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Dragons deployed — 198



Daddy's girl

Senior Airman Alexandro Meza, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, holds daughter Daphne, 4, as he waits to board the bus taking him and nine other "Dragon Medics" to Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans Sept. 12. Families, friends and 81st Medical Group leaders gathered in front of Keesler Medical Center's "A" tower to see the group off. They deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, for four months to serve as third-country national escorts. More than 20 medics deployed over three days: Sept. 12, 16 and Monday.

Photo by Steve Pivnick

\$5.7 million boosts energy-saving efforts

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler has been selected to receive \$5.7 million in Defense Department funds for six energy-saving projects, according to Marcella Whitfield, base resource energy manager.

"This money will be used in 2010 for projects ranging from updating and installing more efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to lighting retrofits," Ms. Whitfield said.

"Keesler also received additional funds for advanced metering devices for gas and electric which allow energy managers to see how much energy is being consumed in each building, at what time, and then develop trends from this data," she continued. "This technology allows engineers to clearly see where energy is wasted and develop ways to lower energy consumption for that facility."

Keesler was also chosen for two of the 14 energy-saving technology feasibility studies to be conducted across the Air

Force through the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program.

"If the technology proposed in these studies is feasible for Keesler, projects can be developed that will literally pay for themselves after a number of years and eventually save the base money every year," Ms. Whitfield pointed out.

The first study, to be conducted by the National Energy Technology Laboratory

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Airmanship

Set aside personal priorities for the greater good

By Brig. Gen. O.G. Mannon
and Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Sallinger

82nd Training Wing

SHEPPARD Air Force Base, Texas — Staff Sgt. Terral Leak is a name most have never heard. In 2008, Sergeant Leak was presented the Airman's Medal for rescuing a disabled, elderly man from the sixth floor of a burning apartment building.

Sergeant Leak was on his way to work, saw smoke and drove straight to the scene. It's the kind of heroic story we see now and again that inspires us to work a little harder to live up to our core values.

There's another inspiring aspect to Sergeant Leak's story. After the rescue, he stayed at the scene for an hour to assist the fire crews and even help wind the hoses back on to the truck.

But here's the kicker: according to the news reports, when it was all over, "Leak raced home, showered and went to work."

He didn't call his supervisor and say, "Hey, I just rescued a guy from the top floor of a burning apart-

ment building, can I have the rest of the day off?" Nope. He just cleaned himself up and got back to work.

This is a young man who understands what being an Airman is all about. It's not a job; it's a responsibility, a lifestyle and a commitment. Airmanship is about service — setting aside our personal priorities for the greater good, on and off duty. There is no disclaimer to the Airman's Creed, and no small print that reads, "During normal duty hours only." We do not hang up our Airmanship with our uniforms at the end of the day.

Serving in Air Education and Training Command gives us the honor and privilege of teaching the principles of Airmanship to tomorrow's leaders. We can't do that through lesson plans or lectures alone. We must show them what it means to be an Airman.

Being an Airman means doing what we say we will do, when we say we will do it. We don't need to be told or asked to do what's right—we just do it. We follow orders, keep confidences and put loyalty to our leaders and fellow Airmen above pride and self-interest.

Being an Airman means behaving professionally in all places and in all circumstances. We obey the law and treat others with respect and dignity. We don't use fun or relaxation as an excuse for bad behavior. We never forget that our example outside the classroom says far more about who we are than our words inside the classroom.

Being an Airman means putting the mission first. We give up nights and weekends to train and care for the Airmen entrusted to our leadership. We come in early to prepare and stay until the whole job is finished. And no one needs to tell us to do it—we just do. None of this is new to us—we have been taught these principles since we were E-1s and O-1s. Now more than ever, we each need to strive harder to live up to them.

Whatever our rank or specialty, we're Airmen first and always. Our young Airmen in training need to see us live it every day. There is no other way to teach them what it truly means to be an Airman — "faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor and a legacy of valor."

Satisfaction in molding future leaders

By Master Sgt. Gerald Cross

81st Force Support Squadron first sergeant

The most noted rewards I received from my past years assigned to the Air Force Recruiting Service are the relationships built with America's greatest men and women. Throughout the years, I maintained communication with many. Receiving emails regarding successes and overall satisfaction with the life-changing decision to join the Air Force is extremely rewarding. Many are destined for greatness to include accomplished leadership roles.

These men and women exceeded initial qualification standards and enlisted in a nation at war. They met challenges of basic military training, technical training school completion and first-duty station assignment. They experienced a smooth first duty station transition and welcomed outstanding sponsorship, supervision, and leadership. Their supervisor provided timely feedback and overarch-

ing expectations, giving them unambiguous guidance from the onset of their newly founded mission.

Overall, these experiences championed an "Above All" level of satisfaction molding enthusiastic future leaders. Unfortunately, all do not verbalize the same sentiments because all supervisors do not observe "Above All" standards.

The Air Force does a respectable job preparing our enlisted force to become supervisors and leaders. All attend professional military education prior to assuming their supervisor roles and responsibilities. Those with increased level of rank incur elevated supervisory and leadership positions and duties. In addition to PME, higher civilian education attendance aids in more effective, well-rounded leaders.

With all the necessary tools afforded to supervisors, they must embrace the importance of their roles, and the impact they have of on the impressionable Airmen ... positive or negative. Periodically, supervisors must

perform a "checkup from the neck up" to determine if they exceed the standards of those they supervise. Supervisors should continue the "growth" process and work hard to retain those super Airmen or those with growth potential. The future of the world's greatest Air Force is dependant on this act.

I am fortunate to have had and continue to have great supervisors with innate leadership traits. Leadership by example, good communication skills, integrity, and the ability to hold people accountable are just a few of their traits. A previous supervisor of mine worked very hard to develop professional and personal relationships with his subordinates. He counseled or corrected Airmen in the morning and was able to have lunch with them later. This supervisor did not personalize the situation; he was fair, firm, consistent, and did what was right. Therefore, his Airmen respected him.

"Above All" is not just a supervisory standard — it is a way of life.





DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue
Keesler News photojournalist

What is your favorite meal and why?



Stuffed snapper, because it's a great example of Gulf Coast flavor.

Senior Airman Derek Joffrion, 81st Communications Squadron



Dinner, because I get to sit down and spend time with my wife.

John Lowe, 81st Force Support Squadron



Ribeye, because it's the best steak on the planet.

Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton, 81st Training Wing

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler combat controllers honor fallen friends

By Angela Cutrer

Keesler News staff

It's no secret that it takes a special kind of man to be a combat controller. Just ask Staff. Sgts. Ashley Spurlin and Adam Malson, combat control instructors in the 334th Training Squadron.

Both are used to hard work. In fact, they're used to intensive, rigorous, punishing, grueling work. After all, they are combat controllers — hard work and toughness go hand in hand.

But that doesn't mean these two don't have hearts. Mention their lost buddies across the pond and these hardened, tough, sturdy men tighten their chins, lower their eyes and kick Biloxi sand around with their boots as they contemplate. Nothing — nothing — has ever been this tough.

"We were all best friends,"

Sergeant Malson said of the Airmen lost from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. "And now we want to do (something) for the families left behind. We want to support them and honor them."

Sergeant Spurlin and Sergeant Malson now have a chance to show just how special their fallen comrades were to them.

On Oct. 6, two men loaded down with heavy 50-pound rucks containing memorial batons engraved with the names of 12 fallen teammates will take the first steps on a journey by foot that will span hundreds of miles of coastline. The trek will stretch from San Antonio to Hurlburt Field, and its main goal will be to honor fallen heroes in the war against terrorism.

This 824-mile crossing begins where it all starts: the combat control selection course at Lackland Air Force Base's Medina Annex in San Antonio, where all special tactics team members embark on their careers. At 5 a.m., the first duo will take initial steps toward Ft. Walton Beach, and Sergeant Spurlin and Sergeant Malson will be two of the 12 involved in the grueling march.

Both men speak specifically of one buddy, Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis, 28, an Air Force combat controller from Aberdeen, Wash., who was assigned to the 23rd STS. He died Feb. 20 in Oruzgan, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his vehicle



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Spurlin, left, from Monterey, Calif., and Sergeant Malson, from Denver, train on the Biloxi beach for an October ruck that will honor fallen comrades. Sergeant Spurlin has been in the Air Force for nine years, Sergeant Malson for eight. Keesler is home to the Air Force's combat control schoolhouse.

encountered an improvised explosive device. For his bravery, Sergeant Davis was awarded two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars with Valor.

Sergeant Malson said that this relay is in honor of (Sergeant Davis) and all Special Tactics teammates who lost their lives in the line of duty. Tech. Sgt. Will Jefferson, a combat Controller, and Tech. Sgt. Scott Duffman, pararescue, will also be

among those honored.

The Air Force Special Operations Command's team members perform one of four important jobs: combat control, pararescue, special operations weather or tactical air control party. The first two have lost men on the field.

Combat controllers are battlefield Airmen assigned to special tactics squadrons. They are trained special operations forces and certified Federal

Aviation Administration air traffic controllers. Their mission is to deploy undetected into combat and hostile environments to establish assault zones or airfields, while simultaneously conducting air traffic control, fire support, command and control, direct action, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, humanitarian assistance and special reconnaissance in the joint arena.

Pararescuemen, also known as PJs, are the only Department of Defense specialty specifically trained and equipped to conduct conventional or unconventional rescue operations.

These battlefield Airmen are considered the ideal force for personnel recovery and combat search and rescue. A PJ's primary function is as a personnel recovery specialist, with emergency medical capabilities in humanitarian and combat environments. PJs deploy in any available manner, to include air-land-sea tactics, into restricted environments to authenticate, extract, treat, stabilize and evacuate injured personnel, while acting in an enemy-evading, recovery role.

The mission will take eight to nine days and ends at Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, where the group will meet teammates, family and friends in time for the annual Combat Control Association reunion Oct. 17. At that time, Sergeant Davis' name, along with the others, will be added to the Combat Control Memorial at the Hurlburt Field Air Park.

While this walk is to honor those who have fallen, it is also meaningful because team members want to show that fallen special operations team members are never forgotten. The entire team hopes to raise awareness and funds for the Air Force Special Operations Warrior Fund.

Sergeant Davis was survived by his son, TJ, 1½; Sergeant Jefferson left behind daughters Tyler, 9, and Natalie, 1; and Sergeant Duffman's daughter Sophia is 2½. Through efforts to build the SOWF, these children are guaranteed to receive a college education.

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Sergeant Davis leaves behind his wife, Meagan, and their son, TJ, 1½.

Ruck, from Page 4

Five of the 23rd STS controllers killed were personal friends of Sergeants Malson and Spurlin.

“A lot of the combat controller team (members) are still deployed and can’t do this,” said Sergeant Malson, “but we’re in a pretty good spot to support (the cause) this way. It’s a real honor.”

Each two-man team will walk in 150-mile legs, 15 miles every 20 hours along the way.

“We’re doing this for the combat controllers and pararescuers — those two career fields — because we want to remember their sacrifice,” Sergeant Spurlin said.

“And we’re doing it for their families. No matter how bad it hurts us physically, it’s still not as bad as for those guys deployed and what those who were killed went through.”



Air Force photo
Sergeant Davis, shown during a training landing, received two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars with Valor.



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New enlisted leader joins 2nd Air Force team

By Senior Airman
Eric Summers

Keesler Public Affairs

Second Air Force has welcomed a new command chief to its team.

Chief Master Sgt. Linus Jordan, a native of Eunice, La., has replaced Chief Master Sgt. Paul Moreau as top enlisted leader.

“I’m very impressed with the quality of the permanent party and students, as well as civilians, reserve, and guard members since I’ve been here,” the chief said. “My primary duty is to ensure good health, welfare, morale, utilization, and training of our enlisted force.

“It’s my duty to represent our commander, Maj Gen. Mary Kay Hertog, and the total team well to include basic military training and technical school, and also overseeing joint training to help take 2nd Air Force to a higher level,” the chief stated.

Chief Jordan has led transportation support of humanitarian relief missions during Operation Enduring Freedom and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Thunder and Iraqi Freedom, including two combat tours executing theater convoys, refuel-on-the-move and forward aerial refueling point operations with the Army.

“One of the advantages I have is that not only have I deployed as part of these joint expeditionary taskings with the Army, I’ve also trained at several of the power projection platforms that we use to prepare our Airmen to go forth and perform these duties in theater,” Chief Jordan pointed out. “I plan to bring my personal experiences, both the positive aspects and the lessons learned, out to the field to see that we have made those improvements in needed areas to support the Army as well as properly train and take care of our Airmen so we can continue to provide the best trained Airmen possible to our combatant commanders.”

The chief has also served at

several overseas assignments in Europe and the Far East.

“Serving overseas not only allows you to grow personally, it also exposes you to different cultures that prepare you to deal with the diverse cultures that we have within our own military service — the more we can expose our Airmen to different aspects of what we do around the world, the more we broaden them and help them to perform their duties better,” said Chief Jordan. “I’m able to bring my experiences from Europe and Pacific Air Forces, as well as the deployments, to open the perspectives of some of our Airmen to let them know what the Air Force has to offer them as they serve around the globe.”

When asked about how his new assignment differed from his previous assignment as the 374th Airlift Wing’s command chief at Yokota Air Base, Japan, the chief replied, “This assignment will differ because of the mission. Here I’m privileged to be a part of providing the world’s best trained Airmen to the world’s best Air Force. Second Air Force is responsible for basic military training, we manage 193 officer and enlisted pipelines — career fields preparing them to go out and be a productive Air Force teammate. The mission here is much broad-

er because of the joint training. We can’t have a combat-capable force if we don’t have a highly-trained force. That’s what 2nd Air Force brings to the table — 2nd Air Force is a combat multiplier. We’re preparing Airmen to go forth and execute the mission that our commanders put before us.”

Chief Jordan remarked, “I’m sincerely proud and humbled to be a part of the 2nd Air Force team. I wake every day with two goals in mind — to give my absolute best to all of my Airmen and to make sure that every decision that I make is taking the best care of them possible.

The chief is proud of the missions in 2nd Air Force’s respective units in Air Education and Training Command.

“AETC is the first command for a reason — because it’s the portal into the world’s premier Air Force, and we prepare sons and daughters to be combat-ready well-trained Airmen for the war-fighting commands,” Chief Jordan emphasized.

“During my tenure at 2nd Air Force, I hope the general and I can make every single person proud to be a part of the training team,” he added. “We should only have our best and brightest preparing others to go forward and do our nation’s work as part of our Air Force.”



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Chief Jordan carried the 2nd Air Force’s guidon at the change of command ceremony Sept. 9.



Red for a reason

For the past year, civilians in the 81st Training Support Squadron’s training technology flight have been wearing red on Fridays as a show of support for America’s military members. Their actions are a part of a grassroots movement called Red Shirt Fridays, according to Stanley Hall, flight chief. Pictured from left to right are (front row) Kerry Brann, Robert Cowan and Herb Welch; (second row) Amy Summers, Delores Gutierrez, Carl Nehlig, Daniel Duplichien, James Franks and Lawrence Monroe; (back row) David Bouis, Brian Boudreaux, Duane Naddy and Ron Washburn. For more information on Red Shirt Fridays, visit <http://www.redshirtfridays.org>.



1st perfect student for officer course

Capt. Heather Yamamoto has graduated from the 335th Training Squadron's force support officer course with a perfect score. The nine-week course provides initial skills training in personnel, manpower and services disciplines. Captain Yamamoto, the first student to earn a perfect score since the course stood up in October 2008, is assigned to the 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif. She and her classmates graduated Friday after completion of officer field training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Base shuttle schedules

are found on Keesler's public Web site.

Log on to <http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15371>

Lost & Found

For lost and found items, call the 81st Security Forces Squadron investigations office, 377-4500, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Fisher House donation

The 116 students in Mathies NCO Academy Class 09-6 donated an estimated \$1,000 of paper goods to Fisher House as a class project, according to Tech. Sgt. Mark Jegel, Mustang flight instructor.

The donation included 170 rolls of paper towels, 400 rolls of toilet paper and 110 boxes of tissues.

Drill down Friday

The 81st Training Group's final drill down of the year is 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings are 11:30 to noon Monday, Oct. 5 and 22, Nov. 10 and 23, and Dec. 17 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

For more information, call 376-8708 or 8710.

Pitsenbarger Award

Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for fall Community College of the Air Force graduates to apply for the \$400 Pitsenbarger Award sponsored by the Air Force Association.

Applications are available in Room 224, Sablich Center, or at <http://www.afa.org/ae/pit.asp>.

Prior winners aren't eligible.

Winners are announced at the graduation, 3 p.m. Oct. 27 in Welch Auditorium.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy Building is closed until 2 p.m. on Oct. 7 and until noon on Oct. 28 for drill practice and evaluations.

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

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 377-3944.

CCAF graduation

Community College of the Air Force fall graduation is 3 p.m. Oct 27 in Welch Auditorium.

The speaker is Lt. Col .Timothy Albrecht, CCAF

Academic ace



Airman 1st Class Luis Lopez Jr., graduated Wednesday from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Lopez, from San Antonio, is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the communication/navigation/mission systems apprentice school.

commandant and vice commander of the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

The Keesler Chiefs Group, Air Force Association and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University award scholarships.

A reception follows in Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call the education office, 376-8708 or 8710.

Specialty exams

The education office offers specialty exams:

SAT — Nov. 2, register by Oct. 1.

Praxis — Nov. 16, register by Oct. 14.

Exams are administered by appointment only and must be scheduled on or before the registration date indicated.

To register or for more information, call 376-8710 or 8708.

NEWS AND FEATURES



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Superintendent Chris Key and operator Dexter White from Superior Asphalt pave a street in Bay Ridge.

Full steam ahead for Bay Ridge housing



Housing for general officers is included in the 149 homes being built in the second phase of construction in Bay Ridge. The 181 homes in the first phase have been accepted for occupancy, along with 198 in Thrower Park, 136 in Northwest Falcon and 170 in Southwest Falcon. Drainage issues are being addressed for 20 of the 194 houses in East Falcon.

IN THE NEWS

New hours for visitor center

As of Monday, the Keesler Visitor Center and pass and identification office are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

New hours will be 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Tricare disenrollment Oct. 1

81st Medical Operations Squadron

Non-active duty Tricare beneficiaries using Tricare Prime enrolled at Keesler Medical Center who live more than a 30-minute drive away could lose their enrollment to the medical center on Oct. 1.

Humana Military Healthcare Services recently mailed letters to beneficiaries who meet this criteria, asking them to sign and submit a waiver to the 30-minute access-to-care drive-time standard to maintain their enrollment at Keesler Medical Center. Oct. 1, all non-active duty Tricare Prime beneficiaries who haven't signed the waiver will be disenrolled from Keesler Medical Center and assigned a primary care manager closer to their residence.

Anyone at risk of being disenrolled who wishes to remain enrolled at the medical center should visit <http://humanamilitary.com/south/bene/billing-enrollment/access-to-care.asp>. The waiver request form is at the bottom of the page. Download the access-to-care waiver statement, fill it out and either fax or mail it to 502-322-8003, Humana Military Healthcare Services, P.O. Box 740061, Louisville, KY 40201-7461, or visit the Tricare Service Center at 2130 Pass Road in Biloxi.

For more information, call the Tricare Service Center, 1-800-444-5445.

Pass Road Gate construction

Pedestrians using I-81 and golfers using the golf cart path on the east side of Ploesti Drive should be careful near construction at the Pass Road Gate.

Work on the north side of the gate begins in late September or early October and will cause gate traffic to be one lane in and one lane out on the south side of the gate for two months, with traffic blocked going north on Ploesti.

When the north side reopens, the south side will close, switching traffic to one lane in and one lane out on the north side of the gate and closing the south lanes of Ploesti. The south side work should take about three months.

Actual dates will be announced soon.

Reduced medical services Oct. 9

Keesler Medical Center closes for routine patient care most of the day Oct. 9 as 81st Medical Group staff and family members participate in the Fall Family Festival picnic.

Outpatient medical appointments will be completed by 11 a.m. Emergency services and inpatient operations are available, but all other services will be closed.

Emergencies should go to the closest emergency room or call the medical center's emergency services at 911 (if on base) or 376-2020.

Gift card winner

Jim and Pat Register of Moss Point shop for their granddaughter at the main base exchange Sept. 17 with a \$1,000 gift card won in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Monster Energy Sweepstakes. Fifteen gift card winners were chosen around the world. Mr. Register, a retired Army sergeant first class, was a central region winner.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



Energy,

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in 2010, looks at the financial and technological feasibility of using biomass and waste for energy generation on base.

"In essence, this involves converting trash into energy," Ms. Whitfield remarked.

Biomass is a renewable energy source derived from biological material and includes all land and water-based vegetation, such as trees, aquatic and marine plants, crops, organic components of municipal solid waste, and forestry, agricultural and industrial waste that would otherwise end up in a landfill. The biological material can be converted into electrical energy, heat or steam.

"Generating electricity on base would save the base money by reducing the need to purchase commercial power and allow Keesler to use power when commercial power is unavailable, which could happen with a natural disaster," she added.

The second study will determine if the use of a ground source heat pump would be a feasible technology for heating and cooling in future dormitory construction projects.

GSHP is a central heating and cooling system that pumps heat to and from the ground, using the earth as a heat source in the winter and a cooling source in the summer. Oak Ridge National Laboratory will look at the technology and its applicability to both south Mississippi area and the proposed construction scenario.

"Using a GSHP in place of a regular HVAC system can potentially save lots of energy," Ms. Whitfield said.

A plug load reduction program is in the works to encourage Team Keesler to increase its efforts to save energy during non-working hours.

"We want to encourage people to save energy by turning off lights when spaces are not in use, enabling a power-save mode on office equipment during office hours and shutting equipment off, preferably by unplugging or using a power strip, during off hours," Ms. Whitfield stated. "These measures could save up to 25 percent of energy during non-business hours.

"October is Energy Awareness Month, but these efforts show that Team Keesler is serious about saving energy all year round and in the years to come," she emphasized.

Generals look to future challenges, opportunities

'Resource constrained environment' tests Air Force's senior leadership

By Master Sgt. Paul Dean

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz joined 13 other generals during a panel discussion last week at the 2009 Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Oxon Hill, Md.

"This is the group of leaders that strives every day to be worthy of the brilliance and excellence of our Airmen," General Schwartz said in kicking off the forum.

Each general offered an opening remark addressing their two main challenges on the five-to-ten year horizon, answered questions from audience members, and closed the forum by addressing the theoretical question, "If you had onemore dollar to spend, what would you do with it?"

Many of the generals focused on recapitalization and Airmen development in the midst of a "resource constrained environment."

"(Special Operations Command) has what it needs to do what we're doing now," said Lt. Gen. Donald Wurster, Air Force Special Operations Command commander. But he also reminded the audience that many of the airframes his command flies entered service in the 1960s. He stressed that special operations missions rely heavily on the reliability of equipment, and that his major command would benefit from more CV-22 Ospreys or some other vertical lift platform.

Gens. Donald Hoffman, Air Force Materiel Command commander; Arthur Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander; and Duncan McNabb, U.S. Transportation Command commander, all indicated their commitment to move forward with a new tanker program.

"I think you can all guess where my next—and any dollar—would go," said General Lichte. "Tankers, tankers, tankers!"

Without a new tanker airframe, the service's KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders are shouldering the load.

"With our tankers operating in a new steady state that was once a surge, the combatant commanders can be confident that we will always get them the forces and supplies they need to

win," said General McNabb. "We will always get through."

The training and equipping of Airmen was also in sharp focus for many of the panel members.

Gen. William Fraser III, Air Combat Command commander, said it's clear to him after just a short time in the job that one of his main priorities will be to take a hard look at unmanned aerial system personnel issues, including how to ensure Airmen have appropriate opportunities for career progression.

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve face unique, yet complimentary challenges to those of the active force.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., chief of Air Force Reserve, indicated he would spend any new money for the Air Force Reserve's seasoning training program, which speeds upgrade from 3 to 5-level for enlisted reservists as they perform temporary, active-duty tours.

General Stenner is committed to providing "tier-one readiness" as a partner with the active-duty component, which drives his commitment to seasoning training.

"I used to have 85 percent prior service Airmen," said the general. "Now it's 65 percent."

Gen. Roger Brady, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, believes the best approach is to operate as if today's funding level will be the norm.

"We need to train, mentor and teach our young people to live in the present and make do with what they've got," General Brady said. "We have to get people out of the habit of thinking that they can't solve a problem if there isn't money attached to it."

The diversity of perspectives needs and issues they raised spotlighted the complexity of the Air Force.

In conclusion, the Air Force chief of staff indicated his sense that the Air Force mandate for moving ahead is clear.

"As we go forward, it is absolutely important that...we live in the present, but also put an eye on where we want to be, and who we want to be," said General Schwartz. "And we are going to make those two charges resonate for our Airmen.

The panel discussion also featured Gens. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander; Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander; Craig McKinley, National Guard Bureau chief; Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander; Lt. Gens. Frank Klotz, Air Force Global Strike Command commander; and Harry Wyatt III, Air National Guard director.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Name — Senior Airman Austin Sutton

Unit — 81st Security Forces Squadron

Position — unit trainer

Time in Air Force — 3½ years

Time at Keesler — 10 months

Hometown — Anderson, Ind.

Why did you join the Air Force? to make the military a career or to gain the knowledge for a career outside of the military

Noteworthy — one of the first Air Force members to attend the active shooter crisis

response intervention course and become a certified instructor

What are your short- and long-term goals? short-term, don't lose my line number and become a certified personal fitness trainer; long term, continue to make rank and get my degree in exercise science.

What's your favorite quote? "When you lose, say little. When you win, say less."

What are your hobbies? riding my motorcycle and working out

DIAMOND NOTES

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2618, noncommissioned officers must lead and develop subordinates and exercise effective followership in mission accomplishment, place the requirements of their official duties and responsibilities ahead of their personal desires, take an active leadership and supervisory role by staying involved with subordinates on a daily basis, use their own experiences and knowledge to mentor others, guide and instruct subordinates to ensure they are prepared to accept increased levels of authority and responsibility and assist subordinates in reaching their full potential.



Master Sgt. Christopher Rash, 81st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Fall 1943

More than 7,000 African-Americans were stationed at Keesler Field, including pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers and aviation mechanics. These service members took a giant step forward in their goal of winning wars on two fronts — the struggle against racism at home and the fight against foreign enemies.

PERSONNEL NOTES

2009 selection boards

Through Friday — 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.

Medical appointments

People needing appointments at Keesler Medical Center can book them online instead of calling the central appointment desk.

Log on to <http://www.tricareonline.com> and click on "My Health" to complete registration. Common access card holders may use their cards and personal identification numbers, while others must set up a username and password.

The site allows users to book urgent and non-urgent appointments based on their needs.

Appointments are automatically booked with the individual's primary care manager. If the PCM is unavailable, the user is given the option to make the appointment with another provider in the same clinic.

All active-duty members should register themselves at the online site when they arrive at Keesler.

Family members must be registered separately.

For more information, call 376-3101.

Financial aid for adoption

Air Force Personnel Center

Through the Adoption Expense Reimbursement Program, parents using a legal adoption agency may be eligible for up to \$2,000 per adoptive child, with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 in a calendar year, for qualifying expenses.

To qualify for the program:

Adoption must be finalized while the Airman is serving on continuous active duty, or full-time Air Guard Reserve duty with orders specifying a period of at least 180 days,

Child must be under 18 years of age and physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself,

Child may not be the biological offspring of the Airman or a stepchild, and

The adoption must be arranged by a qualified adoption agency that has responsibility under state or local law for child placement through adoption; a nonprofit voluntary adoption agency that is authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption; or any other source authorized by a state to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under state or local law.

For more information, call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

PCS requirement

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

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

For more information, call 376-8739.

New Web site's focus is civilian employment

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH Air Force, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials have developed a new Air Force civilian employment Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afcivilianjobs>, to educate potential applicants and the general public about available civilian jobs, the eligibility and application process and finding job opportunities in various specialties and career fields.

"Over the next five years, the Air Force plans to hire 20,000 more civilians into civil service," said Michelle LoweSolis, AFPC's civilian force integration director. "The new Web site is a proactive approach to arm job seekers with every tool they need to confidently apply for Air Force jobs."

Ms. LoweSolis also said the new site will help clarify the Air Force's current civilian hiring process and provide site visitors with detailed information about available career

fields. The site also helps explain federal employment benefits and educates visitors on student job opportunities.

The launch of the new civilian employment site also aligns with AFPC's roll out of the "Your Future" employment marketing and recruiting campaign this month.

"The overall strategy of the 'Your Future' campaign is to help market and brand the Air Force as a premier civilian employer," said Shirlene LeBleu, AFPC's civilian force integration directorate's force renewal and development division chief. "The initiative, once released Air Force-wide, will help fill civilian vacancies more quickly by targeting qualified, local candidates, as well as increase employment opportunities for military dependents."

For more information, visit the new Web site, call the Total Force Service Center, 1-800-525-0102 or e-mail tfsc.sa_feedback@randolph.af.mil.

End-of-year PCS closeout is under way

The Air Force Personnel Center has announced Phase II orders publication procedures.

Sept. 15, AFPC began its end of fiscal year closeout for the permanent change of station budget.

Due to a lag in orders publication, AFPC is temporarily assuming the role of approving official and organizational administration access in the orders processing application.

This allows AFPC to authenticate as many orders as needed to achieve Air Force execution goals and ensure the most efficient use of limited PCS resources.

Base-level AO and organizational administration access in OPA will be temporarily restricted. All remaining PCS orders for this fiscal will be centrally authenticated by AFPC based on report-not-later-than dates.

For more information, call the career development element, 376-8739.



From left, Tech. Sgt. Barney Roberts, 335th Training Squadron, passes down the serving line as first sergeants Master Sgts. Christopher Rash, 81st Security Forces Squadron, and Scott Passman, 335th TRS, and Senior Master Sgt. John Geboy, 336th TRS, pass out free hot dogs and burgers.



Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, 81st Training Wing commander, joins Keesler's youngest airman, Airman Basic Monique Silva, in cutting the cake during the base's celebration of the Air Force's 62nd birthday. Airman Silva, 17, is a student in the 335th TRS.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

Keesler celebrates Air Force's birthday



Master Sgt. Lee Utsey drops into the tank as Anna Coats, 7, tests the target on the dunking machine. Anna's parents are Tech. Sgt. Kristopher and Catherine Coats. Sergeants Utsey and Coats are both assigned to the 335th TRS.



General Dickinson used the commander's call before the birthday festivities began to present Senior Airman Eric Summers with the Air Force Achievement Medal. Airman Summers, a member of the Keesler Public Affairs staff, was recognized for making it possible for Lucimarian Roberts, widow of the late Col. Lawrence Roberts, to view the ceremony dedicating the 403rd Wing's consolidated aircraft maintenance building in her husband's honor through the Defense Department's Defense Connect Online service.



Isis was the first of four bands to entertain the crowd. Other performances featured Wes Loper, Eleven and Stereo-hype.

Precision, professionalism, pride

Rendering military honors is honor guard's duty

By Senior Airman Kimberly Moore

Keesler Public Affairs

Many military functions begin with the presentation of the colors but who are the men and women donning no name carrying out flags, rifles and traditions? They are members of Keesler's Honor Guard.

"The Keesler Honor Guard is an elite team comprised of members from the 81st Training Wing and tenant units," said Master Sgt. Monita McCowan, noncommissioned officer in charge.

"Our mission to represent the nation, the Air Force, Keesler and the local community when rendering military honors at funerals of active-duty, retired and veteran members of the armed forces who served this nation honorably."

As stated on the Air Force Honor Guard Web site, "Military funeral ceremonies are based on customs and traditions that developed through the years. Some elements of the funeral ceremony are based on old expedients used long ago on the battlefield. The ceremony demonstrates our nation's recognition of the debt it owes the services and sacrifices of members of the armed forces."

"Though military funeral honors are our first priority," Sergeant McCowan explained, "we also receive special requests for both on- and off-base functions. These functions include visits from various dignitaries, changes of command, retirements and community events such as parades."

Each base has an off-base area of responsibility that it covers.

"Keesler's area of responsibility extends north to the Jackson, Miss., city limits, east to the Alabama state border, and west to the Texas state border. This area encompasses 67 counties and parishes and more than 69,000 square miles," Sergeant McCowan explained. "Honors are paid throughout this AOR, so these functions can add up quickly."

"Historically, we perform more than 700 functions annually," Sergeant McCowan said. "We have 32 active honor guardsmen for 90 days to perform all military funeral honors. We also have 32 on-call members. All members attend a two-week training course here at Keesler prior to beginning their 90-day rotation. During their active rotation, all members attend proficiency training every Wednesday."

She closed by saying, "The honor guard is trained to provide military honors with precision, professionalism and pride, striving to exceed even our own rigorous Air Force standards, while demonstrating the highest level of commitment in representing the Air Force and Keesler."

For more information, call 377-1986. To visit the Air Force Honor Guard's Web site, go to <http://www.honorguard.af.mil/>



Photo by Adam Bond

Honor guard members fold the flag at the interment of Tuskegee Airman Robert Decatur at Biloxi National Cemetery Sept. 3.



Photo by Senior Airman Kimberly Moore

Honor guard members rehearse their roles in military funeral ceremonies at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Left, the honor guard presented the colors at the 2nd Air Force change-of-command ceremony Sept. 9.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

Inspector General program assists service members in finding complaint solutions

By Jonathan Hicks

Keesler Public Affairs

The Inspector General Complaint Resolution Program enables a service member to report personal complaints of wrongdoing or injustice and have them impartially addressed through a resolution process.

Lt. Col. Karen Castillo, who became the 81st Training Wing's inspector general in July, reveals the program consist of a lot more than meets the eye.

"It's an extremely legally intensive program," she explained. "We work closely with the various legal agencies on base in evaluating our interviews and procedures."

However, the program is more than just a glorified commander's action line.

"Sometimes people try the shotgun approach out of frustration and submit their complaints to other programs at the same time, such as the commander's action line or (Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century," she said, suggestion instead that "choosing just one avenue for a complaint and allowing it to go through the complete process" may be more successful.

In order for a complaint to be processed filed through the complaints resolution program, it must fall in into at least one of the following categories:

Restriction — when a member is denied access to report a wrongdoing.

Reprisal — repercussions for reporting a wrongdoing.

Improper mental health referrals — involves a commander's directed clinical assessment of a service member.

Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Watkins, superintendent, said they get about 80 to 100 complaints filed a year, and out of those, "only 1

percent hit those top three areas." The rest, he said, are command-type issues such as harassment and enlisted performance reports.

Sergeant Watkins' job is to oversee the process and ensure the proper person or agency is contacted to achieve a resolution to a complaint.

His main recommendation is that members to be patient.

"Depending on the circumstances, an investigation can be a very lengthy process, so members must be patient," he stated.

However, Sergeant Watkins pointed out, many complaints are usually resolved much more quickly.

"Most of the time we're able to obtain responses from commanders within 10 days if the complaint is a command issue," he said.

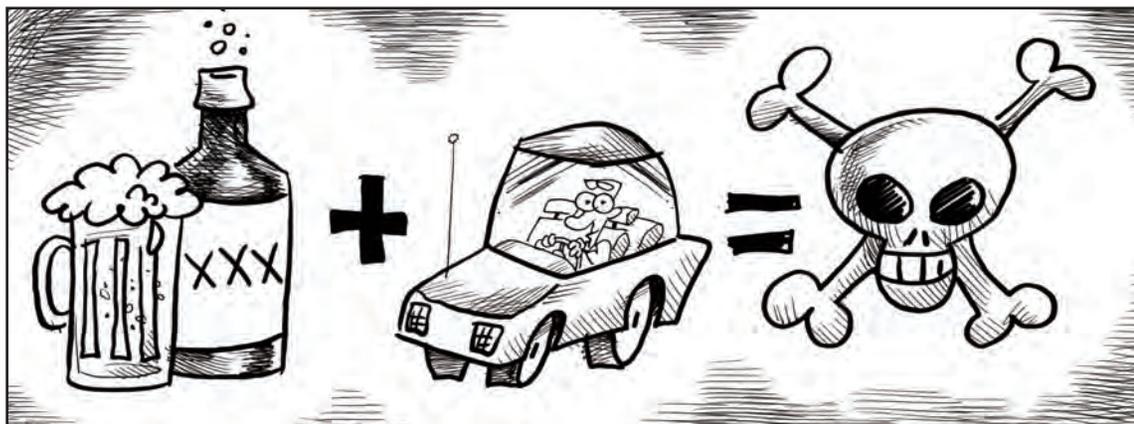
Congressional inquiries are also the responsibility of the inspector general's office. Legislative liaison Stephanie Douglas said that congressional inquiries are the "type of inquiries initiated when a service member writes his or her congressman for assistance." The response time to those inquiries is usually within seven days, and the response must be signed or approved by the wing commander.

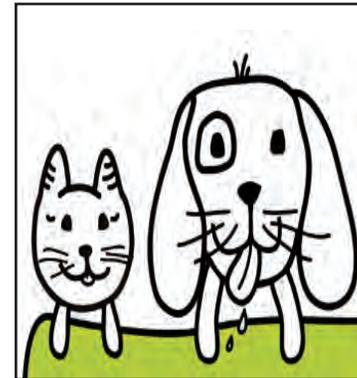
"Some issues are resolved simply by communicating or just pointing people in the right direction," Ms. Douglas said.

The IG office also manages the fraud, waste and abuse program that provides a reporting mechanism for issues of mismanagement and abuse of resources.

Members should refer to Air Force Instruction 90-301, Inspector General Complaints Resolution, for the proper compliant filing procedure.

For more information, call 377-3010 or e-mail 81trw-ig@keesler.af.mil.





Pet blessing is Oct. 4

The chapel is hosting a nondenominational Blessing of the Animals, 5 p.m. Oct. 4 in marina park.

“The event is a way to acknowledgment of the love and joy our pets bring to our lives,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Mallory.

The blessing is being held on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, Chaplain Mallory noted.

Volunteer — get connected.



Caring for kids in base housing requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Force Support Squadron

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

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

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

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

“We feel people living in base housing, who regularly care for children without being licensed, may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Pleasant, family childcare program coordinator. “We want not only to bring the information to their attention, but to educate them on the alternative — to become a licensed family

child care provider.”

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

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

“FCC providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Pleasant.

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

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Gospel service celebrates 38th anniversary



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Retiree Valerie Boswell, a member of Keesler's gospel choir, sings at last year's gospel service anniversary. This year's celebration is noon Sunday at Triangle Chapel, with fellowship time immediately following the service.

KEESLER NOTES

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.

Mystery dinner theater

A mystery dinner theater is Oct. 1 in the Dragon's Lair located in Locker House.

Social hour is 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by "A Death in the Family," a whodunit with audience participation.

Tickets are \$30 per person including dinner and dessert. Seating is limited. A full-service cash bar is available.

Tickets are on sale at the outdoor recreation retail store in the marina park, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tables of eight are available; or customers may purchase part of a table.

The show is rated PG-13.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Heart Walk fundraising

Fundraising for the annual American Heart Association's Heart Walk continues until Oct. 2 for online donations and Sept. 30 for cash/check donations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Key, 377-0583.

Operation Hero

Operation HERO, a semi-annual introduction to deployment for children, is Oct. 10.

The event is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week activities.

To sign up or for more information, call Master Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 376-8508.

Coastal cleanup signup

Keesler cleans Hiller Park during 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.

To sign up to walk or to make a donation, log on to <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/> or call Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-7153, or e-mail asha.gray@us.af.mil.

Heartlink

Heartlink, a free orientation and information program for both male and female spouses who are new to the Air Force, is 8 a.m. Oct 29 in Room 108B, Sablich Center.

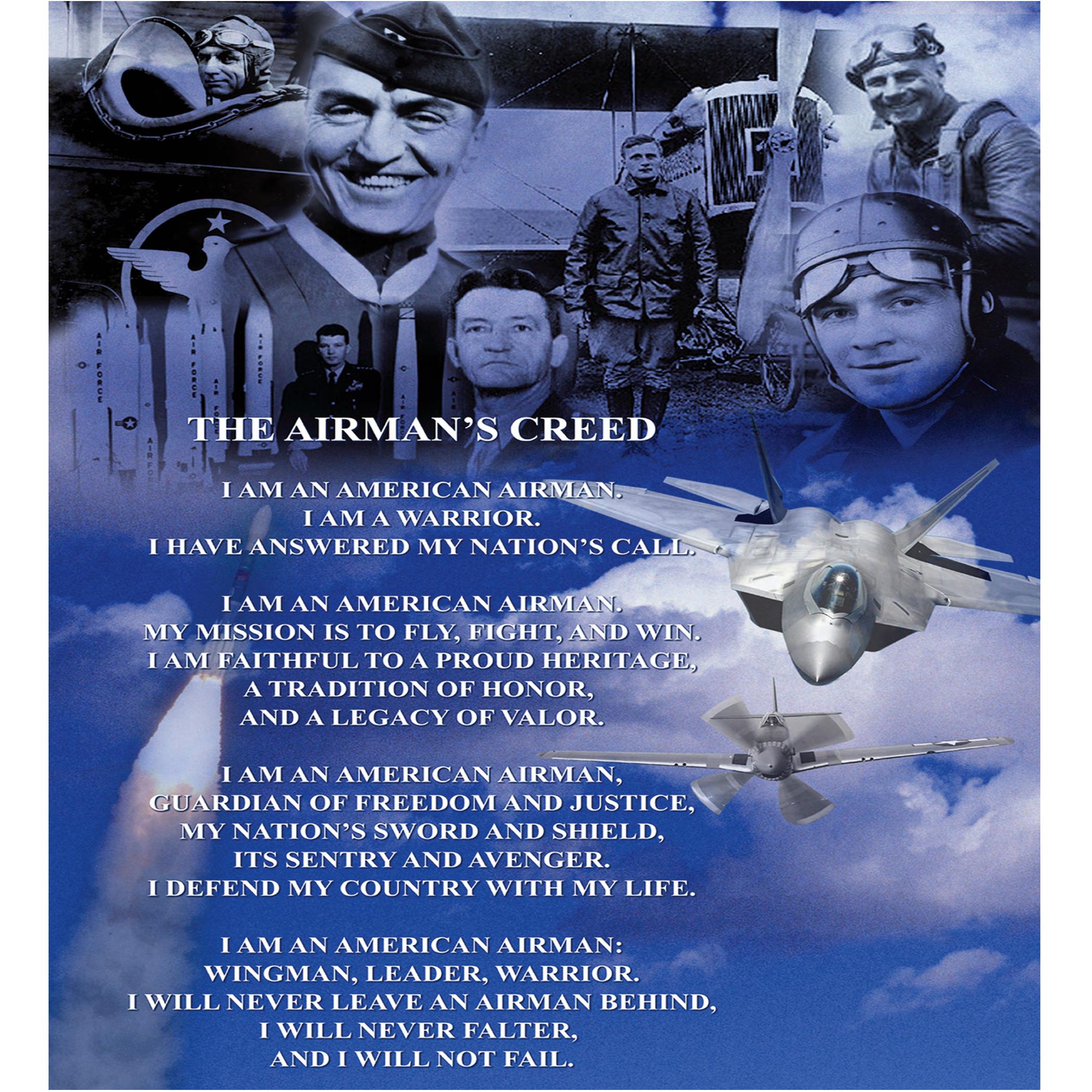
The program, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, introduces spouses to policies, protocols and helping agencies to support them. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are furnished.

To sign up, call 376-8728.

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.



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I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.**

Record crowd turns out for marathon

By Ted Theopolos

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs
WRIGHT-PATTERSON
Air Force Base, Ohio —
Nearly 10,000 runners lined
up at the starting line for the
2009 Air Force Marathon
Saturday at Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base.

The events of the day
included participants running
in the full marathon as well
as a wheeled division, a half-
marathon and a 10K run.

The 13th annual running
event with an almost 35 percent
increase over last year started
with remarks by Lt. Gen.
Thomas Owen, Aeronautical
Systems Center commander,
and included a first-ever visit by
an Air Force chief of staff, when
Gen. Norton Schwartz arrived to
present awards to the winners.

“It’s an honor to assist and
kick off the 2009 Air Force
Marathon,” General Owen said.
“There are runners from 50
states and eight foreign coun-
tries in today’s race. There are
Airmen who have once
deployed and are running today
in this year’s marathon. I’d like
to welcome our guests from the
Air Force Marathon Team, 2nd
Lt. Caroline White, and the
Royal Air Force Scampton
Running Team from Britain. I
also want to thank the more than
2,000 volunteers.”

White ran in the half
marathon to prepare for the
2012 Olympics Trials that will
be in Minnesota in October.

The three-day event started
with a sports and fitness expo at
the Ervin J. Nutter Center on the
campus of Wright State
University just down the road
from the base. The expo ran for
two days, including a 5K race
with more than 1,200 runners to
scurry around the college campus
on the second day.

That evening the marathon
runners indulged in a gourmet
pasta dinner at the National
Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

“It was wonderful weather
and a great course,” said Dave



Air Force photo

Six Keesler athletes were among nearly 10,000 marathon runners in last weekend’s event.

6 Keesler runners make trip to Ohio

Six Keesler athletes were participants in several categories in Saturday’s Air Force Marathon.

Yekaterina Karpitskaya and Naomi Henigin ran as representatives of Air Education and Training Command.

Karpitskaya, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, ran her personal best, 3:30:41, in the full marathon and qualified again for the Boston Marathon.

“It was a great marathon, great camaraderie, perfect weather, beautiful course and a spirit of celebration,” she said. “I felt extremely honored to represent AETC and my base.”

Johnston, marathon winner with an unofficial time of 2:30:42. “I worked very hard training for this.”

“I come every year,” said Jean Belman from Hazel Park, Mich., who’s participated in every Air Force Marathon and who served 23 years in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. “I have to. It improves every year and grows too.”

“This was my first time for this race,” said Michael Postell from Atlanta, winner of the marathon wheel division who races in about 25 marathons a year. “I enjoyed the course. It takes a lot of training to prepare for this event.”

Seventy-six-year-old Frank Robinson from Louisville, Ky., ran the 10K.

“I’ve been a runner for

Henigin, the 81st Training Wing’s executive officer, came in first in her age division, running the 10K in 50:23.

Mary Peterson, 81st MSGS, clocked in at 2:40:38 for the half marathon.

“It was definitely an experience,” she said. “I’m looking forward to running a full marathon soon.”

Three others from Keesler completed the full marathon — Glenn Brass, 81st Medical Support Squadron, 4:45:34, Kristin Reed, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron, 4:47:16; and Joseph Wheeler, first sergeant for the 81st IPTS and 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 5:40:11.

about 40 years,” Mr. Robinson said. “I was here for the second race and now this one. I wasn’t going to race, but was talked into it and signed up yesterday. I’m coming back next year for sure.”

A special runner for the second year was Army Capt. Ivan Castro, an Army special forces soldier who was blinded during a mortar attack in

Iraq in 2006. Last year the captain ran the full marathon but opted to run the half marathon this year.

Winners and unofficial times:

Men’s full marathon — Dave Johnston, Xenia, Ohio, 2:30:42.

Women’s full marathon — Kate Papenberg, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, 3:08:55.

Full marathon wheeled division — Michael Postell, Snellville, Ga., 1:23:13.

Men’s half marathon: Brent Martin, Gambier, Ohio, 1:08:44.

Women’s half marathon — Caroline White, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1:22:17.

Men’s 10k individual: Chacon Kristoffer, Tyndall AFB, Fla., 33:11.

Women’s individual: Varinka Barbini, Lexington, Ky., at 39:55.

Friday’s race results:

Men’s 5K: Kory Kennedy from Kokomo, Ind., 16:50.

Women’s 5K: Dianne Striebel, Dayton, Ohio, 19:31.



David Hunt, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, begins the 8-mile bicycle race in Saturday's mini-triathlon.

Bike, swim, run



Jason Bright of Ocean Springs swims 200 yards at the Triangle Pool.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



John Wylie, 334th Training Squadron, tackles the 2-mile run segment.

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. Call 377-2444 or 3056 for information.

Bowling

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, Thursday intramurals and senior league. 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 — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

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 — 1-3 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. 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.keelserservices.us>.

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

Free fitness testing, exercise prescription and personal training — at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Call for appointment.

Free blood pressure machines — available for use at all fitness centers.

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

Fit to fight incentive program — Dragon slayers, dragon readers, dragon gliders and dragon riders available at no cost at Blake, Dragon and Triangle fitness centers. Awards presented. For more information, contact the fitness center of your choice.

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 Crotwell 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. 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

Editor's note: Games are played on the multipurpose field. The 338th TRS-A team has been disqualified from league play due to consecutive forfeits. All teams schedule to play 338th TRS-A in the NFC division will receive a win via forfeit with a final score of 7-0. The schedule will be modified on a week-to-week basis to ensure successive game times. Call 377-2444.

National Conference (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st SFS	7	0
MARDET	6	1
85th EIS/334th TRS	4	1
81st MDG	3	3
81st CS	3	3
81st FSS	1	5
336th TRS	0	6
338th TRS-A	0	5

Sept. 17 — 81st CS 0, MARDET 20; 81st SFS 7, 81st FSS 0; 81st MDG 13, 336th TRS 7.

American Conference (as of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDSS	5	0
332nd TRS	4	1
81st LRS	3	2
338th TRS-B	2	1
335th TRS	2	2
81st MDTs	1	3
81st DS	1	3
81st MDOS	0	6

Sept. 14 — Rained out.

Sept. 16 — 81st LRS 0, 335th TRS 6; 81st MDTs 0, 81st DS 21; 81 DS 0, 81 MDOS 7.

Golf

Top III Golf Tournament — Oct. 9. Play, cart, lunch and beverages included in \$45 price per person. \$10,000 hole-in-one prize, as well as putt-off and long drive competitions. All proceeds shared with Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, call Master Sgt. Laura Leos, 376-5138; Master Sgt. Crystal Davis 376-4709; or Master Sgt. Temekia Clinkscales, 376-5782.

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.

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

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 — Both pools close for the season Wednesday. For more information, call 377-3948 or 377-3568.

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

Canoes, kayaks — for rent.

Cruisin' Keesler — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in the marina park. Cars, trucks, bikes, street rods, vendors and

oldies music. Registration fee is \$20. Judging at noon; award ceremony at 3 p.m. Free food and T-shirts to the show participants.

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 — Nonworking 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. To reserve, 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.





Flag football League leaders maintain top spots

Keesler Public Affairs

Little has changed as the fourth week of the intramural flag football season came to an end with as the previous week's league leaders holding on to their top spots.

In the National Football Conference the 81st Security Forces Squadron added to its undefeated winning streak with a 7-0 record, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 36-7. The cops trounced the 81st MDG, 29-6, Sept. 15, and took a 7-0 win over the 81st FSS Sept. 17.

In the American Football Conference the 81st Medical Support Squadron extended its five-game winning streak by one. The 81st MDSS beat the 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 21-0, Sept. 16.

For Scores, standings and schedules see Scores and More, Page 26.

Senior Airman David Salantri and Susan Griggs contributed to this report.

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 09-7

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Staff Sgt. George Walter Williams III (class first sergeant).

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Robert Patterson.

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Johnnie Anderson III, Tonya Collett, Gilberto Quijano and Rene Roddy.

81st Force Support Squadron — Senior Airman April Danielle Green (commandant's leadership award) and Katrina Mitchell.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Makela Coleman.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Ryan Dahlberg (distinguished graduate and academic achievement awards) and Demarios Vinson.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Senior Airman John Kyle.

81st Medical Group — Senior Airman Nornil Villaflores.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Malerie Auld and Tabitha Lossett.

81 Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airmen David MacDonald and Khandijan Perkins, and Staff Sgt. Louis Marceaux (class commander).

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Cara Montgomery and Chad Whitehead.

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airman Brian Lowie.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airmen Nicholas Hallman, Charles Martin Jr., Patrick Rowland and Danielle Sheets.

333th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Trenton Bland.

334th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Jeffrey Evatt Jr. (Levitow Award).

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Tyler Allison, Jeffrey Andersen, Ross Arney, Laura Bautista, Seth Brandon, Corey Breedlove, Derek Brittain, Richard Cascio, Trenton Castillo, Trey Christensen, Mark Ciccotto, Paul Clark, Stephen Clayton, Joshua Collins, Arthur Cowles, Darrick Coxson, Robert Dahman, Stephen Danko, Bradley Day, Joshua Domke, Christopher Duarte, John Dugger, Randy Duncan, Zachary Dunphy, Anthony Eddington, Alejandro Espinoza, Brentin Farler, Sebrina Fratto, Jeff Fulford, Justin Gabrielson, Chad Gaudiosi, Evan Gillespie, Michael Gillooly, Drew Glaister, Gerrick Glover, Alan Gosselin, Pablo Gutierrez, Timothy Hetherington, Anne Hiebert, Matthew Holt, James Hostert, Joshua Hutcherson, Justin Jacobs, Derek Jensen, Justin Johnson, Damon Jordan, Nicholas Kamansky, Andrew Kerber, Michael Kerby, Arin Kudlacek, Peter Kuhlman, Jeffrey Langerthans, Matthew Loard, Sofia Lopez, Jacob Martinez, Michael McClelland, Matthew McGuire, Hans Meier, Shawn Meyer, Cornelius Mixon, Denis Moore, Jordan Moore, Thomas Nguyen, Timothy Nguyen, Daniel Noble, Thomas OBrien, Jacob Olson, Renee Palermo, Justin Penny, Scott Phillips, Beau Potter, Adam Povey, Travis Puckett, Dustin Raab, Nicholas Rasay, David Richter, Thomas Ruf, Gary Ryan, Justen Schulz, Matthew Schumacher, Michael Shaw, Joseph Simmons, Andrew Smith, John Smith, Winfield Smith, Brian Steep, Kevin Stuart, Andrew Tosch, Spencer Twenge, Nolan Uber, Nathalie Uri, Mikael Vega, Lito Villanueva, Landon Wagner, Curtis Wall, Kevin Wallace, Matthew Wilcox, Brandon Wilson, Michael Wood, Jonathan Wooden, Anthony Woodward and Derek Wright; Airmen Robert Blackledge, Ashley Bowman, Mitchell Chappelle, Josef Comerford, Aaron Dowdy, Joseph Goodman, Alexander Grillo, Brian Grubb, Cody Guillory, Anthony Henry, Christopher Johnson, Nathan Jones, Justin Mayer, Philip Meyer, Thomas Mould, Michael Orvieto, Sean Pickering, Phillip Salazar, Sean Server, Kristopher Sewell, Ryan Sheets, David Shinn, Ian Smith, Megan Smith, Thomas Vickers, Cody Voelker,

Chad Wanner, John White and Andrew Zeringue; Airmen 1st Class Eric Adams, Matthew Allison, Stephen Averett, Zachary Babcock, Paul Balough, Brandon Barlow, Sam Bessinger, Kyle Black, Latrico Blanding, Zachary Bradley, Brandon Braswell, Caleb Brown, Aaron Bull, James Buraczynski, Jared Burrows, Justin Chesterfield, Jacob Christensen, Bradley Clinton, Troy Conkle, Sean Cooney, Cameron Darrow, Gregory Dean, Gilbert DeLaTorrie, Aaron Delino, Michael Dewitt, Philippe Diaz, Emilio Dominguez, Gregory Egger, Kevin Ellis, Kevin Fiala, Sean Filer, Aaron Froehlick, Ahmed Gaid, KimSung Gov, Katherine Haigh, Christopher Hall, Matthew Hall, Michael Harwood, Melinda Hatley, Nathan Hedstrom, Jarod Heifner, Narvzez Hoogluiter, John Irons, Jeremi Isaacs, Joshua Jepsen, Cody Johnson, Nathan Kerkvliet, Bryan Knapp, Perry Knight, Justin Linger, Luis Lopez, Ricky Lords, Robert Mangrum, Kevin Mayer, Charles McCall, James Mickell, Jeffery Mitchell, Jeffery Mitten, Crystal Mullen, Tiernan Nolan, Aaron Nuesca, Hector Ortiz-Diaz, David Parker, Michael Persondek, Jacob Peterson, Jordan Purifoy, Jedjarvin Ragay, Kahlia Rainer, Stephen Reichenbach, Desire Renfro, Jason Rice, Gregory Rivas, Daniel Schott, Teroo Tauraa, Michael Thomas, Alex Tremble, Joseph Trimpey, Luke Turner, Ethan Underwood, Danly Whittington, Adam Wilde, Jennafor Williams, Keith Williams and Mitchell Wolfarth; Senior Airmen Jason Aplin, Carlos Claudio, Robert Sargent and Dmitry Tsvetkov; Staff Sgts. Ryan Dirnberg, Edwin Hunter, Christopher Johnson, Kevin Klenz, Christopher Pena, Julie Reinhardt and Johnathon Werner; Tech. Sgt. Fredric Johnson.

Metrology basic course — Airman Tanya Shaw; Airman 1st Class Brandy Robinson.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Calder Austin, Jose Navarro, Cole Nesbitt, Max Pendl, Levi Sturtevant and Peter Vassil; Airmen John Filosa, Kassandra Hood, Tristan Ritter and Matthew Summers; Airmen 1st Class Kayla Mosley, Simon Rutherford, John Stoke, Spencer Valentine and Logan Williams; Staff Sgt. Daniel Bulatao, Jackson Polivick and Christopher Sickler.

CHAPEL SERVICES

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

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional with children's ministry.....8:30 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

Jewish services are held 8 p.m. Fridays at the Congregation Beth Israel, 12277 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport. Call Master Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235 or 207-2196.

Islamic

Prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. Building 2003, across from the Magnolia dining facility. 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. Call 396-5274 or (801) 787-1990.

Orthodox

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Rd, Biloxi. Call 388-6138 or Father Stephen Clos, 377-4105.

Aviation resource management apprentice course — Airmen Basic Colton Allen, Lexi Green, Krystal McCauley, Christina Ortiz, Ivory Rodriguez, Douglas Wise, Danielle Gwiawzdowski, Tiffany Hairell and Vanessa Zachary; Airmen Dandrell Thomas and Jessena Salas; Airmen 1st Class Agatha Alsum, Ryan Bippert, Kimberly Hamilton, Haylee Barthol, Zinab Bouayad, Amy Comerford, Elizabeth Dawson and Eric Whitlow.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Christopher Esquivel, Joshua Moore and Janeka Perry; Senior Airman Norris Brown; Staff Sgts. Clinton Brown, Steven Cooley, Eric Martin, Janaine Paige and Magdalena Sousa; Master Sgt Michael O'Donnell.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Justin Althoff, Michael Bae, Steven Clapper, Jasmine Dessaure, Courtney Dickson, Matthew Flores, Terriquer Handy, Andrew Kelly, Jose Luna, Abdal Manning, Adam Moser and KC Ratekin; Airman Raymond Barkley, Ryan Hendricks, Stephen Klimczak, Peter Norlund and Judy Villarayabyab; Airmen 1st Class Agapito Barriga-Perales, Savannah Clevinger, Kendra Cobbins, Cristian Cseh, David De Milt, Mikel Fair, Yolanda Gabriel, Marvell Granville, Jeffrey Gilmour, Haley Hall, Jenna Heinen, Krystle Jackson, Alexander Johnson, Garrett Lethco, Jennifer Poore, Deaven Reese, Carolina Ruiz, Steven Williams and Amy Wyatt; Senior Airmen Douglas Miner; Staff Sgts. Mary Ballesteros, Ana Bojorquez, William Gusoski, Alyshia Leisure, Jennifer Lundberg, Ricardo Mangini-Garcia, Ebony McInnis, Marshall Robertson, Tamika Spigner and Sarah Yeagley; Tech. Sgts. Amy Baker, Catrina Odenweller Haas and Katherine Jones; Master Sgt. Urbano Ayala Oliveras; Capt. Sotirios Daniil.

Weather training flight — Navy Airmen Recruit Shannon Foster, Kala Gowerand Christopher Young; Airmen Basic Tony Aguilera, Patrick Bransten, Gregory Dube, Michael Massie and Darius Sutton; Navy Airmen Apprentice Zachariah Carrothers and Chase Jones; Airmen Christopher Luikkonen and Jason Thomas; Airman 1st Class David Colbert and Benjamin Herbert; Navy Airman Mark Short; Marine Cpl. Justin Grahntham; Senior Airman Chithein Nguyen; Staff Sgts. Thomas Boaz, Michael Dessino, and Melvin Watson; Petty Officer John Beard; Master Sgt. Abdulrahman Al-Bishi.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airman 1st Class Alan Kroth; Senior Airman Maurice Solet; Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wright; Tech. Sgt. Joshua Lawrence.

Ground radar — Airmen Basic Joseph Alexander and Matthew Tobey; Airmen Christopher Farrell, Lorenzo Gaskins, Khalil Giawashi and Mark Suddeth; Airmen 1st Class Robert Brown, Christopher Halubka, Brady Techen, Ryan Waterfield and Jerome Williams; Staff Sgts. Andrew Ksionsk, Louise Martinez and Michael Reece; Tech. Sgt. John Adams; Master Sgt. Audean Garcia-Lopez; Senior Master Sgt. Byong Park.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Marc Courchesne, Adam Farrington, Brian Mowry, Christopher Petrie, Alexander Ramirez, Ivan Seppala, Brady Smith, Mario Soto and Jack Bragg; Airmen 1st Class Blake Schneider and Michael Spittler; Senior Airmen Daniel Boger and Jade Patterson; Staff Sgts. Nicholas Bunting, Joseph Cutcher and Jeffery Fredell; Tech. Sgts. Armando Altamirano and Edward Baer; Edwin Vaughn.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 09-7 — graduation Nov. 3.

Mathies NCO Academy

Class 09-7 — Monday-Oct. 29.

Airman and family readiness center

Private-sector resume writing classes — 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 6, 20 and 27, and Nov. 17; 1:30-3 p.m. Oct. 8 and Nov. 19, airman and family readiness center conference room, Sablich Center. Bring a job announcement and a resume if you've already got one. Limit 10 per class; call 376-8728 to sign up.

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Federal job resume writing classes — 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 13, Nov. 3 and 24; 1:30-3 p.m. Oct. 15 and Nov. 5, airman and family readiness center conference room, Sablich Center. Bring a job announcement and a resume if you've already got one. Limit 10 per class; call 376-8728 to sign up.

College financial aid seminar — 2:30 p.m. Oct. 6, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Learn about federal applications, grants programs, scholarships and more. To register, call 376-8728.

Entrepreneurship class — 11 a.m. Oct. 14, Room 108A, Sablich Center. Learn basics about starting your own business at the Entrepreneurship Class in 14 October at 11 a.m. in Sablich Center room 108A. A representative from the Small Business Administration's Innovation Center in Biloxi is the speaker. Call 376-8728 to reserve your seat.

Homebuying seminar — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 22, presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. Learn what a lender looks at, the importance of your credit report, fees and paperwork involved, and more. Lunch is provided; call 376-8728 by Oct. 19 to register.

Military spouse virtual assistant training course — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 16, Room 108B, Sablich Center. For military spouses looking for portable careers. Allow maintaining employment without regard to location as long as there is e-mail and Internet access. Learn why companies appreciate a virtual worker, how to establish fees and make contracts, the importance of marketing, and how completing this no-cost course makes a military spouse eligible for first chances at job postings through the sponsoring company. No child care provided. Preregister by Nov. 2 by completing the online application at http://www.msvas.com/application_keesler.htm.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 26. \$20 including materials and tool use.

Engraving shop — squadron, office and individual orders.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday. \$30 including materials. Learn wire wrapping and tooling.

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.

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.

Chapel

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study series — "It's Tough Being A Woman," 10-week study on Esther. Continues weekly through Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m., Triangle Annex, upstairs. For more information, call Mary Just, 806-4562, or maryejust@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Keesler Medical Center

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

Research databases — comprehensive research capabilities. Many specialty areas. 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.

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 — Buffet specials 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6.95 each: cajun creole chicken Wednesday; beef brisket Wednesday. Castfish buffet Friday, \$8.95.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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

Katrina Kantina

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

Wings and things — 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Free for club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Complementary hors d'oeuvres and \$1 domestic draft beer.

Youth center

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

Dance classes — Tap, ballet and aerobic classes available. Mondays 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. for ages 3-5. \$50 per month.

Free cheerleading clinic — 1-3 p.m. Sept. 26. Ages 6-9, 3-5 p.m. Register at the youth center or call 377-4116.

TRAIL — 6-8 p.m. Mondays

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

Classes — Guitar, piano and gymnastic classes available. To register, call 377-4116.

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.

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DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — roast pork loin, jaegerschnitzel veal, chicken coron bleu, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, cornbread, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, chili, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — herbed baked chicken, beef and noodles, fried catfish, blackeyed peas, rice, cornbread, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, broccoli soup, bean and ham soup, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, country-style steak, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, rice, vegetable gravy, baked beans, broccoli, cauliflower parmesan, corn O'Brien, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetables, chicken noodle, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney-bean salad, white-bean salad, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Dinner — crispy baked chicken, beef yakisba, baked ham, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, french-style peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley salad, kidney-bean salad, white-bean salad, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, beef manicotti/cannelloni, potato wedges, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, steamed rice, gravy, collard greens, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Dinner — baked fish, sauerbraten, chicken breast parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, German coleslaw, chili, broccoli soup, chicken with rice and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — turkey, ribeye steak, cornbread, tempura fish, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, cucumber and onion salad, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, 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, chile con queso, Tuscan vegetable, chicken noodle, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — roast pork loin, barbecue beef cubes, garlic toast, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, 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, chili, minestrone soup, baja chicken enchilada, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, chow mien noodles, Chinese fried cabbage, gravy, lemon sesame green beans, cole slaw, country-style tomato salad, white-bean chicken chilli, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and monte cristo sandwich.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, Swiss steak, fried chicken, brown rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, asparagus, simmered cabbage, coleslaw, tomato salad, chili, clam chowder, chicken gumbo, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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. Limit of two tickets to any five games. Call 377-3818. View the Saints' season schedule at <http://www.neworleans-saints.com/Game%20Day/Seasons/2009%20Schedule.aspx>.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career — 9 a.m. Oct. 5, Room 108A, Sablich Center. This free 2½-hour briefing is for officers and senior enlisted members who plan to leave the service in the next five years. Spouses and civilians are invited. Topics include job-hunting competition, job search plan, resumes, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for a successful interview, rejection, and salary negotiations and benefit packages. To register, call 376-8728.

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. today, 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.

MEETINGS

Upcoming

Air Force Association John C. Stennis Chapter — membership meeting and free lunch, 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9, Room 108, Sablich Center. Current and potential members invited. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Lyanna Pena-Lewis, 377-1928, or e-mail lyanna.penalewis@keesler.af.mil.

Recurring

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.

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 camoprincess92@gmail.com or visit <http://www.keeslercap.org>.

Company grade officers council — 4:30 p.m. every second Wednesday at the Keesler Marina inside of the Kantina. Call Capt. Naomi Henigin, 377-0779, for more information.

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@cableone.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, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$1.50 children for regular features, and \$2.50 adults and \$1 children for matinees. For recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday: 6:30 p.m., GI Joe: Rise of the Cobra (PG-13)

Saturday: 2 p.m., Post Grad (PG-13); 6:30 p.m., Perfect Getaway (R).

Sunday: 1 p.m., The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R).

October weather outlook

October is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. Summer is over; the days are warm but mild and the nights are cool. Air mass thunderstorms are rare and hurricanes and other storms in the Gulf of Mexico become less common. Low pressure systems usually remain to the north and frontal passages tend to be weak. Normally, October is relatively dry. However, prolonged periods of rain have occurred. Some hazy days are to be expected.

Extreme maximum temperature (F)	93
Mean daily maximum temperature (F)	78
Mean daily minimum temperature (F)	62
Extreme minimum temperature (F)	34
Mean relative humidity (percent)	69
Mean monthly precipitation (inches)	2.76
Mean number of days with precipitation	5
Mean number of days with thunderstorms	2
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches)	8.42
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet	4.9
1,000 feet	2.6
300 feet	0.5
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles	15.6
3 miles	3.4
1 mile	1.0
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots	34.3
4-10 knots	59.8
11-21 knots	5.9
22 knots or greater	0.0

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

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

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

About 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

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

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

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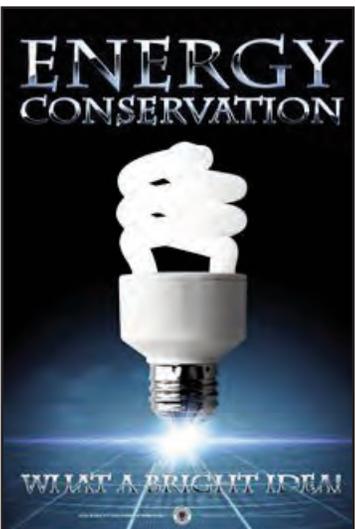
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October 2009

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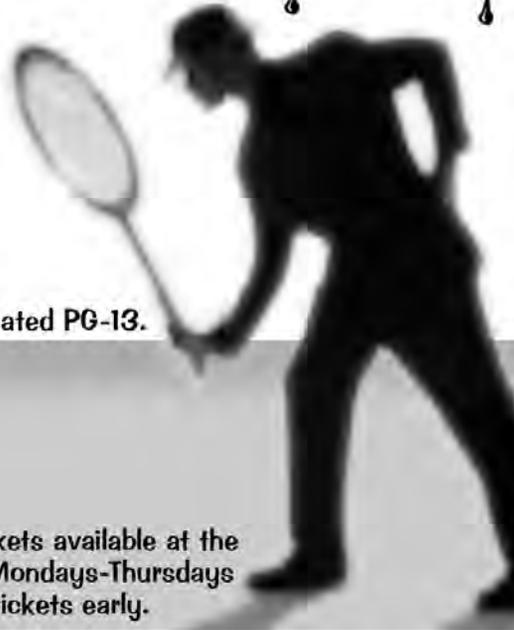
Oct. 1 in the Dragon's Lair

6 p.m. Social Hour

7 p.m. Dinner and Show

A "whodunit" presented by MEDLOCK/MACKEN PRODUCTIONS.

Rated PG-13.



\$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.

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Cars
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- ⊗ Best of Show: Engine
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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 makeover — call for hours.

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.

Nine-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.

BAY BREEZE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



OCT. 24-25

PRIZES INCLUDE A BUDWEISER GOLF BAG!

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Cookout, refreshments and beverages both days.

HOLE IN ONE AWARDS!

Hole #3	Trip to Tour Academy in FL
Hole #10	Atlantic City Trump's Golf Links Vacation
Hole #12	2009 GMC Sierra
Hole #17	Five day, four night vacation at a Fairmont Resort

Individual stroke play by flight, must have handicap.
Tee times by flight. Call 377-3832, by Oct. 21 to sign up.




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.

Monster circuit challenge — 6:30-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 3-5 p.m. Oct. 9 at Dragon Fitness Center. The first 50 to show up participate. Call for more information.

Sports advisory council meeting — 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Vandenberg Community Center.

Free 5K costume fun run — noon, Oct. 28 starting at the Crowell Track. Register Oct. 12-23 at any fitness center. Participants must wear costumes. Awards for the top male and female costume. Costumes must be in good taste and safe.

Intramural basketball registration — for regular division and ages 30 and older. Letters of intent due Nov. 5. Coaches' meeting 3:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at Vandenberg Community Center. Games held at Dragon and Blake Fitness Centers.

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.

Free fitness incentive programs — available at Blake, Dragon and Triangle Fitness Centers. Awards presented.

Free fitness classes at Dragon Fitness Center — For class descriptions and schedule, log on to <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.

Massage therapist — To schedule, call (228) 348-6698.

Free blood pressure checks — available at all fitness centers.

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 makeover — due to construction, our hours will vary. Call for hours of operation.

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

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.

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

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.

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 person, 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 374-0088.

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 \$34.75 with a queen bed, refrigerator, microwave and shared bathroom; visitor's quarters \$39 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.

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.

Club member discounts — must show club card to receive.

Margarita night — 5-7 p.m. Oct. 15. Karaoke with D J Wayne, margaritas and chips and salsa.

Pre-Halloween party — 5-7 p.m. Oct. 28. Wings and things, devilicious snacks and scary drink specials. Free admission for members, nonmembers pay \$3 at the door.

Monday madness lunch buffets — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6, nonmembers \$8. Buffets includes entree, salad, bread, cobbler and iced tea. Buy nine and your tenth buffet is free. Monday, fried and baked chicken; Oct. 5, pot roast; Oct. 19, lasagna; Oct. 26, meat loaf.

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

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, beef brisket; Oct. 7 Italian; Oct. 9 barbecue ribs; Oct. 21 Cajun Creole chicken; Oct. 28. beef brisket.

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

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.

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

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

Story time — 10 a.m. Oct. 20 for ages 3-5.

"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, Business Searching Interface, and more.

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.

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. Ask staff for assistance.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

Catamaran sailboat for rent — \$10 per hour, two hour minimum, or \$75 per day. Trailer and take off site for \$100 per day or \$175 per weekend. Must be sailboat certified.

Introduction to sailing class — 9 a.m. Oct. 2 at the Marina. \$40 for six hour class, two hours of instruction, four hours of sailing. This will certify you to rent our catamaran sailboat. Minimum six, maximum 10 participants.

Free kids fishing rodeo — Oct. 17 for children and grandchildren of active duty/retired military and Department of Defense civilian personnel. Pole and first cup of bait provided. Fishing takes place 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scales open noon to 1 p.m. Categories for boys and girls ages 2-6, 7-11 and 12-15. Fish must be caught from the marina's east and west piers. All salt water fish, except catfish, eel and stingray are eligible. First and second place prizes.

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

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

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.

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

Back bay fishing trips — \$20, call for date and time.

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

Rental campers — tow to your destination and enjoy. \$50/day

Marina slips — overnight and monthly available.

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.

NAF SALES

377-0002

Today, Wednesday and Oct. 1, 7, and 8 — at Muse Manor. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. open to all Department of Defense card holders.

Tuesday and Oct. 6 — at Muse Manor. 8-11 a.m. open to active duty military and/or their dependents only. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. open to all Department of Defense card holders.

Items for sale — assorted furniture, small appliances, television sets, mattresses, box springs and more.

Terms of sale — all sales are cash and carry. Customers must load their own purchases and remove them immediately. Commercial reps. should not expect to make quantity buys.

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For more information, call 377-3308 or visit www.keeslerservices.us

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Twilight Terrorfest Oct. 29
 6 p.m. - midnight

Live Band
nonprior service students only

UBU

pumpkin carving contest
dancing
prizes
costume contest

\$3 admission

Full Moon
vampires
Halloween House
Zombies
Black Cat
scream
candy
Magic
Goblins
Broomstick
WEREWOLF
GHOYS
Wicked
trick-or-treats
MONSTER
Bones
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pumpkins
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raven
BOO!
RIP
MUMMY
Halloween Eve
POTIONS
Witches

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Specials

Kids' costume contest — 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

Pumpkin decorating contest — 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 29. Pick up your pumpkin Oct. 23-24 and return it by 5 p.m. Oct. 27. Winners announced Oct. 29.

Columbus Day closings — auto and wood shops closed Oct. 11. Multi-craft, frame and engraving shops closed Oct. 13.

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies; \$10 each.

"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 — 10:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 and 24. \$30 including instruction and materials.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3. \$20 including materials.

Card making — 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 15. \$7 including instruction and materials.

Beginners pottery — Oct. 17. \$40 including instruction and supplies. Call for time.

Frame shop

Beginning framing — 12:30-4 p.m. Oct. 2, 16 and 30. \$30 includes materials. Bring your favorite photo or artwork, no larger than 11x14-inches.

Custom orders — individual, customized orders available. Coordinate framing awards with engraving shop accessories.

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 instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. Oct. 3 and 17. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Oct. 10 and 24. \$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.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: Located in Locker House, Building 3101 on C Street. For more information, call 377-3189.

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

Air Force Aid Society programs — pay for child care for volunteers working on base, and 20 hours of child care for E6 and below who are making a permanent change of station. For eligibility and guidance, call 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 members, returning 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 Avenue north of 81st Security Forces Squadron 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. Tuesdays 9-ball, 7 p.m. Wednesdays 8-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.

Birthday dance — 6:30-midnight Oct. 16. Nonprior service students with October birthdays enter the dance free.

"UBU" house party — for nonprior service students only, 6 p.m. Oct. 29 in conjunction with Twilight Terrorfest. NPS students pick up a UBU card, or show your current UBU card, and become eligible for food and prize giveaways. 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.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. All animals in base housing must be registered with the veterinary 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, call to schedule. \$15 vet fee or \$10 tech fee applied.

Health certificates — available for travel.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

Youth basketball registration — begins Oct. 15.

Red ribbon week activities — Oct. 17-25.

Lights on after school program — Oct. 22.

Make a difference day — Oct. 24

TRAIL (Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership) /Keystone Club — 6-8 p.m. Mondays, for ages 13-18.

Tap/ballet/acrobatics class — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for ages 3 and older. \$50 per month, call to enroll.

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

Taekwondo, gymnastics, guitar and piano — classes available.

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