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Photo by Lisa Braun

Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, (left) surgeon general of the Navy and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, awards the Legion of Merit to Rear Adm. Bob Kiser during his retirement ceremony June 15. Kiser, the first commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, retired after 38 years of combined Reserve and active duty service.

First commandant of the Medical Education & Training Campus retires

By Lisa Braun
METC Public Affairs

Navy Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, concluded a distinguished 38-year navy career with a retirement ceremony on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 15.

Kiser became a part of METC history when he arrived as the first commandant in May 2010, ultimately shaping the way for the Department

of Defense's new enlisted medical training center to become the largest integrated medical training facility in DOD history.

Under Kiser's leadership, the campus went from initial operating capability to full operating capability within 15 months.

Throughout this process, the tri-service medical education and training community was bolstered to ensure the Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, and

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Army birthday gets super sized in 'Military City, USA'

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

More than 1,500 military and civilian community members of "Military City, U.S.A." celebrated the 237th birthday of the United States Army with a run to the Alamo, and a Texas-sized 237-foot cake.

Runners from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the surrounding community joined Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, in a leisurely 2.3-mile run from historic Fort Sam Houston to the Alamo, where a throng of spectators and the giant cake awaited them.

"I can't think of an event more special than the birthday of the U.S. Army," Caldwell said. "This year, Soldiers and family members from Fort Sam Houston, along

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Army and community leaders, along with the oldest and youngest Soldiers in the formation, cut the Army birthday cake June 14 in front of the Alamo. (From left to right) Richard Perez, president and chief executive officer, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; Frank Perez, 86, who served as a private first class in the D-Day invasion and once drove for Gen. George S. Patton; Pvt. Hector Cortez-Gonzalez, 18, who will begin basic training in a few weeks; San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro; and Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

U.S. Army celebrates 237th birthday with open house

By Sgt. 1st Class
Christopher DeHart
ARNORTH Public Affairs

A day of celebration was made more momentous with the opening of the historic Quadrangle to the San Antonio and Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston military and civil-

ian communities June 14.

U.S. Army commands at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston held an open house for the public to come and join in the celebration of the Army's 237th birthday, following a first-ever run to the Alamo.

The run consisted of more than 1,500 troops within the

various JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Army commands and units.

After the trek to the Alamo for cake and the more traditional honoring of the flag, the community at large was invited to come to the Quadrangle to see more of what the Army com-

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Cost Conscious Culture: doing a little reaps big savings

By Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr.
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

Fellow members of the AETC team, thank you for all you do to keep our Air Force and our nation strong. As I travel around our command, I see firsthand how magnificently you are executing our recruit, train and educate missions and I want you to know how proud I am to be on your team.

Our ability to continue to execute our mission with excellence is directly related to how we manage our resources.

While it is clear we will have fewer resources available in the future, I am convinced we will have the resources we need if we use those resources wisely. Said another way, we will have the dollars we need, but not one penny to waste.

One of the ways each of us can ensure we are using our precious resources judiciously is through participation in what we are calling a Culture of Cost Consciousness, or C3. C3 is about attaining a higher level of understanding about the costs of our daily activities.

It is about all of us finding ways to save small amounts of money that collectively will add up to saving large amounts. It is about harnessing the power of open communication to share ideas that work. It is about having a stake in the future and taking responsibility to shape that future in a positive way.

C3 is not a new "program," rather it is a new "culture." It is not about learning a new set of skills or a complex rule set. It is not about quotas for savings or mandatory



participation.

In fact, each of us already has all the tools required to join the cost conscious culture. Those tools are our powers of observation and a willingness to question the costs of what we observe. I will give you a few personal examples to illustrate this point.

When I go TDY, I normally travel on military aircraft that operate out of Joint Base San Anto-

nio-Randolph Air Force Base. The JBSA-Randolph airfield is normally closed on weekends, so if I need to depart or return on a weekend, I fly out of San Antonio International Airport to avoid the cost (overtime) of opening the airfield at Randolph.

Before C3, I assumed this was the most cost effective way to operate; however, after C3 I asked the question, "Is it really cheaper to fly out of San Antonio since we end up paying a private contractor there to service the aircraft?"

After doing a little research, we found that there are times when it is actually cheaper to open the field at JBSA-Randolph than it is to operate out of San Antonio. We now do the cost comparison for each trip where I'm departing

or leaving on a weekend, and we are saving money... C3!

Another example. For many years AETC headquarters has leased a surrey that is suitable for transporting distinguished visitors when they visit our command.

Before C3 I probably would have automatically renewed the lease since we need a way to transport visitors and "we've always had a DV surrey."

After C3 I asked, "How much does this lease cost and do we really need this surrey?" In short, the answer was, "It costs a lot and we have other surreys that are suitable for transporting DVs." Result: we cancelled the lease and are saving thousands of dollars... C3!

The other day while drying my hands in the men's room, I looked

down at the paper towel and wondered whether it would be less expensive to use hand dryers instead.

A brief search on the Internet indicated hand dryers could potentially be 95 percent less expensive than paper towels. If this is even half true, conversion across the command to hand dryers could potentially save big bucks ... C3!

I could go on, but you get the point. C3 is about a different way of looking at everything we do and each of us already has the tools to make a difference.

If each of us found ways to save only \$3 a day, we'd collectively save more than \$37 million dollars in just six months.

That's the power of

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USAMITC Change of Command Ceremony

Lt. Col. Beverly A. Beavers will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center to Col. Andrew J. Smith at 2 p.m. June 22 at the Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. A reception follows at the AMEDD Museum, Building 1046, at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach.

32nd Medical Brigade Change of Responsibility, Retirement

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Tharp will relinquish responsibilities of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson at 8:30 a.m. June 22 during a ceremony at the post flagpole on Stanley Road. Tharp retires following 30 years of military service. The inclement weather location is Evans Theater on Gardner Road.

W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed until June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring access to areas around this location are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Independence Day Concert at the Gazebo

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, Brooke Army Medical Center commander, will host a free Independence Day Concert with music from the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" at 7 p.m. July 1 at the gazebo on Staff Post Road.

32nd Medical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony

Col. William LaChance will relinquish command of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Col. Johnathan Fristoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

Fourth of July Ceremony at FSH National Cemetery

The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez is sponsoring a Fourth of July ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, at 10 a.m. July 4. Brig. Gen. Kirk F. Vollmecke, commanding general, U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command, is keynote speaker. There will be a wreath laying, musical

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Army South selects best warrior Soldier, NCO

By Sgt. Tamika Exom
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Sgt. Javaris M. Cooper, a signals intelligence analyst with the 401st Military Intelligence Company, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, and Sgt. Matthew G. Baker, an internment/resettlement specialist with the 193rd Military Police Company, 525th Military Police Battalion, were the winners in the U.S. Army South Best Warrior Competition held at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis from June 10 to 16.

The two NCOs will represent Army South during the U.S. Army Forces Command NCO and Soldier of the Year "Best Warrior" competition.

Cooper, recently promoted to sergeant, won the Best Warrior of the Year in the Soldier category and Baker won in the NCO category.

The five-day competition included an Army physical fitness test, land navigation exercise, weapons qualification on the M-4 and M-9, various warrior tasks, a written examination, drill and ceremony and face-to-face time with a formal military board consisting of sergeants major from the command.

"These are the best Soldiers from Army South," said ARSOUTH Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes.

"They are the A-team for Army South. The A-team is more than just an individual who is highly trained and highly skilled, but a team of the best warriors with the proper skills required of our Soldiers," Cervantes added.

"That land navigation course is really hard, especially when you live on an island that's only seven miles long," said Baker, who is currently working in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. "It was challenging and pushed me to my limits. It was fun and I actually learned a lot."

Out of all of the events that took place over the course of



Sgt. Javaris M. Cooper fires an M-9 pistol during the U.S. Army South Best Warrior competition.

the competition, the Soldiers agreed that the land navigation was very challenging.

"That was the toughest land navigation course I've ever done," Cooper said. "Trying to dead recon in those woods was a no-go."

Cooper and Baker were both presented with Army Commendation Medals for exceptional performance during the Army South BWC, trophies to commemorate their victories and commemorative knives to remind them to maintain cutting edge mastery of their Army warrior skills.

"These Soldiers volunteered to do this because they wanted to be the best," said Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commanding general of U.S. Army South. "They took time to prove the mindset and superiority of the American Soldier, what we stand for and their ability to do their job anywhere, any time."

"The strength of our nation is our Army; the strength of our army is our Soldiers, and I've seen no better demonstration of that than these Soldiers sitting here today," Trombitas added.

In addition to Cooper and Baker, Sgt. Edward Gribbins,

1717th Military Intelligence Battalion; Sgt. Gregory M. Lenski, 512th Engineering Detachment; Spc. Matthew J. Littrell, 189th Military Po-

lice Company; Spc. Christian Lopez, 1-228th Aviation Regiment; and Spc. Julia Smith, ARSOUTH, also participated in the competition.



Photos by Miguel Negron

Sgt. Matthew G. Baker makes adjustments to his M-4 rifle during the U.S. Army South Best Warrior competition June 12.

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presentation by a fife and drum corps, roll call of the 13 colonies with the firing of muskets, three-volley rifle salute honoring all veterans, live rendition of taps for fallen U.S. Soldiers and a demonstration of colonial children's toys. All are welcome to this free event celebrating the nation's birthday.

BAMC Troop Command Change of Command

Lt. Col. Corrina A. Dixon will relinquish command of the Troop Command, Brooke Army Medical Center, to Lt. Col. Beverly S. Scott at 9 a.m. July 9 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston main post flagpole on Stanley Road. The inclement weather location is the Big Area Tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood.

Commercial Travel Office Contact Numbers

The Fort Sam Houston's Commercial Travel Office, Carlson-Wagonlit SATO Travel, phone number is now 1-866-282-0499 for reservations and 1-866-650-7909 for fax.

FSH Thrift Shop Opens in mid-August

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in mid-August. The shop will be open to receive donations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 9. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call (405) 415-5606.

5th Bde, Army Cadet Command Change of Command

Col. Bridget M. Rourke will relinquish command of the 5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command to Col. James E. Dodson at 11 a.m. July 20 at the Army Medical Department Museum, Building 1046 at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach. Ceremony will be conducted outside, reception to follow inside the museum.

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

The Department of Veteran Affairs is now accepting applications for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. The program offers up to 12 months of training assistance to

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Flag Day ceremony honors former SMA Van Autreve

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Distinguished guests and friends of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy gathered at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery June 14 for a Flag Day ceremony and wreath presentation at the graveside of Sergeant Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve.

Van Autreve, the fourth sergeant major of the Army, was sworn in July 1, 1973 and served

until June 1975. He was born in Eeklo, Belgium, on Jan. 29, 1920 and died March 14, 2006.

The ceremony began with flower presentations to Van Autreve's widow, Rita, and his daughter, Robin. The 323rd Army Band, "Fort Sam's Own," played "Retreat" and "To the Colors" as the NCO Academy Color Guard lowered the nation's flag.

"I never had the privilege of meeting SMA Van Autreve," said Command Sgt. Major Christopher Walls, host for the



Members of the Army Medical Department Center and School, Noncommissioned Officers Academy Color Guard lower the nation's flag June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery during the Flag Day Ceremony in memory of the late Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve and other fallen military.

Photos by Esther Garcia



Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Walls, commandant, Noncommissioned Officer Academy visits with Rita Van Autreve, wife of the late Sgt. Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve, and her daughter, Robin following the wreath presentation at Van Autreve's graveside at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery June 14.

ceremony and commandant for the Noncommissioned Officers Academy. "However, as commandant of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy I benefit from the legacy that he left for all NCOs. He dedicated his life to establishing standards and improving the NCO Corps."

Walls said when Van Autreve took the position as sergeant major of the Army, he immediately began to work on his highest priority – increasing the professional standards of the NCO Corps.

His changes ensured that an incompetent NCO would not get promoted

and eliminated favoritism from the NCO assignment. Van Autreve fought for a centralized selection process, which promotes NCOs according to their accomplishment.

Walls said Van Autreve believed that to have a strong Army, a strong NCO corps was needed.

As part of the NCO corps rejuvenation, Van Autreve gave NCOs more voice in command decisions, reduced the Army's reliance on soldiers' councils, developed the Noncommissioned Officer Education System and encouraged NCOs to have the moral

courage to police their own ranks.

"Van Autreve's reputation for innovative action when dealing with serious morale and discipline problems made him the ideal NCO to fix the Army's post Vietnam problem," Walls said.

In 1994, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club designated Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston as the SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter. In 2002, the Army Medical Department Noncommissioned Officer Academy was renamed the Sergeant Major Leon L. Van Autreve Hall in his honor.

SAMMC offers translation service for patients

By Marsha Huffman
BAMC Volunteer

San Antonio Military Medical Center now offers a translation service for patients.

The service is geared toward patients who need assistance in communicating with their healthcare providers.

More than 170 languages are available through telephone interpreter services, including sign language.

"This is a wonderful service for our patient

and staff," said Lt. Col. Margaret Youngblood, lead project officer.

"It will eliminate miscommunication and provide the best medical care possible for our patients."

Effective communication is crucial when dealing with a patient's health regardless of their language barrier, Youngblood stressed.

"All they (patients) have to do is let their healthcare providers know and they will activate the language

line translation service to provide medical assistance, gather in-depth patient medical information or help with patients concerns," Youngblood explained.

If English is a patient's second language and a translator is needed, patients can inform their healthcare provider that they will need this assistance.

For more information, contact BAMC Hospital Education at 916-2222.



Photo by Marsha Huffman

In a simulated scenario, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Edward McDaniel, internal medicine physician, and Monique Vilay, BAMC staff, listen to a translator on speakerphone as she translates information between them. More than 170 languages are available through telephone interpreter services, including sign language.

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Coast Guardsmen under his charge set the highest standards of professional performance and conduct, shaping the way ahead for enlisted military medical education and training operations of the future.

Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, surgeon general of the Navy and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, hosted the ceremony and spoke of Kiser's accomplishments, camaraderie and friendship.

"Who do you pick to come down from the Navy and be the ambassador for this amazing joint venture? This venture that brings Army, Air Force, Navy together under the same confines," Nathan asked.

"The choice is clear," he answered. "The Navy sent (Rear) Admiral Kiser."

Nathan recognized Kiser's wife, Geraldine, and his family and thanked them for their support. He also presented Kiser with the Legion of Merit.

Guest speaker, Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Lambing, who previously served as METC's command chief and is currently serving as chief of the Enlisted Medical Force, spoke fondly of serving under Kiser.

"As I look into the audience today, Skipper, I see your dedication in many spectrums. As a father, husband, friend, subordinate and leader ... you truly get it! The magnitude of your dedication is profound."

Lambing added, "Today, we celebrate with you, Geraldine, your family and friends. We know we see further, stand taller, and fight harder because of visionary leaders like you, upon whose



Photo by Lisa Braun

Rear Adm. Bob Kiser and his wife, Geraldine, get piped ashore in accordance with Navy tradition during his retirement ceremony June 15. Kiser, the first commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, retired after 38 years of combined reserve and active duty service.

shoulders we stand."

During his remarks, Kiser recognized his family as well as the friends and colleagues who traveled from as far away as Hawaii.

He mentioned the important people who were not there as well;

a daughter serving as a diplomat with the Foreign Service in Pakistan, and his and Geraldine's parents who have passed away.

He talked about his father, a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

"My dad was a career soldier and he always wondered where he went wrong when his son decided to join the Navy," Kiser recalled.

"He died in 1979 when I was an intern, and I still miss him," the admiral added. "But I'll bet that if he were able to speak to us today, he would probably agree that this Navy gig turned out okay for his eldest son, and he would be very proud of his children and his grandchildren."

Kiser then spoke of the faculty and staff behind METC's success and called them his "heroes."

"This day is yours. You are all heroes to me," Kiser said. "This very hour, all over the world, there are METC graduates tending to those who are most wounded, most vulnerable, most broken, most in need."

"They can do what they do because of what

they have learned here. They can do what they do because of your investment in them now manifesting itself in their investment in others. The hands that heal aren't just their hands; they are your hands as well.

"Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of the people around you," Kiser said. "Thank you for making a profound difference in my life. I am better, so much better, for having served in your midst."

METC is an enlisted medical training center serving the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. METC is the first stop for nearly all entry-level enlisted medical training and a point of return for a majority of advanced enlisted medical training. METC trains the finest medics, corpsmen and techs; supporting our nation's ability to engage globally.

BIRTHDAY BALL CAPS OFF 237TH ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



An Army birthday cake was cut held as part of a celebration of the Army's 237th birthday by senior leaders from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the youngest and oldest Soldiers respectively during the Army Birthday Ball June 15. Doing the honors are (from left) Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North, and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general of U.S. Army South; Pfc. Francisco Padilla, 20, with the 512th Engineer Detachment.; Col. Daniel Berliner, 67, serving as the Army South surgeon; Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, deputy commanding general for operations, Installation Management Command; and Herb Coley, U.S. Army Medical Command Chief of Staff.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

The Army's campaign streamers are added to the Colors during the formal ceremony during the Army Birthday Ball held on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 15 in celebration of the Army's 237th Birthday.

CPS ENERGY VOLUNTEERS AT WFSC



Photo by Lori Newman

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing/Joint Base San Antonio commander, stops to thank CPS Energy employees Eric Cloudt (left) and Michael Ward (center) during a tour of phase two of the Warrior and Family Support Center June 15. More than 550 CPS Energy employees volunteered their time June 14 and 15 planting shrubbery, building rock formations, working on the walking paths and spreading mulch. "We are just one of many partners," said Jeffrey Tuttle, vice president of CPS Energy Gas Business Unit. "That's what San Antonio is known for, folks partnering together and getting the job done." The CPS Energy partnership idea started with a conversation between Julius Moore (second from right), director of JBSA Energy Solutions for CPS Energy and Steve Huffman, board president, Returning Heroes Home.

METC activates Operation Warfighter internship program

By Lisa Braun
METC Public Affairs

The Medical Education and Training Campus has taken the first steps in providing wounded, ill, and injured service members valuable work experience as part of the Operation Warfighter federal internship program.

OWF places wounded, ill, and injured service members convalescing at military treatment facilities across the United States in supportive work settings that positively impact their rehabilitation.

METC's participation in the program will provide an opportunity for recuperating service members to augment their employment readiness by building their resumes, exploring employment interests, obtaining

formal and on-the-job training, and gaining valuable federal government work experience to help prepare them for the future.

"It's about taking care of the troops," said Everett Ybarra, METC's OWF project coordinator. "That kind of commitment never ends."

Ybarra said this program will allow service members to enroll in college while participating in their internship, leading to resume building experiences.

"Transition is always a challenge for service members," added Ybarra. "It's a life change, and their life has already been altered by their injuries. Anything we can do to facilitate the process will help better their lives, their future outlook."

Erasmo Valles, Operation Warfighter regional coordinator for San Antonio said Operation Warfighter has demonstrated to be a successful and brilliant way to give back to wounded, ill, and injured service members.

"The opportunities that all the federal agencies provide gives our service members a helping hand up to a new career focus," Valles said.

"Our interns realize that they can move beyond their wounds, illnesses and injuries to re-enter and be productive in any work environment."

The program is a win-win for both wounded, ill, and injured service members and METC.

Skills obtained in the military are transferable to civilian employment. For those service mem-

bers returning to duty, it offers the opportunity for additional training and experience that can benefit the military.

Simultaneously, by participating in the OWF program at METC, the considerable talent and dedication of these service members will supplement shortages and gaps within departments for up to a year, depending on needs and expectations.

Internships typically last a few months and average 15-20 hours per week.

"This is a great partnership between METC and OWF in support of our wounded veterans," said Navy Capt. Gail Hathaway, METC deputy commandant. "It helps them with their transition from the military and allows us to give

something back."

To get started, METC will establish a human resources connection consisting of one or two wounded, ill, and injured service members who will manage the placement of interns. Requests for interns submitted by METC departments will be received and vetted by the WII HR management team for placement.

OWF has placed more than 2,000 service members in internships with more than 105 different federal agencies and sub-components.

Currently, there are 395 OWF placements across 25 different Military Treatment Facilities and transition units. Approximately 15 percent of the participants have transitioned into federal jobs after participating in OWF.

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numbers; each of us doing a little, results in all of us doing a lot. With this in mind, I'm setting a goal for C3 savings.

Let's each try to save \$3 a day and see if we can't collectively save \$37 million dollars by Dec. 31.

Again, participation is not mandatory, but I'm betting most of you will want to get on the C3 train.

To find out how you can be part of the AETC C3 culture, visit the AETC web page at <http://www.aetcf.af.mil> and follow the link to the AETC C3 site.

You can also follow our progress with me on Twitter at #aetcboss or share your ideas and comments on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AirEducationandTrainingCommand>.

Thanks again for all you do, every day!

Personal property peak moving season underway

By Kenneth R. Langley
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For people making permanent change of station moves within the continental United States this summer, be aware the peak summer moving season is currently in full swing.

The largest volume of requests for property movement began May 1 and the Department of Defense expects it to continue through July 31.

And much like last season, the entire DOD is competing with the private sector to secure transportation service providers to pack and pick up personal property shipments.

To offset the impact to families, officials at Air Force Joint Personal

Property Shipping Offices are using all available tools and options to manage shipment volume and move property in accordance with customers' requested pickup dates.

To that end, they are working closely with the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and commercial industry to identify carriers who are able to service shipments.

The JPPSOs are also placing some shipments into temporary storage at origin locations. The military services have also been working with industry to add flexibility to business rules with a goal of securing maximum carrier capacity.

Because there are so many competing pressures for personal property movement this summer, it's important

to focus on a few things people can do to offset the impact.

First, review your schedule and work with the assignments team to determine if you can postpone your move by changing your report-not-later-than-date until after the summer season, when carriers are better able to pack and pick up your property.

This may be asking a lot, especially for those who absolutely cannot afford to make any adjustments (pending home sales, expiration of lease agreements, mission requirements, etc.); however, flexibility in your departure plan affords the JPPSOs an expanded opportunity to move property.

Another thing is elect the "option" to perform a Personally Procured Move, formerly called a

Do It Yourself – or DITY – move.

This "option" allows people to control move dates and ensures ready access to property upon arrival at the new location.

There are several PPM options including one that reimburses up to what the government would have paid for the move and another where people could receive a financial incentive, if the move costs less than 95 percent of the government's constructed cost.

Factors such as weight limit, actual weight of property moved and distance between origin and destination determine the amount of money involved.

In addition to the old

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with some great community leaders, are celebrating the 237th birthday of the U.S. Army with this first-ever run to the Alamo."

Celebrating the Army's birthday in San Antonio is special.

"You know, this city is called 'Military City, U.S.A.,' and for good reason, too," Caldwell said. "There's a long, proud military tradition associated with San Antonio."

San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro joined the Army on the run.

"I'm excited to join the Army in celebrating 237 years of service to the nation," Castro said. "San Antonio is Military City, U.S.A., and we are very proud of the Army and Fort Sam Houston."

More than 20 wounded warriors ran or cycled in the run. Sgt. Delvin Maston, an leg-amputee in the Warrior Transition Battalion, operated a hand-bike in the front of the mass formation.

Maston, a native of Birmingham, Ala., said he was in the run to celebrate his service in the Army, but that wasn't the only reason.

"One, I like group PT (physical training)," Maston said.



The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston celebration of the Army's 237th Birthday started out with a 1,500-man run to the Alamo beginning at the historic Quadrangle June 14 led by Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commander of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; Julián Castro, mayor of San Antonio; and Richard Perez, president and chief executive officer of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

"And secondly, I was challenged by the battalion commander."

Maston, an automated logistics Soldier in the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ken., lost his leg while he was home on leave in Birmingham June 22, 2009, when a woman who was driving and texting hit him while he was standing near the edge of the road.

"She kept going when she hit me," Maston said. "She dragged me for about 25 feet."

The woman left the scene of the accident and was never

caught, Maston said. Though he lost his leg, he said he isn't angry at her.

"I've moved on," Maston said. "But I do want people to stop texting while driving." He plans to stay in the Army, he said, and hopes to someday return to the 101st Airborne Division.

At the end of the run at the Alamo, the youngest and oldest Soldiers in the crowd, along with the mayor, Caldwell, and Richard Perez, president and CEO, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Com-

merce, cut the Army birthday cake.

Pvt. Cortez-Gonzalez, 18, who will begin basic training in a few weeks, and Pfc. Frank Perez, 86, who served in the D-Day invasion and once drove for Gen. George S. Patton, cut the cake.

As part of birthday celebrations, the Army also held a post open house at the historic Quadrangle on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, and a formal-dress Army Birthday Ball June 15.

The U.S. Army is one year

older than the United States, and exactly two years older than the nation's flag for which it shares the June 14 birthday.

Many people know June 14 for Flag Day, which commemorates the adoption of the national flag by the Second Continental Congress June 14, 1777. The Continental Army was formed two years earlier by the Continental Congress June 14, 1775, with George Washington appointed as commander, to fight in the American Revolutionary War.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Wounded warriors lean on each other as they stand for the singing of the Army Song during a celebration of the Army's 237th birthday at the Alamo.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Soldiers and community members render honors during the raising of the American flag at the Alamo as part of a celebration of the Army's 237th birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS COLE CLASS OF 2012!



Cole's 2012 graduates earn \$6.7 million in scholarships

By Jayne Hatton

FSHSD Associate Superintendent

Sixty-four seniors of Robert G. Cole High School's Class of 2012 were honored in a graduation ceremony held June 1 at the Laurie Auditorium on the campus of Trinity University.

Earning a total of \$6,742,712 in scholarship offers, Cole graduates were offered 170 scholarships, 57 from private organizations, 106 from colleges and universities and seven from ROTC.

"Each individual graduate is honored during the Cole graduation ceremony as high school achievements and post graduation plans are announced," said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent. "A video tribute, created by students, also honors our graduates."

Student Council president Molly Gresenz, senior class president Germaine Herrera, and valedictorian Savannah Wessies provided a tribute to the senior class titled, "The Past, Present, and Future."

Salutatorian Francesca Mercado provided the farewell speech.

Herrera, explored the past in her speech sharing these words of wisdom, "We have become a culmination of our past experiences. We've grown and matured, and used the past to teach us to be better citizens."

Wessies provided a view of the present sharing her advice, "As we turn our tassels, remember the times we've shared and remember our class mantra: 'YOLO', you only live once."

"As you venture into the new world, be slow to condemn and quick to forgive. Set goals for yourself," said

Gresenz, who shared a view of the future in her speech to Cole graduates and their families. "The path may not always be apparent so remain focused to achieve your goals."

"What legacy will you leave behind?"

asked Francesca Mercado, Cole salutatorian, in her farewell speech to the class of 2012.

She reminds fellow classmates that "What we do in life defines our character," and shares, "We are the change

needed in the world."

"Because we are a small district, it is possible for the parents of the 24 honor graduates to present their honor med-



Photo by Roland J. Rios

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

Samantha Adle - Green & Gold Scholarship, Maribeu B. Lamar Medal of Excellence Scholarship, Pacific Lutheran University Academic Achievement Award and Pacific Lutheran University Travel Award.

Madeleine Claire Arnold - Baylor University Provost's Gold Scholarship, Cazenovia College 1824 Scholarship, three-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas Christian University, four-year Navy ROTC Scholarship to Auburn University and appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Darius Dewayne Booth - Green & Gold Scholarship.

Jasmine Rodessa Boothe - Baylor University Merit Scholarship, Fort Sam Houston Scholarship League, St. Mary's University PREP Scholarship, Texas Hazelwood Legacy Act, The King's College Scholarship, United States Naval Academy Prep School, United States Bowling Congress - SMART Scholarship, Veterans Dependent Educational Scholarship and appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Kali Lynn Campbell - Cougar Pride Athletic Scholarship, Fordham University Scholarship and Ithaca College Merit President's Scholarship.

Christopher Michaels Cavazos - Montana State University Achievement Award, Georgetown College Patterson Scholarship and Cameron University Scholarship.

Isaiah Leon Cosey - Three-year Army ROTC Scholarship to St. Mary's University.

Katelyn Alyssa Cox - University of The Incarnate Word Achievement Award.

Andrea Nichole Coyazo - Combined Theater Arts and Food Science Scholarship and St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Kelsey Danielle Dean - Culinary Arts Green Table Scholarship, Fort Sam Houston Scholarship League, George Gervin College Extravaganza Scholarship, St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship and United States Bowling Congress SMART Scholarship.

Aidan A. Dochnal - Cougar Pride Fine Arts Scholarship, Senior Sponsor's Scholarship and United States Bowling Congress SMART Scholarship.

Jane Susan Edwards - Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship and four-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas A&M University.

Evan Quinn Garr - Baylor University Academic Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award and United States Army War College Alumni Affairs Scholarship.

Amanda Renee Gonzales - Eastern New Mexico University Freshman Academic Scholarship and University of The Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award.

Molly Thomas Gresenz - Alamo Chapter of the Association of the United States Past President's Scholarship, Baylor University Merit Scholarship, Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship, Brig. Gen. Billy G. Johnson Memorial Award, Cougar Pride Academic Scholarship, Hillsdale College Merit Scholarship, Maj. Gen. Russell J. and Michelle A. Czerw Leadership Scholarship, Rufus Pryor III Memorial Scholarship, Stevenson University Merit-Based Scholarship, Texas A&M University Scholarship, Texas Tech University Presidential Scholarship, Texas Christian University Faculty Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Presidential Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Scholarship and Veteran of Foreign Wars Scholarship.

Amanda Anne Hall - Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Leadership Scholarship.

Alexandra Lee Mariko Herel - Meredith College Academic Award, Meredith College Teaching Fellows Program, Meredith College Honors Program and Mrs. Jackie Stott Memorial Scholarship.

Germaine Francesca Herrera - George Gervin College Extravaganza Scholarship, Jerry Bedell Memorial Scholarship, Senior Sponsor's Scholarship, St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship, Texas Lutheran University Academic Excellence Award, University of The Incarnate Word Dean's Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Scholarship and three-year Army ROTC Scholarship to University of The Incarnate Word.

Terrance Lamar Hodges - St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Alexius Secoia Johnson - St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Ronnel Dante Jordan - Arkansas State University Basketball Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Basketball Scholarship, Jacksonville University Basketball Scholarship, Tarleton State University Basketball Scholarship, Texas A&M Kingsville Basketball Scholarship and University of The Incarnate Word Basketball Scholarship.

Christopher James Lamoureux - Alamo Chapter of the United States Army General Guy S. Meloy, Jr. Scholarship, Baylor University Dean's Gold Scholarship, Best Buy @ 15 Scholarship, Col. Edmond and Sue McCarthy JROTC Scholarship, Military Officers Association of America Scholarship, St. Mary's University Presidential Scholarship, Veteran of Foreign Wars Scholarship, three-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas Christian University,



Cole Seniors rejoice at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony.

Photos by Roland J. Rios



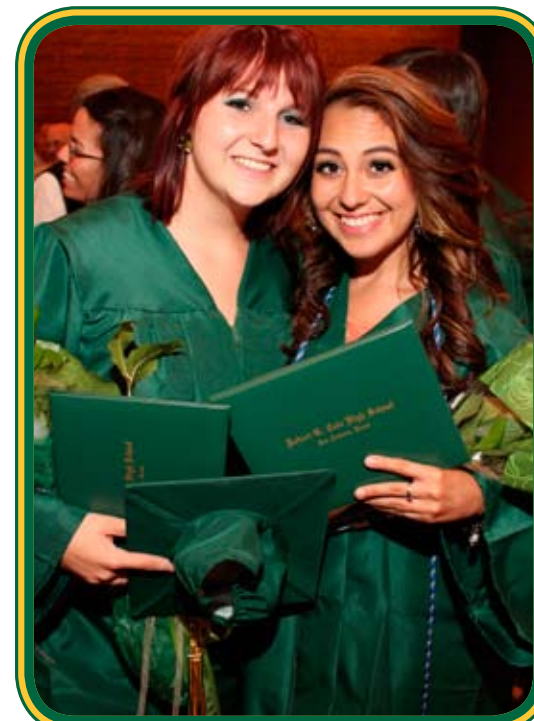
Sabrina Newsome walks the stage at Cole graduation ceremony.



Student Council President Molly Gresenz delivers speech at Laurie Auditorium.



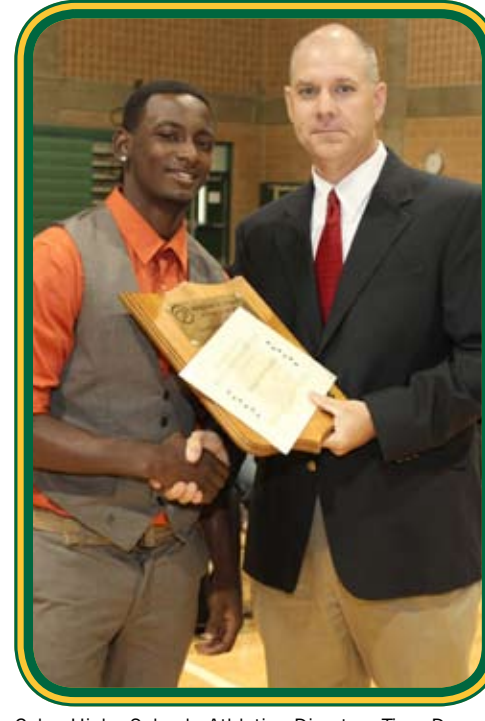
Aida Mojica receives her honor medal from parents Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Saul Mojica.



Amanda Hall and Rebecca Mayo are all smiles at the conclusion of graduation.



Cole teacher Christina Baker presents honor cord to Madeleine Arnold.



Cole High School Athletic Director Tim Duncan presents the Cole Male Athlete of the Year Award to Wykeyhe Walker.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Scholarship, Texas Christian University Room and Board Scholarship, Texas Christian University Activity Scholarship and Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship.

Kayla Lindsey Larvins - Baylor University Provost's Gold Scholarship, Bexar County Medical Society Foundation Scholarship, Cougar Pride Academic Scholarship, the Fort Sam Houston Spouses Club Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Presidential Scholarship and Valero Alamo Bowl Scholarship.

Rebecca Maria Mayo - University of The Incarnate Word Achievement Award and University of The Incarnate Word Scholarship.

Emily Ann McLamb - St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship and University of The Incarnate Word Achievement Scholarship.

Jesse Aaron McNaughton - Dallas Baptist University Christian Leadership Scholarship, Dallas Baptist University First Year Baptist Ministry Scholarship and Dallas Baptist University Ministry Academic Scholarship.

Francesca Louise Mercado - Abilene Christian University Presidential Scholarship, Abilene Christian University John C. Stevens Award, Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship, Texas A&M Kingsville Academic Scholarship and University of The Incarnate Word Presidential Scholarship.

Aida Mojica - Bexar County Medical Society Foundation Scholarship, Cougar Pride Athletic Scholarship, Drexel University Academic Achievement Scholarship, San Antonio Texas Exes Scholarship, Silver & Black Give Back CPS Bright Light Scholarship, The Fort Sam Houston Spouses Club Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin President's Achievement Scholarship and University of Missouri Mark Twain Scholarship.

Danelle Renee Montoya - Angelo State University Carr Presidential Scholarship.

Sabrina Angel Newsome - Rising Star Scholarship.

Austin Colt Peregory - Post University Presidential Scholarship, Post University Academic Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Achievement Award and University of The Incarnate Word Academic Scholarship.

Taylor Elizabeth Potts - Above & Beyond the Call of Duty Scholarship, Baylor University Dean's Gold Scholarship, Baylor University Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Presidential Scholarship, University of The Incarnate Word Academic Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunner Scholarship and Wendy's Heisman Award.

Daniel William Rodriguez - Citadel Corps of Cadets Dean's Scholarship, Norwich University Achievement Award, Norwich University Dean's Scholarship and Norwich University Yellow Ribbon Award.

Marissa Leanne Sanders - St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Michael Drake Scott - Four-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Baylor University, Baylor University Collins Scholar Award, Baylor University Merit Scholarship, Rufus Pryor III Memorial Scholarship and University of The Incarnate Word Presidential Scholarship.

Timothy Jacob Sharpe - Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Scholarship and Veteran of Foreign Wars Scholarship.

Marlene JoAnn Sloan - United States Bowling Congress - SMART Scholarship. Perri Cierra Sweed - Army Emergency Relief Major General James Ursano Scholarship, Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarship, Scholarships for Military Children Scholarship, St. John's University Academic Achievement Award and St. John's University Ozanam Scholars Scholarship.

William Bradley Taliaferro IV - St. Mary's University and United States Bowling Congress - SMART Scholarship.

Bobby Donnell Thompson Jr. - Rising Star Scholarship.

Justin Michael Torres - St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Imani Prenecye Trice-Gayden - Senior Sponsor Scholarship and St. Mary's University Extravaganza Scholarship.

Wykeyhe Treyvon Mayo Walker - Kilgore College Football Scholarship, Laney College Football Scholarship and Tyler College Football Scholarship.

Amy Louise Walters - Siena College Presidential Scholarship, Trinity University President's Scholarship and Veteran of Foreign Wars Scholarship.

Savannah Storm Wessies - Cougar Pride Fine Arts Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution - Green Mountain Boys Scholarship, LeTourneau University Heritage Scholarship, Mississippi State University Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship, Mississippi State University Engineering Excellence Scholarship, Mississippi State University Non-Resident Scholarship, Texas Education Agency Highest Ranking Graduate Scholarship and the Fort Sam Houston Spouses Club Scholarship.



Students remove flags at FSH National Cemetery for Senior Class project.



Honor grads Will Taliaferro and Aidan Dochnal in high spirits.



Jasmine Booth rejoices with students at Trinity University.



Tim Sharp congratulates friends after graduation ceremony held at Laurie Auditorium.



Bryce King shares a happy moment with family and friends.



Seniors Evan Garr, Chris Garcia and Jane Edwards prepare for Cole Awards Ceremony.

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als to their students personally," Siller said. "It's a very special moment for the families."

Summa Cum Laude honor graduate status was earned by Molly Gresenz, Kayla Larvins, Francesca Mercado, Aida Mojica and Savannah Wessies who maintained a grade average of 100 or above for grades nine through 12.

Magna Cum Laude honor graduate status was achieved by Madeleine Arnold, Jasmine Boothe, Kali Campbell, Jane Edwards, Alexandra Mariko Herel, Christopher Lamoureux, Jesse McNaughton, and Amy Walters. These students maintained a grade point average of 96 to 99 for all classes taken during their four-year high school career.

Twenty-six Cole students graduated with Cum Laude honors, which is a distinction earned by those students who maintain a grade point average of 90 to 95 for all classes taken during their high school career.

Cum Laude grades included Kelsey Dean, Aidan Dochnal, Evan Garr, Germaine Herrera, Jonathan Kelly, Emily McLamb, Tayler Potts, Cameron Schmidt, Michael Scott, Perri Sweed, William Taliaferro, Samantha Adle, Darius Booth, Clint Bowen, Christopher Cadd, Anthony Calderone, Christopher Cavazos, A. Isaiah Cosey, Katelyn Cox, Andrea Coyazo, Tyreese Davis, Robert Garcia, Amanda Gonzales, Amanda Hall, Kristen Herring and Terrance Hodges.

Also graduating were seniors Samantha Adle, Darius Booth, Clint Bowen, Christopher Cadd, Anthony Calderone, Christopher Cavazos, A. Isaiah Cosey, Katelyn Cox, Andrea Coyazo, Tyreese Davis, Robert Garcia, Amanda Gonzales, Amanda Hall, Kristen Herring, Terrance Hodges, Alexius Johnson, Ronnel Jordan, Cornelius King, Victoria Lewis, Anthony Lopez, Alex Mabry, Rebecca Mayo, Danelle Montoya, Sabrina Newsome, Austin Peregrory, Nicholas Rodarmer, Daniel Rodriguez, Jonathan Salazar, Marissa Sanders, Breanna Schmoll, Timothy Sharpe, Marlene Sloan, Alaina Smith, Tyler Smith, Kara Sosa, Bobby Thompson, Jr., Justin Torres, Imani Trice-Gayden, Moses Villescas and Wykeyhe Walker.

Special guests attending included Col. John Lamoureux, commander, 502nd Mission Support Group, and Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees' members Deborah Seabron, Keith Toney, Col. Randall Anderson, Dr. Eustace Lewis, and Jeanne Warren.

"This year's graduation was a very special one for me. Four years ago I started work at Cole High School along with these graduating seniors," shared Isabell Clayton, Cole High School principal.

"They have been a wonderful group of students to work with and I know they will be successful in the future. While I am sad to see this group move on, I am excited for next year to begin."

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mands here are all about and the role they play in continuing to maintain the community spirit.

"This was our first chance to get out here, but it was awesome," said Grace Cage, a retired Army veteran who took all four of her children, from ages 1 to 16, to the open

house to see the different displays and enjoy the festivities. "We really enjoyed the animals and everything else here today."

Many who manned the various displays said they had a great time getting to see so many people come out, look around and just enjoy a lovely and temperate day.

"People really appreciate

that the Army is out there and ready to protect them," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne DeFos- ses, communications noncommissioned officer in charge, Task Force 51, Army North, and native of New Braunfels, Texas.

"I'm proud of the Army and enjoy telling people about my job and our mission as part of their all-hazards task force."

The celebration was concluded with a retreat ceremony, consisting of the addition of all the Army Flag's streamers by Soldiers in period uniforms who represented each conflict in American history. After the streamers were added, the colors were retired.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, Army North commanding general and senior com-

mander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, spoke to those who were present as a testament to what the day was truly all about – remembering the Soldiers who served for the past 237 years.

"The real strength of your Army doesn't lie in weapons, or trucks, or aircraft ... it lies in our Soldiers ... your Soldiers," he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Soldiers in period uniforms stand together in front of the Clock tower at the U.S. Army Open House June 14 as part of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's celebration of the Army's 237th Birthday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Soldiers in period uniforms prepare to place the campaign streamers on the Army Flag at the Army North Open House and Retreat Ceremony June 14.

A family visits the iconic clock tower during the U.S. Army Open House in the historic Quadrangle grounds June 14.

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DeHart



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Grace Cage, a retired Army veteran, helps her daughter, 1-year-old Brooklyn, along with her oldest son, John, 16, into the back of a M1133 Medical Evacuation Vehicle belonging to the 32nd Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Department and School.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, fold the Army Colors for the Retreat ceremony in the historic Quadrangle grounds.

SAUSHEC ceremony honors 232 medical graduates

By Richard Boggs
SAUSHEC Executive Manager

Dr. Woodson "Scott" Jones, dean of the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, honored 232 physicians and graduate allied health care providers during the annual SAUSHEC awards and graduation ceremony at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in downtown San Antonio June 8.

SAUSHEC is the sponsoring organization responsible for military graduate medical education in San Antonio, with two major training sites at San Antonio Military Medical Center and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and a close partnership with UTHSCSA.

The ceremony, which

marked the culmination of years of post-graduate training for Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and civilian practitioners, was attended by more than 850 people.

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense (Health Affairs) and director, TRICARE Management Agency gave the keynote address.

He focused on two key points. First, that the graduates will bring light with their competent and compassionate healthcare to sometimes dark and challenging places throughout the globe.

Secondly, Woodson stated that healthcare will consume an even greater portion of the Department of Defense budget in years to come,

often at the expense of other core missions.

He challenged the graduates to take the lead in the transformation from healthcare to health, or moving from treatment to prevention.

In a special ceremony, Lt. Col. Peter J. Cuenca, Col. James L. Furger, Lt. Col. Stephan A. Harrison, Lt. Col. Charles A. Leath III and Lt. Col. Clinton K. Murray were presented medallions as Gold Headed Cane finalists.

Murray was then announced as the recipient and given the gold headed cane by Woodson, BAMC commander Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, and 59th Medical Wing commander Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn.

The Gold Headed Cane symbolizes the best academic medi-

cine has to offer in the three arenas that are its focus: patient care, teaching, clinical research and operational medicine.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Commanders' Awards were presented to nine residents and six fellows for excellence in research.

Ten professionals were also honored. Capt. Katharine K. Roberts and Capt. Brent R. Mittelstaedt were presented Maj. John H. Gillespie Intern Awards.

The Maj. David S. Berry Resident Awards went to Maj. Matthew F. Barchie and Capt. Anne P. Spillane.

The Col. Donald Null Fellowship awards were presented to Maj. Michael C. Hjelkrem and Lt. Col. Shayne C.

Stokes.

Lilia Neaves was named the outstanding program coordinator, while Maj. Matthew E. Griffith and Lt. Col. Kaustubh G. Joshi were selected for the Lt. Gen. P.K. Carlton Faculty Awards.

Finally, the Col. John D. Roscelli Award was presented to Col. Joseph A. Brennan, the outstanding program director.

During the graduation portion of the ceremony, 186 graduates from 35 graduate medical education programs and 46 graduates from 15 graduate allied health-care programs received certificates from Woodson, Jones, Hepburn, Wong and senior associate dean for GME at UTHSCSA Dr. Lois Bready.

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For more information, call the Fort Sam Houston PPPO at 221-1605; the Randolph PPPO at 652-1848 or 1849; or the Lackland PPPO at 671-2821 or 2822.

Senior U.S., Mexican Army leaders hold talks in Mexico City

By Sgt. Lee Ezzell
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Twelve U.S. Army lieutenant generals met with their Mexican Army counterparts to discuss issues that affect both armies during a May 30 executive seminar in Mexico City.

The U.S. delegation was led by Lt. Gen. William Troy, director of the Army Staff, who facilitated the meeting for the Americans, allowing U.S. military leaders from the Army Staff, Army Reserve, National Guard and several operational and training commands, to meet with Mexican generals from regional commands to discuss strategic issues.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, U.S. Army North and senior mission commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, said he was excited about this historic meeting between the two groups as a meeting between this many senior army leaders from both nations has not happened in recent memory, he said.

"The simple fact that we all agreed to show up, and that we have the support of both of our armies is groundbreaking," Caldwell said. "This shows a growing and shared interest in partnership between our two nations."

The executive seminar was originally requested by Gen. Guillermo Galván Galván, secretary of National Defense for Mexico, to discuss gen-



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (left), commander, U.S. Army North and senior mission commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, greets Mexican Lt. Gen. Guillermo Moreno Serrano, commander, IX Military Region, during formal introductions May 30 at the executive seminar in Mexico City.

eral strategic-level topics identified by both the U.S. and Mexico.

The American delegation first met up with their Mexican counterparts at a May 29 evening reception hosted by the Hon. Earl Anthony Wayne, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, at the ambassador's residence. Mexican and American translators facilitated small group discussions between the generals.

The following morning, the American generals departed for discussions at a Mexican army facility in Mexico City.

The discussions were built around several different topics that affect both armies including leadership, national support for the overall army mission, and countering transnational criminal organizations.

The meeting was limited to three-star generals in an effort to eliminate

distractions and keep the discussions more open between some of the most senior leaders of the two armies.

"There are major similarities between our Army and the Mexican army, like our long history of support to civilian authorities," Troy explained.

"Our nations share a strong pride in our Soldiers, and our Soldiers are dedicated to completing the mission."

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve, was encouraged by the Mexican generals' open nature and willingness to engage in discussion.

The biggest agreement between both nations was on the topic of transnational criminal organizations. Stultz explained. "We know that the problem cannot be solved by either of us, but only by both of us."

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Notice of Availability for Environmental Assessment for Construction of Access Control Point on Fort Sam Houston

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Department of the Army at Fort Sam Houston has prepared a Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Draft Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposed new access control point (ACP) project on Binz Engleman Road at FSH, Texas.

Statutory authority: this notice is being issued to interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law [PL] 91-190, 42 United States Code 4321 et seq.) as amended in 1975 by PL 94-52 and PL 94-83.

The purpose of the Pro-

posed Action is to construct a Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC)-compliant permanent ACP to replace the temporary Binz Engleman ACP. The new ACP would include a Visitor Control Center and would provide access to the installation through multiple traffic lanes and comply security measures. This ACP project would also provide adequate facilities for proofing, vetting, and processing of authorized visitors to FSH. The need for the project is to meet UFC and security requirements and to provide uninterrupted all-weather access to the facilities on FSH.

The EA considers the No

Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. Because a new ACP is needed to accommodate traffic entering and leaving FSH via the new road and bridge that are under construction and the Proposed Action location is the only available land within the boundaries of FSH along the roadway prior to crossing the bridge, no other alternatives were considered feasible.

Comments on the Draft Final EA should be directed to Karla L. Gonzalez, Public Affairs Officer, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Building 122, 2330 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston TX

78234, by telephone at 221-1099 or via e-mail at karla.l.gonzalez.civ@mail.mil.

The comment period is open for 30 days from June 16, 2012. Copies of the draft EA are available for review by the public at the San Antonio Central Public Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78205; the FSH Public Affairs Office, Building 122, 2330 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234; and the FSH Library, Building 1222, 2601 Harney, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. Copies may be obtained by visiting <http://samhouston.army.mil>.

INTELLIGENCE PARTNERS MEET AGAIN



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Col. Pierre Gervais (left), 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, meets with Col. James Bortree, 612th Air and Space Operations Center commander, during the Air Force officer's visit to brigade headquarters June 5. Bortree received a general familiarization briefing about the brigade as a follow-up to Gervais' visit to the 612th AOC Feb. 16. The operations center, located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., employs air, space and information assets in support of Southern Command.

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unemployed veterans and rolls out July 1. To qualify, a veteran must be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old; be unemployed; have an other than dishonorable discharge; not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance); not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability; and not be enrolled in a Federal or state job training program. Participants may receive

up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently \$1,473 per month). For more information, visit: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow/>. Veterans should go to eBenefits to apply at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.

Services Agency Conducts Online Bowling Survey

In an effort to improve the quality and level of service provided to the Fort Sam Houston community,

the Air Force Services Agency is conducting a short survey about the post bowling center. Service members, retirees and family members are encouraged to participate. Information from this survey will help the post move forward with a planned renovation of the FSH Bowling center. The survey can be found at <http://FTSamBowlingCenterSurvey.questionpro.com>.

questionpro.com.

Army Military Clothing Sales to close on Mondays

Due to cuts in the Department of Defense budget, the Army has closed all Army Military Clothing stores on Mondays. This only affect Army funded military clothing facilities, so it will not impact Lackland or Randolph Air Force Bases. Other

hours of operation will remain the same: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Holiday Artwork Contest

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is seeking San Antonio area resident artists and graphic

designers of any age to design cover artwork for the 2012 Holiday in Blue concert program. A design in JPG format must be received by July 1. Chosen artwork will be featured on all Holiday in Blue promotional materials, and the artist will be recognized as a featured guest at all performances this December. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>.



Pre-Deployment Planning

June 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Safety Seat Clinic

June 21, 1-3 p.m., Fire Department Building 3830, call 221-0349

Battlemind Pre-Training for Families

June 22, 10 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Summer Burn 5K

June 23, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, free refreshments and snacks after the run, call 221-1234.

Archery Shoot

June 23-24, 8-10 a.m., Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area, call 295-7577.

Sportsman's Flea Market

June 23-24, and DOD ID card-holder can rent a table to sell gently used sporting goods and clothing on a first come, first served basis. Outside table cost \$5 and inside table cost \$10. Call 295-7577.

Youth Horsemanship Camp

Camps are June 25-29, July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30, and Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550, Trooper Road for children ages 7-17. The cost for the camp is \$195. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. Call 224-7207.

Access Level 1

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

Unit Trauma Training

June 26, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

June 26, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, Soldiers and their family members are

welcome, as well as civilians who are new to the area, call 221-1681 or 221-2418.

Credit Reports

June 26, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Access Level 2

June 27, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

June 27-28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Self-Paced Initial Financial Readiness

June 27, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Union Pacific Testing for Entry-Level Operation Managers

June 27, noon-5 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, seating is limited, call 200-3656 or 221-0427.

Medical Modeling & Simulation Exposition

June 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center, exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in data collection, modeling and simulation software, medical supplies and equipment and more.

Downtown Walking Tour

July 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Outdoor Movie

July 14, dusk, Dodd Field behind the Ed Parker Youth Center, the movie is "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island."

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which run through Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, T-shirt and class picture.

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://fortsammwr.com>. Call 808-5710.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

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.

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.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

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.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Cancer Survivors Day Celebration

The San Antonio Military Medical Center Cancer Committee is hosting a Cancer Survivors Day celebration 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cowboys Dancehall, 3030 Northeast Loop 410. Reservations are required, call 916-5778.

Motorcycle Poker Run

The San Antonio Navy Recruiting Chief Petty Officers Association is holding a poker run June 30. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at VFW 7108, 8759 FM 1560 North with the final stop at Texas Pride Barbecue, 2980 E Loop 1604 South, Adkins, Texas. Cost is \$20.

Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony

The Order of Granaderos y

Damas de Galvez will sponsor a patriotic ceremony 10 a.m.-11 a.m. July 4 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. This event is free and open to the public. Visit <http://www.granaderos.org> for information.

July 4th Stars & Stripes over San Antonio

The city of San Antonio will celebrate July 4 with food, music and entertainment 6-10 p.m. in Hemisfair Park and along Alamo Street between Commerce and Cesar Chavez. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.StarsAndStripesOverSanAntonio.com>.

July 4th Celebration & H-E-B Fireworks

A July 4th celebration will be held 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati. Pre-parade activities begin at 10 a.m. at the Woodlawn Gym. The HEB Military Appreciation Zone located near the carnival will be open to active and

retired military and their families from noon-6 p.m. and will serve lunch from noon-2 p.m. while supplies last. For more information visit <http://www.july4sa.org> or call 212-8423.

Windcrest 4th of July Parade & Celebration

The city of Windcrest will celebrate July 4 with an opening ceremony at 10:45 a.m. at the Windcrest American Legion Post 612, followed by a parade around the Windcrest Golf Club and free hot dogs, apple pies, ice cream and lemonade in front of City Hall. This is a free event. For more information, call 655-0022.

Walking the Tiger's Path

A public reading and presentation by retired Staff Sgt. Paul Kandel, author of "Walking the Tiger's

Path," will be held 10:30 a.m. July 15 at the San Antonio Shambhala Meditation Center, 1114 South St. Mary's Street.

Retirement Planning Seminars

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is offering Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System planning seminars at the Education Services Center 20 (near Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston), 1314 Hines Avenue July 13 and 23. Sign up at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/?p=494>. Cost is \$10 and seating is limited. Call 565-1860.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call

658-2344 for more information.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and

National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays from June 2 to Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, June 5 to Aug 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, June 3 to Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during June, July and August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.



For Sale:

1996 Nissan Maxima, four-door white, 5-speed with

cold air, loaded, great gas mileage, needs two repairs, \$2,795; REM Martinique king-size bed with wave adjustable base, each side of the bed has a remote control that elevates both head and/or foot and activates massage individu-

ally, in excellent condition, retails for \$6,800, asking \$2,900. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Coffee table, black metal with glass and matching inner table, both for \$85; four-drawer metal filing cabinet, beige, \$35; love seat, \$65; 4 foot by 7 foot wood bookshelf, \$35; black computer chair, \$15. Call 241-1291.

For Sale: Proform treadmill, \$100. Call 688-2445 or 763-242-2355.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of June 20

CURRENT LEVEL * = 644.6'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



Weekly Weather Watch

	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26
San Antonio Texas	 93° PM T-Storms	 95° Partly Cloudy	 98° Sunny	 100° Sunny	 101° Sunny	 102° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	 92° Sunny	 90° Mostly Sunny	 87° Mostly Sunny	 87° Mostly Sunny	 87° Sunny	 88° Sunny

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