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Juan Segura, LTRC Inc. laborer from Richardson, Texas, installs a ceiling grid in Sablich Center.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sablich Center reopens in September

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Once changes to fire suppression, electrical, mechanical and furniture requirements are completed, Sablich Center reopens in September.

Before Hurricane Katrina struck Keesler 23 months ago, Sablich Center was the heart of Keesler's support activities. Since Katrina, offices

and agencies have been scattered at several base locations while damage from storm water intrusion from the roof and windows is repaired.

The \$6.2 million restoration project was originally scheduled for completion April 30. About 75 percent of the work has been done so far, according to Dave Horner of the 81st Civil Engineer Squa-

dron's program management office.

"We're negotiating modifications for the project," Mr. Horner explained. "Now we expect to complete the work in mid-summer and open the building for occupancy in September."

Mr. Horner said most of the modifications involve the electrical system. Electrical codes have changed several

times since the facility was constructed, and upgrading the wiring is a matter of safety and economics.

"We had reports that the system wasn't sufficient to keep up with the building's growing demands before the storm, so we're upgrading that now," he commented. "Wiring has to be upgraded to

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This week in the Triangle

Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

Airfield systems apprentice course, 9:30 a.m. today, Jones Hall.

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

Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.

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

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

Ground radar maintenance course, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Cody Hall.



June honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,033
Non-prior service — 1,603
Temporary duty — 1,263
Joint service — 85
Combat controllers — 10
Medical — 25
Non-prior service arrivals — 115
Guard, Reserve — 763
International — 47
FY07 graduates — 20,570
Total since 1942 — 2,259,100

COMMENTARY

Housing standards impact your safety, Keesler's image

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

"Home is where the heart is."

As many of you know, we're coming to the two-year point of our four-year rebuilding plan at Keesler. As we enter the next phase of this process, the majority of our large construction projects will be accomplished. Contractors, heavy equipment and construction materials will be a common sight within the base proper over the next several years.

As we move forward with this major undertaking, several of our highly visible base locations will be in a state of transition. Among these key locations are our housing areas.

Maintaining housing standards is more important today than ever before as we move forward with this major rebuilding project. The safety of residents and neighborhood cleanliness must be priorities.

By observing these few rules, we can assure our housing areas are as safe and clean as they can be during this transition period:

Pets must be controlled at all times. Remember to clean up after your pets during their walks around the neighborhood.

Boats, trailers, jet skis, recreational vehicles, campers and pickup truck toppers are prohibited in housing areas. Overnight parking is allowed only to prepare for use and cleanup of recreational vehicles.

Drive slowly and safely on our streets and always keep a watchful eye out for children playing and people walking. The housing area speed limit is 15 mph.

Carports must be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion. Don't park vehicles on the grass.

Yard work is seldom fun and almost never exciting, but a necessary evil nonetheless. A clean yard can convey the feeling of order, safety or just plain home.

Due to environmental and safety concerns, vehicle maintenance is prohibited anywhere in the housing areas, including carports, parking spaces or on the streets.

It's important for housing residents to be ever vigilant when it comes to the safety and security of ourselves and of our personal property. The likelihood of theft increases when high-value items are visible, the risk of getting caught is low and items aren't properly secured. High-value items shouldn't be openly visible in vehicles or homes. Lock your doors.

Keep a vigilant eye out for any unusual activity, dangerous conditions or out of the ordinary behavior in your neighborhood.

Wetlands surrounding Keesler are protected under state and federal laws. Wetlands are considered valuable and provide many benefits, including wildlife habitat, erosion control and water quality.

Construction sites are extremely dangerous places. Stay clear of these areas.

If you see debris or trash on the ground, take the initiative to pick it up and dispose of it. Neighborhood and base pride starts with each of us.

As we transition into our next rebuilding phase, remember to be good Wingmen and take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors. Keesler is the best place in the Air Force to live, work and play because you make that way. We don't maintain standards for visitors — we do it for ourselves. Keesler pride is a team effort. By all of us getting involved and making a difference every day we ensure our next phase of transition is successful and safe.

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) — 376-1060
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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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>

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on Keesler
home page.**

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

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

AETC vice commander concludes 36-year career

By Capt. Martin Guest

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Sitting in his office, his desk and walls adorned with mementos of a career spanning more than three decades, Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen summed up his time as an Airman with a simple description, “It’s been great.”

General Larsen, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, retires Friday after a long, distinguished career.

“When I joined the Air Force I thought I’d be in for six years and then I extended it by 30. I haven’t regretted it a minute,” he said.

The general followed in his family’s footsteps when he joined the Air Force. His father served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and his brother was in the Air Force. General Larsen was attending college in Wisconsin at the height of the Vietnam conflict when his birth date was picked for the draft lottery.

“I was going into the military, so I joined the Air Force,” the general said.

Given only two choices for his career — pilot or navigator — he chose pilot.

“Until I joined the Air Force, I had never been in an airplane in my life. I was already signed up to become a pilot before I got to touch my first real airplane,” he said.

General Larsen is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flight hours. He holds a special place in his heart for each aircraft he’s flown.

The F-4 was the first fighter he flew.

“Every time I see it, my heart still gets racing,” he said.

“The F-16 is like having your own sports car. It’s just a neat airplane to fly,” he said.

The F-16 is the only aircraft the general flew in combat.

“I loved the F-117 because I was in on the ground floor of

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General Larsen

something special,” the general said. “I started working the program before the first airplane was even being built, and so I have a real soft spot in my heart for the stealth fighter, the Nighthawk.

“It was probably the most difficult thing that I’ve done because basically for four years I wasn’t home all week and I came home on weekends,” he added.

His family was kept in the dark about it until eight years later when the F-117 was brought out of the black world. The general was later reunited with the Nighthawk as the commander of the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

“I’m sure it was a wonderful opportunity, but we didn’t know about it,” said the general’s wife, Sandi.

His dual involvement with the black world jet also made him a prime candidate for several documentaries made about the F-117 and his “claim to fame.”

“Every once in a while on the History Channel or A&E my face pops up in the middle of a documentary and somebody walks up to me the next day and says, ‘Hey, I saw you on TV last night,’” the general said.

But what the service members who worked with him will remember most about General Larsen is that he was a caring leader.

“Our input was valued,” said Master Sgt. Daniel Vega, non-commissioned officer in charge of senior leadership management. “General Larsen would take time out of his schedule to ask our opinion.”

Sergeant Vega also worked for General Larsen as the superintendent of the command section when the general commanded 13th Air Force at Andersen AFB, Guam.

The general said the two things he’s shaped his leadership techniques around are “taking care of my people and making sure I’ve listened before I make decisions.”

“I saw too many leaders who just made decisions without the benefit of what their people thought,” General Larsen said. “If you get their input, even if you disagree and go a different direction, as long as they know they had an input, they’ll buy into whatever it is and make it happen.”

And when he used that input, “he would give credit where credit was due,” Sergeant Vega said.

Family affair for Red Wolves

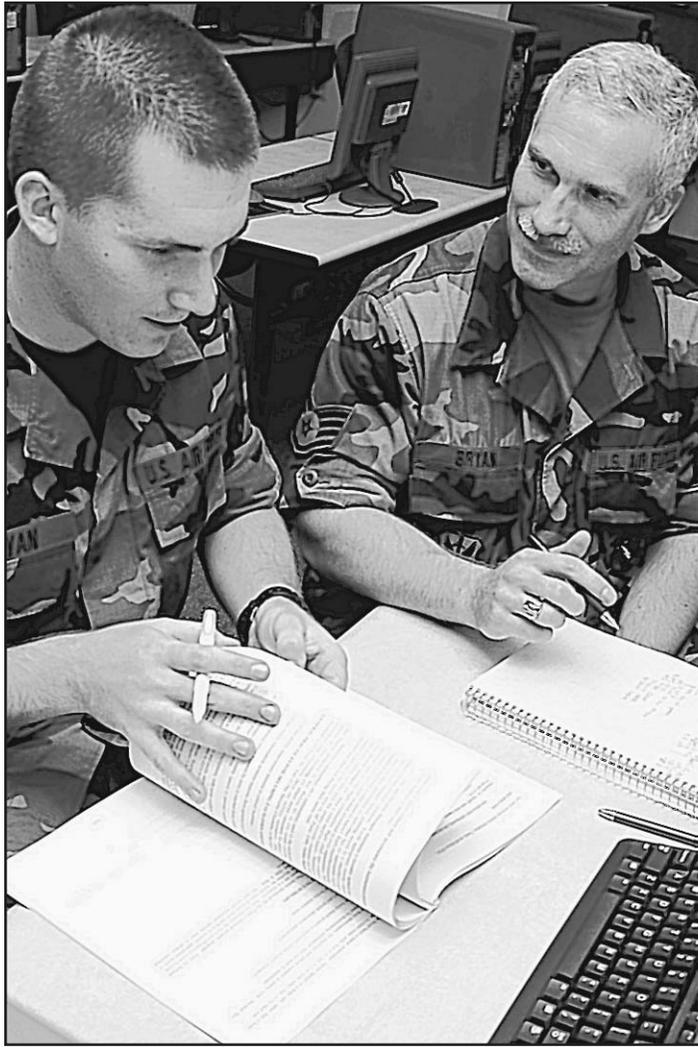


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Thomas Bryan, left, and Staff Sgt. Thomas Bryan study together for the communication-computer systems operations course in the 336th Training Squadron. Father and son began the course May 30 and graduate Aug. 22. Both are members of the Washington Air National Guard, Spokane. Sergeant Bryan, a detective with the Washington State Patrol, joined the Guard six years ago and is cross-training because there are no available jobs in his Air Force Specialty Code. Airman Bryan, 19, is a college student majoring in management information systems.

Montgomery G.I. Bill

Benefits have expiration date

Air Force Print News

AVIANO Air Base, Italy — Education benefits are still among the top reasons many individuals join the military.

Despite this fact, more than 40 percent of Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits go unused each year, according to officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

One major cause: Time.

“Unfortunately, G.I. bill benefits have an expiration date,” said Tan Johnson, VA representative. “Once (people) separate from active-duty, they have up to 10 years to use all their G.I. Bill benefits.”

This means an individual who starts attending college eight years after leaving the service has only two years to complete a degree.

“That’s why we strongly encourage people to use this entitlement because you’ve earned it, you’ve paid into it, and you don’t want to lose your money,” Mrs. Johnson said.

Currently, the program



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pays more than \$1,000 a month for 36 months to eligible candidates. This money can be used to cover the cost of tuition and to buy text-

books and other school supplies while attending a regionally or nationally accredited educational institution.

The new G.I. Bill buy-up program offers an additional incentive. Individuals pay an extra \$600 to receive an additional \$5,400 in education benefits.

“Get in contact with the VA. They will let you know if the school is accredited by their terms,” Mrs. Johnson said. “Then you’ll get in contact with the certifying official at that school and provide documents showing you’ve paid into the G.I. Bill and that you’d like to use it.”

Still, VA officials are quick to point out getting started is the easy part. Actually using G.I. Bill benefits before they run out is where many people fall short.

More information about the G.I. Bill is available online.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

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

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

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.

Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp

Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Barry Hardy, 377-3354.

Virtual education

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

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can

request tuition assistance online.

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

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

Upon registration, select the "Request TA" option. A PowerPoint tutorial in this section to provides instructions on processing online applications.

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

Supply classes

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Beneficiary data may be at risk from security practices violation

Air Force Print News

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A limited amount of Tricare beneficiary data may have been placed at risk through a violation of internal computer security practices at Science Applications International Corporation.

The incident occurred when patient data was stored in a manner that didn't meet security specifications for the Department of Defense or SAIC. The information was held on a single, SAIC-owned server at an SAIC location in Florida. The server, which wasn't behind a firewall and didn't contain adequate password protections, is no longer in use.

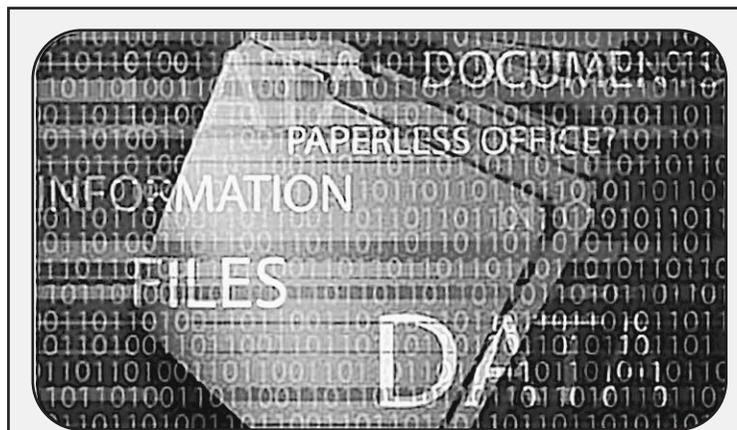
The data, processed by SAIC under several military health care contracts, may have included personal information such as beneficiary names, addresses, Social Security numbers, birth dates and limited health information.

SAIC is mailing letters this week from Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity, and retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, SAIC executive vice president, to about 580,000 households informing beneficiaries of the potential risk.

Letters also contain consumer identity protection information.

"We take this potential data compromise very seriously," said General Granger. "The risk has been identified as low, but the Department of Defense is ensuring that steps are taken to keep affected beneficiaries informed."

SAIC is making a call center available to handle questions and concerns and the toll-free number for the United States and a collect-call number for overseas residents is included with the letters. The center will be staffed with identity-theft specialists who will answer



Specific process in place if data is compromised

81st Communications Squadron

In accordance with Department of Defense Privacy Program 5400.11-R, DOD components and their contractors must notify personnel, including family members, if records containing personally identifiable information are lost, stolen or compromised.

Units must complete the following actions when it's discovered that a loss or suspected loss involving personally identifiable information has occurred:

The individual who discovered the loss reports the incident to U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team within one hour at <http://www.us-cert.gov/>. Click on "Reporting an Incident." Scroll down and answer the questions.

Notify the 81st Communications Squadron records management office after completion.

Complete and forward a written report to the 81st CS records management privacy act manager, regardless of whether the incident is suspected or confirmed, within 12 hours of awareness. If notification to affected individuals wasn't made within 10 days, explain why in the report.

Notify the affected individuals as soon as possible, but not later than 10 working days after the loss, theft or compromise of their personally identifiable information. Provide a copy of the letter to 81cs.scbr@keesler.af.mil after notification has been made.

For report and letter format and other information, call the privacy act manager, 377-2286, or e-mail 81cs.scbr@keesler.af.mil.

concerns about the incident as well as provide callers with general information on credit fraud and identity theft matters. Affected beneficiaries are being offered a free, one-year subscription to an identity restoration service.

Links to additional information can be found at the Tricare Web site "press room."

Information on steps Tricare beneficiaries can take to protect themselves from identity theft is available at <http://www.tricare.mil/tmaprivacy/itpr.cfm>.

IN THE NEWS

Airmen's death under investigation

Keesler Public Affairs

Airman Troy Smalls, 19, died July 17 from a "weapon discharge" at the Pass Road Gate.

Airman Smalls, 81st Security Forces Squadron, was on duty at the time of the incident. At no time was the base's security jeopardized as a result of this incident.

The Pass Road Gate, which was closed immediately after the incident, reopened at 5:30 a.m. July 18.

The incident is under investigation by Detachment 407, Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragedy, and we extend our thoughts and prayers to Airman Smalls' family and friends," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "I urge anyone who has been affected by this event to contact any of the base's support agencies for help, including the traumatic stress response team."

The traumatic stress response team, composed of a mental health provider, chaplain, chaplain assistant and community readiness consultant from the airman and family readiness center, is in place to support the needs of Department of Defense personnel and their families.

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman Smalls, call 1st Lt. Schneider Rislin, summary court officer, 243-1346.

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.

CWS Friday change

Due to the operational readiness inspection, the Aug. 24 compressed work schedule Friday becomes an eight-hour duty day, according to Keesler officials.

Aug. 31 is now a CWS Friday, creating a four-day Labor Day holiday weekend.

Cell phone restrictions for drivers

It's a primary offense to use a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device.

Violators can be stopped and ticketed for this offense by the 81st Security Forces Squadron.

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.

Sablich,

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support new mission requirements.”

Another part of the building modernization effort has been the installation of a fire suppression system throughout the building, which didn't have a sprinkler system before Katrina.

In addition to the electrical improvements, interior work continues and three new roof-mounted air handling units were recently installed.

Mr. Horner added that a TIGER Team representing all of Sablich Center's intended users and operational groups is addressing furniture, requirements and functional needs.

“The team meets every two to three weeks to discuss ongoing challenges so we'll have a complete and up-to-date facility,” Mr. Horner stated. “We know people are anxious to be back in the building, and we're working hard to make that happen as soon as possible.”

PERSONNEL NOTES

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

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 governments 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/>.

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

Base's safety record mixed at mid-summer

Keesler News staff

As of July 12, Keesler's safety record for the 101 Critical Days of Summer was mixed.

One fatality, a reportable mishap, and 33 non-reportable mishaps had been recorded by the safety office in the first 48 days of the period. That's one more fatality than during the entire 101 days of 2006, but nine fewer reportable mishaps and only one-third of last year's total of 94 non-reportable mishaps, according to safety officials.

The fatality was Airman 1st Class Javaris Barnes, 81st Medical Group. He was killed June 17 when a vehicle traveling the wrong way on Interstate 10 hit his vehicle head-on.

Reportable mishaps are those that fit the requirements of Class A, B or C mishaps outlined in Air Force Instruction 91-204. These are mishaps resulting in a substantial amount of damage, in an injury causing time away from work or a fatality.

Although non-reportable mishaps don't have a classification, safety officials are required to track them.

With 53 days of the 101 left as of July 12, safety officials re-emphasized the intentions of the summer-long campaign.

"The main point of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is to increase per-



sonal awareness of risk and thereby reduce the number of mishaps and fatalities," said Master Sgt. John McDill, the 81st Training Wing safety office superintendent. "Individuals should take a minute and ask themselves if the risks are really worth it."

So far, people seem to be doing just that.

"We're following the operating instructions, AFIs and technical orders like we should, and it's evident in the lack of on-duty injuries," said Tech. Sgt. John Kelley, 81st TRW safety office noncommissioned officer in charge.

For more information, visit the safety office's new Web site on the Air Force Portal or call 377-3247.

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

Underage drinking results in Articles 15 for 8 Airmen

Legal office
and Keesler News staff

Eight Keesler Airmen received Articles 15 in June for alcohol-related offenses.

The offenders are assigned to two units, the 334th and 338th Training Squadrons.

Five are airmen first class assigned to the 334th TRS.

One was reduced to airman basic and forfeited \$650 pay for underage drinking in a permanent party dormitory.

One was reduced to airman basic, which was suspended to airman for four months, and sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

One was reduced to airman basic, which was suspended to airman for four months, and forfeited \$650 pay for underage drinking, using vulgar language and attempting to punch the military training leader who confronted him.

One was sentenced to 30 days in correctional custody, which was suspended for six months, and reduction to airman basic, which was suspended to airman for six months, for underage drinking in permanent party dorms.

The fifth 334th TRS member was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and reduced to airman basic, which was reduced to airman for six months, for underage drinking.

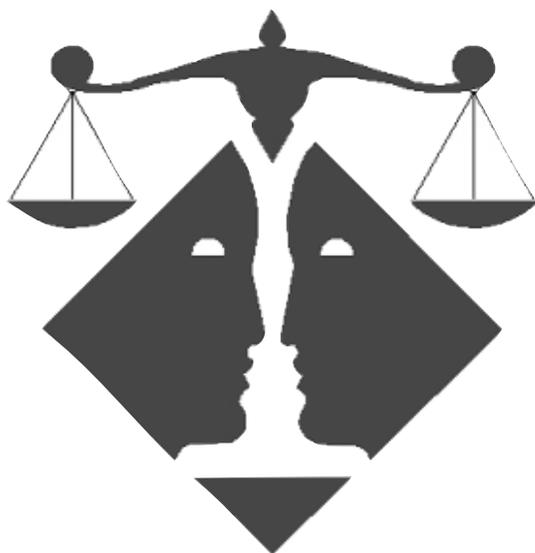
The other three recipients of Articles 15 are assigned to the 338th TRS.

An airman first class sent to correctional custody for 30 days and reduced to airman for underage drinking in New Orleans without authority.

Another airman first class was reduced to airman for underage drinking at a bowling alley.

An airman basic forfeited \$650 pay for underage drinking.

Brent Richardson, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



MILITARY JUSTICE

Underage drinking, DUIs reach, equal highs for year

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Underage drinking at Keesler reached a new high for the year and driving under the influence tied the year's high in June.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron recorded 10 cases of underage drinking last month, three more than any of the previous five months.

The total for the first six months is 35.

Three of the cases in June involved technical training students, four were permanent party and three were unidentified.

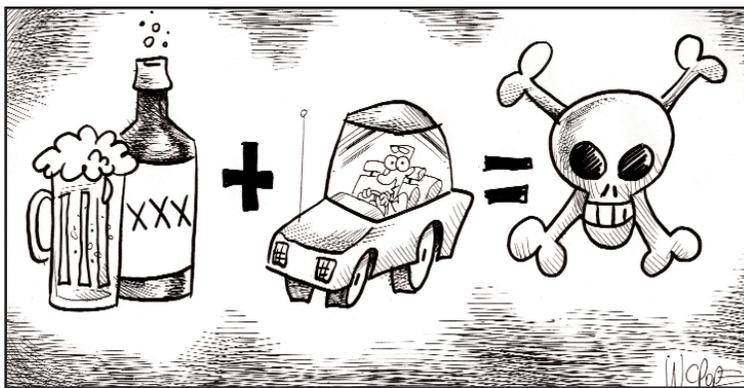
January remains the low month for underage drinking, with two cases.

Eight DUIs were recorded by the 81st SFS in June, equaling the number for February and May. The year-to-date total is 39.

Two of the drinking drivers were students, two were permanent party, one was an Air National Guard member and three were unidentified. Five were caught at the White Avenue and Pass Road gates, and three on Ploesti Drive.

April saw three DUIs, the fewest so far this year.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



Back to school brings safety challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Look out for school buses, watch for children walking or getting on and off buses and drive slowly and cautiously in school zones.

Schools anticipate new year

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

For school zone questions, call 374-1810, extension 125.

School starts Aug. 6, but students not registered by Tuesday can't start until Aug. 7.

Late registration packets are picked up through Aug. 3. Aug. 3 is also the date to return packets to schools for processing.

Other school districts:

Gulfport — late registration for elementary and middle schools continues; for school zone assignments, call 865-4613. High school registration is 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. through today. School starts Aug. 3. For more information, call individual schools or visit <http://www.gulfport.schools.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 — late registration continues. 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. through Friday. 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 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.



Today's party has food, fun for base kids

A back-to-school bash is 4-6 p.m. today at marina park.

Free school supplies are given to the first 200 children who attend.

Hot dogs, snow cones and drinks are served.

Inflatable rock climb, obstacle course and drag-on jumper are provided.

The event is sponsored by the airman and family readiness center and the chapel, with support from the 81st Services Division.

For more information, call 377-2179.

Exceptions to Keesler's 25 mph speed limit:
15 mph in housing areas, flight line and unpaved surfaces;
10 mph in close proximity to marching formations and when waved through base gates;
5 mph in parking lots, and
35 mph in some sections of perimeter roads.

On tour



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Lt. Col. Tracy Jackson is briefed by Nick Wilson on radio direction finding as the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron's new commander tours Maltby Hall. Colonel Jackson replaced Lt. Col. Paul Farkas July 12. She comes to Keesler from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where she was chief of the deployable systems-branch, operations division, directorate of communications, Air Combat Command. Mr. Wilson is a senior engineer.

2 lieutenants gain 2nd bar

Two first lieutenants assigned to Keesler have been selected for promotion to captain.

They are:

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Maryann Edwards and Chastity Howard.

Elmer takes command of 81st MDOS Aug. 2

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) Kathleen Elmer assumes command of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron from Col. (Dr.) Leon Kundrotas, 8 a.m. Aug. 2 at Welch Auditorium.

Colonel Elmer takes charge of a squadron of nearly 520 medical professionals in the pediatric, internal medicine, family practice, emergency services, medical genetics, mental health, laboratory, radiology/diagnostic imaging, pharmacy and nutritional medicine flights.

She comes to Keesler from

Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, where she served as chief of clinical services for the 17th Medical Group for two years.

Colonel Elmer is a 1989 graduate of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

She's served as a flight surgeon at bases in the continental U.S. and Southeast Asia and in support of flight surgical units in Southwest Asia contingencies.

Colonel Kundrotas moves to Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, as commander of the 59th MDOS.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Staff Sgts. Kenyatta and Tawn Zimmerman visit their son Kenyon in the newly-opened special care nursery. He's assigned to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron and she's in the 81st Training Support Squadron.

Another step in Katrina recovery Special care nursery open

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center opened a special care nursery July 9 as plans continue to return a full neonatal intensive care facility in the future.

The temporary two-bed unit is located in the family birthing center. The special care nursery is officially labeled a NICU by Wednesday, according to Maj. (Dr.) Alfonso Vargas, 81st Medical Operations Squadron neonatologist and interim NICU medical director.

"We currently have one neonatologist, six NICU nurses and eight medical techs," he said. "The special care nursery brings to Keesler the ability to stabilize and care for premature newborns with special needs. This increases soon as another neonatologist arrives Wednesday and three more nurses will be added to the staff in the next few weeks."

Major Vargas explained that premature newborns may have difficulty breathing due to underdeveloped lungs. They also may be unable to take their feeds orally, have difficulty maintaining their body temperature and are at high risk for developing infections, among other potential setbacks.

"We presently are able to provide continuous care for most babies of 32 weeks gestational age and higher," the major said. "As the

NICU and its capabilities expand, we will be able to care for premature infants of 28 weeks gestation and higher, and look at those born under 28 weeks on a case-by-case basis.

"If an infant is born prematurely at Keesler, regardless of gestational age, we do have all the facilities, equipment, medications and support staff required to provide initial resuscitation and stabilization of even the sickest newborns, even though we might not be able to keep the infant for his or her hospital stay," he stressed.

Within 48 hours of opening its doors, the special care nursery admitted its first patient, a premature infant born at 34 weeks gestation with respiratory distress.

"We provided initial care with nasal continuous positive airway pressure which was able to be weaned off within 24 hours," Major Vargas said. "The infant has since been working on taking his feeds orally which he is now doing very well."

"Without the special care nursery we would have had to transport this baby by ambulance to a NICU either in New Orleans or Mobile, separating the baby from his parents," he said. "Now we can, for the most part, care for these babies here and keep them close to their parents, which has a tremendous positive psychosocial impact on the family."

'Gastric bypass surgery' resumes at medical center

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A life-changing surgical procedure is again being performed at Keesler Medical Center.

Bariatric surgery restarts this month after a hiatus of nearly two years, according to Lt. Col. (Dr.) James Dolan, the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron's chief of general surgery.

Better known as "gastric bypass" or "weight-loss surgery", Colonel Dolan last performed the procedure in August 2005, shortly before Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast and forced the closure of Keesler Medical Center.

Ironically, the last bariatric operation in 2005 and the first one of the renewed program are both "open" procedures. Virtually all the procedures the colonel and his staff perform are done laparoscopically, through small incisions in the abdomen.

The procedure has become more common across the nation, according to Colonel Dolan, due to the majority of the population being considered overweight and the percentage of these being actually obese.

"There are different levels of obesi-

ty," the colonel observed. "The main clinical concerns for us are not only the patient's physical size but the major medical conditions, which we term comorbidities, associated with being obese. The top three are high blood pressure, diabetes and obstructive sleep apnea. There are a host of other conditions as well."

All of these conditions combine to reduce a person's life span, the Keesler surgeon continued. "They also make people very reliant on the health-care system over a long period of time and at a huge cost," he said.

There are medical and surgical avenues to assure weight loss in obese individuals, according to Colonel Dolan.

"It's been fairly well established that the surgical procedure not only leads to weight loss but also alleviates or considerably lessens serious medical conditions associated with morbid obesity," he said. "The most important information I tell my patients is that I can give them at least 10 years of life back."

Colonel Dolan noted bariatric surgery was a thriving, vigorous program at the medical center in the past. Col.

(Dr.) David Jenkins, former surgery department chief (currently assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.), now-retired Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Mann and Colonel Dolan had completed 115 procedures, almost all laparoscopically, between the program's January 2004 start and August 2005.

"We are very excited we can resume the program here again," Colonel Dolan said. "We have seen and continue to closely follow all the patients we operated on before Katrina."

"Virtually all of them have lost at least 60 percent of their excess body weight," he continued. "The vast majority of them have resolved their comorbidities and discontinued or reduced their medications. Practically every one of them says they would undergo the surgery again if given the choice."

Colonel Dolan stressed the procedure is technically very difficult and requires the lead surgeon to have completed quite a few procedures and "go beyond the learning curve to do it safely."

The surgery usually takes more than two hours. The surgeon makes six small incisions in the patient's

abdomen. A laparoscope (surgical camera) is inserted into the abdominal cavity. Carbon dioxide gas is used to inflate the abdominal cavity to allow the surgeon a larger work space.

"The most popular version of this type of surgery is the 'Roux-en-y' gastric bypass," Colonel Dolan noted. "We fashion a small gastric pouch, about the size of a fist, and then redirect some of the small bowel up to this pouch. Obviously, meal portion sizes for people who undergo the procedure subsequently are much smaller."

Patients are returned either to the intensive care unit or inpatient surgery unit, depending on such things as their body weight or having obstructive sleep apnea.

The colonel said patients generally resume a clear liquid diet on the first post-operative day, if tolerated, and a full liquid diet on the second day. Then they're sent home.

There's a highly selective process to determine suitable candidates for bariatric surgery at the medical center.

"Most patients have failed all attempts at weight loss," Colonel

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Photo by Adam Bond

From left, Capt. (Dr.) Mark Lytle, Colonel Dolan and Maj. (Dr.) Robert Cromer watch a monitor as they perform a laparoscopic abdominal procedure.

Surgery,

from Page 16

Dolan explained. “They must also undergo psychological as well as dietary counseling before the procedure. Certain individuals may need to be referred for cardiology or pulmonary evaluations if we suspect there is significant cardiology or pulmonary disease that could increase risk to the patient during surgery.”

All patients receive very extensive pre-surgery counseling about the operation’s

risks and benefits, as well as its life-changing impact which isn’t easily reversed. No one has ever asked to have the procedure reversed, according to Colonel Dolan.

“We have had to do some revision surgeries for people who have had it done in the past due to technical failures or renewed weight gain,” he said. “These are the procedures that we usually do using the traditional ‘open’ approach.”

Colonel Dolan anticipates performing one or two bariatric surgeries a week. His team already has a considerable number of people on a

waiting list, causing them to stop taking names temporarily.

“Our ability to increase the number of surgeries relies on the arrival of more trained surgeons,” he explained. “They must be trained on the procedure before they can be considered to perform the operations themselves. It probably takes almost a year to completely train a surgeon to perform independently.”

Colonel Dolan has one surgeon on staff already well advanced in laparoscopic surgery, with a new surgeon scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

Tech. Sgt. John Webb, left, and Staff Sgt. Clinton Tips update anti-virus software for Air Force units to assist in the prevention of cyberspace hackers at Barksdale.

Air Force Cyber Command

Online for fall standup

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine

Air Force News Service

BARKSDALE Air Force Base, La. — The Air Force's soon-to-be newest major command, Air Force Cyber Command, is still on track, or rather still online.

Air Force Cyber Command is creating a foundation now for the combat Airmen of today and tomorrow, said Lt. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., commander of 8th Air Force here and the joint functional component commander for Global Strike and Integration for U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

"What we have found for the Air Force is that everything that we do is integrally linked to what we do in cyberspace," he said.

As the birth of Air Force Cyber Command comes closer to fruition this fall, the importance of cyberspace to today's Airmen is even more important.

"Unlike other services where you can actually walk up to people and at least see them, we are doing operations globally — we are a global service," General Elder said. "And, the way we connect all this together is through cyberspace.

"People hear quite often that we, the Air Force, believe in centralized control, decentralized execution," the general said. "It's one of the things, I believe, that makes us a very effective and efficient service in terms of how we conduct our operations. We are able to do that because our control of cyberspace is so good.

"For us to be able to use our precision weapons, for us to be able to do the kinds of quick responses that deal with multiple targets, for example — it is all tied to how we work in cyberspace," he said.

Like so many Air Force duties, cyberspace is every Airman's responsibility, according to General Elder.

Nancy Love — pioneer female pilot

Nancy Harkness Love was 28 years old when she became the leader of the Women's Airforce Service.

She learned to fly some 12 years before at her birthplace, Houghton, Mich. She took flying lessons and received a private pilot license at age 16. At Vassar College, she pioneered in the development of student flying clubs in American colleges.

Mrs. Love received her commercial pilot license in 1933, and in 1935 she was engaged by the Bureau of Air Commerce as one of a group of three women fliers to air mark the principal cities of the United States.

In January 1936, she married Robert Love. Thereafter, she helped him in their company, Inter-City Aviation, at the Boston Airport, gaining experience in ferrying by delivering planes to customers.

While working on the operations staff at Baltimore before the organization of the WAFS, Mrs. Love had become thoroughly experienced in mapping ferry flights. By September 1942, Mrs. Love had logged more than 1,200 flight hours and held an instrument rating, a commercial license, a sea plane rating and was qualified to fly planes of 600 horsepower.

Through the end of 1942, the WAFS ferried primary trainers and liaison aircraft only. Mrs. Love and some of the more advanced WAFS were dissatisfied with being restricted to ferrying these elementary types of aircraft. Since they were the only types being flown by the original group at New Castle Field, Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Love preferred to go with a cadre of WAFS to Dallas where a new WAFS unit was formed. It was possible at Dallas for the women to



Mrs. Love

progress to flying basic and advanced trainer types. In January 1943, Mrs. Love ferried an AT-6.

With the establishment of a WAFS cadre in the 6th Ferrying Group at Long Beach, Calif., it was possible to take transition on more advanced aircraft. The 6th FG was the oldest and most important ferrying group in Air Transport Command, handling a wide variety of aircraft. Without publicity, as official directives still restricted WAFS to light aircraft, Mrs. Love checked out in a North American P-51 Mustang on Feb. 27.

March 3, Mrs. Love transferred to Long Beach. One year later, she ferried a Douglas C-47 from Long Beach to Memphis, Tenn., with Barbara Erickson as copilot. This represented an important step forward in the flying of a relatively heavy, twin-engine aircraft over a considerable distance. By then she was qualified on C-47s, A-36s, P-51s, and some 14 other types of aircraft, most of which

were manufactured in the Long Beach area.

Later in the spring of 1943, with the expansion in WAFS activities deriving from the arrival of the first graduates of the Women's Flying Training Detachment school, Mrs. Love was transferred to Ferrying Division headquarters in Cincinnati. In order to gain more experience in flying medium and heavy types of planes, she postponed the move until June, and then, on the way to Cincinnati, she ferried a North American B-25 from Long Beach to Kansas City.

In August 1943, Mrs. Love and Betty Gillies, who might be called the deans of women pilots in the Army Air Forces, checked out on B-17s. The following month, an attempt was made to have them deliver a B-17 to England.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Gillies departed Cincinnati Sept. 2, 1943, and arrived that evening at Presque Isle, Maine. They were to fly via Goose Bay, Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, and then Prestwick, Scotland. They arrived at Goose Bay Sept. 4. They were delayed there by weather.

On that day, Gen. C. R. Smith wired Brig. Gen. Paul Burrows, advising him of the flight and instructing him to notify Gen. Hap Arnold in London. General Arnold's reaction was to order the trip be canceled and that "no women fly transoceanic planes until I have time to study and approve." The message arrived in Goose Bay 15 minutes before the women were to take off.

When the WAFS and WFTD merged into the WASP, Mrs. Love was named executive in charge of all WASP ferrying operations. After the war, she received the Air Medal for her support of aircraft ferrying operations.



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Air Force

July 11, 1955 — The first Air Force Academy class of cadets was sworn in at the temporary campus, Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

Air Education and Training Command

July 1, 1983 — Air University was realigned from Air Training Command and redesignated as a major air command.

Keesler

July 25, 1941 — The base opened its first facility, a medical dispensary, in the Naval Reserve Park.

Good news for amputees who stay in uniform

New prosthetic leg under development

By Fred Baker

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new prosthesis under development gives service member amputees more flexibility and help them better perform their jobs if they choose to stay on active duty.

A preview of the new technology July 17 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here drew key staff and several service member amputees. The open forum allowed users to see improvements in prototype form and ask developers questions or offer suggestions.

In 2006, Otto Bock HealthCare, a global provider of prosthetic components that started providing devices for German World War I veterans in 1919, began developing a prosthetic knee system that's an upgrade to its already popular C-Leg. It was awarded a three-year \$1 million contract to develop a leg that allows more service members to stay on active duty if they so choose.

The prosthesis is for above-the-knee amputees. It uses a microprocessor to control the knee's hydraulic functions and anticipate the wearer's actions and make changes in real time.

Flexibility and stability

This gives service members greater flexibility to change speeds or directions without sacrificing stability.

The project began in 2006 and developers are through the prototype development. Barring any technical problems, the new prosthesis should be available to service members in 2009.

Mobility is improved, allowing more movement without the user having to concentrate on the knee, said Hans-Willem van Vliet, program manager.

The new system has more sensors, a faster hard drive, more memory and provides smooth transitions between movements such as level-ground walking, climbing stairs and running.

It also allows service members the ability to turn around while walking and walk backward in one fluid movement, something that isn't possible with the current C-Leg. It adapts automatically between walking speeds and gaits, Mr. Vliet said.

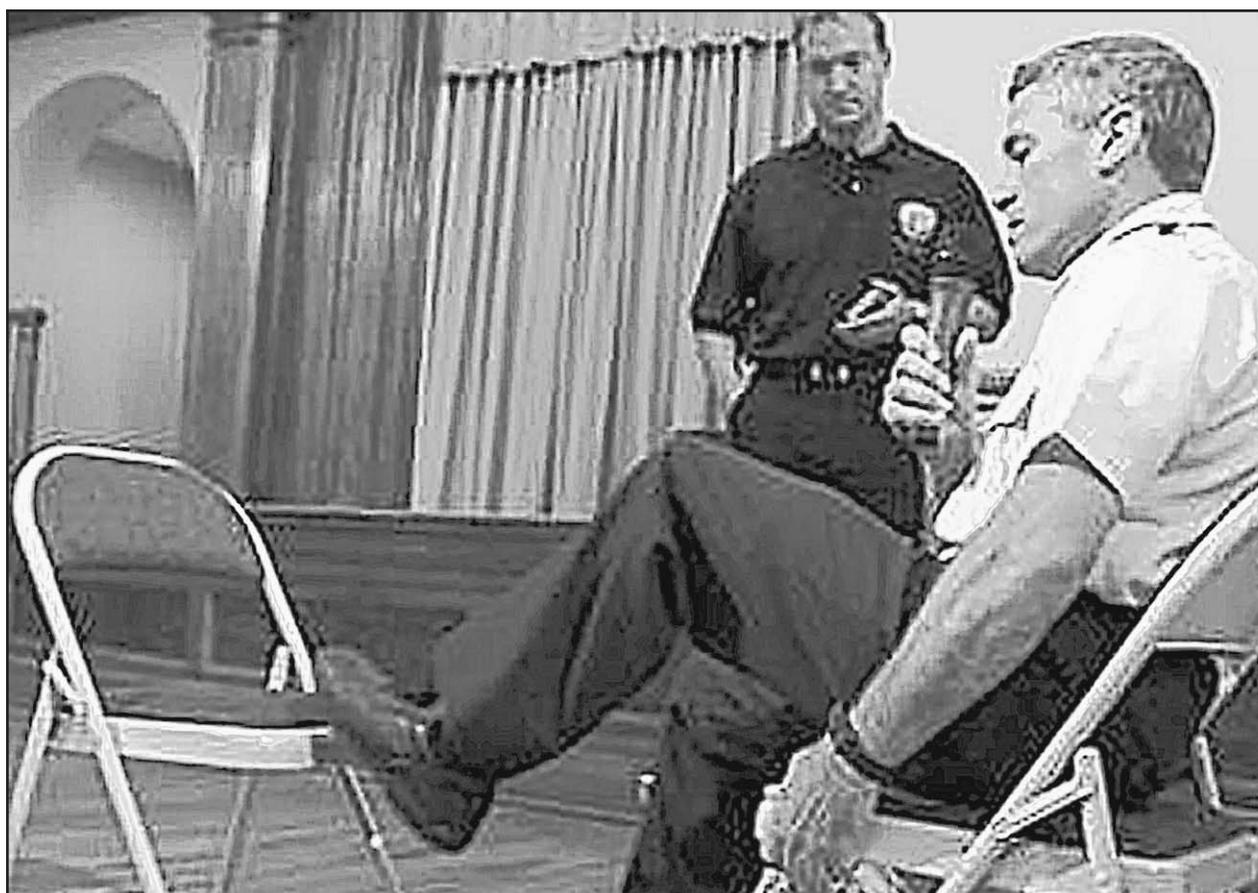
Technology rebuilt

He emphasized that engineers haven't simply improved the C-Leg, but have completely rebuilt the technology on the inside.

Engineers also are working to stretch battery life to 50 hours on one charge. This gives service members on long road marches the duration they need to reach a power supply for recharging.

Requirements also call for making the system salt-water resistant, a difficulty with the onboard computer systems. Also planned is a remote control, about the size of a car-lock remote, that allows the user to switch between as many as 10 modes with the click of a button.

The current C-Leg allows service members two operating modes: one for walking and one for bicycling or other activities. To switch between modes,



Colonel Lourake, an amputee who remained on active duty as a pilot, demonstrates how he manually switches modes on his computerized pros-

thesis as Sven Zarling of the company developing a new prosthesis observes. The new prosthetic makes mode adjustments automatically.

The current C-Leg costs about \$30,000. The new system is expected to cost about the same.

the wearer has to swing the leg forward in a jerky fashion. In some instances the user may not be able to switch modes because of limited movement. Reprogramming a mode requires a visit to a technician.

Lt. Col. Andrew Lourake, a pilot at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is the first above-the-knee amputee to return to active duty as a pilot. He was fitted with a C-Leg five years ago.

Colonel Lourake said he couldn't do his job without the C-Leg because it allows him to switch between walking and flying modes. Still, he said, he's impressed with the new design and plans to be one of the first to own one, even if he has to pay for it out of his own pocket.

The current C-Leg costs about \$30,000. The new system is expected to cost about the same.

Right now, Colonel Lourake has to reprogram his second mode from flying mode to bicycling or running. With the new leg, he won't have to make as many visits to his prosthetic technician.

"I'll have everything right in the leg, and I'll never have to touch the computer again," he said.



Photos by Fred Baker

Army Spc. Charles Parker looks on as Zarling demonstrates the the prototype prosthesis.

See why he rides 'Out-of-box thinking'

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

As gas prices soared earlier this year, so did the pain Airman Michael Tyra felt at the pump.

Unlike those who only complained, he took action.

In May, Airman Tyra pulled out the mountain bike he'd ridden infrequently in the three years he's owned it and pedaled off ... from the Pinehaven housing area to his job in the 333rd Training Squadron on the opposite side of the base, on commander's support staff distribution runs, to Blake Fitness Center for workouts, to appointments and squadron functions.

He estimates he's riding at least 40 miles a week.

"It was the price of gas that got me started," admitted the native of Springboro, Ohio, a farming community south of Dayton. "We now put gas in our two vehicles maybe once a month instead of every week to 10 days, so that's a big savings."

Other benefits followed

Since then, Airman Tyra and Ana, his wife of three years, have discovered other benefits to riding over driving.

Ana frequently rides with him to the fitness center, where he lifts weights and she uses the cardio machines.

"We're more physically fit from riding," said Airman Tyra, 23, who joined the Air Force one year ago. "It goes right along with our workouts."

Airman Tyra believes choosing pedal power over horsepower also promotes a cleaner, healthier environment.

"Environmental issues are part of the motivation," said the one-time motorcross racer. "We want to keep this world nice for our kids. Ana and I don't have any children yet, but we'd like to start a family soon."

Target of pranks at first

Initially, Airman Tyra's switch from four wheels to two made him the target of pranks by coworkers in the 333rd TRS, such as the time some of them let air out of the tires on his bike.

"Some people laughed and cracked jokes, too, at first," he said. "When people saw I was serious, the pranks and jokes stopped. Now, most people think this is a smart thing to do."

Airman Tyra said he can't take credit for motivating others in his squadron to park their vehicles and take up bikes.

"I don't know of anyone who actually has, but I know of several who've started thinking



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Tyra straps on his helmet as he prepares for a gas-saving, fitness-enhancing, environment-protecting ride.

about it," he explained. "Thinking about it is how I got started."

Tech. Sgt. Mike Tipton, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 333rd TRS commander's support staff, may be Airman Tyra's biggest booster.

"He's saving money, keeping himself in good shape and helping to keep down emissions," said the sergeant. "In this day and age, we could all take something away from this kind of out-of-the-box thinking."

Patients sought

The dental clinic's periodontics department seeks patients for its dental residency program.

Eligible patients accepted as teaching cases receive their periodontal care at no charge. Patients need to be readily available for appointments, generally Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

For more information or to schedule a screening exam, call 376-5225.

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.

Supply issues

For supply-related issues or concerns, visit the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002.

Customer service may also be reached by phone, 377-2005, and e-mail, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Joe Hudson, left, 81st MDOS, reaches for throw from outfielder Kwamina Boyd as base runner Jennifer Taylor, 335th TRS, ducks to avoid being hit by the ball. Taylor was safe. The medics won the July 19 intramural softball playoff game, 12-11. The base championship could be decided tonight barring interference from the weather in games scheduled earlier this week.

7 teams enter week unbeaten in quest for title of champion

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Seven teams entered this week unbeaten in the championship round intramural softball playoffs.

Head-to-head match-ups Monday and Tuesday nights figured to reduce the congestion at the top of the double-elimination event. Those games:

Monday — 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron vs. 81st Communications Squadron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron vs. 81st Dental Squadron and 81st Medical Operations Squadron vs. 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Tuesday — 336th Training Squadron vs. winner of 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st CS and winner of 81st CES vs. 81st DS vs. winner of 81st MDOS vs. 81st MSGS.

Four teams faced elimination Monday and Tuesday:

Monday — Loser of 81st Training Support

Squadron vs. Marine Corps Detachment and loser of 81st Mission Support Squadron vs. 335th TRS.

Tuesday — loser of 338th TRS vs. loser of the 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st CS, and loser of 81st CES vs. 81st DS loser vs. loser of 81st MDOS vs 81st MSGS.

American and National League playoffs, the preliminary round, concluded July 18, followed July 19 by the first championship round games.

In those July 19 games, 338th TRS defeated the 403rd Wing, 16-15; 81st CES defeated MARDET, 11-5; 336th TRS defeated 81st TRSS, 8-1; 81st SUPS-TRANS defeated 81st MSS, 15-7; and 81st MDOS defeated 335th TRS, 12-11.

Barring bad weather, the championship could be decided as early as today. Game time would be 7 p.m.

For more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

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.

Flag football

Second annual Barksdale Bomber invitational tournament — Aug. 25-26, Tinsley Park, Bossier City, La. Team entry fee \$280; register online at <http://www.usssa.com>. For more information, call Aubrey Williams, 318-207-1502.

Golf

First sergeant fundraiser tournament — 1 p.m. today, Mississippi National Golf Course, Gautier. \$50 per person includes green fee, cart,

Buffalo bowler



Keesler bowler Michelle Fuller, 19, placed 23rd out of 40 competitors in her division at the Pepsi U.S. Bowling Congress international youth championships July 16-18 in Buffalo, N.Y. Her mom is Ricki Fuller, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

lunch and mulligans. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Registration, lunch starts 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Scott Passman, 377-7788.

Bay Breeze — course closed until October. Naval Construction Battalion Center's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494. St. Andrews and Gulf Hills offer military discounts.

Free golf clinics — 5-6 p.m. today, 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.

Paintball

Paintball course — open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays for recreational play. Group play by reservation only, compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays. For more information, call 377-3160.

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 Kinney, 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

July 18 — 81st CS 8, 338th TRS 4; 81st CES 9, 81st MDOS 7; 81st TRSS 6, 403rd Wing 5.

July 19 — 338th TRS 16, 403rd Wing 15; 81st CES 11, MARDET 5; 336th TRS 8, 81st TRSS 1; 81st TRANS/SUPS 15, 81st MSS 7; 81st MDOS 12, 335th TRS 11.

Schedule — for more information, call Laurence Wilson, 377-2444.

Varsity

Biloxi Softball League schedule (all games at Biloxi Sportsplex)

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

Wednesday — 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.

Air Force Marathon Time running out to register early, realize \$ savings

By Kathleen Lopez

**Air Force Materiel Command
WRIGHT-PATTERSON
Air Force Base, Ohio** — Attention all marathoners and half-marathoners:

If you've put off early registration for the 11th annual Air Force Marathon, Sept. 15, your time for procrastinating is running out.

If you haven't logged onto <http://www.usafmarathon.com> and registered for your race by the time the clock strikes midnight Tuesday, procrastination is going to cost you.

Entry fees go up

That's when the early registration period ends, and entry fees go up.

Through Tuesday, full-marathon registration is \$65; half-marathon is \$50; four-person relay is \$180 and 5K fun run is \$20.

This year begins a new tradition for the 5K run, as it's the evening of Sept. 14, on the campus of neighboring Wright State University.

From Wednesday through Sept. 7, the price to register for the full marathon jumps to \$70 and the half-marathon increases to \$60. Cost for the relay and fun run remain the same.

After Sept. 7, add another \$10 to both the full- and half-marathon races, another \$20 to the relay and add \$5 to the fun run.

More reasons

Besides the obvious financial savings, there are other reasons to register early.

"First and foremost, it's one more thing to check off on the list of 'things to do,'" said Molly Loudon, the marathon director. "Plus, runners' bibs that they wear on race day will be guaranteed to



be personalized with runners' first names."

Additionally, all runners receive a commemorative 100 percent cotton T-shirt, goodie bag, towel, patch and a special finisher's medal with the Air Force 60th Anniversary and C-5 Galaxy logos.

Hotel discounts

If you're coming in from out of town, and don't have a place to stay, there are nearby hotels offering limited discounted accommodations, Loudon said.

If you're looking at the four-person relay race as a bonding experience for you and three of your friends, you won't want to delay registering, as there's a limited number of relay teams permitted.

"The max number for relay-team entry is 300," Loudon said. "We are already one-third of the way to that number, well ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Expo, dinner

Preceding the marathon is the sports and fitness exposition Sept. 13-14, and a gourmet pasta dinner Sept. 14.

The expo is free and open to the public. The cost for the dinner won't increase (\$20 for adults; \$10 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under are free), but seating is limited.

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GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 07-14

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman Samuel Johnson.

81st Communications Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Paul Engelun and Matthew Jackson.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Mauricio Decastro-Pretelt.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Hansen and Danny Papageorgiou.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airman Basic Robin Johnson; Airmen 1st Class Angelo Banks, Lindsay Carmickle, Sarah Coble, Steven Fernandez, Robert Vogel and Tommy West.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332th Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airman Basic Andrew Doman; Airman 1st Class Jeffery Schlitter.

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Aaron Ackley, Justin Anderson, Daniel Baca, Neil Barrett, John Boerger, Lance Bonkoske, William Borden, Evan Bunch, Julius Buncum, Kenneth Chafin, Steven Chapman, Isaac Choi, Anthony Coe, Erik Cummings, Howard Daniels, Jose Diaz, Edward Dressler, Nickolus Ellis, Ryan Fralick, Randall Howard, David Jewell, Justin Key, Sylvan Knoch, Miguel Langer, Phillip Myers, Joshua Miller, Phillip Myers, Alicia Pasela, Nicholas Reid, Christopher Rush, Miller Shin, Winston Suryana, Matthew Szcurek, Addison Tibe, Clinton Thompson, Travis Van Dinter, Cody Walters and Patrick Walters; Pvt. John Nelson; Airmen Eric Esser, Jason Goble, Logan Isham, John King, Din Latham, William Littledale, Sean Madigan, David McMahan, Justin Norman, Brian Stephens and Adlwin Verzosa; Airmen 1st Class Gary Abadian, Michael Barton, Travis Carlson, Zane Carrell, Christopher Cleek, Carl Christopher, Joshua Cummins, Jamel Doyle, John Fletcher, Luke Furman, John Fussell, Norman Lewis, Carlos Lopez-Hernandez, Jason Hubbartt, Elvin Leivestad, David McAdams, Sarah McBrayer, Michael McKenney, Andrew Molnar, Antonio Mumfrey, Anna Nedler, Paulo Panaligan, Sean Pentz, Jamin Poteat, Tyson Puetz, Alex Ramirez, Julia Rossney, Brad Scala, Michael Shea, Jesse Simmons, Eric Smith, Seth Spores, Marcos Tadeo, Mario Turner,

Adrian Vargo and Stephen Williamson; Senior Airmen Angel Ericks, Anthony Garcia, Mark Hannon, Justin Kuper, Daniel Polk, Henry Quiales, Joseph Toney, Kelly Toppin and Shane Tucker; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bengivengo, Charles Binder, John Black, Thad Bond, Joshua Clifton, Donald Friedly, Steven Goodson, Lawrence Hanson, Nikolas Henry, Rory Lapres, John McMickle, David Manso, Llewyn McFarlane, Kenneth Patrick, Christopher Wade and Anthony Warren; Tech. Sgts. Glenn Corbitt, Terry Giles and Gregory Repucci; Master Sgts. Saud Al Saqri and Brett Pier; Chief Master Sgt. Marzouk Ghazna; 1st Lt. Ali Al Sadoon.

334th TRS

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airman Basic Katie Keller; Airman Tyler Hurt; Tech. Sgt. David Cisine.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Rachel Harris and Sharae Soileau; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Cook, Sara Eighmey, James Nash, Brandie Ring and Brian Schmeling; Senior Airmen John McWilliams, Yocia Watson and Allison Weiser; Staff Sgts. Carlisle Baptiste, Jeffery Firth, Lameika Jenkins and Matthew Trissel; Tech. Sgts. Kelly Banta and Steven Stevenson; Master Sgts. Rachel Polite and Shirley Wiggins-White.

335th TRS

Airfield management apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Mitchel Davis, Brittney Poliyak and Jessica Monroe; Tech. Sgt. Deborah Kozel.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Foster, James Lacy and Luke Miller; Airman Colby Joyner; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson, Colin Judson, Justin Lewelling, Christopher Spotts and Monica White; Senior Airmen Oskars Abolins and Joseph Pollock; Staff Sgt. Edward Youmans; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulrahman Al Aqueel.

Weather training flight — Navy Airman Recruit Willie Jacobo; Airman Jakira McCambel; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Harvey, Erika Hatch, Christopher McCullough, Ryan Nevius and James Wheeler; Navy Airman Wayne Clester; Marine Lance Cpl. Angela Hoffa; Cpl. Justin Lecklider; Staff Sgt. Robert Taylor; Marine Sgt. Jeffery Sparks; Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Thornton.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen David Mooers and Christopher Morgan; Airmen 1st Class Thomas Bryan, Aja Cornella, Mario Flores, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas, Logsdon, Angel Marrero-Rivera, Neil Novosad, Ying Pang, Christa Phillips, Thomas Rhodes, Neil Springer and Keedric Woodard; Senior Airmen Kristin Caswell, LaTrice Freeman and Michael Versailles; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Bronson Cathey, 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 Ovabor 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 — Sept. 4-Oct. 12.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-6 — graduation Sept. 11.

Class 07-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26.

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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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Airmen and family readiness center

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. Friday, mat cutting; Aug. 10, mug sublimation with a 50 percent discount on personalized mugs ordered at that time.

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

Family craft camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. 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.

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

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

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; 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/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.

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. today. 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.

Youth center

Missoula Theater Camp — grades 1-12. Sign up now. Production of Robin Hood, Monday-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.

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 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 preregister 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.

Employment opportunities

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.

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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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Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.r.aetc.af.mil/dp/etap>. Online registration dates are 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.afoats.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 — 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.bluegray.com>.

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

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

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

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

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including 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>.

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.

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.aaddofficers@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., Ocean 13 (PG-13, 113 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Nancy Drew (PG, 99 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG, 91 minutes).

Sunday — 6:30 p.m., Ocean 13 (PG-13, 113 minutes).

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.

At retreat:

All personnel in uniform

who aren't in formation should stand and face the flag,
or in the direction of the music if the flag isn't visible, and salute.
Hold the salute until the last note of the music is played.

All military personnel

in civilian clothes should face the flag
or the sound of the music if the flag is not visible,
and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

All vehicles in motion

should come to a stop at the first note of the music,
and the occupants should sit quietly until the music ends.

'The doctor is in' for Keesler pets

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

Dr. Kathryn Hudson is the staff veterinarian at Keesler's veterinary treatment facility.

Dr. Hudson, a native of Diamondhead, received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the Mississippi State University.

After practicing veterinary medicine in Jackson for a year, she decided to return to the coast. In June, she accepted the position at Keesler.

Dr. Hudson is a strong advocate of preventative care for pets from the day they join a family.

"All animals, including indoor pets, should have a checkup at least once a year to prevent diseases and problems that could lead to future expensive treatments, as well as to increase their life expectancy," Dr. Hudson said.

Vaccinations, diagnostic tests for feline leukemia, canine/feline fecal parasite exams and heartworms are offered at the Keesler facility.

A variety of additional tests are also available including blood, urine and endocrine (diabetes, thyroid disease, etc.). Some lab work is completed in-house. Routine work sent off-



Photo by Earlene Smith

Dr. Hudson views an ear cytology for ear mites, bacteria and yeast.

base is usually returned within a few days.

"The most important contribution you can make to your pet's quality of life it to have

your animals spayed or neutered as soon as possible," Dr. Hudson said.

"This not only decreases the population of unwanted

cats and dogs, but reduces the risk of cancer and infection in reproductive organs," she continued. "The idea that a pet should be allowed to go into heat once, or produce a litter before being altered, is nothing more than a myth."

Unfortunately, due to minimal facilities, these procedures aren't performed at Keesler. Pet owners should contact an area veterinarian or the Humane Society of South Mississippi. A list of area veterinary clinics is available at the Keesler clinic, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

When Dr. Hudson isn't busy caring for Keesler animals, she stays involved in her profession.

She performs surgery with the spay and neuter program at the Humane Society of South Mississippi, cares for her own menagerie of two miniature poodles, two Yorkies, three cats, and being the foster owner for six kittens and a mama dog with eight puppies. She's also available for house calls.

Stop by the clinic, to meet Dr. Hudson. For a clinic appointment, call 376-7495.

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Fish Fry Friday at the Katrina Kantina

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17

\$5 Keesler Club members*

Price includes three pieces of catfish, hush puppies, coleslaw, and tea/water.

377-2219

*\$7 for nonmembers



EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes. For more information, call 377-2036.

Serving lunch and dinner — enjoy sub sandwiches, hot dogs, buffalo wings, nachos, chef salad, soup, chili, coleslaw, chips, assorted drinks and more. Dine-in or take-out; call-ins welcome. To request an electronic copy of the menu, send an e-mail to 81svs.marketing@keesler.af.mil.

Kingpin buffet lunch — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Eat-in or take-out, \$5.95 for one trip through line.

Free bowling at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays purchase a lunch combo or buffet and bowl a game for free.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For lessons, clinics or more information, call 424-0479.

Course closed — under construction through Sept. 30.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for bucket of 30 balls.

Golf lessons — \$25 for half hour of instruction.

Free golf clinics — basic/fundamentals of the golf swing. Four clinics offered 5-6 p.m. Aug. 14, 16, 28 and 30, ages 18 and older.

Go Deep Sea Fishing

Aboard The New Keesler Dolphin II

Keesler's new 50-foot Coast Guard certified vessel.



Deep Sea Fishing Trips

A licensed captain and mate take you fishing nonworking Fridays and Sundays. Price includes everything you need to fish. Bring food, beverages and personal items such as sunscreen. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

\$60 per person



Private Charters Available

\$700 private charter for 10 \$35 for each additional person Monday-Thursday; \$40 weekends and holidays; \$350 deposit required.

For reservations, call 377-3160.

Limit 10 participants per day/clinic. Reservations required.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211. School-age children go to the youth center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 4. Air Force-funded program offers free child care. Certificates must be coordinated through the airmen and family readiness center.

Parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 4, child care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years at \$3.50 per hour per child.

DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463).

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Expanded duty, permanent change of station, and returning home child care — is available. Call for details.

Be your own boss — now recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children who are mildly ill and children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

FITNESS

Three-on-three basketball tournament — Aug. 10 and 11 at Blake Fitness Center. Sign up by Aug. 8 at Blake or Dragon Fitness Centers.

Smoothie Shop — inside Blake and Triangle Fitness Centers. Order four smoothies and get free delivery on base, 282-2792.

Free fitness classes — at Dragon Fitness Center. Boxing workout, step aerobics, Turbo-Core, cycle/spin, and Slo-Robics available. For schedule or more information, call 377-2907.

Massage therapist available — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. For more information or to schedule an

appointment, call 263-5515.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.

Complimentary bowling clinics — 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Aug. 15 and 22. Learn about stretching, timing, practice techniques, spare shooting and patterns.

Winter leagues — Sign up now for Monday Budweiser, Wednesday and Friday four-bowler mixed leagues, Thursday seniors and Saturday youth leagues.

Open bowling — 12 lanes open 5-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Six lanes open 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 12 lanes 5-9 p.m. Fridays, 24 lanes noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. nonworking Fridays, 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday, and 11 a.m. to midnight Saturdays.

Seabee special — Seabees bowl for half price Tuesdays.

Teen special — teens bowl 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays for \$5.

Birthdays party package — available Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. \$8.95 per child includes food package and 1 1/2 hours of bowling including shoes. Birthday child is free and receives a Gaudé Lanes T-shirt. Advanced reservations required.

Youth special — Ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game.

Bowl-a-rama — 5 p.m. to closing Mondays-Fridays and all day Saturdays bowl two hours for \$10.95 including shoes (a \$16 value).

NPS students' special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1 per game.

Fundraiser — make money for your organization and enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Food can be included as part of your event.

Bumpers — on 12 lanes by reservation, ages 11 and younger.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All tours depart from and return to Vandenberg Community Center.

Information — large variety of brochures available on area and out-of-state attractions available.

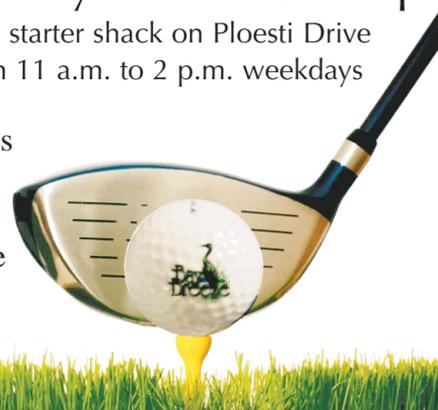
Tickets — discounted tickets available to major attractions in a three state area. To request an electronic listing of ticket prices, send an e-mail to 81svs.marketing@keesler.af.mil.

Nonprior service student trip to Gulf Islands Water Park — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 1. \$25 includes ticket and transportation. Limit 20 students. Sign up and prepay by Aug. 24 at Vandenberg

Temporary Golf Pro Shop

in the starter shack on Ploesti Drive
Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays

- Golf balls
- Gloves
- Tees
- and more



Community Center.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music. Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.

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

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Aug. 1. Keesler Club members enter free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic beer.

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

We cater — let our expert caterer assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions to celebrate. You choose your details; we'll do the work and the dishes.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181. Fax service and copy machine available for a nominal fee.

Back to school orientations — 6:30 p.m. Aug. 1 and 15 for grades 9-12; 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8, 22 and 29 for college students.

Audio books — large selection available.

Free high-speed cable Internet and e-mail — now on 40 computers.

Free movie rentals — check out up to five movies and keep them for up to two weeks. Large selection of DVDs and VHS.

Music CDs — available for checkout.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good shape and of same genre.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2752.

Convenience store — snacks, cold drinks, health and hygiene products. Open 24 hours a day.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Note: Located in the enclosed pavilion in marina park. Mississippi state hunting and fishing licenses available for sale. For more information, call 377-3160.

Recreational equipment rental — when you want to do some boating, fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking etc. but don't have the equipment you need, rent it from us. To request an electronic listing of our rental prices, send an e-mail to 81svs.marketing@keesler.af.mil.

Retail store — variety of items available for your outdoor recreational activities including hunting and fishing licenses, snacks, beverages, fishing equipment, sunscreen and more.

17-foot back bay cruiser — available for rent. Mississippi boaters registration card required.

Recreational vehicle storage lot — \$15 monthly fee.

Disc golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach discs for rent/sale.

Camping package — includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents; everything you need.

Pontoon boats — available for rent.

Back bay fishing trips — Aug. 11 and 25. \$15 per person. Minimum six, maximum eight. Learn to fish.

August fishing tournament — weigh in the largest red drum and take home a \$100 savings bond.

Need a place for a picnic? — Reserve one of our outside pavil-

ions and enjoy the marina park.

PAINTBALL COURSE

Editor's note: Located on 6th Street, off Meadows Drive. For pricing, hours of operation and more information, call 377-3160.

Equipment — guns, CO2 tanks, and safety masks covering the eyes, ears, mouth and temple, may be rented on site. Individuals bringing their own equipment have their guns calibrated before play. Paintballs must be purchased on location.

POOLS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3948.

Two pools available — the main base pool on Meadows Drive is open daily except Mondays, noon to 5:30 p.m.; lap swimming available normal hours. The Triangle Pool on Ploesti Drive is open daily except Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m.; lap swimming is available 11 a.m. to noon and normal hours.

Passes — daily \$1.50, single season \$20, family season (three or more) \$60, free for ages 5 and younger. Purchase passes at outdoor recreation and each pool.

Pool parties — available evenings. Reservations required at least two weeks prior to the desired date. \$50 for the first two



Call the "4 FUN" line
for information on weekly Services events.

377-4FUN (4386)

Cook Your Own Steak Night

All ranks invited

5 p.m. Aug. 23 ~ Katrina Kantina

Steak \$6* Chicken \$5*

Price includes potato salad,
green salad and roll.

*Keesler Club member price; nonmembers add \$2



For more information, call 377-2219.

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

Space available accommodations — for Department of Defense-affiliated personnel at more than 3,500 resorts around the world.

Affordable price — seven nights and eight days for two to six people, \$329.

To reserve — log on to <http://www.afvclub.com> or call 1-800-724-9988. Keesler's installation number, 121, required at time of reservation. No membership, enrollment or annual fees.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

Free craft demonstrations — 1-2 p.m. Aug. 10, mug sublimation in the engraving shop; place order for a personalized mug after the demo and receive a 50 percent discount. 1-2 p.m. Aug. 24, wooden pen demo on the lathe in the wood shop.

Annual artist/craftsman and photography contest — entry deadline for youth is Aug. 9. All entries welcome, including those entered in the youth center's Boys and Girls Club contests. Entry deadline for adults is Sept. 14.

Multi-crafts shop

New stamp card — earn stamps by renting molds or paying for firing. When card is full, turn it in for free mold rental or firing costs.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11. Dragonfly plate by Duncan certified instructor.

Ceramic mold pouring — 10 a.m. Aug. 11, ages 13 and older. \$25 including first firing. Learn to pour your own ceramics. Pour a project you select and two more to keep and finish as you like.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 18. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces. Learn the basics of pottery taught by Sara Miller from the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum.

One-stroke painting — Aug. 18. Learn the basics of this easy painting technique from a Donna Dewberry certified instructor. New project each month. \$30 including supplies. Call for time.

Frame shop

New stamp card — earn stamps when you have your framing done in our shop. Fill the card and receive 10 percent on your next order.

Shadow boxes — great for retirement gifts.

Beginners framing — one class, four sessions; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23. \$60.

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 30. \$25. Beginners class is prerequisite.

Free Ice Cream Social

1-3 p.m. Aug. 4
at the Arts and Crafts Center.

- Ice cream • Bingo
- Craft projects
- Great family fun

Sponsored by the
Keesler Commissary

For more information,
call 377-2821.



Engraving shop

Custom items — available for gift giving, special mementos and squadron awards.

Gifts to go — great for last minute gift. Get a décor mug, gift box, candy dish or basket filled with goodies; variety available for \$10 each.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Aug. 8. \$25. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use.

Beginning intarsia — 5 p.m. Aug. 4 or 18. \$15. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Aug. 11 or 25. \$20; new project each month.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3872.

Beginner auto care classes — oil changes, brakes, tune-ups, tire changes, etc. \$5 per class. Call for times and dates.

Air conditioning check — get it done smart and cost effective.

Qualified mechanics — on staff to assist you with your own vehicle maintenance.

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

Resale lot

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Avenue behind the Keesler Club.

Buy, sell, trade — place your vehicle on the lot; \$5 for two weeks. Register with arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-9032.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. work Fridays at the human resource office inside Locker House, 505 C Street, Building. 3101, Room 5417. For current job openings send an e-mail to 81svs.marketing@keesler.af.mil to request an electronic copy or call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055. For employment information pamphlet and complete job listings, log on to <http://www.aetcsv.us/employment.html>.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576.

Free tech world basketball shootout — 6 p.m. Aug. 2. Limit 20 people. First place prize awarded.

Chess tournament — 7 p.m. Aug. 16.

Remembering Elvis — 6 p.m. Aug. 16. Listen, dance and sing to his music.

Congressional award program — for nonprior service students ages 18-23. Set and achieve personal goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. Earn a gold, silver or bronze award or certificate. Program is transferable to your next duty location.

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

Movie night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

Late night dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, Saturdays and Saturdays. \$3 admission.

Birthday dance — 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Free admission for people with August birthdays enter free.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: located on Third Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active-duty members, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders.

Microchip identification — \$20. Protect your pet with this tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Flea and tick control — singles available in popular brands for dogs and cats. Buy one or stock up.

YOUTH CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

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

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Aug. 4, for youth in kindergarten through grade 6. GPAB certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. PNO is \$3.50 per hour per child.

Club registrations — accepting registrations for TRAIL (Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership) ages 13 and older; Smart Girls ages 8-18, and FitFactor ages 6-18.

Gymnastics — Tuesdays 4-4:45 p.m. for ages 3-5, 5-6 p.m. for ages 6 and older.

Dance classes — Thursdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. for ages 3-5; 5-6 p.m. for ages 6 and older.

School Age Program (before and after school)

Now accepting registrations at the youth center. The program is open to dependent children in grades K-6 of active-duty military and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

Breakfast and afternoon snacks served daily.

Before school	5:30-8:30 a.m.
After school	3:15-6 p.m.
School holidays	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fees are based on total family income.

The program is designed to meet the needs of youth, parents, and the mission. Age-appropriate activities are provided to promote the individual development of each child. The before- and after-school program is devoted to the children's health, safety, recreation, and enrichment.

For more information, call 377-4116.

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