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Dragons deployed
— 144

Something fishy frying



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Larry McKean fries fish in a vintage Air Force uniform outside the youth center Monday for the Retiree Appreciation Day picnic. He's now a civilian employee of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron and president of The Retired Enlisted Association. More photos, Page 17.

A-76 decision:

Support functions go to contractor for \$270 million

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Air Force has awarded a \$270 million contract to cover civil engineering, supply, services, weather station and certain mission support functions at Keesler.

The contract is for a projected 10 years — the first year and nine options, according to Brian Mooers, Keesler's competitive sourcing chief.

"Big BOS," which refers to the larger of the two base operating support contracts, is awarded to Computer Services Corp., which purchased DynCorp, the original service provider. The decision affects about 586 civilian and military employees at Keesler.

However, "Little BOS," a second contract to cover most communication support func-

tions by government employees at a cost of \$54 million over a 10-year period, remains in litigation with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. That decision affects about 175 civilian and military positions.

The decisions were announced by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, Sept. 13, one day after congressional notifications were made.

"There's goodness in having a decision," General Capasso said to many of the affected personnel at a town hall meeting in Welch Auditorium. "It allows our people to move forward and plan for their futures.

"It's in our best interest at Keesler to transition to Big BOS on schedule and to help

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This week in the Triangle

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

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

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

Financial management and comptroller, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Wolfe Hall.

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

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



Student numbers

Total students — 3,178

Non-prior service — 1,882

Temporary duty — 1,153

Joint service — 99

Combat controllers — 15

Medical — 29

Non-prior service arrivals — 155

Guard, Reserve — 650

International — 45

FY07 graduates — 25,052

Total since 1942 — 2,263,582

COMMENTARY

Early detection, vaccination can defeat cervical cancer

By Maj. Bradley Olsson

81st Medical Group

The other day, I had to get home on time to get the kids to their cello lesson.

My wife informed me she had an appointment for her annual wellness exam and PAP smear. Being a nurse and working in the area of health prevention, I had to applaud her actions even though I had to sit and listen to cello scales for an hour.

Why do I care about one more medical appointment? In 2005, nearly 4,000 women died from cervical cancer. The cost to treat cervical cancer that year was more than \$2 billion.

Early detection through that annual PAP smear can lead to early intervention and successful treatment of the condition. So the preventive part of my nurse training says get the test done. The family practice clinic and the women's health clinic are both set up and ready to get the testing done. Take advantage of the benefits Keesler Medical Center can offer for a long and healthy life. The appointment line is 1-800-700-8603.

Nearly all cervical cancers are caused by a virus known as human papilloma virus. One study of women ages 14-59 indicated 26.8 percent of the women tested were positive for HPV infection. There are 18 varieties of the virus. It has been determined that 70 percent of cervical cancers are associated with just two types, known as 16 and 18. Four of the types have been strongly associated with cervical cancer.

We have a potent weapon against those four types of the virus. Sometime ago, the

Food and Drug Administration approved the use of a vaccine that is marketed under the name Gardasil. Imagine, if we could significantly reduce the number of infections by HPV, we'd also reduce the number of cases of cervical cancer, increase health and wellbeing and decrease the cost of treating such a devastating disease.

All major health organizations recommend girls and young women take advantage of the vaccination. The initial target population of ages 11-12 has been expanded to young women up to age 26.

Vaccination is a series of three injections over time. It's available in the immunization clinic for all those Tricare Prime beneficiaries who ask. More than 3,000 people at Keesler are in the age range, but fewer than 5 percent have been vaccinated.

Need some encouragement?

Here's what Col. Elizabeth Bowers-Klaine, 81st Medical Group chief nurse — and a practicing women's health provider and certified nurse midwife — has to say. "HPV infections, like many other sexually-transmitted infections, are often without symptoms. HPV infections are the most common sexually-transmitted infections we see in the clinic. Treatment of abnormal pap smears can be uncomfortable and take years of follow-up. I think that widespread use of Gardasil will have significant health benefits for women."

It's also free.

I need to stop here. I have cello duty again. My wife has an appointment for a mammogram. The good news is, our two vaccinated girls are getting good at the cello.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

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

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

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

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

Base locator — 377-2890	Lodging (reservations) — 377-9986
Base operator — 377-1110	Medical center information — 377-6550
Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430	Military equal opportunity — 377-2759
Career assistance adviser — 377-3697	Military pay — 377-7272
Central medical appointments — 1-800-700-8603	Pass and registration — 377-3844
Child development center — 377-2211	Pharmacy (refill call-in) — 376-1000
Civil engineering — 377-5561	Satellite pharmacy — 377-9791
Civilian personnel — 377-2268	Public affairs — 377-2783
Military personnel flight — 377-2276	Red Cross — 377-0732
Keesler Federal Credit Union — 385-5500	Sexual assault prevention and response team — 377-8635
Emergencies — 911	Law enforcement desk — 377-3040
Family campground — 594-0543	Shoppette, Class Six — 432-2367
Airmen and family readiness center — 377-2179	Telephone trouble — 377-2130
Finance — 377-4212	Traffic management (outbound) — 377-2446
81st Communications Squadron help desk — 377-0066	Traffic management (inbound) — 377-7813
Housing — 377-9741	Visitor center — 377-2595
Identification cards — 377-3203	Youth center — 377-4116
Inspector general — 377-3010	
Legal assistance — 377-3510	
Library — 377-2181	

Feeling isolated

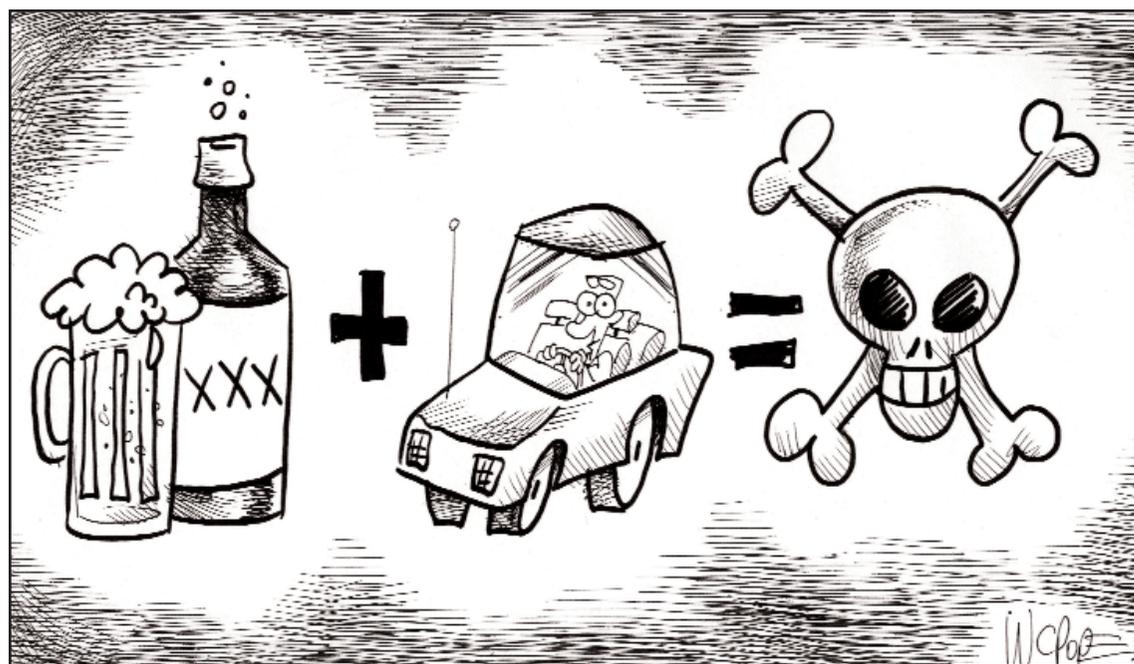
Comment — Residents of the Pine Haven housing area now have only one way out of the neighborhood because of the road closure at C and 6th streets.

The effect is to isolate us from the rest of Keesler, resulting in difficulty in departing our housing area on weekdays.

Response — We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the road closure.

This action was taken to open new access points to the base so we can manage the increased traffic related to the construction of the base exchange and commissary.

Although access to your housing area is now limited, the alternative would increase traffic congestion dramatically at exit gates and across the base, causing delays in the completion of these new facilities.



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

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sexual
assaults
to

377-7278.

DIAMOND NOTES

Females don't wear shades of nail polish that distinctly contrast with their complexion, detract from the uniform or are extreme.

Polish is limited to one color. French manicures are allowed. Maximum length: 1/4 1/4 inch.

— Master Sgt. Lorna Dembo, 81st Surgical Operations and Inpatient Squadrons first sergeant



Sergeant Dembo



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.



Could your work center
run more efficiently?

Is time being wasted
where you work?

Do you have an idea
to save money
or streamline your job?

If so, we want to know.

Contact

81st Training Wing
Air Force Smart Operations
for the 21st Century Office,

377-4341

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training leader ends 34-year military career today

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When she marched to class in the Triangle in 1973, Airman Deborah Van De Ven never imagined that one day she'd command the Air Force's largest training group.

Today, Colonel Van De Ven, 81st Training Group commander, retires from a 34-year military career she describes as an incredible series of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

Career path began at Keesler

"We females lived in World War II era dorms," she remembered. "I earned my 3-skill level as an aerospace control and warning systems operator, mastering the expertise needed at the radar scope and the technique of writing backwards to plot aircraft on the two-story plexiglass air-battle situation board — a career field we still have today, minus the manual plotting board."

Seven years and four assignments later, Sergeant Van De Ven earned her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and received her commission through Officer Training School.

Moving into training arena

After protocol and executive officer assignments at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and McGuire AFB, N.J., Lieutenant Van De Ven entered the training arena as an ROTC instructor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, N.Y. During that time, she completed a master's degree in management and supervision from Central Michigan University.

Next, Captain Van De Ven became a flight commander for British initial officer training at Royal Air Force, Cranwell, then spent two years as squadron section commander for the 4th Air Support Operations Group in Frankfurt, Germany.

She moved to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to teach at the Academic Instructor School. She was picked for major and attended Air Command and Staff College before heading for Camp Smith, Hawaii, to serve as deputy chief of protocol and executive staff officer to the commander at U.S. Pacific Command.

In 1998, she returned to Maxwell to command the 35th Student Squadron at Squadron Officer School before attending Air War College.

She moved to Morón Air Base,



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Colonel Van De Ven welcomes a new group of nonprior service students to Keesler at the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Spain, in 2001 to command the 496th Air Base Squadron.

Four years ago, she was selected for promotion to colonel and headed to Washington, D.C., to become deputy principal director for operations at the Defense Information Systems Agency.

A year later, she became chief of regional support operations at the National Military Command Center at the Pentagon, the principal command and control center for the Department of Defense.

Two years ago, Colonel Van De Ven took command of the 81st TRG just four weeks after Hurricane Katrina slammed the base.

"My tour as commander clearly has been defined by the reconstitution of our training mission," she commented. "Keesler's training mission was projected to be down for six months after Katrina, but many class-

es were being conducted in classrooms only weeks later, and several more by the end of 2005. By January, our average daily student load peaked at over 3,700."

The colonel credited the efforts of Keesler's academic and support personnel with revival of the training mission, even though many were dealing with huge personal losses. She considers the "excellent" rating received by all seven squadrons in the 81st TRG the capstone of her final command.

"The 81st Training Group has a huge impact on the Air Force as we provide a constant supply of new Airmen qualified in 33 different career fields, and qualify hundreds of Airmen in advanced and supplemental skills each year," she remarked. "You'll find Keesler graduates at virtually every global location with a military presence."

81st Training Group gets new commander

Col. Prince Gilliard Jr. takes command of the 81st Training Group from Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 6 p.m. today 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 deputy.

Colonel Van De Ven's retirement ceremony follows the change of command.

Colonel Van De Ven said a major challenge has been the demands of teaching high-tech courses.

"Keesler is the Center of Excellence for both communications and electronic principles, the prerequisite course for 29 different career fields," she emphasized. "We operate in a high-tech environment, creating the never-ending need to update equipment, curriculum, instructor knowledge and field experience.

"The 81st Training Group's official mission statement, 'to provide well trained and highly motivated Airmen in support of our worldwide air and space expeditionary forces,' always seemed a bit long and cumbersome to me," she admitted. "The heart of our mission is simply the first half. 'In support of our worldwide air and space expeditionary forces' is true and important, but not necessarily as enduring, as world situations and technology continually alter our environment and military capabilities."

Colonel Van De Ven's post-retirement plans include time for travel in her new recreational vehicle to scope out possible places to put down roots.

"Most people headed for retirement spend time looking for employment opportunities, but I was here to be the commander, not to job hunt," she said. "At this point, I have no idea where I want to live. I grew up in Michigan, but the last half of my career has been in warm climates, so I really don't want ice and snow. I watch the weather map for the places they aren't talking about — there are risks wherever you go, but I'm looking for lower risk."

In training



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Instructor Wendy Buenzli, second from right, explains to University of Southern Mississippi-Long Beach nursing students how to care for an infant in Keesler Medical Center's special care nursery. The students, from left, are Vinh Nguyen, Wendy Creel, Jessika Ulrich and McLaurin Pepper. Aug. 29 was the first day Keesler began training USM nursing students in the family birthing center, women's health clinic and nursery. Eight students spend a total of eight days at the medical center through Nov. 28.

International visitors



Photo by Kemberly Groue

From left, Maj. Yerzhan Bisembayev and Konstantin Duplaykin, Col. Amanzhol Bektleuov and Lt. Col. Valeriy Zhilenko receive 81st Training Wing coins from Col. Richard Pierce, vice commander, Sept. 13. The four maintenance officers from Kazakhstan visited Keesler last week with military and civilian representatives from Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Kyrgyz Republic to tour the 334th Training Squadron's air traffic control school and the 403rd Maintenance Squadron to see the C-130J aircraft. Rod Pressley from Central Command accompanied the visitors.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Pitsenbarger awards

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

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. today 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.

Student spouse group

The student spouse group meets at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Fishbowl Student Center.

The monthly session, sponsored by the airman and family readiness center and the chapel, covers informative topics and includes a light meal.

For more information, call the airman and family readiness annex, 377-0155.

HWM training

Hazardous waste management training is 8-11 a.m. Sept. 28 in the Wolfe Hall auditorium.

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.

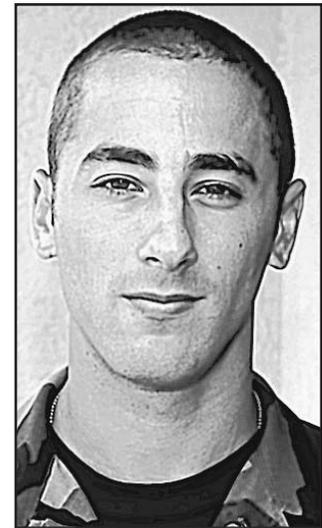
Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group third quarter awards ceremony is 3:40 p.m. Oct. 10 on the parade grounds in the Triangle.

In case of rain, the ceremony is at Welch Auditorium.

For more information, call

Financial ace



Airman 1st Class Eric Plack graduated from the 11 1/2-week financial management and comptroller apprentice course with a perfect score on all 10 blocks. Airman Plack, from West Chester, Ohio, is headed to an assignment with the 12th Comptroller Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Jodi Schmidt, 377-7679 or Tech. Sgt. Heather Watson, 377-5511.

Weapons training

Weapons training is conducted by 81st Security Forces Squadron officials at Camp Keller in Woolmarket.

The range is for government weapons only.

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

Virtual education

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

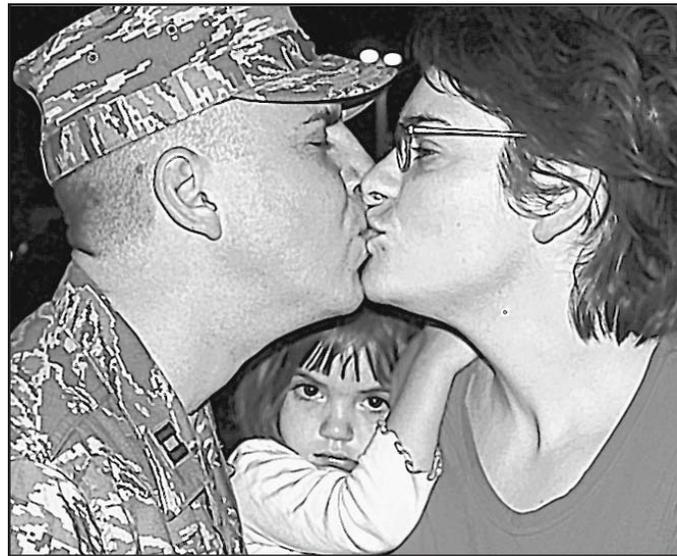
To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on. First-time users re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into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

NEWS AND FEATURES

Farewell to family

Capt. William Clark kisses wife Shelley as 3-year-old daughter Tallulah waits her turn. He and nine other members of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron departed Keesler Sept. 12 to begin a 120-day deployment to Southwest Asia to care for U.S. and coalition forces and other patients.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



VA, DOD joint health projects bring nearly \$6 million to Keesler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Health Executive Council has approved two joint incentive fund proposals for Keesler Medical Center and the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi.

The total cost of the JIF projects for the joint cardiac care center and the magnetic resonance imaging center is \$5.92 million.

"The joint cardiac care center JIF at Keesler Medical Center will modernize the existing angiography suite to serve as a dual cardiac catheterization laboratory and peripheral angiography suite," according to Lt. Col. Richard Rowe, director and chief of federal integration for the Gulf Coast Multi Service Market Office at Keesler. "This capability will be shared between cardiology, radiology and vascular surgery, greatly improving efficiency, capability and patient safety.

"This project will recapture virtually all of current Air Force and VA purchased care for cardiac catheterization and coronary intervention procedures done through the skin, without having to perform open-heart surgery, and associated outpatient costs from

our Tricare network of civilian providers (and the VA equivalent)," he continued.

Funds will be used to buy equipment, renovate existing space and hire contract staff.

"Almost all heart, peripheral vascular and carotid procedures can now be performed in a minimally-invasive way, using a variety of state-of-the-art techniques to include balloon dilation, stent implantation, laser procedures and direct removal of cholesterol plaque and debris," said Maj. (Dr.) Steve Kindsvater, chief of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's cardiovascular services.

"The new angio/cath lab suite greatly improves our capability to perform these procedures. It also improves our ability to implant pacemakers, defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization therapy for our beneficiaries," he added.

The magnetic resonance imaging center JIF project recaptures most of the current Air Force and VA MRI workload currently being performed in the network, Colonel Rowe stated.

"Funding will be used to hire contract technicians to operate a 3.0 Tesla MRI machine that Keesler Medical Center already has — the most advanced MRI machine in the region," he said.

"Funding is also included to hire a contract radiologist to interpret the MRI results."

Charles Sepich, director of the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, said, "We have a long history of sharing with the 81st Medical Group at Keesler, and this is a great example of expanding services through innovative initiatives to better serve both veterans and DOD patients."

The JIF between the VA and DOD was created by Congress to encourage development of sharing initiatives at the facility, intraregional and national level. JIF projects compete annually for developmental dollars.

Projects must benefit both the DOD and VA parties and support the VA/DOD Joint Strategic Plan. They must improve quality and access to care for VA and DOD beneficiaries and demonstrate a positive return on investment so they're self-sustaining in two years.

Successful JIF projects are awarded "seed money" to outfit, equip or staff a clinic or project. After two years, the clinic or project must recapture enough workload that formerly would have gone to the civilian network to sustain the salaries and other costs associated to make that clinic or project run.

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 through Oct. 10.

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

Enlisted call

An 81st Training Wing enlisted call is 1 p.m. Sept. 28 at Welch Auditorium.

The guest speaker is retiree James Binnicker, the ninth chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Steven Marotte, 377-6000, or Master Sgt. George Arthur, 377-2445.

Hispanic Heritage Month events

Food tasting — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, youth center. Entertainment and traditional Hispanic dishes served free by the Hispanic Heritage Committee.

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.

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign at Keesler is Oct. 3-31. The base's goal is \$107,947.28.

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.

USO relocates in October

A new 1,000-square-foot area valued at more than \$500,000 has been donated to the USO Gulf Coast as part of Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport's expansion plan.

The center is expected to relocate from the Naval Construction Battalion Center in October. It will offer free Internet and e-mail access, computer work stations, an entertainment lounge and information referral services.

For more information, call Deanna Attaway, director, 575-3193 or 313-3193, or e-mail dattaway@usa.org.

Former SAC leader dies

Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON, Va. — Retired Gen. Russell Dougherty, former commander in chief of Strategic Air Command and former executive director of the Air Force Association, died Sept. 7 at his home in Potomac Falls, Va.

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.

Financial services undergoing historic change

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force financial services are undergoing a major change that saves millions of dollars and returns hundreds of Airmen to the fight, said a senior Air Force financial management official here Sept. 12.

As part of a two-year plan, the Air Force Financial Services Center opened its doors Friday at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., in what begins the largest single transformational effort the Air Force financial management field has ever seen, said John Vonglis, the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management.

Over the next year, the center consolidates routine transactions currently handled by 93 base finance offices worldwide to a single location. It ultimately serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen's financial matters and concerns.

"(The AFFSC) is a significant investment for the

Air Force. It will save the Air Force \$210 million and return approximately 600 positions back to the warfighter," Mr. Vonglis said.

"We are taking a very structured approach to our transformation," he said. "The first phase of the transformation will provide a seamless transition for our financial services customers."

The AFFSC will take over many of the "back office" processes typically handled by base finance offices such as travel vouchers, pay requests and allotments. These processes move to the AFFSC one base at a time, beginning this October with Air Force Space Command bases.

The most visible change takes place during the second phase in October 2008, when the AFFSC stands up a 24-hour contact center where Airmen with finance needs can contact a representative by telephone, e-mail or the Internet.

"While people are far more important than machines, the need to recapitalize our Air Force is

compelling. In that sense, we can no longer afford to operate the way we have in the past," Mr. Vonglis said. "Without abandoning the sterling customer service we are known for, transactional document processing will shift from base level and be picked up by people at AFFSC."

The AFFSC is currently staffed by 75 active-duty Air Force members. The remaining workforce is projected to arrive by March 2008.

"We have the technology, the wherewithal and the capability to do this," Mr. Vonglis said. "We're at the cusp where there will be some confusion and angst, because we're removing a comfort zone and venturing into something new. But we'll get through it and move forward."

"The confidence our Airmen have (in financial services) today should only get stronger," he said. "This is truly working smarter and making people more efficient. I'm confident folks will be extremely satisfied."

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each and everyone of you go through the process to make sure all viable options are looked at to meet your needs," he continued.

Another town hall meeting is planned within the next 30 days to address personnel issues and provide a status update.

General Capasso stressed key dates in 2008 are only estimates until the schedule is finalized with the contractor.

For now, May 1 is the estimated date to begin mobilization. The transition to the new service provider is expected to begin July 1, followed by full contractor support beginning Oct. 1.

"That start date makes sense because it's the fiscal year turnover," General Capasso pointed out.

Big BOS and Little BOS were based on A-76 competitive sourcing studies conduct-

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— General Capasso

ed over a five-year period to determine if the performance of certain government activities is more efficient and cost-effective if conducted by the government or private sector.

A tentative decision announced Aug. 18, 2005, awarded Big BOS to a contractor, while keeping Little BOS in-house. However, Hurricane Katrina struck 11 days later, placing the process on hold.

The Air Force conducted a full analysis and review of the storm's impact on Keesler related to the tentative decision and reviewed an appeal by the American Federation of Government Employees before deciding to move forward.

Civilian personnel reviews vacancies unrelated to A-76

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Now that the Big BOS decision is going forward, the civilian personnel flight is implementing the regulatory processes for initiating a reduction in force.

"A timeline hasn't been established," said Lee Hathorn, human resources officer. "However, we're in a stockpiling mode. That means we are closely reviewing 'good' civilian vacancies not related to A-76."

"If an A-76 employee is found qualified for a good vacancy, under the stockpiling process, the good vacancy may be filled by the reassignment of the qualified A-76 employee or the position may be filled temporarily until the RIF is accomplished," he continued. "In cases of mission necessity, however, each group commander retains authority to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis."

Mr. Hathorn emphasized any civilian employee at Keesler stands a chance of being impacted by the A-76 decision, since the RIF process isn't limited to the organizations with A-76 positions.

He advises civilians to review the following "to-do list" as the RIF approaches:

Are your personnel records accurate and up-to-date? This includes experience, education, awards, and training. In some cases, education may be substituted or augmented with experience when an employee isn't fully qualified.

Are you eligible to retire? Call the Air Force Personnel Center's Benefits Entitlements Service Team (BEST), 1-800-616-3775, and select BEST, option no 2; then 2 again for

the information you need.

Are you a subscriber to the Civilian Announcement Notification System? The Air Force-wide system automatically searches for jobs based on search criteria. If there are any matches, you'll receive an e-mail listing the job announcement number, description, pay plan, occupational series, grade job location, closing date and the announcement.

If interested in being notified of external vacancy announcements for positions at all locations except those serviced by Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., use the Office of Personnel Management "Job Search Agents" at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

AFPC continues to make changes to the announcement system, so keep abreast of changes and don't rely solely on CANS or the Job Search Agents.

Are you available to relocate? That may open up additional employment opportunities.

Are you computer literate? Many jobs today require computer skills. Check with the airman and family readiness center, local adult education classes or a computer-savvy friend or family member if you need help.

Do you have a resume? If it's necessary to seek employment outside the Air Force, you'll probably need one. Resume software is available online at USAJOBS, but hard copies are recommended. The airman and family readiness center can provide assistance.

For more information about job placement, RIF or related matters, call Deatrice Jimerson, 377-7967. For information about training records, performance issues and awards, call 377-3142.

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.

New support tool available online

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas – The Air Force Personnel Center launched the Airmen Development Plan Friday.

ADP is a new Web-based decision support tool designed to integrate numerous force development tools, including electronic records, duty histories and assignment preferences, into one platform.

Phase 1 applies to active-duty officers and replaces the transitional Officer Development Plan. In February, Phase 2 replaces the transitional Civilian Development Plan and also incorporates the developmental education nomination process.

Officers can access ADP via the AFPC secure Web site and the Air Force Portal.

As part of the ADP implementation plan, officers are no longer able to access T-ODPs in AMS. Data from T-ODPs posted at AFPC has been transferred onto the ADP platform. Information in T-ODPs not received by AFPC, such as draft T-ODPs, doesn't transfer. Officers are encouraged to retain a hard copy of their current T-ODP in the event any data is lost during the transition.

The Air Force has also established a Web page on the Air Force Portal where enlisted personnel can create their own development plans. The page can be accessed by typing "MyEDP" in the search function.

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

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.

Virtual outprocessing

Air Force Print News

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

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

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.

Civilian career information

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

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

New CCB users need to establish an account.

Total force integration

Moseley outlines initiatives to add capability, efficiency

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top officer announced the addition of Dannelly Field Air Guard Station, Ala., as well as other initiatives, to the service's evolving set of total force integration efforts at an event Sept. 13 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley said the move is part of the service's total force integration effort designed to cement more than 680,000 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Airmen and civilian employees into an even more capable and efficient Air Force.

"While we're fully engaged in conflict on a global scale today, our efforts to revolutionize the Air Force are critical to forging an Air Force with the capability and capacity to dominate all its warfighting domains across the spectrum of 21st century conflict," General Moseley said.

'Red Tails' return

The general also announced the historic redesignation of the Alabama Air National Guard's 160th Fighter Squadron at Dannelly Field as the 100th Fighter Squadron. The famed "Red Tails" of the 100th Fighter Squadron, members of the Tuskegee Airmen, distinguished themselves in combat in Europe and the Mediterranean during World War II.

The Air Force will create an active association at Dannelly Field with the 187th Fighter Wing, which includes the newly redesignated 100th Fighter Squadron. The wing continues to have principal responsibility for the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft while incorporating active-duty Airmen into the unit.

Associations continue, grow

General Moseley stated the Air Force would continue the active association at the 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C., and announced the establishment of active associations with the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., and the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas.

He also announced plans to expand the active associate community basing effort with Vermont Air National Guard's 158th Fighter Wing. In the city of Burlington, active-duty Airmen are garrisoned at an Air National Guard

location without the support functions traditionally provided on an active-duty installation such as housing, medical care, a commissary or a base exchange. Instead, Airmen access these services in the local civilian community.

"The Guard has primary responsibility for the aircraft and the active-duty Airmen come in and associate with them to craft and create a unit that will be more capable than either of them could do as cost effectively by themselves," said Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., assistant deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs.

'Cement the bonds'

General Moseley also announced the consolidation of Air Force Reserve Command officer commissioning programs with the active-duty Officer Training School at Maxwell.

"We see common commissioning programs as another way to cement the bonds between our future total force officers," he said. "By starting them on a path toward a career of service to the Air Force and our great nation, there will be no seams between Airmen of different elements."

The last announcement made during the ceremony involved the moving of the Eagle Vision 6 deployable satellite downlink ground station to its permanent home at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Eagle Vision interfaces with seven commercial imaging satellites downloading high-quality radar and electro-optical pictures used by military, state and national leaders for disaster preparedness and homeland defense.

Part of joint venture

The move is part of a joint venture with a nearby Army intelligence unit to take full advantage of the Eagle Vision 6 capabilities. Air Force personnel will train Army intelligence personnel to derive imagery from the station which can be used to further examine disaster aftermath, battle damage or to aid in rescue operations stateside and abroad.

"We are a total force that has been at war now continuously for 17 years in the Middle East and other crisis spots around the world," General Moseley said. "We've learned some tremendous lessons over that time and we're using those lessons to shape the way we organize, train and equip our service."

Running with headphones: Where it's in, where it's out

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

There are places at Keesler for running with headphones and places where they're prohibited.

According to Keesler Instruction 31-204, Rules of the Road, and the safety office, headphones aren't allowed in areas outside approved running surfaces.

The instruction states, "No person may drive a vehicle, ride a bicycle, roller skate, roller blade, walk, or jog on any portion of any roadway while wearing a device or instrument which substantially impairs their hearing. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of headsets or earphones containing or connecting to a source of sound such as a radio, tape player, etc."

Headphones such as those used with IPODS, which are



popular with runners, aren't to be worn while running next to roads.

Headphones can be worn while running at certain designated locations, including the Crotwell, Triangle and I-81 tracks.

Headphones and other devices aren't allowed while running between an approved

running area and the person's final destination.

"The ability to hear while jogging, bicycling, skating, and operating motor vehicles is of the utmost importance when in, or near, a traffic environment. Wearing headphones is distracting and interferes with our ability to hear and be cognizant of our surroundings," said Virgil Mitchell, 81st Training Wing safety manager. "The use of headphones, where prohibited, is subject to punishment in accordance with Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Air Force Instruction 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program, echoes KI 31-204, stating the use of portable headphones, earphones and other listening devices on Air Force installation roadways is prohibited.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Staff Sgt.
Kimberly Langley

Unit — 81st Supply-
Transportation Squadron

Position — Noncom-
missioned officer in charge
of commander's support
staff

Time in Air Force —
seven years

Time at Keesler —
three years

Noteworthy — coined
by Air Education and
Training Command's direc-
tor of manpower and per-
sonnel during a visit to
Keesler last week for her
meticulous work that
earned the only "Excellent"
rating for CSS operations
throughout the 81st
Training Wing during the
recent operational readiness
inspection.

Hometown —
Spartanburg, S.C.



Why did you join the Air Force? An opportunity to serve my country and begin a career path.

What are your short- and long-term goals? To finish my nursing degree, be commissioned and com-

plete an Air Force career.

What's your favorite quote? I enjoy so many it's hard to pick a favorite.

What are your hobbies? Gardening, movies and traveling with my husband.

Knowledge Now connects Airmen everywhere

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates

Air Force News Agency

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force now has a “virtual community” where individuals can go any time to share information with their peers anywhere in the world.

Called “Knowledge Now,” this community is a collaborative Web system accessible through the Air Force Portal and designed to allow Airmen of all ranks, specialties and skill levels to communicate with each other on a variety of topics.

“The objective is to create an environment of people from across the Air Force where they can collaborate and share their expertise on a variety of subjects,” said Randy Adkins, director of the Air Force Center of Excellence for Knowledge Management.

These subjects are divided into databases and joint work spaces called Communities of Practice. This capa-

bility has proven to be one of the system’s more popular features, Mr. Adkins said.

These “communities” serve as a resource for Airmen who need information to accomplish a mission. One example, said Mr. Adkins, was in 2003 when a junior Airman was deployed to Baghdad and told to set up an armory. The Airman had never performed this task and was unsure how to accomplish it. So, he logged into Knowledge Now, went into the security forces COP and sent out a request for help. He received an answer from a senior master sergeant in the U.S. who detailed exactly how to set up an armory and provided instruction manuals. The Airman’s armory was up and running in no time.

“This system can be used to help someone with just about any problem or information request imaginable,” Mr. Adkins said.

With nearly 200,000 users and more than 9,000 COPs, the list of subjects covered in Knowledge Now includes everything from space tactics to special weapons to system management to B-2 Spirit radar modification, Mr. Adkins said.

Because the system is more secure than a military e-mail account, users can even use Knowledge Now to send operations manuals, training guides and enlisted performance reports to all corners of the globe. There’s even a secure version of the system available to units and users who use Secure Internet Protocol Router to communicate.

Initially created in 2002, Knowledge Now is continually growing and evolving. The system is seeing approximately 8,000 new users and dozens of new communities being started every month.

It’s not just for Air Force people.

The system is open to active-duty, Guard and Reserve people from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps as well.

So, growth is exactly what the system’s developers want to see.

“Ideally, we’d like to see everybody in the Air Force and the military as a whole using this system,” said Bill Miles, Air Force Knowledge Now program manager.

This program is also in line with the chief of staff’s directives regarding information sharing and knowledge enhancement within the Air Force.

“We have all heard the phrase “Flexibility is the key to airpower,” said Gen. T. Michael Moseley. “I would like to add that knowledge-enabled Airmen are the key to flexibility.”

Knowledge Now is at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/Entry.asp?Filter=OO> or via the Air Force Portal so users can access the system from home.



Captain Menjivar

Deployment is family affair for 3 siblings

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Capt. Claudia Menjivar, an intensive care unit nurse with the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, deployed to Southwest Asia recently. While this isn't unusual, her personal circumstances are.

The global war on terror has called upon several members of the same family to serve their country in hostile environments, sometimes simultaneously. Captain Menjivar and her two brothers now find themselves in this situation.

The captain will be an ICU nurse at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, while her brothers are deployed in the area of responsibility at the same time.

Her younger brother, Dennis, is also an Air Force captain and a C-17 Globemaster III pilot.

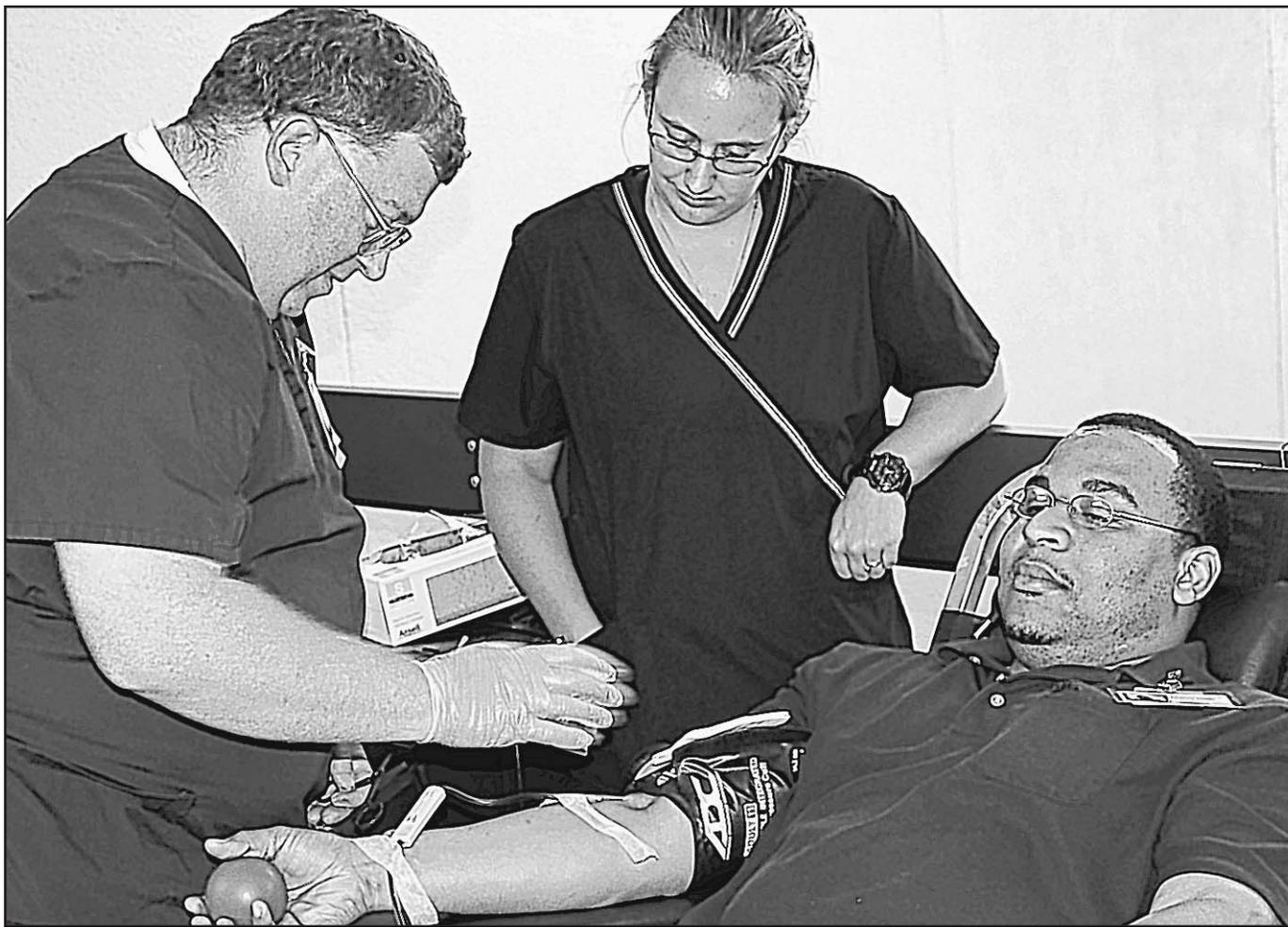
Her older brother, Tony, is an Army major who flies Apache helicopters.

"Dennis has been there for about three months," Captain Menjivar said, "and Tony will go in December."

This is the first deployment for both Air Force captains, but Tony will be on his third, she noted.

The three siblings come from a military family.

"I'm an Army brat," said Captain Menjivar, whose father is a retired first sergeant.



Calling all Type ABs

Medical laboratory technicians Jack Bayes, left, and Stacey Haseman, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, check on donor Liljessie Brown, 81st Medical Support Squadron, during a recent blood drive at Keesler Medical Center. Capt. Jessica Hughes, chief of blood donor operations, said the donor center has been tasked by the Air Force blood program office to begin producing fresh frozen plasma. This requires the center to have regular access to at least 50 Type AB donors monthly. Only 4 percent of the population is Type AB, the 'universal donor' for plasma. Anyone with Type AB blood interested in becoming part of the donor pool, call 377-9324 or 9050.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

Honor guard

Memorable experience for this first-term Airman

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

Honor guard was my first duty as a permanent party member, quite a transition for a new Airman fresh out of basic training and technical school.

The experience has given me memories I know will stay with me for a lifetime.

I think about the friends I've made and times we've shared. Riding in a van together for up to five hours at a time, you get to know people.

It continues to amaze me how you're kidding with someone one moment and the next you're staring that person in the eyes as you pass the colors to them with the most serious expression on your face.

"Honor guard is your job," Staff Sgt. Wade Woods told me during my first week.



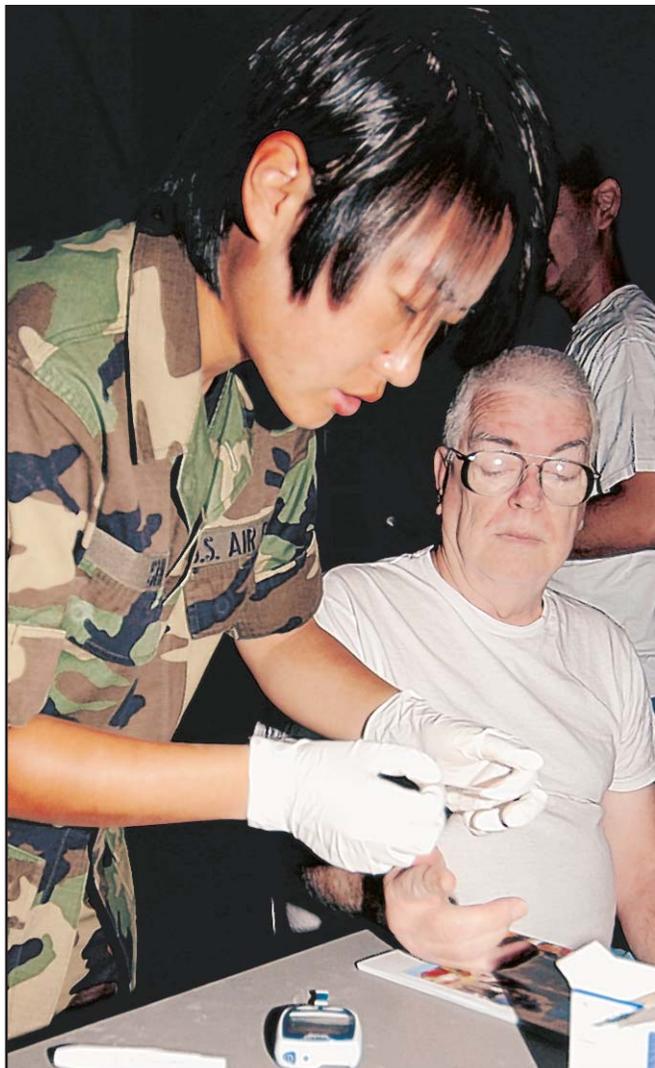
Airman Salanitri

"There are days you're going to love it and there are days you're going to hate it."

For me, every bad experience was outweighed by two good ones. So, in the end, I loved it. What I loved most was being part of a team whose mission is embroidered on the honor guard patch — "To honor with dignity."



Angel Anderson, a retired technical sergeant from Ocean Springs and member of The Retired Enlisted Association, prepares fish for frying at the free lunch buffet.



Airman 1st Class Jing Shi, left, 334th Training Squadron, checks Roy Fruge's blood sugar level at Retiree Appreciation Day, Monday at the youth center. Mr. Fruge is a retired technical sergeant from Biloxi. The annual event is co-sponsored by the Keesler Retiree Activities Office and the 81st Training Wing.
Photos by Kemberly Groue

Still serving — Base honors military retirees



Joy Martin of New Orleans has her blood pressure checked by Tech. Sgt. Amanda Fisk, 81st Medical Operations Squadron. Mrs. Martin's husband, Frank, is a retired master sergeant. Keesler Medical Center provided various health screenings and information about Tricare, dermatology, pharmacy, smoking cessation, osteoporosis, dental care and other health topics.



Army retirees Dan and Sandy Reid of Ocean Springs browse through their handouts. Front-of-the-line service was offered to retirees at the legal, finance and personnel offices and the vehicle registration center at the White Avenue Gate. Windshield tours to point out locations of key agencies were provided.



Sensitive teeth hurt 1 in 7 adults

By Amanda Scoth

81st Dental Squadron

If cold drinks or hot soups make you cringe in pain, you may have sensitive teeth.

“Dentin hypersensitivity” can affect people when they eat, drink or touch their teeth.

Below the tooth’s enamel and cementum is a less dense layer called dentin. The dentin contains small canals that allow sensation to stimulate the nerves inside the tooth. When dentin loses its protective layer, hypersensitivity may occur.

According to the American Dental Association, at least one in seven adults suffers from tooth sensitivity, which may be caused by:

Brushing too hard, which can wear down enamel and cause dentin to be exposed.

Receding gums from brushing too hard or periodontal disease.

Cracked or chipped teeth can fill with bacteria that enters the pulp chamber.

Teeth grinding can wear down enamel, exposing dentin.

Tooth-whitening products.

Plaque build-up on root surfaces.

Eating a lot of acidic foods that can cause enamel erosion.

Sensitive teeth can be treated. Depending on the cause, the dentist may suggest:

Using desensitizing toothpaste.

Avoiding acidic foods.

Using fluoride toothpaste or rinse daily.

Applying fluoride varnishes to the root surfaces.

Using a mouth guard for teeth grinding.

Bonding to cover exposed root surfaces.

Dentin sealers.

Regular dental visits.

For more information, call the dental clinic, 376-0511.

Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day-care in on-base quarters, states "any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval."

It states that the "installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked."

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

"People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation," said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

"Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge," said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They're assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Mr. Todd assists Stephen Farry, a retired Air Force colonel from Biloxi, in the clinic lobby.

Volunteers escort patients at Keesler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs
Keesler Medical Center's volunteer escort team has helped 369,000 patients around the facility since 1981.

One of the original escort team staff has achieved a milestone of his own. Dean Todd has "moved" 20,000 patients himself in more than 26 years of volunteer service.

A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Mr. Todd recalled how the medical center's chief nurse attended a meeting of the Retired Officers' Association and asked if anyone would be willing to move patients around the facility. This would allow her Airmen to remain in the wards to care for patients.

"Nine of us volunteered and it became an immediate success," he said.

Today, the 16 escorts move patients to and from appointments, between clinics or treatment areas and the inpatient units and to and from the parking lots. They have a motorized cart to transport patients for roundtrip service to their vehicles.

Mr. Todd estimates he assists about 20 patients a week.

Emily Shelton, volunteer coordinator, is anxious to return both the escort team and volunteer program to their pre-Hurricane Katrina numbers. Before the storm, nearly 200 people served as medical center volunteers. Including the 16 escorts, she now has only about 50 volunteers.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, depending on the work center.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ms. Shelton, 376-3415, 6010 or 3772.

KEESLER NOTES

Waste disposal

The semi-annual household hazardous waste collection day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today 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.

For more information, call 377-3004.

Information booth

Peripheral arterial disease information is available, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sept. 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.

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.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Triangle Chapel.

To register, call 377-2179.

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.

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>.

Vehicle decals

Base decals and expiration stickers are no longer issued Air Force-wide.

People may remove and destroy the decals and stickers on their vehicles, according to 81st Security Force Squadron officials.

When visiting other bases, obtain passes or decals there.

For more information, call 377-3844.

Spouse program

The Career Focus Program at the airman and family readiness center assists spouses seeking employment on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information and appointments, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior noncommissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm>

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.

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.

Family advocacy

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

Trash, recyclables

Monday and Thursday are garbage pickup days in East and West Falcon Park, with Monday as the recycling day.

Tuesday and Friday are garbage pickup days in Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn and Pinehaven, with Tuesday as the recycling day. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

For more information, call

Master Sgt. Willie Fairley, 377-5822.

Lunch special

A luncheon special is available, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at the 11th Frame Café in Gaude Lanes.

The menu changes every four months.

For more information, call 377-2036.

Food handler training

Food handler training is required for unit fundraisers involving food, according to base public health officials.

For more information, 376-3161 or 3155.

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.

Supply source

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is a source of supplies.

For more information, visit, call or e-mail the 81st Supply Squadron's customer service element, Room 126, Building 4002, 377-2005, 81LGSCD@keesler.af.mil.

Military rental

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

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

Care for sick kids

The family child care program needs a caregiver for children in the noncontagious stages of a communicable illness or who have mild respiratory illnesses.

For more information, call 377-3189.

Historical items

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

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>.

Go float your boat



Photo by Airman David Salanitri

Jasmine Schaefer, foreground, takes an early lead in Friday's Build-a-Boat race, but Mike Wrey wins by covering the length of the Triangle Pool in 51 seconds. Wrey, 334th Training Squadron, belongs to the Zookeepers, a team which includes Naomi Henigin, 336th TRS; Pam DeFasio, 335th TRS, and Ryan Robinson, 81st Training Group. Schaefer is part of a student team from the 334th TRS. The event gave teams an hour to build a craft with cardboard and duct tape before racing it. Winners received Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificates and trophies from the Vandenberg Community Center.

Keesler runners leave mark in several marathon categories

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's fast feet left their imprint in several categories at Saturday's Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Jennifer Lepper, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, ran on the Air Education and Training Command team that placed second of 30 in the women's relay category with a time of 3:44:24.

Her teammates are Kristi Contardo, Columbus AFB, Miss.; Kellie Courtland, Lackland AFB, Texas, and Saskia Johnson, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The Keesler Dragons, a base-sponsored coed team, placed third of 129 teams in the coed relay category with a time of 3:09:18.

Members are Nick Plante, public affairs; Nick Vanni,



81st Security Forces Squadron, and Sheronne Bunn and Zach Wallick, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

In the same category, Information Nation from the 336th Training Squadron came in 96th place with a time of 4:36:38.

Members are Melinda Fletcher, David Hughes, Larry Bright and Jennifer Koehler, now stationed at Barksdale AFB, La.

Another 336th TRS team, Master Blasters, finished in fifth place of the 17 teams in the masters category for over-40 runners with a faster time than the "youngsters" from their squadron at 4:02:16.

Karla Proper, Robert Randall and Annette Owens were teammates, along with Annette's husband, Terry, who works in the 81st Training Support Squadron.

Two other Keesler runners excelled in the half-marathon.

Nick Slater, 81st TRSS, placed 11th of 172 in his age group and 89th out of 1,120 in the men's division with a time of 1:35:37.

Jennifer Plante, whose husband Nick was one of the Keesler Dragons, placed fifth out of 133 in her age group and 27th out of 948 in the women's category with a time of 1:38:25.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of Sept. 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Old Skool	7	0
Hoop's Gang	7	0
Man On	5	2
Team 13	5	2
The Corner Pins	5	2
Our Gang	5	2
Endangered Species	4.5	2.5
3 Steps Forward	4	3
Pin Heads	4	3
Perry's Refrigeration	3	4
Team 2	3	4
Team 16	2.5	4.5
Team 6	2	5
Team 3	2	5
Wicked Women	2	5
B-Buster	2	5
Martini's	0	7
Ghost Riders	0	7

Wednesday Mixed (as of Sept. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
Clyde's Team	12	2
70s Plus	10	4
3DR	10	4
Ichiban	10	4
Jokers Wild	9	5
Bowling Express	8	6
MUDD	7	7
Misfits	7	7
Lucky Strikes	7	7
2 Old 2 Bowl	4	10
Team 13	2	5
Neighbors + 1	2	12
Hang Chucky	1	13
Team 14	0	0

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of Sept. 6)

Team	Won	Lost
Freda's Kids	5	2
Team 16	5	2
Team 11	5	2
Delema	5	2
Team 1	4.5	2.5
Team 5	4.5	2.5
Team 17	4.5	2.5
Amy's Bunch	4	3
Team 8	4	3
Team 13	4	3
2Cs & AD	3	4
Full Speed	3	4
Team 14	3	4
Team 2	2.5	4.5
Team 6	2.5	4.5
Team 15	2	5
Friends	2	5
Team 12	2	5

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Sept. 13)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 15	8	0
85th EIS	6	2
332nd TRS	6	2
Misfits	6	2
81st TRSS	6	2
Team 3	6	2
Team 10	6	2
Team 5	4	4
338th TRS	4	4
Team 14	2	6
GCCS Squad	2	6
403rd MXS	2	6
Team 4	2	6
81st CPTS	2	6
81st MSS	2	6
Ghosts	0	8

Friday Mixed (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	12	2
Harry's Team	10	4

Pin Busters	9	5
Lady and the Tramps	9	5
Pin Pals	7	0
3 Guys & A Babe	5	9
Jax Hax	4	10
Dreamers	2	12
Sandbaggers	0	14
Ghost Riders	0	0

Other

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

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.

Birthday parties — 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.

Football

Intramural

National Conference (as of Sept. 13)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS	5	1
MARDET	5	2
338th TRS	4	2
332nd TRS	4	3
335th TRS	3	2
81st MSS	3	3
334th TRS	2	4
333rd TRS	0	7

Scores

Sept. 11 — 336 TRS 26, 81st MSS 20; 338th TRS 19, MARDET 12; 332nd TRS 14, 334th TRS 12; 335th TRS 7, 333rd TRS 0.

Sept. 13 — rained out.

American Conference (as of Sept. 12)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	6	1
81st MDG	6	1
81st DS	4	3
403rd Wing	4	3
81st CES	4	3
81st TRANS-SUPS	2	4
81st MDSS	2	5
81st CS	2	5
85th EIS	1	6

Scores

Sept. 10 — 81st MDG 20, 81st MDSS 8; 85th EIS 12, 403rd Wing 7; 81st SFS 38, 81st CS 6; 81st TRANS-SUPS vs 81st DS rescheduled.

Sept. 12 — 403rd Wing 18, 81st TRANS-SUPS 14; 81st MDG 27, 85th EIS 13; 81st SFS 21, 81st MDSS 12; 81st CES and 81st DS tied with 14 each, but 81st CES won by penetration rule.

Golf

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

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 min-

utes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trips — Sept. 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. Saturday, 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 Sunday.

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. Saturday 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 closes Aug. 29; open weekdays except Wednesday, noon to 2 p.m. for lap swimming, 2-7 p.m. for recreational swimming; noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for recreational swimming, 11 a.m. to noon lap swimming. Main base pool is closed. For more information, call 377-3568.

Softball

Home run derby and tournament — Sept. 28, Triangle fields. Derby fee, \$5 for 10 balls; tournament fee, \$125 team. Monday is deadline to turn in fees and lineups. To register and form more information, call Nickie Lozano, 376-6640 or 383-2066.

Out for spin



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Betsy Dunn, wife of William Dunn, 81st Medical Group, takes part in cycle/spin class Friday at Dragon Fitness Center. The class meets at 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Intramural football

Red Wolves top dogs

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

The lead in the National Conference changed hands last week for the first time in the intramural football season.

The Marine Corps Detachment appeared invincible early as it rolled to four consecutive lopsided victories, including three shutouts. However, in the last two weeks the 335th and 338th Training Squadrons have put an end to that notion.

Last week's 19-12 loss to the Dark Knights, coupled with the 336th TRS' 26-20 victory over the 81st Mission Support Squadron, propelled the Red Wolves into first place. They're 5-1, compared to the Marines' 5-2. The 338th TRS is now breathing down MARDET's neck at 4-2.

Thunderstorms washed out National Conference games of Sept. 13.

Things are unchanged at

the top of the American Conference. The 81st Security Forces Squadron and 81st Medical Group both won twice last week to stay tied at 6-1.

The cops routed the 81st Communications Squadron, 38-6, and outlasted the 81st Medical Support Squadron, 21-12.

The medics handled the 81st MDSS, 20-8, and the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 27-13.

Despite the loss to the 81st MDG, their seventh, there was good news for the 85th EIS. Earlier in the week, the engineering installers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 12-7 victory over the 403rd Wing.

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

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

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 07-6

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgt. Mary Pope.

81st Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Dwight Elmore.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jones Jr.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brad Shimkus.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Chrissy Turnipseed.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Samuel Parmas.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Jesus Gelacio.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Vonetta Roseman (distinguished graduate).

335th Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. LaKeitha Luster.

336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. James Bissell and John Mitchell (academic achievement award and distinguished graduate).

338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Wendy Carlson and Ronald Smith Jr.

403rd Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Robert Reville Jr.

First Term Airmen Center Class 07-18

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman 1st Class Christopher Stevenson.

81st Communications Squadron — Airman Basic Thomas Nanoz.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Gabriela Pharis.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Airmen 1st Class Christopher Burk, Haakon Kolkedahl, Joseph Jahnke, Steven Kaste, Clayton Murray, Angelica Onsurez, Jonathan Rounds and Kevin Stahly.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic metrology course — Airmen Starritha Grice and Blandon Thomas; Airman 1st Class Jeffery Schlitter; Staff Sgt. Fadhel Al Sanaei; Master Sgt. Rami Yusuf Al Ansari.

Electronic principles course — Airmen Basic Ezequiel Alvarez, Gerald Barrett, Steven Beecher, Joshua Bell, Jason Beran, Sean Berry, Christopher Brown, Jeffrey Caldwell, Steven Carpenter, Jedidiah Chappell, John Coben, Woodson Culp, Isaac DeLaCerde, Kyle Deschamps, Joshua Doberstein, Dirk Easterwood, Edwin Flores, James Forrest, Brian Freund, William Frey, Rodolfo Guzman, Issac Hardy, Michael House, Kellen Hughey, David Jackson, Drew Joslin, Robert Klebes, Zacharey Landsberg, Alexander Langford, Marcus Lembo, Bryan Maddox, Terrance Marx, Nicholas Maylone, Joseph McNutt, Joshua Miles, Timothy Moyer, Donald Nolen, Patrick Osborn, Giovanni Portillo, Daniel Price, Matthew Richards, Gabriel Rienks, Nicholas Risner, Will Robinson, Lyndell Shawnee, Sean Shepherd, Gilbert Tarnate, Mitchell Turnbull, Michael Turnell, Joshua Vandever, Thomas Vasquez, Richard Watkins, Jeffrey Whitman, Justin Wiggins and Michael Wilcox; Airmen Jonathan Branch, Jonathan Breedlove, Richard Campbell, Samuel Jitt, Kenneth Lombard, Jeffrey Pollitt, Jennifer Staton, Nathaniel Ward and Matthew Wiseman; Airmen 1st Class Samuel Acoff, Nathaniel Allen, Sean Ashton, Anthony Bango, Matthew Bowers, Travis Bryant, Luis Caraballo, Jason Chandler, Gerardo Chirichigno, Ciara Desmet, Peter Franaszek, Joseph Fuentes, Adam Grable, Benjamin Hinton, Ronald Holmes, Nicholas King, Frederick Klein, Jennifer Kohonen, Aurelio Magallon, Benjamin Miller, Bradley Naugle, Mauricio Parra, Jacob Peterson, Jeffrey Recco, Nathan Reesman, Andrew Robinson, Daniel Santiago-Berrios, Peter Sitingier, Tiffany Stroud and Patrick Williams; Senior Airmen Raymond Bell, Gregory Bourey, Tyler Bowen, Pamela Register, Ricky Riggs, Cory Stephen and Ryan Thompson; Staff Sgts. Silvester Arrambide, Christopher Hoffman, Joshua Isaacs, Marcu Joseph, Joseph Martin, David McCarra, Jonathan McLennan, Kenneth Nelson, Rodney Seisen, Nichole Shearer and Gary Won; Tech. Sgt. Casey Harris.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Laurenz Blanco-Arboleda, Calvin Camacho, Adam Bertsch, Curtis Lange, Ryan Murray, John Palmer and Michael Pecher; Airmen Tiffany Dawson and Natasha Stewart; Airmen 1st Class Samuel Baugh and Brent Nichols; Senior Airmen Seth Brost, Todd Cox, Jason Medina, Donald Meissner and Kyle Wilson; Staff Sgts. Nathan Beck, Larry Borum, Kory Collier, Raymond Dinio, Joshua Fustin, Jennifer Olson, Lance Petrie and Brian Voight; 2nd Lt. Miklos Bodai; Capt. Mircea Stoian; Maj. Khaled Bani.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jessica Balltzglier, Kaleb Kenyon, Dominick Streeter, Caitlin Tomlin and Benjamin Trinklein; Airmen Catherine DeLeon and John Godfrey; Airmen 1st Class Danielle Davis, Anna Solomon and Andrew Swanson; Staff Sgts. Amy Busman, Jeremy Clark, Terrence Freeman, Charles Gilbert, Brent Kolves and Reshon Wilburn; Tech. Sgts. Jamere Burpee, Jeremy Lucas, Jennifer Miller, Todd Phelps, Preston Rider and Gary Zahn; Master Sgts. Joseph Goldsmith, Randy Hume and Jon Nicholas.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Brandon Andrews and Lana Tavernaro; Senior Airmen Phillip Johnson, Juan Ramos and Ethan Tanner; Staff Sgts. William Holmes and Jeffrey Pelkey; Tech. Sgt. Marilyn Moore; Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Schempp; Catherine Velez.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Holly Allen, Antwon Bolton, Amanda Gladding, Justin Kakuda, Michael Kropp, Sandra Lanier, Joshua McCurry, Jennifer Miller, Christopher Randall, Casey Rodriguez, Joshua Serrano and Alex Washburn; Airmen Brandi Ault, Christopher Michel and Sophie Penaflo; Airmen 1st Class David Dailey, Ronald Fallarna, Katrina Hargrave, Devery Herth, Brynna McKinney, Sanaka Patrick, Steven Swafford, Mark Webb and Kara Zigler; Senior Airman Molly Irwin; Staff Sgts. Alicia Bitner, Daniel Boone, Bien Covita, Colyn Funakoshi, Matthew Lies, Elizabeth Miranda-Santiago; Tech. Sgts. Christopher Chamberlain, Norma Hernandez, Shane Holden, Melanie King, Susan Koncz, Andrew Labadie, Ronald Landis and Kirk Martin; Master Sgt. Cheryl Sheeder.

Weather training flight — Airman 1st Class Anthony Rich; Marine Cpl. Jerrod Vaughn; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Sorenson; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Monica Yazno.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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

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

Technical training route

5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	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 Vilas; 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.

Protestant

36th annual gospel service celebration

Concert, Triangle Chapel.....6 p.m. Saturday
Gospel service, Triangle Chapel.....Noon Sunday

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

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

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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336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Tyler Breshears, Scott Hancock, Shane Jones and Jacob King; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Brettelle, Stephen Burris and Thomas Rhodes; Senior Airmen Kyle Dake, Dennis Leamy and Keith Semrow; Staff Sgts. Romeo Farinacci, Michael McKiernan and Sonya Williams; Tech. Sgts. T.J. Brown, Andrea Cox and William Shaner; Master Sgt. Paul Bryant.

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Ana Malave, Javek Ragadio and Melissa Rose; Airman Bryan Behr; Airmen 1st Class Steven Brooks, Nicholas Defranco, Thomas Leneave, Kelli Miller, Lia Oyama, Jacob Palmer, Stephen Shambra, Andrew Stuhmiller and Nathan Van Oort; Senior Airmen Jason Bisnette, Jeffrey Campbell, Mariano Diaz, Terrod Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Damon Kelly and Ronald Wood; Staff Sgts. Kendall Bearden, Dwayne Blake, 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

Ground radio apprentice course — Airmen Basic Aaron Bradford, Brandon Collado, Brandon Hagerman, John Hooper, Dustin Jones and Jerrelle Marshall; Airmen Geoffrey Barger and Daniel Pullen; Airmen 1st Class Michelle Abrera, Christopher Bell, Gary Combs, Donald Duncan, Megan Engelhardt, Michael Rickard and William Sheeham; Senior Airman Christopher Richman; Staff Sgts. Jennifer Carter, Joshua Cash, Troy Greeness, Kenneth Jones, Gregory Mills, Tim Ortiz and Mark Sellers; Tech. Sgt. Joseph MacMillen; Master Sgt. Douglas Dye.

Network infrastructure systems — Airman Jacob Schmidt; Airman 1st Class Brian Murphy; Senior Airman Laela Badgette; Staff Sgt. Daniel Sallie; Charles Dickey and Michael Frashure.

Radar systems apprentice course — Airman Ryan Canterbury; Staff Sgt. Christopher Walker; Tech Sgt. Glen Godsey.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

- Class 07-6 — graduation 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 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

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

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. Saturday. \$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.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

Team Kids — 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sunday, kindergarten through grade 6.

Men's luncheon Bible study — 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

Men's prayer breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Women's Bible study — 9-11 a.m. Wednesday.

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Wednesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner at 6.

Teen Bible study — 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Children's church — held during Sunday worship services.

Tuesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

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

Hispanic Heritage Month — display throughout September.
National library card signup 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

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. Wednesday. Martini specials, free 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.

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, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

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

TICKETS AND TRIPS

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops with mushroom gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, chicken breast parmesan, macaroni and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — noon 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 pre-register or for more information, call 377-2179.

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

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

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluegray.com>.

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

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

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

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

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at <http://www.militaryconnection.com>.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

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.

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.afaots.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.

COAST AREA TRANSIT

Keesler Express — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop
:30 Hercules Street bus stop
:32 Welch Auditorium
:45 Pass Road Wal-Mart
:54 Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00 Depart Edgewater Mall
:09 Pass Road Wal-Mart
:22 Welch Auditorium
:24 Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; 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. 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 chelle.lrn@yahoo.com.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, 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, Thomson 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.

Movie listings weren't submitted this week. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Voting assistance

Installation voting officer — Dave Duggins, 228-377-5799.
Alternate installation voting officer — Maj. Sharon Walker, 376-5551.

2nd Air Force — Master Sgts. John Scott, 376-6350, and Shannon Gray, 377-1316.

45th Airlift Squadron — Capt. Bryan Beck, 377-0663.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Capt. Nicola Perry, 376-3166.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgts. Aubrey Goff, 377-4209, and Bruce Dishman, 377-6611; Tech. Sgt. Melvin Jackson, 377-5826.

81st Communications Squadron — 2nd Lts. Kanesha Webber, 377-8885, and Trevor Owen, 377-4041.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Master Sgt. Sherriann Baldwin-Rash, 377-3711, and 1st Lt. Mishaun Johnson, 377-7251.

81st Contracting Squadron — Master Sgt. Kimberley Alvarez, 377-3642, and 1st Lt. Ernest Stewart, 377-1836.

81st Dental Squadron — Capt. Eric Ladimer, 376-0511, and Master Sgt. Wendell Thomas, 377-7071.

81st Inpatient Support Squadron — Capt. Erik Vacarelli, 376-3327.

81st MDOS — 1st Lts. Maryann Edwards, 376-4459, and John Harrell, 377-0500; 2nd Lt. Sarah Montoya-Ortega, 376-5072, and Master Sgts. Joseph Hebert, 376-3754; Corey Johnson, 376-4839, Vernell Harrison, 376-4954, and Curtis Maley, 376-3810.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Capts. Carissa Grant, 376-5055, and Renee McClennon, 376-4727; Master Sgt. Patty Jones, 376-4749.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Master Sgts. Kelle Turner, 377-3697; Terrence Hardwick, 377-3647; and Ruby Borden, 377-3203.

81st Operations Support Flight — Staff Sgt. Michael Delgado, 377-3305.

81st Security Forces Squadron — 1st Lt. Schneider Rislin, 377-7231 and Master Sgt. Rod East, 377-9096.

81st Services Division — Capt. Breanne Roeckers, 377-3101, and Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-1986.

81st Supply-Transportation Squadrons — David Weekley, 377-2936; Master Sgt. Kevin Benjamin, 377-7924; Senior Master Sgt. James McClish, 377-4451.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Master Sgts. Steve Lacy or Robin Pugh, 376-0452, or Capt. Cynthia Myers, 376-5621.

81st Training Support Squadron — James Franks, 377-0758; Senior Master Sgt. Richard Skripek, 377-0758, and Sherry Clark, 377-1230.

81st Training Wing legal office — 1st Lt. Thomas Greenwood, 377-1077.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — 1st Lt. Jason Rhodes, 377-4076.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737, and Master Sgt. Jason Harrell, 377-9680.

333rd TRS — William Bacon Jr., 377-2469, and Master Sgt. Brian Frazier, 377-7745.

334th TRS — Senior Master Sgt. CarolAnn Daniels, 377-3408, and Master Sgt. Lori Derr, 377-0476.

335th TRS — Master Sgts. Robert Marlett, 377-0331 and Rolando Espino, 377-2909; Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

336th TRS — Maj Aaron Albers, 377-9181, and Boyd Cooke, 377-4599.

338th TRS — George Landrum, 377-2784; Alexander Verrett, 377-3371; Staff Sgt. Christopher Guertin, 377-1154; Airman 1st Class Nicholas Giulian, 377-3945.

403rd Wing — Lt. Col. Kelvin McElroy, 377-5007.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — Petty Officer 1st Class Moses Balls, 377-3502.

Keesler NCO Academy — Master Sgts. Lisa Arnold, 377-8622, and David Harrison, 377-8623.

Marine Corps Detachment — Master Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, 377-8762, and Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class James Lewis, 377-0789.