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Katrina showcased spirit, motivation, courage

By Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller

81st Training Wing commander

Five years ago this week, Keesler, the Biloxi/Gulfport area and the Mississippi and Louisiana coast were overrun by Hurricane Katrina. The storm, initially forecast to bypass the area altogether, left much of the coastline under several feet of water, thousands of people homeless, and almost a billion dollars of damage to 95 percent of the base facilities.

Despite this devastation, Keesler's hospital continued to provide service throughout the storm — even delivering a baby by flashlight. Just hours after the storm passed, the airfield was open and supporting airlift missions to provide much needed supplies to the area. Remarkably, just 18 days later, many of Keesler's training courses resumed so highly-trained graduates continued to flow to Air Force units around the world.

What made this quick recovery possible? The people of Team Keesler. Despite the personal loss to their homes and property, Keesler's people dug out, dried out, and returned — or in many cases stayed at work — to continue the mission. Many

of these people are still on our team today. Al Watkins, who infamously drove the "Dominator" to check on the safety of the water supply, still does this today — minus the big blue vacuum truck. Brett Long lost his home, but still manages our new base housing. Joyce Sloan took a Keesler finance team to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla, and overcame tremendous challenges to close out the fiscal 2005 financial accounts on time and under budget.

The spirit, motivation and courage displayed by all those who re-energized Keesler days after Katrina embody the Air Force core value of service before self. Those qualities are a lasting reminder of what individuals committed to a larger team effort can really do. They reflect the high level of enduring community support for this base and the military mission which inspired the city of Biloxi to donate the land to establish an Army Air Corp Station here in 1941.

Aug. 25, 1941, the war department officially designated, Army Air Corps Station No. 8 Keesler Army Airfield. Sixty-nine years later, Keesler remains a vibrant base sustaining state-of-the-art technical training, an airfield capable of supporting

a wide variety of aircraft and hosting a Reserve wing flying the newest C-130Js.

In five years, Keesler has been rebuilt to include 1,028 new base homes, a brand new base exchange and commissary and a multi-million dollar events center opening in September. Unless I sent you out with Mr. Watkins or any other member of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron who saw Katrina's devastation firsthand, you would be hard-pressed to find any remaining facility damage caused by the storm.

Katrina showed us Mother Nature can pack a pretty mean punch, one we must always respect. Katrina also showed us the character of the people who comprise our team. Like many other hurricanes which tried to slow us down, Katrina has come and gone. However, the spirit and commitment of the people to the mission of Keesler has endured.

To those of you who have worked to initially sustain the base with the barest essentials and have watched it grow to where it is today, I salute you. We should be very proud of what has been accomplished and extremely excited about our future. I'm proud to be a member of Team Keesler and I look forward to seeing what's ahead for our base.

Today's Air Force spouses need wingmen, too

By Leslie Lorenz

Editor's note: Leslie Lorenz is married to Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander.

I recently met two young military wives. I was so happy to meet these bright, young, eager, new spouses as they and their husbands begin an exciting career in our wonderful Air Force.

Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is the first assignment for one of the couples. They are originally from the northeast and come from families with virtually no military connection. They've also just completed their first year of marriage. For the other couple, this is their second duty station. They previously had a wonderful experience at Columbus AFB, Miss., and have also been married a year. Both spouses had been here at Randolph for a short time. Unfortunately, their common experience is that no one has welcomed them yet. This made me sad.

I invited them to come to my house for a potluck salad luncheon with other spouses I've come to know since arriving at Randolph. Six spouses attended — my two new acquaintances and four others who were married to Airmen in training. The spouses of the trainees were busy, knew each other and

seemed happy and looking forward to their next assignment.

I opened the lunch by sharing my experience as a new Air Force wife 35 years ago. I differed from these military spouses in that I was an Air Force "brat" so therefore knew about the Air Force culture before jumping into it with Steve. I was also a bit older, having taught school for five years before we were married.

I told them that a couple of months into our marriage I went through what we now call our "annulment period." Steve was so busy sitting alert, flying at odd hours of the day and night and going to school on the weekends for his master's degree. I began to think it had been a mistake to get married. I missed my friends, my job and my family ... and I wanted to go home. Based upon my upbringing, it was assumed I would simply adjust to the rigors of supporting my service member and everything he had to do. Over time, Steve and I worked through our initial struggles, and we've loved our Air Force life and all our assignments.

A short time after our spouses' luncheon, one of my new acquaintances sent me a thank you note and said she felt like I did 35 years ago. I realized that if

these young spouses were feeling this way, probably others were too.

So, as military spouses, what can we do? How do we respond to this inadvertent neglect? First, I implore active-duty members to be aware of the sacrifices their wives and husbands make. In the scenario of the two spouses I recently met, I'm talking about the beginning of the Air Force life for new families. I observed two young people who love their active-duty spouses but have left everything that is familiar to start their life's adventure.

The staff sergeant or lieutenant is doing what he or she wanted to do — serving the Air Force. They go to work, meet people, learn new skills and, hopefully, step closer to their life goals. However, their civilian wife or husband is in a new place, probably doesn't have a job or is trying to get one, or perhaps is enrolling in college. Worst of all is the lack of social support because they don't know anyone. The active-duty member should be aware and supportive while their spouse is making this transition. Finding another couple in their situation can make the transition much easier. A retiree I spoke to put it poignantly, "The spouse needs a wingman too."

This concept of wingmen transcends the active-duty force. I believe every member of the unit plays a role in supporting our spouses ... especially commanders and supervisors. I ask you to please consider your own experience in your unit. Did you feel welcomed, cared for and significant when you arrived? If the answer is no, think about what you can do. I understand the challenge with personal time constraints and operations tempo, but if your squadron, work area or office isn't welcoming new people, consider volunteering to lead this effort.

Our Key Spouse program is essentially a peer support group that units at all levels can use to integrate new spouses into the organization. The program also encourages key spouses to meet with Air Force leadership and collectively solve issues and concerns unique to Air Force families. It is another tool meant to be employed by unit leadership to foster the care and support our families deserve.

We owe it to each other to welcome and support our Air Force family members. This commitment involves creativity, persistence, passion and a heart for service to others. Are you willing to become a spouse's wingman?

ON THE COVER

A kaleidoscope of post-Hurricane Katrina milestones swirl around a massive eagle wood carving by Marlin Miller in front of Keesler's new shopping complex. The carving symbolizes the base's resilience, resurgence and hope. Other events depicted, clockwise from top left, are the grand opening of the new base exchange and commissary, the dedication of the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, 81st Training Group students marching to class and construction of the 81st Medical Group Hospital's new inpatient tower.

Photo illustration by Steve Hoffmann



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DRAGON ON THE STREET

By Kemberly Groue

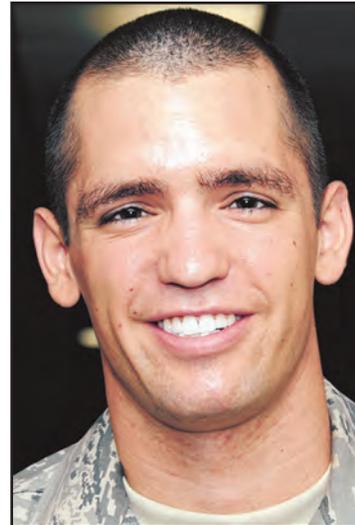
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What is the best thing that's happened to you so far this year?



"I made tech sergeant!"

Staff Sgt. Scott Capodice, 335th Training Squadron



"I graduated from the Air Force Academy!"

2nd Lt. Ben Shoptaugh, 333rd Training Squadron



"I accepted my new position and put in my Reserve retirement."

Roseanne Peterson, CSC

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

U.S. Space Command commander is briefed on Keesler's officer cybertraining course

Gen. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander, has an open discussion with officers from the 333rd Training Squadron's undergraduate cyber training course during lunch Aug. 17 in Stennis Hall. Earlier, he was briefed on the course and toured the facility where training takes place.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



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Are you ready for the storm? Week-long exercise tests hurricane plan



Photos by Kemberly Groue

From left, Capt. Donna Burrowes and Airman Guillermo Hernandez, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, are checked into the Jones Hall shelter by Staff Sgt. Christopher Guertin, 338th Training Squadron shelter management team member.



From left, Airman Christopher Roman, Airman Basic Keegan McCaskie, Airman 1st Class Noel Shaughnessy, Staff Sgt. Brandon Eberhardt and Airman Basic Cory Mitchell shelter in Jones Hall. Sergeant Eberhardt is a military training leader and the others are students in the 338th TRS.

New leader for 333rd Training Squadron



Photo by Kemberly Groue

First Lt. Walker Hofmann, a undergraduate cyber training course instructor in the 333rd Training Squadron, shows a training mockup to his new commander, Lt. Col. Douglas Short, and one of his students, 2nd Lt. Hannah Marcelo, Aug. 19. Colonel Short, who took command July 30, previously served with U.S. Joint Forces Command, Naval Station Norfolk, Va., where he was executive officer for the command, control, communications and computer directorate. Lt. Col. Scott Solomon, who had led the 333rd TRS for two years, is now the deputy commander of the 81st Training Group.

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SUMMER**

TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

CCAF fall graduation

Friday is the last day to apply for the Community College of the Air Force's fall graduating class.

All supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., including the nomination action request.

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

Commissioning briefings

Commissioning briefings are 10 a.m. Tuesdays in Room 224, Sablich Center.

Drill down, parade

Drill down — 8 a.m. Oct. 15.

Parade — 6 p.m. Sept. 16.

For more information on drill downs, call Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 377-2103. For information on parades, call Staff Sgt. Gregory Washington, 377-2789.

CCAF online

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

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

GI Bill benefits

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

For more information, call 376-8708.

OTS boards

The Officer Training School recruiting services board schedule is:

110T01 — rated board; application cutoff Dec. 2; board date Jan. 24-28, estimated release date Feb. 25.

110T02 — nonrated

Academic ace



Airman Basic Joshua Heath graduated from the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a perfect score. Airman Heath is from Kimball, Minn., and continues his training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in the 16-week avionics systems apprentice course

board; application cutoff Feb. 24; board date April 11-15; estimated release date June 2.

110T03 — rated as needed; application cutoff June 23, board date Aug. 8-12, 2011; estimated release date Sept. 9, 2011.

CCAF program

The Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile is a partnership between CCAF and civilian academic institutions that offers clustered online general education courses to meet CCAF degree requirements.

For more information, call 376-8708. or 8710.

Base shuttle schedules are found at

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp>

Family Health Initiative offers team approach to health care

By Lt. Col. Julia Goode

81st Medical Group

The Air Force's Family Health Initiative will be fully implemented in Keesler's family health clinic during September.

The FHI, launched in August 2008 at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and Edwards AFB, Calif., is modeled on the patient-centered medical home, a 1960s concept making a comeback as the nation struggles to make health care more efficient.

A patient-centered model consists of a primary-care doctor, nurse and technicians working as a team to provide treatment for most conditions and making referrals to specialists as necessary. Thirteen more Air Force medical treatment facilities implemented the FHI during 2008-2009. In 2010, 20 more Air Force MTFs, including Keesler, will put the FHI's tenets into practice.

The model has the support of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and other national health-care groups.

"The patient-centered medical home is really about providing that personalized, continuous care that is comprehensive," said Dr. Lori Heim, a retired Air Force colonel who is AAFP president-elect.

We're "trying to refocus (care) on what does the patient need and providing care through a team approach."

Under the Air Force program, a family health team consists of a family practice physician, an extender (a physician assistant or nurse practitioner), a registered nurse and five medical technicians.

The FHI will solidify the Air Force Surgeon General's vision of how primary care at Air Force MTFs should be: a medical home that is pleasing to both patients and medical staff. The primary goals are improved doctor-patient relationships, better access to treatment and higher quality care.

The FHI currently is limited to the family health clinic, though pediatrics could be included later. The FHI focuses on the personal relationship between patient and provider, creating a greater continuity of care. Building rapport with a medical team doctor, nurse and technician will put the focus more on preventive, proactive care instead of reactive care, leading ultimately to healthier airmen and their families.

Keesler's family health clinic, which serves approximately 14,000 patients, will be restructured into six family-health teams. Each team will have a set population of approximately 2,500 patients.

Although the transition to

the teams will be virtually transparent to patients, the obvious changes will be centered on dedicated appointments with their assigned team doctor or team extender. Patients will no longer be booked with potentially 14 different clinic providers. Continuity of care will be achieved by having patients see only their medical team.

As continuity builds between the team and patient, so should trust, resulting in a more satisfying health-care experience.

As with all military organizations, deployments and personnel transfers are a reality and will result in periodic changes to a patient's medical team. When the team provider is absent for an extended period, the patient can anticipate an interruption in the continuity of care. For longer term absences, patients temporarily will be seen by another team.

Additionally, about 1,000 of the clinic's 14,000 patients were "reassigned" to a new team to achieve the 2,500-patient balance per team. The clinic staff appreciates the understanding of patients notified they have a new family health physician or extender.

The clinic will work hard towards a seamless transition as it continues to meet each patient's health-care needs.

Veterans may qualify for oil spill mortgage delays

Air Force News Service

Veterans along the Gulf Coast impacted by the recent oil spill may qualify for delayed mortgage payments if their mortgages already are guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We are strongly urging mortgage companies to extend every possible forbearance to veterans whose livelihoods have been affected by the oil spill crisis," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki.

Several mortgage companies already have announced plans to waive late payment

charges and suspend negative reporting to credit bureaus on affected borrowers. VA officials are asking all mortgage companies to follow this example.

"Through no fault of their own, many of our veterans are out of work and are struggling to earn an income," the secretary said. "We must assist these veterans in this difficult time, just as they have supported us in their sacrifice to the nation."

For more information, visit www.homeloans.va.gov or call 1-877-827-3702.

IN THE NEWS



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2 reservists picked for promotion

Majs. Virginia Kenny and Robert Noll Jr., reservists assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, have been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submissions for the Sept. 9 issue of the Keesler News is noon Sept. 2 because of the Sept. 6 Labor Day holiday.

DOD efficiency contest under way

Through Sept. 24, active-duty, reserve and civilian employees from all military components are invited to submit ideas to make the Department of Defense more efficient and effective at www.defense.gov/invest.

Classified information should not be included in the entries.

By Oct. 15, each military department forwards its top 25 ideas to DOD. Oct. 31, the final 25 winners are announced and receive cash awards from \$500 to \$1,000.

Renovated museum reopens

Air Force News Service

LACKLAND Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials reopened a newly-named and renovated enlisted heritage museum here Aug. 12.

In addition to spending \$730,000 to renovate a building that has housed the museum since 1956, the name was officially changed from the History and Traditions Museum to the USAF Airman Heritage Museum.

The renovation project, a total makeover inside and out, took more than nine months to complete and was funded by Air Education and Training Command, 2nd Air Force and the 37th Training Wing.

Along with the building upgrades, the museum now has interactive technology, museum quality lighting, 31 exhibits and additional staff.

AFIT Heritage Symposium planned

The 2010 Air Force Institute of Technology Heritage Symposium is Sept. 21-22 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Register online at www.afit.edu/symposium

Dragons deployed — 268

Safety of electronic cigarettes questioned

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The Air Force surgeon general has issued a memo alerting Airmen about safety concerns regarding electronic cigarettes, a new type of nicotine product.

Also known as “e-cigs,” electronic cigarettes are battery-operated devices that look like conventional cigarettes. The e-cig contains a cartridge filled with nicotine, which is delivered to the user

as a vapor. Water vapor is emitted from the end of the device to mimic the appearance of smoke.

“Advertisements claim electronic cigarettes are a healthier way to smoke, but

one sample tested by the Food and Drug Administration contained diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze,” wrote Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, the Air Force surgeon general.

Other samples tested by the FDA contained cancer-causing agents, yet there are no health warnings on these products similar to those seen on conventional cigarette packages, the memo states.

“Manufacturers offer cartridges with decreasing levels of nicotine, with the idea that they can be used to help someone quit smoking,” Dr. Green wrote. “No studies have been done to demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of these products as tobacco cessation aids, and they are not approved by the FDA as a drug delivery device. Commanders also need to be aware that the cartridges used in these devices are replaceable and could be used to discreetly deliver substances other than nicotine.”

The memo states that due to the nature, appearance and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category as tobacco products, the use of which is governed by Air Force Instruction 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force. This new product will be included in the upcoming revision of AFI 40-102 due out this fall.

News tips?

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Information dominance wins wars — protect it!

Retroactive stop loss pay claims

Air Force News Service

Airmen, veterans and beneficiaries who were involuntarily extended under stop loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for retroactive stop loss special pay.

If your enlistment was involuntarily extended due to stop loss, and you have yet to file a claim for retroactive stop loss special pay, Oct. 21 is the last day to file.

For links to the claim forms and instructions on how to file, log on to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss

Moving in October?

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron

The Joint Personal Property Office in San Antonio relocates to Port San Antonio Oct. 7 and will be minimally manned the entire month.

Carol Emling, personal property chief for the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, advises all service members relocating in October to visit the personal property processing office, Room 114, Sablich Center, no later than 30 days prior to their desired pickup date to ensure a smooth personal property move.

Technical training students in the Triangle area must contact the traffic management office, Room 211, Levitow Training Support Facility.

Records for departing civilians

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force civilians are now able to access their electronic Official Personnel Folder for up to 60 days following their date of separation.

This new capability allows employees to log into the AFPC Secure website from a personal computer using a user ID and password and download a copy of their final separation Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action, or any other eOPF document.

The user ID and password must be created prior to separation. For instructions on how to establish a user ID and password, visit the personnel services website and enter keyword “eOPF.”

Allowing separated employees access to their eOPF for up to 60 days gives them immediate access to their final SF 50. Previously, employees had to wait for a hard copy to be mailed.

For more information on any of the self-service initiatives, visit the AFPC personnel services website and enter keywords “self service updates,” or call the Total Force Service Center, 800-525-0102.

Classes for job hunters

Job hunters can improve their chances for success with several upcoming classes at the airman and family readiness center.

All classes are held in the center’s conference room in Sablich Center. There’s a limit of 10 people per class.

Federal format resume writing — 9:30 a.m. today; 2 p.m. Sept. 16 or 30, Oct. 14, Nov. 17 and Dec. 9; and 3 p.m. Oct. 28.

Civilian format resume writing — 2 p.m. Sept. 9, Oct. 7 or 21, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 or 16; and 3 p.m. Sept. 23.

Career choices — noon to 2:30 p.m. today, Sept. 23 and Oct. 29.

Interview skills and salary negotiation — 11 a.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28.

Registration is required.

For more information, call 376-8728 or e-mail iana.smith.1@us.af.mil.

140 senior airmen selected for promotion

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Keesler has 140 senior airmen on the staff sergeant promotion list released Aug. 19.

They are:

45th Airlift Squadron — Lesley Beard.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Katelynn Brooks, Candace Grantham, Lakedrian Guy, Ebony Hodges, Cassondra Johnson, Andrew Kim, Carlina Moreland and Kerry Zorns.

81st Communications Squadron — Brandy Defore, Trithena Law and Clint Stevens.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Thomas Butler.

81st Dental Squadron — Jacob Broersma, Allison Fannaly, Raul Gesmundo, Casey Lovelace, Jacob Munoz, Gilberto Quijano, Veronica Reese, Eric Robbins and Rebekah Rush.

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron — Kevin Adams, Peter Bevis, Kwamina Boyd, Ryan Britten, Amanda Burt, Katijah Gachett, Tonya Hebert, Andrea Idudhe, Brandon Leach, Malary Leuellen, Nina Valdez and Jason Venable.

81st Force Support Squadron — Kathryn Braun, Tranisha Brown, Jessica Bryars, Adam Hawley, Shelley Meczywor, Larry Moreno, Monik Oubina, Crystale Samuel, Staci Schrift, N. Cody Spitler and Destini Thompson.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Melissa Baxter, Carrie Hall, Anna Martin, Marlena Pagliuca, Tanaessa Smith and Douglas Wallace.

81st Logistics Readiness Squadron — Bounliene Chanthapho, Joshua Dailey and John Kyle.

81st Medical Group — Alyssa Rodriguez.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Valerie Aguilera, Brandon Ailes, Kristen Block, Lashauna Brown, Edgar Corona, Kenyatta Curtis, William Haigood, Ryan Hartman, Kendra Henderson, Ashli Maldonado, Kristin Nelson, Kevin Peterson, Corwyn Potts, Niguel Pulley, Ashley Ross, Grant Sheely, Promesha Sloan and Dominique Woodfork.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Emmanuel Balderas, Robert Barros, Sharpton Cimbali, Kristin Conde, Aaron DeLetoile, Jennifer Gesmundo, Tony Hannah, Ashley Iovieno, Tina Jaronik, Logan Kendrick, Sung Kwon, Kimberly Pidbirny-Montoya, Latoya Richard, Kerry Tillman and Noel Vindua.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Takara Cunningham, Ashley Garnier, Jeremiah Ramos and Kelvin Sims.

81st Operations Support Flight — Tyler Reese.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Ernest Boaldin, Garrett Bullington, Angelica Damore, Richard Gibbs, Matthew Hemphill, Sarah Hurtado, Christopher Jenkins, David MacDonald, Chelsie McCall, Ramon Nazario, Carlos Orantes, Rebecca Turknott, Robert Vogel and Cody West.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Maria Arriola, Edward Austin, Steven Cosentini, Marissa Decker, Sherenda Fausnaugh, Michael Kerber, Bradley Louk, Laura Munoz, Devin Rudd and Christi Villarreal.

81st Training Group — Audrey Hill.

81st Training Support Squadron — Stephen Johnson and Thomas Sirovey.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron —

Robert Degrasse, Richard Ebert, Ivan Guerrero, Michael Johnson, Jesse Laclair, Dacia Nagy, Seth Reed, Eric Ruiz and Herschal Wiley.

332nd Training Squadron — Audrey Mau and Vernon Peoples.

334th TRS — Jonathan Chickletts, Toby Jacob, Mallissa Lee and Jeramie Piefer

335th TRS — Kimber Anson and Brandon Bell.

338th TRS — Charles Boyd, Troskey Jefferson and Shawn Rykken.

Officials selected 13,518 of 28,510 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant for a selection rate of 47.41 percent.

The average score for those selected was 282.88, with an average time in grade of 1.97 years and an average time in service of 4.55 years, respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages: 131.31 for enlisted performance reports, 0.94 for decorations, 71.18 for the promotion fitness examination and 59.08 for the specialty knowledge test.

Those selected for staff sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in September 2010.

Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. AFPC officials notify Airmen through their military personnel sections if their selection is in question.

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Tops in Blue is in Biloxi Nov. 4



Photo by Robbin Cresswell
Senior Airman Hansil Jules performs during the **Tops In Blue** concert July 28 at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Jules, 81st Dental Squadron, is part of the all-active duty special unit made up of talented amateurs that performs across the U.S. and around the world as Air Force musical ambassadors. **Tops in Blue** performs a free show at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi Nov. 4.

5 years after Hurricane Katrina Looking back, headed forward

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Katrina was five years ago — get over it!

Similar sentiments have surfaced these past few weeks as Keesler and the Mississippi Gulf Coast prepare for the five-year anniversary of the most devastating natural disaster in U.S. history. But if you were at Keesler in Katrina's aftermath, it's hard to look forward without all the memories flooding back.

Every Keesler person who experienced Hurricane Katrina has a different story. Every individual who was on the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005, has a different vantage point. Some lost homes, others lost work places, many lost the culture and way of life they cherished.

Take **Adrien Augustine**, for example. The retired chief master sergeant was Keesler's military personnel flight chief when he loaded up his two children and evacuated to Shreveport, La. Once the hurricane had passed, he got a phone call from his neighbor in the St. Martin community telling him there was no need to come home — he no longer had a home.

"I didn't care that much about the house itself — it was the sentimental things that can't be replaced," Mr. Augustine pointed out. "The things that belonged to my late wife that I was saving for our daughter, the shadow box and keepsakes from my retirement, were all crushed under mud and debris."

He remembers the day he called his insurance company and when the woman asked him what his losses were, he said, "Everything!" as tears rolled down his cheeks.

"The hardest part for me was not just losing our home, but losing that sense of control, that ability to provide for my family," he said.

Many homes were destroyed in south Mississippi so rental properties were at a premium. The Augustines stayed with friends until they found a house to rent two months after the storm. To make matters worse, Mr. Augustine learned that all of his family members back in New Orleans had lost their homes, too.

He rebuilt his home better than before and said, "I guess it's the cycle of life — sometimes you just have to start all over again."

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Memories,

from Page 12

Staff Sgt. Christopher Freimann, a military training leader in the 332nd Training Squadron, was a heavy equipment operator in the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron when Katrina slammed the base.

“I can honestly say that I watched Keesler’s destruction and transformation as it was happening, sometimes with no shield other than the equipment I was in,” he recalled. “We were instructed to shelter in our shop and remain on standby for anything that came up.”

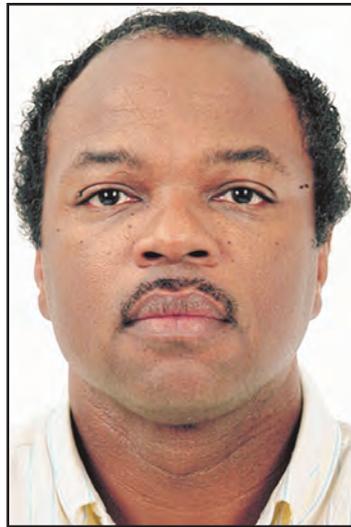
The civil engineering team was the only shop on base that had equipment and trucks to make it through Katrina’s winds and waters if help was needed. The “dirt boys” were called out twice in the middle of the storm — once as water surged into the 81st Security Forces Squadron building and later to check on Wolfe Hall.

“When the winds finally started to die down, we were already geared up — bulldozers, backhoes, front-end loaders ready — and started clearing paths to high-priority buildings,” Sergeant Freimann reported. “That day was probably one of the longest I’ve had in my military career. The base didn’t look anything like it had just a few hours earlier — no road was passable, no building untouched.”

Sergeant Freimann, who’s been at Keesler seven years now, is proud of the way Team Keesler has rebounded from Katrina’s devastation.

“Every day when I come to work, I swear I notice something new that has been replaced, repaired, whatever,” he observed. “It is good to see that Team Keesler pulled together as a whole to do whatever it took to get this place up and running.”

“I love to hear when people talk about Katrina and how they watched it on TV,” he continued. “I usually laugh and say, ‘Boy, have I got a story for you!’ I show them the video of the bobcats cleaning out the old commis-



Mr. Augustine

sary or the pictures of how high the water was, and tell them of a time when a family of engineers survived the worst natural disaster and then put all on the line to get their ‘home’ cleaned up and repaired. It would never have happened without the hard work and dedication of the 81st CES, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron from Hurlburt Field, Fla., and others.”

Jim McClish was a senior master sergeant in charge of the base’s munitions storage area when Katrina struck. Since then, he’s retired from active duty and is the munitions accountable systems officer contract performance manager for the 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

“The munitions storage area was decimated by Katrina, with 7 feet of water in its main munitions storage structure, as well as the office and maintenance bay building,” Mr. McClish said. The building was north of Bay Breeze Golf Course, just a few feet away from Biloxi’s Back Bay. “We had to ship all the munitions out to get inspected by another base,” he noted. “When we got them back, we had to store them at three different locations (Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, and Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.) Any maintenance or inspection on the munitions had to be done in Gulfport.

“It was a major pain for almost 4½ years,” Mr. McClish admitted.



Sergeant Freimann

What’s your Katrina story?

This is a just sampling of Katrina memories from Team Keesler members. If you’d like to share your own story, post a comment where this story appears on Keesler’s public website, www.keesler.af.mil.

In January, a new munitions storage area with an office and inspection bay opened its doors.

“The new buildings are just what the doctor ordered, and we’re extremely pleased to have all munitions support functions back at Keesler,” Mr. McClish remarked.

Willa Talton, administrative assistant to the 81st Training Group commander, said, “Katrina changed our lives forever. My husband Roy and I returned to find our house destroyed internally and everything in it. As we began to repair our house, we saw how God can change the worst things in life into something good. We were blessed with the outpouring of love and kindness from relatives and friends as well as from strangers. Our daughter provided us a place to live for two years.

“The year following Katrina was a very tough year — a staph infection in my foot from working in my house, car accident, broken toe, major illness, our little dachshund died from contacting infection in our house, a brother-in-law passed away and the worst thing, my mother passed away.”



Mrs. Talton

The Taltons were able to move back into their home in May 2007.

“We were blessed with all new furnishings, and my uncle blessed us by building some of the kitchen cabinets,” she noted.

“Although we will never forget August 29, 2005, it’s time to put Katrina in the past and move on,” she declared. “No matter how dark the clouds may be, the sun will come shining through. ‘He who sows with tears will reap with joy.’”

Tim Dutton was on the 81st Training Wing staff serving a stint with the Keesler Honor Guard when Hurricane Katrina targeted Keesler. He and his family sheltered in Wolfe Hall.

“We were up playing cards at midnight on Sept. 1, and one of my honor guard members tacked on my master sergeant stripe — I never had a promotion ceremony,” he remembered.

Mr. Dutton, who retired in 2008 and moved into a civilian position with the 81st Communications Squadron, said the storm’s aftermath was fast paced with long hours.

“My honor guard team inspected permanent party



Mr. Dutton

dorms for water damage, cleaned rooms in Tyer House for temporary living quarters for wing leadership and picked up debris at the marina and across the base,” he remarked. “It was tiresome and emotional for everyone, but the camaraderie and closeness were high. Wherever we came from, we endured the same roller coaster of events, one common experience — Katrina.”

After a few days, off-base residents were allowed to go home and assess damage.

“When we did, the roller coaster of emotions started again,” Mr. Dutton pointed out. “Some had minimal damage, some more extensive, others lost everything. A few of us on the honor guard barbecued every steak, rib, pork chop and hot dog in our freezers and bought them back to share — no sense in letting the meat go bad with no electricity.”

There was no power in the Dutton’s neighborhood for some time, so Mr. Dutton relocated his family to Florida to stay with relatives until home repairs were completed.

“Insurance didn’t cover everything — I’m still paying off the (Small Business Administration) loan,” he commented. “I was so busy with my Air Force job that I missed out on (state) grant money.

“When the assignment team came through, I chose to stay at Keesler — Keesler is my home.”

Blue skies for Keesler 5 years after Katrina



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, former 81st Training Wing commander, speaks at the grand opening of Keesler's new \$60 million shopping center April 6. The complex includes the main exchange, commissary, food court and pharmacy. Damages to Keesler totaled more than \$900 million when Hurricane Katrina came ashore Aug. 29, 2005. Other new structures on base include a new student dormitory, the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, fire/crash rescue center, trainer development building, munitions inspection facility, refueler maintenance building and postal center. The Bay Breeze Event Center opens next month.

The 81st Medical Group Hospital's new radiation oncology center began treating patients in March. The hospital flooded during Katrina, requiring the construction of a new central energy plant at a cost of \$21.2 million. The hospital's new inpatient tower is slated to open in the fall of 2011.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The Air Force Thunderbirds were one of the featured acts at Keesler's Thunder on the Bay Air Show April 4-5, 2009. More than 142,000 guests visited the base for its first air show since Katrina.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keesler has sponsored the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games annually since 1982, and nine months following Katrina was no exception. This year in May, Keesler continued the tradition by hosting 1,200 athletes and coaches from around the state in a variety of competitive events.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Artist Marlin Miller transformed a 7½ ton remnant of wood from a tree felled by Katrina into a soaring eagle that symbolizes Keesler's resilience, resurgence and hope. The carving, part of Mr. Miller's coastwide Katrina sculpture project, is in front of Keesler's new shopping complex.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

In January, Airmen began arriving at Keesler for technical training by air. After Katrina, officials projected that it would take the 81st Training Group more than six months to resume training, but classes geared back up Sept. 18, 2005, less than three weeks after the storm. So far in fiscal 2010, which ends Sept. 30, 25,324 officers, enlisted and civilians have come to Keesler for a wide spectrum of training, with 23,878 graduates to date.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

April 19, the last of 1,028 new homes was turned over to Keesler, as the largest military family housing construction project in Air Force history came to a close. The \$287.8 million project took nearly three years and was completed nearly four months ahead of schedule. The three- and four-bedroom homes, which average about 1,800 to 2,000 square feet, are equipped with garages and outdoor living spaces tucked into neighborhoods with playgrounds, basketball courts and walking paths.



Mrs. Turner, manager of Airman's Attic, folds linens and blankets in the new location Friday.

Airman's Attic settled in new location

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

Airman's Attic reopened this week in its new home at the corner of Meadows Drive and 1st Street which it shares with the Keesler Thrift Shop.

Airman's Attic, a volunteer nonprofit program sponsored by the Keesler Top III, assists junior enlisted members in pay grades E-1 through E-5 with obtaining basic household items at no cost.

Gloria Turner manages the program.

Donations are needed such as furniture, area rugs, cutlery, dishware, infant wear and maternity clothes which should be clean and in good condition. Donations may be dropped off at Airman's Attic during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, non-training Fridays and the last Saturday of the month.

For more information, talk to Mrs. Turner at Airman's Attic or call Master Sgts. James Messer, 376-8241 or 365-6630, or Kevin Scharwath, 377-4208 or 348-0416.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Master Sgt. Jan Randolph, an Airman's Attic volunteer from the 335th Training Squadron, paints shelves in the new facility. Her mother is the Airman's Attic manager.

Keesler's social media 'tweets' bring higher risk and reward

By Steve Hoffmann

Keesler News staff

The 81st Training Wing at Keesler has joined the migration of millions of other organizations and individuals into the vast realm of the social network.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have become some of the most popular ways to connect with friends and related organizations and to both receive and broadcast "tweets" of real-time news and events. The vast majority of these "tweets" consist of the mundane minutia of a friend's whereabouts. But when an Airman deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan tweets his or her whereabouts, it's anything but minute or mundane, especially to the enemy.

"Operational security is always a concern," said Staff Sgt. Kimberly Moore, 81st TRW Public Affairs. "Airmen need to realize that not just their parents are looking at their Facebook page."

Because of the need to balance operational security with social media's powerful communicative abilities, the Air Force has issued guidance on how to maximize its potential while minimizing the risks.

In a letter to AETC personnel from the Social Media Handbook, General Lorenz states, "Whether posting on an official or personal website, every Airman is responsible for their 'electronic conduct.'" This handbook can be downloaded at www.keesler.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100618-077.doc

"It's the big, wild west in cyberspace," said Jerry Taranto, 81st TRW public affairs director. "Everyone's trying to figure out what you can and cannot do."

In the past, reaching audiences or potential audiences meant broadcasting a message in one direction out to the world through radio, TV, billboards and other means. Organizations assumed that their message would be heard



Informational graphic by Mark Diamond

and action would be taken. These days, social media is allowing organizations to engage in real-time, online conversation with their audience. With a million-a-minute comments and postings, information can be delivered and stories told often as they are happening. Anyone can say anything about whatever they want and the potential listening audience is huge. This can be good and bad.

"What do you do if people are saying things on Facebook and Twitter about the Air Force and their operations that aren't true? Do you let it go unchecked?" Mr. Taranto asked. "People are going to say it anyway and social media isn't going away. So, in a lot of ways, you have to be in it."

Social media can be a powerful recruiting tool able to reach a younger demographic. It also allows deployed Airmen separated by vast geographic distances to interact with family members and friends back home.

In a recent meeting with Facebook employees, Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn III spoke about the challenges and opportunities the Department of Defense is experiencing with social media.

"Almost all information technology processes are double-edged swords," Mr. Lynn acknowledged. "They provide decided benefits, but also can be used as an avenue for attack."

He went on to explain recent changes to social media

policies each service had in place.

"They were too static, and focused largely on blocking sites that people thought would have the most vulnerability," he said. "It didn't provide the agility you need in the information technology world to provide a truly effective defense."

"DOD was losing the benefits of social media and gaining nothing on the security side," Mr. Lynn said. "So we came up with a new approach that tried to balance the need for security with the benefit of social media," he explained. This brought about the elimination of blocks on social network sites and a bolstering of network defenses.

"DOD is standing up a Cyber Command that will have control of all cybersecurity activities: offense, defense and information assurance," Mr. Lynn said. "Active defense is how we will deal with the most sophisticated intrusions."

"Facebook provides a place where Airmen and friends and family of Airmen can go a post a comment, good or bad," said Sergeant Moore. "It allows the Air Force to respond, to get our message heard and to tell our story."

For more information on DOD social media guidelines, visit socialmedia.defense.gov.

Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service, contributed to this report.

AFA hosts membership drive at Sablich Center Aug. 31

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News editor

The Air Force Association John C. Stennis chapter hosts a membership drive with a free catered lunch, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Room 108A, Sablich Center.

“Our chapter’s mission is to educate the Mississippi Gulf Coast in air, space and cyberspace,” explained Lt. Col. Janet Haug, chapter president and 81st Support Squadron commander.

The chapter is completing the first year of a three-year chapter rejuvenation plan and currently has 457 members on its roster.

The chapter has also recruited seven community partners, with a goal of having



24 by January. Current community supporters are BancorpSouth, Coast Electric Power Association, Gulf Hills Racquet Club, architect Frank Genzer, ART-FX Studio Gallery and Veterans Tributes.

“We partner with members of the community to spread awareness of what the Air Force provides to the defense of our nation and what Keesler

brings to the Gulf Coast,” Colonel Haug explained.

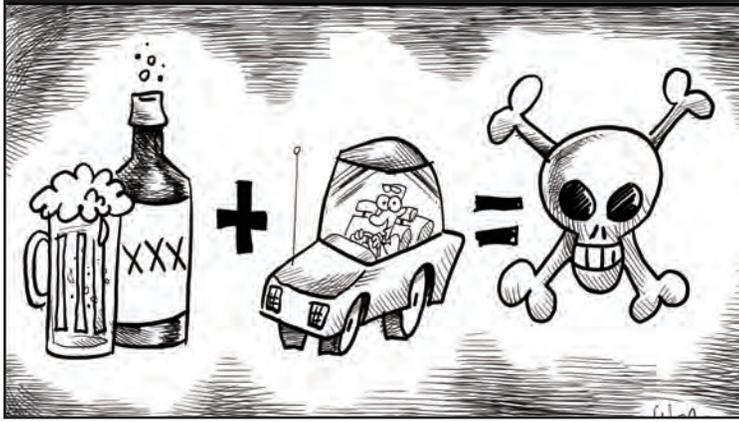
The Stennis Chapter also supports science, math and aerospace education in area schools and at Keesler through scholarships and teacher recognition programs.

In support of the Aerospace Education Foundation, the Stennis Chapter is co-hosting a banquet and fundraiser with the Diamondhead military retirees on Sept. 11, Patriots Day.

The guest of honor is Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog, 2nd Air Force commander. Tickets are \$50 and are available by calling Colonel Haug, 334-2382.

For more information, call Capt. Donna Burrowes, vice president of membership, 376-3450.

Volunteer — get connected.



Airmen rescue two passengers in car accident

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Three members of the Keesler community recently played a key role in saving the lives of two victims of a vehicle accident in Louisiana.

Airman 1st Class Anna Martin, 81st Logistics Readiness Squadron, was driving her vehicle along Interstate 310 near her hometown of Luling, La., the night of July 17 with passengers Airman 1st Class Georgina Floyd, a medical technician in the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron intensive care unit, and Airman Floyd's husband Jordan.

They noticed the vehicle in front of them driving erratically. According to Airman Floyd, Airman Martin called 911 to alert authorities about a possible impaired driver.

As she talked with the dispatcher, Airman Martin followed the vehicle as it drove down an off-ramp and continued down a road.

"They were driving on the shoulder and hit a mail box,"

"It was a 'fight or flight' moment.

We either had to do something or let something bad happen."

— Airman Floyd

Airman Floyd said. Mr. Floyd added, "The vehicle was swerving shoulder-to-shoulder really bad."

Although Airman Martin tried to get the driver's attention, Airman Floyd said the vehicle continued on for about 150 yards before driving into a canal where it overturned.

Although they had no formal water-rescue training, the Floyds entered the water to render assistance without regard for their own safety and determined there were two



Photo by Steve Pivnick

The Floyds and Airman Martin discuss the July 17 event in front of Airman Martin's truck.

occupants in the submerged vehicle.

By that time, a St. Charles Parish sheriff's deputy had arrived. He and Mr. Floyd broke the front and rear windows looking for occupants

and pulled the victims from the vehicle.

Airman Floyd said the driver of the vehicle was stable but disoriented. However, she and the deputy noticed the passenger, who had been sub-

merged for several minutes, wasn't breathing properly. They quickly began CPR, but after his breathing had stabilized, his tongue severely obstructed his airway. Airman Floyd said she used the jaw-thrust maneuver to open his airway while maintaining C-spine stabilization. Because of the trio's actions, both victims survived the mishap.

Commenting on the event, Mr. Floyd stated, "It was an adrenaline rush. We didn't think; we just jumped into action."

Airman Floyd added, "It was a 'flight or fight' moment. We either had to do something or let something bad happen."

Airmen Floyd and Martin, who went through basic training together at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, have been members of the Air Force for just over a year. Airman Floyd has been at Keesler since March and Airman Martin since May.

The Floyds are from Charleston, S.C.

Lost & Found

Call the
81st
Security Forces
Squadron
investigations
office,
377-4500,
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
weekdays.

Triangle Pool closed for season; main base pool has new hours

CSC marketing

The Triangle Pool closed Monday for the remainder of the season.

However, the main base pool has extended its hours to accommodate this change.

Main base pool hours until the end of the season on Sept. 29 are:

Monday-Friday — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. lap swim only; 2-3 p.m. closed; 3-7 p.m. lap and recreation swimming.

Saturday and Sunday — noon to 6 p.m., lap and recreation swim.

For more information, call 377-3948 or 3160

Heart Attack Symptoms

Men and women may experience some common symptoms, but there are differences.



- Nausea/vomiting
- Jaw pain
- Back pain



- Chest discomfort
- Arm pain
- Shortness of breath

'Spice' can take toll on Air Force career

By Senior Airman Stephanie Tipton

81st Medical Operations Squadron

Most commonly known as Spice, this designer drug goes by various names such as Blue-Lotus, K-2 and J-dub. Though the use of the substance is prohibited throughout the Department of Defense, there's been a recent influx of Keesler members being charged with failure to obey a regulation for possession and use of Spice. In the past year, 26 drug-related discharges have been processed. Spice, the drug of use in many of these discharges, is treated no differently than any other drug. As stated in Air Force Instruction 44-121 3.5.6, possession or use of Spice is a direct violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, failure to obey order or regulation, and can result in administrative or disciplinary action including loss of security clearance, demotion, court-martial or even discharge.

So what is Spice? This product is being sold in head shops, smoke shops and online as an herbal incense or potpourri for \$30-\$40 per three grams which is comparable to marijuana. Recently, south Mississippi counties and cities have enacted laws prohibiting the sale of such substances.



Research has shown that Spice is completely manmade and contains virtually no plant ingredients. The synthetic cannabinoids in the product mimic tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, found in marijuana that can impair one's judgment for up to seven days. Though the packaging is marked "not for human consumption," it's being smoked to obtain a marijuana-like high.

Since Spice is an unregulated drug, any one

package could contain more harmful side-effects than the next, including vomiting, hallucinations, seizures and dangerously elevated blood pressure.

According to a story at www.livescience.com, the creator of the drug, chemist John Huffman, reported that Spice is about 10 times more active than THC and has proven itself that much more dangerous. He stated more research is needed, since many of the side effects show the cardiovascular system is being affected.

When Dr. Huffman was asked his opinion on the severity of the side-effects, he said, "It's like playing Russian roulette. You don't know what it's going to do to you."

Long-term effects from using this product currently are unknown, as Spice was never tested on humans.

According to Air Force Instruction 44-121, the Air Force doesn't tolerate the illegal or improper use of drugs by Air Force personnel. Any substance used with the intention of getting high or to alter mind or mood is prohibited. Any use of illicit drugs is incompatible with Air Force standards and will automatically place an individual's continued service in jeopardy.

For more information on Spice, call the alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment office, 376-3452.

KEESLER NOTES

Cub Scout Pack 214

Cub Scout Pack 214 meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Welch Auditorium.

A parent Pow Wow is 5:30 p.m. today in the same location.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nathan Evans, 334-207-6360; e-mail Pack214.keesler@gmail.com or check out Keesler Cub Scout Pack 214 on Facebook and Pack 214 on Twitter.

Thrift shop hours

The Keesler Thrift Shop is in its new location at the corner of Meadows Drive and First Street.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

For more information, call 377-3217.

Heart Walk

Base teams are being organized for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk on Oct. 2.

Festivities and registration begin at 7:30 a.m. at the former Gulfport Veterans Administration Medical Center site on U.S. Hwy. 90. The walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Isunté Barnes, 377-2936, (504) 274-9030 or e-mail isunte.barnes@us.af.mil.

Job opportunities

People interested in applying for nonappropriated fund positions may submit an application in person or on line.

Hours for the NAF personnel office, Room 211, Sablich Center, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

To apply online, log on to <https://nafjobs.afsv.net>.

For current job openings, call the 24-hour job line, 377-9055, or log on to www.keeslerservices.us.

Supply classes

Quarterly supply classes are held in Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building.

Block I basic supply class is 9 a.m. Sept. 22 and Dec. 15.

All newly-assigned supply custodians and resource man-

agers are required to attend.

For more information, contact Patrick Governale, 377-5998 or patrick.governale.ctr@us.af.mil, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Block IIA-Bench Stock is 9-9:30 a.m. Sept 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Crystal Simpson, 377-9955.

Block IIB-Repair Cycle is 10-11 a.m. Sept. 9 and Dec 9. To schedule an appointment, call Nathaniel Parks, 377-2310.

Block III training is 1 p.m. Sept. 22 and Dec. 15. All newly-assigned supply equipment custodians are required to attend as well as all other custodians annually.

For more information, contact Willie McDonald, 377-2660 or willie.mcdonald.1.ctr@us.af.mil or Paulette Powell, 377-2270, paulette.powell.1.ctr@us.af.mil

Book signing

Retired Maj. Gen. Jesse Allen of Biloxi signs copies of his book, *From Jeep Driver to General*, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 24-25 at the main exchange.

Root canal treatment

The Keesler Dental Clinic is seeking patients who 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 needed.

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

Visitor center hours

The Keesler Visitor Center is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends.

Speakers bureau

The public affairs office is looking for people who enjoy public speaking to tell the Air Force story.

The Keesler Speakers Bureau is a community relations program developed as a public service and information

vehicle. It's comprised of military and civilian Air Force employees who volunteer their time and information to speak to community groups.

Speakers come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds that offer a variety of presentations. Topics include aircraft maintenance, aviation, computer operations, communication skills, health, military life, military law, combat experience, financial management, child development, Air Force history and more.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179..

Supply issues

For supply issues, contact the CSC supply customer service element, Room 126, Taylor Logistics Center, Building 4002; call Michael Cashion, 377-8891, or e-mail michael.cashion.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

Singers needed

Vocalists are needed to perform the National Anthem at base and community functions.

For more information, call YoLanda Wallace, 377-1179.

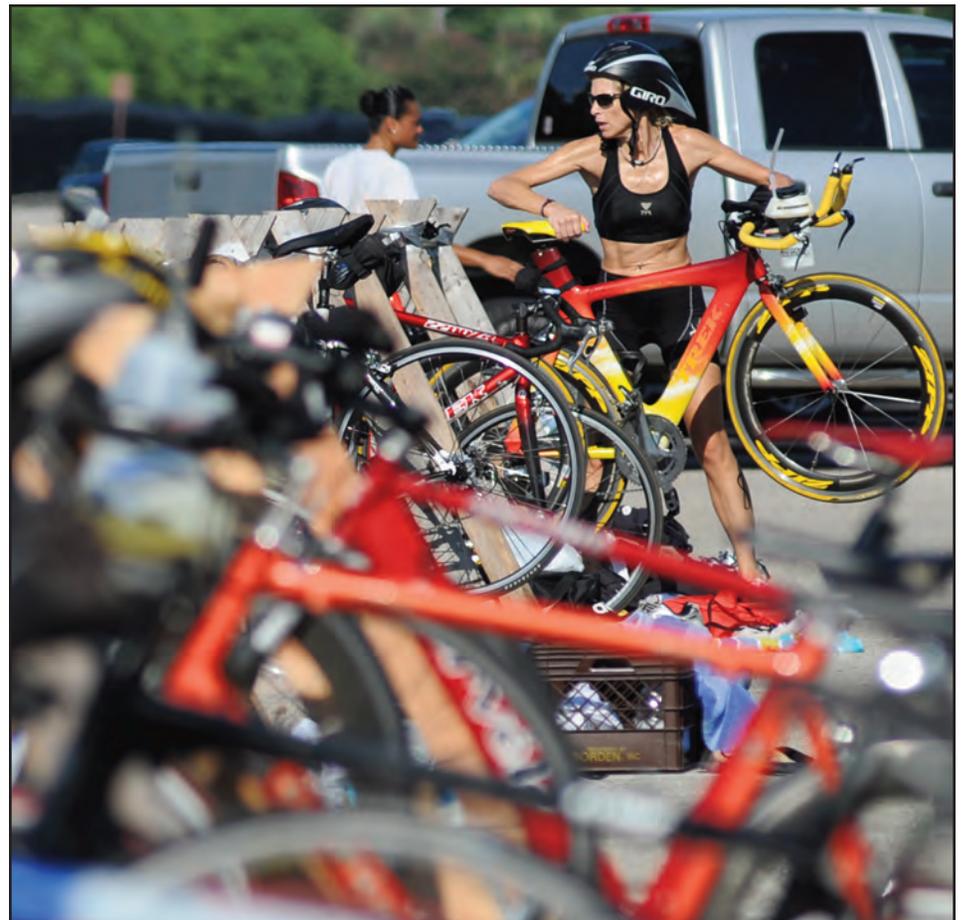
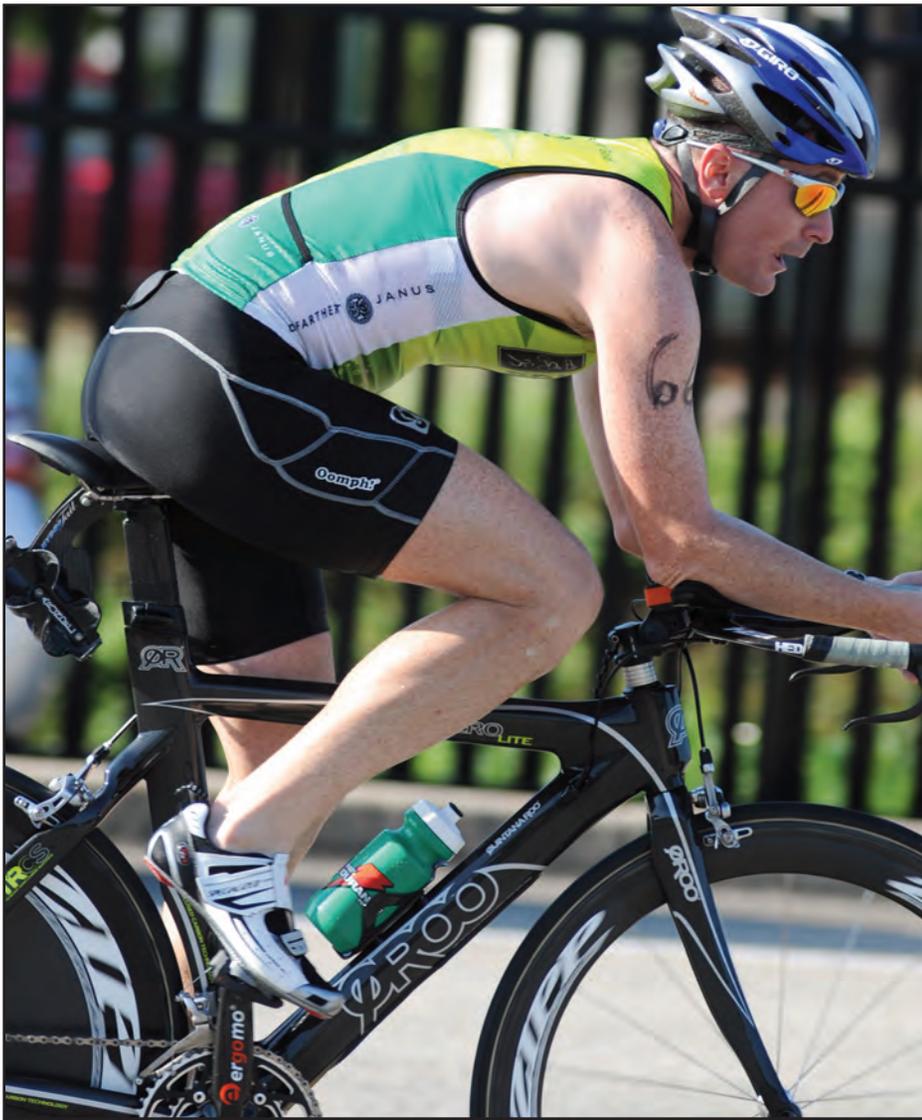
SPORTS AND RECREATION



Anna Cannington, a Technical Training Management System contractor, was the first place female in the 40-49 year category at Keesler's 6th annual mini-triathlon Friday. She finished the 200-yard swim, 8-mile bike race and 2-mile run in 50 minutes, 48 seconds. The event was co-hosted by outdoor recreation and the health and wellness center and sponsored by Amaizing Comfort, Budweiser, Competition Sports, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Cyclist Choice, Run-N-Tri Company and Turbocore Workout.

David Frank, left, 81st Dental Squadron, is timed during his 2-mile run by volunteer LaDarrius Drinkard, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Frank placed first in the Clydesdale Division for men 200 pounds and more with an overall time of 40:23.

Mini-triathlon tests stamina of competitors with run, bike, swim



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Mark Roberts, left, and Jinx Campbell, top, were the overall male and female winners in Friday's event. Roberts, 81st DS, completed the competition with a time of 37:50. Campbell finished with a time of 45:02. This year's contest challenged 79 individuals and 11 three-person teams.

September 2010



Bay Breeze Event Center

GRAND OPENING

In conjunction with the Air Force's Birthday, the 81st Force Support Squadron would like to invite you to join us for the Grand Opening of the Bay Breeze Event Center.

9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11:30 a.m. Golf Tournament

4:30 p.m. The Celebration Begins!

- Tour the Bay Breeze Event Center
 - Collocated Club
 - Community Center and ITT
 - Golf Clubhouse
- Free Entertainment
 - Live Bands SURGESTONE and THE BIG BANG THEORY
 - DJ and Dancing
 - Professional Comedian
- Free Food
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Sept. 17**



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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. Wednesdays-Fridays.

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

New menu items — now serving pizza and milkshakes.

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

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

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

Free golf clinics — 4-6 p.m. Sept. 8, 15 and 22. If you need help with your golf swing, just show up at the driving range.

Free golf clinics for nonprior service students — 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 11 and 25. Maximum 10 students, first come, first served. Call to register.

Family special — 1 p.m. Sundays. Husband pays full rate, wife pays cart only, ages 11-15 pay greens fee only, free for ages 10 and under. Rates apply for 9 or 18 holes.

Clubhouse — pro shop, snack bar, gift certificates and more.

Twilight golf special — 2 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays pay one price and golf until closing; includes cart. E1-E4, \$12; E5-O3, \$20; O4 and up, \$22; and guests \$22.

Nine-hole Dragon fun golf — Thursday nights show up and play. 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.

"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.

DINING FACILITIES

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

Daily menu — call 377-DINE (3463).

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 by calling 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 and special occasions. For catered events, call 377-2219. For non-catered events, call 376-8655.

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.

Leagues — Sign ups are ongoing. Call or stop by.

• **Big money league** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 7 for 32 weeks. \$15 per night, per person. \$24,000 prize fund based on 100 bowlers.

• **Women's league** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8 for 32 weeks. \$10 per day, per person.

• **Parent/child league** — 6 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8 for 32 weeks. \$15 per night, per pair.

• **Dragon league** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8 for 32 weeks. \$12 per person, per night. Four-person teams. \$14,400 prize fund based on 100 bowlers.

• **Senior's league** — 9 a.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 9. \$10 per person, per day. Must be age 50 or older.

• **Intramural league** — 6 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 9 for 34 weeks. \$10 per person, per night. Talk to squadron sports representative to submit teams.

• **Mixers league** — 6:30 p.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 10 for 32 weeks. \$12 per person per night. Four-person teams must have one female member. \$14,400 prize fund based on 100 bowlers.

• **Youth leagues** — 10 a.m. Saturdays beginning Sept. 11 for 28 weeks. \$7 per child, per day.

• **Youth bumper leagues** — 10 a.m. Saturdays beginning Sept. 11 for 28 weeks. \$4 per child, per day.

Bowl at lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays-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. Wednesdays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, bring your employees and bowl for \$1 a game plus shoe rental. Call for reservations.

Hurricane alley glow bowling — 9 p.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays.

Birthday parties — choose from three packages ranging from \$8.95 to \$15.95 per child. The birthday child is free, you provide the cake and we'll take care of the rest. Bumpers are available upon request. 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.

Fundraiser idea — strike it rich hosting a squadron bowling tournament. It's fun, a great team builder and an exciting way to score over \$450 cash in just a few hours.

HELP WANTED

Editor's note: The 81st Force Support Squadron human resource office is in Room 211, Sablich Center.

Nonappropriated fund positions — apply online at <https://nafjobs.afsv.net>.

Current job openings — for complete list, call the 24-hour job line at 377-9055 or log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

INNS OF KEESLER

Editor's note: For reservations and more information, call (228) 374-0088 or DSN 597-4900.

Check-in/out — at Tyer House located on Fisher Street. If you're arriving after 6 p.m., please call with credit card information to hold reservation.

Rooms available — Space-available reservations can be made three days 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.

Plan ahead for holiday visitors — now accepting reservations for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. A limited number of pet TLFs are available.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

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

New Orleans military special — buy one ticket to the Audubon Zoo, Aquarium of the Americas or the Audubon Insectarium and get a voucher for a second ticket free. Vouchers are valid through Sept. 30. Stop by ITT to purchase tickets. Rates: Audubon Zoo — \$12.50 (ages 2-12 \$7.50); Aquarium of the Americas — \$17 (ages 2-12 \$10.50); Audubon Insectarium — \$14 (ages 2-12 \$9).

KEESLER COLLOCATED CLUB

Editor's note: Air Force Club member specials, weekly/monthly food and drink specials, catering, special event packages and breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily. All ranks and contractors welcome. Club members must show club card to receive discounts. For more information, call 377-2219 or 0545.

Opens Sept. 6 — now's the time to join the club. Some of the benefits include discounted meal prices and special events, catering discounts, free room rentals, quarterly membership events, scholarship program, free food during social hour events and free lunch on your birthday.

Daily lunch menus — listed at <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Catering — let our professionals assist you with planning weddings, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

LEGENDS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Dine in or take out. Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

A fast and inexpensive place to grab a bite — serving pizza, wings, chicken tenders, hamburgers, wraps, quesadillas, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and more. Open evenings and weekends.

"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 — available 24/7. Ask front desk staff for log-in access.

Children's story time — 10-11 a.m. Sept. 15.

Eligibility/library cards — for complete information, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on the McBride Library link.

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

Free movie check-out — check-out up to five movies free and keep for up to two weeks. New movies arrive every month.

Search our online catalog — search for print and audio books, DVDs, CDs, VHS, magazines, periodicals and more, log onto <http://www.keeslerservices.us>.

Research orientations — learn how to access, search, locate and save/use information in online databases. Call to schedule.

We've got Playaways® — the first self-playing digital audio book, half the size of a deck of cards, is the simplest way to listen to digital content on the go. It comes with the audio content pre-loaded, gives listeners the ability to move back and forth or between chapters, allows the listener to alter the speed of the narrator's voice and has an automatic bookmark feature. Simply pop in a battery and headphones and enjoy.

Paperback book swap — swap one for one. Books must be in good condition and of the same genre.

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

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

Sailing classes — students undergo six hours of instruction. Classroom instruction is 5:30-8 p.m. Sept. 16 at McBride Library. On-the-water training is Sept. 17, 18 or 19 depending on the number of participants. Classes are \$40 per person with a minimum of six participants and a maximum of 12. Students must be age 16 or older. Register, prepay and pick up a handout by Sept. 9.

Geocaching adventure — 9 a.m. Sept. 18 and Oct. 2. \$10 per person, includes instruction, equipment and transportation. Minimum four, maximum six participants.

First day of autumn special — Sept. 23. Ten percent discount on boat rentals.

Towable campers for rent — clean and roomy with side slide out. \$50 per day. Tow to your destination and enjoy.

Swimming pools — admission is \$1.50 daily, free for ages 5 and younger. Hours are limited, call 377-3568 or 377-3948.

Kayak and canoe trips with guide — choose from several packages. Minimum four, maximum 20 people.

Recreational vehicle storage — \$20 per month.

Boats, marina slips and recreational equipment rental — for complete list with prices, log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us> and click on the link for outdoor recreation.

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

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

RESALE LOT

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2821.

Buy, sell, trade — \$10 per month to place your vehicle on the lot, \$20 for recreational vehicles and boats. Located on Meadows Drive. Register at the arts and crafts center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Registration, license and insurance required.

SPORTS AND 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.

Blake Fitness Center renovations — the reception area is closed through Sept. 27.

5K poker fun run — 7 a.m. Sept. 16 at Blake Fitness Center. Register 6:30-7 a.m. the day of the event. Male and female divisions. Awards for the top two poker hands in both divisions.

Fall powerlifting meet — 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Free to enter. Sign up through Sept. 16. Weigh-in noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 17. Squat, bench press and dead lift. Open to all personnel authorized to use Keesler facilities. Call for weight divisions.

Free fitness classes — Zumba, boot camp, step aerobics, Pilates, cycling/circuit training, kick boxing and yoga are available at the Dragon Fitness Center. For class descriptions and schedule, stop by any of the base fitness centers or log onto <http://www.keeslerservices.us> under the fitness center link.

Parent/child fitness room — inside Dragon Fitness Center featuring workout equipment and a play area for ages 6 months to 7 years. Children must be directly supervised at all times by a parent while in the facility.

Massage therapist now available — hour and half-hour appointments available at Triangle Fitness Center. Swedish, deep tissue, aromatherapy, reflexology and La Stone original body therapy massages are offered. To schedule some "me time" for yourself or for more information, call 263-5515. Gift certificates are available.



Cruisin' Keesler

Sept. 25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the marina park

- Vendors • Music • Free admission

Cast your vote for the "People's Choice" trophy winner.

Judging at noon.

Awards presented at 3 p.m.

- Dash Plaques • Top 25 Awards
- Best of Show: Engine/Paint/Interior
- People's Choice Trophy

Vehicle participation is open to everyone. Cash prizes awarded. Free food and T-shirt to show participants. Registration is available day of event 8 a.m. to noon. Off base participants, call for information on gaining base access.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Sponsored by: Allen Toyota, Budweiser — Responsibility Matters and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

Vehicle Entry Fee \$20

Golf Tournament

Sept. 17

Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.



Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber

Best ball match play with handicap. Two-person teams.

\$50 per person includes greens fee, cart, food and beverages.

Prizes! Giveaways!

To register call 377-3832 by Sept. 13.

Sponsored by: BancorpSouth Bank, Keesler Branch, Budweiser - Responsibility Matters, Courtyard Marriott-Biloxi, Gulf Coast Veterinary Hospital, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Newk's Express Café, Nerds on Site, Purdue Farms, Scranton's Catering, US Foods and USAA

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

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

Specials

Gifts to go — get a décor mug filled with goodies for \$10 each. Choose one with a picture of a magnolia and the Biloxi lighthouse for a souvenir.

Sale — check out our discount bin; selected products reduced by up to 50 percent.

"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. Classes include materials.

Card making — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 4. \$7.

Pottery — 10:30 a.m. Sept. 4 and 18. \$40.

Jewelry making — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 and 25. Learn wire wrapping and tooling. \$30.

Glass painting — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 and 25. \$25 includes a completed painted project.

Scrapbooking — 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 18 and 25. \$20.

Cartooning — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 3. Learn various techniques in drawing and developing cartoons. \$30.

Acrylic painting — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 11. Learn painting techniques and leave with a finished piece of art work. \$40.

Pen and ink drawing — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 17. Learn techniques of drawing using pencil and pens. \$35.

Pastels in chalk — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 18. How to draw using various chalk colors. \$40.

Drawing with colored pencils — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25. \$30 including supplies.

Wood shop

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

Beginning woodworking — 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Make a cutting board. \$25 includes shop use, instruction and materials. Class certifies you to use the equipment in the future.

Beginning intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 4 and 18. \$15 including materials. Intarsia is the art of piecing wood together in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 and 25. \$20 includes materials and tool use.

Frame shop

Framing class — 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sept 17. \$30. Bring a picture or piece of art no larger than 5x7-inches for framing.

All work can be customized for individual orders. Framing awards can be coordinated with engraving shop accessories. Check out our great selection of flag boxes, retirement boxes and customized rank memento boxes.

Engraving shop

Custom items — glass items can be etched and your order of plaques, trophies, awards, mugs and writing pens can be customized for gift giving, special mementos and squadron functions. Organizational name tags are our specialty.

Auto hobby shop

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

Air conditioner checks — recover current refrigerant, check for leaks, recharge the system and add Freon. \$60 plus \$1 per unit for Freon needed.

Qualified mechanics — on hand to help with car care needs.

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

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

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

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2211 or 377-4116.

Give parents a break — 4-10 p.m. Sept. 11. Air Force Aid Society program offers free child care at the center for Air Force families who are referred by base agencies such as the airman and family readiness center and family advocacy, first sergeants, commanders and chaplains. Certificates must be coordinated through the airman and family readiness center. School-age children go to the youth center.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

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

Child care slots — call for availability.

Be your own boss — military spouses on and off base who wish to care for children in their homes are being recruited. 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.

Child care assistance programs — Air Force Aid Society, returning home care, expanded duty care and Air Force subsidy programs are available to assist parents with child care. Call for guidelines.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: All events, except dances and weekend competitions, are open to all Keesler personnel. For more information, call 377-5576. Free to compete, regular \$3 dance admission applies.

Weekend dances — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nontraining Fridays and every Friday and Saturday. \$3 admission.

Pool tournaments — 7 p.m. Tuesdays 9-ball, Wednesdays 8-ball. Free to enter.

Speed dating — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 2. \$3 admission. Please note that the "speed dating" event is for nonprior service students only and will be held during the late night dance.

Labor Day dance — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5. \$3 admission.

Meet and greet party — 6-8 p.m. Sept. 9 and 23. Come to the "V" and meet our staff. Free music, food specials at the Legends Café, and more.

Ladies' night — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 16. First 25 ladies get in free with two male guests who pay a \$3 entry fee.

Guys' night — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 30. First 25 guys get in free with two female guests who pay a \$3

entry fee.

Step show — 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept 24. Nonprior service student squadrons compete with their own step routines. Winning squadron will be the first to "Take over the V" in our month long competition in October. Interested squadrons register by Sept. 17. \$3 late night dance admission applies.

Dance nights — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 5, Thursdays before non training Fridays and every Friday and Saturday. \$3 entry fee. Featured music Sept. 4 is Reggae-Ton, Sept. 11; Salsa Sept. 11; house music, Sept. 18 and disco on Sept. 25.

Nonprior service students' web page — log on to <http://www.keeslerservices.us>, click on Leon the Chameleon in the right column 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 vet office. For appointment, call 376-7495.

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

Sick call and vaccines — by appointment only.

Health certificates — available for interstate and overseas travel.

YOUTH CENTER

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

Shuttle van — limited after-school transportation provided from Biloxi Junior High School to the youth center for open recreation.

Friday night fun — 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. \$5 admission. Games, snack bar, movies, skating, holiday parties, video games and more.

Youth Baseball — season starts Sept. 11.

"Worldwide Day of Play" — 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 24.

Homeschoolers — meet 1-3 p.m. Thursdays.

School-age program — space is available.

Open recreation — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Computer media center, home work assistance, sports and fitness.

Keystone Club — 6-8 p.m. every other Monday.

Teen open recreation/TRAIL meetings — 4-8 p.m. Saturdays. Activities and special events.

Junior tennis academy — for ages 5-16.

Tae Kwon Do classes — \$50 per month for ages 6-12. Students attend two classes weekly.

Guitar and piano lessons — sign up today.

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