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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Felicia Simpson pulls her 1-year-old son, Joseph, in a wagon followed by Master Sgt. Lee Young, left, Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Watkins and 8-year-old SaVena Watkins in Saturday's 4-mile Mississippi Gulf Coast Heart Walk in Gulfport. The sergeants from the 336th Training Squadron were among 528 Keesler walkers who contributed more than \$17,170 to the American Heart Association's annual event and received the bronze medal for third place fundraising team. Last year, 230 walkers from the base raised \$9,421 for the cause. Overall, more than 7,000 walkers raised \$450,000 this year.

DOD officials move toward expeditionary civilian force

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are moving forward with setting up a global expeditionary force for civilian employees, a senior Pentagon personnel official said Sept. 30.

Patricia Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, said operations in Iraq and Afghanistan pointed to the roles DOD civilians can play.

"In the past, there were many situations and job opportunities that we've just routinely relied on the military to do, or we have turned to a contractor," she said.

But DOD civilian employees have played crucial roles in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"At the end of the day, when you look at the duties that need to be performed in theater, and particularly as the (security) situation becomes more permissive, it provides opportunities for DOD civilians to serve," she said.

More than 16,000 DOD civilians have served in U.S. Central Command's area of operations since 2001 as engineers, logistics specialists, weapons inspectors, administrative specialists and on provincial reconstruction teams.

"They have demonstrated the value civilians can give to theaters like Iraq and Afghanistan," Ms. Bradshaw said.

Even more opportunities exist now for civilians to serve. As the coalition works to help the Iraqi and Afghan governments to develop their defense ministries, more civilians are needed to serve as advisers to their counterparts, she said.

DOD civilians have a desire to serve, Ms. Bradshaw noted. State Department officials asked for help in filling slots in provincial reconstruction teams in Iraq. The solicitation for the 100 slots went

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Thank you ... again and again

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Can you ever say “thank you” often enough? I don’t think so! Where I come from, we always say “please” and “thank you” as a sign of dignity and respect. I believe it’s important to be courteous in dealing with other people and, almost always, people will respond in kind to you. I can’t say thank you to everyone who is doing great things at Keesler, yet please indulge me as I highlight a few.

First, thank you to all who participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk. Led by Master Sgts. Shawn and Christina Wolfe, Team Keesler shattered all records in supporting this great community activity. We had over 500 people sign up to walk and gathered pledges in excess of \$17,000, well over last year’s total of 230 people and \$9,421. Keesler Airmen helped with setup and cleanup and were key partners in making this year’s Heart Walk a huge success. Thank you to all who participated and donated!

Please join me in thanking our Services team, busy

behind the scenes to support our operations. Thank you to the billeting team (Air Education and Training Command’s Innskeeper Award winners), who just hosted over a thousand of our 403rd Wing reserve partners during their training weekend. Thanks to the dining facilities staff that serves thousands of great meals every day and still makes sure we have a special birthday meal for our nonprior service Airmen. Most have never celebrated their birthday without their family before, but can now celebrate with the Air Force family. Thanks to our fitness center team that just hosted the largest and best mini-triathlon in Keesler history. Participants braved the chills of the Triangle pool, the challenges of our bicycle course and “blazing” heat of a two-mile sprint to complete the event safely and (most importantly) had fun. Thanks to the Services team, too, for bringing Charlie Daniels for a great Air Force birthday concert. Our Services folks are doing great things for our people, please join me in thanking them.

Please help me in thanking the Airman and Family Readiness Center staff, too. I think they are the best in the Air Force. This week they’ve been working behind the scenes on such things as to helping survivors of Airmen who have passed away by counseling them on benefits and entitlement, coordinating hundreds of volunteers who go into the community to assist in community service projects, bringing in experts in transition assistance to counsel folks who are making career changes, hosting a great classic car expo at marina park and hosting this weekend’s Operation Hero for the children of our deployed and deploying Airmen.

Thanks, too, to the civil engineer squadron for the great work you folks are doing. Despite the oncoming A-76 transition and severe manning shortages, you’re accomplishing the mission with dignity and pride. During Hurricane Gustav, you were magnificent. The entire base and community owes you a debt of thanks for providing us with safe,

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

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

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. 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).



clean water; protecting our environment; providing and sustaining great work environments and reliable power.

This week, the fire department leads the way in observing Fire Prevention Week. Please come by the fire station this Saturday morning and join me in thanking them for educating our Air Force family on fire safety and for their vigilance in protecting us.

Thanks go out to the security forces team, too, that stands the watch every day, day or night, to protect us.

Thanks for braving the savage weather of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, for being our base ambassadors at the gate and for keeping us safe.

There are many other folks to thank, but I don’t have room in this column — that’s where I need your help. Please join me in thanking people for doing a great job. When you care enough to say thank you, people know you value what they do and they’ll strive to do even better to meet your expectations. Let’s make sure we share our thanks.

Air Force ingenuity brings calm out of chaos

By Lt. Col. Stephen Ray

81st Training Group deputy commander

I can still remember an “urban legend” I heard as a young Airman about the actions of a security forces member (then called security police) during a joint exercise at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. When a Green Beret platoon playing the opposing force approached his position, he knew he was over matched. Being the enterprising Air Force member that he was, he stood up and yelled, “Dog loose!” He then calmly collected the Green Berets from the trees in which they took shelter.

This story always reminded me about the flexibility and ingenuity of Air Force members. When faced with a mission that doesn’t neatly fit into our training, we figure out how to get things done. No armed force ever embodied General Patton’s observation that, “Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.” I recently got to observe this firsthand during a deployment to Iraq.

I led a 13-person team advising an Iraqi general and his staff on base operations and logistics. I had a pick-up team of different specialties — engineers, civil engineering operations, services, fuel, power production, information management, medic, heating and air conditioning technician and an electrician. Me? I’m an intercontinental ballistic missile maintainer. Initially, we worked with a small Army team who dealt with the supply logistics issues. Halfway through our one-year deployment, the Army supply team left with no replacements.

This left my team to assume duties of overseeing the issue of Iraqi recruits, their uniforms and equipment every training cycle, managing a 10-million rounds ammo supply point and advising a regional vehicle maintenance repair shop. We only had our experience, common sense and ingenuity to guide us.

Given this challenge, my team not only maintained operations without interruption, but excelled. My team’s ingenuity enabled them to figure out the Iraqi supply system (or what passed as a system) and trans-

lated needs and issues into U.S. Army-speak in order to bring higher level attention to serious logistic shortfalls. With little guidance from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, my team devised procedures that worked for the Iraqi Army. That was no small feat considering the Iraqis have a totally different mindset on how to get the mission done. By the time we left, the heating and air conditioning noncommissioned officer was advising supply, the electrician was advising the ammo dump, power pro was advising the repair shop and my medic was advising base security — and everybody did a fantastic job.

As Airmen, they remained committed to mission accomplishment and flexibility in doing what needed to be done. Getting things done in a chaotic environment is a legacy of the Air Force. Probably the best compliment came from our Army headquarters, “We are so impressed with your ability to do anything we ask.” And as long as our Airmen continue to be the most capable service members in the world, the world will keep asking us to do ... well, everything.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By **Kemberly Groue**

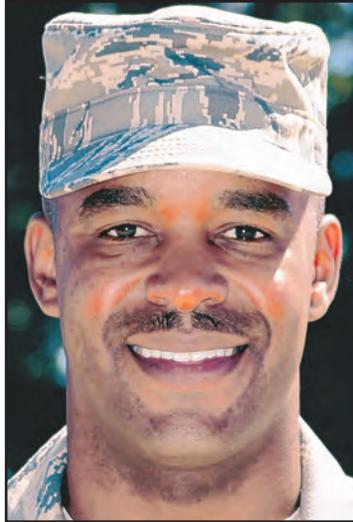
Keesler News photographer

What is your favorite thing about fall?



"I like the nicer weather."

Bill Wade, 81st Training Wing



"I like the cooler weather and the turning of the leaves."

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Carter, 81st Operations Support Flight



"I love the cooler weather, because I raise horses and I can enjoy them more."

Carol Smith, 2nd Air Force

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



James Donnett, base fire chief, and Col. Jeffrey Jackson, 81st Mission Support Group commander, evaluate the crash site. The colonel was the onsite commander for the Oct. 1 exercise.



Keesler firefighter David Tijerina searches the WC-130J for injured passengers or fatalities. The scenario for the major accident response exercise involved a crash near a baseball field in Vancleave which killed all 15 people onboard and injured about 20 people on the ground.

Simulated plane crash sharpens skills



Senior Airman Michael Fagan, left, and Airman 1st Class Aaron Scott, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, assemble a global positioning surveying system to plot the accident location.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Airman 1st Class Jeremy Journigan, 81st Force Support Squadron, tags a body part for bagging as part of the search and recovery team.



Paramedic Scott Haner, Acadian Medical Service, treats Airman Basic Jonathan Jordan, 334th Training Squadron, injured in the accident. Other off-base participants included the Jackson County Emergency Operations Center, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, BP, Vancleave Volunteer Fire Department and American Red Cross.

Love of languages prepares medic for immersion in Afghan culture

By Master Sgt. Eric Grill

Air Force Print News

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — An Airman deploying soon to Afghanistan as part of a provincial reconstruction team will be able to use a hobby of his to help make his deployment easier for himself and his team.

Senior Airman George Williams II joined the Air Force almost four years ago in hopes of being a linguist specializing in Chinese, but instead became a medical technician in Keesler's 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

His love of learning different languages is now a hobby rather than a full-time job. That hobby, however, is allowing Airman Williams to learn not only how to be a combat medic during combat skills training at Fort Bragg for his deployment, but also allows him to immerse himself in the Afghan culture as well.

"The cultural learning that we're getting here (in combat skills training where we have) foreign nationals to help teach it is my chance for immersion," Airman Williams said. "I didn't really see myself getting that overseas (move) so here's my chance (to learn a new culture)."

He just likes dabbling with languages, he said.

"I'm fairly decent with Spanish and have dabbled with other languages," he said. "I'll go back and forth with a little bit of French or some German. I love listening to the accent."

The only thing missing is what Airman Williams described as being "plopped somewhere and learning the language there."

This deployment is the chance "that I get to get plopped into that situation, and use it," he said.

During PRT training, Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers receive the language training to get them through combat



Photo by Master Sgt. Eric Grill

Airman Williams applies a blood pressure cuff to a patient at a "forward deployed" clinic Sept. 23 at Fort Bragg. Airman Williams is in combat skills training for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

scenarios, but Airman Williams is taking it farther by learning not only the language, but studying the written word as well.

"The language itself looks beautiful on paper, so, I'm trying to learn it," he said. "Soldiers can get by on (the training received here) and make stuff happen, but I would like to also be another go-between liaison — in the medical field, that's key. You can relay information from the patient to the doctor and make the encounter go so much smoother."

Learning more, however, wasn't easy because of the time spent learning combat medic skills and how to survive in a combat environment.

That said, Airman Williams said he hit the Internet and went to the Defense Language Institute's Web site and found study materials. He credited the Afghan foreign national volunteer that he works with on a regular basis at Fort Bragg as a big help.

To Airman Williams, it's also about sharing cultures.

"The more I know about their country, the more they come to learn about us, and the less separated we are going to feel," he said.

"We're going to visit their towns almost every day and (learning their language and culture is) going to create a certain atmosphere that we're both going to appreciate."

CCAF scholarships

Today's the deadline to apply for three \$150 scholarships offered by the Keesler Chiefs Group for airmen basic through technical sergeants pursuing their first Community College of the Air Force degree.

Those interested submit an application and write an essay on the value of education to Air Force enlisted personnel to the education office or any chiefs group member.

Scholarships are awarded at the CCAF graduation ceremony Oct. 21.

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

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group holds its quarterly awards ceremony, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Welch Auditorium.

Military, civilian and training instructor categories are recognized.

**To report
sexual
assaults,
call Keesler's
sexual assault
response
coordinator
hotline,
377-7278.**

Special testing schedule announced

The education office has announced the special testing schedule for fiscal 2008.

Time for all tests is 7 a.m.. Scheduling deadlines and test dates are:

PRAXIS I and II — Friday for Nov. 17; Dec. 15 for Jan. 12; March 16 for April 13 and June 14 for July 13.

ACT — Oct. 27; Dec. 5 for Jan. 5; March 27 for April 27 and May 22 for June 22.

SAT — Oct. 31 for Nov. 4; Dec. 26 for Jan. 26 and April 24 for May 25.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

The ceremony is open to all Keesler personnel.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Clinton Presley, 377-0231.

Drill down, parade

The 81st Training Group has a parade, 6 p.m. Oct. 16, and the season's final drill down, 8 a.m. Nov. 14, on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527. For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy until noon Oct. 29 for drill practice and evaluations.

In case of inclement weather, hours may change or the lot will be open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-2740.

Open house

The education office open house is 3-7 p.m. Oct. 30 in Room 108, Sablich Center.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, William Carey University, University of Southern Mississippi, Community College of the Air Force and Air University's associate-to-baccalaureate conversion program representatives are on hand, along with representatives of other colleges and agencies.

Student health center

The student health center in the Levitow Training Support Facility is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

The front desk phone numbers are 376-0324 or 0325.

GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708.

Tuition aid online

Air Force members can request tuition assistance online from the workplace through the Air Force Virtual Education Center at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>.

Student TMO

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

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

For more information, call 377-3147 or visit Room 211 in the Levitow building.

Government Purchase Card Buying tool subject to abuse, misuse

81st Comptroller Squadron

The Government Purchase Card is a highly effective program that significantly reduces the acquisition timeline, but is subject to abuse and/or misuse if not properly governed.

The GPC provides federal agencies with an effective and efficient tool for satisfying small, routine requirements. Across the federal government, the administrative savings alone are estimated to be \$1.3 billion per year. This figure is based on a study which concluded \$53.77 in savings is achieved each time a purchase card is used in lieu of a written purchase order.

Use of the GPC is also convenient for merchants because they are typically paid within 48 hours of submitting the transaction to the card network.

Use of the GPC is "big business" for the Department of Defense. For fiscal year 2007 in the Air Force alone, almost 40,000 card holders accounted for more than 4.2 million transactions, spending nearly \$1.6 billion.

Keesler's 283 card holders contributed to more than 33,000 of those transactions and \$14.3 million.

A report by the Government Accountability Office published in March 2008, however, noted instances of misuse of the GPC program. In its findings, the GAO estimated a 15 percent failure rate in appropriate authorization to make the purchase and a 34 percent failure rate to adhere to independent receipt and verification.

Examples of misuse include purchases exceeding the cardholder's limit, purchases not authorized by the agency, purchases for which there is no funding, purchas-



"As stewards of the taxpayer dollar, and as professional Airmen, it's up to us to adhere to rules and procedures to safeguard the program and ensure its continued success."

— Colonel Wegner

es for personal consumption, purchases which do not comply with Federal Acquisition Regulation and/or other procurement statutes and regulations and purchases billed by the merchant but never received by the agency.

Failure to achieve independent receipt and verification occurs when a sensitive or pilferable item, or any item

exceeding a \$500 value, is received by the GPC cardholder. These items should be signed for by an individual in the unit who is not responsible for initiating or authorizing the purchase.

Purchase card misuse or fraud could have damaging effects on an individual's career — namely counseling, reprimand, notation in performance evaluations, or criminal or non-judicial punishment, depending on the severity of the offense. In addition, misuse could result in suspension or termination of the offending unit's GPC accounts, resulting in degradation to the mission.

"Correct use of the GPC program comes from attention to detail and engaged leadership," said Lt. Col. Chris Wegner, 81st Contracting Squadron commander.

All cardholders complete a thorough training program on proper use of the card. Additionally, approving officials are directly responsible for reviewing all transactions to ensure they are reasonable and necessary.

"Ultimately, each unit commander is responsible for appointing responsible and capable GPC representatives and routinely monitoring their GPC activity," said Colonel Wegner.

"The GPC is a great acquisition tool and places decentralized purchasing power in the hands of cardholders," added Colonel Wegner. "As stewards of the taxpayer dollar, and as professional Airmen, it's up to us to adhere to rules and procedures to safeguard the program and ensure its continued success."

For more information, call Joyce Powell at 377-1841.

IN THE NEWS

Gate open this weekend

To assist with projected traffic congestion due to Cruisin' the Coast, the Meadows Avenue Gate is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Salute to the Military

Tickets for the 30th annual Salute to the Military are available through the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs, \$40 for individuals and \$400 for a table for 10.

The event is Oct. 28 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi, with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by a ceremonial program, dinner, speakers and entertainment. The preferred attire for the event is black tie or dress uniform, but business dress is acceptable.

Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, is the featured speaker. Special recognition is planned for Mississippi recipients of the Medal of Honor.

For more information and tickets, call 377-2783.

Voter registration opportunity

A voter registration and absentee ballot drive for military members, civilians and spouses is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16 in the 81st Communications Squadron, Building 901.

For more information, call Senior Airman Matthew Jackson, 377-3868.

Special duty assignment briefing

The Air Education and Training Command special duty briefing team visits Keesler, 8:30-11 a.m. Oct. 16 in the Sablich Center auditorium, Room 222, to brief on all aspects of special duty opportunities, including those as recruiters and military training instructors.

Senior airmen with at least 35 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service are eligible to apply for special duty assignments and invited to attend the briefing. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

For a special duty application, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 81st Training Wing career adviser, 377-3697.

Military health system survey

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

WASHINGTON — Wounded, ill or injured service members and their families are invited to respond to a new pair of questionnaires designed to help military health system leaders better their needs and expectations.

The anonymous questionnaires — one for wounded, ill or injured service members and one for their family members — are open for completion until Oct. 15 at <http://www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18>. The questionnaires ask for feedback concerning a service member's experience and satisfaction with the care he or she has received since becoming wounded, ill or injured.

For more information, call (703) 681-1750.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Oct. 16 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, because of Monday's Columbus Day federal holiday.

Civilian,

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throughout DOD, and more than 1,500 civilian employees sent in resumes.

This demonstrated many DOD civilians would rise to the occasion to serve if they could, Ms. Bradshaw said.

“We filled those jobs, and we saw the increased demand for DOD civilians, yet we didn’t have an infrastructure to support that,” she said.

To rectify that, David Chu, under-secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, issued a memorandum Feb. 12 titled, “Building Increased Civilian Deployment Capacity,” that laid the groundwork for the expeditionary civilian work force.

“The first is if we advertised a position and a civilian volunteered, then that DOD civilian should be released to serve,” Ms. Bradshaw said.

This will be tested as individual augmentee positions, normally filled by service members in Iraq and Afghanistan, with 157 civilian positions open.

“Our goal is to get DOD civilians to volunteer for these opportunities,” she said. “At the end of the day, it’s not only good for accomplishing the mission, but (also) for building an individual’s portfolio for the future, (when) this kind of experience will become ever more important.”

The idea is to have a cadre of civilians who can respond to long-term opportunities and to crises such as hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and so on, she explained.

“We’re creating an infrastructure that can respond to needs around the globe, and that includes civilian capability,” Ms. Bradshaw said.

The jobs are temporary assignments with most for a year, but some for six months. Civilians deploying to the region will receive not only cultural and language training, but also force protection training, and must meet medical requirements, she said. When the assignment is over, local installations must ensure civilian employees return to the jobs they left or similar ones.

“One of the objectives when we set up our expeditionary work force is we need to have a ready, cleared and trained work force that can respond on a dime like our military does,” she said.



New unit activated

Col. Jeffrey Jackson, left, 81st Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Clarence Lee, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, Oct. 1 during the squadron’s activation ceremony. The former 81st Supply and Transportation Squadrons have merged to form the new squadron. Keesler is the last base in the Air Force to make the transition, because of the A-76 study which turns over many base support services to a contractor, as well as the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina three years ago.

Photo by Adam Bond

Parking area demolition removes potential hazard



Photo by Adam Bond

From left, Staff Sgt. Russell Wrenn, Airman 1st Class Joseph Roach and Staff Sgt. Blake Roberts, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, work to remove the parking lot adjoining a pier north of the flight line on Biloxi’s Back Bay. By removing the parking lot from the runway’s “clear zone,” Keesler is removing a potential hazard for aircraft accidents and promoting a safety-first attitude for flying operations, according to 1st Lt. Laura Chighizola, 81st Operations Support Flight.

PERSONNEL NOTES

365-day deployment changes

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials implement policy changes to improve sourcing efficiency of 365-day deployments and ensure Airmen receive adequate notification prior to deployment.

The new policy sets the deployment “accept or decline” option at three calendar days, streamlines the verification process and incorporates the air and space expeditionary force reclamation process, or request to cancel the selected Airman, for 365-day taskings.

It also requires a medical pre-assessment for Airmen attending combat skills training.

For more information, visit the AFPC “Ask” Web site; select “365 Extended Deployments” under the Military Quick Links (a common access card is required) or call the Air Force Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775.

SRB changes

The latest selective reenlistment bonus list contains 88 Air Force specialties.

The new program includes all specialties that received bonuses under the current bonus list, plus an additional 51 specialties. It increases the maximum amount Airmen may receive per zone from \$60,000 per zone to \$90,000, enabling the Air Force to impact critical skills already receiving high multipliers in the SRB calculation.

To view the SRB list, visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Reenlistments/>. For more information, call the military personnel section’s career development element, 376-8739.

New PCS requirement

All members making a permanent change of station move or to any continental United States location or unaccompanied overseas tour now are required to complete an Air Force Form 4380, Air Force Special Needs Screener.

This requirement helps determine if the new location can meet the required special needs. PCS orders won’t be processed prior to completion of the form, or receipt of final determination on exceptional family member program enrollment for any responses that indicate the presence of special needs. Members with PCS to accompanied overseas tours continue to process the Air Force Forms 1466 and 1466D.

For more information, call 376-8739.

2009 selection board

Air Force officials have announced the schedule for selection boards convening in 2009:

Jan. 12-16, May 18-22, Sept. 21-25 — special selection boards.

Feb. 2-20 — senior master sergeant.

March 9-20 — colonel line of the Air Force; lieutenant colonel and major biomedical sciences corps/nurse corps.

June 8-26 — lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

July 13-24 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 17-28 — command screening.

Sept. 14-18 — colonel medical service corps, medical corps and dental corps; lieutenant colonel and major MC/DC.

Oct. 13-26 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Nov. 2-13 — colonel and lieutenant colonel judge advocate and chaplain; major LAF, judge advocate and chaplain.

Dec. 1-11 — colonel LAF/BSC/NC, lieutenant colonel and major BSC/NC.

Executive order simplifies employment for military spouses

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has signed an executive order that will make it easier for spouses of service members to get federal jobs.

The order authorizes noncompetitive hiring of spouses and should make the hiring process easier and faster for those in this category, said Patricia Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy.

“It shall be the policy of the United States to provide for the appropriately expedited recruitment and selection of spouses of members of the armed forces for appointment to positions in the competitive service of the federal civil service as part of the effort of the United States to recruit and retain in military service, skilled and experienced members of the armed forces and to recognize and honor the service of such members injured, disabled or killed in connection with their service,” President Bush wrote in the Sept. 26 order.

The order allows spouses “to walk into any personnel office of any federal agency and get a job,” Ms. Bradshaw said. “This sidesteps this long-enduring process that often turns spouses away.”

President Bush first proposed the initiative in his State of the Union address in January.

Surveys show that employment for spouses is

a concern to service members and their families.

To be eligible, individuals have to be the spouse of an active-duty member or of a reservist on active duty called on to relocate.

Also eligible are the spouses of service members listed as 100 percent disabled and separated or retired, as well as widows or widowers of servicemembers who died on active duty, and who have not remarried.

“We hear from service members that a key to retention and recruitment is the support systems in place to help family members,” Ms. Bradshaw said. “More than half of the military members are married, and this is a significant issue for them.”

Only about 10 percent of military spouses remain in the same place for five years, and the frequent moves make employment a problem.

“The objective of this appointment is to actually get their foot in the door, and then they will be able to move around the federal government that much easier,” Ms. Bradshaw noted. “This authority gets them into the door. It doesn’t waive the qualifications for the job.”

The director of the Office of Personnel Management issues the implementing regulations.

“We are working with them very aggressively as quickly as possible,” Ms. Bradshaw said. “Unfortunately, it will be sometime after the first of the year before we see interim regulations.”

EagleCash: Don’t deploy without it

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — All Airmen in the U.S. Air Forces Central and the U.S. Central Command Combined Forces Air Component area of responsibility are required to have an EagleCash Stored Value Card.

The EagleCash card is a free cash-management tool the Air Force provides to support deployed personnel. The program provides Airmen fee-free access to personal funds via a linked checking account, better security of personal financial information and the ability to transfer money from one Airman’s card to another’s.

To obtain the card, Airmen should visit the nearest Air Force finance office with their identification card, a Department of Defense Form

2887, Eagle Cash Enrollment and Authorization Agreement, and a copy of their orders.

Airmen also need the routing and account numbers of an active checking or savings account to which they want to link the EagleCash card. If that account is the same one through which they receive their military pay, the data is available through myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

Airmen may transfer up to \$350 per day from their bank account to their EagleCash cards, compared to a \$300 limit per week for cashing checks.

EagleCash kiosks are available at various locations so Airmen can access their money more easily 24/7.

Airmen may withdraw cash from their EagleCash cards by visiting the finance office so they can deploy without per-

sonal checks, reducing the risk that their checking accounts will be compromised. They can also withdraw up to \$20 in cash when they make purchases at the base exchange.

Vendors on base also save money. Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets must pay 2 to 3 percent of credit card transactions to credit card companies. EagleCash transactions don’t impose fees on vendors, which means the money can go into a base’s morale, welfare and recreation fund.

Airmen whose EagleCash cards are stolen should report the incident immediately. The card is locked out, and the finance office can issue a new card within 48 hours. Funds that were on the card when it was reported stolen are returned to the bank account linked to the card.

For more news, photos and videos, visit Keesler on the Web —
<http://www.keesler.af.mil>



Mr. Donley

Senate confirms Donley selection

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Michael Donley will be the 22nd secretary of the Air Force based on an Oct. 2 Senate confirmation vote.

He's served as acting secretary since June 21. Former director of administration and management for the Defense Department, Secretary Donley provided testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee July 22. Senate confirmation now clears the way for his formal appointment by the president.

"Our way ahead includes a recommitment to upholding the high standards that have always been the Air Force's hallmark and for our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do — to underpin every Airmen at all times," he said.

Secretary Donley has more than 30 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon. In his most recent position, he was responsible for Washington Headquarters Services, which oversees management of the Pentagon and DOD services within the National Capitol Region and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

He was acting secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993 and served as the service's top financial officer from 1989-1993.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name —Tech. Sgt.
Nashona Ragland

Unit — 81st Training
Wing

Position — protocol staff

Time in Air Force — 10
years

Time at Keesler —
seven years

Hometown — Idabel,
Okla.

Why did you join the Air Force? The cost of college was more than I wanted to pay. I'm glad I joined!

What are your short- and long-term goals? complete my master's degree and start my own event planning business.

What's your favorite quote? "The grass isn't greener on the other side; it's greener where it's watered. — Doug Fields

What are your hobbies? shopping, arts and crafts.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Energy conservation
is everyone's responsibility.

DIAMOND NOTES

The battle dress uniform or
airman battle uniform cap
is to be worn squarely on the head
with no hair protruding
in front of the cap
for both males and females.



Master Sgt. Jessica Liebegott, 338th Training Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



July 1, 1969
Keesler's
student load
peaked at 14,000
during the Vietnam War.

New battle gear improves safety for combat Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Andrea Thacker

Air Forces Central Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Battlefield Airmen soon will have new equipment that will improve their ability to execute their combat duties.

The new airman battle system-ground is a tactical ensemble for Airmen who perform their mission outside the wire in close coordination with ground forces.

“It will provide Airmen with the right level of safety combined with a fully functional, tactically proficient ensemble, thereby increasing their confidence and ability to perform their mission,” said Chief Master Sgt. Scott Dearduff, 9th Air Force and Air Forces Central command chief.

The ABS-G was created to enable Airmen to function effectively in ground combat operations.

The airman battle ensemble is comprised of the coat, pants and battle shirt. It is basically a tactical fire resistant adaptation of the current ABU. The ABE is the core of the ABS-G.

“It wasn’t designed to replace the airman battle uniform,” Chief Dearduff said. “It was designed to give us a fire-retardant tactical ensemble that is fully integrated through multiple layers of clothing and equipment to provide maximum fire protection, warmth and tactical functionality.”

The ABE is considered a personal protective ensemble and not a uniform. The ABE will be unit controlled, issued equipment only worn by select Airmen based on their assigned mission. It won’t be sold in the military clothing sales stores.

The ABS-G will be distributed in the February 2009 timeframe. The testing phase will last 18 to 24 months. Several Airmen are wear-testing the ensemble in selected units in the area of responsibility now.

AirForceBlueTube

Airmen have new site for online videos

By Staff Sgt. J.B. Buzanowski

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — When you get an interesting or funny Air Force video in your e-mail, do you ever send it out to family, friends and co-workers?

AirForceBlueTube is the Air Force own channel for those videos on the popular video-sharing site YouTube.com.

“We wanted to have a one-stop shop to host those interesting or compelling clips people were making and sharing about the Air Force,” said Paul Bove, the site administrator for AirForceBlueTube. “The site is a great way to share them with relatives, friends and co-workers. It also provides a new way to tell the Air Force story to the public.”

Because videos are often large they can eat up a lot of valuable bandwidth, especially when they get forwarded to others.

“But on AirForceBlueTube, we can post informative, humorous or exciting videos without affecting Department of Defense bandwidth. With AirForceBlueTube, all people have to do is e-mail the link,” Mr. Bove said.

Because YouTube.com content is extracurricular in nature and typically not work-related, people will have to send the link to another e-mail address to view the videos on a computer that is

not part of a DOD network, Mr. Bove said.

If there’s demand for a particularly compelling Air Force-related video, it can be converted to a viewable format and posted to the public affairs community of practice, or CoP, for viewing by all.

“If anyone has a video they’d like to share with other people, all they have to do is send it to our office. If it’s compelling, informative or funny without being unprofessional, we’ll post it,” Mr. Bove said. “Right now we have everything from recent events like Hurricane Gustav and the America Supports You Freedom Walk to videos from Air Force Link and even some weapon systems video.”

Videos are subject to approval before they’re posted based on the guidelines of the host site and Air Force New Media. AirForceBlueTube can handle videos up to 100 MB and about 10 minutes each. Videos fewer than 10 MB can be e-mailed directly to the site manager at AFBlueTube@pentagon.af.mil, or afbluetube@gmail.com. If a file is too large, anyone can mail a disc with the video to:

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

ATTN: AFBlueTube Manager

901 N. Stuart St. Ste. 605

Arlington, VA 22203-1821

AirForceBlueTube can be found at <http://www.YouTube.com/AFBlueTube>.



Base rolls out red carpet for Retiree Appreciation Day

Keesler hosts its annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Locker House Activity Center.

Various booths and handouts will be available from a wide variety of base agencies, to include Keesler Medical Center, legal office, finance office and force support activities and more.

For more information, visit the retiree activities office on the first floor of Sablich Center or call 376-8111 or 8112.

Volunteer — get connected.

**Are you the Victim of a
Sexual Assault?**

We can help you sort through the issues!

**We will provide support
24 hours a day / 7 days a week**

**We want you to know that
you have choices....**

(Silence is not always golden)

Contact your Keesler Sexual Assault Coordinators at

377-7278



**Don't drink and drive —
call 377-SAVE.**

Recycling conserves base resources



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Paul Yankovich, left, and Billy McCasland, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, put paper into the baler at the recycling center. Nearly 17,675 pounds of materials were collected during the base's recycling drive in September. The 403rd Wing collected the most with more than 2,268 pounds.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Dr. Davis adjusts Capt. Tracy Hinote's lumbar spine. Captain Hinote is assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Chiropractic clinic available to treat active-duty members

By Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Owens

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Keesler Medical Center's chiropractic clinic, located in the facility's basement, treats active-duty patients with health problems of the musculoskeletal system and strives to prevent bodily disorders and injuries.

Many chiropractic treatments focus on the conditions of the spine and manual adjustment of the spine. Chiropractic medicine is based on the principle that spinal joint misalignments interfere with the nervous system and can affect surrounding muscles, causing aches, tenderness, pain and subsequent musculoskeletal conditions.

Dr. M. Carly Davis, Keesler's doctor of chiropractic, gets information needed to diagnose and treat patients by taking the patient's med-

ical history; conducting physical, neurological and orthopedic examinations; and possibly ordering laboratory tests.

X-rays and other diagnostic images are important tools because of the chiropractor's emphasis on the spine and its proper function. The chiropractor also analyzes the patient's posture and spine to determine the proper location of the condition and appropriate treatment.

Other therapies may be used, including ice, muscle stimulation, massage, ultrasound and heat. Dr. Davis also may counsel patients about health concepts such as nutrition, exercise, changes in lifestyle and stress management.

Active-duty military members who believe they may benefit from chiropractic skills should see their primary care provider for a referral to the chiropractic clinic.



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Community activism cited

From left, 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, Barry Newman and Liz Waters stock comfort bags for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence to distribute to area hospitals last November. Mrs. Waters is Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator, Lieutenant Lutz is the deputy SARC and Mr. Newman, 81st Training Wing plans office, formerly serve as SARC program technician. Keesler received the center's 2008 Community Partner Award for continued support to the center. Additionally, Mrs. Waters and Christine McGill, 81st Training Support Squadron, received certificates of appreciation for their work as victim advocates with the center's sexual assault response team. Leaders from 81st TRW, 2nd Air Force and 403rd Wing attended the award ceremony that kicked off the center's observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Make home a safe haven — prevent fire dangers



Fire department

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Prevent Home Fires."

Your home should be a safe haven. If not, there's the potential for danger. Fire safety and survival begin with preparation for everyone in your household.

According to the Home Safety Council's State of Home Safety in America Report, fires and burns are the third leading cause of unintentional home injury and related deaths in America.

Follow these safety tips to reduce the chance of fire in your home:

Keep matches, lighters and lit candles out of the reach of children.

Don't smoke inside, especially when you are tired, taking medication that can cause you to be drowsy or in bed.

Don't run electrical wires under rugs or carpet. Walking on them could cause the wire covering to wear and expose electrical wires.

Don't overload electrical sockets. Use six-outlet surge protector where needed.

Put child safety covers on all electrical outlets.

Discard electrical equipment and appliances with old or frayed cords and extension cords that look damaged.

Don't replace cords or plugs on equipment, appliances and extension cards if you're not a certified electrician.

Make sure older children are especially careful when using irons or curling irons and hairdryers. These should be unplugged after each use. See manufacturer's label for instructions.

Keep electrical space heaters at least 3 feet from beds, curtains or anything flammable.

Clean the clothes dryer vent of lint after each use.

Never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking.

Unplug all kitchen appliances when not in use and keep cords from reach of children.

Keep things that can burn, such as dishtowels, paper or plastic bags and curtains at least 3 feet away from the cooking range and other cooking appliances.

Turn off heaters when not attended.

Before cooking, roll up long sleeves and use oven mitts to handle hot items from stove

Fire Prevention Week events

Noon today — marina park; fire muster and fire truck display.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday — fire department open house with fire truck rescue, structural fire demonstrations, fire truck rides and displays, Harrison County's Fire Safe House, fire prevention literature, fire hats, games, door prizes, giveaways, free hot dogs and cold drinks.

and oven. Loose fitting clothes can touch a hot burner and catch on fire.

Never leave burning candles unattended.

Don't allow children to keep candles or incense in their rooms.

Always use stable candleholders made of materials that won't catch fire, such as metal or glass. Blow out candles when adults leave the room.

Store gasoline in a garage or shed in a container approved for gasoline storage only.

Never bring or use gasoline indoors; use it as a motor fuel only.

Never place gasoline next to heated equipment such as hot water heaters.

Never leave barbecue grills unattended while in use. Keep grills at least 25 feet away from other objects including the house, any shrubs or bushes.

Always make sure that coals are completely cold before discarding them.

Make sure you have a smoke detector on every level of your home and in each bedroom. Test alarms monthly for 30 seconds.

Make a fire escape plan with two ways out of the house, plus a designated meeting place once out of the house. Practice the fire escape plan regularly. Provide all emergency numbers on your escape plan.

For more information, call the fire prevention section, 377-2627 or 8440.

Finance office closed

The finance office in Sablich Center closes at 11 a.m. Friday for an official function.

Operation Hero

“Operation Hero,” a deployment experience for children, is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the deployment facility.

To register, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.

Physical therapy events

Events during Physical Therapy Month:

5-kilometer fun run — Oct. 15, Blake Fitness Center; 6 a.m. registration, 6:30 a.m. run. Prizes awarded.

Expo — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20, top of the escalators by the outpatient clinic entrance; demonstrations, free educational information, cake, punch and giveaways.

Spouse tour

A military spouse tour is 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 17.

To register or for more information, call 376-8728.

Dads, daughters event

“Because We Have Daughters” is a free workshop for Keesler fathers — active-duty, civilian, retired or contractor — with daughters ages 6-19, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18 at the youth center auditorium.

Stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles or cousins may also attend with the girls.

The event, is intended to strengthen father/daughter relationships, boost communication skills and addresses safety and self-esteem challenges that girls face.

The first 50 “couples” to register will attend. Lunch is provided.

To register, call Paula Tracy, 376-3459 or 3457, or e-mail paula.tracy@keesler.af.mil.

Adoption options

An adoption options seminar is 5:15-7 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research Center on Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi.

Topics for the event, sponsored by the airman and family readiness center, includes information on adoption pro-



Events celebrate Hispanic heritage

The Hispanic Heritage Committee marks Hispanic Heritage Month with two events:

Dio de Campo — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, marina park. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish. There's a domino tournament, best dessert contest and entertainment by Panama Without Borders and DJ Chulo.

For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 424-7036, or Michell Padro, 365-3831.

Luncheon — 11 a.m. Wednesday, El Rancho Restaurant, Biloxi. Retired Capt. Marian Moreno is the guest speaker. Entertainment is provided by Mariachis El Sol Del Valle. The \$12 cost includes a fajita plate and drink.

For reservations or more information, call Ms. Ochoa, 424-7036, or Yolanda Johnson, 596-7237.

cedures, legal issues, home studies and reimbursement.

For more information or to sign up, call 376-8728 or e-mail sandra.brzovic@keesler.af.mil.

Harvest festival

The chapel hosts a harvest festival, 5-7 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

The event includes crafts, food, games, an air bouncer and prizes.

Children and adults are encouraged to dress up as a biblical hero or heroine.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0834.

Heart Link

Heart Link, an orientation program specifically for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation, is Nov. 13.

The free event is intended to familiarize spouses with Air Force mission, customs, traditions and base and community resources and services.

Lunch is served, prizes are given and assistance with child care is offered.

To register, call 376-8728.

Thanksgiving guests

For the 12th year, the base chapel is sponsoring the Home Away from Home Thanksgiving dinner program for nonprior service Airmen.

Host families volunteer to provide a “home away from home” and holiday meal for two or more students. Active-duty, civil service and retirees are invited to participate.

Host sign-up forms are available beginning Sunday and must be turned by Nov. 24 at the Triangle Chapel or the Fishbowl Student Center in the Levitow Training Support Facility, by e-mail to charles.mallory@keesler.af.mil, or by calling 377-8256 or 2331.

Student sign-up forms are available only at the Fishbowl.

Honor guard recruiting

The Keesler Honor Guard needs officer and enlisted volunteers to represent the Air Force at funerals and other ceremonies.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-0765; Tech. Sgt. David Warren, 377-1986, or James Taylor, 377-2081.

Housing office hours

The military family housing office, Room 118, Sablich Center, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 376-8611.

Multimedia services

For information on multimedia products and services available at Wall Studio, call 377-2793 or 4636.

AAFES gift cards can be purchased by phone, online

AAFES Corporate Communications

DALLAS — By going online or calling a toll-free number, Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift cards can now be purchased by the public.

“We’re not even charging to ship these cards,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm, AAFES senior enlisted adviser. “This might be the only troop support program available where every single dollar dedicated to supporting the military actually makes it to the Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine who needs it.”

AAFES gift cards can be redeemed at exchanges worldwide by active-duty troops, their families and military retirees.

“With the economy the way it is, now is not the time to haphazardly guess what someone needs to brighten their day or pay extra money for shipping,” said Chief Helm. “AAFES gift cards put the power of choice in the hands of the spouse waiting for the return of a loved one, a retiree trying to make the best of a turbulent economy or service member far from home. All that needs to be sent is a lightweight plastic card that can be redeemed for a movie, phone call home or even gasoline for a much deserved weekend getaway.”

In addition to gift cards, anyone can send a gift certificate that can be redeemed through the exchange’s mail order catalogs or Web site.

“The gift certificates are perfect for Reserve and Guard families that may not live near a brick-and-mortar exchange,” said Chief Helm.

To send gift cards or gift certificates, up to \$500, log on to <http://www.aafes.com> or call 1-877-770-4438. Gift certificates are sent to individual service members designated by the purchaser or to “any service member” through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Fisher House Foundation, Navy-Marine Corps Relief, USO or Soldiers Family Assistance Center.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Chris Larson, 333rd TRS, won the men's category of Friday's mini-triathlon.

Swim ... cycle ... run



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Kendall Jones, 81st CES, laces up his shoes as he transitions from the pool to the bicycle.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Sixty people swam 200 yards, cycled eight miles and ran two miles in Friday's mini-triathlon.

Chris Larson, 333rd Training Squadron, won the men's category with a time of 47 minutes, 12 seconds. The women's winner was Jinx Campbell of Biloxi at 47:12.

The event was open to off-base competitors. Units are listed if the athletes are affiliated with Keesler.

Female age 18-29 — Denise Newman, Biloxi, 59:26; Danielle Ploetz, Biloxi, 59:55; Courtney Jinwright, Elba, Ala., 103:58.

Male 18-29 — Nathaniel Spitler, 81st Force Support Squadron, 49:58; Justin Nacol, 335th TRS, 50:25; Mark Harrison, 335th TRS, 55:07.

Female 30-39 — Lindsay Bliss, Biloxi, 51:19; Robin Phillips, spouse of Jeffrey Phillips, legal office, 54:45; Amy Dosca, Biloxi, 54:48.

Male 30-39 — Danny Cook, Biloxi, 38:11; Jose Espola-Negron, 334th TRS, 41:38; Jae Ewing, 334th TRS, 46:45.

Male 40-49 — Aubrey Goff, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 41:08; Jason Bright, Biloxi, 42:19; Alain Harpin, Biloxi, 43:55.

Female 40-49 — Shannon Howard, spouse of Chaplain Michael Howard, 49:47; Susan Linn, Biloxi, 53:48; Barbara Ellis, Biloxi, 53:58.

Male 50+ — Leonard Vergunst, Biloxi, 40:04; Ed Wheeler, Biloxi, 44:28; Bill Gasparini, Biloxi, 47:14.

Clydesdale (men more than 210 pounds) — Lonnie Bacon, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 44:53; Ash Spurlin, 334th TRS, 45:55; Bill Monroe, Biloxi, 49:21.

Athena (women more than 165 pounds) — Betsy Boudreaux, New Orleans, 53:03; Kristin Stephens, 55:35; Crystal Eddy, 45th Airlift Squadron, 101:07.

Relay team — swimmer Andres Pardes, cyclist Charles Greeson and runner Sherrone Bunn, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, 43:14.

E-mail is a privilege — don't abuse it!



Son of base fuels specialist earns football scholarship

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A Louisiana high school football star whose dad works at Keesler is going to be an Arkansas Razorback.

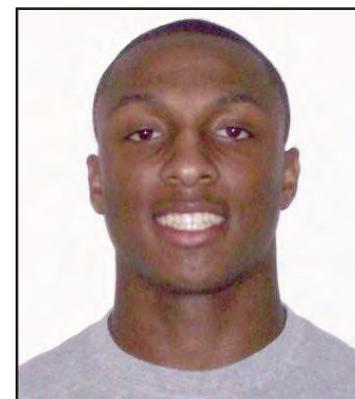
Jerry Mitchell Jr., a senior at Mandeville High School, recently signed a full-tuition football scholarship to the University of Arkansas.

His dad, Jerry Sr., works in the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron's fuels management flight and commutes to Keesler from Mandeville. His mother, Kathy, is a teacher at Slidell (La.) High School.

Jerry Jr. is a 6-foot 2-inch, 200-pound cornerback who was also recruited by Florida State, University of Southern Mississippi, Nichols State, Arkansas State and University of Louisiana branches at Monroe and Lafayette.

He's also a corner on Mandeville's basketball team and a member of the school's track team, where he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds.

"The things that impressed me the most about Arkansas were the coaching staff and the facilities," said Jerry Jr., who made an official visit to



Mitchell

the campus Saturday when the Razorbacks hosted the Florida Gators. "Four of their coaches have coached in the National Football League, so they know what it takes to get to the next level.

He's maintained a 3.0 grade point average in high school. He's undecided about a major at this point, but is leaning toward pursuing a business degree.

The Mitchells also have a 13-year-old son, Jamar, an eighth grader who's also a three-sport athlete.

"Our family is very proud of Jerry Jr.," his father said. "He works hard, and he deserves this great opportunity."

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity teams — organizing for the 2008-09 season.

For men's team, call Jesse Harris, 376-5723. For women's team, call Richard Vincent, 343-9951.

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

Bowling

Monday Night Budweiser

(as of Sept. 29)

Team	Won	Lost
403rd Strykers	23	5
New Meat	21	7
Robbie's Rejects	19	9
Hit 9 Get 9	19	9
Perry's Refrigeration	17	11
Sandy's Gang	16	12
Wrong Foot Forward	16	12
Team 6	16	12
Pot Luck	15	13
Man On!	15	13
Team 15	14	14
Bad Boys	14	14
Martini's	14	7
Team 18	12	16
Hang Chucky	11	17
Team 20	9	12
Unpredictables	9	19
Slater's Shooters	9	19
Our Gang	4	24
Hoops Gang	0	28

Wednesday Night Mixed

(as of Oct. 1)

Team	Won	Lost
Any Takers	16	5
Clyde's Crew	17	11
Team 6	17	11
Guys and Dolls	16	12
Dee's Crew	15	13
MUDD	14	14
Wild Gang	9	12
Ichi Ban	11	17
70s Plus	9	19
Neighbors Plus 1	9	19

Thursday Retired Seniors

(as of Oct. 2)

Team	Won	Lost
Kitty and Kats	21	7
Team 16	18	10
Team 14	18	10
Team 11	17	11
Team 12	16	12
Three's Company	15.5	12.5
Team 13	15	13
70s Plus	15	13
Team 15	14	14
Team 6	14	14
Lucky Trio	11.5	16.5
CHMATO	11	17
Team 8	10	18
2 Kings and A Queen	10	18
Team 5	9	19
2 He's and A She	9	19

Friday Night Mixed

(as of Oct. 3)

Team	Won	Lost
Frustrated	18	10
3 Guys and a Babe	18	10
We Take Ugly	18	10
Fun Timers	18	10
The Strikers	16	12
Lady and the Tramps	15	13
Rose and Her Thorns	13	15
Beyond Control	13	15
Pin Busters	12	16
Sandbaggers	11	17
Mixed Nuts	9	19
Pin Pals	7	21



Youth league registration under way at Gaudé Lanes

Registration for the Keesler Youth Bowling Association takes place 10 a.m. Oct. 11, 18 and 25 at Gaudé Lanes.

Any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley is eligible.

The league meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instruction is available.

For more information, including fees, call Darian Miller, 264-9854.

Other

Glow bowling — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes; 9 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 17 and younger, including shoes.

Lunch and bowl special — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Bowl for \$1 a game plus \$1 for shoes.

Team building special — 1-5 p.m. weekdays. Bring your employees bowling for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call 377-2817 for reservations.

Open bowling — limited on league days; first come, first served. Reservations accepted with groups of 20 or more. Discounts available with groups of 25 or more.

Club member special — show current club card Thursdays and bowl for \$1.50 per game; free shoe rental.

Birthday party package — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

Fitness centers

Slugfest VI registration and tryouts — Event is Nov. 1. Tryouts 6-8 p.m. today at Blake Fitness Center. \$1,000 to champion of each division. For more information, call 377-7858.

Monster circuit challenge — Oct. 30, Dragon Fitness Center. Sessions: 6:30-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon and 5:15-6:15 p.m. Choose time and at which level to do each station. First 50 to show up participate.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Wall of Fame — powerlifting event, 1-4 p.m. first compressed work schedule Friday each month, Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, bench press and dead lift; one attempt in any or all three events; 12 weight classes for men, 10 for women. Set record for most pounds lifted or break an existing record and get your picture on the wall. Open to all Defense Department personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Free fitness classes — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, slobotics, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Computerized fitness assessments, counseling — available by appointment at Dragon Fitness Center. To schedule, call 377-2907.

Golf

Fall classic tournament — shotgun start 7:30 a.m. Oct. 25. Sign up by Oct. 22. Individual stroke play using 70 percent of verifiable handicap. Annual members \$15, inclusive members \$10, non members \$30, including greens fee, cart, food and beverage, prizes.

Membership drive — through Nov. 15. Giveaways and special prizes or new members. Current members in good standing who enlist new member eligible for special prizes.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay nine-hole fee and golf until course closes.

Dragon fun league — Thursdays. Meet at 4 p.m., shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Four-person teams; two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. \$20 per person including greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format decided by draw each week. Limit 44 golfers.

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

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

Course and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

Outdoor recreation

Back Bay fishing trip — 7 a.m. to noon Saturday and Oct. 25. \$20 per person. Bring food and drinks. Mississippi license required. Minimum four, maximum seven people.

Discount on skiff rental — bring a friend, get 10 percent discount.

Columbus Day weekend special — 10 percent discount on a weekend camping package.

Overnight trip to Chandeleur Islands — Oct. 21-22. Bring food, drink and lures. Reserve early. Call for current prices.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest speckled trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

One-day fishing trips — to Horn, Ship or Cat Islands; pick the date. Charter trip in Delacroix and Reggio, La. with professional fishing guide. For more information, call 377-3160.

Camping packages — for rent include sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents. For more information, call 377-3160.

RV, boat and trailer storage — \$20 per month.

Delacroix, La. fishing site — two self-contained trailers for rent, \$50 per night. Maximum four per trailer.

Bring linens and cooking utensils. Louisiana fishing license required.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

Bicycles for rent — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

Wet slip fees — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot; less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

Deep sea fishing trips — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 15, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

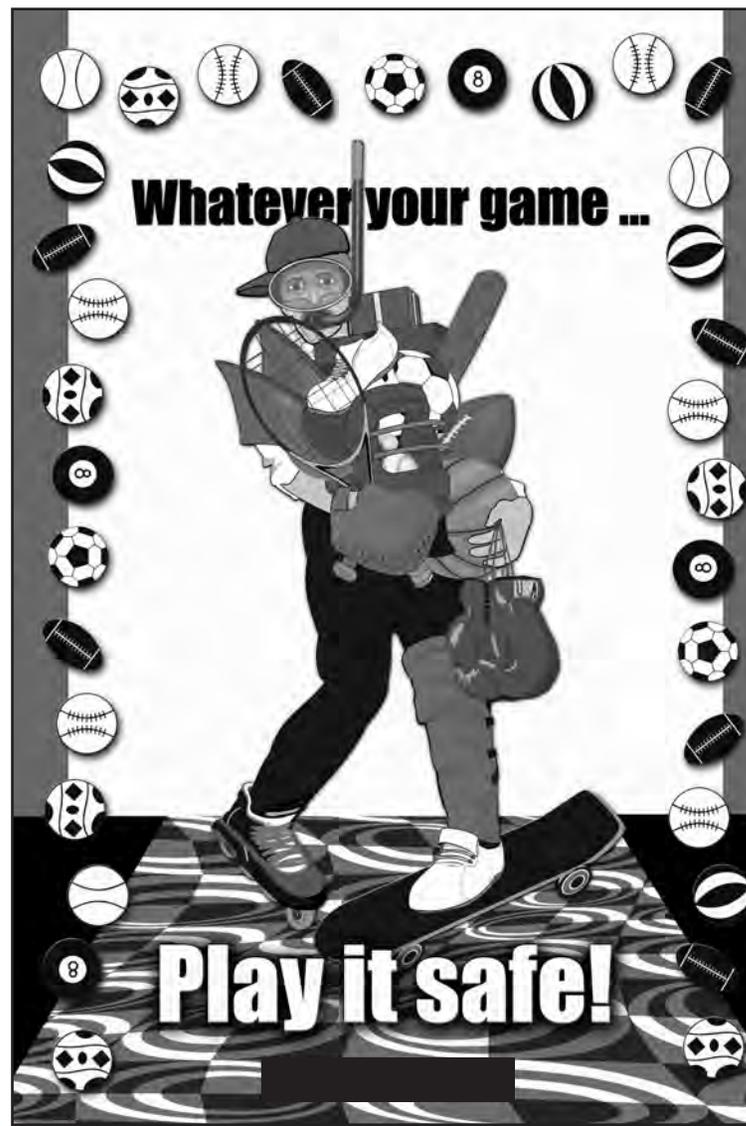
Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$850 for first six people, \$60 each additional person. \$350 deposit required.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

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

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

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



HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Kevin Adamski, John Banister, William Barth, Joseph Baun, Lorelei Bennett, Brandon Brookshire, Katherine Cavuto, Michael Clary, Enrique Conchas, Michael Angelo Cortez, Christopher Cottrell, Lanny Deboard, Aaron Etheridge, Michael Evans, Daniel Felice, Robert Franchino, Donald Frye, Michael Fuerte, Matthew Gagnon, Lucas Gamache, Robert Gasca, Chance Green, Mitchell Guntrum, Joshua Hall, Brent Harland, Timothy Hartsock, Scott Kelly, Khaleen Laubaugh, Lucas Lacock, Christopher Lee, Jlene Lieberg, Reese Massey, Adam Maynard, Cion Monge, Creston Moon, Brandon Morein, Martin Ortiz, Christian Perez, Michael Plummer, Mark Pomory, Jason Railsback, Kenneth Ramsey, Adam Rosenberger, Dominick Santopietro, Gabriel Scott, Shawn Sikes, Garrick Sliney, Vincent Slupecki, Kevin Stein, Christopher Stevens, Sean Stewart, Joshua Swanson, Robert Tebeau, Kyle Vaught, Lukas Whitacre, and Dustin Wilson; Airmen Curtis Dylan Gaudette, Shawn Jewell, Eric Jones, Vance Kendrick, Joel Kunze, Robert Price, Richard Straight, Jeremy Tanner, Scott Thompson, and Jevan Zetina; Airmen 1st Class William Cashman, Jacob Conrads, Eric Fitch, Willy Fleming, Christine Hinshaw, Larry Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Derek Kreiner, Robert Kruse, Derek Lindsey, Joshua Loatman, Thomas Lopez, Matthew Marinaccio, Robert Morrison, Brian Pak, David Reynolds, Joshua Royce, William Schmidt, Amandeep Singh, Dustin Spencer, Joseph Tapani, Elio Tapper, John Tichnell, Randel Waites, Christopher Ward, Rodney Warren, and Matthew Wyant; Senior Airmen Nicole Davis, Russell Fry, Matthew Martin, Evan Sinkfield, Steven Scott, and Fenton Whetstone; Staff Sgts. Devin Card and Joshua Gonser; Senior Master Sgt. James Hunter.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Daniel Bodine, Warren Bush, Katherine Castano, Aaron DeGraw, Kyle Fletcher, Casey Kemp, Lauren Nickerson, Eric Ross, Kirstin Singleton and William Tibbetts; Airman Justin Limos, Veronica Padilla and Amanda Wilson; Airman 1st Class Terence Bow, Felisha Briggs, Crystal Brown, Cheri Douglas, Shaun Houser, Crystal Housman, Jacqueline Lee, Moses Tum and Gregory Uhl; Staff Sgts. Scott Brock, Philip Maher, Joseph Pierce, David Roque and Maylin White; Tech. Sgts. Lynett Dubia, Minnie Gordon, Cassandra Richardson and Cecilia Speigner.

Weather training flight — Airman Basic Evelyn Bainbridge, Adam Chmielowski, Gregory Evenson, Michael Geoghegan, Douglas Johnson, Franklyn Kapuchuck, Irene Mandolang, Sarah Myers, Lilly Samaniego and Matthew Trimmings; Navy Airman George Barsby; Airman Steve Schoening and Katie Shaffer; Pfc. Jonathan Oliver; Airman 1st Class Samuel Carter, Deshona Crowder, Adrian Guest, David Harrell, Joshua Jarrett, Michael Naughton and Nicole Nieddu; Lance Cpl. Nicholas Embleton and Amy Jenkins; Senior Airman Kenneth Beavers, Gregory Goodnight, John Richmond and Steven Timlin; Staff Sgts. Thao Hill and Rose Selko; Marine Sgt. Antwon Eason.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Charles Beaver, Jason Marshall and Jacob Myers; Airman James Frazier; Airmen 1st Class Jacob Corrigan, David Goodman, Justin Lail, Marc Rhodes and Robert Robinson; Senior Airman Morgan Burch and Joseph Sparks; Staff Sgts. Christopher Back, Robert Gallant and Tony Griffin; Senior Master Sgts. Michael Morgan and Stanley Walker; Lt. Vladislavs Stuznevs.

Communications and information management flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Barrow, Steven Campbell, Daniel Chaffee, Darren Diones, Ian Fischer, Bryan Napier, Alexis Rivera, Brandon Smith, Cody Trendera, William Twomey, Ostarsha Whitake, and Daniel Yockey; Airmen Eric Byrne and Mark Quinlan; Airmen 1st Class Austin Carroll, John Delarma, Kevaughn Murray, Ryan Poster, Ashley Tison and Patrick

Weller; Senior Airmen Jose Alvarez-Vargas, Christopher Enright, Hyun Lee and Tracie Oster; Staff Sgts. Pedro Cancel, Jayson Maxwell and Kenneth Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Jay Goodman, Herry Stallings and Miguel Valdivia; Master Sgts. Timothy Norton and Daniel Whalen; Thomas Love.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Columbus Day

Editor's note: Hours reflect changes in observance of the Columbus Day federal holiday, Monday.

Keesler News — closed.
Commissary — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Child development center — closed.
Azalea Dining Facility — closed.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Family child care office — closed.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers — closed.
Gaudé Lanes and 11th Frame Café — closed.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
Auto hobby shop — closed.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk.
Information, ticket and tours office — closed.
Katrina Kantina — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m..
Veterinary clinic — closed.
Youth center — closed.
Legends Café — closed.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

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

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 273-2226.

Islamic

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

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 801-787-1990.

Main exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mini-mall — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoppette and Class Six — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Car care center — closed.

Service station (attended fuel) — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Military clothing sales — closed Saturday-Monday.

Furniture store — closed.

Subway — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mobile units — closed.

Seattle's Best — closed.

Charley's Grilled Subs — closed.

Anthony's — closed.

Optical shop — closed.

Nail shop — closed.

Welch Theater — closed.

General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Beauty shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mini-mall barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Shoppette/car care center barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Medical center barber shop — closed.

Laundry/dry cleaners — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enterprise Car Rental — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Force One Rental — closed.

Mobile units — closed.

Sprint — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-7 — graduates Oct. 28.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-7 — graduates Oct. 30.

Arts and crafts center

Multicraft shop

Fall festival and craft fair — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth reservations accepted beginning Oct. 15. Costume contest, fall and holiday crafts for sale, turkey bingo, door prizes, fun and food.

Teen time crafts — 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursdays. Bring a friend and make a project for the holidays. Projects and costs on display, or make your own creation.

New wire wrap jewelry making — 6-7 p.m. Oct. 16 or 1-2 p.m. Oct. 18. \$25 includes materials.

Bob Ross painting workshop — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Wet on wet technique on 16x20-inch canvas. \$65 includes materials, professional instruction and light lunch.

Fall and holiday crafting — 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Get ready for the November craft fair. Make project, share a project for holiday gift-giving.

Scrapbook page décor — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 including instruction, information, tool use and supplies. Learn and share the many options to unique photo memories and create your own page.

Ceramics painting technique — 10 a.m. Saturday. Fall leaves candle centerpiece. \$57 including bisque, paint, globe, and candle. Sign up by Friday.

Ceramic turkey centerpiece — 5-7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. \$28 including bisque, paint and firing.

Beginners pottery — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Clay work and sculpting. \$60 including four pounds of clay and first firing.

Wood shop

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Oct. 18. \$20. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday or Oct. 25. \$20 including all materials and tool use. New project each month.

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Frame shop

Picture framing and matting — noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 17. Pre-registration required. Class size limited. \$30 including materials. Learn equipment use and basic techniques of matting and frame assembly. Qualify for operator's card for self-help shop use.

Customized picture framing and military flag and show box design — self-help framing area is available for certified hobbyists, or pick matting and molding and shop will do the work.

Engraving shop

Perfect gifts — personalized mugs and coasters, laser-engraved pen and desk sets and prints by local artists.

Auto hobby shop

Free auto care briefing — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 16. Learn practical skills that save you money.

Vehicle storage lot — for a secure place to store your vehicle, call 377-3872.

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

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop; \$10 per month per vehicle per stall. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 377-2520.

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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

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

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

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

Dinner and the Bible — 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel Annex.

Keesler Medical Center

Pediatric subspecialty clinic

Baby Boot Camp — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second Thursday of the month in conference room BF 400, located off the outpatient clinic entrance. Classes cover infants from birth to 6 months of age. Classes address common concerns of new parents such as booking appointments, colic, immunizations, safety, feeding issues, developmental milestones, dental care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Gifts, prizes and refreshments are included. Classes open to members of all branches of the military and their dependents. To sign up, call Capt. Romeatrius Moss, 376-5375. For more information, call Capt. Moss, Maj. Muriel Gatlin, 376-5387, or Staff Sgt. Jihan Brown, 376-5579.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

McBride Library

Gale data base orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Halloween special — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct 31 showing of Godzilla, 6-7 p.m. trick or treat.

Fax special — 50 cents a page this month.

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

Available for use — children's library and meeting, audio and typing rooms.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

Football frenzy — 7 p.m. Mondays. Club members are eligible for prizes.

Pumpkin carving contest — Base-wide squadron competition. Reserve pumpkin by Oct. 23. Pick up Oct. 27 and return by 4 p.m. Oct. 31. Prizes for first and second place.

Tops in Blue — 7 p.m. Oct. 30, Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

Halloween party — 7 p.m. Oct. 31, nonprior service students only. Costume contest; prizes in each category.

Free shuttle service — 6-9:30 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays; 1-11 p.m. nonworking Fridays and Saturdays and 6-11 p.m. working Fridays. Also stops at Muse Manor, McBride Library, arts and crafts center, Tyler House, bowling center, outdoor recreation, Katrina Kantina and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Legends Café — open 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 5-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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.

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. For more information, call 377-2219.

Tuesday special — red beans and rice, \$1 bowl.

Martini and jazz night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Halloween party — 5-7 p.m. Oct. 30. Scary snacks, drink specials, door prizes.

Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Costume party, dance and games — 5-10 p.m. Oct. 25, ages 6 and older. Admission \$5.

Teen career expo — 6-8 p.m. Oct. 27. Representatives from local businesses and base units talk about careers and career opportunities. Door prizes, snacks, music, displays and giveaways.

Free open recreation — 4-7:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9 and older. Activities include basic sewing, cooking, FitFactor, art and life skills events.

Instructors needed — for Saturday karate, dance and gymnastics classes; call 377-4116.

Coaches, referees needed — for basketball. Call for more information.

Classes — register for dance, gymnastics, piano, tennis and assorted sports clinics.

Youth employment service — earn money for college tuition; call for more information.

Congressional Award program — ages 14-21; self-directed merit program promoting personal development, physical fitness and community involvement.

Volunteers needed — for sports, open recreation, crafts, cooking, computers, arts, reading, sewing and general cleaning and decorations. Must be 18 or older. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Trips to New Orleans Saints games at Superdome — Sunday, Oakland Raiders; Oct. 26, San Diego Chargers. \$60 per person including admission. Sign up at the Vandenberg Community Center customer service desk. Limit 20 passengers, first come, first served.

Tours to additional Saints games — one in November and two in December. Call 377-5576 for schedule.

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

Monday

Columbus Day lunch — spaghetti and meat balls, cucumber salad, pasta salad, garlic bread/veal parmesan, pasta with clam sauce, marinara sauce, pasta primavera, Italian style pasta, Spanish rice, potatoes, Italian baked beans, steamed squash, mushrooms with peppers and onions, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, candy, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Executive transition assistance program — Oct. 27-30 at Keesler, for senior master sergeants, chief master sergeants, lieutenant colonels and colonels considering retirement within the next two years and interested in transitioning to corporate opportunities. For more information or to register, call Bob Bertels, DSN 487-2669, or e-mail robert.bertels@randolph.af.mil.

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Thursdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Those with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system, call 376-8728 for individual counseling appointment. To register, call 376-8728. For more information, call Jackie Pope, 376-8505.

Transition assistance program — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11, Room 108A, Sablich Center For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated pre-separation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. To sign up, call 376-8728.

Military retirement benefit seminars — 8-10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 376-8728.

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 in Room 108B, Sablich Center. For an appointment, call Ron Bublik, 376-8502 or 376-8728, or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations — senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff and technical sergeants with less than 12 years time in service are eligible. Foreign language, computer or technical skills are desired, but not required. Those accepted attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. for training in instruction in law, report writing, forensics, interview techniques, firearms and defensive tactics and other subjects related to the challenges of investigative duty. For more information on applying, contact AFOSI Detachment 407, 377-3420.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 377-7116; e-mail anthony.sherman@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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.

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.bluetogray.com>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

Upcoming

Keesler Spouses Club — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, weather tower on First St. Guest speaker is Dr. Donald Hopkins from the Breast Disease Clinic. Cost \$10 for a sandwich and salad bar. Let's Make a Deal is played. Dues are \$36 a year. Today's the deadline to respond by e-mailing keeslerspousesclub.com.

Recurring

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 Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rich Striggow, 377-4800, 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 — For more information, call Staff Sgt. Aaron Eden, 377-1907; Staff Sgt. Brad Mills, 377-1714, or call 377-SAVE.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 111, Sablich Center. For more information, call Lucy Belles, 376-8500, or Master Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 376-8501.

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; Arleen Stewart, 377-2440, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 7 p.m. Tuesdays upstairs in Hangar 3 for youth and adults. For more information, call 1-601-528-4337, e-mail Camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call Capt. Ted West, 377-7343.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-4885.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Leanne Ramsay, 377-3217, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

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.

Top III — 3 p.m. third Thursday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Krejci, 377-4451.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Traitor (PG-13, 114 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Mirrors (R, 110 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Hancock Dangerous (R, 99 minutes).

Sunday — 1 p.m., Disaster Movie (PG-13, 90 minutes).

Voting assistance

Installation voting officer — Dave Duggins, 377-5799.

2nd Air Force — 1st Lt. Howard Antoine, 376-1341; Master Sgt. John Scott, 376-6350.

45th Airlift Squadron — Capt. Brett Ellis, 377-0663.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Capt. Mark Kahrhoff, 376-0449.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgts. Bruce Dishman, 377-6611 and Aubrey Goff, 377-4209; Tech. Sgt. Melvin Jackson, 377-5565.

81st Contracting Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jesus Gutierrez, 377-1812; 1st Lt. Jennifer Mapp, 377-1801.

81st Communications Squadron — 1st Lt. Trevor Owen, 377-4041; 1st Lt. Kanesha Webber, 377-8885.

81st Dental Squadron — Master Sgt. Wendell Thomas, 377-5158; Capt. Eric Ladimer, 376-4510.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Master Sgt. Karen Jenkins, 376-4427; 2nd Lt. Sarah Montoya-Ortega, 376-5066.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Capts. Tina Johnson, 376-0623, and Eric Vacarelli, 376-3328.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Capts. Don Smith, 376-3179, and John Harrell, 377-0500; Maj. Karin Crever, 376-3759; Master Sgts. Joseph Hebert, 376-3754 and Corey Johnson, 376-3754; Staff Sgt. Jessica Aglibut, 376-3501; Tech. Sgt. Keri Bernhardt, 376-4950.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Christopher McMilian, 376-4914; Tech. Sgt. Judy Khamphan, 376-4513; Capt. Renee McClellon, 376-4727.

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

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

81st Supply-Transportation Squadron — Master Sgts. Kevin Benjamin, 377-1784, and Jimmie McClish, 377-2976.

81st Services Division — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, 377-1986, and Tech. Sgt. Carl Cephas, 377-3705.

81st Training Support Squadron — Dave Duggins, 377-5799; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bowie, 377-3683; Sherry Clark, 377-1224; James Franks, 377-0758.

81st Training Wing — 1st Lt. Thomas Greenwood (legal office), 377-7071; Michael Plummer (public affairs), 377-4103.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Capt. Justin Stoner, 377-3350.

332nd Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Jason Harrell, 377-0984; Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Master Sgt. Brian Frazier, 377-3602; William Bacon Jr., 377-2469.

334th TRS — Senior Master Sgt. CarolAnn Daniels, 377-3408; Master Sgt. Lori Derr, 377-4127.

335th TRS — Master Sgt. Charlafayette Dukes, 377-2926; Tech. Sgt. Sharon Utsey, 377-0331; Robert Lloyd, 377-7641.

336th TRS — Sharon Myers, 377-5672; Boyd Cooke, 377-4599.

338th TRS — Alexander Verrett, 377-3371; Joe Collins, 377-5632; George Landrum, 377-2784.

403rd Wing — Wesley Brantley, 377-3885.

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit — 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; Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class James Lewis, 377-0789.