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Hunting trip equals therapy for group of wounded warriors

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Six wounded warriors spent Oct. 11 in the woods of central Texas hunting exotic game as a therapeutic retreat.

Five Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Battalion, along with a wounded warrior with U.S. Army North, took advantage of an opportunity to hunt an exotic animal of their choice and to fish for Florida bass on a

private central Texas game ranch.

The trip was organized by retired Army Lt. Col. Sid Trawick, secretary for the Alamo Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, Army North, escorted the Soldiers.

The ranch provided guides and rifles for

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Two stags battle for territory Oct. 11 at a private central Texas game ranch. Five wounded warriors from the Warrior Transition Battalion, along with a wounded warrior who serves with U.S. Army North, took advantage of an opportunity to hunt and fish at the ranch. The trip was organized by retired Army Lt. Col. Sid Trawick, secretary for the Alamo Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, Army North, escorted the Soldiers.

14th Military Intelligence Battalion returns from year in Afghanistan

By Gregory Rippes
470th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

The 14th Military Intelligence Battalion returned to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in the early morning hours of Oct. 21 after a one-year deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Earlier that morning, the battalion disembarked from a chartered airliner at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland flightline and boarded buses for the Fort Sam Houston Teen Center. Inside the gym, their families waited to greet them with colorful signs and balloons.

As the Soldiers entered the gymnasium and fell into formation, applause and cheers resounded.

Col. Pierre Gervais, 470th MI Brigade commander, briefly addressed the returning Soldiers of the brigade's subordinate battalion, listing some of their accomplishments during their interrogation mission.

"You've done absolutely fantastic," he said. "We're very proud of what you've done."

With the short ceremony over, the Soldiers received the command "Dismissed!" but the family members were the first to move, springing from the bleachers to embrace their Soldiers.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lebowitz's wife and six-year-old daughter



Photos by Gregory Rippes

Full of anticipation, family members in the bleachers watch for their Soldiers as the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion forms up in the Fort Sam Houston Teen Center gymnasium. The battalion returned Oct. 21 after a year in Afghanistan.

had traveled from their home in Alabama to greet him.

"The first thing I want to do is spend time together," he said as he held his family close. This had been his fourth overseas deployment since joining the Army, but



Cpl. Heather Merrill reunites with family members Oct. 21 after her return from Afghanistan with the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion.

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Follow these safety tips for a Happy (and safe) Halloween!

With Halloween right around the corner, it's important for both parents and children to make it a safe occasion. Here are some safety tips from the National Fire Prevention Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The NFPA recommends the following in regards to keeping little ghouls, goblins and other assorted monsters safe:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, corn stalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.
- When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter.
- Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from

anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
 - Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands and rolling over and over to put the flames out.
 - Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
 - If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also have some useful hints for prospective trick-or-treaters and their parents:
- Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
 - Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always walk and don't run from house to house.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be



sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

People who are expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests can make it a really Happy Halloween by doing the following, according to the CDC:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on

**Post-wide trick or treat-
ing is from 6 to 8 p.m.
Oct. 31 on Joint Base
San Antonio-Fort Sam
Houston for JBSA-Fort
Sam Houston residents
only. Children under the
age of 12 should be ac-
companied by an adult.
Police will be present in
the neighborhood to en-
courage safe practices.**

sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.

- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!

Scan with
Smartphone
app to
access the
Joint Base San
Antonio website at
www.jbsa.af.mil



Weekly Weather Watch						
	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30
San Antonio Texas	86° AM Clouds/PM Sun	65° AM Clouds/PM Sun	65° Mostly Cloudy	69° Partly Cloudy	73° Mostly Sunny	77° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	68° Sunny	71° Mostly Sunny	71° Partly Cloudy	72° Sunny	73° Mostly Sunny	71° Sunny

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

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Oct. 23

CURRENT LEVEL * = 646.3'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

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

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



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Customer Care Center At The CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employees can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

Retiree Appreciation Day

A retiree appreciation day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 at Willis Hall, Building 2841, located on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Roads. Military retirees and their families can learn current information about topics such as benefits, entitlements, health care and special services available for them. Various BAMC clinics and civilian health care providers will lead the health fair portion. Call 221-9004 or visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/hra/Retirement.aspx>

Flu Shots Available On and Off Post

Seasonal influenza vaccines are offered at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for Department of Defense beneficiaries 5 years and older from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 31, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 21 and 28. Vaccines for DOD beneficiaries 18 years and older are administered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. Retirees can get the vaccine at the Army Medical Department Center and School from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3. Beneficiaries can also get the vaccine at no cost at one of 45,000 network pharmacies that administer vaccines to TRICARE beneficiaries. Find a participating pharmacy at <http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare/pharmacy>, or by calling Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303.

Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu shots are available for all active duty personnel at the main immunizations clinic at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This is a mandatory requirement and must be completed by Nov. 21. Flu shots will be available for all Department of Defense beneficiaries in the WHASC atrium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Active duty will have priority. Patients with booked appointments may also receive the vaccine with their primary care

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Local WWII paratrooper gets special birthday

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Military leaders “dropped in” Oct. 15 to celebrate a birthday for a local WWII paratrooper and author.

Darrell G. Harris celebrated his 91st birthday with members of the Alamo Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, including Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Guy Meloy III, a former 82nd Airborne Division commander, was also on hand to congratulate Harris on his 91st birthday.

His three combat jumps at Sicily and Salerno in Italy and Nijmegen in the Netherlands during World War II, and his beach landing at Anzio, make Harris special to the 82nd Airborne Division.

“There’s a unique bond among old Airborne troops; and when you add combat experience, it’s even stronger,” Meloy said. “You just can’t really define it.”

Harris, a soft-spoken great-grandfather and author of “Casablanca to VE Day: A Paratrooper’s Memoirs,” said his 91st birthday had another meaning for him.

“It means I’m glad I stopped smoking 20 years ago,” Harris joked.

Harris, like many others, said he enlisted after Pearl Harbor.

“I was going to college when Pearl Harbor happened,” Harris said. “We were hitchhiking back from Fort Worth, and the driver had the radio on. At first we thought it was a radio show.”

Harris, a native of Strawn, Texas, enlisted from Amarillo, Texas, and, after landing in North Africa, served in the three parachute operations and the Ital-



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (right), commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, presents a birthday gift to WWII veteran Darrell G. Harris Oct. 15. Harris made three combat jumps at Sicily, Salerno and Nijmegen during World War II and a beach landing at Anzio. The gift, “September Hope: The American side of a Bridge Too Far,” by John C. McManus, discusses the American perspective during Operation Market-Garden, a WWII offensive that Harris participated in.

ian campaign. He said he spent his enlistment in several demolition platoons, working with dynamite, TNT, Composition C and other explosives.

The humble paratrooper said service during WWII was what shaped him and gave him purpose.

“I’m proud to be able

to serve my country,” Harris said.

Harris’ wife, Omadell, was unable to attend, but he said he’d celebrate his birthday with her later. Harris and Omadell have three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

“It’s important to celebrate the contributions

and service of veterans like Harris,” said Fred Castaneda, chairman, Texas Alamo Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

“We have to give homage and honor to these men,” Castaneda said. “D.G. is very humble. When he talks, you are listening to living history.”

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON HONORS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH



Col. William V. Hill, U.S. Army South chief of staff, presents guest speaker retired Staff Sgt. Shilo Harris a token of appreciation during the National Disability Employment Month event on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Oct. 18. Harris spoke to the audience about the advantages of hiring wounded service members.



Photos by Lori Newman

The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind Choir performs during the National Disability Employment Month event on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Oct. 18. Guest speaker retired Staff Sgt. Shilo Harris spoke about the advantages of hiring wounded service members and Zackery Gant, transition coordinator for the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion, also highlighted opportunities to hire wounded warriors.

Electronic Official Personnel Folder coming soon for Army civilians

Electronic Official Personnel Folder accounts are scheduled to be activated Nov. 6, making eOPF accessible to all Army non-appropriated fund and appropriated fund civilian employees serviced by the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The Official Personnel Folder is a file containing records that covers a civilian federal employee's entire employment history.

The eOPF is an electronic version of the paper OPF, providing web-enabled access for employees to view their OPF documents.

Accessing eOPF is designed to be user friendly and does not require any formal classroom training.

All Army civilian employees serviced by the Fort Sam Houston CPAC are encouraged to visit "My eOPF" on the CPOL webpage at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/>

eOPF to view education and training material.

It is designed to address questions ranging from "What is eOPF" to "How do I access my eOPF."

Employees will also be able to view an Office of Personnel Management video that introduces employees to the

eOPF system.

A link to eOPF information on CPOL has also been posted on the FSH CPAC website (<http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/index.aspx>), Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ft-Sam-Houston-Civilian-Personnel-Advisory-Center/217123538373277>)

and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/FSHCPAC>) pages.

(Editor's note: Information provided by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston CPAC. This will clarify information that was listed in an article titled "AF officials to migrate civilian personnel records to OPM" in the Oct. 19 News Leader.)

Soldiers to compete for Army's best medic title

By Phil Reidinger
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Sixty-two Soldiers from across the Army will compete in a grueling 72-hour team competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis from Oct. 26 to 28 to vie for the title of the Army's best medic.

The first day of the competition includes a

physical fitness challenge, followed by an obstacle course and pistol and rifle stress shoots.

The obstacle course tests the team's agility and physical strength. The M-9 stress shoot replicates a combat situation.

The second day of the competition includes an urban assault course,

combat medic lanes and challenging advanced land navigation through the rugged JBSA-Camp Bullis terrain.

Competitors will tackle the urban assault lane by maneuvering through an urban environment to engage the enemy, while treating casualties and defending themselves.

The combat medic

lanes test competitors' ability to perform casualty care in close quarters, as well as evacuating wounded to a medical evacuation aircraft. Events on the third day include mass casualty scenarios and a litter obstacle course.

The final event will be a timed 2.7-mile buddy run, testing the fortitude and endurance

of the competitors.

The awards ceremony, hosted by Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general, is at 2 p.m. Oct 28. Horoho will present trophies to the winning team and recognize the teams for their accomplishments.

The competition is open to the public and visitors and guests will be directed to the visitor control center. Shuttle buses will then

transport visitors to the competition areas.

Access to JBSA-Camp Bullis is off NW Military Highway and requires photo identification, such as a military ID card or state-issued driver's license. Vehicle registration and safety inspection sticker must also be current.

The Army Golden Knights Parachute Team will drop in to congratulate the winning team.

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manager. For more information, call 292-4278.

Free Tops in Blue Tickets Available

Joint Base San Antonio is scheduled to feature a free Tops in Blue show 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Laurie Auditorium on the Trinity University campus, 715 Stadium Drive. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but patrons must have a ticket to get in. Tickets can be picked up at the Randolph Community Services Mall, Building 895; Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road; and Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Building 5506. Doors at the Laurie Auditorium will open no earlier than 45 minutes prior to show time.

Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair

All Federal employees are invited to attend the upcoming 2012 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different health care insurance options available to Federal employees. FEHB open season is from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. The first fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Roadrunner Community Center, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. The second fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the medical mall next to the pain clinic. For more information, Air Force employees can call 808-0205 and Army employees can call 221-9638. Federal employees can click on <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp> for more information.

Nasal influenza research study

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between 18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary. During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

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BAMC supports Cole students with career info, anti-bullying messages

By Marsha Huffman
BAMC Public Affairs

As a part of the Brooke Army Medical Center adopt-a-school partnership with Cole Middle and High Schools, Soldiers from BAMC Troop Command hosted a career day and an anti-bullying presentation for students on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The Cole High School Career Day Oct. 5 had BAMC professionals introducing the students to various medical career opportunities in the areas of general medicine, pharmacy, as well

as physical and occupational therapy.

"This event gave the students an idea of what career fields they might be interested in," said Sgt. Eshon Anderson, BAMC speech pathology specialist and organizer of the event. "It also provided a personal insight to the information to help further their career searches."

On another subject, bullying and teasing is a worldwide problem that can have negative consequences for the school, as well the obvious ones for the student.

To raise awareness, Soldiers from Com-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen Pendarvis

Mark Heniser, a physical therapist from the Center for the Intrepid, talks to Cole High school students Oct. 5. The Cole High School Career Day had BAMC professionals introducing the students to various medical career opportunities in the areas of general medicine, pharmacy, as well as physical and occupational therapy.

pany D, BAMC Troop Command, along with Patricia Huffman, wife of BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman, made a presentation to Cole Middle School students Oct. 10 on the effects of bullying and how to deal with the situation.

Bullying can be identified in many forms, Huffman said. In some cases, the victims can suffer for the rest of their life.

"Verbal abuse and cyberbullying, facial expressions, teasing, the spreading of rumors and rejection by peers are all forms of bullying," she said. "Bullying is not cool and the Texas House and Senate passed an anti-bullying law Sept. 1."

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JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Adopt-a-School program provides role models, mentors for children

By Sgt. 1st Class
Christopher DeHart
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Kids need heroes; and in this community, those heroes are their teachers and the Soldiers who volunteer to mentor and tutor them.

Military leaders and school district officials met Oct. 16 for an Adopt-a-School partnership luncheon at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club to assess the success of the program, to hear new recommendations and to plan for the next year.

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Adopt-a-School program partners service members with students on the post or in nearby San Antonio



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, provides opening remarks Oct. 16 at the Adopt-a-School Program School-Unit Partnership Luncheon held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.

schools.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior

commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, met with district officials and staff from the Fort Sam Houston

Independent School District, the North East ISD and the San Antonio ISD to discuss the program.

"I'm thrilled that the Army units from across Fort Sam are here making a contribution and reaching out to our community," Caldwell said. "To our school representatives, I appreciate all that you do and the magnitude of the challenges you face."

FSHISD superintendent Dr. Gail Siller talked about a host of observations she has made in her many years working with military school children.

"Our 'kiddos' want to be able to talk about what they want and need, and sometimes they have to be asked in order to find that out," Siller said.

"They know that they have to be strong as a military child, but they have a lot of pride in what their parent or

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Lt. Col. Kris Arnold, 14th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, leads the battalion in rendering honors to the U.S. flag during the playing of the national anthem. The battalion returned to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Oct. 21 after a year in Afghanistan.

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his first deployment with the 14th MI Battalion. For Sgt. Felix Contreras, it was his second year-long deployment with the 14th; his first was to Iraq in 2009-2010.

“I first felt I was really back home when I was holding my family,” he said as he embraced his wife, Irene, and their two little boys.

“I’m holding onto the moment and enjoying my family,” she said.

Lt. Col. Kris Arnold, 14th MI Battalion commander, said it felt “incredible” to be home as he stood surrounded by his wife and daughters.

“The battalion did a fantastic job while they were deployed,” he said. “They truly set the standard high.”

The 14th MI Battalion primarily consists of interrogators and information analysts.



Photos by Gregory Ripps

A Soldier and his wife kiss after the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion was dismissed to join their families. The Soldiers will have some reintegration training during their first week home, then have 30 days of leave before resuming their military duties.

During the deployment they conducted detainee screening and interrogation, document and media exploitation and intelligence analysis to provide timely intelligence to commanders in support of the International Stabilization Force in Afghanistan.

Returning Soldiers will have some reintegration training during their first week home. However, they will then have 30 days of leave before resuming their military duties.

The battalion is scheduled to inactivate before the end of the fiscal year.

Local retiree picked as a 'Great Getaways' vacation package winner

By Kelly Jones

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Public Affairs

Bobby White, a U.S. Air Force retiree in San Antonio, was one of four people selected as the grand prize winners in the 2012 Armed Forces Recreation Centers Great Getaways Sweepstakes.

Army National Guardsman Lt. Col. David Brushwein, Army family member Michelle Suh and Kelley Ezell, a U.S. Marine Corps family member, were the other winners.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs award-

ed grand prize vacation packages to Dragon Hill Lodge and Resort in Korea, Hale Koa Hotel in Hawaii, Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany and the Shades of Green Resort at Walt Disney World, Fla.

The vacation packages include airfare, hotel accommodations and spending money and were sponsored by GM Military Discount.

White said he and his family are looking forward to a break from the San Antonio heat and enjoying moonlit strolls along the white sands of Waikiki Beach during their stay at the world-class Hale Koa Hotel.

The Great Getaways



Courtesy photo

Bobby White, a U.S. Air Force retiree in San Antonio, was one of four people selected as the grand prize winners in the 2012 Armed Forces Recreation Centers Great Getaways Sweepstakes.

sweepstakes raises awareness of the Armed Forces Recreation Centers as world-class resorts, showcases their unique locations and highlights the many exciting activities available to service members and their families.

White, Ezell, Suh and Brushwein were randomly selected out of more than 35,000 entries received between July 2 and Aug. 31.

Allen Road Closure Nov. 5-20

Officials from the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron have announced that Henry T. Allen Road will be closed in the mid-block area between the two main streets of Scott and Funston Roads from Nov. 5 to 20. People can access that area from each side of the streets.

To access east and west traffic, motorists should follow posted detour signs which will be posted. For westbound traffic, detour along Funston Road to Schofield Road and then to Scott Road. For eastbound traffic, follow the detour northbound along Scott Road to Schofield Road and then to Funston Road. The pharmacy is accessible from H.T. Allen Road via a parking lot driveway which is 100 feet east of Schofield Road. The AAFES employee parking area is accessible from either side along H.T. Allen Road.

SAMMC helps grant teen's wish to be military nurse

By Chondra Perry
BAMC Public Affairs

Her dream was to help people as a nurse in a military hospital and take care of patients.

On Oct. 11, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Aissa (whose last name is withheld by the request of the foundation) was officially sworn in to the Army Nurse Corps at the San Antonio Military Medical Center and fulfilled her wish, with the help of Army and Air Force nurses.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is an organization that grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Col. Kimberly Smith, Brooke Army Medical Center chief of nursing services, swore Aissa in and presented Aissa's grandmother with a ribbon on behalf of her own mother, who was also a nurse.

"The ribbon belonged to my mother. It has special significance, because I lost my mother six years ago," Smith said. "I thought how cool would it be to share this ribbon. My mom would have been so thrilled to hear about her story."

Aissa was presented with a uniform, boots, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope and custom dog tags. Before being whisked away by a group of nurses, she shared the reason for her wish.

"I get sick a lot and I feel good when I help people," Aissa said. "Life



Aissa performs an assessment on Capt. Matthew Anderson at San Antonio Military Medical Center Oct. 11. Her wish to be a nurse in a military facility was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with the help of nurses at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

is a challenge, but I don't give up."

Aissa's desire to be a nurse in a military facility was the result of spending countless hours in hospitals and wanting to help other people, especially those recovering from war injuries.

The teen, who has been battling epilepsy and other illnesses, changed into her uniform and began her rounds.

She visited the SAMMC simulation center, where nurses taught her how to perform an adult, child and pediatric assessment, as well as how to initiate an intravenous drip and

secure an airway.

"We wanted her to learn and get hands on," said Army 1st Lt. Mollie Franks, clinical staff nurse and one of seven nurses Aissa shadowed throughout the day. "I'm excited and amazed she chose this. We tend to forget how honored we are to be in this profession. I wanted to do all I could to make this special for her."

The next stop was the orthopedic ward where Aissa assisted in caring for wounded service members Capt. Ryan Keogh and Capt. Matthew Anderson.

Keogh, an Army Ranger injured in Afghanistan, was more than happy to help grant her wish.

"If I can help somebody else have a better day, then absolutely," he said.

Aissa listened to his lungs, stomach and checked his pulse. She determined, with the help of other nurses, that he would "be OK."

Anderson, who was also injured while deployed in Afghanistan, helped point out some of his veins on the monitor while Aissa used a vein-finding machine.

"I think it's great that I can help grant her wish,"



Army 1st Lt. Zachary Godwin, SAMMC clinical staff nurse, teaches Aissa how to place a peripheral intravenous catheter on a mannequin Oct. 11.



Photos by Chondra Perry

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center and the Southern Regional Medical Command, presents Aissa with a commander's coin Oct. 11. Aissa's wish to be a nurse in a military facility was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with the help of nurses at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Anderson said. "It's the least we can do, and it's nice to see that people are going out of their way to make this happen for her."

After seeing a few more patients and learning how to read an electrocardiography monitor, Aissa met with Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of BAMC and the Southern Regional Medical Command, who presented her with a commander's coin for excellence.

She was also presented with a signed photograph of SAMMC and a coin on behalf of Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan, commanding general of U.S. Army Public Health Command and chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

"This day was beyond our expectations," said Aissa's mother, Cynthia Alvarez, who spent the day watching her daughter learn the ropes. "I'm so happy. She's so happy, and we're so thankful."



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Monthly Events

November

Service Member and Family Readiness

Trails and Tales tour initiates newcomers

MWR patrons new to Fort Sam Houston have a great opportunity to see different sites on Fort Sam Houston during the Trails & Tales Tour, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Patrons meet at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, and head out on a bus. For more information, call 221-2418.

Learn to negotiate a civilian salary

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness hosts a workshop which covers how to negotiate civilian job salaries and increase knowledge in the networking field Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-noon. To sign up, call 652-5321.

Learn to start business

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness hosts a class on starting a small business Nov. 2, 1-4 p.m. Topics include writing an effective business plan, selecting a good location and conducting market research. To sign up, call 671-3722

JBSA hosts Special Olympics

The Fort Sam Houston Exceptional Family Member Program hosts Special Olympics Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, on MacArthur Field across from the Roadrunner Community Center. For more information, call 221-2962.

Patrons hone job searching skills

Fort Sam Houston Employment Readiness offers an Employment Search Orientation Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. DOD ID card holders will learn to improve and hone their job-searching techniques and interviewing skills and receive tips on dressing for success. For details, call 221-0516.

Key spouses receive initial training

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness trains new Key Spouses to serve as a conduit of information between the families of deployed military members and unit leadership

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Citizenship and Immigration Services hosts forum

Agency representatives with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services offer a forum

Nov. 13, noon-2 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Members of the military and their families will receive information about citizenship and immigration issues. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2418.

Key spouses meet

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness holds a key spouses meeting Nov. 14, 8 a.m., for those who have been serving in their positions. For newly appointed spouses, a training session takes place Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. To register, call 671-3722.

Families and troops prepare to move overseas

The Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, on Fort Sam Houston offers service members and families moving overseas some important tips Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m. or 5-6 p.m. For details, call 221-2418.

Class prepares youth to stay home alone

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness hosts a class Nov. 15, 5-6 p.m., to prepare children ages 10 and older to be left unattended in base housing for short periods of time. Topics covered include policies, safety skills and proper telephone answering techniques. Children and parents must attend this training together. To register, call 652-5321.

Learn how to be a sponsor for inbound personnel

The Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, on Fort Sam Houston conducts a class Nov. 15, 2-3 p.m., that covers the duties and responsibilities of being a sponsor. Participants become well versed on relocation resources and community programs and are given the tools to provide top-notch assistance to inbound personnel. For more information, call 221-2962.

Teaching as a second career

Military members who are separating and interested in pursuing teaching as a second career are invited to a workshop at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center Nov. 16, 1-3 p.m. A representative from Troops to Teachers will discuss eligibility and how alternative certification schools function. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Learn about survivor benefit planning

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness

helps the service member and spouse become familiar with the options and advantages of a survivor benefit plan Nov. 20, 8-9:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. To sign up, call 652-3633.

Newcomers invited to monthly extravaganza

Service members and families new to Fort Sam Houston are invited to the Newcomers Extravaganza Nov. 27, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. The event features representatives from local businesses and joint base facilities, organizations and activities. For more information, call 221-2418.

Learn to input resumes into USA Jobs

Learn how to use USA Jobs at Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Nov. 29, 8:30-11 a.m. To sign up, call 652-5321.

Learn about emotional spending

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness addresses retail therapy and its dangers, how to tell if you have a problem and suggestions for resolving the issue Nov. 29, 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

Arts and Crafts

Early shopping available at holiday craft fair and market

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center hosts a holiday craft fair and market Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center. Participating artists will display their jewelry, pottery, embroidery, candles and a variety of knit items. Admission is free. Fore more information, call 671-2515.

Make a mini fall wreath

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center hosts a fall wreath making class Nov. 13, 5:30-7 p.m. Patrons receive all materials to create an 8" wreath. The class is open to all ages. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$8 per person. To sign up, call 671-2515 by Nov. 8.

Make your own holiday greeting cards

Patrons can create a set of custom holiday greeting cards Nov. 27, 5:30-7 p.m., at Lackland Arts and Crafts Center. The class fee is \$8 with all materials supplied. It is open to all ages. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. To sign up, call 671-2515 by Nov. 21.

Bowling Center

Blues guitarist performs

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts Open Microphone Night Nov. 10, 8-11 p.m. Blues guitarist Adam Johnson performs. All singers, musicians and poets are invited to step up on the stage as well. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bowl your way to a free turkey

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center holds a turkey shoot Nov. 12-17. Male bowlers must knock down nine pins each frame for eight frames. Female bowlers must knock down eight pins per frame for eight frames. The entry fee is \$3. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bowling specials offered for holiday weekend

Bowlers can celebrate the Veterans' Day holiday at the Randolph Bowling Center with a special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person (excluding Thunder Alley) Nov. 12. Shoe rental is \$2.25. For more information, call 652-6267.

Colorama lights up the lanes

Randolph Bowling Center offers Colorama bowling Nov. 16, 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, with optional side pots available. For details, call 652-6271.

Bowling Center hosts Thanksgiving tournament

The Randolph Bowling Center hosts their first Thanksgiving tournament Nov. 21, 7 p.m. The tournament will be a four-game singles format with handicap and scratch divisions. Cost is \$25 and prizes will be given for first, second and third place winners. To sign up, call 652-6271.

Bowling specials offered for holiday weekend

The Randolph Bowling Center celebrates Thanksgiving with a special bowling rate Nov. 23-25 of \$2.50 (excluding Thunder Alley) per game, per person. Shoe rental is \$2.25. For more information, call 652-6271.

Clubs

Holiday meals available for take-out

Lackland Gateway Club offers holiday meals for take-out Nov. 1-Dec. 22. Patrons may choose a 9-11 pound turkey or 12-14 pound ham as the main entrée. Also available is a meal package with the turkey or ham, stuffing, whipped potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce

and a choice of pecan or apple pie. Orders must be placed at least two days in advance. The last day to order is Dec. 17. Pick up time is Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m. For more information, call 645-7035.

Let the Randolph Parr Club prepare this year's Thanksgiving meal. Cashiers will accept orders starting Nov. 5 and all orders must be picked up by Nov. 21 no later than 5 p.m. Customers will be given a receipt at time of purchase, which needs to be presented at time of pick-up. The cost is only \$56.95 for members or \$61.95 for nonmembers, and will feed 6-7 people. The meal includes a 14-16 pound turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and pumpkin or pecan pie. Turkeys without the side dishes can be purchased for \$39.95 for members or \$44.95 for nonmembers. Or customers can choose a ham for their holiday meal which includes a quarter pit ham with cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and pumpkin or pecan pie and feeds 6-7 people. The cost is \$46.95 for members or \$51.95 for nonmembers. The ham without the side dishes can be purchased for \$29.95 for members or \$34.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-4864.

Prime rib buffet a crowd pleaser

Lackland Gateway Club features a prime rib buffet Nov. 10, 5-8 p.m. Entrees of prime rib, stuffed pork chops and baked tilapia with white sauce are on the menu along with side dishes, soup and salad bar and bread pudding with bourbon sauce for dessert. Member price is \$17.95 per person and nonmember price is \$19.95. For more information, call 645-7034.

Clubs to hold Thanksgiving brunches

Lackland Gateway Club hosts Thanksgiving brunch, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the cashiers' cages. The price is \$18.95 per person for members and trainees, nonmember price is \$21.95 each, children ages 6-12 are \$9.95 per person and children ages five and younger are free. Coupons are not accepted at this event. To sign up and for more information, call 645-7034.

Randolph Parr Club is also holding Thanksgiving brunch Nov. 22, with seating times every half hour from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The price is \$22.95 per adult for members, \$11.50 for members' children ages 6-12 years old, \$25.95 per adult for nonmembers and \$12.95 for nonmembers' children ages 6-12 years old. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations and prepayment required. For more information, call 652-4864.

Win big at Football Frenzy

Lackland Gateway Club hosts Football Frenzy every Monday night in the Lonestar Lounge. Patrons enjoy watching an NFL game on big-screen TVs. Members are eligible to enter a contest to win an all-expense paid trip for two to an NFL game or the Super Bowl. Game schedules are available at www.lacklandfss.com. For more information, call 645-7034.

Randolph Kendrick Club hosts Football Frenzy every Sunday and Monday during the NFL season, with lots of food specials, prize drawings, and discounted Budweiser products. In the second drawing on Nov. 19, members have a chance to win a trip to the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Dallas Cowboys on Dec. 16 in Dallas, Texas. Football Frenzy is open to all DOD ID card holders but you must be a Randolph Club member to win. For more information, call 652-3056.

NFL Sunday Ticket is showing every week at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395 Chaffee Rd. on a choice of several 70-inch flat screen TVs. Game-time beverages, snacks and food are available in the community center at the Java Café. For more information, call 224-2721.

Community Programs

Fundraiser rings in holidays

Private organizations, unofficial activities and informal funds authorized to operate on Fort Sam Houston can raise funds for their causes while spreading holiday cheer. The Fort Sam Houston Exchange invites organizations to wrap up extra funds through the annual gift wrap program, Nov. 23-Dec.24. Organizations provide the tape, ribbon and scissors. For available dates, call 221-0010.

Earn Club Bucks for your unit function

Lackland units can earn Club Bucks towards a unit function or holiday party at the Gateway Club with the Giant Holiday Card contest. Registration must be completed by Nov. 23, 4:30 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center. For complete details, call Percy Lewis at 671-2619.

Appreciation Day focuses on retirees

The Retiree Council and Fort Sam Houston Transition Services sponsor the Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 3, 8 a.m.-noon, at Willis Hall, Bldg. 2841, Stanley Rd. Retired military personnel of all ranks and their spouses

are welcome to partake in activities throughout the day, including various health screenings and lectures. For more information, call 221-9004.

Relax with jazz and wine

Friday Night Jazz and Wine features American jazz, blues and funk saxophonist Ronnie Laws and Swiss-born jazz pianist and composer Alex Bugnon, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., in the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Laws, one of the original members of Earth, Wind and Fire and Bugnon will be joined by special guest musician Jeffery Smith. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Friday Night Jazz & Wine is open to DOD ID cardholders and their guests. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=128924&k=03634A007953>. For more information, call 466-2020.

Arnold Hall invites gamers XBOX tourney

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center holds an XBOX NBA 2K13 tournament Nov. 16, 6 p.m. A practice session begins at 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for top scores. Complimentary snacks are available. The event is open to ages 16 and older. For more information, call 671-2619.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre Presents "On Golden Pond"

"On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson is showing Thursdays-Saturdays until Nov. 17 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Bldg. 2652, Harney Rd. The play is about retired couple, Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend every summer at their home on Golden Pond. Their adult daughter visits, bringing along her 11-year-old son. The turbulent relationship between father and daughter, the generation gap between young and old and the difficulties facing a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage, all combine to give this play a unique insight into the modern family. For reservations, call 222-9694.

Tree lighting illuminates holidays

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting is Dec.3, 6-8 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Flagpole. It includes holiday treats, hot cocoa, caroling, a hay ride, pictures with Santa and a huge snow pit. For more information, call 221-1718.

Education

Education and Training posts testing schedule

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency Testing. PME testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed

Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. These tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at Fort Sam Houston, email john.s.tooze.civ@mail.mil.To schedule PME testing at Randolph, go to www.sa.wbu.edu/SAtest0/ntc.asp. For more information, call 221-0852.

Fitness and Sports

Lackland hosts Armed Forces basketball tournament

Lackland Fitness and Sports hosts the 2012 Armed Forces men's basketball tournament Nov. 5-11. The competition features the best basketball players from each branch of service. Games are played at Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center 5-7 p.m. weekdays and 1-3:30 p.m. on the weekend. For further details, call 671-2401.

Players needed for intramural sports

Letters of intent are due Nov. 5 for participants in the intramural basketball league at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Center on Fort Sam Houston. The season begins Nov. 26. Letters of intent are due Nov. 26 for participants in intramural bowling at the Fort Sam Houston

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Bowling Center. The season begins Jan. 7. Letters of intent may be dropped off at the Fitness Center on the METC campus. Intramural sports are open to all DOD ID cardholders who are at least 18 years old. For more information, call 808-5710.

Veterans appreciated at fitness center

The Randolph Fitness Center is hosting an open house Nov. 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., for veterans in recognition of all those who have served this great country and in appreciation for all their sacrifices. The fitness center offers top-of-the-line equipment and excellent programs. Fitness center staff will be on hand to answer any questions. For more information, call 652-7263.

Bodybuilders compete in championship

Lackland Fitness Center hosts the annual figure, fitness and bodybuilding championships at Bob Hope Performing Arts Center Nov. 10. The pre-judging show is at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each. The finals take place 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Tickets are on sale at the Lackland HAWC Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. An autograph session with IFBB pro, Branden Ray will be at the Lackland Exchange's GNC store Nov. 10, 1-3 p.m. For details, call 671-0854.

Trotting to a healthier lifestyle

Before gobbling turkey, patrons can trot their way to a healthy holiday season and support "The Great American Smoke Out" by running/walking a 5K Nov. 15, 11 a.m., at the Rambler Fitness Center jogging trails. All participants will be entered in a drawing to win a turkey for their holiday feast. This 5K is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. For more information, call 652-7263.

Golf

November tournament at Gateway Hills

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a two-man, modified alternate shot tournament Nov. 11 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The fee is \$25 which includes drink tickets and prizes but not greens and cart fees. Gross and net prizes are available. Net prizes require a verifiable USGA handicap. For more information, call 671-3466.

Pro shop holds Black Friday sale

Lackland Gateway Hills Pro Shop holds a Black Friday sale Nov. 23, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Patrons who purchase \$50 or more in merchandise will get \$10 off. Those purchasing \$100 or more get \$20 off the total bill. Also, for each additional \$100 spent, another \$20 discount will be awarded. Due to manufacturer restrictions, some Ping, Titleist, Footjoy, Callaway, Odyssey and TaylorMade products may be excluded. This offer is not valid with other discounts or promotions. For more information, call 671-3466.

Celebrate Veterans' Day with golf

Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a Veterans' Day tournament Nov. 12, with tee times 7-9 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person plus greens fee and cart rental. For details, call 652-4570.

Information, Tickets and Travel

MWR Ticket Office sells discount tickets

Located inside the Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395 Chaffee Rd., the MWR Ticket Office has discount tickets to Elmo Makes Music, Nov. 13-14, for \$34, \$24 and \$19. Tickets for the matinee Nov. 14 sell for \$13. The ticket office also has discount tickets for The Moscow Ballet Dec. 28, 7 p.m., Dec. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., The Nutcracker, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 23, 2 p.m. In addition, discounted tickets are available for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14, at \$14 for plaza seating and \$44 for second row floor seating. Customers can pick up discounted tickets for the Spurs regular season games and the Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, for \$22. For more information, call 226-1663.

New online travel service for military families

Lackland ITT launched www.jbsatravel.com, offering the military community air, hotel and car rental planning online. Customers can also complete a travel request for custom vacation packages and cruises. For more information, call 671-3133.

Library

Library provides virtual and traditional entertainment

Fort Sam Houston patrons are welcome to enjoy some gaming fun Nov. 2, 2:30-5:30 p.m., at the library. X-Box 360, PS3 and Wii, along with old-fashioned board games will be available. For more details, call 221-4702.

Children make a Thanksgiving craft

Lackland Library provides a Thanksgiving craft project for children Nov. 21, 1-6 p.m. All materials will be provided at this free program. Children can assemble the project in the library or take materials with them to make at home. For more information, call 671-3610.

Outdoor Recreation

Camp Bullis open fall hours

Camp Bullis Sportsman Range is open Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The range offers DOD ID card holders a place to shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at Camp Bullis. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. For details, call 295-7577.

Rent a bunkhouse or bungalow for half price

Rent a bunkhouse for \$12.50 or a bungalow for \$17.50 Monday-Thursday, at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake during November. Enjoy the cool crisp air at the lake during the day and at night bask in the warmth of the cozy one room bunkhouse or bungalow. To make a reservation, call 800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake offers half price ski boat rentals

Rent a ski boat for \$20 per hour, \$47.50 for half a day or \$90 all day at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake

during November. The price includes skis and vests but not fuel. Now is your chance to take advantage of a less crowded lake and save money too. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

Motorcycle trip commemorates veterans

Lackland Outdoor Recreation hosts a Veterans' Day 200-mile roundtrip motorcycle ride through the Hill Country Nov. 17. The trip departs from Kelly Field Club parking lot on Port San Antonio at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 925-5532.

Youth Programs

Feast on spaghetti dinner

Randolph Youth Programs hosts a complimentary appreciation dinner Nov. 15, 5-6 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 585. Pick up a placemat to decorate for the military family theme placemat contest. Placemats will be displayed at Youth Programs and then used during dinner. Sign up and submit placemats no later than Nov. 12. For more information, call 652-3298.

Parents get a night off

Lackland Youth Programs and Gateway Child Development Center hold "Give Parents a Break/Parents Night Out" Nov. 16, 6:30-11:30 p.m. Care is provided for children ages six weeks to 12 years old. Participants will enjoy an evening of supervised fun, games and a snack. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$10 per child at the Youth Center, \$15 at the CDC or free with a GPAB referral. To sign up, call the Lackland Youth Center at 671-2388 or the Gateway CDC at 671-1052.

Families have fun at Turkey Trot

Lackland Youth Programs holds their annual Turkey Trot Nov. 17, 10 a.m. The one-mile walk/run takes place at the track located next to the youth center. Registration is that morning. The program is free and open to all ages. Drawings for free turkeys will take place following the event. For more information, call 652-2388.

Players sign up for basketball league

Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5-15. The registration deadline is Nov. 30 at Parent Central, Bldg. 2797. The cost is \$65 and children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of registration. For more information, call 221-5519.

Apprenticeships available to youth

Registration is open for youth, ages 15-18, to work as apprentices in the 2013 HIRED! winter term, which runs Jan. 14-April 6. Apprentices have opportunities to work at the Fort Sam Houston MWR facilities and activities. Registration forms are available at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 2515 and must be submitted by Dec. 3. For more information, call 221-3386.

Tibbets shares stories, legacy of service in Air Force

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The weather was very bad in theater. But the crews of the two B-2 Spirits, selected for a mission over Yugoslavia, took off from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., nonetheless.

Although the B-2 crews weren't sure they would be able to carry out their tasking, they decided they would press on through the nearly 30-hour round trip.

"We headed into theater," recalled Air Force Col. Paul W. Tibbets IV, who piloted one of the batwing-shaped stealth aircraft.

"The folks in theater could not take off, except for our friends in the Navy, who provided some of the enemy suppression and support. Their mentality was that if they were needed, they would make it happen."

Both sets of crews achieved their missions over Yugoslavia. The Navy pilots returned their aircraft to their carriers and the B-2s flew back to Whiteman without incident.

Part of NATO's Operation Allied Force, the U.S. military strikes in Yugoslavia, from March through June 1999, led to the withdrawal of Yugoslavian forces from Kosovo and put an end to the Yugoslav Wars.

Allied Force also proved to be a successful combat debut for the B-2s.

Tibbets, the grandson of retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., who delivered the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan, facilitating the end of World War II, was in San Antonio recently.

He spoke at an Eighth Air Force Historical Society Gala for 300 guests at the Crown Plaza hotel, sharing highlights of his 23-year Air Force career as a pilot, like his grandfather, and of his family legacy.

But the B-2 pilot did not grow up with the same passion to fly as his grandfather. He'd seen his grandfather only twice during his youth.

Instead, the younger Tibbets found satisfaction serving with organizations such as Key Club in high school. Students in Key Club clean parks, collect clothing and organize food drives. They also learn leadership skills conducting meetings, planning projects and vying for positions at the club, district and international levels.

It was Tibbets' father, Paul W. Tibbets III, a pharmacist and hospital administrator in the U.S. Army Reserve, who influenced his son's decision to enroll at the U.S.

Air Force Academy.

At the academy, Tibbets relished the military lifestyle and then graduated from pilot training, following in his grandfather's footsteps after all.

He logged more than 3,800 hours flying combat missions in Southwest Asia, the Balkans and Afghanistan, piloting both the B-1 and B-2 bombers.

After a successful career as a bomber pilot, Tibbets served as executive assistant to the commander, Eighth Air Force, and chief of the nuclear policy branch at NATO headquarters. He is currently serving as commander of the Air Force Inspection Agency at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M.

While in San Antonio, Tibbets discussed courage, recalling a story his grandfather related to him. Then-U.S. President Harry Truman called the Enola Gay pilot into his office to talk about the Hiroshima mission.

"Look, I'm the one that



Courtesy photo

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. (left) and his grandson, (then-) Air Force Capt. Paul W. Tibbets IV aboard Fifi, the only airborne-capable B-29 left in the world, during an actual flight Oct. 2, 1998 at Midland, Texas. The aircraft belongs to the Commemorative Air Force.

sent you," Truman said to Brig. Gen. Tibbets "If somebody has a problem with it, tell them to come see me."

"I call that courage from the top," Tibbets said. "Truman never apologized because he knew the decision to drop the atomic bomb over Hi-

roshima would save lives across the board and bring World War II to an end sooner. What does it mean to apologize for trying to stop the killing? On both sides – on all sides?

"That's what I most respect about my grandfather and those folks who were a part of the fight in World War II – their integrity and their honesty – to do the right thing, no matter what."

Courage to do the right thing means that Americans must continue to be vigilant in order to defend our hard-won freedoms, Tibbets said, and deterrence through military strength is the answer to aggression in the world today.

"We are being tested, we are being looked at and every day we have to show that America is going to defend the freedoms it has. If deterrence works then we don't have to worry about the next step."

The first slide in his presentation at the historical society's gala quot-

ed former U.S. President Ronald Reagan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed down for them to do the same."

"We have a culture of serving something bigger than ourselves," Tibbets said. "That is my second slide. One half of one percent of today's Americans have served. During World War II, there were about nine percent of Americans serving."

Tibbets stressed that though the number of volunteers who serve in the military today are few, each is providing a huge return on investment to our country.

"It's the culture that keeps me in," Tibbets said. "They're a class act and really believe in what they are doing. We must continue to earn our freedom through those that serve in the military. How do you hang a price tag on freedom?"



Courtesy photo

"The Legacy," an oil and acrylic painting by Ronald Wong, was commissioned by retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr. to commemorate the legacy of service his grandson, (then-) Air Force Capt. Paul W. Tibbets IV, is following. It depicts the Enola Gay, the aircraft Brig. Gen. Tibbets flew over Hiroshima in World War II in the background, and a B-2 stealth bomber, the aircraft Col. Tibbets flew, in the foreground.

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each Soldier. The tour started with weapons familiarization at a small range on the property, and the guides discussed the areas to focus on for hunting the exotic deer, antelope, sheep and bison on the ranch.

Spc. John Whittinghill, a transportation specialist who was injured by an improvised-explosive device detonation in Afghanistan in November 2011, successfully hunted a spotted fallow deer – the first successful hunt of the day.

Whittinghill, a native of Muskogee, Okla., said he wanted to help organize hunting trips for fellow wounded warriors when he finishes his rehabilitation at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and returns to Oklahoma.

“These hunting trips get Soldiers out of the barracks and get their minds off of their situation,” Whittinghill said. “I enjoy the outdoors, getting away from everything. Hunting is a way

to have a little fun and relax.”

There are many activities for wounded warriors to participate in, but hunting is unique, McQueen said.

“It’s very therapeutic for the Soldiers,” McQueen said. “You’re in nature; you’re part of nature. I have seen the gleam in their eyes and their smiles as they validate their shooting skills in the woods.”

For Spc. Michael Crawford, confined to a wheelchair after an IED blast in Afghanistan, the hunt was a first, other than dove hunting.

“The atmosphere makes it fun,” said Crawford, a 21-year-old military policeman.

“The ranch hands and volunteers are very hospitable. They actually enjoy talking to you – and they make sure you get an animal of your choosing.”

Crawford, a native of Vancouver, Wash., bagged a nine-point Sika deer for his first exotic game hunting trip. The Sika is a large, shaggy deer from eastern Asia.

“The meat – I’ll have it with my girlfriend’s parents for Christmas dinner,” Crawford said.

Approximately 200 wounded service members have participated in hunting trips to more than 20 area ranches since Trawick started organizing the trips four years ago.

“I have three rules for ranchers who want to participate: You have to feed them; they get to shoot something, and you have to process the meat,” Trawick said.

The former JBSA-Fort Sam Houston dental activity commander said many ranchers want to participate in hunting outings for wounded service members.

One of the volunteers participating in the hunt, who is not affiliated with the private game ranch, said he volunteered as a way to return the favor for service members who have sacrificed for the nation.

“It’s just a giving back,” said Darrell Taylor, a rancher and member of the Wounded Warrior Hunting Committee of the Houston Safari Club.

“I just thank all these Soldiers from the bottom of my heart. You’ve got to count your blessings every day.”

Leaders from the Warrior Transition Battalion said they have seen positive impact from the events and the sponsored trips for the wounded service members.

“Having been given the great privilege and opportunity to participate in several wounded warrior events, I can personally attest to the positive impact these events can have on a wounded service member’s psyche,” said Capt. Christopher Brewer, assistant plans officer, WTB.

Some wounded war-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Spc. Michael Crawford, along with Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North, show off the Sika Deer that Crawford bagged Oct. 11 as part of a hunting trip for wounded warriors at a private central Texas game ranch. The Sika is a large, shaggy deer from eastern Asia. “The atmosphere makes it fun,” said Crawford, a 21-year-old military policeman who is confined to a wheelchair after an IED blast in Afghanistan. Crawford, a native of Vancouver, Wash., said he plans to have the deer meat for Christmas dinner.

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riors experience a sense of helplessness and depression after their injuries, Brewer said, but the trips and events build confidence and sometimes also lead to networking and jobs.

“There is nothing in the world like watching a Soldier re-attain the understanding that he or she can still effectively engage the world around him or her – and, in some cases, gaining new interests and a newly impassioned spirit that leads to new professional employment opportunities.”



Capt. Vance Flowers, a wounded warrior who serves with U.S. Army North, along with Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North, show off the white Texas Dall sheep that Flowers bagged Oct. 11 during a wounded warrior hunt at a private central Texas game ranch. Flowers lost his right leg below the knee after an improvised-explosive device detonation in Iraq in 2007.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

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parents do and understand that requirement better than we realize," Siller added. "They are trying to pursue their own dreams and I think we all want to see them do this and help them with this."

Service members and their teammates, staff from their partner school, presented joint projects and initiatives and also discussed what plans they had for the remainder of the year.

Ideas like bringing kids on the installation to see different areas such as the medical facilities or the historic Quadrangle were offered.

More traditional events were also planned, including reading programs and guest speakers who could come to the schools.

"This is a really special program, and it's great that our students know they have additional adults that have their backs," said Tonya Hyde, principal for Fort

Sam Houston Elementary School.

"I think one hour a day can make a lifetime of difference for a child – this is an investment in America's future," said Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North.

District superintendents spoke following the round-robin from each school, reinforcing what was said and capturing the spirit of what the Adopt-a-School program is about – Soldiers and teachers teaming up to provide quality role models for school children.

"The military not only protects our future, you build our future too," said Mark Scheffler, associate superintendent for administration and human resources with the North East ISD.

"It's time we start looking at the people in our children's lives who make a difference. Please believe me: You are true heroes to our children – and you are also heroes to us."



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, speaks with his school partners from Pershing Elementary School – principal Kathleen St. Clair (left) and Debbie Andrews – Oct. 16 at the Adopt-a-School Program School-Unit Partnership Luncheon held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.

Education and training test center offers accessibility, opportunities

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd FSS Marketing

Military wife Laudra Calaf just gave birth to her fourth child a couple of weeks ago and recently found herself in complete calm and quiet within the walls of the 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Testing Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Calaf is among a varied group of test-takers, including members from all branches of the service and even family members like her, tackling everything from College Level Examination Program tests and mid-term exams to professional military education courses at this National Test Center.

"I am getting a degree in early childhood education," Calaf said. "Since I'm taking online courses, some of them require proctored exams, so I come here to take those tests."

Wayland Baptist University National Test Center Administrator Linda Muth is a retired Air Force major and proctors exams at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston office Monday and Friday and at JBSA-Randolph Tuesday through Thursday.

Muth arrives at 7:30 a.m. and testing begins at 8 a.m. CLEP and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Subject Standardized Tests exams, which provide college credit, are free for military members and \$100 for civilians, military dependents and retired military members. The



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Renninger gets started on a new CLEP test with the help of Linda Muth, the test administrator at the 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training testing center on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

proctor fee for university exams is \$20. There is no age limit for testing.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Renninger, who is retiring soon after 30 years of service, is spending a lot of time at the test center.

He is taking advantage of the free CLEP tests before his retirement, amassing 57 semester hours in just eight days.

"I didn't get a bachelor's degree while I was in, so I am trying to get as many hours as I can toward getting a degree," Renninger said. "I am very grateful for this center. Hopefully, this is going to save me a lot of time and money as far as taking classes."

Down a few computers, Army Staff Sgt. Neil Kimball works on an anatomy and physiology mid-term exam, working toward getting into the physician assistant program.

He finishes and steps out to tell Muth that he scored an 85. According to Kimball, setting up the proctor exam was a quick and easy process.

"It is very simple. You come in, do your thing and get it done," Kimball says

For Muth, celebrating the successes is the best part of her job.

"They are excited about it and I'm excited for them," she said. "I went through it."

The Education and Training Center is in a trailer off of Reynolds Road on 2427 Hood Street, a new location.

Along with Muth, there is an enlisted training manager and two civilian training managers under the direction of John Fitzgerald, the acting chief of the Force Development Flight.

"The feedback we have received since

opening the National Test Center is extremely positive," Fitzgerald said. "Personnel no longer have to travel to JBSA-Lackland or JBSA-Randolph to take CLEP or DANTES tests or to have exams proctored. They are extremely grateful and supportive of our facility and our mission."

DANTES is a Department of Defense organization created to help service members pursue their educational goals and earn degrees or certifications while continuing to serve their country.

While it has been a bit challenging to find the trailer at its new location, word of mouth has spread and more service members and their dependents are finding their way to the center.

Muth sees 10 to 20 test-takers every Monday and Friday.

"We understand duty, family and time constraints impact people's day-to-day lives," Fitzgerald said. "So wherever and whenever we can make a positive impact, we will assist any way we can."

"Although we are in a temporary facility, we understand that the impact we have on this base and community is permanent."

The center offers 70 DSST and CLEP exams that fulfill general subject areas such as math, humanities, English, social science and speech.

To schedule an appointment for testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, go to <http://www.sa.wbu.edu/SAtest7/ntc.asp>. For more information on the test center, call 221-1844.

**FSHISD WEEKLY
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Nov. 1**
College/University T-shirt Day
Report cards go home
Football Fun Run, grades one through five,
Cole track at 7:10 p.m.

**Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools
Oct. 30**
Red Ribbon Week: "Team Up Against Drugs."
Middle school students can wear their
favorite sports jersey.

Oct. 31
Red Ribbon Week: "You're My Inspiration."
Middle school students to dress like a person
that inspires them.

Nov. 1
Cole flu shot clinic from 8 a.m. to noon,
Media Center Workroom
Josten's Senior presentations during Pride
class

Nov. 2
Junior varsity football at Goliad, 6 p.m.
Middle school football vs. Goliad, 5 and 6:30
p.m.

Nov. 3
Varsity football vs. Goliad, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 3
Fall musical rehearsals at Mosely gym, from
1 to 3 p.m.

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The new law gives teachers and administrators more options than they had before. For example, under the law, the bully may be transferred to another class or school. Until now, only the victim could be transferred.

Additionally, the law states that the victim of bullying may no longer be punished for using reasonable self-defense to protect themselves. Until this provision was enacted, a student defending himself from an attack was often the one punished.

"If you are doing or saying things that are no longer fun to the other person, then it is time to stop and apologize," Huffman said.

"Where can you find bullying?" asked Company D commander Capt. Jennifer Hus-

bands of the group of students. The students all shouted in response, "Everywhere!"

"Cyber bullying is also gaining popularity among young teens," Husbands said. "Using the Internet or cell phones to torment, threaten or text inappropriate words can hurt or cause a dangerous outcome to the person who is receiving the message.

"You must fight back in a positive manner," she said. "Never try to 'handle your business' in a vengeful way. Always tell someone – your teachers, your parents or someone you can trust – so they can help you resolve the problem."

After the presentation, Lt. Col. Frank Valetin, BAMC ophthalmology chief, spoke about his experiences of bullying in school and



Photo by Robert Shields

Patricia Huffman, wife of Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman, speaks to the Cole Middle School students on anti-bullying and prevention in the school's gymnasium Oct 10.

how he dealt with the situation.

"I remember one day being so mad at the kids who were teasing and picking on me that I cried at my desk and took out my Bible and read a scripture that helped me with the pain that I felt," he said.

With his spiritual guidance and by telling his parents and teachers, it helped him to overcome it and kept him from acting out in a negative way.

"Use the three T's," he emphasized. "Talk to the person who is doing the act, tell a parent

or teacher, and keep telling until a course of action takes place."

Consequences of bullying are serious and can be prevented. Talk to school counselors, teachers and parents if students are harassed or you feel threatened by someone.

INSIDE THE GATE

Walk Challenge

Army Health Promotions is challenging people to walk twice a week for 30 minutes. Group walking sessions are 3:20-4:50 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Medical Education and Training Campus track or 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at San Antonio Military Medical Center outside by the Grab n Go tables, by the Tower North. Call 221-1131, 295-2399 or 295-2538 for information.

Haunted House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center haunted house will open Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, 6:30-10:30 p.m. and on Halloween, Oct. 31, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Building 1630. Casper's Fun House will be open for the little ones. The cost will be \$1 for children 5 and under, \$2 for children and youth ages 6-18 and \$3 for adults. Call 221-3502.

Concert In The Quad

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston presents an evening of patriotic music performed by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" at the "Concert in the Quad" at 5 p.m. Nov. 4. The Quadrangle will open at 3:30 p.m. and all are invited to come, bring a blanket, tour the historic Quadrangle and listen to historic presentations. Join our service members and their families and settle in for a free evening of melodies guaranteed to please.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony

U.S. Army North hosts a Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony, parade and reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7. The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will be held on the Staff Post Parade Field. All Vietnam-era veterans are invited to attend and participate.

Wicked Zumba Workout

Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-noon at the Fitness Center on the METC, Building 1369. Costumes are welcome. Participants take home giveaways and

T-shirts. Youth, 13-15 years old, are welcome to work out with a parent or guardian. Call 808-5709.

Library Gets Its Scare On

Preschool children are invited to don their costumes for a Halloween tradition, Spooky Story Time, Oct. 27, 2-3 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. Enjoy some ghoulish stories, a trick-or-treating parade and howling-fun crafts. Children up to age 5 are welcome to join the excitement. Call 221-4702.

41st Combat Support Hospital Reunion

Former members of the 41st CSH are invited for a picnic reunion noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Salado Creek Park on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 916-9527, 269-2150 or 654-3264 for more information.

Movie Night

The votes are in; find out what plays on the big inflatable screen Oct. 27 at dusk at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston flagpole. Call 221-1718.

Gospel Music Fest

Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 241-1713 or 382-1978.

Budget Development

Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Access Level 1

Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

Oct. 30-31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946 or e-mail usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-acs-mobilization-and-deployment@mail.mil.

HUGS playgroup

Oct. 30, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

Oct. 30, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. The extravaganza is an opportunity to learn about JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area as well as meet representatives from many

different organizations, programs and businesses. Call 221-1681 or 221-2418.

Dare to be Debt Free

Oct. 30, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Teens and Money Management

Oct. 30, 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Access Level 2

Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Surviving the Holidays

Oct. 31, 9-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

24/7 Dads

Oct. 31, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This is a four-part series, lunch will be provided the first day. To register, call 221-0349.

Halloween Carnival

Oct. 31, 4-5:30 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Age Services, Building 1703. Wear your costume and enjoy carnival games, dancing and treats. Call 221-3381.

Excel Level 1

Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Trails & Tales Tour

Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, meet at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 at 8:45 a.m., call 221-2418.

ScreamFree Marriage

Nov. 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This is a four part series. To register, call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Parenting

Nov. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349

Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information

or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

Free Tops in Blue Concert Tickets

Joint Base San Antonio is hosting "Listen," a free Tops in Blue show 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Laurie Auditorium. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but patrons must have a ticket. Doors will open no earlier than 45 minutes prior to show time. Tickets are available at JBSA-Randolph ITT in the Community Services Mall, Building 895; JBSA-Lackland's ITT office, Building 5505 and the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395. Ticket-holders must be seated by 3:40 p.m. Those without tickets will be allowed to enter at this time.

Federal Resume Writing

Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Armed Forces Team Building Level 2

Nov. 7-8, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Installation Chaplain's Training Room, Building 2530, call 221-0918 or 221-2611.

Employment Search Orientation

Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516.

Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre featuring American jazz, blues and funk saxophonist Ronnie Laws and Swiss-born jazz pianist and composer Alex Bugnon. Laws is one of the original members of Earth, Wind and Fire and Bugnon will be joined by special guest musician Jeffery Smith. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Open to DOD ID cardholders and their guests. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=128924&k=03634A007953>.

Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Force Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. To submit an issue, email jbsa.afap@gmail.com. Call 221-2336 for more information.

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Budge Dental Clinic Hours Change

Walk-in exams at the Budge Dental Clinic, located at 3145 Garden Ave., Building 1278, are from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sick call is from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. The clinic is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. There are department and clinic meetings from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. People may now call to schedule an exam/prophylaxis appointment in place of a walk-in exam. These combination appointments are limited and only offered certain days of the week. For more information, call 808-3736 or 808-3735.

JBSA FSH Voting Assistance Office

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Office is open and available to provide information and resources to military and civilian personnel and their family members about the 2012 elections. The office also assists voters in registering. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at 1706 Stanley Road, Building 2263. Call 221-1424 for more information. For additional information on voting in Texas, outside of Texas and absentee voting, go to <http://www.fvap.gov>.

Army's Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, where active duty commissioned officers, second lieutenant through captain, may attend law school at government expense. Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal

Education Program), to determine their eligibility. Review the AHRC website for branch specific contact information at <http://www.hrc.army.mil> or contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for more information: U.S. Army North and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-0484, Army South at 295-6325; Army Medical Department Center & School at 295-9893 or Army Medical Command at 221-8400.

Suicide Intervention Skills Training Offered

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is being offered for Joint Base San Antonio active duty members, civilians and family members. The training will be held on the last Thursday and Friday of every month. Call 221-1696 to register, as seating is limited. T4T trained instructors are also needed to facilitate the course. People who have successfully completed the T4T training can also call 221-1696.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502nd Air Base Wing now has an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415; 802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, JBSA-Lackland, 671-4178; and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, JBSA-Randolph, 652-1845. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or call the numbers listed to set up an appointment.

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OUTSIDE THE GATE

The Waring Halloween Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club is hosting a 5k, 10k and 15k walk Oct. 27 and 28 starting at the Waring VFD Hall, Waring-Welfare Road near the intersection with FM 1621. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-995-2421 for information.

Halloween at Morgan's Wonderland

Morgan's Wonderland will be open 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Children

age 12 and younger and special-needs individuals of all ages can wear their Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating while they enjoy the 25-acre theme park and attractions that are accessible to everyone. For more information, visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

UIW Veterans Day Ceremony, Guest Speaker

The University of the Incarnate Word holds its 10th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 8 on the Dubuis Lawn. as part of the event, Maj. Andrew E. Montoya from U.S. Army South will talk about being an active duty Soldier as well as studying for a doctorate degree. Toys for Tots will

also collect toys for disadvantaged children as holiday gifts. For more information, call 829-2705

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families will raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months in a stimulating and safe home environment. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, features a life-size dinosaur exhibit through Dec. 31. Call 207-3255 or visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.



FOR SALE: Microwave oven, \$25; stackable electric washer and gas dryer, \$250; dresser, \$35; single bed with headboard and frame, \$60; living room set with coffee table and end table, \$250. Call 241-1291.

FOR SALE: New Rascal wheelchair, \$700. Call 661-3765.

42nd Celebrate America's Military schedule

Nov. 1

CAM Kickoff Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. registration, noon lunch. Guest speaker is Robin Lineberger, CEO, Deloitte Federal Government Services; San Antonio Exposition Hall at Freeman Coliseum, 3201 E. Houston St. Members, \$40 for individual, \$450 for table of eight; non-members: \$50, individual and \$550 for table of eight. Registration required. **Senior NCO Salute** — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Chamber reception at San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Performance by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own." Free and open to public.

Nov. 2

Association of the U.S. Army Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Arthur Emerson, Texas Military Preparedness Commissioner, Sam Houston Community Center.

Nov. 3

Saluting America's Heroes — 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., Texas A&M University-San Antonio Main Campus, 1 University Way. Displays, exhibits, military enlistment ceremony, benefits fair and more. **San Antonio Spurs CAM Game Night** — 7:30 p.m. at AT&T Center, One AT&T Center Parkway. Opponent is the Utah Jazz. Ticket for game required.

Nov. 4

"Listen" Tops in Blue Concert — 4 p.m. at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive. Free and open to the public. **Concert at the Quadrangle** — 5 p.m. at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle, 1400 E. Grayson St., with the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own." The Grayson Street pedestrian gate will be open at 3:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. **SeaWorld San Antonio Military Family Day** — During regular park hours.



Nov. 5

CAM Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament — 9:30 a.m. registration and noon shotgun start at TPC San Antonio, JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway.

Nov. 6

Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve "Salute to Employers Awards Luncheon" — Noon at Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 502 West Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, commander, Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

Nov. 7

Air Force Association Combat Breakfast — 7 a.m. at Kendrick's Enlisted Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot, commander of 24th Air Force.

Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans — 4 p.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Staff Post Parade Field with Vietnam Veteran reception following at the Quadrangle. Open to the public.

Nov. 8

Spirit of America Dinner — 6:15 p.m. cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner at Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market St. Guest speaker is Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command. By invitation only. Registration required and available at <http://www.CelebrateAmericasMilitary.com> or call 229-2119.

Nov. 9

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa presents a Salute to Fisher House Gala — 6 p.m. cocktails and 7:30 p.m. dinner and program at JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. Registration required. Call (240) 559-2470 for information.

Nov. 10

Veterans parade and wreath-laying ceremony — 10:30 a.m. ceremony and parade at noon at Alamo Plaza. Open to public. **UTSA Military Day Football Game** — 4 p.m. at Alamodome, 100 Montana St. Game features UTSA Roadrunners hosting the McNeese State Cowboys. Ticket purchase required. Buy tickets at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Nov. 11

San Antonio Rock n' Roll Marathon, Half Marathon and Mini-Marathon — 7:30 a.m. start in downtown San Antonio near South Alamo Street and East Market Street. \$15 registration discount for military members with code MILITARY2012. See <http://runrock-nroll.competitor.com/san-antonio> for more information.

Veterans Day Ceremonies — 9:30 a.m. musical prelude, 10 a.m. program at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Open to the public. **Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony** — 1:30 p.m. at San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. Open to the public. **Veterans Day Concert "Salute to Service"** — 7 p.m. at Majestic Theater, 224 E. Houston Street, with the San Antonio Symphony and Air Force Band of the West. Open to the public.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional
Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel
Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Collective Service
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional
Evans Auditorium
Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday
Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass
Sunday
8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah,
Friday, AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

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"On Golden Pond" at the Harlequin

Thursdays, Fridays at Saturdays through Nov. 17 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6, 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381 for information.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by

the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. There is currently a summer blow-out sale with many items marked half off. The shop also has Halloween costumes and ladies formal wear. Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Consignment of fall items begins Oct. 17. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

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.