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Keesler ready to celebrate Air Force's 60th anniversary

By Airman David Salantri

Keesler News staff

Happy big six zero, Air Force!

Tuesday marks 60 years since the Air Force became an independent service separate from the Army.

"This is a time to remember our Airmen, past, present and future, who stand as a symbol of freedom and hope around the world," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander. "We pay tribute to the giants of our past, pioneers who shaped air power, and to Airmen of our future yet to be, whose boundless spirit will ensure our air, space and cyberspace victories of tomorrow."

Although Keesler's celebration of the Air Force's 60th anniversary begins Saturday, the highlight is a picnic and concert Wednesday in marina park. The picnic is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The concert featuring Quiet Riot is 7 p.m. on the Triangle parade grounds.

Wednesday's events are also a tribute to Keesler Airmen who've recently returned from deployments in support of the global war on terror.

Other 60th anniversary events:

Saturday

Triangle parade grounds — a professional wrestling match is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and free for children ages 3 and younger. Tickets are available at Gaudé Lanes, Vandenberg Community Center and at the event site.

Tuesday

Vandenberg Community Center — 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., all ranks have free use of amusement machines.

Welch Auditorium — 1 p.m., Air Force anniversary cake cutting and video.

McBride Library — Air Force history display; 2-4 p.m., free refreshments.

Outdoor recreation — free rod and reel rentals, and a 10 percent discount on boat rentals.

Gaudé Lanes — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., free bowling.

Wednesday

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m., 3-on-3 basketball tournament; sign up by Monday at any fitness center.

Field 4 — 9 a.m., home run contest; sign up by Monday at any fitness center.

Marina — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free fishing tournament. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. barbeque and welcome home to deployed members. Noon-2 p.m., free pontoon boat rides.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — noon, longest drive contest.

Gaudé Lanes — 12:30 p.m., bowling tournament. Fee of \$20 per four-person team includes shoes. Sign up until day of the event.

Sept. 21

Triangle Pool — 8 a.m., mini-triathlon;

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General Capasso

New post for Capasso

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, has been named director of command, control, communications and computer systems for U.S. Africa Command.

The assignment takes him to Stuttgart, Germany, in October.

The general has led the 81st TRW since November 2006.

A successor to General Capasso at Keesler and details of a change of command for the wing haven't been determined.

This week in the Triangle

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

Communication-computer system control, 10 a.m. Monday, Thomson Hall.

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

Weather forecaster, 10 a.m. Monday, weather training facility.

Air traffic control-tower, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Air traffic control-radar, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

Ground radar maintenance, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Cody Hall.

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

Radio communications, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.

Precision measurement equipment laboratory, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.



Student numbers

Total students — 2,769

Non-prior service — 1,735

Temporary duty — 906

Joint service — 82

Combat controllers — 17

Medical — 29

Non-prior service arrivals — 90

Guard, Reserve — 621

International — 45

FY07 graduates — 28,844

Total since 1942 — 2,263,374

COMMENTARY

Once you understand rules, you appreciate their value

By Lt. Col. Stacy Yike

338th Training Squadron commander

Rules, rules, rules ... life is full of them and we in the military seem to have more than our fair share.

I'm frequently confronted by nonprior service Airmen who want to know why I've imposed such catastrophic constraints on them as keeping their room clean or maintaining a 10 p.m. curfew. As we moved into preparations for our recent operational readiness inspection, these Airmen weren't the only ones asking about all the rules. I heard more than a few people grumble about the sheer volume of Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, 2nd Air Force and 81st Training Wing regulations.

So, why do we have all these rules?

For the young Airmen, the need for rules — or guiding principles — is clear to me.

Curfew at 10 p.m.? Studies have shown that we all need our rest in order to perform at our peak. A curfew ensures Airmen establish healthy lifestyles and allows them sufficient sleep to perform their mission — learning.

Clean dorm room? Attention to detail is a critical element for every military member. Our mission rarely allows a lapse in this area without critical consequences. Airmen must practice attention to detail where mistakes have minimal impact. These are just two examples, but the list goes on. Its important

to explain to our newest Airmen that rules play a critical role in their development, both now and for the rest of their Air Force careers.

What about us "old timers"?

I've found new Airmen aren't the only ones who need reminding that rules are in place for a reason. As we started ORI preparations several months ago, I was awed by the magnitude of checklists and documentation required by the Air Force. I wondered if it all was really necessary. However, in the final weeks of preparation, I found I relied heavily on documentation. I could see instantly which programs were working and which weren't.

Our squadron had two members deploy on short notice for 365-day tours. Both handed over significant additional duty responsibilities with zero transition time to new people, but the handoff was seamless. The expeditionary mission was met and the squadron didn't stumble. Members closed the gap and carried on with training because the documentation was in place.

I've gained a new appreciation for the rationale behind many of our requirements. The Air Force doctrine governing the training mission is no different than those rules governing the development of young Airmen. It helps us put in place effective programs, and more importantly, allows the continuation and maintenance of those programs despite the constant transition of military members. Rules can be good things.

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.

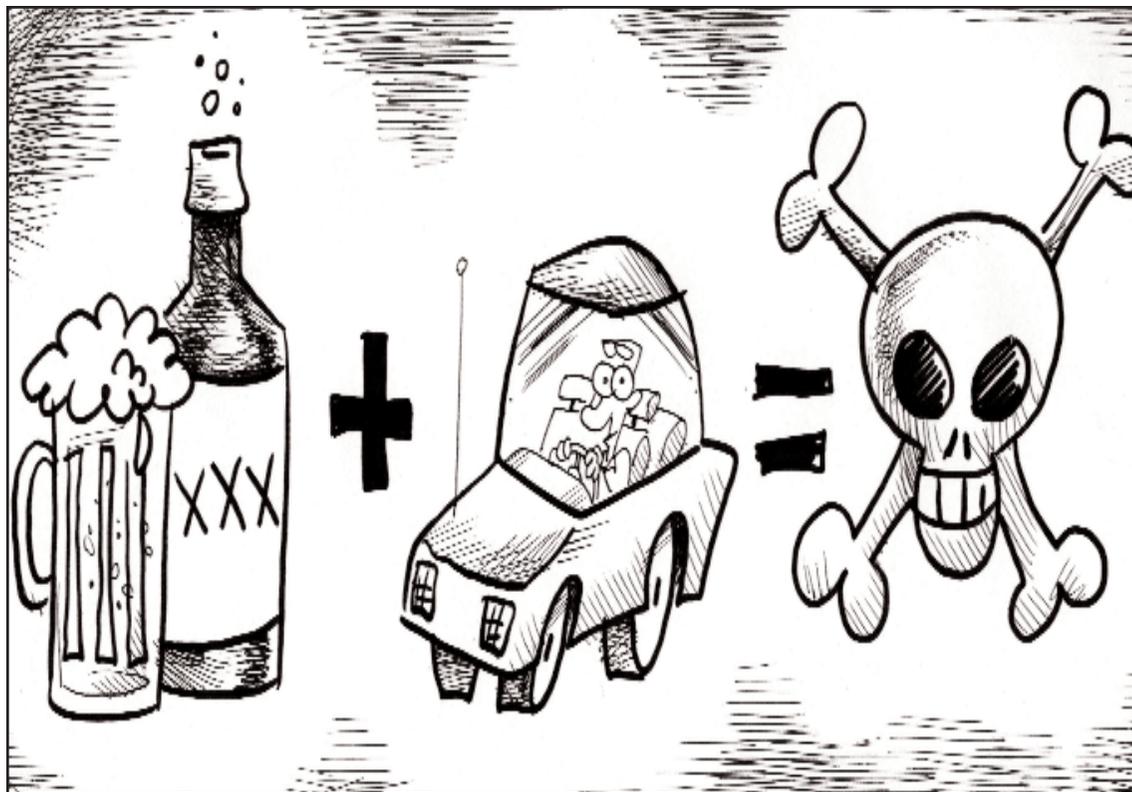
We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base).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

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Base operator — 377-1110
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430
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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
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DIAMOND NOTES

Are you afraid to tell someone they're out of standards because they outrank you? Don't be afraid—just do it with tact and get it done. It's everyone's job to correct uniform violations, regardless of rank.

— Master Sgt. Scott Passman, 333rd Training Squadron first sergeant



Sergeant Passman



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
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81st Training Wing
Air Force Smart Operations
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(AFSO21).

Capt. Scott Lamont,
377-4341

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Mission, initiatives, impact AETC leader gives overview at symposium

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, treated a crowd of more than 2,000 to a look at “The First Command’s” mission, initiatives, and impact on the Air Force during opening comments at the 2007 AETC Symposium in San Antonio Sept. 6.

While highlighting the three main branches of the command’s mission — recruiting, training, and educating Airmen — the general was quick to point out AETC’s contributions to the global war on terror.

Combat roles

“We’re in the fight,” General Looney said. “Last year, we deployed more than 3,500 individuals to the (areas of responsibility) — about 1,450 are currently deployed. We have 113 people on 365-day rotations, and 20 percent are in non-traditional Army taskings in-lieu-of.”

In addition to the direct role of supplying warrior Airmen to the fight, the general pointed to the very real impact of training on Airmen’s success in theater.

“The vast majority of Airmen we train are going to be somewhere in harm’s way within the next year or two,” General Looney said. “It is up to us to impart to them the talent and skill they need to accomplish their mission in a world-class fashion and at the same time make sure we get them back safely to the families that love them.”

Separate entities, contributions

AETC includes Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered Air Forces, and Air University — each entity having many initiatives in the works.

The general highlighted the work of Air Force recruiters to bring in the right quantity of Airmen of the highest quality.

Noting the Air Force has the highest percentage among all services of enlistees scoring in the top half of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, General Looney also pointed out that the Air Force admits the smallest percentage of applicants requiring any kind of moral waiver to enlist.

Upcoming initiatives to market the Air Force to potential applicants include



“Right now, today,
we are training
the first sergeants and
squadron commanders
of 2020.

We are now training
the command chiefs
and wing commanders
of 2025.

And we are recruiting,
training and educating
the general officer corps
that will lead this
Air Force in 2030.”

— General Looney

aligning recruiting zones with zip codes and continuation of successful advertising and promotional campaigns.

Second Air Force is responsible for technical training. General Looney pointed to the November 2008 addition of two weeks to basic military training; adding survive, evade, resist, escape training for all Airmen; and the stand-up of common battlefield airmen training as ways that Airmen working “outside the wire” get the training they need to be able to perform and return home safely.

Nineteenth Air Force conducts flying training for the Air Force. According to General Looney, the command’s new initial flight screening operation is doing well in preparing flying candidates for the rigors of military aviation. The general also told the crowd of the plans to stand up an F-22 basic qualification course.

“This means we’re going to take some of the young lieutenants and make their dream come true — send them directly to the F-22,” the general remarked.

Upgrading pilot training

General Looney also pointed to a new undergraduate pilot training syllabus designed to produce an “even better pilot than we’ve already been producing” and training aircraft improvements like the upgraded avionics on the T-38C Talon.

Air University, the “intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force,” produces the students, faculty and ideas that shape how America conducts warfare across the full spectrum of conflict. General Looney mentioned the importance not only of the continuing professional military education of Air Force members, but also the work with airmen from allies.

Training America’s allies

“Since 1958, more than 350 graduates of ... Air University from foreign countries have risen to the rank of chief of their air force,” the general said. “The relationship built during their time in this country ... is crucial because it’s at the formative stage, usually, of their careers.”

He also noted this relationship pays “huge dividends” in executing coalition requirements together.

By recruiting, training, and educating Airmen throughout their careers, AETC executes its mission of developing America’s Airmen today ... for tomorrow.

“Right now, today, we are training the first sergeants and squadron commanders of 2020,” General Looney said. “We are now training the command chiefs and wing commanders of 2025. And we are recruiting, training and educating the general officer corps that will lead this Air Force in 2030.

“I can’t think of any mission more important to our Air Force,” General Looney said, “than the one we have right here in AETC.”



Command changes for trainers next week

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Col. Prince Gilliard Jr. assumes command of the 81st Training Group from Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the parade field adjacent to the Levitow Training Support Facility.

In case of rain, the ceremony moves to the Welch Auditorium.

Colonel Gilliard comes to Keesler from the Defense Information Systems Agency in Arlington, Va., where he was the deputy component acquisition executive.

His previous assignments were at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; Sembach Air Base, Germany; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Scott AFB, Ill.; Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and the Pentagon.

He attended basic and advanced communications officer training at Keesler.

Colonel Gilliard holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina and a master’s degree in computer resources and information management from Webster University.

Col. Van De Ven’s retirement ceremony follows the change of command. She’s led the 81st TRG for two years.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Kathleen Pasquini, 81st Training Support Squadron, examines an Airman during uniform inspection.



Staff Sgt. Henry Sims, 81st TRSS, gets Airmen in formation for BDU inspection.

Remedial training helps Airmen adapt to military life, standards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Nonprior service Airmen headed down the wrong path during technical training are being given an opportunity to correct their course through remedial military training.

RMT, which was suspended at Keesler after Hurricane Katrina, resumed Friday in the 81st Training Group. Plans are to conduct the training on compressed work schedule Fridays through the end of the year, then re-evaluate the program's success before proceeding in 2008.

"RMT is for students who need a bit more direction and motivation in adapting to military life and standards," said Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 81st TRG commander. "It's an attempt to get those students who seem at risk back on track before they get into serious trouble with multiple letters of reprimand or Articles 15."

Capt. Ryan Robinson, 81st TRG military training operations officer, pointed out in recent years military training leaders are working with fewer tools at their disposal to redirect students who are headed for trouble.

"Since January, we haven't been allowed to assign any more non-credit details for minor violations," Captain Robinson explained. "Our one-day correctional custody experience for nonprior service students has been curtailed, too. With personnel and budget constraints,

the importance of RMT as a corrective tool will increase."

Most students attending RMT have had relatively minor infractions, such as breaking phase, being late to formation or failing multiple room or uniform inspections.

Friday, 34 students were on the drill pad at 5:30 a.m. to start RMT with an accountability formation, orientation and physical training before showers and breakfast. The rest of the morning included service dress and battle dress uniform inspections, an Air Force core values lecture and room inspections.

For students who've received LORs or who are in need of further reinforcement, there's an afternoon session with drill, details and a professional development discussion.

MTLs from the 81st TRG military training office and each training squadron are involved with the RMT program. Some training is conducted at the squadron level, while other components are consolidated at the group level.

"We hope we can keep at-risk Airmen from receiving Articles 15 or getting discharged and improve their attitudes about their military commitment and professional responsibilities," Captain Robinson commented. "We're limited in what we can do under an Article 15, but we'll do all we can to give these Airmen an opportunity to be successful, productive and professional members of our Air Force."

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Special duty briefng

An Air Education and Training Command briefing on special duty assignment opportunities is 9 a.m. Tuesday in Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

Pitsenbarger awards

The deadline for fall Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$500 Pitsenbarger Award is Sept. 20.

The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and

the Aerospace Education Foundation.

Applications are available in the education office, Room 212, old Cody Hall, or at <http://www.aef.org/aid/pit.asp>.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Parades, drill down

Student parades are 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and Nov. 15, and a drill down is 8 a.m. Oct. 19.

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

Scholarships

The Keesler Chiefs Group sponsors three \$150 scholarships for enlisted personnel seeking their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Applications are available at the education office or from any permanent party chief. The deadline is Oct. 19.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Clarke, 377-1314.

Online training

The Keesler Web site

offers training on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, mobility legal requirements, heat stress, fraternization and the Law of Armed Conflict.

Individuals enrolled in professional military education or Air Command and Staff College who anticipate needing to test while deployed should contact the education office.

For more information, visit <http://www.va.gov>.

ACSC, AWC seminar

Air Command and Staff College or Air War College study

groups offer interaction and accountability for the courses.

Seminars can begin anytime during the year and are open to eligible military and civilian personnel.

For more information, call 377-2323 or e-mail 81mss.education@keesler.af.mil.

Academic counseling

For college counseling appointments, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Training grants

Military spouses and veterans are eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make permanent change-of-station moves with a military member, spouses of honorably discharged military members and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call 377-2179.

Student TMO

Short sheet briefings at the technical training traffic management office are 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Briefings are held in Room 213, Levitow Training Support Facility in the Triangle.

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility.

Officer records

For officers to update their academic records, the Air Force Institute of Technology requires an official transcript sent to this address:

AFIT/RRE, 2950 P St., Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

People can request and track Community College of the Air Force transcripts, view degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Post it

From left, Navy Petty Officers 1st Class Marcus Warren, Kimberly Rawlins, Jason Couch and Lerome Snaer set posts to relocate the Mississippi Medal of Honor Walkway from Naval Station Pascagoula to the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Ocean Springs. The project was undertaken by area Sailors recently selected for promotion to chief petty officer. The walkway was dedicated Tuesday during a ceremony honoring those who died during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Petty Officer Warren is from the Naval Oceanography Antisubmarine Center at Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. Petty Officers Rawlins and Couch are assigned to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, and Petty Officer Snaer works for the Center for Information Dominance learning site, both at Keesler.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Keesler's top volunteer earns national recognition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's Volunteer of the Year, Michele Hirata, has been recognized with the Award of Honor from the National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot program.

Mrs. Hirata, spouse of Maj. Jeff Hirata, 2nd Air Force, was one of five winners in her category and receives \$500.

The VIP program recognizes volunteers worldwide whose outstanding service contributes to improving the quality of life in their military and surrounding communities.

Active-duty, Guard, Reserve and retired military members, their family members and survivors are eligible.

In her 17 years as an Air Force spouse, Mrs. Hirata has been involved with base and community organizations at every assignment.

During earlier assignments, she devoted hundreds of hours as director of Airmen's Attic,



Mrs. Hirata

organized a base-wide talent show that raised nearly \$1,000 for the American Red Cross, served as a Meals on Wheels driver and sold concessions at sporting and music events to raise money for the Alamo Head Injury Association.

Since arriving at Keesler, she's volunteered more than 4,000 hours and \$25,000 worth of purses, shawls, hats,

scarves and other garments to raise money for cancer research and other charities.

Mrs. Hirata designs "chemo beanies," knitted from T-shirt fabric for patients undergoing chemotherapy or hair loss illnesses that she distributes free of charge. She gives away about 48 of the caps each month. She sells handmade items at area festivals to raise the funds to make the caps.

Last summer, she sold specially designed pins at festivals and raised \$200 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She also made and sold custom purses to benefit the Keesler Spouses Club.

Mrs. Hirata made costumes for the annual St. Paul's Preschool Circus in Ocean Springs and volunteered as a clown at four parties for underprivileged children, where she painted faces and made balloon animals. She was also one of the organizers of Hearts with Hope, a music festival held in May to raise money for Gulf Coast cancer victims.

IN THE NEWS

Gate barrier work impacts traffic

The pop-up force protection barriers at the White Avenue and Meadows Drive gates undergo modification and maintenance, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Oct. 10.

Friday, the contractor tests the operation of all barriers at both gates. All four lanes of traffic are stopped for two to four minutes during the tests.

Monday, work begins on the White Avenue Gate for the entire week, with one inbound and one outbound lane closed.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Julian Glantz, 377-2053.

Retiree Appreciation Day Monday

Retiree Appreciation Day is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the youth center.

The 81st Medical Group offers blood pressure screening, information about Tricare, dermatology, pharmacy, smoking cessation, osteoporosis, dental care and other health-related information.

Information from finance, legal, personnel administration, skills development center, Retired Enlisted Association and other support agencies is available.

Windshield tours to point out locations of key agencies begin at 9 a.m.

A free lunch buffet is provided.

For more information, call Capt. Michelle Salgado, 377-0170, or e-mail michelle.salgado@keesler.af.mil.

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign at Keesler is Oct. 3-31.

The base's goal is \$107,947.28. Contributions can be by cash, check or monthly payroll deduction.

For more information, call or e-mail Capt. Breanne Roeckers, project officer, 377-3101, breanne.roeckers@keesler.af.mil, or Master Sgt. David Muns, 376-5608, david.muns@keesler.af.mil.

2 injured in helicopter crash

Air Force Print News

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Two people were injured and five were unhurt when an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter from Hurlburt Field made a hard landing at approximately 11:45 p.m. Friday near Duke Field, Fla.

The Airmen injured in the incident are Airman 1st Class Bradley Jordan, 20th Special Operations Squadron, and Col. William Nelson, assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Command Surgeon General's office.

The Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., fire department responded to the aircraft incident, which was on a routine training mission.

The other five crew members on board weren't injured. No one on the ground was injured and no civilian property was damaged. A board of officers is investigating the incident.

Off-limits establishments

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

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sign-in 6:30-8 a.m. Run,
cycle and swim event.
Register by Sept. 17 at Blake
Fitness Center.

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.

TSP improves security measures

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — In October, the Thrift Savings Plan begins using account numbers to improve individual account holder security.

TSP officials mail new account numbers to participants this month replacing the use of Social Security numbers as the primary means to identify current civilian and active-duty military participants.

Account holders use their account number and TSP Web password or ThriftLine personal identification number to log into the account access section of the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine.

All account holders should ensure that TSP has their correct mailing address. Civilians and active-duty military members can update their address via the Defense Finance and Accounting Service myPay Web application. Address changes submitted via myPay automatically flow to the TSP and update your TSP record. Only participants retired or separated from service can submit address changes directly to TSP.

After logging into myPay, click on "Correspondence Address" to enter a correct address and save the changes. If you're unable to access myPay, submit your address change through your base's payroll office customer service representative.

Special duty assignment pay changes

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have made changes to the special duty assignment pay program as a result of an annual review and cuts to the special and incentive pay budget.

The Air Force corporate structure directed a \$46 million reduction in special and incentive pay funding starting in fiscal 2008. The officer force took a \$12 million cut in bonus funding, while enlisted force programs were reduced by about \$34 million. The SDAP program was reduced by \$7.4 million.

"There'll be a one-level reduction of \$75 per month in 35 of the 48 rules in this program," said Master Sgt. Gregory Little of the Air Force enlisted force management office at the Pentagon. "There are areas being paid the very minimum amount allowed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense — \$75 per month — and because these entities still meet the requirements and the intent of this program, they'll continue to be paid at SDAP level one."

The Air Force has already notified affected Airmen and stopped special pay for those who qualified under the rule that was removed last summer.

There are currently more than 9,000 enlisted personnel receiving SDAP. Units and skills were reviewed to ensure the basic criterion established by law was met. The Air Force Personnel Center will provide military personnel flights with specific implementation instructions.

The new SDAP list is effective Oct. 1 and posted on the AFPC Web site.

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Chief master sergeant — through Friday

Senior master sergeant — Dec. 3-14.

Master and technical sergeant, — Feb. 1 to March 31.

Staff sergeant — May 1 to June 15.

All members should be prepared to test on the first day of the testing cycle.

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

Hand-held cellular phones are 'no-no' for base drivers

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

How often have you wished that person in front of you would just shut up and drive?

Keesler's safety chief, Lt. Col. Dave Poage, isn't the only person who's been endangered by a person who's preoccupied with cellular phone use, rather than focusing on driving.

"Since it isn't illegal yet to 'talk and drive' in Mississippi, sometimes we forget that we can't do it on Keesler," Colonel Poage pointed out.

Since February 2006, drivers have been prohibited from talking on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device. This policy is part of the Department of Defense's Joint Traffic Guidance included in Air Force Instruction 31-201.

This rule also applies to all government-owned vehicles at all times. GOV drivers aren't permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device, on or off base.

Wearing other portable headphones, earphones or listening devices other than hands-free cell phones is also prohibited, because those devices impair driving and prevent recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, approaching vehicles and human speech.

The DOD guidance also notes the potential for driver distractions such as eating, drinking, operating radios, compact disk players, global positioning equipment and other devices. When possible, these activities should only be done when the vehicle is safely parked.



Using a cell phone while driving on base without a hands-free device is a "primary offense," so violators can be stopped solely for this offense.

Drivers who violate the cell phone driving restriction are given three assessment points against their driving records or an appropriate fine. If two or more violations are committed, even on a single occasion, a ticket can be given to the driver for each violation.

Statistics on cell phone use by motorists are limited, but a 2002 study by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis estimated that the use of cell phones by drivers resulted in about 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries annually.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near crashes are due to driver inattention. The most common cause was cell phone use, followed by drowsiness.

"I've made 'buckle up and shut up' my personal rule," Colonel Poage commented. "It keeps me safer driving off base and keeps me legal when I'm on base."

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Senior Airman
Sara Johnson

Unit — 81st Training
Wing command section

Position — information
manager

Time in Air Force —
three years

Time at Keesler —
three years

Noteworthy —
Deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq,
in support of Operation
Iraqi Freedom, Jan. 11 to
May 20. Most recently,
put her real-world experi-
ence to work during the
operational readiness
inspection field exercise,
helping lead the wing to an
“excellent” rating.

Hometown — Madison,
Wis.



Why did you join the Air Force? To serve my country and to excel in life; better myself.

What are your short- and long-term goals? To finish my Community College of the Air Force degree and get started on a bachelor's degree.

What's your favorite quote? “A compliment is a gift, not to be thrown away carelessly, unless you want to hurt the giver.” — Eleanor Hamilton.

What are your hobbies? Going to the movies, fishing, hanging out with friends and doing things outdoors.

Honor guard

One-striper feels pressure of serving on funeral details

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three first-person articles on Keesler News staff writer Airman David Salanitri's experiences with the Keesler Honor Guard.

The day I found out I'd be playing Taps in my first funeral, I was confident. However, as the time got nearer, I started to become a little nervous.

My first funeral was for a military veteran, which means he had less than 20 years of service. These funerals require only a flag-folding, the playing of Taps and the presentation of the flag to the family.

Playing Taps is considered to be easy. All you have to do is stay in one spot, salute the hearse and casket, and finally, play Taps.

Don't kid yourself — with the entire family's eyes on you, there's more than a little pressure.

Our Airman in charge went about the funeral as if it was another day at the office. At one point, he told me to relax and quit asking so many questions.

The temperature was about 75 degrees, the sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. I thought how perfect a day it was to be alive. A funeral makes me think about such stuff.

The ceremony went on smoothly, with a few small errors only an honor guardsmen would pick out.

My signal was given to start playing Taps, so I did. As I was playing, I could see a few of the women wiping tears away from their eyes. I force myself to stare at the end of my bugle as I continued playing.

As Taps ended, I brought the bugle down to attention and marched back to the van.

Once the flag was folded and presented to the family, the other two honor guardsmen joined me at the van.



Airman Salanitri learned playing Taps at a funeral isn't as easy as it's made out to be.

"Ya did well, Sal," said our Airman in charge, who was an accomplished honor guardsmen.

That comment made my day.

We wrapped things up on the drive home by going over the day's ceremony and what we could've done better.

A bigger deal than playing Taps turned out to be the time I was the noncommissioned officer in charge of a funeral detail — me, with only one stripe on my arm. My job was three-fold: supervise the Airmen on the detail, take charge of things once we arrived at the cemetery and express the Air Force's condolences as I presented the flag to the widow.

I received the flag from the person in charge of folding it, then waited through the 21-gun salute and Taps. After taps, I walked up to the widow, got down on a knee and presented the flag to her. She grabbed onto my hand as tears were running down here checks, and thanked me. That was a day I would remember.

Next: Looking back.

Hispanic service Sunday

A service, 2 p.m. Sunday in Larcher Chapel kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month at Keesler.

The service is in both English and Spanish. Refreshments are served after the service.

Other events:

Food tasting — 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26, youth center. Traditional Hispanic dishes served free by the Hispanic Heritage Committee. Entertainment by a dance group from the base.

Luncheon — noon Oct. 10, El Rancho Restaurant, Pass Road, Biloxi. Menu: chicken or steak fajitas, rice and beans plate or salad selected at time of reservation. Joseph Garcia of Gautier, a retired Air Force colonel, is the guest speaker. Music by Mariachi Sol Del Valle. For reservations and menu choices, call Maria Ochoa, 424-7036 or 377-4780.

Family day — 2 p.m. Oct. 14, marina park. Bring picnic lunch. Games for children and piñatas.

KEESLER NOTES

Medical spouses

The 81st Medical Group Spouses Club hosts a welcome social, 7 p.m. today at the home of Brig. Gen. Douglas and Gloria Robb, 213 Arnold Circle in the Bay Ridge housing area.

The event is open to all medical spouses.

For more information, call Jennifer Eisenach, 209-4409.

Surplus property sale

An excess property sale is today in the Keesler Club on Larcher Boulevard.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Waste disposal

The semi-annual household hazardous waste collection day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20 in front of the recycling center.

Base residents, employees and retirees can bring in paints, solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies, automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights for disposal.

Items that aren't accepted include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, white goods such as stoves and refrigerators, explosive materials, ammunition, waste generated by businesses or base work areas or containers more than five gallons in size.

For more information, call 377-3004.

Dental accreditation

The American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation conducts an inspection of the 81st Dental Squadron's residency program Nov. 29.

The commission solicits comments from students and residents, residency staff and patients pertaining to the program by Sept. 29.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and the commission's policy and procedures for submission of complaints is available by writing or calling the commission, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-621-8099, extension 4653.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail to kevin.lane@keesler.af.mil.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is held for Air Force members or

spouses expecting a baby, 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 28.

Participants receive parenting pointers and baby items valued at \$75.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-2179.

Information booth

Peripheral arterial disease information is available, 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 and 27 in the medical center's outpatient clinic entrance lobby.

Visitors to the booth may also schedule PAD screening appointments. This screening is for complications that occur in arteries.

Airmen's Attic

Airmen's Attic's inventory

of 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.

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.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Rush by Marcus Dennis, left, 81st CES, forces 81st SUPS-TRANS quarterback Michael Averil to run instead of pass in this American Conference game Sept. 5. The civil engineers won, 14-12, to improve to 3-3. The loss dropped 81st SUPS-TRANS to 2-3.

Intramural football

Bulls upset Marines, 20-19, opening door for 336th TRS

By Airman David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron proved to the National Conference that the Marine Corps Detachment is not superhuman.

The Bulls handed the Marines their first loss of the season, 20-19, Sept. 4.

A 26-0 victory over the 333rd TRS Sept. 6 enabled MARDET, 5-1, to stay one-half game ahead of the 336th TRS. The Red Wolves, 4-1, went 2-0 last week, beating the 338 TRS, 25-13, and the Bulls, 19-0.

In the American Conference, the 81st Medical Group pulled out a 26-20 win over the

81st Communication Squadron Sept. 5 to gain a share of first with the 81st Security Forces Squadron. The cops were idle last week and remain 4-1.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron may be a team to watch down the stretch in the American Conference. A 14-12 victory over the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron Sept. 5 was the civil engineers' third in a row after three straight losses.

For complete scores, standings and schedules see Scores and More, Page 20.

For more information on intramural football, call Laurence Wilson, sports director, 377-2444.

Red Wolves trek north for Air Force Marathon

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two coed relay teams from the 336th Training Squadron are driving to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, this morning to participate in Saturday's Air Force Marathon.

The event is expected to attract 6,000 runners for the first time in its 11-year history.

Friday, team members plan to visit the marathon's sports and fitness expo and enjoy a gourmet pasta dinner at the National Museum of the Air Force.

Team 1 Master Blasters

The Master Blasters, competing in the masters division for ages 40 years old and above, includes Karla Proper, Robert Randall and Annette Owens, all from the 336th TRS, and Annette's husband, Terry, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Proper, an information management career development course writer, has been in the Air Force 23 years and came to Keesler 15 months ago. She started running 5- and 10-kilometer races five years ago. She's worked up to running 18 miles in preparation for her first individual marathon, the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco, next month.

She belongs to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training and Gulf Coast Running Club.

Randall has been a communications-computer systems CDC writer since he came to Keesler 15 months ago. He's been in the Air Force nearly 21 years.

He registered for a previous Air Force Marathon, but was injured before he could compete. He ran track in high school and competes in 5- and 10-K races. He prefers to run 5-6 miles at a time and incorporates running into his physical training.

The Owens have been at Keesler for 10 years. Annette had 21 years and Terry had 20 years of military service before starting their civilian careers.

They both finished their first half-marathon in South Carolina in February and are members of the Gulf Coast Running Club and the Port City Pacers in Mobile, Ala.

Annette, an instructional systems specialist, usually places in the top three in her age group in area 5- and 10-Ks.

"To prepare, I've been trying to find hills, which is hard around here, and do long runs on the weekends," she said.

Terry Owens, chief registrar, ran hurdles and relays in high school.

"This is a great chance to meet runners from all over and help the Air Force celebrate its 60th birthday, as well as to represent Keesler and just have a great time," he pointed out.

Team 2

Team 2's four technical sergeants are David Hughes, Melinda Fletcher, Larry Bright and Jennifer Koehler.

Hughes, an information management instructor, started running after he joined the Air Force 12 years ago. He's primarily a 5-K runner. He's used his physical training routine and 3- to 5-mile runs several times a week to prepare for the marathon.

Fletcher, information management course chief, has been at Keesler nearly two years. She began running when she joined the Air Force 11 years ago and participates in 5-Ks. She ran four to five times a week to prepare and said, "I'm showing my two sons that it's fun to participate in running events."

Bright, a communications planning and implementation instructor, has been in the Air Force 13 years, almost two of them at Keesler. He ran track in high school and considers himself a recreational runner. He's been doing distance runs before PT on Wednesdays, because "as a PT leader, it's sometimes hard to make sure there's a good workout for the unit and still get a good workout myself."

Koehler, who just moved to a new assignment at Barksdale AFB, La., is primarily a 5-K runner. She spent 3 1/2 years of her nine years in the Air Force at Keesler. She ran four miles several times a week to prepare for the marathon.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Youth special — ages 17 and younger, \$1.50 game.

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. Wednesdays. Bowl free with purchase of a lunch combo or buffet.

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

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

Nonprior service students bowling special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1.50 game including shoe rental.

Hurricane alley, nine-pin no tap tournaments have-a-ball fun league and fundraisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Fitness centers

Fitness classes — For more information, call 377-2907.

Football

Intramural

National Conference (as of Sept. 6)

Team	Won	Lost
MARDET	5	1
336th TRS	4	1
338th TRS	3	2
81st MSS	3	2
332nd TRS	3	3
335th TRS	2	2
334th TRS	2	3
333rd TRS	0	6

Scores

Sept. 4 — 332nd TRS 7, 333rd TRS 0; 81st MSS 25, 334th TRS 7; 335th TRS 20, MARDET 19; 335th TRS 25, 338th TRS 13.

Sept. 6 — 338th TRS 20, 334th TRS 6; 336th TRS 19, 335th TRS 0; 332nd TRS 15, 81st MSS 6; MARDET 26, 333rd TRS 0.

Schedule

Today — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. MARDET, Field 4; 333rd TRS vs. 336th TRS, Field 5. 7 p.m., 81st MSS vs. 338th TRS, Field 4; 334th TRS vs. 335th TRS, Field 5.

Tuesday — 6 p.m., 332nd TRS vs. 336th TRS, Field 4; MARDET vs. 334th TRS, Field 5. 7 p.m., 338th TRS vs. 335th TRS, Field 4; 81st MSS vs. 333rd TRS, Field 5.

American Conference (as of Sept. 5)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	4	1
81st MDG	4	1
81st DS	4	2
403rd Wing	3	2
81st CES	3	3
81st TRANS-SUPS	2	3
81st MDSS	2	3
81st CS	2	4
85th EIS	0	5

Scores

Sept. 5 — 81st CES 13, 81st TRANS-SUPS 12; 81st MDG 26, 81st CS 20; 81st DS 20, 85th EIS 6; 403rd Wing 12, 81st MDSS 6.

Schedule

Monday — 6 p.m., 81st CS vs. 81st MDSS, Field 4; 81st SFS vs. 85th EIS, Field 5. 7 p.m., 81st CES vs. 403rd Wing, Field 4; 81st TRANS-SUPS vs. 81st MDG, Field 5.

Wednesday — 6 p.m., 81st DS vs. 403rd Wing, Field 4; 81st CES vs. 81st MDG, Field 5. 7 p.m., 81st CS vs. 85th EIS, Field 4; 81st SFS vs. 81st TRANS, Field 5.

Golf

Salute to the Military tournament — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21, Gulf Hills Golf Club in Ocean Springs; registration deadline Sept. 14. Free golf, food, beverages and prizes for active-duty members. Shotgun starts 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Format is two-man scramble with handicap. Play limited to 144 players, morning and afternoon. If enough military players don't sign up, spots may be filled by military retirees. For more information or to register, call 424-0479.

Bay Breeze — course closed until October. Naval Construction Battalion Center's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport is available. For more information, call 871-2494.

Discounts — Sunkist Country Club offers a special rate of \$30 during September for active duty personnel on weekdays and after 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tee times may be made three days in advance by calling 388-3961; must show military identification card at check-in.

St. Andrews and Gulf Hills also offer military discounts.

Temporary pro shop — 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; 40 balls, \$2.

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

Outdoor recreation

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

Back Bay fishing trips — Sept. 15 and 29, \$25 person, minimum six, maximum eight people. Call for time.

Overnight adventure trip — aboard the Keesler Dolphin II to the Chandeleur Islands, Sept. 26-27, maximum six people. For more information, call 377-3160.

Annual Cruisin' Keesler — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22, marina park; vintage cars and motorcycles.

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.

Canoe trips — for more information, call 377-3160.

September tournament — weigh in largest alligator gar and win \$100 savings bond.

September specials — 10 percent discount on boat rentals Sept. 23.

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

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. For

more information, call 377-3180.

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

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

Paintball

Tournament — noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 22 for five-person teams. For more information, call 377-3160.

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.

Pools

Triangle Pool is open daily except Wednesday, noon to 2 p.m. for lap swimming and 2-7 p.m. for recreational and lap swimming. Weekend hours are noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for recreational and lap swimming. Main base pool on Meadows Drive is open noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Pools are also available for parties. For more information and costs, call 377-3568.

Softball

Home run derby and tournament — Sept. 28, Triangle fields. Derby fee, \$5 for 10 balls; tournament fee, \$125 team. Sept. 24 is deadline to turn in fees and lineups. To register and form more information, call Nickie Lozano, 376-6640 or 383-2066 or e-mail lozano.johnette@keesler.af.mil. Hosted by 2nd Air Force.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Justin Anderson, Michael Arndt, Gerald Barrett, Joshua Bell, Jason Beran, Sean Berry, Evan Bunch, Blake Butler, Jared Cannon, Steven Carpenter, Brian Churches, John Coben, Adam Cook, Harvey Crouch, Merlin Dartz, Daryl Davidson, Kyle Deschamps, Justin Dunham, Riley Greear, Antonio Guyton, Michael Hall, Sophia Hayner, Zachery Hedgelon, Jose Hernandez, David Jackson, Alan Johnson, Zachary Julander, James Ivey, Matthew Laine, Zacharey Landsberg, Christopher Lang, Christopher Lecheminant, Marcus Lembo, Gregory Levesque, Paul Linski, Dustin Little, Ryan Macatugal, Joshua Madden, Bryan Maddox, Kurt Marugg, Nicholas Maylone, Joseph McNutt, Daniel Mills, Timothy Moyer, Kevin Nichols, Nathan Patton, George Persico, Joseph Pizzo, Giovanni Portillo, Daniel Price, Blake Puckett, John Rhoads, Matthew Richards, Gabriel Rienks, Nicholas Risner, Uriah Savary, Timothy Settlemyre, Sean Shepherd, Kyle Slack, Gregory Smith, Chinyere Ukazim, Joshua Vandever, Thomas Vasquez, Matthew Vigil, Cody Walters, Richard Watkins, Justin Wiggins, Jessica Witzke and Travis Wollesen; Airmen Nicholas Andrus, Jonathan Branch, Richard Campbell, Matthew Hardy, Matthew Howard, Samuel Jitt, William Littledale, Jeffrey Moore and Nathaniel Ward; Airmen 1st Class Robert Agzigian, Zenia Arroliga, Anthony Bango, Vincent Bartuccio, Travis Carlson, Jason Chandler, Gerardo Chirichigno, Frederik Cosse, Frederick Danneman, DosSebastian DeLaRosa, Luke Forman, Peter Franaszek, Joseph Fuentes, Adam Grable, Kristen Griswold, Ryan Hard, Paul Hill, Joseph Hymel, Norman Lewis, Aurelio Magallon, Jordan Marinovich, Christopher Peters, Jeffrey Pollitt, Kristopher Robichaud, Robert Rockenstire, Manuel Rosales, Joshua Sanders, Peter Sittinger, Adrian Vargo, Curtisha Walker and Patrick Williams; Senior Airmen Tyler Bowen, Ryan Thompson, Erik Trout and Bader Yusuf; Staff Sgts. Charles Binder, Paul Gopher, Christopher Hoffman, James Jordan, Robert McCuiston, Michael Morton, Kenneth Patrick, Rodney Seirsen and Robert Thompson; Tech. Sgt Gregory Repucci.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Brad Salazar, Wade Smith and James Sparks; Airmen John Kane and Garrett Luke; Airmen 1st Class Jordon Simmons and Jonnie Yellock; Senior Airmen Christopher Akin and Derrick Johnson.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jessica Balltzglier, Caitlin Tomlin and Benjamin Trinklein; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Swanson; Staff Sgts. Amy Busman, Jeremy Clark, Charles Gilbert, Brent Kolves and Reshon Wilburn; Tech. Sgts. Jeremy Lucas, Jennifer Miller, Todd Phelps, Preston Rider and Gary Zahn; Master Sgts. Randy Hume and Jon Nicholas.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Tyler Herrmann and Kayla Smith; Airmen 1st Class Stacey Stigel-

mayer; Senior Airmen Jerry Hicks, Andrea Jaramillo and Kristopher Mallory; Tech. Sgts. Ella Doak and Ryan Palmer; Teleah Adkins.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Holly Allen, Amanda Gladding, Justin Kakuda, Michael Kropp, Sondra Lanier, Joshua Serrano and Fabeanna Ward; Airmen Brandi Ault and Sophie Penafior; Airmen 1st Class David Dailey, Ronald Fallarna, Candice Henley, Devery Herth, Brynna McKinney, Sanaka Patrick, Steven Swafford and Kara Zigler; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Colyn Funakoshi, Matthew Lies and Elizabeth Miranda-Santiago; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Chamberlain, Norma Hernandez, Melanie King, Andrew Labadie, Ronald Landis and Kirk Martin; Master Sgt. Cheryl Sheeder.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Shane Jones, Jacob King and Tracie Weak; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Burris, Mario Flores, Thomas Rhodes, Hache Stossmeister and Neil Novosad; Senior Airmen Dennis Leamy; Staff Sgts. Hector Barragan, Shannon Mimms, Leo Taylor and Sonya Williams; Tech. Sgts. T.J. Brown, Andrea Cox and John Graber; Master Sgt. Dana Beavers.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Javek Ragadio and Shaquinta Wright; Airmen Bryan Behr; Airmen 1st Class Nicholas DeFranco, Thomas Leneave, Kelli Miller, Lia Oyama, Jacob Palmer, Stephen Shambra, Andrew Stuhmiller and Nathan Van Oort; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Jeffrey Campbell, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly and Ronald Wood; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Christopher Dudley, James Griffis, James King, Keith Nelson, Damian Scott, Walter Shivel and Chad Wallace; Tech. Sgts. Januari Chapman and Thomas Lawrence; Master Sgts. Jerome Martin and Daisy Pardo; Chief Master Sgt. Abdulshakur Turkistani; Maj. Aamir Rasool; David Forney, Gregory Hunter and Keith Lucas.

338th TRS

Airfield systems basic course — Airmen Basic Wesley Catlin and Christopher Rush; Airmen 1st Class John Dean and Daniel Jamison.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic Stewart Hickman; Airmen Adam Volpe; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Abrera, Timothy Carter, Dale Cochran, Jordan Jones, Loren Mikulski, Gregory Mills and Sondra Morgan; Senior Airmen Ricky Hedges, Ryan Hughes, Nathan Loura and Derik Matthews; Staff Sgts. Steven Izbicki, Joseph Schescke, Granville Smith and Joseph Wengerd; Tech. Sgts. Glenn Corbitt, Bradly Ellsworth, John Pyeatt and Julian Rey.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Justin Norman; Senior Airmen Ace Asis, David Brzeczek, Nishant Patel; Staff Sgts. Oliver Beasley, Jacob Dalbol and Anthony Kelly.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-6 — graduation Oct. 12.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-1 — Oct. 2-Nov. 9.

Airmen and family readiness center

Home buying seminar — 10 a.m. Friday, Room 151, old Cody Hall. Covers forms, terms, different financing options and what to look for in a realtor. Class limited to 35 students. To register, call 377-2179.

Troops to Teachers — 4 p.m. Sept. 27, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For people leaving the military and spouses to get into the classroom while completing teaching requirements. To register, call 377-2179, or if you can't attend, call 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

Arts and crafts center

Annual artist/craftsman and photo contest — Deadline for adults is Friday. Call for information on categories.

Photography — 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

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

One-stroke painting — Saturday. New project each month. \$30 including supplies. Call for time.

Please see **Digest**, Page 22

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	McClelland Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off base

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

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33 and 5:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36 and 5:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38 and 5:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls; 3:41 and 5:41, front of Muse Manor.

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

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Medical Center chapel.....Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

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

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Parent-and-me class — 1 p.m. Sept. 29. \$5 couple. Make caramel apples.

Ceramic painting — call for more information.

Beginner intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Sept. 22. \$15. Intarsia is art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. Sept. 29. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Beginner auto care classes — available in oil changes, brakes, tuneups, tire changes and more. \$5 each. Call for times and dates.

Octoberfest — Oct. 27. For craft booth registration and information, call 377-2821.

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

Free beginners computer class — 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Wednesday for people ages 45 and older who have no, or few, computer skills. Week 1 focuses on terms and familiarization with computer components. Week 2, students learn mouse and keyboard skills and how to use Windows XP. Week 3 covers cruising the information highway and an introduction to the World Wide Web. Week 4 includes information on buying and caring for a computer. Class size is limited to 12 students. To register, call 377-2181.

Air Force 60th anniversary celebration — 2-4 p.m. Tuesday; history display and refreshments.

Hispanic Heritage Month — display throughout September.

National library card sign-up month — sign up and receive free mouse pad.

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

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Free use of amusement machines — Tuesday.

Closed — 4 p.m. Wednesday

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.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Sept. 26. Martini specials, free

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.

finger foods, entertainment.

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

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

Catering — experts can assist with event planning.

Youth center

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

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

Basketball clinic — accepting registrations, ages 6 and older. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers.

Classes and programs — ages 13 and older. For more information, call 377-3349.

Instructors needed — gymnastics, martial arts, piano, ballet, tap and jazz.

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

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, towellettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — to place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Saints home games — Sept. 24, Tennessee Titans, sign up by Wednesday. Oct. 21, Atlanta Falcons, sign up by Oct. 16. Nov. 4, Jacksonville Jaguars, sign up by Oct. 30. \$50 includes ticket and transportation.

Discounted tickets — for many attractions including Busch Gardens, Sea World, Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida. For price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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

Veterans benefits briefing — noon today, 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. 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. 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.

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., No Reservation (PG, 105 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Daddy Day Camp (PG, 115 minutes); 6:30 p.m., The Simpsons Movie (PG-13, 87 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13, 115 minutes).

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.

Air Force birthday

Lunch — shrimp cocktail, onion soup, fruit medley, waldorf salad, strip loin steak, herbed lemon baked fish, chicken breast with orange glaze, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, oven-browned potatoes, corn on the cob, peas, steamed carrots, candy, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

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

Wednesday

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

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