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Base goes under ORI microscope in 17 more days

By Perry Jenifer
Keesler News editor

Keesler is about to go under the microscope of an operational readiness inspection for the first time in more than three years.

Col. Ward Juedeman, chief of the inspection division of the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General, heads up a team of approximately 85 inspectors that arrives Aug. 19 for a 10-day stay.

The team of officers, non-commissioned officers and civilians is charged with evaluating the 81st Training Wing's mission performance, adherence to standards and compliance with Air Force instructions.

Team members rate individual units and the wing as a whole. Ratings can range from outstanding to excellent to satisfactory to marginal to unsatisfactory.

For more than two decades,

Keesler has received nothing less than an excellent rating overall, a tradition Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso is confident is going to be upheld.

"Team Keesler has been through some extraordinary times since the last ORI in the spring of 2004," the 81st TRW commander acknowledged. "You've risen to every occasion and made opportunities out of unprecedented challenges. I see the ORI as another opportunity to tell us what we already know — Keesler is the best of the best in AETC."

"Over the course of this inspection, the AETC IG team is going to experience firsthand the get-it-done spirit and professionalism of the exceptional men and women here," the general added.

In addition to mission-related performance, the inspectors also evaluate the

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Coming soon



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Wade Schroder from Landmark Contracting of Gulfport, a subcontractor of Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc., of California, sprays curing compound on the sidewalk at the new service station complex July 25. Army and Air Force Exchange Service spokesperson Phyllis Diot said a late September opening is projected for the \$5.9 million facility which houses a gas station, car care center, shoppette, Class Six and fast-food outlet with drive-up service.

This week in the Triangle

Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. today, Allee Hall.

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

Air traffic control-radar and tower, 9 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.

Airfield management, 10 a.m. Friday, Cody Hall.

Communication-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

Joint task force combat radio supplemental course, 3 p.m. Friday, Jones Hall.

Communications-computer systems operations, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

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



Student numbers

Total students — 3,036

Non-prior service — 1,565

Temporary duty — 1,344

Joint service — 89

Combat controllers — 10

Medical — 28

Non-prior service arrivals — 86

Guard, Reserve — 769

International — 47

FY07 graduates — 21,336

Total since 1942 — 2,259,866

COMMENTARY

Corner post of core values set long before boot camp

By Lt. Col. Doug Chowning

334th Training Squadron commander

Air Force core values aren't handed out at boot camp with uniforms.

Our core values do help us define our expectations, goals and standards, but we all learned values long before we put on the uniform.

I learned a lot of my values growing up on a farm in Missouri. I particularly remember a simple corner post and the lessons I learned while setting that post into the hard, rocky Missouri soil.

Summers on the farm

As a young boy, my summers were spent on the family farm, working in the garden, the hayfield, the barn and as the not-so-willing assistant in a host of other worthwhile activities.

It wasn't all work and no play, but usually while my "city" friends were off swimming, playing and eating Frito pies, I was picking up rocks or shoveling the floor of the barn clear of ... you know.

That particular summer, my stepfather decided to replace a long length of fence and his assistant was soon pressed into action. The most important part of any fence is the corner post. The corner post we were working on was smack dab in the middle of the farm, and the middle of nowhere as far as I was concerned. Sure it was important, but we were the only ones who'd ever see it.

Soil is no bargain

In spite of our isolation, my stepfather took the usual care in setting that post. Missouri soil in that area is no bargain, so even digging the hole was a tremendous amount of work. We soon finished the hole, and as I held the post straight, my stepfather began placing stones around it. Starting at the bottom of the hole he carefully placed each small stone, one by one, into the hole, then tamped it into place to make sure it was strong.

It was hot, I was bored, we were in the middle of nowhere and I had a Frito pie waiting for me in town.

When we finally finish setting that corner post, I had to admit it was strong and something of a work of art in a Missouri farm sort of way. However, in my youthful wisdom, I just knew that it would've been just about as strong with half the effort. All the careful work of placing the stones was also buried underground where nobody would ever see it.

I'll know

So I asked, "Why do you put such effort into placing each stone if we just cover it up with dirt and no one will ever know?" It was one of those defining moments. Still covered in dirt, sweat dripping down his brow, my stepfather looked me in the eye and said, "I'll know."

You see, you can't say "Do the right thing, even when no one is looking," because there's always at least one person looking ... you. To this day, my stepfather and I are the only two people in the world who really know what's holding that post in place, but I take great pride in knowing it was done right.

Lifelong learning process

That corner post is still standing today. When I'm home, I always look forward to seeing it. It reminds me of integrity, character and excellence. That post has never wavered from its assigned mission. It's been rubbed on by the cows, pulled in three directions by fences and a gate, and once it even got hit by the pickup truck when a young boy was going too fast. It's still standing as a reminder of a defining moment in my education on values.

Our core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do are a noble summation of what's a lifelong learning process.

Learning core values started long before we entered our Air Force, and it certainly doesn't end there either.

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.

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Civil engineering — 377-5561
Civilian personnel — 377-2268
Military personnel flight — 377-2276
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
Emergencies — 911
Family campground — 594-0543
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510
Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
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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

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Former intelligence officer assumes AETC's No. 2 slot

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Education and Training Command welcomed a new senior leader this week, as Maj. Gen. Mark Welsh III stepped in as the vice commander.

A veteran of more than 31 years of service, General Welsh most recently worked in the area of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance — where among other things he led the development of strategies to provide combatant commanders ISR operations that met warfighting requirements.

Parallels clear

Though the “black” world of ISR operations seems vastly different from the education and training mission, General Welsh said the parallels are clear to him.

“Both jobs involve providing our warfighting commanders and national decision makers with the best possible tools to do the very difficult things they’re trying to do around the world every day,” he said.

“For those of us in AETC, that involves providing the world’s best education and training for the world’s greatest fighting force — so when that fighting force arrives in those warfighting commanders’ organizations, they are able to do the stuff that they’re trying to accomplish ... which is really, really hard work in some really, really tough places.”

It begins in AETC

While the general said he was fascinated by his involvement with and visibility of ongoing operations around the world every day, he emphasized everything begins with the mission of AETC.



“I have always believed that everyone is critically important to this mission and deserves to be treated that way.”

— General Welsh

“The bottom line in this business is that air power, or space power, or cyberspace power — or any other kind of power we can think of — starts here. Everything the Air Force has accomplished, is accomplishing and will accomplish is built on a foundation of training and education,” General Welsh said. “If you look back at the heritage and history of our Air Force — and the Army Air Corps before it — it’s a spectacular success story. So that foundation is obviously a strong one, and some incredible people built it.

“I think it’s pretty exciting

to be part of this team whose job is now to improve (the foundation) and make it even better,” he added. “AETC touches every part of the Air Force — we simply have to be good.”

Leadership a gift

The new vice commander said he considers leadership a gift given by those who follow, and that it’s important to him to prove worthy of that gift. While he emphasized the importance of joining the leadership team at AETC and learning more about his job before giving out much advice, General Welsh did stress one issue that has been important to him throughout a career touching four different decades.

“I came in the Air Force because I loved airplanes. I stayed in because I fell in love with the people. I have always believed that everyone is critically important to this mission and deserves to be treated that way,” the general said.

Set standard

“I think that in AETC we set the standard for how people are treated for the remainder of their Air Force career. That first impression we make on everybody who comes through our initial training programs directly leads to the way they will treat people in the future.

“I’m really honored to be part of the team that sets the example of treating people with respect while at the same time demanding high performance standards and attention to detail,” he said. “The bonus for those of us in AETC is that we know you can also have a great time doing it.”

General Welsh replaces Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen, who retired July 27.



Cadet 2nd Class Greg Stafford, left, goes through a daily fuel truck checklist with Jerry Mitchell, 81st Supply Squadron, and Capt. Millie Ziebell, the cadet's mentor from the 81st Transportation Squadron.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Introducing academy cadets to 'real' Air Force

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Cadet 2nd Class Ridge Flick got a chance to be a "fly on the wall" during meetings and briefings with senior leaders at 2nd Air Force.

Cadet 3rd Class Tyler McBride discovered that the enlisted force is the backbone of the Air Force.

Cadet 3rd Class Michael Koslow learned about various officer leadership styles from the noncommissioned officers who serve with them.

The three cadets were among 26 future officers from the Air Force Academy who came to Keesler this summer as part of Operation Air Force.

The three sessions of the three-week summer program gave cadets the opportunity to do some on-the-job training and observation with Keesler senior noncommissioned officers, company grade officers and field grade officers.

This summer's program was coordinated by Capt. Barry Hunte, 335th Training Squadron, and 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 81st Contracting Squadron.

"We took the approach of learning to work in the operational Air Force as not going to briefings and tours, but



While Tech. Sgt. Israel Barron instructs Staff Sgt. Kanisha Lyons in the foreground, Cadet 1st Class Danielle Warwick gets pointers from her mentor, Capt. Dennis Kruse on the evaluation and supervision of instructors. Sergeant Barron and Captain Kruse are assigned to the 335th TRS. Sergeant Lyons is a student in the personnel craftsman course from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

actually shadowing mentors," Capt. Hunte explained. "We got volunteers from throughout the 81st Training Wing and matched the cadets with

mentors across the base. We tried to match up Air Force specialty codes as closely as possible for the most meaningful experience."

Operation Air Force has three components.

Non-comm exposes cadets third class to an enlisted perspective of the operational Air Force through direct participation in an enlisted job. Cadets are assigned to a unit, trained in specific enlisted tasks, and allowed to participate in enlisted duties as an entry-level airman equivalent. The goal is to foster in the cadet an appreciation for enlisted teamwork, duties, culture and contributions, as well as an understanding of the value of a senior NCO to a junior officer.

Third lieutenant exposes cadets second class to company grade officer responsibilities through first-hand operational and support experience and mentoring. They may work independently on various tasks or projects or as an intern, performing tasks alongside a junior officer.

Brevet lieutenant introduces first class cadets to career-field specific experiences in an area of cadet interest or AFSC assignment. Internship and mentorship are the objectives. Cadets are assigned to a unit and met with the same expectations as young lieutenants.

The sessions began with a

wing mission brief and some mentoring from Col. Richard Pierce, 81st TRW vice commander. Then the cadets were turned over to their mentors for the rest of their stay at Keesler.

"Some mentors moved cadets around within their own squadrons every few days so participants experienced more than one job," Captain Hunte pointed out. "Others assigned them actual tasks, such as reviewing enlisted performance reports, award packages and other small projects."

"I saw great examples of leadership at 2nd Air Force, particularly among some of the senior NCOs who bend over backwards to accommodate Airmen who are trying to sort out their (in lieu of) deployments," said Cadet Flick, who shadowed 2nd Lts. Daniel Harrison and Heather McDaniel. The work leaves a lasting impression for its quantity as well as its quality."

Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, 2nd Air Force commander, "taught me what it was like to be the leader in a unit, and Lt. Col. David Babyak could not have been a better mediator between lower level lead-

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ership and General Gould," Cadet Flick said.

Ironically, Cadet Koslow shadowed Master Sgt. Chip Coleman, emergency services flight chief for the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, who was one of his instructors for basic cadet training at the academy last summer. He observed emergency room operations, helped with paperwork and administrative information, sat in on a feedback session to see how it should be run and even took a field trip to correctional custody.

"Various NCOs gave me tips on how I can become a good officer," Cadet Koslow commented. "One sergeant told me, 'When you get into the operational Air Force, your NCOs will carry you,' and I believe him wholeheartedly."

Cadet McBride was tasked to find and document inconsistencies in the leave program while he shadowed Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey and other 81st Mission Support Squadron members.

"Although my time here has been short, it's been very important to my understanding of the enlisted force and the base itself," he remarked.

"The cadets admit they thought they'd get a bunch of tours and group settings,"



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Cadet 2nd Class Nick Lankford learns how military working dogs are trained with Carlos as he shadows 1st Lt. Schneider Rislin, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Captain Hunte said. "However, they seem to have enjoyed their time here and admit to learning more about the real operational Air Force from working with actual members rather than getting the 'dog and pony' shows. I know it was a very rewarding project for us."



Junior ROTC trains at Keesler

Lancer Flight does a team building exercise during the 10th summer leadership school hosted July 22 through Friday at Keesler by Biloxi High School's junior ROTC unit. About 123 cadets from 18 schools in a four-state area participated in physical fitness, drill practice and training in human relations, management, communication and leadership.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

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.

Scholarship deadline

Aug. 15 is the deadline to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Mississippi Gulf Coast chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Eligibility requirements and applications are found at <http://posts.same.org/gulfcoast/>.

CCAF deadline

Aug. 31 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class.

All supporting documentation is required to be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by then, including nomination action requests.

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

Mandatory training

The legal office provides mandatory annual homosexual policy training for military and civilian supervisors, com-

manders and law enforcement officers.

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

For more information, call 377-3510.

Supply classes

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

Weapons custodians

For weapons custodian training, call 377-2270.

Troops to Teachers

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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Air Force officials preparing for future NSPS conversions

Air Force Print News and Keesler News staff

The Air Force has converted more than 39,000 civilian employees to the National Security Personnel System since its first appraisal cycle in October 2006.

This includes 545 Keesler employees converted in January, according to Lee Hathorn, human resources officer.

When fully implemented, NSPS covers more than 128,000 Air Force employees and affects civilian employees, civilian supervisors and military members who supervise civilian employees.

No timeline for Keesler conversions

Keesler has about 1,311 employees remaining to be converted, Mr. Hathorn said, adding it's uncertain when the other conversions can be expected.

"Many of the remaining employees are wage grade, and even before the union challenge, the Defense Department had decided to exclude wage grade employees from conversion until virtually all other conversions had been accomplished," he explained.

"Conversion of the remaining general schedule employees is dependent on when and how DOD decides to proceed, considering the decisions of the courts and the union challenges," Mr. Hathorn pointed out.

On May 18, the U.S. Court of Appeals decided in DOD's favor in American Federation of Government Employees vs. Gates (formerly Rumsfeld).

Legal findings summarized

The court rejected the unions' challenge on NSPS labor relations and found the manner in which NSPS was designed and implemented provided appropriate due process and employee protections.

Since DOD hasn't implemented the adverse actions and appeals portions of the NSPS regulations, the ruling permits DOD to do so, but leaves open the possibility that the unions can challenge portions of these regulations once applied to DOD employees. The court also noted that the extensive review process in the appeals regulations "easily qualifies as fair treatment."

The injunction remains in place until the court issues a mandate to implement the decision, normally 45 days after a decision is rendered.

The unions filed a petition for review from the full Court of Appeals July 2. The injunction remains in place until further notice.

Air Force officials currently are preparing for the next NSPS deployments. Spiral 2.1b is scheduled for October and allows "catch-up" for installation officials who've identified employees who need to be converted. Spiral 2.2e is scheduled for March and is scheduled to bring in Air National Guard employees.

"We have no employee presently identified

Online resources

NSPS 101 is a training course that provides information about conversion, job classification, performance management, compensation, merit promotion, and work-force shaping.

iSuccess is a training course in writing SMART job objectives and self-assessments. Both are available from the DOD Web site and from the Air Force Advanced Distributed Learning Service. An ADLS account is needed to access this site.

The Air Force NSPS Web site provides Air Force-specific NSPS content. Subscriptions to the NSPS newsletter and previous newsletters are provided.

The Defense Department's NSPS Web enables individuals to sign up for automatic e-mail alerts of updates to this site.

The Civilian Personnel Management Service HR-Bits Division site provides information on NSPS data system functionality.

The NSPS Readiness Tool contains all Program Executive Office-developed NSPS training materials. All NSPS contacts and trainers are allowed access to this site, but must request access through their major command NSPS office.

for Spirals 2.1b and 2.2e," Mr. Hathorn said.

Future spirals are identified as implementation plans firm.

"We are pleased with our progress and will continue to make adjustments where necessary," said Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, director of force management policy. "We are already seeing a return on our investment with greater communication between employees and supervisors, people talking about results and mission alignment, and increased flexibility in rewarding performance."

"NSPS is critical to supporting the Air Force national security mission," said B.J. Barger, deputy director of force management policy. "The NSPS personnel management flexibilities are needed, given the Air Force's role in preparing for and responding to ever-changing national security threats."

For more NSPS information, call Deatrice Jimerson, classification of positions, salaries, promotion, hiring and reassignment, 377-7967; Larry Williams, job objectives, performance appraisals, training and performance awards, 377-7976; and Gary Schafer, implementation issues and administration of NSPS pay-pools, 377-5230.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

Wing quarterly awards

The 81st Training Wing quarterly awards ceremony for April-June is 3:30 p.m. Monday at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Master Sgts. Chip Coleman, 376-4020, or Andrea Turner, 377-1986, or Tech. Sgt. Scott Maier, 377-0346.

Death notification

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

Misprinted code on LES

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — An error found on active-duty Air Force May, June and July leave and earning statements doesn't affect Airmen's retirement pay and benefits, according to Air Force officials.

All information in the military personnel data system is correct, and the error caused no additional effects beyond the misprinted code in the retirement plan field on the LES.

A system change to MilPDS in April caused the wrong retirement code to appear on personnel records sent to Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The code then produced an incorrect value in the DFAS data field that populates the LES retirement category.

Air Force programmers and Air Force Personnel Operations Agency personnel are working the resolution.

Celebration marks anniversaries

Air Force Print News

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — More than 650 Airmen celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Air Force and 40th anniversary of the Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force during the senior enlisted leader summit heritage dinner here July 26.

Hosted by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley, the event focused on current and former chief master sergeants of the Air Force and featured a classic film showcasing the Air Force's anniversary. Airmen wearing past and present uniforms performed parodies as the legacies of the 14 former chiefs were highlighted.

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.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Sept. 6 issue of the Keesler News is noon Aug. 30, four days earlier than usual, due to the Labor Day federal holiday, Sept. 3.

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.

Argentine visit



Photo by Adam Bond

Col. Gerardo Bidegain, left, of the Argentine Air Force, and Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, discuss similarities and differences between the U.S. and Argentine services July 23 in the 81st TRW conference room. Colonel Bidegain and two other Argentine officers visited Keesler July 23-25.

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wing's capability in a variety of contingencies. This translates into exercise scenarios that can run the gamut from deployments to major accidents.

"Remember, this is your opportunity to shine," General Capasso said. "It's all about attitude, pride in what we do and attention to detail.

"We've been testing and fine-tuning our contingency

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 countdown checklist.

capability with in-house exercises for months," he said. "I've seen how hard you've prepared for this inspection, and I'm certain the teamwork you've shown preparing for this inspection will pay us great dividends. Be confident

and flexible, anticipate the curve ball, then rely on your training to get us across the finish line."

The ORI concludes Aug. 28 with an outbrief at 11 a.m. in Welch Auditorium. Ratings are announced then.

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.

Additional voluntary retirements

Air Force Print News

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

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

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

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for retirement by Sept. 1.

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

Airline ticket credit process

If an airline ticket was purchased with a government travel card, apply for the airline credit through your travel agent or the airline.

If credit isn't received within 30-45 days, call the Government Card Service Unit to file a dispute. The phone number is on the back of the card.

The bank requires a copy of the credit voucher for the unused ticket or refund. The credit voucher must include the name of the airline, date the ticket was purchased and ticket number.

For more information, go to https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/81cpts/FMF/GTCC/GTCC_main.htm or <http://www.saffm.hq.mil/affsc/>.

New option for household goods

SmartWebMove is a new option allowing service members to set up their household goods moves on the internet.

It can be used to set up household goods moves within the continental U.S. Sailors can also use SmartWebMove to arrange shipments overseas.

It can't be used for do-it-yourself moves, shipment of privately-owned vehicles, boats or mobile homes, or by first-time movers.

Personnel moving for the first time, call the personal property office, 377-9439 or 3436, to schedule counseling briefings.

For more information, go to <http://www.smartwebmove.navsup.navy.mil>. Users need their permanent change-of-station orders, proof of dependents, current power of attorney (if move is being set up by someone other than the service member) and an e-mail address that's in effect until the move date.

Updating LeaveWeb

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

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

Long-term care insurance

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

Motorcycle riders get new guidance

Safety office
and Keesler News staff

New personal protective equipment requirements for motorcycle riders are outlined in Air Force instructions.

AFI 91-207 addresses standards for all military personnel who ride motorcycles on and off base, as well as civilians who ride off base.

The current standards are:

Headlights are turned on while motorcycles are being operated.

Both left and right rearview mirrors are required on the handlebars.

Riders must wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet that meets the requirements of the Department of Transportation, goggles, wrap-around glasses or a full-face shield designed to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute standard for impact and shatter resistance, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full-fingered, sturdy and non-slip gloves, sturdy over-the-ankle footwear, brightly-colored outer upper garment during the day (not to be covered) and a reflective upper garment during the night.

Backpacks must have brightly-colored or reflective properties.

“Gloves don’t just protect your hands from a little scrape if you’re involved in a wreck,” said Joseph Hayes,



traffic safety manager. “They can prevent the loss of fingers and they lessen the chance of serious abrasions caused by impact with the ground, avoiding possible infection. A good pair of riding boots serves the same purpose.”

Mr. Hayes explained there are two collisions involved in motorcycle mishaps: the impact between the rider’s body and the road and internal between the organs and bones.

“Your helmet will significantly reduce the second collision and help protect your brain impacting your skull,” he said. “I can’t stress the importance of your pre-ride decision any more than saying your life and your future is in your hands.”

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

E-mail phishers

Defense personnel frequent targets

Defense Finance and Accounting Service and Keesler News staff

Department of Defense military and civilian personnel continue to be targeted by e-mail phishing campaigns, according to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Recent fraudulent e-mails prompt recipients to click a link to update their government travel card account information due to an update of Web site features.

“There have been at least three reported attempts at this base (Keesler) already, so this is hitting close to home,” said 1st Lt. Mishaun Johnson, 81st Comptroller Squadron financial services flight chief.

The scam targets both GTC holders and non-holders.

“We (DOD employees) are in a group that, in general, people would say are pretty financially stable and they want a piece of that,” Lieutenant Johnson said.

Keesler and the DOD are countering these attempts.

Lieutenant Johnson said Keesler has notified all commanders and GTC agency program coordinators about the scam.

“We also sent all the reported cases up to Bank of America’s fraud department to help them in their research,” the lieutenant said. “BOA has determined that it is a fraudulent site, so the site should be shut down pretty

soon, if it isn’t shut down already.”

DFAS offers the following information to help stop fraud:

Legitimate businesses won’t ask to verify your personal information in response to e-mail.

Most phishing e-mails convey a sense of urgency by threatening discontinued service or information loss if you don’t take immediate action.

Many phishing e-mails have misspellings, bad grammar or poor punctuation.

Deceptive links in phishing e-mails look like they’re to valid sites, but deliver you to fraudulent ones. Often you can see if the link is legitimate by moving your mouse over it.

Many phishing e-mails use generic salutations and generic information instead of your name.

When in doubt, type it out. If you suspect an e-mail to be phishing, don’t click on any links in it. Type the valid address directly into your Web browser.

“We have to protect our personal and professional assets and be extra careful about things like this,” said Lieutenant Johnson. “Otherwise, we become victims of our lack of awareness.”

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

Getting to know you



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Bashford, left, obstetrics and gynecological flight commander, gets acquainted with Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes, new 81st Surgical Operations Squadron commander. Colonel Hayes comes to Keesler from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, where he was an ophthalmologist and chief of the surgery division.

Contracting welcomes new leader

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Maj. Christopher Wegner replaces Lt. Col. George Budz as commander of the 81st Contracting Squadron, 8 a.m. Friday in the squadron conference room.

Major Wegner is a June graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. Prior to that, he served as the 309th Maintenance Wing program manager and deputy director for transformation, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Earlier assignments include Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; University of Texas, Austin; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; and Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Colonel Budz, leader of the 81st CONS since July 2004, becomes the 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander.

New commander for 81st MDOS

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

Construction contractors camp



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Trackhoe operator Stephen Arnold and his father, Cecil, prepare trenches for water and sewer lines July 20 at the former Harrison Court base housing area. They work for JESCO, Inc. of Tupelo, a subcontractor for Hunt-Yates. The fenced site is being prepared as a “man camp” with approximately 60 trailer spaces for contractor use while Keesler’s military family housing project, the largest in Air Force history, takes place. No decision has been made for the use of Harrison Court after the housing project is completed, according to Craig Merkersen, base housing program manager.

From tent to new hospital in Iraq Keesler technicians get equipment running

By 1st Lt. Shannon Collins

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — As medics and volunteers carry wounded American service members and Iraqi civilians to the emergency room, doctors and nurses stand by, ready to treat them.

The tools physicians use range from oxygen and suction machines to computed tomography scanners and X-ray machines. Without these machines, the doctors and nurses would find it difficult to perform their mission. Without the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron team, these machines wouldn't work.

Keesler sends skilled craftsmen

Senior Airmen Scott Hatch and Andrew Samland, two biomedical equipment technicians deployed from the 81st Medical Support Squadron at Keesler, are among the seven Airmen from six different Air Force bases who volunteered to deploy to Iraq solely to help the Air Force Theater Hospital move from its tent structure to a pre-engineered facility.

Completion of the move is set for Friday.

"We're excited to get to be a part of this project," said Airman Hatch. "We all want to see it turn out to be a huge success and deliver the new facility on time.

Getting it done better, faster

"Everyone on the team has really good ideas of how to accomplish certain tasks or challenges," he continued. "It's a very creative and constructive environment, and since we all want this to be a success, we are always looking at ways to get the job done better and faster."

The team is responsible for ensuring critical infrastructure is in place, including medical gases such as oxygen, suction machines, equipment placement and the testing of items such as CT scanners and oxygen generators, said Maj. Brad Weast, 332nd EMDSS transition team leader.

Major Weast deployed here January to May, but stayed to work on the project.

He said the team is coordinating needed resources, trucks, forklifts and more. Team members are working site development and placement of key functions such as fencing, t-barrier placement and a covered walkway from the intensive care unit to the



Photo by 1st Lt. Shannon Collins

Airman Samland works on oxygen and vacuum boxes and connects them from the ceiling to the wall boxes for the new hospital at Balad. He's deployed from Keesler as part of a seven-person transition team focused on the installation and continual maintenance of the various medical equipment used in the current tent city hospital and the new pre-engineered facility.

contingency aeromedical staging facility for patient transport for those leaving the area of operations.

"To hire a contractor to do what we are doing would have cost the Air Force \$1.8 million and more importantly, would have delayed the opening of our facility by months," said Tech. Sgt. Raymond Hillis, biomedical equipment team lead from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. "Instead, the Air Force turned to the BMET to get the job done. My team has answered the call well. Everyone knows the importance of their jobs and works tirelessly to accomplish the task."

For the team, the importance of their work is the patients and the people who take care of the wounded.

"I love what I'm doing here," Sergeant Hillis said. "Every time I pull a patient off a chopper or volunteer to assist in the operating room, I see the type of environment our miracle workers are struggling in. I get to be the guy who gives them a better environment to perform their miracles in."

"What we are doing in the new facility is setting up the medical staff assigned to Balad Air Base now and in the future with a hospital that's about as close to a stateside medical treatment facility as you could get being deployed," Airman Hatch explained. "For the patients, being in the new facility will undoubtedly be a more comfortable stay.

"Currently, the hospital provides a

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— Airman Hatch

98 percent survival rate for its patients," he added. "With the new facility, the hospital can continue to provide outstanding care."

When the team isn't deployed, members maintain and repair medical equipment. They handle anything from X-ray machines to thermometers.

They've met daily challenges such as border restrictions with construction equipment, material getting sent port to port, PVC pipes getting sent to the wrong location and running out of t-barriers used for defense while remaining on schedule, said Major Weast.

More than 100 volunteers from around the base have come out to help the BMET team and the other teams working on the new facility.

The reason for all the help is simple, the major said.

"I cannot think of a single structure, be it a tent or the new building, that has more meaning to so many," he pointed out. "We are in a war zone, so each of us, medical or not, can probably name at least one person who has been affected and has passed through our doors."

The new building isn't only for wounded American service members, but for the Iraqi people as well.

"The new facility is amazing," Airman Hatch said. "It's easy to forget sometimes that it's an expeditionary project. Seeing the new facility next to the current hospital is like night and day. The new facility will make a wonderful gift to the Iraqi people when our mission here is accomplished."

Political process

What's in, what's out for military members, Defense Department civilian employees

By Richard Brock

Legal office

As primary and general elections approach, it's a good time to review appropriate political activity for federal employees, both military and civilian.

The guiding policy is the Hatch Act (5 USC 7321-7325) and Joint Ethics Regulation 5500.7R, Section 3, paragraph 6-300.

Military and Department of Defense civilian employees are prohibited from using government supplies, equipment, communication systems and facilities in any political activity.

Military

Military members on active duty may:

Register, vote and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Make monetary contributions to a political party.

Attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle.

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.

Serve as an election official, under specified circumstances while not in uniform.

Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if it doesn't obligate the member to engage in prohibited partisan political activity, and is done as a private citizen.

Military members may not:

Use one's official authority or influence for interfering with an election, affecting the course or outcome of an election, soliciting votes for a particular candidate or issue or requiring or soliciting political contributions from others.

Be a candidate for, or hold, civil office except as authorized.

Participate in partisan political management, campaigns or conventions.

Make campaign contributions to another member of the Armed Forces or employee of the federal government, such as the President, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Civilians

DOD civilian employees may:

Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections.

Register and vote as they choose.

Assist in voter registration drives.

Express opinions about candidates and issues.

Contribute money to political organizations.

Attend political fund-raising activities.

Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings.

Join in and be an active member of a political party or club.

Sign nominating petitions.

Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments or municipal ordinances.

Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.

Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.

Hold office in political clubs or parties.

DOD civilians may not:

Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

Collect political contributions unless both the collector and the donor are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the donor is not a subordinate.

Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business with DOD.

Engage in political activity while on duty, in any federal workplace, while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia identifying the office or position of the DOD employee, or while using a government owned or leased vehicle.

Solicit political contributions from the general public.

Be a candidate for public office in partisan elections.

Wear political buttons on duty.

Contribute to the political campaign of another federal employee who is in the DOD employee's chain of command, including the political campaign to re-elect the President or Vice President.

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





Airman Basic Desiree Straughn, 334th Training Squadron, gives a backpack filled with school supplies to 5-year-old Dierra Hunter at Kessler's back-to-school bash in marina park July 26. Dierra, who'll attend kindergarten at Pecan Park Elementary School in Ocean Springs, is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Celestine Russell, 81st Comptroller Squadron. Free school supplies were provided to the first 200 children at the event co-sponsored by the chapel and airman and family readiness center, with support from the 81st Services Division.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Kids enjoy back-to-school bash



Thirteen-year-old Hunter Valenzuela, left, and 11-year-old Todd Barns volunteered to make snowballs. Their parents are Lt. Col. Paul and Margo Valenzuela, 81st Mission Support Squadron, and Chaplain (Capt.) David and Cindy Barns.



Six-year-old Daelyn Holland, daughter of 2nd Lt. Zane and Misha Holland, 81st Medical Group, enjoys cotton candy. Hot dogs, chips and drinks were also served. Inflatable dragon jumper, rock climb and obstacle course were provided for play.

First day of school varies by district

Friday is the first day of school for Gulfport, Long Beach D'Iberville, Harrison County and Jackson County schools.

School starts Monday for Biloxi and Ocean Springs schools.

Children who live in base housing attend Biloxi schools. Late registrants in Biloxi can't start classes until Tuesday. Late registration packets are picked up through Friday, when packets must be returned to schools for processing.

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 and Top III pay for all first-time attendees.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Howard, 377-4859.

Spouses club fair

The Keesler Spouses Club holds an activity fair, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Vandenberg Community Center.

The event, which kicks off the group's new year, is open to all Keesler spouses.

For more information, visit <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

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.

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 examina-

tion, 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.

TeamKid

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

For more information, call 377-2520.

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.

Switchboard issues

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

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

For more information, call 377-4778.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Civil engineers' string of base titles reaches 3

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Winning base softball championships is becoming a habit for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Monday night, the civil engineers outlasted the 81st Communications Squadron, 16-12, for their third straight title.

"Outlasted" was the operative word for this one. The communicators held leads of 1-0, 6-5 and 11-7 in the first 3 1/2 innings, and it was 11-all at the end of the fourth.

The heavy hitter for 81st CS in the early going was John Norris — two three-run home runs.

"We were never concerned about being down," insisted Josh Wiggs, an assistant coach for the civil engineers. "We knew the bats would come alive."

Michael Kehoe and Wiggs wielded live bats in the bottom of the fifth inning, socking back-to-back home runs. Those shots put 81st CES ahead to stay.

The communicators failed to score again in the sixth, while 81st CES added three more runs for a 16-11 lead.

A seventh-inning rally by 81st CS was snuffed out after one run scored.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Andrew Myers, left, and Phillip Hinson show their support of the civil engineers with their 'THREE-PEAT!!!' sign.

"We just stopped getting base hits," said Frankie Brown, an 81st CS coach, of the later innings. "CE is very tough. When you give them easy outs, you put yourself right behind the 8-ball."

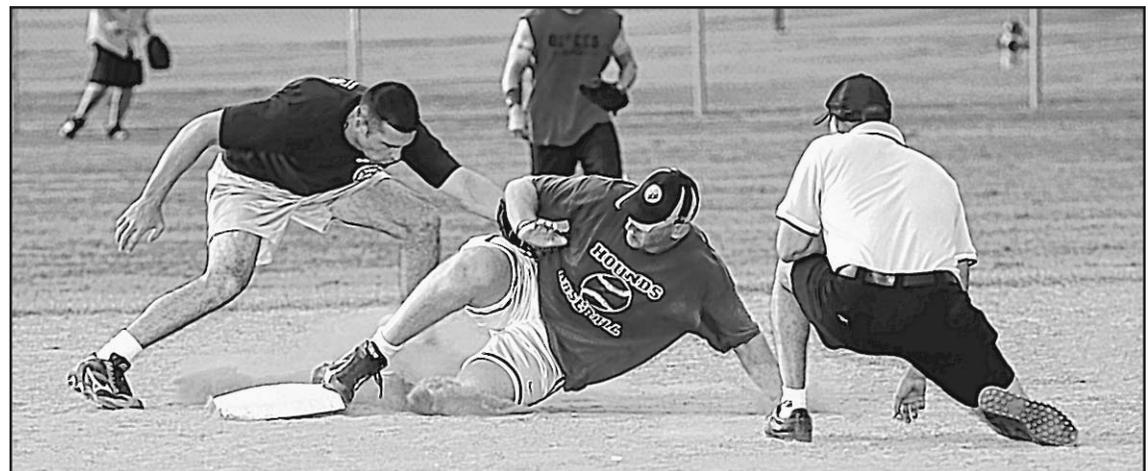
With a nod in the direction of the communicators, Wiggs said, "It was a great game from the first pitch to the last."

That figured. July 25, 81st CES sent 81st CS to the losers' bracket in another hotly-

contested game, 17-14.

A 20-9 victory July 26 over the 336th Training Squadron earned 81st CS another shot at the civil engineers. They had to win twice Monday night in order to dethrone 81st CES due to the double-elimination format of the playoffs.

It was also a fitting match-up in that both teams entered the playoffs 7-1 and as regular-season champions of the American (81st CES) and National (81st CS) Leagues.



Kehoe, left, 81st CES shortstop, is late with the tag on David Helms, 81st CS, as umpire Laphalle Schexander prepares to make the call.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Thursday Seniors Mixed (as of July 26)

Team	Won	Lost
Geaux Bowl	39	24
FIBO	39	24
Me and the Guys	38.5	24.5
Team 11	37.5	25.5
Groovy "3"	35	28
Team 5	32	31
Team 7	31	32
Team 12	30.5	32.5
RBR	24.5	38.5
Team 6	24	39
Go Getters	24	39
Team 8	23	40

Other

Free one-hour clinic — 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Aug. 15 and 22. Learn bowling basics.

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

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

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

Three-on-three basketball — Aug. 10-11, Blake Fitness Center. Sign up by Wednesday.

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.

Get a grip!



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Joe Dorban, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., gets some advice on his grip from Bay Breeze golf pro Tama Manu during a free golf clinic July 26. Other clinics for ages 18 and older are 5-6 p.m. Aug. 14, 16, 28 and 30. For reservations, call 424-0479.

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 — postponed until after the operational readiness inspection.

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.

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.

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

Back Bay fishing trips — Aug. 11 and 25, \$15 person, minimum six, maximum eight people. Call for time.

August fishing tournament — weigh in largest red drum and win \$100 savings bond.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot ves-

sel 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 — compressed work schedule 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.

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

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.

Softball

Intramural playoffs

July 25 — winners' bracket, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron 17, 81st Communications Squadron 14. Losers' bracket, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron 19, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment 17; 81st Surgical Operations Squadron 17, 81st Mission Support Squadron 7; 81st Dental Squadron 14, 81st SUPS-TRANS 13; 336th Training Squadron 7, 81st MSGS 1.

July 26 — losers' bracket, 336th TRS defeated 81st DS (score unavailable); 81st CS 20, 336th TRS 9.

Monday — 81st CES 16, 81st CS 12 (championship game).

Varsity

Biloxi Softball League schedule (all games at Biloxi Sportsplex)

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

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

Air Force Marathon — new facets announced

By Rachel Castle

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — In response to runners' requests, Air Force Marathon officials here have adjusted awards categories for this year's half-marathon so they are in five-year age increments, rather than 10.

The change is part of a growing list of new elements for this year's Air Force 60th Anniversary event, Sept. 15.

"There can be a big difference between a 40- and a 49-year-old running a race," said Molly Loudon, marathon director. "We decided this year to space the awards five years apart, rather than 10. We can recognize more runners this way and it will add to the competitive elements of this year's half-marathon."

All participants completing the race receive a commemorative 60th Anniversary finisher's medal. Winners in each age category also receive uniquely designed awards in recognition of their achievements.

Other new facets include continuous aircraft flight demonstrations throughout the race, rerouting of the course to include the city of Fairborn and the change of date and venue for the 5-kilometer race to Sept. 14 on the campus of nearby Wright State University.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.usafmarathon.com>.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Dustin Absher, Steven Austin, Daniel Baca, Curtis Baker, Neil Barrett, Gregory Beardsley, John Boerger, Lance Bonkoske, Lee Brunovsky, Evan Bunch, Julius Buncum, Bradley Bunt, Kenneth Chafin, Steven Chapman, Brett Clayton, Brandon Collado, Erek Cummings, Howard Daniels, James Daniels, Jared Donahoo, Nickolus Ellis, Ryan Fralick, Richard Hassett, Jason Hermes, David Jewell, Zachary Kellman, Justin Key, Robert Klebes, Samuel Kubiak, Matthew Laine, Christopher LeBlanc, Anton Levin, Johnny McCormick, Ryan Macatugal, Jerrelle Marshall, Alex Montalvo, Phillip Myers, James Nartowicz, Nathan Orwig, Alicia Pasela, Daniel Peck, Christopher Rush, Robert Schievelbein, Albert Simonik, Duncan Taylor, Addison Tibe, Michael Thompson, Travis Van Dinter, Cody Walters, Patrick Walters, Alex Weber, Christopher White and Benjamin Whitney; Pvt. John Nelson; Airmen Evan Gossell, Joshua Hall, Jacy Hoag, Logan Isham, John King, Din Latham, William Littledale, Sean Madigan and Steffenlee West; Airmen 1st Class Lee Bauder, Adam Belliveau, Eric Blossom, Travis Carlson, James Cheng, Joshua Cummins, Donald Duncan, Dustin Elzey, John Fletcher, Luke Furman, Ryan Kelly, Jonathan Kiger, Norman Lewis, Carlos Lopez-Hernandez, Daniel McMahon, Antonio Mumfrey, Anna Nedler, Paulo Panaligan, Sean Pentz, Christopher Peters, Andrew Roberts, Kristopher Robichaud, Robert Rockenstire, Julia Rossney, Brad Scala, Jesse Simmons, Kristian Sims, Eric Smith, Stefon Smith, Seth Spores, Bryce Tellman, and Bradley Trapp; Senior Airmen David Brzeczek, Angel Ericks, Anthony Garcia, Mark Hannon, Justin Kuiper, Stephen Miller, Nishant Patel, Alan Plant, Daniel Polk, Joseph Toney, Kelly Toppin and Shane Tucker; Staff Sgts. Oliver Beasley, Charles Binder, John Black, Chad Blackburn, Thad Bond, Adam Fairbanks, Paul Gopher, Lawrence Hanson, Rory Lapres, Craig Meyer, Kenneth Patrick, Keith Ruhl and Christopher Wade; Tech. Sgts. Glenn Corbitt, Terry Giles and Gregory Repucci; Master Sgt. Brett Pier; Jason Haecker.

334th 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 Esther Beveridge, Allen Jones, James Lacy, Luke Miller, Ruben Rivera, Stephanie Russell and Michael Strickler; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson and John Lofton; Senior Airmen Oskars Abolins and Joseph Pollock; Staff Sgt. Ahmadou Fisher; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulrahman Al Aqeen; 1st Lt. Roman Pivo; Maj. Sahawneh David.

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.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Bradley Pardo; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Cook, Sara Eighmey, James Nash and Brandie Ring; Senior Airman Allison Weiser; Staff Sgts. Carlisle Baptiste, Jeffery Firth, Lameika Jenkins and Matthew Trissel; Tech. Sgt. Steven Stevenson; Master Sgt. Rachel Polite.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Osvaldo Alcaraz, Holly Allen, Christopher Borland, Steven Colletta, Ryan Hutchinson, Larry Jackson, Joel Kampert, Sergio Klassen, Michael Kropp, Lisa Luder and Fabeanne Ward; Airmen Brandi Ault, Orlando Infante and Brandon Payne; Airmen 1st Class Sutanya Allen, Luciano Amaza, Jomer Bautista, Jessica Campbell, Kristina Heino, Francis Henderson, Elizabeth Lindey, Justin Lozado, Francisco Manitas, Eric Plack, James Quarmyne, Talia Ramsey, Steven Swafford, Justin Viola and Robert Winship; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond, Kanada Vang and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Charles Bland, Jacob Cournoyer, Colyn Funakoshi, Joel Greene, Donna Jernigan, Matthew Lies, John Proetta and Adam Walter; Tech. Sgts. Nicole Branson, Christopher Chamberlain, Andrew Labadie, Kirk Martin and Edwin Perez; Master Sgt. Cheryl Sheeder.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jenny Escobedo and Melynda Vaden; Airmen 1st Class Ronnie Baroud, Mary Ciciora and Christopher Miller; Senior Airmen Dominique Powell, Lisa Tkaczyk, Carla Wilson and Kyle Yelich; Staff Sgts. Tammie Smith and Christopher Wratford; Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Figueroa; Master Sgt. Mario Williams; Shalondra Smith.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Michael Clevenger, Donovan Dye, Charles Goley, William Kelley, Stephen Kurzenoerfer and Christopher Rhodes; Navy Airman Recruit Raul Salinas; Airman Daniel Lint; Marine Pfc. William Dobbins and Matthew Wilson; Airmen 1st Class Derek Bernard and Bradley Brit; Airmen 1st Class Mariya Lazevnik, Stephen Shannon and Neal Willoughby; Senior Airmen Jason Clark and Aaron Maness; Marine Cpl. Albrej Bernard; Marine Sgts. Mitchell Archbell and Kevin Villanueva.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airman Christopher Morgan; Airmen 1st Class Aja Cornella, Mario Flores, Keenan Hacker, Eric Karas and Ying Pang; Senior Airmen LaTrice Freeman and Michael Versailles; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Vernon Maher, Erin McKenzie, Alex Michel, Quinn Peters and Leo Taylor; Tech. Sgts. Dennis Egbert and John Graber; Master Sgt. Kenneth Law.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Justin Dickerson, Ryan Foley, Scott Long, Isabel Ochoa, Benjamin Palmer, Michael Pfeiffer, Kadi Randall, Simeon Smeltzer and Victor Vrigian; Airmen Vanessa Clem and David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Nicholas Defranco, Robert Ernst, Kristin Estremera, Nicholas Freet, Jaysiel Garcia, Matthew Hensley, Thomas Leneave, Anthony Martin, Nathan Van Oort, Lia Oyama, Everette Pennington, Royce Rezendes, Bryan Scharman, Stephen Shambra and James Thomas; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Bren Calpin, Jeffrey Campbell, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly, Sonny Rasay and Stephen Roman; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Christopher Dudley, Michael Hartson, James King, Christopher Meyer, Keith Nelson, Samantha Newcomb; Johnny Stewart and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman, Kimberly McKean and Thomas Lawrence; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Chief Master Sgt. Sami Al Majhed.

338th TRS

Network infrastructure systems course — Airmen Basic Jacob Davidson, Christopher Fischelli and Tracy Henry; Airmen Justin Benton and David Solnok; Airmen 1st Class Darren Crimi, Michael Judge, Jacob Ramsey, Peggy Snyder, Andrew Steeves and Vincent Swider; Senior Airman Bryan Lord; Staff Sgts. Daniel Bailey and Jack Munda; Tech. Sgt. Louis Locke.

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 Vil-las; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

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

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

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

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

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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

Craft demonstrations — 1-2 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays. Aug. 10, mug sublimation with a 50 percent discount on personalized mugs ordered at that time. Aug. 24, wooden pen demo on the lathe in the wood shop.

Free ice cream social — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Ice cream, bingo and craft projects for the whole family.

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

Beginning woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11. Dragonfly plate; call for more information.

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Aug. 11, ages 13 and older. \$25 includes first firing.

Beginning pottery — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 18. \$40 includes five pounds of clay and firing for three pieces.

One-stroke painting — Aug. 18; call for time. New project each month. \$30 including supplies. Earn safety certification and get operator's card for future use.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5 p.m. Saturday or Aug. 18. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

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

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.

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

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

Shadow boxes — custom made.

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

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.

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.

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

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. \$50 includes ticket and transportation.

Saints home opener — Sept. 24, Tennessee Titans, sign up by Sept. 19; \$50 includes ticket and transportation.

Gulf Islands Water Park trip — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 1, nonprior service students only. \$25; sign up and prepay by Aug. 25 at Vandenberg Community Center. Limit 20 people.

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

Tech world basketball shootout — 6 p.m. today, free competition for nonprior service students. Limit 20 students; prize for first place.

Remembering Elvis — 6 p.m. Aug. 16; dance and sing karaoke to his music.

Chess tournament — 7 p.m. Aug. 16.

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

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

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

Halftime Cafe — closed for renovations.

Katrina Kantina

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

Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.

Fish fry — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. Aug. 23. Cook your own steak for \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers; chicken \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

Give parents a break/parents night out — 4-10 p.m. Saturday, kindergarten-grade 6. Parents' night out, \$3.50 hour.

Back-to-school program — registrations accepted, ages 6-12.

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

Classes — gymnastics, 4-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 3-5, 5-6 p.m. ages 6 and older. Dance, 4:15-4:45 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5, 5-6 p.m. ages 6 and older.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, garlic bread, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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

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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 pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.aadd-officers@keesler.af.mil.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

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

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. Check out the club repeater on

146.79 negative offset. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

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

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, 273-4324, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Evan Almighty (PG).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Ratatouille (G, 109 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Student Appreciation Night. Free preview screening; tickets available at Pecan Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 15 minutes before showtime (rated R).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG).

August weather outlook

August's weather is very similar to July, but one major difference is the increased threat of hurricanes. Any tropical system that forms in or tracks into the Gulf of Mexico must be considered a threat to Keesler and closely watched to ensure that adequate and timely protective measures are taken.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	102
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	89
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	76
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	61
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	76
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	6.33
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	12
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	15
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	8.5
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	3.0
1,000 feet.....	0.6
300 feet.....	0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	20.6
3 miles	1.9
1 mile.....	0.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	47.5
4-10 knots.....	48.3
11-21 knots.....	4.1
22 knots or greater.....	0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.