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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Tammy Sherer holds her 1-year-old son, William, as he's photographed during Saturday's Mississippi Child Identification Program at the youth center. Airman Sherer is assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron. The event processed 228 children. More photos, Page 13.

Obama, Gates lead defense spending reforms

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama threw his weight behind the Defense Department's acquisition reform efforts last week, emphasizing that unnecessary spending hurts not only taxpayers, but also warfighters on the front lines.

"Every dollar wasted in our defense budget is a dollar we can't spend to care for our troops or protect America or prepare for the future," the president told participants at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 110th convention in Phoenix.

President Obama made clear that he's 100 percent behind reforms Defense Secretary Robert Gates made a top priority — second only to succeeding in Iraq and Afghanistan — the day Secretary Gates assumed his post 2½ years ago.

"We cannot build the 21st-century military we need and maintain the fiscal responsibility that America demands unless we fundamentally reform the way our Defense Department does business," President Obama told the veterans. "It's a simple fact."

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Aircraft maintenance facility dedicated Friday

Keesler Public Affairs

At 8 a.m. Friday, the 403rd Maintenance Group's new consolidated aircraft maintenance facility is being dedicated to honor the late Col. Lawrence E. Roberts.

Colonel Roberts began and ended his military career at Keesler — as an Army Air Corps pre-aviation cadet private at Keesler Field in 1943 and as commander of Keesler's maintenance and supply group when he retired from the Air Force 32 years later.

In 1944, he was assigned to the Tuskegee Airmen pilot training program and flew Piper Cubs, Boeing B-25 Bombers, C-54

transports and F-86 fighter jets.

After retirement, Colonel Roberts adopted the Mississippi Gulf Coast as his permanent home, and until his death in 2004, he continued his deep involvement with Keesler and the surrounding community.

Keesler's chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen bears his name, and the base's African-American Heritage Committee gives its annual scholarships in his memory.

In 2007, he received the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress, the Congressional Gold Medal.

The 403rd Maintenance Group moved

into its new 120,000-square-foot facility in April. The previous maintenance building, built in 1945, was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Katrina four years ago.

The facility is used to perform maintenance on equipment for aircraft of the 403rd Wing's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron "Hurricane Hunters" and 815th Airlift Squadron "Flying Jennies." The Hurricane Hunters fly the WC-130J model aircraft and the Flying Jennies fly the C-130J-30 stretch model cargo planes.

An open house and reception follow the ceremony.

Living by the 'Golden Rule' still valid today

By Col. (Dr.) Bartlett Hayes

81st Surgical Operations Squadron commander

When asked where I work, it is with great pride that I respond, "I work at Keesler Medical Center."

This is in large measure due to the excellent attitude of those with whom we work. This is not to say that everyone at Keesler is perfect. But our Air Force culture is one that really does encourage us to put "service before self." In those instances where we fail to measure up to our own expectations, we might benefit by remembering the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

This is such an old adage that one might easily dismiss it as being too simple or out-of-date. Yet the reason it endures is that it speaks to so many aspects of our lives in such a direct and effective way that it is just as valid and valuable today as it was when it was written.

I encourage everyone to consider the many ways in which the Golden Rule could guide our actions.

When on base, the importance of adhering to military customs and courtesies goes without saying. We are more likely to be treated with respect if we treat others with respect. We might get our friends to laugh if we make disparaging comments about others, but in the long run, we diminish ourselves when we denigrate others. My parents taught me long ago that "if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all." A friend recently said this in a different way. He said, "Be willing to say it twice." That means that before you say something about someone behind

his or her back, you need to be sure it is something you are willing to say to him or her directly.

We'd all like to be treated with kindness, and so we should treat others with kindness. I'm glad when I see one of our hospital employees stop to provide assistance to a patient who looks lost or is unsure of how to get to a particular clinic. When we are mindful of others, we behave in a better and more congenial manner. You can see the impact when someone pauses to thank you for your concern or your assistance.

Likewise you can appreciate the impact when you see the great care provided to our patients and their family members here at the medical center. It can be terrifying to be ill or to have to undergo major surgery, for both the patient and family members. We can make such a difference in our patients' lives when we listen to their concerns and acknowledge them. We can do a lot to alleviate those fears and concerns if we can explain our options and our plans in a kind and thoughtful manner. Also, if there were to be an unfavorable outcome, we could reduce a family's anger and grief by being honest, straightforward and compassionate about what happened and about the way ahead.

By our nature, most of us enjoy being part of a group, and there is a natural tendency for us to form groups at work. The flip side of that is that we don't like feeling excluded from someone else's group. If we form a group of friends within an office or a work area, we need to look out for the others who are not part of the group and try to include them whenever possible. Ultimately unit

morale and cohesion are improved if there is not a "clique" of friends who exclude the other people in their work area. We all share a common mission and we can accomplish it best we everyone is working toward the same goal, and if everyone is made to feel like a valued member of the team.

Off duty, the Golden Rule is critical in assuring that we are good neighbors with our civilian counterparts and in establishing lasting friendships in the community. We can treat our spouses, family, friends and neighbors with the same kindness, care and concern that we would want for ourselves.

Thanks to our caring and our can-do spirit, military members assigned to the Gulf Coast are highly visible and well-regarded by the community. We contribute our time and our effort on a daily basis and we have built houses and playgrounds, cleaned beaches, coached sports and cared for the homeless, along with many other noble efforts. Nonetheless, there are still many Gulf Coast residents who are recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the more recent economic recession. This means that there are still many people who could benefit from our efforts and I encourage everyone to look into the many volunteer opportunities in the local area if you have not done so already.

In closing, please continue to be good wingmen, leaders and warriors, but also continue to be good friends and neighbors. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The Golden Rule is an old adage, but it is still as relevant and vital as ever, both on and off duty.

People, ideas, hardware remain top priorities

By Maj. Keith Melancon

338th Training Squadron director of operations

"People, ideas and hardware. In that order." This quote from the late Col. John Boyd reflects what our priorities should be as leaders. This is where we should focus our efforts in order to accomplish our mission. Is this an important distinction or just one man's opinion?

Our wing's mission is to train. Each day, we train Airmen, Sailors and Marines in many disciplines here to include communications, weather, radar, combat control, and finance. To accomplish this mission, we maintain millions of dollars in equipment. We spend hours ensuring we don't lose it and we get in trouble if we break it. On a larger scale, the media reports on how many F-22s we are going to buy or how many mine-resistant ambush protected armored vehicles are being delivered to Afghanistan. Congress debates countless hours on our defense budget and on how much money should go into different weapon programs. Much emphasis is placed on equipment, and it is easy to quantify equipment on a spreadsheet. Ideas aren't quite as easy to track.

We have the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century program. Its premise is to figure out how to save money or time by changing processes. This is done by getting smart people involved and implementing their ideas. We also have the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program that awards money to people who figure out better ways of doing business. In fact, our team here at Keesler has saved the Air Force more than \$350,000 and been awarded \$11,000 over the past two years. These ideas don't create new equipment; they just find smarter ways to use what we have. The Air Force places quite an emphasis on ideas, but who comes up with these ideas?

Our people are the greatest asset we have in the Air Force. Every day, our Airmen (including our civilian Airmen) get the job done. They run the equipment and they come up with work-arounds for shortfalls that never get formally documented. Without Airmen, our planes would be grounded, our communications silent and our meals uncooked. In the 81st Training Group, our instructors are the

critical link to our Airmen's technical development. Our military training leaders work tirelessly instilling the Air Force core values into our students. Leadership's responsibility is to manage our people to make sure we can maintain the mission, and this responsibility is with all of us.

It takes time to write a performance report, even more time to write a good one. It takes time to teach a struggling student. It takes time to correct mistakes. It takes time to write quarterly awards and it takes time to stop and pat them on the back. It is easy to tell where our priorities lie and your Airmen will see very quickly how much you value them.

Taking care of our Airmen is key to our core value of service before self. Many times, no one even sees what we are doing. The hours spent mentoring and developing our Airmen requires dedication. Its rewards don't hang on our service coats — the reward comes in knowing that those who follow us will carry on the mission and continue in the legacy that we have forged for them.

"People, ideas and hardware." Definitely in that order.



DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

Keesler News photojournalist

What is the best part about being stationed at Keesler?



Down Fridays ... and there's no winter.

Senior Airman Ebony Hodges, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron



It's close to Tiger Stadium!

Master Sgt. Cliff Nicholson, 332nd Training Squadron



Down Fridays and close to home.

Senior Airman Charles White, 81st Training Wing

89 years ago, American women won right to vote

Wednesday marked the 89th anniversary of the Woman Suffrage Movement's great victory, ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This courageous political campaign, which spanned 72 years, was carried out by tens of thousands of persistent women and men.

The significance of the woman suffrage campaign and its enormous political and social impact has been largely ignored in the telling of American history. It is a story that needs to be told. It is a story of women creating one of the most remarkable and successful nonviolent civil rights efforts the world has ever seen. It is all the more remarkable when one considers the barriers the suffragists had to overcome.

With little financial, legal or political power of their own, and working against a well financed and entrenched opposition, women fought for their rights of citizenship, the right to vote. When they first organized to gain political power, women were a virtually powerless, disenfranchised class.

Yet without firing a shot, throwing a rock or issuing a personal threat, women won for themselves the kind of political power that revolutionaries elsewhere have launched violent rebellions to achieve.



To win the right to vote, women circulated countless suffrage petitions and gave speeches in churches, convention halls, meeting houses and on street corners. They published newspapers, pamphlets, and magazines. They were frequently harassed and sometimes attacked by mobs and police. Some women were thrown in jail, and when

they protested the injustice they were treated brutally. Still they persevered, and on August 26, 1920, their goal was achieved. Finally, women had won the right to vote and to hold elective office.

The American Woman Suffrage Movement stands as a lasting affirmation of our country's democratic promise for it re-emphasizes the importance of the most fundamental democratic values.

Notable figures from the Women's suffrage movement:

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)

Symbol of the suffrage movement, Anthony was a strategist with sharp political instincts, the driving force behind the National Woman Suffrage Association, and single-minded champion of a federal amendment.

Sojourner Truth (c.1797-1883)

Born into slavery, Isabella Van Wagener changed her name in 1843 and began preaching against slavery and for women's rights. She is best remembered for her dramatic "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the 1851 Woman's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

2nd Air Force change of command is Sept. 9

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Second Air Force's change of command ceremony is at a special time — 0900 on 09/09/09.

The ceremony takes place on the parade field behind the Levitow Training Support Facility

Second Air Force's new commander, Brig. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog, comes to Keesler from the Pentagon,

while the present commander, Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers, heads to Washington to become the deputy assistant secretary for budget in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

General Hertog, director of security forces at Air Force headquarters, is a career security forces officer who's worked at unit, major command and Air Staff level.

She's commanded several security forces units, a technical training group and the 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

As 2nd Air Force's commander, General Flowers is responsible for the development, oversight and direction of all operational aspects of basic military training, initial skills training and advanced technical training for Air Force enlisted force and support officers.

His command includes training wings at Keesler; Lackland, Sheppard and Goodfellow AFBs, Texas; a training group at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and 92 field training units. Second Air Force also oversees Airmen throughout the joint expeditionary training and individual augmentee pipeline training at Army training sites and provides a 24/7 operations center for pre- and post-deployment support.

Civilian applications due by Sept. 4 for first class

New professional development program begins

By Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force civilian employees can now apply for a new professional development opportunity with applications due to Air Force Personnel Center officials by Sept. 4.

The Civilian Acculturation Leadership Training program provides a unique in-residence experience at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., focused on Air Force culture, mission and the significant role leaders play in overall team success.

"As the responsibilities of our civilian work force have increased, so has the need for civilian development," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz in their June 26 memorandum for all Airmen.

"Civilian Acculturation Leadership Training, an Officer Training School-like experience that focuses on leadership, communication and warfighting skills, will be a key development training opportunity for select civilians," Secretary Donley and General Schwartz said.

Applications for CALT are now being accepted from Air Force civilians in NSPS pay bands 1 and 2, GS grades 1 through 13, and DCIPS pay bands 1 through 3. Applicants must have two to five years of continuous federal service, hold a bachelor's degree and not have prior military service.

"The curriculum will parallel the leadership modules taught at OTS and will include team-building exercises, some outdoor activities, simulation exercises, and time for personal health and wellness to help maintain a level of

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— Secretary Donley and General Schwartz

physical fitness," said Michelle LoweSolis, AFPC's civilian force integration director.

The CALT program is one of many civilian force development initiatives the manpower, personnel and services community has developed to encourage the continuum of learning for Air Force civilians.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to bring together our best and brightest that have already shown leadership qualities the Air Force needs for developing future leaders," Ms. LoweSolis said.

CALT offers eight class dates in fiscal 2010, the first scheduled to begin Oct. 26. For more information on the CALT Program, to include class dates, application requirements, and course information, visit AFPC's "Ask" site, key word search "CALT," or contact the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0105.

CALT program targets potential leaders among civilian force

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Before she arrived at Keesler to command the 81st Training Group June 25, Col. Lynn Connett was one of the Air Force personnel leaders at the Pentagon who developed new career development opportunities for Air Force civilians.

"My office at Air Staff launched the Civilian Acculturation Leadership Training Program," said Col. Connett, who formerly served as chief of the Air Force Learning Division, Directorate of Force Development.

"The target audience is young civilians with the potential for senior leadership in the future," Colonel Connett explained. "It's a two-week 'bluing' program for civilians with limited Air Force experience designed to instill a greater understanding of Air Force heritage, culture, core values, organizational structure and missions.

"Air Force demographics have changed with an increasing number of civilians in key leadership roles — for the first time in Air Force history, we have more civilian field grade officer equivalents than field grade officers," she pointed out. "We need to deliberately develop all of our Airmen in order to meet tomorrow's challenges and opportunities. Senior leaders are focused on initiatives to synchronize that process."

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334th TRS begins training at Offutt

334th Training Squadron

The 334th Training Squadron operating location at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 5 for its new nuclear command and control training manager courses.

Lt. Col. Michael Callender, 334th TRS commander, thanked Air Mobility

Command for \$100,000 to support this project and U.S. Strategic Command for continued support of the nuclear command and control mission.

Colonel Callender emphasized the importance of nuclear command and control training and Air Education and Training Command's responsibilities to provide highly-trained command and control warriors to the nuclear mission effort.

Offutt was deemed the most beneficial location for the courses because of access to STRATCOM's nuclear platforms and mission expertise. Classrooms and offices are in STRATCOM headquarters, so trainers are co-located with policy makers and operators.

When a command post training planning team met in January 2008, four courses were outlined in which five instructors will train more than 300 students annually.

Academic ace



Airman William Smith graduated Tuesday from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Smith, from Moorpark, Calif., a communication and navigation systems apprentice, continues his training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Comptroller group gives scholarship

Chelsea Swanier, a 2009 graduate of Gulfport High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

The scholarship is given to graduating seniors pursuing careers in the military comptroller career field.

Miss Swanier, a violinist, was in her high school orchestra and was assistant concert master for the Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra. She was the

praise team president and youth choir secretary/treasurer at Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

ASMC is a professional organization for Defense Department and Coast Guard military and civilian personnel in accounting and finance, management analysis, budgeting, auditing, resource management, program analysis, statistics or administrative support fields.

For more information, call Marcella LeBlanc, chapter secretary, 376-8210.

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

Post 9/11 GI Bill briefing

The education office holds a Post 9/11 GI Bill briefing, 1-1:30 p.m. today in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

CCAF graduation deadline

Friday is the application deadline for Community College of the Air Force fall graduation.

All documentation must be filed with CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including your nomination action request.

For more information, visit the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center, or call 376-8708 or 8710.

NEWS AND FEATURES

85th Engineering Installation Squadron now under Air Force Space Command

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

The 85th Engineering Installation Squadron's Aug. 20 realignment from the Air Combat Command to the Air Force Space Command is a full-circle shift for the unit. After all, it counted itself a part of the AFSC before its 2005 move to ACC.

Instead of being concerned about the adjustment, members should note there currently aren't any planned changes in physical location, manning or funding. Indeed, Lt. Col. Lonnie Hammack, 85th EIS commander, says the unit should fit nicely in its new "home."

"The purpose of the realignment is to consolidate cyberspace combat forces within the newly created cyber-focused 24th Air Force, so there is an appropriate mix to carry out the mission," Colonel Hammack noted of the 85th EIS now coming under the 38th Engineering Installation Group. "It makes sense for an EI unit to be under an EI group."



Colonel Hammack said the mission of the 85th EIS remains the same no matter where it's located: "We support the Air Force as well as the Department of Defense in EI projects. That never changes."

Air Force unveils new fitness program

By Daniel Elkins

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force, Texas — Approval of the new Air Force fitness instruction in the coming weeks will bring about some of the most significant changes to the Air Force fitness program in the last five years.

Those changes, which take effect Jan. 1, shift a greater responsibility of maintaining physical fitness 365 days a year to all Airmen.

In June, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz announced changes to the service's fitness program following an audit that identified inconsistencies in fitness testing that failed to create a culture of fitness required to meet the warfighting demands on today's Airmen.

"I take fitness seriously, and so should you," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. "The new Air Force fitness test is coming soon and will incorporate



significant changes aimed at creating a continuous culture of fitness."

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Force's enlisted promotions, evaluations and physical fitness chief, also underscored the importance of fitness in maintaining that combat capability while at the same time advising that Airmen shouldn't wait until the new year to begin preparing for the changes.

"The culture of fitness that began with earlier endeavors intended to prepare Airmen to be 'fit to fight' established a

sound foundation to build upon," Chief Long said. "We've come a long way in the last five years, only now it's time to incorporate changes that will bring about not only increased fitness, but greater clarity and understanding for both commanders and Airmen."

Some of the significant changes outlined in the new Air Force Instruction 10-248, Fitness Program, include the testing frequency, establishment of fitness assessment cells to proctor tests and increased emphasis on the aerobic component in scoring. The instruction is expected to be signed and approved by the Air Force chief of staff in the coming weeks.

Until then, Airmen can learn more about some of those changes on the horizon and view the approved fitness charts and other valuable fitness related information at the Air Force fitness program Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

IN THE NEWS

Meadows Gate work

Meadows Gate traffic is reduced to one inbound and one outbound lane for about two more weeks for completion of denial barrier work.

The gate is closed on down Fridays and weekends.

Closed lanes change as work progresses, so be aware of signs, signals and flagmen directing traffic. Motorists are advised to use other gates during this period.

Chiropractic clinic closed

Keesler Medical Center's chiropractic clinic in Arnold Annex closes Monday and reopens at 7 a.m. Sept. 14.

Construction closes ER entrance

The main entrance to Keesler Medical Center's emergency room is scheduled to reopen Tuesday.

Curb and sideway work is taking place this week. The entrance has been closed due to construction of the new radiation oncology center.

Until the entrance reopens, ER patients should use the outpatient clinic entrance. More critical patients use a temporary entrance on the north side of the building west of the ambulance bay door.

"Overall ER traffic has remained relatively unchanged through the course of construction," said Capt. Matt Clugston, 81st Medical Support Squadron health facilities officer. "Reopening the main ER entrance will not adversely affect traffic flow around Keesler Medical Center."

Work continues in Bay Ridge area

Work continues this month on street tie-ins and utility connections near the entrance of Bay Ridge housing area and Bay Breeze Golf Course.

Traffic on Ploesti Drive near Vandenberg and Patton is being rerouted into the turn lane, which is expected to cause congestion when motorists turn left from the northern stretch of Ploesti into the Bay Breeze parking lot.

Off-limits establishments

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

Obstacle course off limits

The 334th Training Squadron combat control training obstacle course is fenced with a single point of entry and is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the Sept. 10 issue of the Keesler News is noon Sept. 3, four days earlier than usual, because of the Labor Day federal holiday, Sept. 7.

Tops in Blue plans Biloxi show



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Tommy Crutcher, formerly of the 81st Force Support Squadron, takes center stage for Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" with Tech. Sgt. Bridgett Johnson, left, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.; Senior Airman April Vollm, Dyess AFB, Texas; and 1st Lt. Darci Day, Tinker AFB, Okla., during last October's Tops in Blue show in Biloxi. This year's Tops in Blue team plans a free performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, 7 p.m. Oct. 25.

Obama,

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Talk about changing the way the Defense Department does business is nothing new. What's new, a senior Pentagon official said, is that the issue has percolated to the highest levels, turning rhetoric into action.

Secretary Gates, Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn III and other defense leaders have demonstrated that they're willing to make the difficult decisions about which programs to support and which to curtail, said Shay Assad, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition and technology.

The president's fiscal 2010 defense budget proposal reflects some of those hard decisions. It proposes cutting or ending several conventional modernization programs that proved to be poor performers or simply weren't needed in light of real-world needs to free up funding for other, needed programs.

"The secretary has shown the courage to make those tough decisions, because in some quarters, they are not popular decisions," Mr. Assad said. "They are absolutely the right decisions to have been made for the warfighters and the taxpayers, but there are parochial interests involved."

Secretary Gates, backed up by the president, has demonstrated he's willing to stand up to those interests to make those decisions stick. In a speech last month at the Economic Club of Chicago, he told Congress, the defense industry and the defense institution itself that it's time to put the "business-as-usual approach to national defense" aside.

President Obama recognized some of that "business as usual" during his VFW address.

"You've heard the stories: the indefensible no-bid contracts that cost taxpayers billions and make contractors rich, the special interests and their exotic projects that are years behind schedule and billions over budget, the entrenched lobbyists pushing weapons that

even our military says it doesn't want," he said.

"The impulse in Washington to project jobs back home, building things we don't need, has a cost that we can't afford," he continued. "This waste would be unacceptable at any time. But at a time when we're fighting two wars and facing a serious deficit, it's inexcusable. It's an affront to the American people and to our troops. And it's time for it to stop."

Special interests, contractors and entrenched lobbyists invested in the status quo and are putting up a fight, President Obama recognized.

"But make no mistake, so are we," he said. "If a project doesn't support our troops, if it does not make America safer, we will not fund it. If a system doesn't perform, we will terminate it. And if Congress sends me a defense bill loaded with a bunch of pork, I will veto it."

The decision to cancel the F-22 Raptor aircraft program shows this spirit in action.

Secretary Gates dug in his heels when Congress pushed the Pentagon to buy more than the 187 F-22s it needed or wanted. President Obama threatened a veto if Congress didn't eliminate the \$1.75 billion in additional F-22 funding it had added to the budget request. The Senate ultimately relented and withdrew the funding.

President Obama referenced the F-22 decision during his VFW address, questioning why the United States would consider spending nearly \$2 billion to buy F-22s "when we can move ahead with a fleet of newer, more affordable aircraft."

But even that alternative aircraft — the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter — has come under acquisition reformers' scrutiny. President Obama called excessive costs in that program just one example of "tens of billions of dollars in waste we don't need" that he vowed to cut.

"Think about it: hundreds of millions of dollars for an alternate second engine for the Joint Strike Fighter when one reliable engine will do just fine," he said. "Tens of billions of dollars to put an anti-missile laser on a fleet of vulnerable 747s. And billions of dollars for a new

presidential helicopter."

The Defense Department scrapped the VH-71 presidential helicopter development and demonstration program in June. That program, designed to replace the VH-3D and VH-60N helicopters that currently conduct presidential missions, had doubled in cost and was running six years behind schedule, Mr. Assad said. Compounding the issue were questions about whether the helicopter offered the needed capability.

President Obama poked fun at some of the capabilities the VH-71 would have delivered.

"It would let me cook a meal while under nuclear attack," he said. "Now let me tell you something: If the United States of America is under nuclear attack, the last thing on my mind will be whipping up a snack."

The decision to terminate the VH-71 program reflects a broader recognition of the need to overhaul the way the department buys weapons systems, Mr. Assad said. It's already making an impact through better-defined requirements upfront, more competitive bidding and increased program oversight, he said.

"I've already put an end to unnecessary no-bid contracts," President Obama said. "I've signed bipartisan legislation to reform defense procurement so weapons systems don't spin out of control," a reference to the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act he signed into law in May.

"And even as we increase spending on the equipment and weapons our troops do need," he said, "we've proposed cutting tens of billions in dollars we don't need."

The president underscored the importance of these initiatives for warfighters on the front lines today, as well as those who will defend against future threats.

"This is pretty straightforward: Cut the waste. Save taxpayer dollars. Support the troops. That's what we should be doing," President Obama said. "We will do right by our troops and taxpayers, and we will build the 21st-century military that we need."

ENERGY AWARENESS

The Air Force is committed to energy efficiency. Everyone -- servicemembers, civilians and family members -- can help save energy and work toward a cleaner future. Here are some "Energy Facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the equivalent of all the oil in the Alaskan oil pipeline is lost as heat through American windows
- "Energy Star" makes a difference. Energy Star tagged appliances typically use 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts
- Every time an oven door is opened, 25-50 degrees of temperature is lost
- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 barrels of oil
- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to run 10 hours a day; they can reduce energy bills by \$10
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours

PERSONNEL NOTES

Speaker briefs military spouses

Sept. 11, a guest speaker from Military One Source gives presentations on education information, career programs, and portable careers for military spouses.

Sessions are 9-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. in the Sablich Center auditorium on the second floor.

Briefings are for all spouses, regardless of branch of service, active duty, guard or reserve.

Topics include choosing a career counselor/coach, returning to school as a military spouse, financial aid, finding a job after a military move, different types of flexible work options, legitimate home business opportunities and more.

Seating is limited. For reservations, call 376-8728.

ID cards for children's travel

If you are making a permanent change of station move on an accompanied overseas location, your dependents 10 years of age and older must have a valid identification card.

Dependent won't be allowed to travel on Air Mobility Command flights without one even with a valid passport and on your PCS orders.

For more information, call 376-8739.

Base-of-preference updates

Members may now update base of preference online through the virtual MPF.

For more information, call 376-8739.

Military customer guide

The 81st Force Support Squadron military personnel section has developed a customer handbook to assist members in obtaining the appropriate assistance concerning personnel programs.

The handbook includes contact information, program descriptions with points of contact and helpful Web sites with Air Force Personnel Center links, step-by-step guides and Personnel Service Delivery Memorandums.

The link is \\keefs10302\81MSS_Common\MPS_Customer_Handbook.docx

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kreig Cressione, 376-8648.

2009 selection boards

Through Friday — command screening.

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

Sept. 21-25 — special selection boards.

Oct. 13-26 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

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

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

Customer service hours

Customer service is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on "down Fridays."

To be issued an identification card, two forms of legal identification are necessary. Dependents are required to be accompanied by their sponsor unless they have power of attorney or a Defense Department Form 1172.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carlton Vinson, 376-8339.

Annual focus is Air Force family

By Master Sgt. Stan Parker

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ATLANTA — The secretary of the Air Force emphasized the Air Force's firm commitment to its families during his speech at the 2009 Air Force Sergeants Association Professional Airmen's Conference Aug. 19.

Secretary Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz designated July 2009 to July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family.

In a July 17 memorandum, the leaders explained that the Air Force family is dynamic and diverse, made up of active duty, Reserve and Guard component members; officer and enlisted, civilians, spouses and children and that it also extends to parents, friends and community partners who support Airmen.

"Significant emphasis will be placed on the four important areas of concern for Air Force families: affordable and available family housing, safe schools that challenge and prepare children for the future, accessible and quality medical care for Air Force families and quality child care," Secretary Donley told the audience of 1,200.

For single Airmen, who make up 40 percent of the force, Secretary Donley pledged the Air Force would "concentrate on their unique requirements for dormitories and (morale, welfare and recreation) services that offer fulfilling off-duty activities."

In April 2009, Air Force senior leaders and family support professionals attended the Caring for People Forum that helped develop direction for the Year of the Air Force Family. The group assessed current programs, identified Air Force family needs and made recommendations for improvement.

The secretary explained that senior leaders quickly sought to enhance the lives of Airmen and their families with actions such as offering affordable family housing through privatization, strengthening educational initiatives for children by funding school liaisons and continuing to improve care for wounded warriors.

In addition to these accomplishments, Secretary Donley lauded the success of Air Force Airmen and Family Readiness Centers in helping families address a wide range of concerns from employment for spouses to health care.

Each of these improvements and initiatives fosters a greater sense of community, adding to the quality of life for Airmen and increasing mission effectiveness — both at home and while deployed, Secretary Donley said.

Staff sergeant promotion list includes 147 Keesler names

By Senior Airman David Salantri

Keesler Public Affairs

The Air Force has selected 147 senior airmen from Keesler for promotion to the rank of staff sergeant, according to the promotion list released Aug. 20.

Air Force officials selected 15,223 of 30,574 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for a selection rate of 49.79 percent.

Senior airmen selected for promotion are as follows:

2nd Air Force — Sherry Alfieri and Michael Freed.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Jamie Whitten.

81st Communications Squadron — John Corey, Alexander Edgett, Paul Engelman, Matthew Jackson, Renard Jenkins, Deanna Johnson and Rashedia Robinson.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Kwadwo Agyenfrempong and Troy Rivers.

81st Contracting Squadron — Alex Potter.

81st Dental Squadron — Tonya Collett, Cassandra Day, Rebecca Escajeda, Johnathan Roberts, Jacob Robles and Ashly Woody.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Marvin Abraham, Krystal Castilleja, Zachary Derringer, Travis Gray, Powell Isaacs, Kyle McGrath, Jennifer Minervine, Alan Petz, Pamela Rose, Jami Sims and Mary Whitten.

81st Force Support Squadron — Mark Born, Brittany Dulaney, April Green, Falon Harris, Jarrett Harris, April Horton, Jacquelyn Jones, Jazmin Jones, Andre Lewis,



Malinda Meuse and Jacob Williams.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Makela Coleman, Richard Contreras, Christin Cromartie, Ryan Dahlberg, Tamara Ivy, Zsuzsanna Krokovay, Tabitha Lossett, Demarios Vinson and Sarah Wilcox.

81st Medical Group — Leslie Coelho and Nornil Villaflores.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Malerie Auld, Ebonee Banks, Keith Ernst, Matthew Fischer, Trey Garner, Jennifer Giery, Casey Grizzard, Steven Guerrero, Mario Ibarra, Katrina Jackson, Lavarous Johnson, Jonathan Lee, Matthew Martin, Alexandro Meza, Amber Olszen, Matthew Parker, An Phan, Thomas Sandoz, Nathaniel Saujon, John Sessums and Felisa Wilber.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Sean Carty, Christopher Crist, Iraheta Diaz, Tyreema Gordon, Joshua Henderson, Brian Hermes, Brittney Homick, Season Hurley, Diana Macie, Mary Muhammad-Baker, Adam Pope, Quentin Richardson, Dinesh Sheonath and Jamie Smith.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Michael Cuellar, Mirna Lujano, Matthew Ruden and Jason Smith.

81st Mission Support Group — April Cullen and Alonda West.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Kyle Dunnahoo, Jeffery Fitzgerald, Caleb Foy, Carrie Haroulakis, Derik Hoskins, Kenneth Johnson, Christopher Naranjo, Ramon Nazario, Anthony Oaks, Hillary Rivera, Joseph Rodriguez, Austin Sutton, Lindsay Taggart, Eddie White and Jermaine Wilson.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Rourke Arias, Annette Davis, Jeron Lowery, Allyse Muttel, Chad Whitehead and Lanica Yu.

81st Training Support Squadron — Dallas Ebanez, Brian Lowie, Samuel Nguyen and Rudolph Richards.

81st Training Wing — Cynthia Brockes, Kimberly Moore Limrick and Charles White.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Angelina Enright, Jamie Felkins, Ramsey Gardner, Richard Greene, Keith Harris, Michael Johnson, Otis Lundy, Charles Martin, Jonathan Pelletier, Edward Perez, Dustin Rogers, Blaine Roux, Patrick Rowland, Danielle Sheets and Jonathan Williams.

333rd Training Squadron — Trenton Bland.

334th TRS — Kelly Doody, Jeffrey Evatt and Mindy Fisher.

336th TRS — Cornelio Flores, Jermaine Johnson and Adam Yule.

338th TRS — Brandon Mann and James McCarroll.

Lost & Found

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81st Security Forces Squadron
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377-4500,
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To report sexual assaults, call Keesler's sexual assault response hotline, 377-7278.

228 kids participate in identification program



Tina Le, a volunteer from St. Martin High School, does a DNA swab on Logan Kasallis as his brother, A.J., waits his turn at the Mississippi Child Identification Program day, Saturday at the youth center. Logan, 3, and A.J., 5, are the sons of Capt. Tony and Audrey Kasallis, 81st Dental Squadron. Mississippi's Freemasons have sponsored the program since 2004 to raise public awareness of the risks of child abduction and exploitation. The DNA and a unique saliva sent can be used by tracking dogs to find missing children.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Tia Bullock, 12, speaks into a microphone for a voice recognition sample as her sister Maya Burkett, 4, looks on. Their mom is Tech. Sgt. Christina Burkett, 336th Training Squadron.



Nine-year-old Garrett Matthews has a tooth print dental impression made by Dionna Russell, another St. Martin High School volunteer. Garrett's parents are Master Sgt. Martin and Carolyn Matthews, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron. His dad is deployed to Afghanistan. Parents or guardians also received a laminated identification card and a computer disk with color photos, digital fingerprints, identifying characteristics and family contact information.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Name — Staff Sgt. Burke Mills

Unit — 81st Training Wing

Position — command post controller

Time in Air Force — eight years

Time at Keesler — seven months

Why did you join the Air Force? It represented the best choice at the time and still remains just that.

Noteworthy — I'm nine classes away from completing my bachelor's degree.

Hometown — San Diego, Calif.

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, finish my bachelor's degree; long-term, earn my master's degree.

What's your favorite quote? "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" — Robert Kennedy

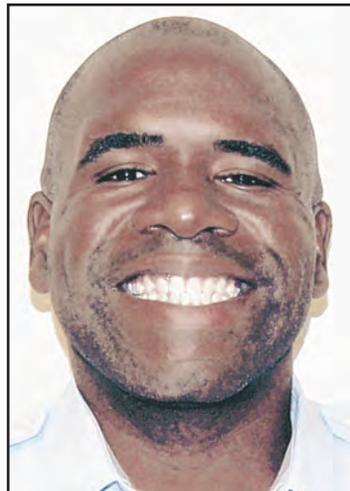
What are your hobbies? school, gym, surfing, Chargers, Padres.

DIAMOND NOTES

Beards will not be worn except when authorized by a commander and medical official.

Airmen granted a shaving waiver will not shave any facial hair and beard length will not exceed ¼ inch in length per Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, first sergeant for 81st Inpatient Operations and Aerospace Medicine Squadrons



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Aug. 29, 2005

Hurricane Katrina made landfall near the Louisiana/Mississippi border as a Category 3 hurricane with sustained winds of 120 mph. Record storm surge peaked at 34 feet and came ashore along the entire Gulf Coast and into Alabama.

The local community lay in ruin and Keesler's damage was estimated at \$950 million. Fortunately, no on-base deaths or injuries were reported.

Airman and family readiness center Aid for job seekers available at Sablich Center

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

Today's job market is tough. Unemployment is at a record high, and with the economy still recovering from a hard-felt recession, companies appear to have slowed in hiring new employees.

Despite the obvious realities and changes in today's job market, Lana Smith of the airman and family readiness center states, "There are jobs still out there."

Mrs. Smith assists military spouses and separating military members in finding civilian and federal employment.

"The best offense is having a quality resume representing your skills, training and experience," Mrs. Smith advises. "Before coming to the readiness center, first take one of the several resume classes offered on base, so the focus can be on employment opportunities."

Her office offers resume classes that teach job-seekers how to assess their skills and experience, in addition to preparing resumes in the proper for-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mrs. Smith, left, gives job-hunting tips to Nangorlee Vang, spouse of Airman Tony Yang, a student in the 335th Training Squadron.

mats for civilian and federal employment opportunities.

The airman and family readiness center also offers other programs and services, such as military spouse career advancement accounts, referred to as

MyCAA, that provide financial assistance for education and networking meetings through companies that come on base to meet with potential applicants.

For example, from 3:45-5 p.m. today in Room 108A, Sablich Center, there's a

Troops to Teachers workshop that assists military members and spouses who want to begin teaching careers.

In the future, Mrs. Smith will be developing classes on starting home businesses and other self-employment ideas through the Small Business Administration. Until then, job seekers can pick up a list of civilian employers, including city and state positions currently posted.

For those who are unfamiliar with the programs, Mrs. Smith said, "Don't be afraid to come by and ask questions."

For those interested in employment opportunities at Keesler or other federal employment, she suggests job seekers visit Web sites such as <http://www.usajobs.gov> and <http://www.fedjobs.com>. Since all federal jobs aren't posted there, job seekers should also investigate the various other government Web sites for current vacancies.

For more information on programs, classes and workshops, call 376-8727 or visit Room 110, Sablich Center.

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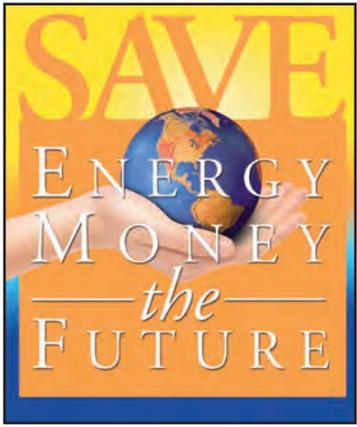
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Keesler youth participate in summer camp programs

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

Two Keesler young people, Stephen Alexander and Paul Solomon, were selected to participate in summer camps this year.

The Air Force sponsors a certain number of slots for these camps each summer and solicits applications from base youth centers through their major commands.

Stephen Alexander, 12, son of retired Maj. Ronald and Mireya Alexander of Ocean Springs, represented Keesler at the youth space camp at Huntsville, Ala.

He was one of 48 youth chosen from a field of 160 applicants from all branches of the military.

Selections were based on grades, achievements, school awards, and a written essay titled, "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp."

Stephen maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Our Lady of Fatima School and was awarded the Gardetto/Han Scholarship to attend St. Patrick's High School.

He's an altar server and active in the choir at Our Lady of Fatima Church, assists with cleaning the church and participates in a drug education for youth program.

He's a cross country skier and is on the Gulf Coast United Soccer Team where he's qualified to play all positions.

Stephen plays the piano, trumpet, keyboard and is a member of the school band.

While at space camp, Stephen was enrolled in astronaut, wilderness and flight simulator training as part of the hybrid program. He experi-



Alexander

enced the sensation of riding a centrifuge and multi-axis trainer, and sat behind the controls of a F-18 simulator.

He hasn't decided on a career path yet, but being an astronaut is on his list along with pilot, architect or psychologist like his dad.

Paul Solomon, 15, has known for quite a while that he wants to attend the Air Force Academy and become an F-22 pilot. So, he jumped at the chance to apply for the Teen Aviation Camp held at the academy for Air Force dependents entering their sophomore or junior year in high school; and was very excited when he was selected.

Attendees were chosen based on their grades, community service, participation in sports and clubs, and a written submission on why they wanted to become an Air Force officer.

Paul is the son of Lt. Col. Scott and Devalynn Solomon, 333rd Training Squadron commander.



Solomon

Paul, a sophomore at Biloxi High School, runs track, is a second-degree black belt in taekwondo, plays piano and is a member of the band. He's active in the International Club and is a member of Fellowship Christian Athletes. He volunteers at the thrift shop and mows grass for families of deployed troops.

While at the camp, he and his fellow campers, some from as far away as Tokyo and Italy, were conducted on a tour of the academy and met several instructors.

Special events included a walk between the insulation and a test rocket where they encountered complete silence, demonstrating their skills on a rope course, bowling, playing laser tag and a dance party. Disappointingly, the scheduled glider flights were cancelled due to bad weather.

Paul left his one-week stay at the academy with unforgettable memories, 34 new friends and an even greater desire to attend the academy.



Keep out of
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unless authorized.

Be aware of Mississippi's summer swelter — stay cool, stay hydrated.



Captain Weeks



Major Bell

Army doctors on Keesler staff

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center now boasts two Army physicians among its “Dragon Medics.”

Capt. (Dr.) Leslie Weeks is one of the newest obstetrician/gynecologists assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron Women’s Health Clinic. She joined Maj. (Dr.) Amanda Bell, chief of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron endocrinology department.

In addition, Army veterinarian Maj. (Dr.) Mary Cooper is assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron Clinical Research Laboratory.

The two physicians are the first Army doctors to join the 81st Medical Group staff since before Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005.

Captain Weeks came to Keesler in July after completing her four-year residency at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash. This is her first permanent-duty assignment.

After earning her bachelor’s degree in biology from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 2000, she entered the Department of Defense Health Professions Scholarship Program. She graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 2005.

The captain is pleased to be at Keesler since she calls La Place, La., home.

Major Bell arrived at Keesler in August 2008 “just

before Gustav made us all evacuate,” she recalled. She had just completed a two-year fellowship in endocrinology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The major entered the Army in 2001 following graduation from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis. She also earned her undergraduate degree from Washington University. After a three-year internal medicine residency at Walter Reed, Major Bell was assigned to Fort Stewart, Ga., in 2004, spending two years there before entering the fellowship program.

As an endocrinologist, the major sees adult patients with diabetes as well as thyroid, pituitary gland and adrenal gland problems and osteoporosis. She sees patients by referral from either the family health or internal medicine clinics.

“We began a special diabetes program in January,” she said. DICE — Diabetes Interdisciplinary Comprehensive Evaluation — “targets diabetics enrolled to Keesler Medical Center who have the worst control of the disease. We’re trying to get better control of it.”

Commenting on her “blue” assignment, Major Bell, who hails from Kansas City, Mo., said, “I’m really enjoying the Air Force. It’s nice seeing a different perspective of military life. Everyone here is so friendly. There is lots of camaraderie among the staff.”

Got a news tip for the Keesler News?
Call 377-4130, 3163, 3837 or 9966.

VA adjusts PTSD rules

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Affairs Department is taking steps to help veterans seeking compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki announced Monday.

“The hidden wounds of war are being addressed vigorously and comprehensively by this administration as we move VA forward in its transformation to the 21st century,” Secretary Shinseki said.

VA is publishing a proposed regulation today in the Federal Register to make it easier for a veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted over the next 60 days, and a final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received, VA officials said.

Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the veteran’s symptoms are related to the claimed stressor. Previously, claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that a noncombat veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity.

PTSD is a recognized anxiety disorder that can follow seeing or experiencing an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury to which a person responds with intense fear, helplessness or horror.

VA bolstered its mental health capacity by adding thousands of new professionals and establishing a Web site, <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans/> and a toll-free suicide prevention helpline, 1-800-273-TALK.



Colonel Dietz

Medical support squadron leader recognized for meritorious service

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Michael Dietz, 81st Medical Support Squadron commander, was presented the Meritorious Service Medal Aug. 13.

Colonel Dietz was recognized for his service as 332nd Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron commander at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, from Jan. 11-July 15, 2009.

According to the citation accompanying the award, Colonel Dietz “successfully energized his ancillary teams to support two mass casualties, 639 traumas and 1,200 helicopter missions, directly contributing to the 98 percent survival rate for United States casualties.

“Furthermore, he developed the medical administrator syllabus for the first ever in-residence Iraqi cooperative medical engagement program, a benchmark application of non-kinetic soft power to enhance Iraqi health-care capacities,” the citation continued.

“Finally, Colonel Dietz leveraged his biological assessment team to provide influenza diagnostic testing for the entire Iraqi theater in the face of an emerging pandemic threat.”

Air Force credits CGOC

**By Senior Airman
Kimberly Moore Limrick**

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler's Company Grade Officer Council proved itself to rate among the best in the Air Force, placing second for the eastern region for the second quarter of 2009.

The Air Force CGOC is an alliance of lieutenants and captains established to promote the development of CGOs; to develop and maintain an informational network to enhance professional development, community service and camaraderie; and to provide a communication structure to deliver the pulse of the junior officers represented by the regional council to Air Force senior management at the Air Staff.

"At Air Force level, the councils are broken into eastern and western regions," explained Capt. Naomi Henigin, Keesler president. CGOCs send quarterly packages including activities of each council that earn points for inclusions.

Activities such as providing lunch for the Make a Wish Foundation where 15 members donated a total of 30 hours of their time, hosting a cadet discussion panel where 20 members spoke, participating in an ROTC Career Day where 12 members mentored 35 cadets, all led to Keesler's CGOC earning the recognition.

Captain Henigin said, "I want people to see that Keesler's CGOC is active on the base and throughout the community."

Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Katrina Kantina.

For more information, call Captain Henigin, 377-0779, 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, vice president, 377-3396; Capt. Chris Dyke, secretary, 377-3407, or 2nd Lt. Chase Carter, treasurer, 376-8189.

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Rides to youth center

The youth center offers free rides from Michel Middle School and Biloxi Jr. High School for children in grades 6-8 eligible to participate in the center's open recreation program, 3-7 p.m. every day after school.

Pre-registration and parental permission are required.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Masquerade fundraiser

"Moonlight Masquerade," a fundraising gala to benefit the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, is 6-9 p.m. Sept. 17 at the IP Casino Resort in Biloxi.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call 436-3809 or visit the center's Web site, <http://www.gcwcfn.org>.

Coastal cleanup signup

Keesler is responsible for Hiller Park during this year's Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Oct. 17.

Registration deadline is Oct. 13, and the backup date is Oct. 24.

Keesler members who want to participate register online at <http://www.mscoastalcleanup.org>. Military members, family members, civilian employees and contractors may participate. Children under 18 must bring the permission/registration slip and turn it in to the zone captain at the site.

For more information, call Staff Sgt Lynn Rinker, 376-3333, or e-mail rink101@yahoo.com.

Breast cancer walk

The fourth annual 5-kilometer Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event is 8 a.m. Oct. 24 at the Biloxi Town Green.

Squadron leaders and walkers are being recruited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-7153, or e-mail asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Play group

A play group for ages 5 and younger meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For more information, call Andi Hunter, 313-9822.

Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon-days and Wednesdays.

Donations are accepted during regular hours. Consignments are accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, call 377-3217.

Supply issues

For supply issues or concerns, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Travel medicine clinic

People planning international travel should visit the travel medicine clinic at least one month before departure.

The clinic is in the allergy clinic in the medical center's basement near the emergency department entrance.

For more information, call 376-3550.

Immunization clinic

Immunization clinic hours:

Immunizations — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; closed 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays.

Allergy shots — 1-4 p.m. Monday; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic is closed noon to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month for training.

For more information, call 376-3553.

Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to CSC supply customer Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002.

For overpricing issues or concerns, call Michael Cashion, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients that require root canal treatment.

All authorized beneficiaries including military retirees and dependents of active duty and retired are eligible for care.

Patients accepted for treatment are treated by either the endodontic specialty program residents or the residents in the general dentistry program.

Referral from a dentist for root canal treatment is required.

For more information, call the endodontics department, 376-5227.

Wheelchair taxi

The 81st Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operations now has a wheelchair-accessible minivan available for taxi service.

For more information, call 377-2430.

Housing maintenance

Phone numbers for family housing maintenance service are 377-5561, 5562 and 5563.

Supply source

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

For more information, visit the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, customer liaison, 377-5206, or e-mail michael.cashion.ctr@keesler.af.mil.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

From left, Petz, Henigan, Hunt and Hubert reminisce about their RAGBRAI experience as members of the Air Force Cycling Team.

3 Keesler bikers cross Iowa with Air Force team

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

For three Keesler cyclists there's nothing like a seven-day, 464-mile bike ride across southern Iowa.

Naomi Henigan, 81st Training Wing; Michael Hubert, 334th Training Squadron; and Alan Petz, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, participated in the 37th Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa from July 19-25 as members of the Air Force Cycling Team.

In addition, David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, provided planning and logistical support for the Keesler trio.

They joined six cyclists from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., cyclists to create the "Gulf Coast Team" element of the 130 Air Force Cycling Team riders and about 20 support people. The Keesler cyclists traveled to Burlington, the end point, in Hubert's "broken truck," meeting up with the Eglin riders.

They boarded a bus to Council Bluffs, on the Nebraska border and the event starting point.

Petz said, "There were a lot of people (on the ride), probably 10,000, with about 8,500 registered week-long riders and another 1,500 registered daily riders, not to mention the unregistered 'renegades' who would join in."

They averaged about 75 miles a day. Neither the two days it rained nor a mini-tornado dampened their spirits.

The tornado blew through one day, heading straight for the Air Force team's "bivouac" area where it swept away several tents, including Petz's. Henigan recalled "running down to Kmart to pick up another tent."

Hunt noted, "It's tough to get going when it's raining." However, the ride itself was fairly uneventful for the Keesler riders. Petz recalled being forced off the road a couple of times by other riders.

"There are vendors on both sides of the road and riders would turn without watching so you'd have

to go off the road with them."

Henigan, who participated in last year's RAGBRAI, "didn't even drop a chain" this year and is ready to go again.

This was the first time for Petz and Hubert, who made the ride with an injured foot and underwent surgery after returning from the event. Hubert hopes to participate again, but this may have been the last RAGBRAI for Petz for a few years; he leaves for a new assignment to Osan Air Base, Korea, in October.

Hunt was one of the five Keesler members of last year's Air Force team to ride in the event. He mentioned this year's Air Force Team included Maj. Gen. Ralph Jodice, commander of the Air Force District of Washington, and his wife, who rode the entire route with the team.

RAGBRAI is sponsored by the Des Moines Register newspaper. Starting in 1973 with approximately 300 participants, it has since blossomed into an annual Midwestern celebration and pilgrimage.



Jason Williams, left, 81st SFS, tries to interrupt Raven Mays from completing a pass for MARDET during the finals of the preseason flag football tournament, Aug. 20. The cops managed to shut out MARDET, 6-0.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

'Da Enforcers' shine in preseason flag football



Keith Brooks leaps for a MARDET reception as Shannon Robinson, 81st SFS, moves in on defense.

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The 81st Security Forces Squadron shut out Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment, 6-0, Aug. 20, to end the preseason tournament.

The three-day single-elimination tournament included 11 of the 18 teams slated to play in two leagues in the regular season which began Monday.

"The season start looks good," said Sam Miller, sports

director. "I can definitely tell which teams have been putting in some serious practice time."

The 81st SFS will be the team to beat in the intramural league's National Conference that plays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The other seven teams in the conference are MARDET, 81st Force Support Squadron, 81st Communications Squadron, 338th Training Squadron A-

team, 336th TRS, 81st Medical Group and a combined team from the 334th TRS and 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Teams in the American Conference that play 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays are the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, 81st Dental Squadron, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 332nd TRS, 335th TRS and 338th TRS B-team

For more information and schedules, call 377-2444.



MARDET's Marquis McQuire, left, reaches for the flag of the 81st SFS quarterback, Edmon James, who decides to run the ball himself in the cops' winning effort.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Varsity men's and women's teams — tryouts to be announced. Teams play in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference. Season starts in November. Coaches needed. For more information, call 377-2444 or 3056.

Bowling

Making strides against breast cancer tournament — noon Sept. 17 for five-member teams. \$15 per person covers shoe rental and three games. Trophies for highest-scoring male and female bowlers. To register, contact squadron representative or call Asha Gray, 377-1753, asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Fall leagues — registrations being accepted now for the Saturday morning youth league, Monday night league, Tuesday night (hospital and VA), Wednesday and Friday mixed leagues and Thursday intramurals. Sign up at the counter or call 377-2817.

Bowling fund raisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Youth bowling — for any child old enough to throw the bowling ball down the alley. League meets 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; instruction available. For more information, call 377-2817.

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. For reservations, call 377-2817.

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

Rambler 120 team challenge — Oct. 17, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Biking, running and rafting. Team entry due Sept. 25. For more information, visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Free fitness classes — boot camp, self-defense, cycling, yoga, step aerobics, circuit training, kick boxing and pilates at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Free fitness testing, exercise pre-

scription and personal training— at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

Boxing room — Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Boxing gloves available.

Fit to fight incentive program — register at any Keesler fitness center for this ongoing program. Log miles accumulated on exercise machines that record miles, or by running, walking, biking or swimming. Prizes awarded for various milestones.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 348-6698.

No smoking — on Crowell Track across from Blake Fitness Center.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays. For more information, call 377-3056.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parent-child fitness room has workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Flag football

Season starts Monday. Games held at the multipurpose field. For more information, call 377-2444.

Golf

9-hole Dragon fun golf — Shotgun start 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. \$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four-person team, two-person blind draw. Sign up as twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week; limited to first 36 golfers.

Twilight special — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Pay one price and golf until closing; E1-E4 \$12, E5-O3 \$20, O4-up \$22, guests \$22.

Nonprior service student special — show phase card or UBU card. Greens fee and cart, \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for nine holes; add \$5 for rental clubs.

Free golf lessons for nonprior service students 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; first come, first served. Maximum 10 per session; bring clubs.

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

Mini-triathlon

The health and wellness center sponsors a free mini-triathlon, 8 a.m. Sept. 18, Triangle Pool. Participants ages 18 or older swim 200 yards, bike

eight miles and run two miles. Individual categories separated by gender and age: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50+; separate categories for Clydesdale (men more than 220 pounds) and Athena (women more than 160 pounds). Relay teams of three participants; one must be female. Trophies awarded for overall male and female and top three in each category.

Preregister by noon Sept. 15 at the HAWC or the Blake Fitness Center. Sign in is 6:30-7:45 a.m. day of event. T-shirts and refreshments provided to all participants.

For more information, call 376-3170 or e-mail Jeff Green, jef-fery.green.1@us.af.mil.

Outdoor recreation

Air Force Blue Streak bicycle streak program — knowledgeable volunteer needed to assist in planning, organization and implementation of noncompetitive bicycle rides for all ages and abilities. For more information, call Dave Bowers by e-mail or call 377-0002.

Water skiing — on front beach or Biloxi Back Bay. \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, including boat, driver and skis. Minimum two-hour rental. To schedule, call 377-3160.

Pools — main base pool open noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Triangle Pool is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming and 4-7 p.m. for recreational swimming, and noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Both pools close for the season Sept. 30. Pool parties available. For more information, call the main base pool, 377-3948, or Triangle Pool, 377-3568.

Pool parties available — For more information, call 377-3568.

Camping packages — available, including sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Trip to Horn Island aboard the Keesler Dolphin — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following nonworking Fridays, weather permitting. \$30 including barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Bring food, drinks, sunscreen and fishing equipment. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available. For more information, call 377-3160.

Rental campers — \$50 day. Two available; one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. For more information and towing requirements, call 377-3160.

Back Bay fishing trip — \$20 per person. State fishing license required; minimum four, maximum six people. For date and time, call 377-3160.

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.

Delacroix, La. fishing site —

Outdoor fishing/hunting camp in Delacroix, La. Rent a self-contained camper that sleeps four for \$50/night, \$125/weekend (Fri noon-Mon noon) or \$300/week (7 days noon to noon). Bring food, beverages, cooking utensils, and sleeping bag or bedding. A Louisiana license is needed for fishing. For more information, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. For more information, call 377-3160.

Nonprior service student special — 35000 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$5 day on nonworking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday/Sunday.

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 — Fridays and Sundays on the Keesler Dolphin II. \$75 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 each additional person. No license needed. \$100 deposit.

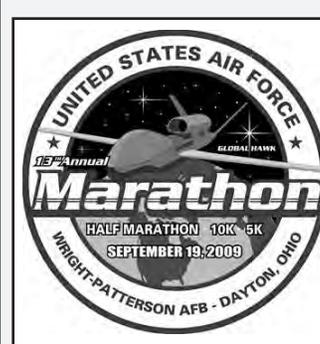
17-foot Back Bay cruiser for rent — Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

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

Rent a bicycle — 3500 Trek, seven speed, \$3 a day, \$15 weekly, \$35 monthly.

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

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



Marathon makes history

By Kathleen A.K. López

AFMC Public Affairs

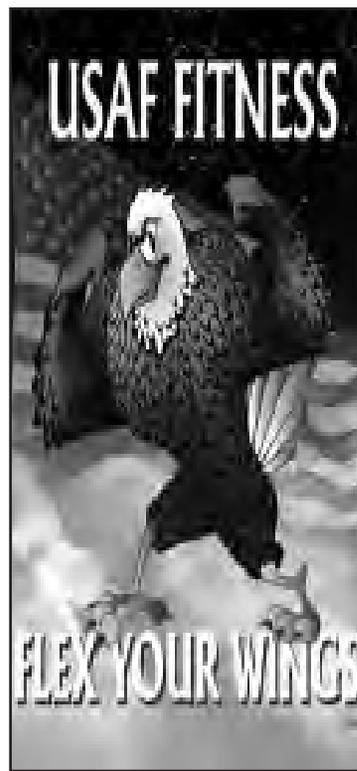
WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio — Registration for the 13th Annual Air Force Marathon has exceeded last year's total participation, making this the largest field in the history of the service's largest participatory athletic event.

As of Friday, more than 7,410 runners are registered. Last year's total marathon registration number was 7,400.

Scheduled for Sept. 19, the marathon offers more than just a 26.2 mile race. There are half-marathon and 10-kilometer races Sept 19 that take runners through the historical grounds of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, downtown city streets of neighboring Fairborn and the campus of Wright State University. All races begin and end at National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Additionally, a 5-K race will be run Sept. 18 on the WSU campus.

For more information, visit <http://www.usaf-marathon.com>



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Meteorology basic course — Airman Basic JohnDavid Petersen.

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Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jeremy Gillam, James Gore, and Travis Moore; Airman Joshua Keith; Airmen 1st Class John Conn, Sarah Connolly, Matthew Cutshall, Rocco De Salvo, Jeremy Hargis, Christine Holmes, Egidio Jefferson, Kaleb Joyner, Jay Judy, Casey Lee, Jarold Mausolf, and Jake Wagner; Senior Airman Raymond Miller; Staff Sgts. Gabriel Hernandez and Jake Monroe; Capt. Georgios Zisis; Maj. Samer Al Shawish.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Devon

Bordeaux, Brittney Gilliam and Kaitlyn Hilton; Airmen 1st Class Jessica Hunt and Joshua Moore; Senior Airman Marcella Mansour; Staff Sgts. Paul Bennear, Steven Cooley, Jodi Gerth and Alan Nigg; Tech. Sgts. Aisha Abdul-Rahim, Justin Davis, Aaron Myers and Wayne Pennington.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Jason Aurich, Darren Beaufort, La Ton Beck, Alison Boudreaux, Whitney Fladung, Kristina Hood, Nathan Martinez, Justin Peoples, Jorge Reyes, Lindsey Serrer and Katalyna Yee; Airmen Ashley Chatman, Amber Collum, Ashley Osborne, Rodney Rogers and Jeremy Thrasher; Airmen 1st Class Salma Frausto, Emily Horen, Sheenika Marshall, Whitney Sanders, Ryan Schmidt, Melissa Spring; Senior Airmen Keith Ahlstrom and Cassey Aniceto; Staff Sgts. Spencer Deturk, Jessica Hoover, Barbara Hurst; Tech. Sgts. Kenneth Lippert and Corey Pennypacker; Maj. Kameshwar Sharma.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Althoff, Jasmine Dessauere, Corey Hagene, Tantanika Hollerman, Kelly Meeks, Andrew Kelly, Adam Moser, Jordan Patterson, Jacob Ragatz, KC Michael Ratekin, Christopher Scardasis, Monique Silva, Samuel Spaethe and Steven Sutton; Airmen Stephen Klimczak, Robert Medlin, Terry Nartowicz, Peter Norlund and Judy Villarcayabyab; Airmen 1st Class Laurita Agnis, Joseph Boyet, Savannah Clevinger, Kendra Cobbins, Shanna Curtis, Jordan Edwards, Jeffrey Gilmour, Jenna Heinen, Krystle Jackson, Nicole Jaszemski, Alton Kelly, Garrett Lethco, Brendan McIntyre, Anthony Nelson, Jennifer Puglisi, Deaven Randolph, Doron Smith, Marquis Smith and Logan Wilbur; Senior Airman Daniel Swanson; Staff Sgts. Alyshia Leisure, Mary Linder, Jason Luckenbach, Jennifer Lundberg, Ricardo Mangini-Garcia, Ebony McInnis, Tamika Spigner, Jerome White, Sarah Yeagley and Jason Yeargin; Tech.

Sgts. Amy Baker and Shawn Carnahan; Master Sgts. Urbano Ayala-Oliveras and Jeffery Harwood; Senior Master Sgt. Brian Henderson; Capt. Sotirios Daniil.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Alex Baldwin, Jesse Collins, Meghan Herbst, Travis Leonard, Charlie Marino-Franco, Tanner O'Meara, Philip Momber, Cory Sandoval, Thomas Schuler, Ryan Whitson and Jeremiah Williams; Marine Pvt. David Neher; Navy Airmen Apprentice Andrew Bishop and Angela Lundy; Airmen Gregorio Gomez, Robert Haines, Lee Ingle, Rachele Lininger, Jason Jones, Tyler Pettet, Sarah Scofield and Peter Shull; Navy Airmen Michael Cummo, Daniel Hicks, Shaun Mullin and Sara Moon; Marine Lance Cpl. Scott Smith; Airmen 1st Class Shane Beattie, Adam Dahlke, Ellen Goza, Sarah Leslie, Justin Kruger, Robert Mynhier, Bianca Nguyen, Michael Olsen, Robert Payne, Timothy Wallace and Jay Williams; Marine Cpls. Dalton Carpenter, Xavier Foster, Jeremy Harvey, William Munroe and Benjamin Patterson; Senior Airman Angel Avila; Staff Sgts. Mark Bruggeman, Steve Holloway, Gabriel Light, Brian Milch and Shawn Nelson; Tech. Sgt. Adel Al-Qahtani; Master Sgts. Dick Limbaugh and Yahya Maashi.

336th TRS

Communications and information flight — Airmen Basic Joseph Brock, Michael Gray, Jess Hammond, Timothy Housos, Caleb Johnson, Joel Joudrey, Christopher Kuhn, Michael Lallerstedt, Richard Pantone, Reannen Purser, Sean Queen, Damon Schmidt and Kyle Stone; Airmen David Chilson, Riley Curtis, Satoia McClelland and Julian Smith; Airmen 1st Class Bradley Anson, Cassie Beauchene, Stefan Casucci, Joshua Cunningham, Christopher Gauthier, John Garcia, Robert Greynolds, Benjamin Higginbotham, Adam Hillyer, Lennard Huslik, Sean Jones, Tran Le, Elizabeth Maxwell, Jeff McCarty, Matthew Mikelionis, Perry Ratcliff, Mark Spadea, Aaron Stanley, Robert Stoerle and Alex Szafranski; Senior Airmen Jeremy Joe, Joseph McCurry, Adam Sneed and Michael Watson; Staff Sgts. Larry Barker, Jeremy Duncan, Alan Schultz and Kanada Vang; Tech. Sgts. Christina Franks, Tyler Harding, Robbie Hunt and Junar Mabunay.

Communications-computer flight — Airmen Basic Andrew Nelson and Jeffrey Taylor; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Cannell, Jonathan Olson, Jared Vest and Irvin Williams; Senior Airman Dennis Skarr; Staff Sgts. James Fletcher and Morgan Trede.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman 1st Class Calisto Cassas; Senior Airmen Jeremy Nagy and Syretta Smith; Staff Sgt. Clyde Hunt.

Ground radar — Airmen Joshua Buzzard and Christopher Farrell; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Dahn, Joseph Fletcher, Christopher Halubka and Samuel Laird; Staff Sgts. Louise Martinez and Michael Reece; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Network infrastructure systems — Airmen Basic Jonathan Ahles, Joshua Donahue, Nicholas Dragoon, Michael Hoang and TJ Pollack; Airmen 1st Class Natalie Dacunha, Charlie Hoang, James Kang, Dusty Kock, Nicholas Olson, Blake Schneider and Kathryn Sisk; Senior Airmen Daniel Boger and Adam Peyrouse; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Bunting, Christopher Farnsworth, Warren Kerrigan, Justin Oaks and Gerardo Ovalle; Tech. Sgts. Jonathan Eusebio and Amie Kimble.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-6 — graduation Sept. 16.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-6 — graduation Sept. 10.

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CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary service.....10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

Services are 7:30 p.m. Fridays at 1930 at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport. For more information call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

Greek Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday, Holy Trinity Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-6138, or Father Stephen Close, 377-4105.

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday, in Building 2003, across from the Magnolia Dining Facility. 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.

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Airman and family readiness center

Resume writing classes — Federal format, 1:30-3:15 p.m. today. Classes in airman and family readiness center conference room; check in at Room 110, Sablich Center. Sessions limited to 10 people; open to military members, family members and retirees. To register and additional instructions, call 376-8728.

Bundles for Babies — 9 a.m. Friday, airman and family readiness center conference room, sponsored by Air Force Aid Society. For expectant military women and spouses of active-duty military personnel. To register, call 376-8728.

Arts and crafts center

Beginning woodworking — Every Wednesday. \$25 includes shop use and materials. For time, call 377-2821.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Tailgate flea markets — Saturdays. Set up at 8 a.m., sales are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables \$15 on day of sale. Register by 4 p.m. Fridays and pay \$10 and get a parking space.

Multi-crafts center — potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing and tools are available for use in the shop. Craft classes for beginners, intermediate and advance levels. Craft supplies for sale.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Wood shop — stocked retail lumber and a large assembly area adjacent to the machine room are available. Call for information on beginner and advanced woodworking classes.

Auto hobby shop

For open shop use, call 377-3872.

Stalls and lifts — indoor and outdoor available.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids; no tires or batteries.

Vehicle storage lot — call 377-3872.

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

Vehicle resale lot

One block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street, north of 81st Security Forces Squadron; register at multi-craft shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. \$10 per month per stall for regular vehicles, \$20 per month for recreation vehicles and boats.

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.

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 informa-

tion, 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

Student research help — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Basic information on Ebsco and Gale Group.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas. Orientations 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. To sign up, call 377-2181.

Playaway — first self-playing digital audio books now available. Audio content preloaded; select from large assortment of titles. Pop in a battery, plug in almost any type of headset and enjoy.

Overdrive audio online book program — individual or family accounts allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. Check with library staff for details.

Rosetta Stone online language learning center — 30 foreign languages including Spanish. For more information, check with the library staff.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for checkout from the special book collection.

Online catalog — to search the inventory of books, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, magazines, periodicals and more, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for the online catalog.

Available — two large meeting rooms, audio room, typing room and children's library.

Free wireless Internet — check at circulation desk.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2604.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Must be in good condition and of same genre.

Volunteers needed — to shelve books, assist with children's story time and create displays. For more information, call 377-2181.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

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

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. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; turkey Wednesday; \$6.95 each. Catfish buffet Aug. 28, \$8.95.

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

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

Movie nights — 7 p.m. Wednesday; free popcorn.

Katrina Kantina

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

\$5.25, chips and salsa, DJ Wayne and his karaoke machine.

Tuesday special — 5-7 p.m., tacos two for \$1 for members, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

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

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

Youth center

Editor's note: All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

School-age program — register now. School served are Jeff Davis, Beauvoir Elementary, Michel Middle School and Biloxi Junior High School. Space limited.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas, 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.

Friday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Saturday

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

Sunday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Monday

Lunch — turkey, ribeye steak, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, combread 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.

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

Tuesday

Lunch — 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.

Dinner — 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.

Wednesday

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

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

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m., ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

Dance class — starts Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 6-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ages 9 and older; Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 3-5.

Coming soon — archery, tennis, cheerleading and Operation Night Hoops. For more information, call 377-4116.

Classes — gymnastics 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays; ages 3 and older. Guitar, ages 6 and older, by appointment only. Both classes are \$50 per month. To register, call 377-4116.

Open recreation — 3-5:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, ages 9 and older. Boys and Girls Club programs including computer media center, homework assistance "Power Hour" program, and triple-play sports and recreation activities. Students sign themselves in at the front desk.

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.

Commissioners and coaches needed — for youth sports. For more information, call 377-4116.

TICKETS AND TRIPS

Discounted tickets — for information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the ITT link.

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

Disney special continues — Salute to Military program continues. Order tickets now. For more information, call 377-3818.

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

Tours to New Orleans Saints home football games — \$60 per person including admission and transportation. Tickets are limited to two per family as there are only 20 seats for each game. Customers can purchase up to two tickets to any five games. For more information, call 377-3818.

An American is sexually assaulted every 2 1/2 minutes. One in five American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape. About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men. At least 2/3 of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows. 44 percent of rape victims are under age 18, and 80 percent are under age 30.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

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 Tuesdays in Room 111, Sablich Center, 1 p.m. for those who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. If separating/retiring under special circumstances, call 376-8728 for appointment.

Transition assistance program — briefings are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14-17, Oct. 19-22, Nov. 16-19 and Dec. 14-17, 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.

Air Force Reserve opportunities — for members separating within 180 days, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center.

Palace Chase — for information about how to apply for a program to attend college full time and work part time, visit Room 125-F, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charlene Morse, 377-7116; e-mail charlene.morse@keesler.af.mil or visit Room 130, Sablich Center.

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.afpcrandolph.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>.

MEETINGS

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Jerry, 377-2157, or Kurt Higgins, 377-5250.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month, Katrina Kantina. For more information, call Staff 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 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.

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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 (601) 528-4337, e-mail Camo-princess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Stephanie Lutz, 377-8638.

Keesler 5.6 — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Sturdivant, 377-1813.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — Net with news-line and echo-link is held Wednesdays on 146.79, minus offset, no PL tone. Monthly meeting is 7 p.m. second Monday of the month at Locker House facility. Enter courtyard on left side of building as you face the front of it. Enter the door marked "T flight" and proceed straight ahead until you see a sign saying "K5TYP."

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. E-mail Devalynn Solomon, deesolomon@cablone.net, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 5:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Sablich Center, Room 108-B. For more information, call Charles Partin, 313-3267.

Top III — 3:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tammy McElroy, 376-3164.

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, gmoby1@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. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

September weather outlook

September marks the transition from summer to fall. Temperatures and thunderstorms decrease. The total rainfall increases slightly and an increase in cloudiness occurs. Hurricane activity peaks in early September causing wide variations in precipitation. Personnel should pay close attention to any tropical disturbances in the Gulf of Mexico during this period.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	98
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	86
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	72
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	45
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	73
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	6.36
Mean number of days with precipitation.....	8
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....	8
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	10.22
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	1.8
1,000 feet.....	0.7
300 feet.....	0.1
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	17.5
3 miles	0.1
1 mile.....	0.1
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	37.3
4-10 knots.....	57.9
11-21 knots.....	4.5
22 knots or greater.....	0.3

Radar, satellite and a general forecast is available on the local area network in the public folder under 81 OSF Weather.

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SWIM 200 Yards

BIKE 8 Miles

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Trophies ~ Refreshments
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- Male and female age categories
- Clydesdale division - men 220 pounds and more
- Athena division - females 160 pounds and more
- Relay event - teams of three with at least one female

Open to ages 18 and older. Events start/finish at the Triangle Pool. Preregistration required, no sign-ups accepted on day of event. Sign up by noon Sept. 15 at the Health and Wellness Center or Blake Fitness Center. Sign in day of event 6:30-7:45 a.m. For more information, call 376-3170.

Co-hosted by Outdoor Recreation and the Health and Wellness Center.



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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 26

Cars

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Keesler's Marina Park.
Vendors! Great Oldies Music! Cash Prizes!
Judging at noon. Awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Entry Fee

Register by Tuesday

\$15

Register after Tuesday

\$20

Registration available
8 a.m. to noon
day of event

- ⊗ Dash Plaques
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- ⊗ Best of Show: Engine
- ⊗ Best of Show: Paint
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11TH FRAME CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Gaudé Lanes Bowling Center, 377-2036. Contractors welcome. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast — 6:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Kingpin daily specials \$6.95 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-work Fridays. Call-in orders accepted 10-11 a.m. Mondays feature hamburger steak, Tuesdays enjoy Italian fare; Wednesdays feature meat loaf, Thursdays get chicken fried steak or chicken, and Fridays enjoy golden fried catfish.

Lunch punch card — purchase nine combos or Kingpin daily specials and your tenth one is free.

We're getting an extreme (behind the scenes) makeover — due to construction, hours are Mondays-Wednesdays 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fridays 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight and Sundays closed.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For more information or tee time, call 377-3832.

Open play — 18 hole, par 71 course. For fees, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the Bay Breeze link.

Driving range — open daily 7 a.m. to dusk. \$2 for 40 balls.

Pro shop — gloves, golf balls, tees, gift certificates and more.

Golf lessons — \$25 for a half hour of instruction.

9-hole dragon fun golf — Thursdays. Shotgun start at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person includes greens fee, cart, food, beverages and prizes. Four person teams. Two person blind draw. Check-in as a twosome or single. Format decided by draw each week. Limited to the first 36 golfers. Show up and play.

Twilight golf special — 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing. E1-E4,\$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

"UBU" nonprior service students' special — \$15 for 18 holes or \$10 for nine holes includes greens fee and cart; \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes includes greens fee, cart, and rental clubs.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

"A Death In The Family"

Oct. 1 in the Dragon's Lair
6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner and show

A "whodunit" presented by
MEDLOCK/MACKEN PRODUCTIONS.

\$30 includes show,
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A full-service cash bar will be available.

Tables of eight are available. Purchase a whole table or a part of a table. Tickets available at the Outdoor Recreation retail store located in the marina park, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Seating is limited so purchase tickets early.



DINING FACILITIES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2200.

Wondering what's on the menu today? — Call the Dine Line at 377-DINE (3463) for daily menu.

Monthly birthday celebration — 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month for all nonprior service students, permanent party enlisted, and Essential Station Messing members. Reservations must be made in advance by the 25th of the previous month; call 377-3854. Personnel collecting Basic Allowance for Subsistence must pay cash and surcharge.

DRAGON'S LAIR EVENT CENTER

Seats 300 — great for weddings, commander's calls, holiday parties, retirement ceremonies, special occasions, etc. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

FITNESS

Editor's note: Keesler has three fitness centers for your convenience, Blake Fitness Center 377-4385, Dragon Fitness Center 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center 377-3056.

Racquetball tournament — ladder style singles and doubles tournament with prizes awarded at Blake Fitness Center. Sign up through Friday. Play begins Monday and lasts for six weeks.

Fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — available free of charge at all three fitness centers. Call individual centers for an appointment.

Boxing room — at Triangle Fitness Center. Six heavy bags, three speed bags and one double-end bag. Gloves available.

Rambler 120 Team Challenge — Oct. 17 at Randolph Air Force Base. Biking, running and rafting. Team entries due Sept. 25. Visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us> for more information.

Free fitness incentive programs — dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Awards presented.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — boot camp, self-defense, yoga, step aerobics, pilates, Taekwondo, sculpt and tone, and cycling. For class descriptions and schedule, visit our website at <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for fitness centers, or call 377-2907.

Parent/child fitness room — at Dragon Fitness Center. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Workout equipment for parents. Children must be supervised at all times.

Massage therapist — by appointment only at Triangle Fitness Center. To schedule, call (228) 348-6698.

Free blood pressure checks — do you know what your blood pressure is? You should. Blood pressure machines are available at all fitness centers.

Dress code and age usage policy — available at <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on link for fitness centers.

No smoking policy — on the Crotwell or Triangle Tracks.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: For more information, call 376-8282.

Nonappropriated fund jobs — apply Mondays-work Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Human Resource Office inside Sablich Center, 500 Fisher St., Room 211. For current job openings, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on Human Resource Office or call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818.

Tickets — discounted tickets available to major attractions in three-state area. For a complete list of ticket prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for ITT.

Tour bus — available for group rental, seats 23.

New Orleans Saints home game trips — \$60 per ticket, includes transportation and admission. Limited to two per family — only 20 seats per trip. Customers can purchase up to two tickets to any five games, available on a first come, first served basis.

Free Disney World and Universal Orlando tickets — stop by, call or visit our website for more information.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and lodging information, call 377-4900 or 9986. For the mini-mart, call 377-2752.

Check-in/out — now at Tyer House located on Fisher Street.

Rooms available — "Space-Available" reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. Rooms offered are visiting airmen's quarters \$23.25 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$27 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and private bathroom; and temporary lodging facility \$41.50 for one and two bedroom family units with full kitchen. Pet TLFs available for an additional \$10 per night.

GAUDÉ LANES BOWLING CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817. Bumpers are available on 19 lanes by reservation for ages 10 and younger.

We're getting an extreme (behind the scenes) makeover — due to construction our hours are Mondays-Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fridays 10:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight, and Sundays closed.

Youth bowling league — for ages 6-18. Starts Sept. 12.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes.

Wing logo shirts — \$22 in the pro shop.

Club member special — Thursdays. Show your current club card and bowl for \$1.50 with free shoe rental.

Team building — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

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

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Birthday parties — 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Saturdays. Choose one of three packages and remember the birthday child is free. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

"UBU" special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and bowl for \$1.50 per game any time, shoes included.

Plan a bowling fund raiser — make money for your organization and have fun doing it.

KATRINA KANTINA

Editor's note: Located in the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay. Contractors welcome. For more information, call 377-2219.

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music.

Catering — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

Monday madness lunch buffets — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8. Buffets include cobbler and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth buffet is free. Sept. 7, pot roast, green beans, rice, gravy, salad and rolls; Sept. 14, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garlic bread, and salad; Sept. 21, cabbage casserole, green beans, salad and rolls; Sept. 28, fried and baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad and rolls.

Taco Tuesdays — 5-7 p.m. members get two tacos for \$1, \$1.50 each for nonmembers.

Wings and things — 5 p.m. Sept. 30. Keesler Club members enter free, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Catering — let our professional assist you with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions. Club membership is not required.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Dine-in or take-out — serving lunch and dinner. Pool table. Salads, baskets, sandwiches, pizza, etc.

All-you-can-eat lunch buffets \$6.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Price includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box at lunch. Wednesday, Italian; Sept. 9, poppy seed chicken; Sept. 16, barbecue ribs; Sept. 23, Creole chicken; Sept. 30, beef brisket.

Lunch punch card — buy nine lunch combos or buffets and your tenth is free.

Baseball special — two hot dogs for \$2, available all summer.

Rotisserie chicken — Tuesdays and Thursdays get a half chicken for \$3.50, or a whole chicken for \$7 (chicken only). Lunch special, \$6 for half chicken or \$10 for whole chicken includes one side item and a roll.

All-you-can-eat catfish buffet, \$8.95 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. work Fridays includes entree, dessert and iced tea or fountain drink. Play free tunes on the juke box during lunch.

"UBU" special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get a free large fountain drink with a \$5 purchase.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Chief of Staff professional military reading list — titles available for check-out from the special book collection.

"Playaway" — self-playing digital audio book, half the size of a deck of cards. Gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters, alter the speed of a narrator's voice, and bookmark where you left off. Pop in a AAA battery, plug in almost any type of headphones, and enjoy.

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Specialty areas include counter-terrorism, international security, home improvement, auto repair, small engine repair, Student Research Center for high school and middle school students, Kids Search for middle school and elementary school students, Searchasaurus for elementary school students, Business Searching Interface, and more. Orientations are 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

On-line card catalog — search for books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more. Log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for McBride Library, then the link for our on-line catalog.

Paperback swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good shape and of same genre.

Free wireless internet — ask front desk staff for log-in access.

Overdrive audio on-line book program — individual or family accounts can be set up to allow download/playing of full length audio books on a personal computer. They work for 10 days; some can be burned to a CD. Ask front desk staff for assistance.

Large study and meeting rooms — two large meeting rooms, two audio rooms and a typing room are available.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160.

Water skiing — \$50 per hour for up to six skiers, includes boat, driver and skis. Minimum two hour rental. Call to schedule.

Marina slips — overnight and monthly available.

Horn Island trips — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays following non-working Fridays, weather permitting. \$30, bring food, drinks, sun screen and fishing equipment. We'll provide a barbecue grill, charcoal and ice. Minimum 15 passengers. Group rates available.

Back bay fishing trips — \$20, call for date and time. Fishing license required. Minimum four, maximum seven participants.

Deep sea fishing trips — nonworking Fridays and Sundays. \$75 including everything you need to fish. Bring food and beverages. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people.

Going camping? — Rent a camping package. Equipment includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

17-foot Back Bay Cruiser — rent for fishing or leisure time. A Mississippi boaters' safety course is required for all customers.

Boats and recreational equipment for rent — for price list, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the outdoor recreation link.

Deep sea fishing charters — \$750 for first 10 people, \$50 for each additional person. No license required. \$100 deposit.

"UBU" special — nonprior service students, show your UBU card and get 10 percent off all rental equipment.

"UBU" weekend special — show your UBU card and rent a 3500 Trek, seven-speed bike, \$5 for the weekend (Friday-Sunday).

Fishing camp in Delacroix, La. — sleeps four. \$50 a night.

Rental campers — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50 per day; two available: one sleeps six, one sleeps eight. Call for more information and towing requirements.

Retail store — cold drinks, snacks, fishing equipment, bait, sun screen, Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses, and more.

Outdoor pavilion rental — grill, picnic tables and playground.

Recreational vehicle storage — monthly fee, \$20.

Paintball and disc golf — courses are temporarily closed due to construction.

Fam-camp — park is open 24 hours daily. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 594-0543.

POOLS

377-3568

Editor's note: Open to anyone authorized to use 81st FSS Services facilities. Must present an identification card and the entry fee.

Main base pool — located on Meadows Drive. Closed weekdays. Open Saturdays and Sundays noon to 5:30 p.m. Lap swimming available during normal hours.

Triangle pool — located on Ploesti Drive. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swim only and 4-7 p.m. for recreational swim. Closed Wednesdays. Saturdays and Sundays open noon to 7 p.m.

Daily fee — \$1.50, free for ages 5 and younger.

Both pools — close for the season Sept. 30.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Register at craft sales, Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Specials

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies; \$10 each. Check-out our discount bin; selected items reduced up to 50 percent.

Craft supplies — brushes, paints, craft kits, lamp hardware, soap making, stamps, youth kits with clay, wood and mosaic crafts are available.

“UBU” special — UBU card holders get 10 percent off all items in the crafts resale store.

Multi-crafts shop

Editor's note: Potter's wheels, ceramic molds, air brushing, and tools are available for use in the shop.

Jewelry making — 5-7 p.m. Sept. 3 or 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 26. \$30 including instruction and materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 12. \$20 including materials.

Beginners pottery — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 19. \$40 for instruction and supplies.

Card making — 5-7 p.m. Sept. 17. \$7 including instruction and materials.

Frame shop

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. Sept. 4 or 18. \$30 includes materials. Bring your favorite photo or artwork, no larger than 11x14-inches.

Custom orders — Our staff will customize all work according to individual orders. We can also coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories. Customized shadow boxes make great retirement gifts.

Engraving shop

Looking for a great going away gift? — We can etch glass items and customize your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Wood shop

Editor's note: Hard woods and plywood in stock for sale. Stock includes walnut, mahogany, pecan, maple, oak, poplar, cypress and cedar.

Beginning woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. This class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 5 or 19. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 12 or 26. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: Indoor and outdoor stalls and lifts available. For more information, call 377-3872.

Collection site — for privately owned vehicle oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids. No tires or batteries.

Tire service/air machine — coin-operated, available 24-7. Located at the vacuum station.

Vehicle storage lot — store your vehicle with us when going on temporary duty.

24-hour coin-operated car care — vacuum station and car wash featuring foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax, towelettes and Armorall.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211. School age children go to the Youth Center, call 377-4116.

Part-day enrichment program — registrations being accepted now for ages 3-5. Two sessions: 8-11 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Fees are based on household income. Program is available to children of active duty military, active duty reservists, and Defense Department civilians and contractors. Parents whose children are already enrolled in full-day care do not need to enroll those children in this program.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189.

Child care slots — available now. Call for assistance in locating a provider.

Air Force Aid programs — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are PCSing. For eligibility and guidance, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center, 377-2179.

Returning home care — for children ages 12 and younger. Up to 16 hours of care per child, per six-month period, is available to active duty members, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, returning to their home stations after deployments of a minimum of 30 calendar days in support of a contingency operation, and members returning for a two-week rest and relaxation leave.

Be your own boss — we're recruiting military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes. Providers are also needed to care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and other physical impairments, and to work swing and evening shifts.

Expanded duty care — assists families in obtaining child care from licensed or affiliated providers when weekly parental workloads, due to extended duty hours, exceed the standard 50 hours of care a week that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base.

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821. Located on Tingle Ave. north of Security Forces building.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Registration, proof of ownership and insurance required. Register at the arts and crafts center's multi-craft shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-4355.

Free pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Mondays 8-ball, Tuesdays 9-ball.

Free movie night — Wednesdays. New releases. Free popcorn.

Late night dances — 6:30-midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. Nonprior service students only. Sponsored by National Productions.

Birthday dance — 6:30-midnight Sept. 18. Nonprior service students with September birthdays show identification and enter the dance free. Sponsored by National Productions.

“UBU” game party — NPS students only 8-10 p.m. Sept. 18. Nonprior service students pick up a UBU card, or show your current UBU card, and become eligible for prizes and giveaways. Food and prizes given away every 30 minutes. Those joining the Keesler Club become eligible for additional giveaways. UBU card required.

Nonprior service students web page — visit <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on Leon the chameleon for the “UBU” link to Services programs tailored especially for you.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the vet office. For appointment call, 376-7495.

Eligible patrons — active duty, retirees, reservists and National Guard on active duty for more than 72 hours with orders may use the vet clinic.

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only, please call to schedule. A \$15 vet fee or \$10 tech fee will apply.

Microchip identification — \$25. Protect your pet with a tiny microchip injected under the skin.

Health certificates — available for interstate and overseas travel.

Pet supplies — buy one or stock up. We can not write prescriptions to outside pharmacies for products we sell.

Safety notice — due to safety concerns, children age 6 and younger are not allowed in exam rooms.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116. All children registered in a youth center program receive free membership.

TRAIL/Keystone club — 6-8 p.m. Mondays for ages 13-18.

Tap, ballet and acrobatics class — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays for ages 6-8, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 9 and older; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Skating, music, games and more.

Family dinner and dance — 6-8 p.m. Sept. 17. Children free; adults \$5. Reservations appreciated.

Free basketball clinic — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept 26 for ages 5-14. Call to register.

Free cheerleading clinic — Sept. 26. 1-3 p.m. for ages 6-9, 3-5 p.m. for ages 10 and older. Call to register.

Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes — available. Call for information.

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