

# KATRINA Daily News

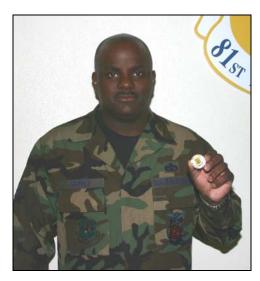
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## **Record rescuers**

From left, SrA. Steven Clark, Airmen 1st Class Kristina Miracle. **Brandon Stevens and** Jennifer Franken inventory patient records of the 81st **Medical Support** Squadron. Thanks to the unit's four-day-long protective actions to transfer their entire inventory to an alternate location, 100 percent of the records escaped serious damage from storm waters that quickly flooded their original storage location.





Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, congratulates MSgt. Terence Scott, an 81st Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, after presenting him with a wing coin for his winning entry in Keesler's "Name This Operation" contest. Thanks to Sergeant Scott, Keesler's recovery, restoration and humanitarian operations will now carry the name "Operation Dragon Comeback."

# **KEESLER BASICS:**

#### **General Information**

**AAFES availability for retirees** – The Mini Mall BX and gas station are now open to retirees from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

**AAFES** – Mini Mall retail store, barber shop and Subway hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The Service Station remains open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Unattended fueling is available 24 hours with a major credit card.

#### **Child Development Center & Youth Center**

- The Child Development Center and Youth Center are currently open through Sept. 16. from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with limited services.

Dual military and single military who are mission essential have priority, followed by military members whose civilian spouses work on base and are considered mission essential, then mission essential non-appropriated fund employees who cannot come to work without child care assistance.

The aim is to assist currently enrolled customers first, and then take families that don't normally use the CDC but need care in the short term.

Also, several family child care providers plan to reopen their home care operations when they return to the area, and once their homes are inspected and deemed safe. The CDC and Youth Center are not operating under normal circumstances and the priority is to serve mission essential personnel at this time.

Alcohol policy – Alcohol possession and consumption is allowed in base lodging, military family housing and during designated hours at the base club. Alcohol possession and consumption is not allowed in base dormitories.

CE civilian recall – All civilian members of the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron at Keesler AFB are asked to return to work on Sept. 17. Personnel presently at safe haven locations are also asked to return. All 81st CES employees are deemed mission essential at this point to aid in the recovery of the base.

Long distance service: Commercial long distance telephone service has been restored to Keesler AFB, according to 81st Communications Squadron officials. Base members are advised that line availability may be sporadic during key times.

**Uniforms** – Uniform issue is open 7 a.m. to midnight at the Taylor Logistics Building (Bldg. 4002).

Uniforms will be issued only to those who lost their uniforms in the hurricane or damaged them during recovery work.

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**Postal services** - Mail is currently available for residents of Harrison Court, Bayridge, Pine Haven, and Oak Park in Bldg. 901, located behind Wall Studio and across from the 403rd Wing Headquarters on Fisher and Zero Streets.

A majority of the mail received is for residents of Bayridge Housing. All residents of these housing areas are encouraged to pick up their mail at their earliest convenience. Individual organizations may also pick up their unit's mail in Bldg 901.

Due to building damage from the storm, the Mail Bag is closed. If you had a PSC box, specifically TDY personnel, dorm residents and students, mail is now being delivered to PSC 2 located in the Levitow Support Center. For residents of East or West Falcon, and Thrower Park, mail delivery has returned to normal.

Personnel who live in flooded areas can do a change of address electronically at www.changeofaddressform.com once they know what their new address will be.

**Dining Facilities:** – Both facilities are open.

**Breakfast:** 5:30 to 8 a.m. **Lunch:** 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Dinner:** 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Services – These services are now open: Library – 3 to 10 p.m. daily; Community Center – 3 to 10 p.m. daily; Car Wash – 24 hours daily; Muse Manor Mini Mart – 7 a.m. to midnight daily; Warrior Lounge – Friday and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m.

Family support – The Family Support Center Annex in Chapel 1 has a variety of items for distribution. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Storage** – If you need temporary storage due to the hurricane, contact your group POC. Also, Avery Manor is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for key sign out. POC is MSgt Ransom, DSN 597-3297 or 860-3014.

#### **Personnel Information**

MPF – The military personnel flight is open upstairs in the Levitow Building from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A walk-in center is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those with assignments, retirements or separations call DSN 597-3595 for an appointment.

**TMO** – The Traffic Management Flight is temporarily located in the Levitow Bldg., Room 211 until further notice. Customer service hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call DSN 597-0174/1263/7448/3147.

#### **Claims Information**

**Claims briefings** –Briefings resume today at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Levitow Bldg.

**Legal assistance** – Attorneys are available to assist with personal civil legal matters Monday

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through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Call 377-5404 to schedule an appointment.

#### **Finance Information**

**Finance** – Financial services are available at the Levitow Bldg. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Customer service hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. To reach a representative for customer service/travel pay related issues call DSN 597-7479. For budget issues, call DSN 597-2770. Contact a finance representative at DSN 597-7256 for additional information.

### **Health Care Information**

Active duty military: Care is available at the EMEDS tent hospital located just east of the Sablich Center on Fisher Street.
Routine or non-urgent sick call hours are 8-11 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. daily. 24-hour emergency care is available. Limited dental care is available at the Dental Clinic from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 377-3003.

#### Retirees, Dependents of Retirees, and Dependents of Active Duty Living Off-Base:

Care is not available at Keesler AFB. Seek care through other Department of Defense medical treatment facilities, TRICARE network providers, or other civilian providers. TRICARE has waived referral requirements for Keesler's TRICARE Prime enrollees. Necessary care can be obtained from any network provider with no preauthorization required.

For more information, contact TRICARE by phone at (800) 444-5445, or visit TRICARE's Katrina Web site at:

www.tricare.osd.mil/Katrina/index.cfm

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SARC – Keesler's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is available 24 hours a day. If you are the victim of an assault, contact DSN 597-7278 or the Keesler Command Post at DSN 377-4330 for immediate assistance.

## **Chapel Services**

Please note all services will be conducted in the Fishbowl.

Sunday: Protestant worship, 9 a.m Catholic Mass, 10:30 a.m. Latter Day Saints, 4:30 p.m. Protestant worship, 6 p.m.

<u>Wednesday:</u> Protestant mid-week prayer and Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Jewish Shabbat service, 6 p.m.