Aug. 4.

Youth employment service — ages 15 and older volunteer to work in various base organizations. Some earn money toward college tuition. For more information, call 377-4116.

Kids fashion extravaganza — 1 p.m. Friday at Welch Theater, ages 6-18. Sports wear and back-to-school fashions. Sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Auto hobby shop

Air conditioning checks — no reservation required.
Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.
24-hour coin-operated car wash — wash, rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — on Tingle Street. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Marketing yourself for a second career — 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 19, Welch Auditorium. Program is presented by retired Navy Capt. Brian Blanchfield, Military Officers Association of America. Recommended for military members within three years of separation or retirement. Spouses encouraged to attend. Topics include job competition, transition planning, resumes, salary negotiation, networking and interviewing. For more information, call Lana Smith or Steve McDaniel, 377-2179.

Veterans benefits briefing — noon today, 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. 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 until retirement, 8-11 a.m. 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.

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@bell-south.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. Information on this week's features wasn't submitted for publication. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Events

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer — registration breakfast, Aug. 23; event Oct. 27, Biloxi Town Green. Registration 7:30 a.m., closing ceremonies 11 a.m. The American Cancer Society event raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy and patient services. To organize a team, join a team or for more information, call Lana Smith, 228-377-8593, e-mail lane.smith@us.af.mil, or call Ginny Scott, 896-8936.