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Fort Sam
Houston
Theatre

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's Fiesta & Fireworks open to all

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd Force Support Squadron Marketing

Fiesta in San Antonio officially kicks off April 19 at Alamo Plaza, featuring more than 100 events during an 11-day period.

One of the highlights is Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Fiesta & Fireworks even starting at 1 p.m. April 22 at MacArthur Parade Field.

Admission and parking are free. Fort Sam Houston offers a unique military twist to the celebration of Fiesta, as among the food booths and carnival rides are military field hospitals and armored vehicles.

The military displays will represent major Army commands on Fort Sam Houston.

Army North will have emergency response command vehicles and a video display. The command vehicles have all types of radios, phones, and network and satellite



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

The Army field hospitals are a popular attraction for folks who make their way to all the attractions at the annual Fiesta & Fireworks event.

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ARSOUTH strengthens partnership during Chilean Attaché visit

By Sgt. Tamika Exom
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

The Chilean Military Defense Attaché, Lt. Gen. Guillermo Porcile Arelano, visited U.S. Army South headquarters, Texas Military Forces at Camp Mabry and the city of San Antonio April 1-4 to further strengthen partnerships and to learn more about ARSOUTH, its mission and the culture of the area.

Army South, commanded by Maj. Gen. Simeon G.

Trombitas, has successfully built strong regional partners with countries such as Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Peru.

Trombitas hosted the Chilean general and the secretary of the Chilean Military Mission from the Chilean Embassy in Washington, D.C., Col. John Griffiths, and they discussed the strong partnership between Chilean forces and U.S. forces and the mutual

participation in past and future multinational exercises and operations.

"One of our priorities is building strength and relationships, so anytime senior leaders can talk, it's always good," said Maj. Lance Awbrey, the Southern Cone desk officer for Army South.

"It was a really good opportunity for the Chilean general to understand exactly how Army South operates, what we execute down in South America,

more specifically with Chile, and it's also an opportunity to strengthen our bilateral vision of what we want to accomplish together."

Army South, being the Army Service Component Command of U.S. Southern Command, has an area of responsibility that encompasses 31 nations and 10 territories in Central and South America, and the Caribbean, including Chile.

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MILITARY FIESTA EVENTS

Fiesta de los Veteranos

April 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Audie Murphy Memorial
Veterans Hospital
7400 Merton Minter St.

Texas Cavaliers River Parade

April 23, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
San Antonio River Walk

Lackland Fiesta Military Parade

April 25, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Lackland AFB Parade Grounds

Army and Air Guard Fiesta

April 25, 3 to 11 p.m.
Texas National Guard Armory
4255 Interstate 35 North

Navy Day at the Alamo

April 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Alamo Plaza

Marines at the Alamo

April 26, 4 to 5 p.m.
Alamo Plaza

Navy Fiesta Reception

April 26, 6 to 9:30 p.m.
Fort Sam Houston Golf
Clubhouse
2901 Harry Wurzbach Highway

Battle of Flowers Parade

April 27, 12:45 to 4 p.m.
Parade Route

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

April 28, 7:45 to 11 p.m.
Parade Route

All Veterans Memorial Service

April 29, 1 to 2 p.m.
Veterans Square Auditorium
Circle
Jefferson Street at East Martin

Air Force at the Alamo

April 23, 11 a.m. to noon
Alamo Plaza

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DOD releases annual Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Report

The Department of Defense released the fiscal 2011 Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military April 13, as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2011. To date, this is the eighth report DOD has released.

The report finds that in fiscal 2011, there were a total of 3,192 reports of sexual assault involving service members as either victims or subjects. This represents a one percent increase in reports of sexual assault compared to fiscal 2010.

"Sexual assault has no place in this department. It is an affront to the basic American values we defend, and to the good honor of our service members and their families," said Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta.

"Since taking this office, I've made it one of my top priorities to do everything we can to reduce and prevent sexual assault, to make victims of sexual assault feel secure enough to report this crime without fear of retribution or harm to their career, and to hold the perpetrators appropriately accountable," Panetta added.

"I will be announcing the next series of steps the department will be taking this week during consultations with Congress."

The report also details actions taken against the subjects investigated as a result of these reports.

In fiscal 2011, the department had jurisdiction and sufficient evidence to take disciplinary action against 791 subjects for a sexual assault offense.

Of these subjects, 489, or 62 percent had court-martial charges preferred against them. That rep-



resents a 10 percentage point increase in the rate of courts-martial charges preferred compared to fiscal 2010.

The proportion of military subjects against whom commanders decided to take disciplinary action for sexual assault offenses by preferring court-martial charges has increased steadily since fiscal 2007, when only 30 percent of subjects had charges initiated against them.

Since August 2011, a two star general has overseen the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and under the leadership of the secretary of defense, several new victim-focused policies have been implemented since the end of fiscal 2011.

These included expanded legal assistance, expedited transfers for victims of sexual assault, and extended retention of forensic examination and investigative reports.

Other new initiatives to enhance how the department prevents and responds to sexual assault include:

- Establishment of a sexual assault advocate credentialing and certification program;

- Expansion of sexual assault support services to military spouses and adult military dependents;

- Expansion of emergency care and support services to DOD civilians stationed abroad and DOD U.S. citizen contractors in combat areas;
- Increased funding for

investigators and judge advocates to receive additional specialized training;

- Implementation of an integrated data system for tracking sexual assault reports and managing cases; and

- Assessment of how the department trains commanding officers and

senior enlisted leaders on sexual assault prevention and response.

"As this report makes clear, we have more work to do to confront this problem. There are no easy answers, but that makes it all the more essential for us to devote our energy and our attention to trying to confront this challenging crime," Panetta said.

The complete report is available at <http://www.sapr.mil> and a fact sheet of the report is available at <http://www.defense.gov/news/sexualassaultannual-reportfactsheet.pdf>.

For specific information regarding the military departments, contact the Army at 703-697-2564, the Navy at 703-697-5342, and the Air Force at 703-695-0640.

(Source: U.S. Department of Defense)

News Briefs

National Prescription Take Back Day

April 28 is National Prescription Take Back Day. There are two locations on Fort Sam Houston for all active duty, family members, civilian employees and retirees to anonymously turn in medications or prescription drugs. The first is the Fort Sam Houston Community Pharmacy (on the corner of Scott and Allen, near the main Post Exchange) and the San Antonio Military Medical Center Main Pharmacy in the SAMMC Medical Mall. Each location is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take back all unused or expired prescription medications for public safety and to prevent accidental dosing, overdose and abuse. There will have certified law enforcement personnel (Military Police or Department of the Army Civilian Police) physically present at the drop off locations for the duration of National Prescription Take Back Day activities, per DEA protocols.

Dunn Dental Clinic orthodontics moves

The Tri-service Orthodontics Residency Program relocates April 20 from the Dunn Dental Clinic to the new Air Force Postgraduate Dental School across the street from the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's Urgent Care Center at JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base. The new orthodontics appointment number is 292-9038.

Mackown Dental Clinic Transition

On April 20, the MacKown Dental Clinic on JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base starts transitioning general dentistry services to the new Air Force Postgraduate Dental School beginning across the street from the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's Urgent Care Center. All remaining MacKown Dental Clinic services will also be transferred to the AFPDS by April 27. Dental sick call will remain at MacKown Dental Clinic during this timeframe and will be moved to AFPDS April 26. All MacKown appointment numbers remain the same.

2012 Elementary Level Excellence in Competition Pistol

Joint Base San Antonio will be hosting a Pistol EIC match 2012 at Medina Firing Range on Lackland Air Force Base's Medina Annex from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be 300 slots for the match and the slots will be filled on a

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Army South builds peacekeeping training MOUT site in Chile

By Arwen Consaul
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South, in cooperation with the country of Chile, is in the final stage of constructing a \$460,000 Military Operations on Urban Terrain site at Fort Aguayo, Chile, to support the Chilean Joint Center for Peace Operations and the U.S. Department of State's Global Peace Operations Initiative.

The 2,800-square meter training facility includes eight buildings with sidewalks and roads simulating an urban environment for peacekeeping training at Fort Aguayo.

"This is the first MOUT site in Chile, built for that purpose," said Chilean Marine Corps Capt. Claudio Zanetti, director of the Chilean Joint Center for Peace Operations. "This site



Photo by Arwen Consaul

U.S. Army South and Chile construct the Military Operations on Urban Terrain facility at Fort Aguayo, Chile March 7. The facility supports U.S. Department of State's Global Peace Operations Initiative.

will allow Chile the ability to better train for upcoming U.N. peacekeeping operations."

The MOUT site, which was funded by the U.S. Department of State's GPOI, supports U.N. peacekeeping opera-

tions by developing and enhancing national training capabilities and equipping potential peacekeeping units for deployments.

Chile has been a member of the U.N. since 1945 and supports

peacekeeping operations in India, Pakistan, the Middle East, Cyprus, Haiti and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In cooperation with the Chilean Navy and the U.S. Army section in Chile, construction

began in January 2012. A 600-square meter area called Area One was completed in early March. The remaining buildings and infrastructure were completed by March 30.

"Army South's engineering department provided a draft MOUT design to the Chilean Navy, [the U.S.] Army Section Chief in Chile and the Global Peace Operations Initiative manager," said Rosa L. Santoni, the South America regional country team lead for Army South.

"Once all the participants agreed to the final design, we began construction," Santoni said. "A project of this size normally takes six months to complete, but we have condensed this construction to 60 days."

Chile and U.S. officials worked extra hours alongside a private contractor seven days a week, in the last two months, to have the facility operational in time to support the April 2-6

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Soldier Show reinvents historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre

By Tim Higgs
IMCOM Public Affairs

For the first time in 20 years, the U.S. Army Soldier Show will happen at Fort Sam Houston Theatre, with three 7 p.m. shows scheduled for April 19, 20 and 21.

Soldier Show production manager Tim Higdon said he remembers the last time the "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier" song-and-dance production played this venue.

"The last time the Soldier Show actually performed in this facility was in 1992," Higdon said. "Because

the stage was so small, we had to do a modified 'B' level show without all the bells and whistles. I know that because I was in that show."

Today, following a \$17-million renovation and expansion project, the Army's second-oldest movie theater, built in the 1930s, is Army Entertainment's new home.

"Here we are 20 years later, exactly, and we're opening the show in its new home on the very same stage that it performed on 20 years ago," Higdon said. "That's very cool."

"We gave the theatre a reason to re-exist," added artistic director Victor Hurtado.

Army Entertainment relocated in 2011 from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Fort Sam Houston as part of the Army's Base Realignment and Closure.

"This renovated facility was designed and built for the purposes of the Soldier Show," Higdon said. "That's why it has the facility abilities that it has. As a training facility goes, it's definitely meeting the mission, and we're very pleased with it."

"We're able to be much more effective

and efficient in preparing the show and utilizing the Soldiers' time effectively," Higdon said. "It allows us to put the show together in a much more concentrated and consolidated time frame just because we have the space to spread things out."

In the overhauled facility that stood closed for nearly 15 years, everything from the stage forward was renovated to restore its 1930s atmosphere. From the expanded stage back, a new, modern facility was built, complete with offices and rooms for dressing, costuming,

makeup, meetings and rehearsals.

"It's a gift to any writer or director to have a facility that's adequate," Hurtado said. "When you come into a place that has a fly space and has enough space for everything and enough rehearsal space for everyone to be kept busy and for your ideas to continue to be rehearsed all at the same time is a gift, man, it really is."

"It came with a lot of renewed resources, so yeah, it really did reinvigorate me. I think it's reinvigorated everybody."

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first-come, first-serve basis. Competitors must be in uniform and have military ID.

To sign up for the match send an e-mail to 37trss.rangecontrol-02@us.af.mil with the following information: name, rank, government email, base and unit.

Voting Assistance Officer Training

VAO training will be held from 9-11 a.m. May 1 at Randolph Air Force Base and 1-3 p.m. at Roadrunner Community Center on Fort Sam Houston. All unit VAOs are should attend one of the sessions where valuable information on VAO duties and responsibilities, resources and upcoming primaries will be presented by representatives from the Federal Voting Assistance Office. Call 565-4351 for more information.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

Nominations open for AUSA Volunteer Family of Year

The Association of the U.S. Army's Volunteer Family of the Year award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community and is open to families from active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Army civilians. Nominations for the award must be submitted only through AUSA chapters. Deadline is May 1. For more information, call the Alamo Chapter of the AUSA at (818) 516-3442.

FSH Vet Facility Testing Clinic Management System

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility is a test site for a new web-based clinic management system that will improve patient record-keeping. Over the next several weeks, appointments will take a little longer as we learn to enter valuable information in the new system. Unfortunately, fewer appointments will be available during this time. For more information, call 808-6101/6104.

Hospital apprentice becomes 3,000th Navy BMTCP grad

By Larry Coffey
Navy Medicine Support
Command PAO

When Hospital Apprentice Quentin Graham crossed the stage at Fort Sam Houston as the latest graduate of the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program, the moment meant a little more to both he and the Navy Hospital Corps.

Graham became the 3,000th Navy graduate Feb. 29 since the former Naval Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Ill., and the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice Program consolidated BMTCP at

Fort Sam Houston.

"Graham's successful completion and graduation as the 3,000th graduate marks a significant milestone for BMTCP and the Hospital Corps," said Navy Lt. Danilo Mendoza, a Navy nurse and a BMTCP instructor.

"It's astounding since opening the school house doors that 3,000 Navy students have crossed the stage a new breed of corpsmen."

Graham, a Cleveland native, said it feels a bit "prestigious" to be the 3,000th graduate.

"It's not a super big award, but I feel (I've made) some sort of history here," Graham said.

"I like the training, and the instructors are very helpful. They have let everyone know they are here for you and your training."

For Graham, the most challenging part of the program was mathematics.

"I'm not too mathematically inclined," he said, "For me, the math was the most difficult. On the flip side, I like the needle labs. They need more of those."

Graham said his goals as a corpsman are to "take my Navy career as far as I can, do the tasks at hand to the best of my ability, serve my country, better myself, and support my family."



Photo by Navy Lt. Danilo Mendoza

Navy Capt. Jody Larnerd (left), commanding officer of the Navy Medicine Training Support Center, congratulates Hospital Apprentice Quentin Graham on becoming the 3,000th Navy graduate in the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman at the Medical Education and Training Campus Feb. 29.

Army Medicine Television productions win DOD and Army awards

By Phil Reidinger
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Fort Sam Houston had a pair of winners at the 2010-2011 Defense Department Visual Information production awards for documentaries.

First place went to "First Contact," by the U.S. Army, Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston. Second place was "The Journey: From the Patients' Perspective," Medical Department TV, Brooke Army Medical Center.

The Army Medical Department Center and School AMEDD TV Department earned both first and second place awards in the Army competition for three of the five categories.

In the recruiting category, AMEDD TV captured first place for "70 Delta Health Service System Managers,"



produced and directed by Paulina Navarro and Matthew Hiebel.

AMEDD TV won second place for "Patient Administration Specialist-68G," produced and directed by Mary Cortes-Wilbourn and Sarah Sanchez.

"AMEDD Readiness

Starts Here" about the Army Medical Department Center and School mission to envision, design and train the Army Medical force for decisive action garnered first place in the Internal/Public Information Category. The video was produced and directed

by Aaron Harmon.

"Department of Pastoral and Ministry Training" was produced and directed by Matthew Hiebel and captured second place in the competition in the Internal/Public Information Category.

"The Journey: From

the Patients' Perspective" took first place in the documentary category and was produced and directed by Aaron Harmon.

The second place award in the documentary category went to "First Contact," produced and directed by Christopher Snell.

How will you respond to an active shooter incident?

By Bill Hurt

502 Air Base Wing Force Protection

About 237 active shooter incidents have occurred in the United States between 1966 and 2010. Joint Base San Antonio has established guidelines and procedures necessary to help save lives and maintain order in the wake of these kinds of events.

An active shooter is any person who is engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined or populated area. In most cases, armed active shooters show no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

This is often an unpredictable, rapidly evolving situation that demands an immediate response from security forces in order to terminate the life-threatening situation.

The first patrolmen to arrive on scene must locate the shooter or shooters and take aggressive action to help protect lives. Rescue efforts will be delayed until the danger can be mitigated or eliminated.

Because active shooter situations often are over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared, mentally and physically, to deal with an active shooter situation and follow directions.

JBSA will declare an immediate lockdown during an active shooter incident. Giant Voice and other available forms of communications will be used to

notify the base populace that an active shooter or similar threat is imminent, and that a lockdown is in effect.

Hearing this term from credible sources should solicit the following reaction. Once secured, position yourself in a place clear of direct fire. You should be able to observe the “way in” and “way out” routes at your location.

Mitigate your location’s vulnerabilities. Mitigation starts with locking doors and windows and barricading access with anything that’s available.

Turn off the lights and make your location appear unoccupied. Monitor communications – telephone, computer, radio.

If a phone is within your secured location, dial 911 and call your security forces number on base. Provide as much information as possible. Law enforcement officials will ask direct questions to include your location, weapons involved, and the number of shooters and their description.

Do not move until authorities instruct you to move or you have been released.

For more information on active shooter response procedures, call your local security forces unit or visit the 502nd Air Base Wing website at www.502abw.af.mil to download an informational trifold.

For immediate assistance at your location, call 671-2183 at JBSA-Lackland; 652-2744 at JBSA-Randolph; or 221-2354 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

ARMY SPECIAL FORCES TURNS 25

(From left) Retired Sgt. Maj. Fred F. Balderrama, U.S. Army South commanding general Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas and retired special forces Soldier Bill Martin cut the first slice of cake at a 25th birthday celebration for Army Special Forces, held at Army South April 13. Active duty and retired Special Forces Soldiers from across Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston attended the event. The first Special Forces unit in the Army was formed in 1952, at Fort Bragg, N.C. As a result of renewed emphasis on special operations in the 1980s, the Special Forces Branch was established as a basic branch of the Army effective April 9, 1987.

Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom



SOLDIERS INDUCTED INTO SGT. AUDIE MURPHY CLUB



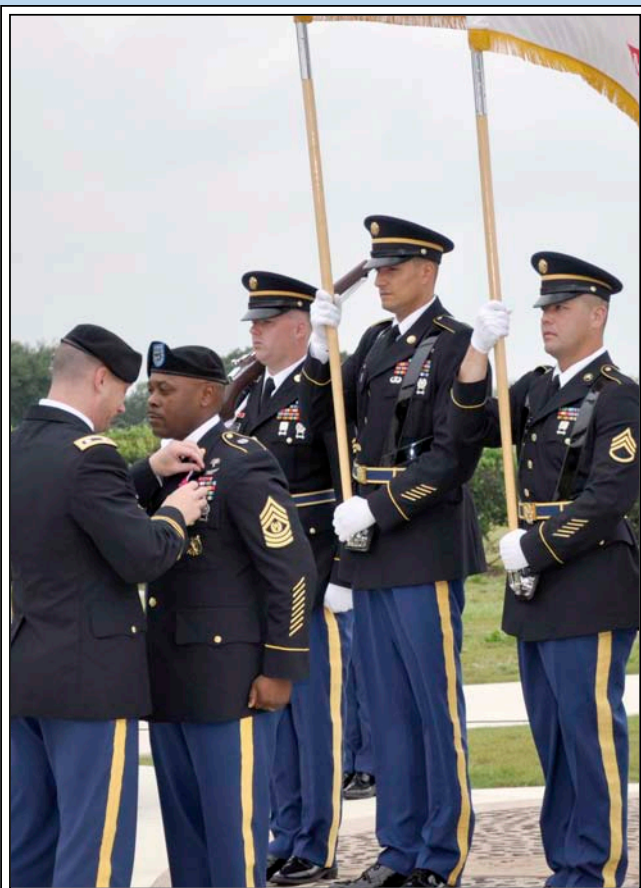
Photo by Phil Reidinger

Sgts. 1st Class Gloria Butler and Faith Castro and are congratulated by Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Bridges (far left) and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Ebert (far right), president of the Sergeant Major of the Army Leon Van Autreve Chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Induction ceremony guest speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. Eduardo Martinez (center) from the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Troop Command. Castro is currently assigned as a platoon sergeant with Company C, 264th Medical Battalion. Butler is a class advisor for the Army radiography program at the Medical Education and Training Campus.

264TH MEDICAL BATTALION CSM RETIRES

Lt. Col. Timothy Hudson (left), commander, 264th Medical Battalion awards the Legion of Merit medal to Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Ashford during his relinquishment of responsibility and retirement ceremony at the post flagpole April 13, as the color guard stands at attention. Ashford is being replaced by Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Austin.

**Photo by
Esther Garcia**



LOCAL SOLDIERS CYCLE IN RIDE 2 RECOVERY TEXAS CHALLENGE



Photo by Dewey Mitchell

Three wounded warriors from the Center for the Intrepid joined more than 200 cyclists on the Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge, which is a seven-day, 350-mile ride from San Antonio to Austin to Arlington, Texas, and started at the CFI April 16. Capt. Larkin O'Hern, Cpl. Charlie Lemon, and Staff Sgt. Scott Roberts were joined by Melisa Howard, physical therapist assistant at the San Antonio Military medical Center, for the annual cycling event.

Baseball opens Month of the Military Child

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd Force Support Squadron
Marketing

Affectionately called "military brats," children of U.S. military service members get a whole month in their honor, with celebrations like the Month of the Military Child event April 14 at Dodd Field on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The celebration included the baseball season opener, along with free pizza, prizes, a book giveaway by the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library and all kinds of activities for young people.

Shamu from Sea World and the Spurs Coyote also made their rounds, posing for pictures. The crack of the bat and the roar of the crowds added to the entertainment for the day. "This opening day of

baseball is a great way to celebrate our military children," said Domingo Ramos, 502nd Force Support Squadron Youth sports director.

"Kids can't wait for this day and we are looking forward to a great season. We have some really enthusiastic volunteer coaches and team moms," Ramos added.

Eleven-year-old Elijah Halliburton threw out the opening pitch and the first games of the season got underway. For many of the children, it was their first experience on the baseball field. For others, it was exciting to be back in uniform.

Five-year-old Inaya Sample is on the Angels this year.

"Inaya looks forward to playing every year," said Staff Sgt. Floretta Sample, Inaya's mother. "She has a lot of fun."

Navy Reservist and volunteer coach, Petty Officer 2nd Class Antonio Halliburton offers his time every year to make the season great for his two sons.

"This is the greatest sport in America," Halliburton said. "The kids get to show their talent and skills and dress up like their favorite baseball players."

The season runs until May 26, with 18 teams ranging from 3- to 4-year olds to 13- to 14-year olds.

Celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child dates back to former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who established it to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community.



Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Four-year-old Luna Vargas takes her first turn at bat in one of the opening games of the Fort Sam Houston Child Youth & School Services baseball season.



Three-year-old Jackson Lewis bounds his way into baseball season.

Fire Prevention Flash: Learn about fire extinguishers

Fire extinguishers can save lives and property, but only when maintained and used by a trained operator.

Here are some fundamentals:

Monthly inspections for government owned and or leased facilities are the responsibility of the using organization's assigned building/facility manager.

Extinguishers are required to be maintained in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standard 10. Facility managers and using organizations must budget for their purchase and maintenance.

Remember PASS when operating extinguishers:

P - Pull pin to break plastic seal

A - Aim at base of the fire

S - Squeeze handle to discharge agent

S - Sweep nozzle from side to side

For more information on fire extinguishers and other fire safety practices, contact the Fort Sam Houston Fire Prevention office at 221-5052 or 221-4798. Check out the U.S. Fire Administration's website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/>.



ARSOUTH from P1

Arellano serves not only as a representative of the Chilean army, but also as a liaison between the Chilean military and the U.S.

“In order to further the relationship between our armies, it is very important for me to know the person who is dealing with the activities and making command decisions,” said Arellano, speaking of Trombitas. “It is very important to me to know the person I’m dealing with face to face.”

The first day started out

with briefs by the Chilean foreign liaison officer for Army South, Col. Luis Chamorro, as well as a command brief and tour of Army South’s command center.

Porcile was also briefed on Army South’s joint exercises and humanitarian operations conducted in Central and South America such as Peace Keeping Operations-Americas, PANAMAX, Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias and Beyond the Horizon.

In addition, Army South has held annual bilateral Staff Talks with

the Chilean army since 2006 and also conducts Staff Talks with Brazil, Colombia and El Salvador. Army South is a deployable headquarters with a contingency command post and also works with partner nations in its AOR to enhance hemispheric security and stability.

Chamorro, a Chilean army officer, and one of three foreign liaisons who work at Army South, stated that the exercises and operations have a primary focus of providing humanitarian or civic assistance, security

and training for forces within the AOR of Army South and SOUTHCOM. In addition to Chamorro, the countries of Brazil and Colombia also have military liaisons working at Army South.

With this being Arellano’s first visit to San Antonio, the trip included more than just the standard mission briefs of how Army South operates.

Following the tours and briefings at Army South headquarters, Arellano had the opportunity to learn about historic San

Antonio through a guided tour of the Alamo as well as a boat ride along the River Walk.

Arellano concluded the visit with a helicopter ride to Camp Mabry, located in Austin, where he met with Texas Military Forces.

When Arellano took over as the new military attaché for Chile to the United States in February 2012, he wanted the opportunity to familiarize himself with and gain an understanding of the capacities and capabilities of not only Army South,

but also the Texas Military Forces, according to Chamorro.

Texas and Chile entered into a state partnership program in 2009, where Texas Military Forces and Chilean army forces conduct professional military exchanges, command and control exercises, consequence management, and emergency preparedness training.

Arellano met with representatives from the Texas Military Forces to discuss future opportunities of mutual engagement.

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systems.

Army South will have a command post with displays describing their operations with the South and Central American armies. The U.S. Army Medical Command will display a field hospital and an armored

ambulance.

“All the displays will be exciting for children and adults, so they can learn and experience what our Army at Fort Sam Houston does for our nation,” said Col. Wayne Shanks, ARNORTH chief of public affairs.

“Fiesta at Fort Sam Houston allows us to

invite the San Antonio community here to experience our Army and have some fun,” Shanks added. “We want to show how important Fort Sam Houston is to our neighbors, our Army, and this great nation.”

Some of the other activities and attractions include a children’s tent, the Sea World’s Animal Adventure Team, games and carnival rides, temporary tattoos, music and performances by Radio Disney, cookie crafts, live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, and festive food and beverages.

“Fort Sam Houston really knows how to throw

a Fiesta,” said Terry Frost, director 502nd Force Support Squadron. “Our grounds are open to the public for Fiesta & Fireworks.

“It is a great way for the San Antonio community to spend some time with the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces,” Frost added.

The 2012 Fiesta & Fireworks schedule of events includes:

1 p.m. - Gates open with carnival rides, kid’s tent games, arts and crafts vendors, food and drink booths, military displays, water wars

2-5 p.m. - Radio Disney

3-4 p.m. - Navy Band

Performs

4:30-5:30 p.m. - Patsy Torres Performs

5:30-7 p.m. - Military Ceremony

7-7:45 p.m. - Zack Walther Band

8-8:20 p.m. - Army Jazz Band “Biohazard Brass”

8:20-9 p.m. - Army Rock Band “Texas Flood”

9 p.m. - Fireworks finale

Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to watch the show. No pets or coolers are allowed on the premises.

Fiesta-goers may purchase tickets for food and rides. An ATM will

be available on the event grounds.

Guests without DOD ID cards must enter through the Harry Wurzbach Gate. DOD cardholders will be able to access the post through the Wilson/Cunningham, Walters and Binz-Engleman Gates.

All attendees, ages 16 and up, must have a valid state or government-issued ID card to gain entrance to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Vehicles should have current inspection and registration stickers and be ready to show proof of insurance.

For more information on Fiesta & Fireworks, call 221-1718.

Army Entertainment hosts 'Friday Night Jazz & Wine' series

The return of the "Friday Night Jazz & Wine" series starts soon at Joint Base San Antonio.

Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy performances by jazz saxophonist Richard Elliot and jazz guitarist Nick Colionne at 8 p.m. April 27 in the intimate setting of the Fort Sam Houston Theater.

Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$35 in advance (plus service fee) or \$40 at the door.

For advance tickets or more information, visit <http://ArmyMWR.com> or call the concert hotline at 466-2020.

The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their guests. Visitors may enter through either the Walters Gate off Interstate 35 or the Harry Wurzbach Gate off Loop 410 and Harry Wurzbach Road.

All vehicle occupants age 16 and older must show a valid photo ID to enter through the gates.

Fort Sam Houston Theater

FRIDAY NIGHT jazz wine

FEATURING
RICHARD ELLIOT
AND **NICK COLIONNE**

April 27 • Show begins 8 p.m.
Doors open and cocktails available at 7 p.m.
Tickets on sale now!
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Purchase tickets online at ArmyMWR.com

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Logos: Fort Sam Houston Theater, MWR, ARMY Entertainment

Air Force seeks Earth Day innovations

By Jennifer Schneider

Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment Public Affairs

In its 42nd year, Earth Day provides an international opportunity every April 22 to voice appreciation for the planet and unite for a sustainable future.

Across the Air Force, installations are taking measures to enhance sustainability in support of the Earth Day theme "Conserve Today. Secure Tomorrow," but Air Force leaders hope a campaign seeking new innovations will provide even greater results.

"I call upon every Airman to re-think how we approach waste in the Air Force," said Terry Yonkers, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

"As the Air Force becomes leaner, we need to reduce the burden of waste disposal costs that impact our budget. Ask yourself what you can do to be a little greener and leaner in your workplace."

To help emphasize the importance of individual efforts, the Air Force recently launched a "Blue Acts of Green" social media campaign, during which Airmen and their families are encouraged to commit to perform an environmentally friendly practice at home or work.

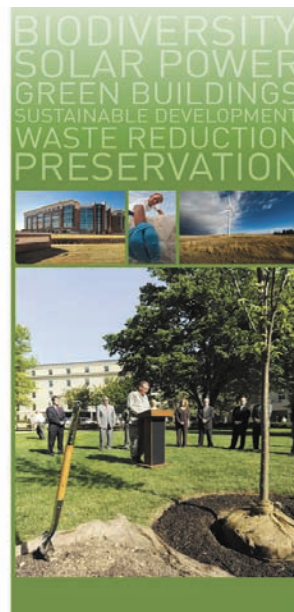
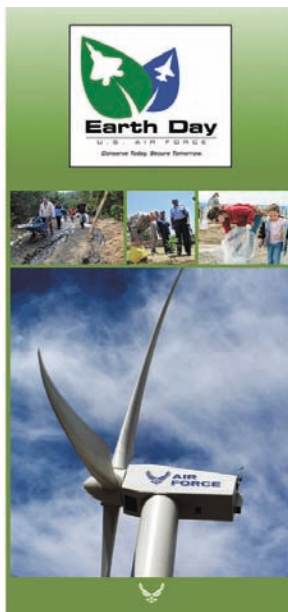
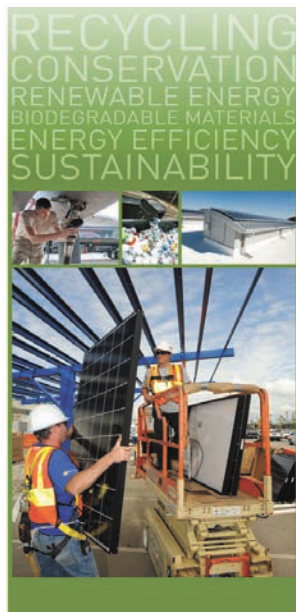
During the campaign through April 27, people can visit the Facebook site at <http://www.facebook.com/blueactsof-green> to enter their "green" act. Officials will monitor the inputs in search of innovations that can be put into practice Air Force-wide.

This year, the Air Force is highlighting pollution prevention efforts, as organizations look for ways to minimize waste and reduce operating expenses. Air Force officials emphasize there is always more that can be done, and it takes a concerted effort from all members of the team.

Across the force, installations are taking aggressive strides to enhance sustainability and cut costs. Many endeavors involve modifying current processes to include innovative, environmentally friendly technologies.

The Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is leading efforts to reduce the pollutants and heavy metals currently involved in stripping paint from Air Force aircraft.

"The robotic 'de-painting' system uses a laser as an effective and environmentally safe alternative to existing processes," said Tom Naguy, senior program



manager for environment and energy in AFRL's materials and manufacturing directorate, who is overseeing the project.

While the Air Force has been working with laser and robotics systems for the maintenance of aircraft parts since the 1990s, the focus is now on systems that can handle entire aircraft, Naguy said.

"Use of the technology has been estimated to reduce the number of hours spent on the process by as much as 75 percent," he said.

In addition to the time and material savings, the process also generates only a fraction of the hazardous materials when compared to the traditional process, not only reducing risk to the workers involved, but also dramatically reducing hazardous waste disposal costs, Naguy said.

Strategic reuse of products and materials is another way the Air Force is trimming costs and controlling its waste stream.

Hill AFB, Utah, is implementing additional ways to save money and simultaneously reduce hazardous waste disposal. According to Guy Whalen, environmental representative for the Commodities Maintenance Group there, engineers have implemented solvent filtration systems that allow multiple reuse of cleaning solvents used for aircraft parts.

"There are acquisition cost savings associated with not having to purchase as much new solvent which costs \$1,500 per 55-gallon drum," said Debbie Hall, environmental scientist of the environmental pollution prevention team at Hill.

"Being able to filter and reuse solvents

also saves in not having to dispose of as much spent solvent, which costs \$350 per 55-gallon drum for each of the five solvent recycling units we have on base."

The Air National Guard's 187th Fighter Wing in Alabama successfully conserved energy by recovering all of its contaminated JP-8 fuel for use in aircraft ground equipment, said Lt. Col. Elmer Norvell, base civil engineer there.

Even seemingly small changes can have a large impact.

Implementation of a moving box exchange service at Fairchild AFB, Wash., resulted in the reuse of six tons of moving boxes and a savings of \$5,000 for base personnel.

Substituting nonhazardous and environmentally friendly materials for hazardous ones is another way the service is going green. Such product replacements not only create a healthier environment for Airmen, but also reduce the need for hazardous material disposal.

For example, a conversion from steel brake assemblies to carbon brakes on KC-135 aircraft at Fairchild AFB led to a reduction in hazardous waste.

According to Senior Airman Kera Tracy, aircraft hydraulics system journeyman from the 92nd Maintenance Squadron, the pucks used in steel brake assemblies consist of many metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead, copper, zinc and selenium.

Some of these metals are very hazardous and can cause major health concerns in addition to environmental contamination.

"We discovered the impact the brake

Army Environmental Command
Earth Day Open House
 The U.S. Army Environmental Command hosts an Earth Day Open House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Building 2264 April 19. The event will feature more than 30 different interactive exhibits, including sustainable practices and food recipes, military vehicles, how robotics remove unexploded ordnances, recycling, renewable energy resources, endangered species, natural resources, water conservation, and other relevant environmental topics on conserving, protecting and restoring the environment. For more information, call 466-1903.

repair had on the environment when our mop water was tested and found to have high levels of cadmium," Tracy said. "Our mop water then became hazardous waste and a program was made in the shop for proper disposal."

Between 2005 and 2006, the base began the process to convert to carbon brake assemblies and now all of the KC-135s are equipped with the new brakes, she said.

"Because the plates on the carbon brakes are not made up of any heavy or toxic metals, they do not have such a hard impact on the environment," Tracy said. "Since converting to the new carbon brake assemblies, our mop water has been tested and deemed no longer hazardous to the environment."

Members of the 187th FW reduced their hazardous waste generation by 40 percent over the past two years through purchase of efficient pollution prevention equipment, product substitutions and process modifications.

For example, substituting vinyl stenciling for aerosol paints led to a decrease in hazardous waste and associated health hazards, Norvell said.

Visit the Air Force Earth Day website at <http://www.af.mil/earthday.asp> for more information, resources and tips.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's new recycling point accepts all manner of materials

By Steve Elliott
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Just in time for Earth Day, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has a new location where residents and employees can bring recyclable materials like plastics, glass, tin cans, cardboard, paper, batteries, pallets, toner cartridges, scrap metal and electronic waste.

The new location is located at Bay A of Building 4204 in the warehouse area and is open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. weekdays.

"Items placed in the 96-gallon blue plastic bins located at every building on Fort Sam Houston now goes to the new center and gets sorted by workers from Osirus Inc., the company that holds the contract for integrated solid waste management throughout Joint Base San Antonio," said Thomas Gayer-Brindisi, 502nd CES qualified recycling program manager.

"There are also dumpsters located strategically throughout JBSA-FSH for cardboard only, like the one located by the AAFES PXtra," he added.

Cardboard is collected when flattened and placed in trailers located throughout the base. Mass producers of cardboard can request for a trailer at their facility if supplies are in stock. Do not include pizza boxes, pop cartons, Kleenex boxes or any like containers, and no wax coated containers.

"In addition to helping the recycling effort, all proceeds from recycling the different items helps to keep the program going and assists in funding Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation projects on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston," Gayer-Brindisi said.

Scrap metal can also be taken to JBSA-FSH Buildings 4055, 4197 and 4204 or to Camp Bullis Building 6104.

"Since April 2011, more than 1,177 tons of recycled material from JBSA-Fort Sam Houston has been eliminated from our landfills," Gayer-Brindisi said. "Additionally, revenue from recycled materials has



topped \$163,000 in that time."

On average, the post has been making between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per month, after a slow start the first few months the program was in existence.

"Aluminum cans are the premiere example of a recyclable waste. Recycling aluminum requires less than five percent of the energy required to make it from bauxite ore," Gayer-Brindisi added.

"Around the world, more than 80 billion aluminum soda cans are used every year and every minute, an average of 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled," the recycling program manager said. "The energy saved by recycling a single aluminum can run a television set for three hours."

Glass, especially glass beverage and food containers, can be recycled time and time again.

"Did you know that 90 percent of recycled glass is used to make new containers," Gayer-Brindisi said. "Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours. Glass containers save nine gallons of fuel oil for every ton of glass recycled."

Paper is the most common material in our trash. Because of this, in order to significantly reduce the amount of trash in our landfills, we need to be recycling paper.

"Around 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S. and to produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down," Gayer-Brindisi said.



Bunches of burned-out and expired batteries await recycling.

Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and recycled paper produces 73 percent less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials, he added.

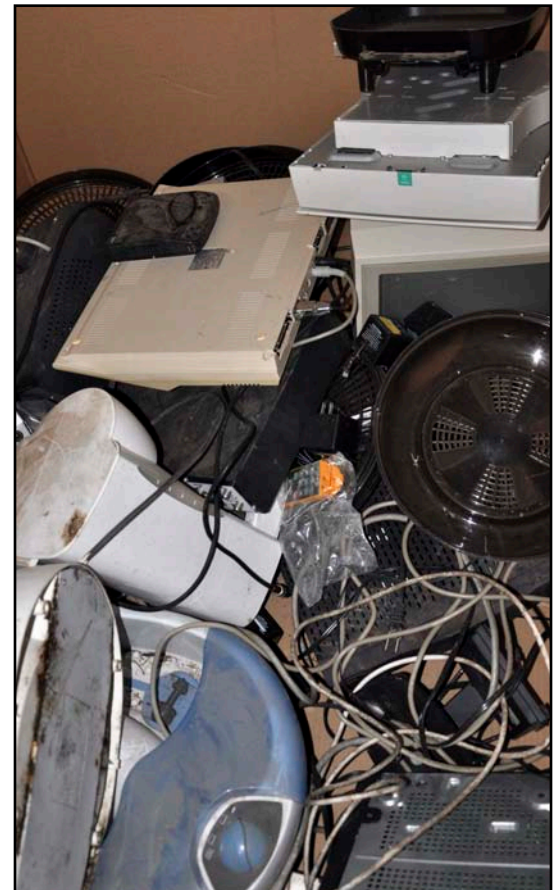
Recycling on Fort Sam Houston is focused on the elimination, to the greatest extent possible, of all recyclable materials from trash and burial in a landfill. The metric of success for the Fort Sam Houston Recycling Program is the full level of participation by all personnel living or working on the base, Gayer-Brindisi said.

"Recycling is only one of the ways you can help reduce waste and in turn help the environment," Gayer-Brindisi said. "Not only can it be fun and rewarding to find ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle, but it can also save money."

"Fort Sam Houston has a commitment to honoring the past and preserving the future and the environment," Gayer-Brindisi said.

"Whether working or living here, we encourage you to participate in Fort Sam Houston's recycling program. Your actions will reduce solid waste disposal costs while preserving natural resources and conserving energy."

For more information about recycling on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 852-1762.



Photos by Steve Elliott

All manner of electronic waste, from computers to coffee makers, can be recycled and earn Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston money towards Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation projects.

Leadership conference features numerous world-renowned speakers

Senior leaders, managers and supervisors can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending Leadercast (no federal endorsement intended) at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Lackland Gateway Club and Randolph Parr Club from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 4.

The Leadercast event is broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of sites throughout the nation. Last year, 85,000 leaders from 17 countries attended Leadercast.

Speakers for this year's event include Soledad O'Brien, anchor and correspondent for CNN; Tim Tebow, NFL quarterback, Heisman Trophy winner and author; Patrick Len-

cioni, author and president of The Table Group; John Maxwell, leadership expert author of "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership;" Angela Ahrendts, CEO, Burberry; Roland Fryer, professor of economics at Harvard University and CEO of the Education Innovation Laboratory; Urban Meyer, ESPN analyst and former head football coach for the University of Florida; Andy Stanley, leadership author and communicator; and Sheena Iyengar, author of "The Art of Choosing."

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work,

at home and in the community through his or her choices.

Registration with credit card prepayment (MasterCard or Visa only) is required. There will be no sales at the door. Registration closes April 27.

To register for attendance at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, click on <http://www.Chick-fil-ALeadercast.com> or call 221-2606.

The \$25 registration fee includes materials, breakfast, lunch, and snacks and each attendee must register separately. Conference check-in time at all three locations is between 6:30 and 7:45 a.m.

The dress code is uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians.

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Junior Leaders Training course for the Peacekeeping Operations-Americas exercise.

The course will train more than 75 multinational officers on company-grade leadership decisions in peacekeeping procedures.

PKO-A is a multi-phased exercise focused on peacekeeping operations, and improving and building partner nation peacekeeping capability and capacity.

The first phase of PKO-A 2012 was a battalion level training event which began March 19 and ended March 23 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic at the Escuela de Mantenimiento de Paz de las Fuerzas Armadas Dominicanas.

The second phase is the Junior Leaders Training being conducted, April 2 - 6 at Fort Aguayo.

The third phase will be a Senior Leader Staff Seminar April 30 - May 2 in Santiago, Chile.

The final phase of PKO-A 2012 will be a command post exercise to be conducted April 30 through May 11 in Santiago, Chile.

As U.S. Southern Command's land component lead for all peacekeeping initiatives in the Western Hemisphere, Army South partnered with Chile to conduct PKO-A.

More than 300 personnel from 17 participating countries are scheduled to take part in PKO-A to include: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay.

"Chile will lead the upcoming Junior Leaders Training exercise. Leaders from such countries as Argentina, Peru and Brazil could come to Fort Aguayo to use this MOUT site for special peacekeeping training as part of regional exercises," Zanetti said.

"We will conduct various types of training using the MOUT facility, to include patrol operations, communications, helicopter support, convoy security and humanitarian relief."

"The partnerships built through these types of exercises and military exchanges help in preserving peace and stability in the region," Santoni said.

"The building of this MOUT site by Army South will help us and our partners be better prepared for future UN peacekeeping missions," Zanetti said.

"We have a great relationship with Army South and look forward to working and training with them on upcoming operations."

Cole track excels at District 29-2A meet

By Robert Hoffmann
Cole High School

The Robert G. Cole High School boys and girls track teams excelled at the District 29-2A track meet held April 11 and 12 at Randolph High School.

The varsity girls team finished in third place overall. Jasmine Brinson placed first in the 200-meter race, Jamie Douglas was first in the 400 meter and Kristian Cardenas placed third in the 800 meter.

The team of Alex Vincent, Douglas, Carine Lott, and Brinson took second place in the 400-meter relay and second in the 1,600-meter relay.

Each student advances to the upcoming regional meet.

Regional qualifiers for

the boys team included Terrance Hodges, first in shot put and third in discus; Wykeyhe Walker, first place long jump and second place triple jump; Evan Garr, first place 800-meter run; Patrick Garr, third place 300-meter hurdles; and Khari Bennett, third place triple jump.

The mile relay team of Khari Bennett, Evan Garr, Patrick Garr, Armonis Russ took second; and the 800-meter relay team of Khari Bennett, Neal Daniels, Tyler Mercer, Wykeyhe Walker also finished in second place.

The regional qualifiers compete April 20 at Judson Stadium. The official regional track meet will be held at Judson Stadium the following week.

The girls junior varsity team led by first-place finishers Maria Herrera

in the long jump and triple jump; Teresa Cenney in the 800-meter run; Jane Edwards in the discus; Jackie Stewart in the 300-meter hurdles; Areli Acosta in the high jump; and Areli Acosta, Teresa Cenney, Jane Edwards and Lexi Rodarmer in the 1,600-meter relay won the junior varsity team district championship.

Notable finishers from the boys junior varsity team included first-place finishes by the sprint relay team of Julian Wilson, Brian Rubin, Chris Cadd, and Jacob Kelly; 800-meter relay team of Brian Rubin, Chris Cadd, Jacob Kelly and Jesse Balderas; the mile relay team of Jacob Kelly, Jesse Balderas, Julian Wilson and Cameron Sucec; along with Mardio Lattimore in the high jump; and Rubin in the long jump.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES APRIL 23-28

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

April 23

King Antonio XC Fiesta
Royalty, 1:20p.m.

April 24

State of Texas Assess-
ments of Academic
Readiness testing

April 25

STAAR testing

April 26

STAAR testing

April 27

Battle of Flowers early
release at 11 a.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

April 23

STAAR and Texas Assessment of
Knowledge and Skills testing

April 24

STAAR & TAKS testing

April 25

STAAR & TAKS testing

April 26

STAAR & TAKS testing

April 27

Regional track meet at Johnson
High School, all day

Battle of Flowers early release at
11 a.m.

April 28

Regional track meet at Johnson
High School, all day

Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE
is that people can let service provid-
ers know when they do a great job,
not just for poor service.

It takes 5 minutes or less to sub-
mit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



FSHISD announces details of 2012-2013 Non-Resident Transfer Student Program

The Fort Sam Hous-
ton Independent School
District will accept
non-resident transfer
student applications for
the upcoming 2012-2013
school year in pre-kin-
dergarten through grade
12. Applications and will
be granted for one school
year at a time, on a
tuition-free basis.

Transfer decisions are
made without regard
to race, religion, color,
gender, disability, na-
tional origin, or ancestral
language.

Non-resident transfer
students are children of
active duty military par-
ents who do not reside
on the installation in
Lincoln Military Housing
and have successfully
completed the non-resi-
dent transfer application
process.

A resident student who
becomes a non-resident
due to a parent retiring
from military active duty
or who moves out of the
district is permitted to

continue in attendance
for the remainder of the
school year and is eligible
to apply for a transfer.

Parents of children
currently attending a
FSHISD school as a
NRT will receive an
email April 30 which
will include the required
documents and applica-
tion. Applications will be
accepted April 30 until
Aug. 17.

New for the 2012-2013
school year is that all
first-time applicants for
the Non-Resident Trans-
fer Student Program will
have the opportunity to
apply starting May 15,
when required informa-
tion and forms will be
posted on the district's
website at [http://www.fsh-
isd.net](http://www.fsh-
isd.net). Applications will
be accepted from May 15
to Aug. 17.

A parent may file at
the Office of the Superin-
tendent a request that his
or her child be admitted
into FSHISD schools if the
parent meets one of the

following categories:

1. Is serving on ac-
tive military duty. Na-
tional Guard and Reserve
military members shall be
considered to be serving
on active military duty,
only if called to active
military duty by order
of the President of the
United States.

2. Is awaiting hous-
ing on the approved Fort
Sam Houston Military
Housing wait list, with
an approximate move-in
date into available quar-
ters within the 2012-2013
school year. If quarters
are refused, the district
shall initiate withdrawal
of the student.

3. Is employed by the
district.

4. Has retired from
active duty military
service after having been
assigned to a military
installation in San Anto-
nio and is employed on
federal property.

All non-resident trans-
fer students need to re-
apply each year and meet

FSHISD eligibility criteria.
In approving transfers,
the superintendent will
consider availability of
space and instructional
staff, and the student's
disciplinary history, atten-
dance, grades, and any
potential adverse effect
on resident students.

The administrative
regulations establishing
a priority order based
on the parent's military
status will be followed.
First priority is given to
students who meet the
non-resident transfer
criteria and are cur-
rently enrolled as an
NRT student.

Completed applications
should be submitted in
person to the Office of
the Superintendent at
the District Administra-
tion Office, located at
1902 Winans Road. For
further information, call
368-8707.

For details, visit the
Fort Sam Houston ISD
website at <http://www.fshisd.net>.



Pre Deployment Planning Training

April 19, 9-10:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

ScreamFree Parenting

April 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Safety Seat Clinic

April 19, 1-3 p.m., Fire Station Building 3830, call 221-0349.

Positive Parenting Enrichment

April 19, 1:30-3 p.m., Lackland Air Force Base Airmen and Family

Readiness, call 221-0349.

Couponing Class

April 19, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

U.S. Army Soldier Show

"Army Strong," April 19-21, 7 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Admission is free on a first-come, first seated basis. Call 466-2020.

Balancing Baby and Marriage

April 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Holocaust Remembrance

April 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Service Building 2797. Guest speaker is Anna Rado, Holocaust survivor.

Earth Day Poetry Reading

April 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Keith Campbell Memorial Library, call 221-0349.

Stress Management

April 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Caminada de Fiesta Walk

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk April 21 starting at the Army Medical Department Museum. Walks start between 7:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/Texas-Wanderers>.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"...And the Beat Goes On," March 8-April 21, Thursday through

Saturday. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694.

Fiesta & Fireworks

April 22, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field. The event will feature a military ceremony, food booths, carnival rides, children's games, entertainment, static displays and arts and crafts. Visitors can enter through the Harry Wurzbach gate. Call 221-1718.

English as a Second Language

April 23, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Teens and Money

Financial Readiness Program will offer a Teens and Money class April 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center

Building 2797. Class space is limited. To register for classes or for more information, call 221-2380.

PowerPoint Level 1

April 24, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

April 24-25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

HUGS Playgroup

April 24, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

April 24, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, call

221-1681 or 221-2418.

Making the Most of Your Money

April 24, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

PowerPoint Level 2

April 25, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

April 25, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Word Level 3

April 26, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

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Weekly Weather Watch

	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
San Antonio Texas	 82° Partly Cloudy	 80° Scattered Storms	 76° Mostly Sunny	 81° Sunny	 82° Sunny	 82° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	 66° Light Rain	 64° Light Rain	 62° Showers	 64° Showers	 67° Scattered Showers	 68° Mostly Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Edwards Aquifer Level


in feet above sea level
as of April 17

CURRENT LEVEL* = 658.2'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'
Stage I - 660'
Stage II - 650'
Stage III - 642'
Stage IV - 640.5'
Stage V - 637'

Joint Base San Antonio has reverted back to Stage Normal Water Restrictions. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is permitted any day of the week between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or bucket is permitted any time of the day.



Joint Base San Antonio reenters Stage I water restrictions

By Anthony Martinez
JBSA Engineer

The Bexar County Index Well, or J-17, has gone below 660 feet and Joint Base San Antonio Stage I water restrictions are now in place. As of April 16, the J-17 was at 659.0 feet.

With Stage I restrictions, there are changes from normal water conservation measures.

Housing and facilities are now only allowed to water lawns once a week, between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and midnight, on their designated day: if address/facility number ends in 0 or 1, water on Monday; address/facility number ends in 2 or 3, water on Tuesday; address/facility number ends in 4 or 5, water on Wednesday; address/facility number ends in 6 or 7, Thursday is the

watering day; and if address/facility number ends in 8 or 9, water on Friday.

Personnel who tend athletic fields must follow the same watering guidelines as above.

Additional Stage I water restrictions include: watering new landscaping to maintain adequate growth until established; restaurants and other eating establishments are prohibited from serving water to customers unless it is requested by the customer.

All JBSA members must look for ways to conserve water, protect our base missions, and support the region's conservation efforts. The aquifer level will continue to fall without our help. Now is the time to conserve.

For more information, or to report misuse, call the JBSA Water Conservation Hotline at 466-4H2O (4420).

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Transitioning with a Student with Special Needs
April 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2962 or 221-0600.

Friday Jazz & Wine
April 27, 8 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Theatre, featuring Richard Elliot and Nick Colonne. Doors open and cocktails available at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale now, call 466-2020 or visit armymwr.com.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal April 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at San Antonio Military Medical Center Medical Mall or the Refill Pharmacy Building 2401 on Scott and Allen roads. Call 221-2988.

Turkey Hunting Season
Season is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-dark through April 29 at

Camp Bullis. Hunting permits are sold Friday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 295-7529.

Army Ten Miler
The registration deadline is April 30. The Army 10 Miler Qualifier is May 5, 6:45 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The run is open to all active duty military. The top five men and women will represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C. on Oct. 21.

HIRED! Summer Session
Students ages 15-18 can register by May 1 for the June 19-Sept. 8 HIRED! Apprenticeship Program.

Volunteer of the Year Awards
May 2, 10 a.m.-noon Sam Houston Community Center. The theme is "The Force Behind the Force," come out and thank the volunteers on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2611.

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Military Spouse Appreciation

May 11, 1-8 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2418.

Auditions for Youth GOT TALENT

The search is on for the most talented military youth and families in singing, dancing, music, comedy or specialty acts. Auditions are ongoing until May 16 for a chance to compete in the 2012 Fort Sam Houston You Got Talent Show on Saturday, May 19, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, Stanley Road. Youth, ages 6 to 18, or older if still in high school are encouraged to call 221-4016 to audition for this Air Force-wide family and teen talent competition.

Auditions for Festival of the Arts

The 2012 Festival of the Arts Variety Show, "Razzle Dazzle," will be held May 17, 7- 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Auditions are open now for service members and their family members who sing, dance, or have a comedy bit or other specialty act. To audition, call 221-4016 before May 15. Selected performers will be judged live by Army Entertainment.

Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may train to be certified lifeguards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open

Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DoD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Hacienda Student Center

Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.



All-American Canteen

This official Fiesta event is sponsored by Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, April 21, 7-11 p.m. in the Mission Room of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E Market St. Dance the night away as we honor our Military history and traditions through the ages. Admission is \$75 per person. Cash bar



opens at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 7:45. Price includes complimentary Fiesta Medal. Call 490-1818.

Fiesta De Los Reyes at Market Square

Present a military ID card April 23 at Market Square, 514 West Commerce St., to receive a wristband for food vendor discounts. Look for booths with U.S. flags. Call 254-9160.

2012 Federal Recognition Awards

An awards ceremony will be held June 13, 11:30 a.m.-1

p.m. at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade. Bill Taylor, KENS5 meteorologist, is master of ceremonies. Call 565-1860/1861 or email afpc.afef.workflow@us.af.mil.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com/> or call 722-5077.

For Sale: Computer desk, black, \$10; Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$175 each; glass top coffee table, \$35; five-shelf wood bookshelf, \$30; four-drawer brown filing cabinet, \$30. Call 943-2314.

For Sale: New Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-3765.

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