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Dragons deployed
— 99

Defenders



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Jason Brown, left, and Airman Justin Gachett, 81st Security Forces Squadron, take defensive fighting positions during the contingency exercise Aug. 2. More photos, Page 4.

Pride Week final tuneup for inspection

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Fine-tuning is the focus of Keesler Pride Week, Monday through Aug. 16.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron heads the final push to prepare the base for the operational readiness inspection, Aug. 19-28.

"The idea is for everyone on base to clean up in and around their facilities, work areas, offices and public areas," said 2nd Lt. Phillip Hinson, 81st CES maintenance engineering chief and Keesler Pride Week project officer.

"Taking pride in our base, community and our work areas shows we're proud of the place where we work," said Lt. Col. Mack Breeland, Keesler inspector general and ORI project officer. "We've identified Keesler Pride Week as an opportunity to help the base focus its attention on the areas that need a little extra work to ensure Team Keesler makes a positive first impression on our visitors from the Air Education and Training Command inspector general team."

The 81st CES highlights specific areas for commanders, facility managers and individual members to address:

Pull weeds and trim shrubs in and around flower beds and fence lines.

Please see **Pride**, Page 9

This week in the Triangle

Basic communications officer, 1 p.m. today, McClelland Hall.

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

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

Information management, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

August drill down is 7 a.m. Friday behind Levitow Training Support Facility.



July honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 2,886

Non-prior service — 1,620

Temporary duty — 1,136

Joint service — 94

Combat controllers — 9

Medical — 27

Non-prior service arrivals — 1,620

Guard, Reserve — 727

International — 49

FY07 graduates — 21,951

Total since 1942 — 2,260,481

COMMENTARY

Leaders who inspire troops grasp 'Go No-Go' concept

By Lt. Col. Laurie Hall

81st Surgical Operations Squadron

Our own Col. Richard Pierce, 81st Training Wing vice commander, recently gave a commencement address to a class of brand new Air Force nurses. In his speech, he referred to the need for a leader to inspire the troops.

This is a concept rarely discussed but absolutely vital to leadership, no matter what your rank, Air Force specialty code, position or station in life. It's a "Go No-Go" item.

Used frequently by the line, the term Go No-Go refers to an item without which the mission may not proceed. For fliers, it might be their oxygen mask. For pararescuemen, it might be their dog tags. For leaders, inspiration is one of several Go No-Go items that are key to success, both for the individuals and the mission.

Inspiring people — now there's a daunting task. How, in this world of multi-tasking, suspenses defined in minutes rather than days or weeks, deployments, family needs and those pesky but undeniable needs to eat and sleep, do you inspire one person, let alone a group of people? Astonishingly, it's easier than it seems. It does require a personal stake in those individuals and that mission. It requires setting the example. It requires effort.

The greatest leaders I've had the privilege of serving under — and would follow without question into harm's way if called — were the ones who knew what they were asking of me,

and respected me as a person, a professional and an airman. They were present, they were interested, they led from the front and were last in line at the potlucks. They valued each and every one of their troops. At the same time, their expectations were clear and they held members accountable.

As a leader, make very effort to work shoulder to shoulder with those under your command or influence. Take an interest in them beyond the manning document. Lead from the front by showing enthusiasm for the mission and the troops' individual accomplishments. Make unplanned visits on weekends and nights simply to show support. Be a filter, not a sieve, and allow them the tools, resources and time to get the job done. Be quick to listen, slow to judge and stand by your decisions.

Truly, the cornerstone of leadership is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have done unto you." If you do this, I guarantee those around you will be inspired.

Finally, remember that we're all leaders in some right. We all have people looking up to us for an example, a direction, a vision, an expectation. This message isn't for commanders only, but for each and every person in all jobs, on all shifts, in all capacities. Practicing these tenets will set you and all those in your circle of influence on a path to success and satisfaction in getting there.

Make it a Go No-Go for your life.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work your concerns through your chain of command or to contact an appropriate helping agent. For matters left unresolved, call the commander's action line for assistance.

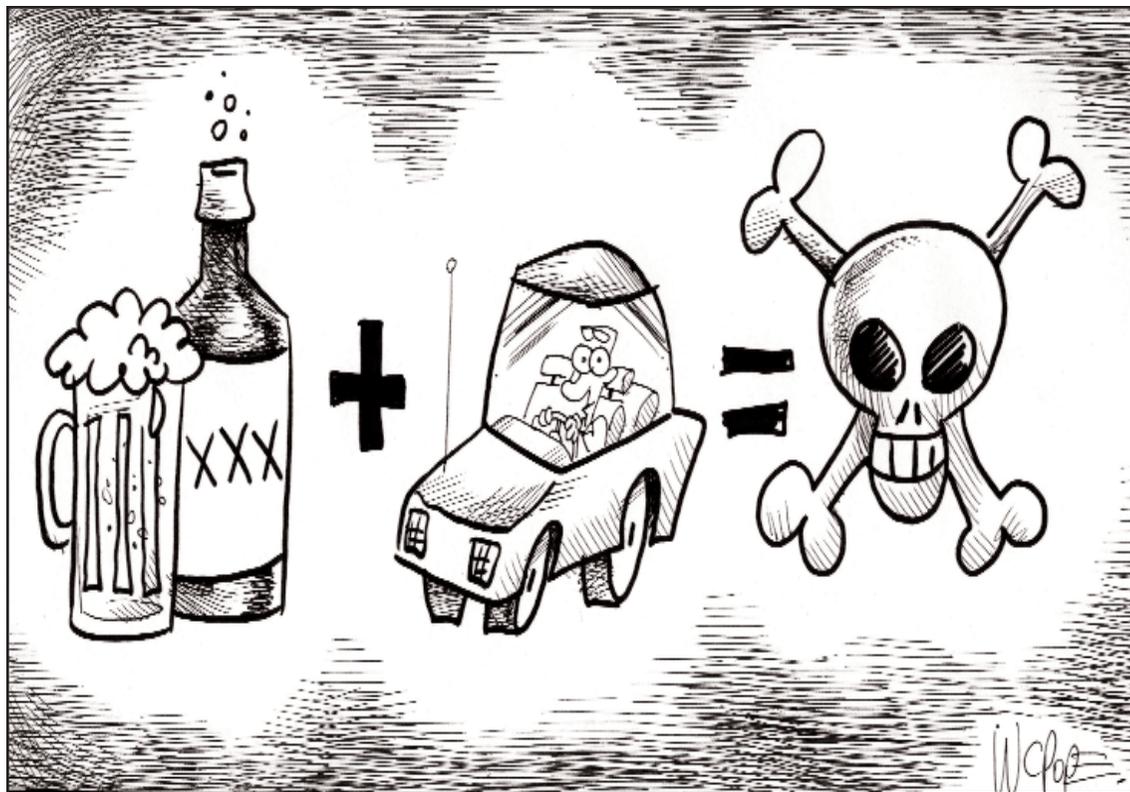
We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890
Base operator — 377-1110
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603
Child development center — 377-2211
Civil engineering — 377-5561
Civilian personnel — 377-2268
Military personnel flight — 377-2276
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500
Emergencies — 911
Family campground — 594-0543
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179
Finance — 377-4212
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066
Housing — 377-9741
Identification cards — 377-3203
Inspector general — 377-3010
Legal assistance — 377-3510
Library — 377-2181

Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Medical center information — 377-6550
Military equal opportunity — 377-2759.
Military pay — 377-7272
Pass and registration — 377-3844
Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1000
Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Public affairs — 377-2783
Red Cross — 377-0732.
Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Visitor center — 377-2595
Youth center — 377-4116



WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

IF YOU NEED A WINGMAN THE BASE CHAPLAIN, THE LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS, AND THE PEOPLE AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) ARE READY TO HELP.

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY



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

Personnel Accountability Team
1-800-673-9356

Air Force Personnel Center
1-800-435-9941

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

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

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.msema.org>

National Weather Service
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

Keesler Public Web site
<http://www.keesler.af.mil>

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

For information on opportunities
with the Keesler Speakers Bureau,
call 81st Training Wing Public Affairs,
377-2783.



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see ORI 2007
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377-7278.

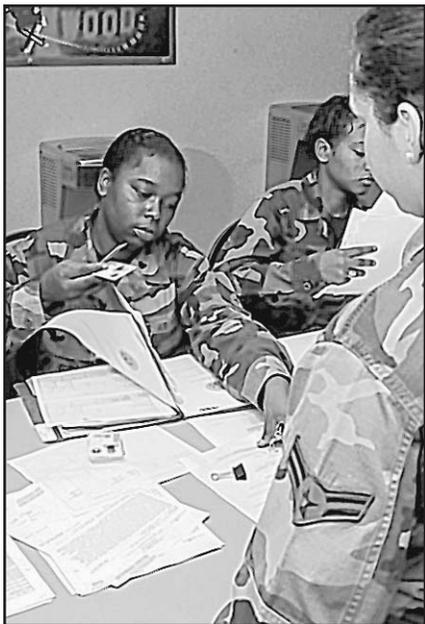
TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Kendell Jones, left, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Senior Airman Justyn Holt, 81st Mission Support Group, fires blanks from their M-16s as part of weapons familiarization training during a contingency exercise Aug. 2.

Exercises bolster mobility mindset



Staff Sgt. Lashawndra Singleton, left, and Airman Tranisha Brown review personnel readiness documents in the processing line as Airman 1st Class Gusmary Cueva waits for her folder during a deployment exercise July 31 at Welch Auditorium. Sergeant Singleton and Airman Brown are from the 81st Mission Support Squadron. Airman Cueva is from the 81st Medical Support Squadron.



Staff Sgt. Phillip Belle, left, 81st Security Forces Squadron, instructs Staff Sgt. Lashundra Nesmith, legal office, on the proper handling of an M-16 during the contingency exercise.

Perfect students



Senior Airman Angel Ericks graduated from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron Aug. 2 with a perfect score on all seven block tests. Airman Ericks is a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard and is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the F-15 avionics instrument and flight control systems apprentice course.



Airman 1st Class Kristina Heino graduated Aug. 2 from the 12-week financial management and comptroller apprentice course in the 335th Training Squadron with perfect test scores. The Hyde Park, N.Y., native is headed to Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to work at the Air Force Financial Services Center.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

Drill downs are 7 a.m. Friday 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.

Mandatory training

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

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

For more information, call 377-3510.

Scholarship deadline

Wednesday 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/>.

William Carey fall term

William Carey University is accepting applications for the fall trimester which starts Aug. 20.

Reduced tuition rates are available for active-duty, their family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

Degree plans allow for the transfer of many Community College of the Air Force credits.

Bachelor's degrees are offered in psychology, education, nursing, art, business and general studies. Master's degrees are available in business, education, psychology and nursing.

For more information, call 377-0090, or visit Room 209, old Cody Hall.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed until 9 a.m. Aug. 17 and all day Sept. 10 for drill practice and evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-2740.

CCAF deadline

Aug. 31 is the deadline to

apply for the Community College of the Air Force fall graduating class.

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

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.

LOAC training

Military personnel are required to satisfactorily com-

plete Law of Armed Conflict training every 15 months.

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

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

Graduate courses

For information on University of Southern Mississippi graduate courses in adult education, call Chris Burkett, 377-2309.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Airman Alarcon reviews genetics test folders.

Citizenship earns Airman 4 more years in uniform

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Senior Airman Julio Alarcon marked a major milestone July 25 — he was able to reenlist for four more years in the Air Force.

The 81st Medical Operations Squadron genetics lab administrator technician achieved this goal only after reaching another. May 31, he took the oath to become a citizen, a requirement for reenlistment.

Originally from Lima, Peru, Airman Alarcon arrived in the U.S. in 2000. His father was already living in Dallas, and members of his mother's family were in the Miami-Dade County, Fla., area.

"I first stayed in Dallas and then moved to the Miami area," he said.

In 2003, after working a variety of jobs, including plumbing supply and FedEx delivery, Airman Alarcon, then 26, enlisted in the Air Force.

He was motivated by his desire to become a citizen, as well as the pride in serving in the Air Force.

"I have achieved most of my desires and goals since enlisting," he said.

In addition to citizenship and re-enlisting, Airman Alarcon has been furthering his education while serving his adopted country. In

"I probably couldn't have done this on the outside. I'm so proud to be an American."

— Airman Alarcon

September, he earns a bachelor's degree in health care administration from the Colorado Technical University. He plans to use the degree as a stepping stone to a commission as an Air Force officer.

"I probably couldn't have done this on the outside," he said. "I'm so proud to be an American."

During the two years, Airman Alarcon pursued his dream of citizenship, two of his staunchest supporters were Maj. Daniel Wattendorf and Master Sgt. Douglas Wilder. The major is the genetics flight commander and Sergeant Wilder is the 81st MDOS first sergeant.

"I have to thank Major Wattendorf and Sergeant Wilder, who helped me obtain my citizenship paperwork," he said.

IN THE NEWS

Commander's call next week

An 81st Training Wing commander's call is 8 a.m. Wednesday and 2 p.m. Aug. 16 in Welch Auditorium.

AAFES plans car, trip giveaways

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS — Military shoppers have a chance to win a 2007 Mini Cooper or a rock-and-roll trip at Army and Air Force Exchange Service main stores and shoppettes worldwide.

Drawings are planned on or about Sept. 28. No purchase is necessary to enter, and winners don't need to be present.

Authorized shoppers can enter the "SoBe Mini Cooper Giveaway" to win a 2007 Mini Cooper with an approximate retail value of \$18,500 or the cash equivalent through Aug. 31.

Military customers can register through Aug. 25 for a "rock and roll" trip to 3734 Elvis Presley Blvd. in Memphis, Tenn., valued at \$4,200. The winner of the "Hershey's Elvis Sweepstakes" grand prize receives round-trip airfare for four, four tickets to Graceland, hotel for four days and three nights and \$500 spending money.

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.

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.

The early deadline is due to the Labor Day federal holiday, Sept. 3.

The newspaper office is closed Sept. 3 in observance of the holiday.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.



Hard at work

Airman Ryan Alfieri, left, 81st Contracting Squadron, and Maj. Christopher Wegner, 81st CONS commander, review a contract in the major's office Monday. Major Wegner took command of the 81st CONS Friday.

Pride,

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Pick up litter around and in facilities.

Organize or properly dispose of clutter in work and storage areas.

Replace light bulbs or any other noticeable quick fix projects.

Analyze inside work layouts to ensure cubical areas are safe and tidy.

The civil engineers provide

street and parking lot sweeps, limited tree removal identified by the program management office, limited shrub trimming based on the facilities involved and extra dumpsters to support internal cleanup projects.

For more information about these services or general information about Keesler Pride Week, call Lieutenant Hinson, 377-2636, or Tech. Sgt. Robert Patrick, 377-2781.

For assistance in enhancing the base's appearance, contact the recycling center, Building

4004, 377-4816, or self-help store, Building 4039, 377-5292.

A universal waste turn-in is 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday at Building 4420. Units can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, and expired pesticides and mercury thermostats.

For more information about other waste turn-in procedures call Tom Minton, hazardous waste program manager, 377-3004.

For specific unit information, contact facility managers.

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.

Move authorizations

81st Transportation Squadron

Upon receipt of Air Force Form 150 from the housing office authorizing a local move into or out of base housing, contact the traffic management flight, Entrance 5, Building 4202, 700 Hangar Road.

The date the form or permanent change-of-station orders are issued is when the entitlement begins for the personal property move.

For more information, call the traffic management flight, 377-9439 or 3436.

Travel health information

81st Medical Group

Current travel health information is available to Keesler personnel planning vacations or permanent change-of-station moves outside the U.S. at the travel section of the allergy clinic in the basement of the medical center.

Clinic officials suggest travelers drop by at least one month before departure.

Walk-in hours are 8-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month. Bring immunization records.

For more information, call 376-3550.

MyPay item processing

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

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

Data theft protection resources

Air Force Print News

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

Pre-separation counseling

Military members of all branches of military service are required to receive congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling from the airman and family readiness center no less than 90 calendar days before separating, retiring or outprocessing to go on terminal leave.

Briefings are 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 122, old Cody Hall, for routine separations and 2:30 p.m. for routine retirements.

Members receiving medical retirements, less than full honorable discharges or force-shaping transition benefits, call 377-8645 or 8593 to schedule individual briefings.

Emergency data cards

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

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

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

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

New traffic law applies to Keesler

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

A new Mississippi traffic law applies to Keesler personnel and helps keep them safe.

“Move Over” went into effect July 1.

The law states, “Upon approaching an authorized emergency vehicle, recovery vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle that is both stationary and using flashing lights, the person driving the approaching vehicle, proceeding with due caution, shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle.”

The law defines highway maintenance vehicle as any vehicle used for maintenance of highways and roadways in Mississippi owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, a county, municipality or other political subdivision, or owned or operated by a contractor under contract with those government entities.

A recovery vehicle refers to a vehicle used for towing a disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles.

According to a news release on Mississippi Link.net, motorists should yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway. If traffic is too congested to move over safely,



motorists are required to slow down and proceed with caution.

The release goes on to say, “The ‘Move Over’ law was designed to protect law enforcement and other emergency workers on state highways. With a rising number of deaths and injuries to police, emergency technicians, department of transportation workers and other emergency personnel around the nation, it is imperative that this law be put into effect in every state in order to save lives.

“A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250; provided that, should there be property damage to the emergency vehicle or bodily harm to the emergency vehicle driver resulting from the violation, the fine shall not exceed \$1,000.”

Medics add 18 to staff during July

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center welcomed 18 new providers to its staff last month.

The new medics' specialties are podiatry, cardi-thoracic surgery, oncology, radiology, pathology, plastic surgery, pediatric cardiology, rheumatology, nephrology, urology, emergency medicine, refractive surgery, neuro-radiology, internal medicine and chiropractic.

In addition, with the return of the residency programs, seven internal medicine and six general surgery residents are seeing patients.

Three obstetrics and gynecology residents spend six months at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson and six months at Keesler Medical Center. Six pediatric residents assigned to the UMMC complete two-month rotations at Keesler each academic year.

"We are excited to have the new providers join the Keesler team," said Col. (Dr.) James Gasque, chief of the 81st Medical Group medical staff. "We are on target to restoring our clinical services.

"In addition, we are aggressively preparing to resume Keesler Medical Center's heart program this fall. Lt. Cols. (Drs.) Jerry Pratt and Broadus Atkins will be our cardiothoracic surgeons and spearhead our open heart surgery."

Giving
blood
is giving
the gift
of life.

Medical center's chiropractor ready to serve

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

"Business" is booming for Dr. Carley Davis, Keesler Medical Center's new chiropractor.

Providing chiropractic care to active-duty military since the end of May, the 16-year Mississippi Gulf Coast resident is seeing 15-20 patients daily.

Doctor Davis, who left a 12-year private practice in Long Beach to join the Keesler team, finds providing care in a military medical facility "refreshing."

"It's refreshing the way all the physicians interact at Keesler Medical Center," he said. "It seems the military is more concerned about the patients' well-being and work together to achieve that goal."

A 1987 graduate of Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, Doctor Davis also has degrees from William Carey College and Jones County Junior College.

He said before Hurricane Katrina, he was seeing 20-30 patients a day. However, since the storm, the number of patients was sharply reduced.

Keesler Medical Center's chiropractic service is available to active-duty military through referral only. Hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. working Fridays. The phone number is 376-3412.



Every member
of Team
Keesler is
important —
Be safe,
not a
statistic.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Rollman, left, and Carlos Iruegas, general manager for Empire Integrated Services of San Antonio, evaluate test results of new station cables inside Hewes Hall.

Project to restore storm-damaged cable winds up this month

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

An \$8 million project to replace computer and telephone cable damaged by Hurricane Katrina wraps up this month.

"This program brings Keesler's communications infrastructure back to where it was prior to the storm," said construction manager Irv Rollman from CH2M Hill, the prime contractor providing design and construction services since June 2006.

The undertaking involved about 3 million feet of cable and 3,500 "quad outlets" with two telephone jacks and two computer jacks each.

"We performed work in up to five buildings simultaneously," Mr. Rollman explained. He and project manager Wayne Keller and project engineer Pete Peterson have been responsible for rewiring 14 hurricane-damaged buildings across the base.

Buildings covered by the project include 403rd Wing headquarters, base operations, Taylor Logistics Center, Sablich Center and 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Other rewired facilities include the 81st Security Forces, Communications and Contracting Squadrons and Stennis, McClelland, Dolan, Hewes and Garrard halls.

"We also reworked some outside plant splices at Keesler Medical Center," Mr. Rollman said.

Stennis Hall was the largest and most complex building, with more than 2,800 cables and 700 drops, a fiber optic backbone and rewiring for several secure compartmented information facilities.

The contract was performed under the auspices of Elis Ta, program manager for the Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency.

'Taps' brings back memories for security forces member in Iraq

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The somber strain of Taps will always remind Airman 1st Class Charles Tibbs III of his first deployment.

He served on the 21-gun salute team at the May 18 memorial service at Balad Air Base, Iraq, for Staff Sgt. John Self.

Sergeant Self, 29, a security forces member from Pontotoc, Miss., was killed May 14 by an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Baghdad.

"You hear about Marines and Soldiers killed in action all the time," said Airman Tibbs, who was assigned to the 81st Security Forces Squadron for five months before he was deployed in March. "This time it happened to one of ours and it really hit me, especially when they started playing Taps.

"It opened my eyes and gave me an appreciation for what we do over here — not just security forces but all military members," he added.

Airman Tibbs serves with the 407th Expeditionary



Airman Tibbs

Security Forces Squadron at another air base Iraq. He provides security for all U.S. and coalition aircraft on the flight line six days a week, 12 hours a days.

Airman Tibbs said his job isn't difficult, but being away from his family is. He's single, but he misses his grandparents, Charles and Rosa Tibbs.

"I stay pretty busy with work and exercising, but the three 15-minute morale calls

help me cope," he explained. "Our team goes to the gym almost every day. We also have intramural sports and Bible study on Wednesdays."

Airman Tibbs, who joined the Air Force in March 2005, was credited with preventing a serious fire one night on the flight line.

"Two helicopters flew overhead and let off two flares," he recalled. "As soon as the flares touched down, the flames started to spread. It's easy to imagine with it being so dry over here."

Airman Tibbs called the fire department, then he and his partner grabbed a fire extinguisher and doused the blaze before the firefighters arrived.

Deployment has provided a valuable lesson for Airman Tibbs, who returns from Iraq next month.

"Sometimes we take life for granted," he pointed out. "Deployments make you open your eyes and realize what we're fighting for. Cherish every moment like it's your last because you never know when your time has come."

Support, service, scholarships Keesler Spouses Club ready for new year

Support, service and scholarships — those three words summarize the purpose of the Keesler Spouses Club as board members make plans and set goals for the upcoming year.

“KSC is eager to continue the tradition of service, both to the Keesler community and the Gulf Coast,” said president Gretchen Gorline, spouse of Chaplain (Capt.) Jeremy Gorline.

The group starts the 2007-08 year with a general membership meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Vandenberg Community Center.

With a theme of “Get the Scoop on the KSC,” an ice cream social highlights various organizations from the base and surrounding community, such as the airman and family readiness center, Fisher House and Tulane University.

“As a new military spouse, I’ve learned so much about Air Force life and made so many friends through KSC,” said secretary Brenda Ramsay, wife of Capt. (Dr.) Carl Ramsay, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron. “I enjoy being a part of an organization that provides that kind of support to the Keesler community.”

Membership entitles spouses to attend any club-sponsored function and the opportunity to serve on various committees which address social functions, community service and charitable donations.

Members can also volunteer at the Keesler Thrift Shop to raise funds to benefit charitable organizations and scholarships.

“KSC is about friendship, but it’s also about service,” vice president Laura Arthur, wife of Master Sgt. George Arthur, 81st Communications Squadron, said of the private, nonprofit organization.

“Last year, the club provided baked goods for several functions, made Valentines for residents of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi and worked to rebuild a

Want to join?

All enlisted, officer, civilian and retiree spouses are eligible for membership in the Keesler Spouses Club, which meets the second Tuesday of every month.

Anyone interested in joining the group can attend Tuesday’s meeting or visit the thrift shop in the former Chapel One adjacent to Sablich Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Annual dues are \$36.

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

home damaged by Hurricane Katrina,” she added.

The KSC raises funds for eligible scholarship candidates, as well as charitable or educational groups. This year’s goal is to raise \$8,000 for college scholarships.

“The club’s new board builds on a firm foundation by bringing back successful events from last year,” says Laura Capasso, senior adviser and spouse of Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. “In addition to the funds generated by our wonderful folks at the thrift shop, KSC will raise funds through special events such as the second annual art auction and holiday shop.”

Among the group’s social and recreational activities are games night, self-defense class, bowling, arts and crafts night and ongoing activities like bunko, children’s play group and movie night.

“I’m looking forward to a year of growth and great accomplishment for the club,” said Mrs. Gorline. “This year’s board is enthusiastic and has a great vision for what a united group of spouses can accomplish here at Keesler and beyond.”

KEESLER NOTES

Trip for families

A trip to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport for families of deployed Airmen is 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17.

Bus transportation is provided.

Participation is limited.

To register by Tuesday, call the airman and family readiness center, 377-2593 or 2179.

Surplus property sale

A nonappropriated fund excess property sale is Sept. 11-13 in the Keesler Club building on Larcher Boulevard.

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

Hours on Sept. 11 are 9-11 a.m. for E4s and GS-3s and

below, NA1s and 2s, and NF1s only, and noon to 3 p.m. for all other identification card holders.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12-13 for all authorized buyers.

Transactions are on a first-come, first-served cash-and-carry basis. All items must be removed immediately, and customers must load purchases into their vehicles.

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

For more information, call 377-0002.

Deployed family meal

Dinners for families of deployed Keesler members are 5:30 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.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic's inventory of donated household items is low.

This program serves airmen through staff sergeants and their families.

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

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.

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>.

Entrance closed

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

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>.

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 examination, call 376-5225.



Wiggs is about to send a shock wave through an opponent during the recent intramural softball playoffs.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Heavy-hitting electrician returns to Air Force camp

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

An electrician in the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron who sends shock waves through opponents is bound for the Air Force men's softball camp — again.

Josh Wiggs reports to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Aug. 24. It's his fifth camp in six years. He missed what has become virtually a standing invitation in 2004 only because he was deployed to Iraq.

Although he won't say so, it's also virtually a given that his name appears on the roster when the team is chosen that defends back-to-back armed forces titles Sept. 12-14, also at Eglin.

"I play to win and do whatever it takes to help my team achieve what it sets out to do," is Wiggs' explanation for the success he's enjoyed since taking up softball eight years ago.

One of the things the 6-foot-2, 235-pounder does is hit towering home runs that stun opponents and light up his teammates. For example, in the recent base intramural championship, back-to-back homers by Wiggs and Michael Kehoe staked the civil engineers to a two-run lead over the 81st Communications Squadron on the way to a 16-12 victory. It was the 81st CES' third consecutive base title.

"He doesn't just hit the ball over the fence," said a base newspaper staffer who covered the intramural playoffs. "He hits it onto the next field over."

However, the former Motlow State Community College, Tenn., and Tennessee

"I play to win and do whatever it takes to help my team achieve what it sets out to do."

— Wiggs

Wesleyan baseball player is about more than home runs. In the 2006 armed forces tournament, Wiggs hit .726 as the Air Force repeated as champion. Then he hit .787 as the armed forces team placed fifth in the American Softball Association tournament.

He made similar contributions to Air Force teams in 2002, 2003 and 2005. The 2002 team, Wiggs' first, also won the armed forces title.

"That's the main goal," he said, referring to winning championships at every level. "When you get to the armed forces tournament, it's such a great feeling when that gold medal is put around your neck in front of the other service teams."

At 29, the first baseman and outfielder feels he's years from hitting his prime.

"I'm still young as softball players go," said the six-year Air Force veteran. "Most players don't hit their prime until their mid-30s. I plan on playing as long as my body holds up."

Hey, what was that? Perhaps a future opponent being struck by a Wiggs shock wave.

Running for medical research



Photos by Kemberly Groue

From left, Dave Orr, Jennifer Plante and Taeyler Gygi, followed by her mom, won their categories of the Aug. 2 5-kilometer run which raised \$700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. About 130 runners participated. Orr, 2nd Air Force, was the men's winner with a time of 19 minutes, 43 seconds. Plante, top women's finisher and second place overall at 20:33, is married to Nick Plante, public affairs. Taeyler, 5, was the only runner in the children's category and finished at 53:47. Her parents are Heidi Gygi, 335th Training Squadron, and Steve Gygi, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Football season starts

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor:

It's been said the only sure things are death and taxes.

Add this: There's going to be a new intramural football champion at Keesler in 2007.

Conspicuously absent is "Dirty Boyz" of Naval Construction Battalion Center-Gulfport. Last fall, the Seabees became the first outsiders in at least two decades to win the base championship.

This time around, all 18 teams are Keesler units. They're divided into three conferences, with six teams each in the American, National and World.

Two National Conference teams represent more than one unit — the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadrons and 81st Mission Support-Comptroller Squadrons-Services Division.

Although the Seabees aren't back to defend their title, the team they climbed over to win it is. The 81st Medical Group is in the World Conference. In last year's championship game, the medics matched the Dirty Boyz touchdown for touchdown twice before succumbing, 20-12.

The season was scheduled to open Monday, but apparently not everyone got the word.

"Due to a mixup with officials on the starting date, no games were played Monday," said Laurence Wilson, sports director for the 81st Services Division.

For the schedule through Aug. 16, see Scores and More.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity

Active-duty, Reserve and Guard members assigned to Keesler are eligible. Teams compete in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference this fall and winter.

Men — sign up 6:30 p.m. today, Blake Fitness Center. Tryouts 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Aug. 16, Blake Fitness Center.

Women — sign up 6 p.m. today, Blake Fitness Center. Tryouts 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Aug. 16, Blake Fitness Center.

Bowling

Intramural captains' meeting — 3 p.m. Sept. 6, Gaude Lanes.

Free one-hour clinic — 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday and Aug. 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 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 clos-

ing 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.

Football

Intramural

American Conference

Team	Won	Lost
332nd TRS	0	0
333rd TRS	0	0
334th TRS	0	0
335th TRS	0	0
336th TRS	0	0
338th TRS	0	0

World Conference

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	0	0
81st MDG	0	0
81st DS	0	0
81st CS	0	0
81st CES	0	0
81st SFS	0	0

National Conference

Team	Won	Lost
81st TRANS-SUPS	0	0
81st MSS-CPTS-SVD	0	0
85th EIS	0	0
403rd Wing	0	0
MARDET	0	0
81st SFS	0	0

Today

6 p.m. — 332nd Training Squadron vs. 81st Security Forces Squadron, Field 4; 335th TRS vs. 81st Dental Squadron, Field 5.

7 p.m. — 333rd TRS vs. 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, Field 4; 336th TRS vs. 81st Medical Group, Field 5.

8 p.m. — 334th TRS vs. 81st Communications Squadron, Field 4; 338th TRS vs. 81st Medical Support Squadron, Field 5.

Monday

6 p.m. — 85th EIS vs. 81st TRANS-SUPS, Field 4; 332nd TRS vs. 81st CS, Field 5.

7 p.m. — 403rd Wing vs. 81st Security Forces Squadron, Field 4; 333rd TRS vs. 81st DS, Field 5.

8 p.m. — Marine Corps Detachment vs. 81st CES, Field 4; 334th TRS vs. 81st MDG, Field 5.

Tuesday

6 p.m. — 335th TRS vs. 81st MDSS, Field 4; 85th EIS vs. 81st CES, Field 5.

7 p.m. — 336th TRS vs. 338th TRS, Field 4; 403rd Wing vs. 81st CS, Field 5.

8 p.m. — 81st MSS vs. 81st SFS, Field 4; MARDET vs. 81st DS, Field 5.

Wednesday

6 p.m. — 332nd TRS vs. 81st MDG, Field 4; 335th TRS vs. 336th TRS, Field 5.

7 p.m. — 333rd TRS vs. 81st MDSS, Field 4; 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st CES, Field 5.

8 p.m. — 334th TRS vs. 338th TRS, Field 4; 81st MSS vs. 81st CS, Field 5.

Aug. 16

6 p.m. — 85th EIS vs. 81st DS, Field 4; 332nd TRS vs. 338th TRS, Field 5.

7 p.m. — 403rd Wing vs. 81st MDG, Field 4; 333rd TRS vs. 336th TRS, Field 5.

8 p.m. — MARDET vs. 81st MDSS, Field 4; 334th TRS vs. 335th TRS.

Golf

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. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 28 and 30, ages 18 and older. For reservations, call 424-0479.

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 closed on weekdays starting Monday, remains open noon to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday starting Aug. 25. Triangle pool remains 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 — Saturday and Aug. 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 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 — 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.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ty Reyes

Wilkinson leads the pack during the 40-kilometer bicycle race portion of the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship July 28. She was the top Air Force women's finisher and came in second overall in the women's division.

Air Force takes home triathlon gold, silver

By Staff Sgt. Ty Reyes

Air Force Sports

POINT MUGU, Calif. — The Air Force women's triathlon team took first and the men's team second at the 2007 Armed Forces Triathlon Championship July 25-29 at Point Mugu, Calif.

The results are based on the raw scoring times of the men's top eight and women's top four competitors.

The Armed Forces Championship is an Olympic distance course comprising a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bicycle route and 10-kilometer run.

Marine Justine Whipple was the first woman to cross the finish line, with a time of 2:05:45.

Jolene Wilkinson, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, came in second in the women's division and was the top Air Force women's finisher with a time of 2:08:58.

The final results for the women's division were Air Force, 9:02:49; Army, 9:15:27;

Marine Corps, 9:28:24; and Navy, 9:42:55.

Navy's Tim O'Donnell won the men's division event with a time of 1:49:32, keeping his streak going with five straight championships.

James Bales, Lackland AFB, Texas, was the top Air Force finisher, fourth overall, with a time of 1:59:56.

The final results for the men's division were Navy, 14:12:35; Air Force, 14:33:08; Army, 14:59:48; and Marine Corps, 15:01:59.

Five Air Force competitors were named to the combined 2007 Armed Forces Triathlon Team that competes in the Military World Games Oct 19-22 in Mumbai, India.

They are Bales, Wilkinson, Michael Berquist, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Stephanie Hurst, Air Force Academy; and Erika Foster, ROTC at Rochester Institute of Technology, N.Y.

Selections were based on results and availability, with the top five finishers of each gender earning the right to advance.

Too much sun can be hazardous to your health.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Keesler Medical Center

Advanced education in general dentistry program — Capts. (Drs.) Merrill Alley, Michael DiFelice, Wendy Lobre, Jared Richardson, Martin Roberson, Caroline Rhodes Sisson and Larry Sisson.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, April-June

81st Training Wing

Airman — Senior Airman Nicholas Whitney, 81st Security Forces Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Freda Smith, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. Gabriel Lacayo, 335th Training Squadron.

Company grade officer — 1st Lt. Robert Patt, 333rd TRS.

Field grade officer — Maj. Vickie Skupski, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Entry-level civilian — Meleta Hand, 81st MDOS.

Intermediate-level civilian — Glenn Lowery, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Senior-level civilian — Donald Alexander, 338th TRS.

Honor Guard member — Tech. Sgt. Christopher Johnson, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Angel Awards — Tech. Sgt. Tammy Dubbles, 81st Inpatient Support Squadron, and Vivian Kinman, 335th TRS.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — Tech. Sgt. Glen Rathke, 81st Transportation Squadron.

81st Training Wing staff agencies

Airman — Airman Jounel Caceres, chapel.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Freda Smith, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

Senior NCO — Senior Master Sgt. Steven Whitehead, inspector general office.

Company grade officer — 2nd Lt. Nick Plante, public affairs.

Entry-level civilian — Raelen Myers, 81st CPTS.

Senior-level civilian — Samuel Boles, 81st CPTS.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Nicholas Andrus, Daniel Baca, Gregory Beardsley, Sean Berry, John Boerger, Evan Bunch, Rachel Cook, Derrick Cotten, James Dontis, Julien Duncan, Schuyler Hardesty, Derek Harris, David Jewlee, Alan

Johnson, Justin Key, Robert Klebes, Christopher Kmet, Christopher Lange, Christopher LeBlanc, Paul Linski, Ryan Macatugal, Arli Bautista-Mancilla, Kurt Marugg, Timothy Miller, Phillip Myers, James Nartowicz, Nathan Orwig, Christopher Reyes, Gabriel Rienks, Christopher Rush, Michael Shin, Duncan Taylor and Christopher White; Pvt. Michael Lomartire; Airmen Carlos Cardoza, Leland Cook, Jared Donahoo, Evan Gossell, Jacy Hoag, Jason Jewell, William Littleedale, Sean Madigan, Hu Mercado-Candelario, Tereasa Moffett and Alexander Petit; Airmen 1st Class Josue Andujar-Valentin, Sean Ashton, Brandon Barksdale, Christopher Camm, Cuillermo Campus, Travis Carlson, Andrew Chadwick, Irvin Derington, Scott Dickey, Jared Evans, Jayson Flores, Luke Furman, Ryan Hard, Timothy Hawks, Jason Hubbard, Allen Idol, Dustin Jones, Bradford Kelly, Norman Lewis, Tre Porfirio, Nathan Reesman, Andrew Roberts, Kristopher Robichaud, Scott Sorensen, Darren Wiles and Helmut Woodberry; Senior Airmen Tyler Bowen, David Brzeczek, Jacob Dalbol, Emre Dogru, Mark Hannon, Thomas Harris, Brandon Hill, Justin Kuper, Brian Law, Stephen Miller, Nishant Patel, Pamela Register, Ryan Thompson, Joseph Toney and Shane Tucker; Staff Sgts. Oliver Beasley, Charles Binder, Chad Blackburn, Joshua Clifton, Adam Fairbanks, Donald Friedly, Anthony Kelly, Rory Lapres, Robert McCuiston, Llewyn McFarlane, Kenneth Patrick, Keith Ruhl, Robert Thompson, Christopher Wade, Anthony Warren and Jeremy Witmer; Tech. Sgt. Gregory Repucci; Master Sgt. Jason Haecker.

334th TRS

Airfield management apprentice course — Airman Basic Mitchel Davis; Airmen 1st Class Brittney Poliyak and Jessica Monroe.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Sean Daly, James Lacy, Luke Miller, William Putnam, Greg Raney and Amanda Thompson; Airmen Darin Brownlee, Jayda Henard, William Hunter, Roy Rogan and Jasmine Schaefer; Airmen 1st Class Susan Benson, Antonia Gutierrez, Kurt Lind, John Lofton and Matthew Ritchie; Senior Airmen Oskars Abolins and Joseph Pollock; Staff Sgt. Stephen Skidmore; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulrahman Al Aqeel.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Michael Cooper and Santos Rosario; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Cook, Sara Eighmey, James Nash and Brandie Ring; Senior Airmen Nichole Buckner and Allison Weiser; Staff Sgts. Carlisle Baptiste, Jeffery Firth, Devon Mayo and Matthew Trissel; Tech. Sgts. Shane Hickman, Lucas McCullough and 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 Fabeanna Ward; Airmen Brandi Ault, Orlando Infante and Brandon Payne; Airmen 1st Class Jessica Campbell, Elizabeth Lindey, Justin Lozado, Francisco Manitas, Eric Plack, James Quarmyne, Leven Swafford and Justin Viola; Senior Airmen Allen Redmond, Kanada Vang and Elisabeth Weyers; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Charles Bland, Jacob Cournoyer, Colyn Funakoshi, Donna Jernigan, Matthew Lies, John Proetta and Adam Walter; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Chamberlain, Andrew Labadie, Kirk Martin and Edwin Perez; Master Sgt. Cheryl Sheeder.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Matthew Casey and Rachael Phillips; Airman 1st Class Aja Williams; Senior Airmen Joshua Bargas, Abraham Walker, Jessica West and Simeon White; Staff Sgts. James Ball, Kelly Hipps, Brett Rezewski, John Sablotny and Lonny Wright; Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Ybarra.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Daniell and Jason Robertson; 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. Jesse Beinhower, Dennis Egbert and John Graber; Master Sgt. Kenneth Law.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Yvonne Cantue, Justin Dickerson, Katherine Dunlap, Ryan Foley, Isabel Ochoa, Benjamin Palmer, Michael Pfeiffer, Tabitha Porter, Kelvin Sims, Simeon Smeltzer, Austin Sturdivant and Victor Vrigian; Airmen Vanessa Clem and David Rarig; Airmen 1st Class Arthur Buck, Heather Corrick, Nicholas Defranco, Robert Ernst, Kristin Estremera, Nicholas Freet, Jaysiel Garcia, Matthew

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	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.

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-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-616-881-1994.

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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, Christina Conyers, Moira Garcia, Anthony Hart, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly, Sonny Rasay and Bruan Severs; Staff Sgts. Walter Atamanczyk, Kendall Bearden, William Bechard, Daphne Clemons, Christopher Dudley, Julia Garrison, Brad Johnson, James King, Stephen Light, Christopher Meyer, Keith Nelson, Johnny Stewart and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman and Thomas Lawrence; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Chief Master Sgt. Sami Al Majhed.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-6 — Sept. 4-Oct. 12.
- Class 08-1 — Nov. 1-Dec. 13.
- Class 08-2 — Jan. 4-Feb. 13.
- Class 08-3 — Feb. 29-March 28.
- Class 08-4 — April 14-May 21.
- Class 08-5 — June 2-July 10.
- Class 08-6 — Aug. 4-Sept. 11.
- Class 08-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 28.
- Class 09-1 — Nov. 3-Dec. 11.

Keesler NCO Academy

- Class 07-6 — graduation Sept. 11.
- Class 08-1 — Oct. 2-Nov. 9.
- Class 08-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.
- Class 08-3 — Feb. 26-April 3.
- Class 08-4 — April 15-May 22.
- Class 08-5 — May 29-July 9.
- Class 08-6 — Aug. 5-Sept. 12.
- Class 08-7 — Sept. 22-Oct. 30.

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. nonworking Fridays. Friday, 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 — today is youth entry deadline; all entries welcome including those entered

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.

in the youth center's contest. Deadline for adults, Sept. 14.

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

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday, 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. Aug. 18. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying wood pieces in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Saturday or Aug. 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.

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.

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. Aug. 22 and 29, college students; Aug 15, grades 9-12.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to New Orleans Saints preseason games at the Superdome — 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

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.

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.

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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 — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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.

An American
is sexually
assaulted
every
2 1/2 minutes.

One in five
American women
has been the
victim of an
attempted or
completed rape.

About 10 percent
of sexual assault
victims are men.

At least 2/3 of
sexual assaults
are committed
by someone
the victim knows.

44 percent of
rape victims
are under age 18,
and 80 percent
are under age 30.

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Youth center

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.

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. Monday-Wednesday, 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. today, 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.

Executive transition assistance program — <https://www.raetec.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.

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 place, 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., 1408 (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Evan Almighty (PG); 6:30 p.m., Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., License to Wed (PG-13).

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.