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Army North supports disaster response efforts following Super Storm Sandy

Photo by Donald Manuszewski

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV (left) speaks with Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff at the Regional Operations and Intelligence Center at the State Police Headquarters in Trenton, N.J. Nov. 3. Caldwell spoke with them about the Department of Defense's partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the "whole of government" response to Hurricane Sandy. Caldwell visited the site to meet with Col. Barrett Holmes to discuss the state's emerging needs, which may require Department of Defense assistance. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Holmes is the defense coordinating officer for Army North's Region IV Defense Coordinating Element. Cunniff is the New Jersey adjutant general.

In one of the costliest and most devastating storms to strike the United States, Super Storm Sandy pummeled the country's Eastern seaboard Oct. 29, leaving behind it a swath of destruction, widespread power outages, flooding and gas shortages in her wake.

As the scope of the storm's devastation began to unfold, U.S. Army North prepositioned coordinating elements in the most devastated areas to help support local, state and federal response efforts.

"It is our hope and our feeling that when they see a uniform that they'll get a sense of calm and confidence that someone is there who wants to help them out," said Lt. Col. Michael Brough, Combined Operations and Integration Center team leader, Army North.

Army North, as the Joint Force Land Component Command of U.S. Northern Command, activated Joint Task Force – Civil Support, headquartered at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., to serve as the JFLCC Coordinating Element at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The unit's mission is to coordinate for military units conducting missions in affected regions of the Eastern seaboard.

After tracking the storm for more than a week, Army North deployed six of its 10 defense coordinating elements – which are co-located with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's regional headquarters throughout the nation – to Trenton, N.J.; Charleston, W.Va.; Philadelphia; Maynard, Mass.; Brooklyn and New York City to coordinate Department of Defense support to the FEMA and other response elements.

The defense coordinating elements, led by a defense coordinating officer, have the ability to coordinate requests for DOD to assist in search and rescue missions, medical evacuations, aerial damage assessments, distribution of food, water and blankets, establish temporary shelters, provide generators and pumps, provide communication equipment, transportation capabilities and many other functions to support disaster relief efforts.

For those in the JFLCC Coordination Element, managing the large influx of DOD forces into New York, New Jersey and other affected states is an important task.

"Being here, we contribute in a different way," said Staff Sgt. Elsie Muniz, human resources noncommissioned

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Colombian delegation tours JBSA-Fort Sam Houston wounded warrior facilities, Center for the Intrepid

By Robert R. Ramon
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Army South personnel escorted the commanding general of Colombian military forces and a delegation of public and private Colombian leaders as they visited the Center for the Intrepid, the Fisher House Foundation and the Warrior and Family Support Center Oct. 24 and 25.

The two-day visit was designed to highlight the value of the Center for the Intrepid in treating our wounded warriors and to allow the delegation to gain an understanding of the role the U.S. private sector plays in supporting and caring for our wounded warriors, said Col. Jaime Henry, a Colombian foreign liaison officer assigned to U.S. Army South.

Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, the commander of U.S. Southern Command, accompanied Gen. Alejandro Navas, the commanding general of Colombian military forces, and approximately 10 other public and private sector leaders as they toured the facilities and attended briefings by staff members.

"This visit will afford us an opportunity to share with our guest delegation what we've learned from partnering with organizations like Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and Fisher House Foundation in caring

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Every picture tells a story

By Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter
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Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter

Corporal Michael Carter

One of my all time favorite movie scenes is from "The Dead Poets Society." In front of a display case which holds trophies and photos of previous students, Robin Williams' character talks with his students.

"You've walked past them many times, don't think you've really looked at them… eyes full of hope. They whisper their legacy to you. Listen, do you hear it? Carpe Diem, seize the day boys, make your lives extraordinary."

I often think about that scene when I look at photographs of our veterans and the men and women currently serving in uniform. I try to imagine what they were thinking when the photo was snapped. Was it the sheer joy and pride of becoming a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine upon graduating from basic training or earning a commission? Was it the anguish and heartache of losing a buddy in a fierce firefight on a battlefield far from home? Or was it humility in receiving a decoration for bravery and courage under fire when they felt they were just doing their job?

As I write this, I can see a photograph sitting on my fireplace mantel.

The photo is of my grandfather, Corporal Michael Carter, wearing the uniform of a signal corps soldier, a member of the Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, 91st Division. On his uniform there is a single medal, and he looks a bit uncomfortable posing for the camera. I never met him as he passed away over 13 years before I was born.

My dad, a Purple Heart recipient from his service as a Machinists Mate Second Class on the USS Essex in World War II, never talked much about what either of them did during their military service.

A few years ago, sourcing from old newspaper articles, my aunt posted information about my grandfather on the Los Angeles Fire Department website. (He was captain of Engine Company 27.) It was then that I learned more about the medal on his uniform, the Distinguished Service Cross, which he earned Sept. 28, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne.

One article from the local paper in Bakersfield, Calif., shared this account:

"After much investigation by newspaper reporters and friends it was finally developed that Carter did earn the cross of honor stowed away in his mess kit, and the story of his actions which won the cross leaked out. During a heavy enemy barrage in the battle of the Argonne, a high explosive shell broke the line of communication between headquarters and outposts, Carter, observing the break in the line dashed out, in the face of the terrible barrage, and, without receiving a scratch repaired the wire. Carter seems to be of a modest position, as he returned to Bakersfield and assumed the position as engineer at the Mercy hospital without mention of his experiences in the war."

I share that story not to boast about my grandfather, though I am obviously very proud of him, but rather to say his reluctance to share his experience is very common among our veterans.

Yet their stories need to be told, not only to inspire the next generation but also to document the

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In 2000, the United States Congress authorized the creation of the Veterans History Project. This program, administered by the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, "collects, preserves and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war." http://www.loc.gov/vets/about.html

Veterans Day: The Last Formation

By Lt. Col. Zoltan L. Krompcher
Commander, Headquarters and
Headquarters Battalion,
U.S. Army North

Underneath the canopy of the Texas sky is a place dotted with stones, a special place where generals rest next to sergeants who lie beside privates, all heroes taking part in a final formation. This is the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

I once read that "a veteran is one who wrote a blank check to America, payable with one's life."

This diverse cast of men and women are cut from the same cloth because they once volunteered to serve the Nation, some during peace, others in places which mark our past with conflict, like mile markers tracing a journey.

Regardless of when or where they served, make no mistake that every veteran has sacrificed in cutting a path to the country's future. And so it is that we in uniform honor them to the very end.

Since 1926, the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery has been a place where those who served can rest in final repose with their brothers and sisters.

Headstones mark notables like Maj. Gen. Homer D. Smith (last person to leave Vietnam); Maj. Gen. Mary E. Clarke (the last Women's Army Corps general) and Medal of Honor recipients Chief Warrant Officer 4 Louis R. Rocco and Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez.

Some burials are large, while others have no one to offer a goodbye, other than the Soldiers in attendance. But rank is immaterial when honoring our own. Last month, Lt. Col. Mike de la Pena, a Green Beret, was buried within weeks of Privates James Alvin Tomes and Eddie Jasek.

In addition to the Soldiers from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, members of the Memorial Services Detachment, an all-volunteer force of veterans, render honors. They come willingly, because the epitaphs are threads in our national fabric.

Staff Sgt. Mark Davenport served two tours as a combat medic in Iraq and now serves in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Honor Guard. He told me the first funeral he honored was a Soldier killed in Afghanistan.

"It was amazing. People lined the streets," Davenport said. "The Patriot Guard and local police escorted the hearse. The whole town turned out.

"You know, I took care of a lot of Soldiers in Iraq, and had friends die over there. Providing a last measure of respect for service members and their families is rewarding for all of us."

Veterans connect with those they honor, and so we stand – in the sun, rain or cold – to fare them well on their

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Construction around Building 366

Due to the removal and repair of clay tiles on the roof of Building 366 the contractor has requested an area around the building to be cleared of all vehicles and foot traffic for safety reasons in case of falling debris. The work will take place from Nov. 14 until approximately Jan. 5.

Free Veterans Day Concert

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West and the San Antonio Symphony free annual Veterans Day concert is 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Majestic Theatre in downtown San Antonio. Tickets can be picked up at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Office, the JBSA-Randolph ITT office, or the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office in the Sam Houston Community Center.

Army Benefits Center-Civilian's Newest Benefits Tool: eRetirement

Retirement is an important milestone in an employee's life. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian offers the new eRetirement web application, located in the Employee Benefits Information System, which allows an employee to easily fill out a retirement application. Army-serviced employees, within one year of retirement, can fill out an application on the ABC-C secure website at https://www.abc.army.mil with a Common Access Card and then selecting the EBIS icon or web link. Next, employees enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number. Click on the eRetirement button and complete all the forms listed. Once finished, print each form individually, review closely and sign any applicable forms. Finally, send the application to the ABC-C at 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS, 66442. ABC-C reviews the application closely and sends a letter stating the application has been received. For more information on eRetirement, contact a benefits counselor at 1-877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The San Antonio Military Medical Center Cancer Committee presents "Recent Trends in the Diagnosis and

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Army South top NCO relinquishes duties, CSM ready to serve Army South team

By Master Sgt. Kevin Doheny
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

Photo by Sgt. Deylon Douglass

Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes (left), the outgoing U.S. Army South command sergeant major, Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (center), the Army South commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis C. Zavodsky (right), the incoming Army South command sergeant major, salute during the playing of the National Anthem prior to their change of responsibility ceremony in front of the Army South headquarters Nov. 2.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes relinquished his duties as U.S. Army South's top noncommissioned officer to Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Zavodsky during a change of responsibility ceremony outside the Army South Headquarters building Nov. 2.

The ceremony, which is highlighted by the passing of the NCO sword, is a formal relinquishing of responsibilities between two sergeants major.

"This is a ceremony that celebrates the noncommissioned officer," said Maj. Gen. Frederick Rudesheim, Army South commanding general. "It is a tangible expression of the passing of the responsibilities from one sergeant major to another."

The command sergeant major in Army units carries out policies and ensures standards are maintained in the performance, training, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. The command sergeant major advises and initiates recommendations to the commander and staff in matters pertaining to the local NCO support channel and the discipline of Soldiers.

Cervantes, who has served as the standard bearer for Army South during the last three years, spoke favorably about his time at Army South.

"Time has really flown by," said Cervantes, whose next assignment will take him to Afghanistan. "I was honored to be assigned here and work with everyone."

Over the past three years since Cervantes' arrival, the role of Army South changed to a deployable force, with support focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. This was no more evident than when the headquarters deployed to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake.

"The Army asked us to train to be able to 'pick up' the headquarters and deploy in support of contingency operations," he said. "Two months after I arrived here the devastating earthquake hit Haiti. I can tell you that it was an honor and a privilege to be a part of that because contingency operations are no-fail missions."

Zavodsky, who is now tasked to be the senior enlisted advisor for the command, said he looks forward to working with and leading all those at Army South going forward. He also took a few minutes to thank his new boss and old friend Cervantes.

"I'm here to serve

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Remember the veterans in your life

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Growing up in the Midwest, I never thought too much about the military or what it meant to be a service member.

I knew my dad was a World War II veteran and he seemed to tell the same war stories, over and over again, when I was young.

Later on, I married a Vietnam veteran, but my husband never really talks about his time in the military.

It wasn't until my dad was in the late stages of cancer, and a hospice nurse came to his home to help him in his final days, that the meaning of his service and sacrifice to his country really hit home.

The hospice nurse got down on his knees and thanked my dad for his service to our nation. It brought tears to my eyes then as it does today just thinking back to that moment.

Twelve years ago, shortly after my father passed away, my husband and I moved to San Antonio.

It wasn't until we came to "Military City USA" that I really started to understand what military service was all about.

Now, working at Joint Base San Antonio, surrounded by Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on a daily basis, I really do have a much greater appreciation for their commitment to honor, protect and serve this great nation.

During the past 11 years, service members have faced multiple deployments. Many suffer from the invisible wounds of war such as post traumatic stress disorder, others have come back severely injured and some have lost their lives.

This Veterans Day, I will reflect on all the service members I have had the privilege of meeting over these past years here on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston as well as their families.

I have come to realize that behind every service member is a family – whether it's a spouse, mother, father, children or aunt and uncle.

Family members sacrifice so much – time with their loved one, frequent moves, adjusting to new schools and leaving friends. Some families make the ultimate sacrifice, losing someone they love.

This Veterans Day, remember to thank the service members in your life, whether they're your relative, friend, neighbor or someone in uniform ahead of you in the checkout line at the supermarket.

I'm sure they will appreciate the acknowledgement, just as my father did years ago.

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for military members catastrophically disabled or severely injured while serving their country," said Jorge Silveira, acting director of SOUTHCOM's Partnering Directorate.

"Thanks to this partnership, the Center for the Intrepid has helped more than 780 wounded warriors make remarkable recoveries to remain on active duty or return to civilian life. This visit will afford our guests a chance to see first-hand what can be accomplished for wounded veterans through public-private partnerships and with the caring support of a community of caring citizens."

According to Colombia's Ministry of Defense website, 483 members of Colombia's public security forces (which includes military and police) were killed in the act of serving during 2011, and 2,088 were injured, many of them requiring care similar to what U.S. Soldiers receive after they're injured in combat.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Dr. Raul Marin, a psychiatrist at the Center for the Intrepid, speaks with Colombian Gen. Alejandro Navas, the commanding general of the Colombian Military Forces, about the history and mission of the Center Oct. 23 at the CFI.

Silveira said it's important to share ideas, knowledge and experiences with committed partner nation militaries such as Colombia in order to find effective solutions to common problems.

"Almost 13,000 Colombian soldiers have been wounded by IEDs since 1996," said Silveira. "With this visit, we hope to help them get one step closer to realizing their vision of a center fully dedicated to caring, treating and rehabilitating military members who are seriously injured while defending the nation.

Through continued engagement and collaboration in this area, we also hope to ensure we can capitalize on the synergies and interoperability of our centers for the good of the patients they care for."

Photo by Sgt. Deylon Douglass

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (left), the U.S. Army South commanding general, presents Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis C. Zavodsky (right), the incoming Army South command sergeant major, with a sword during a change of responsibility ceremony in front of the Army South headquarters Nov. 2.

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the great Soldiers, family members and civilians of this great command," said Zavodsky, who has worked alongside Cervantes in the past. "Maj. Gen. Rudesheim, thank you for this opportunity, and Command Sgt. Maj. Cervantes, I couldn't think of a better person to have conducted this relief in place with."

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Treatment of Lung Cancer" from 12:15 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the fourth-floor auditorium. Topics include epidemiology and diagnostic workup, pathology of lung cancer, surgical interventions, chemotherapy and biotherapy, role of radiation therapy and nursing interventions. This activity has been submitted to the Army Nurse Corps for nursing continuing education and for Office of the Surgeon General continuing medical education. Approval is pending. Call 916-1312 or 916-4212 to register.

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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 and 28. Vaccines for DOD beneficiaries 18 years and older are administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. 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 manager. For more information, call 292-4278.

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 employee can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits

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Wounded warriors cast lines for fish, catch memories

By Clayton Church
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

For most people, going fishing on a weekend morning isn't that big of a deal. After a tough work week, going out on a lake with friends and family provides a nice break from being at the office or in the field.

But for a wounded warrior, it's a break from hospitals, doctors and rigorous physical therapy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Grapevine and Canyon Lakes hosted "Take A Warrior Fishing" events Oct. 20, providing 56 warriors and 42 family members a respite from their daily routines with a day on a lake fishing and enjoying the scenic views.

"We had great turnouts at both events," said Cheryl Jasper, event project manager and Fort Worth District natural resource specialist. "Our warriors and their families were taken out by volunteer boat captains for a fun morning of fishing, then lunch provided by our sponsors."

Established in 2011, the "Take a Warrior Fishing" program is designed to support military personnel and their families, specifically targeting persons assigned to warrior transition commands, by creating an adaptive community-based outdoor recreation experience through the sport of fishing.

The main goals of this program are to restore well-being by increasing family interaction, encouraging outdoor recreation, and supporting positive, social interactions that help transitioning service members rebuild connections with the civilian world.

"Take a Warrior Fishing" was formed by The Catch a Special Thrill (CAST) for Kids Foundation, a public charity formed in 1991 to match volunteers who love to fish with special needs children for a day of fishing in the outdoors. The program creates an environment whereby special needs children and their caretakers could benefit, leaving their problems on shore and sharing a day of fun on the water that they may not otherwise get to experience.

"We have been involved with CAST for Kids since the early 1990s and are proud to be able to introduce kids to the joy of fishing," said Charlie Burger, chief, Operations Division, Fort Worth District.

"Through this event, we are able to provide the opportunity for some of our wounded warriors and family members time to leave

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Photo by Edward Rivera

Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn and Marcus Schimank serve up barbecue after a morning of fishing during a "Take a Warrior Fishing" event held at the Canyon Lake Oct. 20. The fishing program's objectives are to provide an outdoor, recreational, community-based event supporting disabled/impaired armed service members and their families, increase family interaction, encouraging outdoor recreation, and support positive community activities for individuals most affected by military related injuries. Hepburn is the commander of the 59th Medical Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and director of the San Antonio Military Health System, while Schimank is a lake manager at Canyon Lake.

Get info at the Air Force, Army NAF Benefits Expo

By Joyce Caples
Air Force Personnel Center
Directorate of Services

Air Force and Army nonappropriated fund employees and their families throughout Joint Base San Antonio can get information regarding their benefits, participate in health screenings and register to win door prizes when they attend the first Air Force and Army Nonappropriated Fund Benefits Expos.

The events will be held over three days at three separate locations, so employees can attend the one most convenient to their work or home. Each expo event will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The JBSA-Lackland event is Nov. 13 at the Lackland Youth Center, 2361 Selfridge Drive, Building 8420.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston event will be held Nov. 14 at the Roadrunner Community Center on Stanley Road, Building 2797.

The JBSA-Randolph event is Nov. 15 at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center in Building 693, on the corner of 5th Street West and F Street.

Air Force and other agencies will be on hand with information about resources available to NAF employees. Attendees can meet representatives from Aetna, Minnesota Life, Wells Fargo, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the Health and Wellness Center and American Red Cross among others.

The Air Force Personnel Center will also have personnel on site to explain the My Money, My Biz, NAF Jobs, Force Support Knowledge Center and Military Buy Back program resources. They will also be able to provide retirement calculation estimates.

In addition to learning about employment benefits, attendees will be able to check their blood pressure, measure their body composition and even get a digital mammogram. Mammography screening does require advance registration. Appointments do not require a referral and may be scheduled online at http://www.healthyUexpress.com by clicking on "Schedule My Appointment." (No federal endorsement intended.)

"One of the goals of this event is to encourage a healthy lifestyle, both physical and financial," said Sandra Austin, chief of NAF Human Resources and Benefits. "We want our employees to remember that health is not a game."

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officer, JCE.

"We ensure people are accounted for and that we have the right amount of people to do the job. These relief operations are fully underway; we're reassuring the people that we're here to help them, and we're here to ensure this is getting done."

The Houston native said helping people is why she joined the Army.

"I love what I do; I love helping people," said Muniz. "As an NCO in the Army, there's nothing better."

From Army North's 24-hour Combined Operations and Integration Center, military planners, in conjunction with defense coordinating elements, monitored and assisted "unwatering" missions to clear NYC subways, tunnels, water treatment plants and other critical sites; debris-clearing missions; the establishment of gasoline and diesel fuel points for first responders and residents; aerial assessment missions; transportation of utility crews and other responders into the affected areas; evacuation of patients from flooded medical facilities or facilities that lost power; and many other lifesaving and life-sustaining missions.

"In the COIC, we provide situational awareness to the commander," said Javier Sosa, COIC operations specialist, Army North. "We indentify needs, track the evolving situation and coordinate to quickly get personnel, equipment and capabilities where they are needed most."

More than 450 personnel from Army North have deployed to locations in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., with more personnel on the way. Many units are supporting DOD efforts in the northeast, including engineer companies, medical units, airlift supports units, logistics units, refueling, and contracting units.

"I've worked brigade deployments into theater, but this far more complex," said Master Sgt. Alexis Howard, enlisted strength manager, Army North. "There are active and Guard units from all over the country moving to multiple locations throughout the area of operations."

Some 7,400 National Guardsmen from across 14 states have provided sustained support to impacted regions. Guardsmen have rescued more than 2,000 people from flood zones, delivered 144,000 meals and provided cargo plane transportation for first responders to restore power and provide critical supplies.

Photo by Luis Deya, Army

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (center), commanding general, U.S. Army North and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, listens as his staff briefs him at the Combined Operations and Integration Center conference room on the Department of Defense's ongoing response to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

While the east coast continues to make strides to return to normalcy and the overwhelming woes of Sandy continue to persist, JFLLC stands ready to provide assistance.

"The president has given us the mission to get the power restored and things back to a state of normalcy as soon as possible," said Col. Dick Francey, Army North's chief of staff.

"I think it will be a while. It was a pretty significant strike they took."

(Source: ARNORTH Public Affairs)

LIVING RIBBON

Courtesy of NMTSC

Students, staff and faculty from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston formed a human ribbon Oct. 18 in support of Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

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journey. Looking at the names etched in stone, I can't help but wonder if some of these men served with my grandfather in the Battle of the Bulge, or with my wife's uncles.

This is a cemetery, yes. But it is also where the living share moments, exchange knowing looks and remember. A place where horses, big as life, carry those who once stood proud and, yes, seemed bigger than life in their own time.

When the sharp crack of rifles pierce the air, we can't help but imagine the final scenes of a veteran's life on a distant piece of ground, a moment when comrades become best friends. Or reflect on those who returned and made America proud.

When the flag is folded, the veterans in the group stand a little taller when snapping a perfect salute.

And no one is immune when the notes of "Taps" waft across the field, like a gentle breeze, a signal that the world has lost a warrior who now lays with brothers and sisters in a field of white stone. Never wavering, with no one out of place. A perfect formation.

In that lingering moment when we lower them into the ground, we elevate and salute them a final time and a new generation of Soldiers takes the guidon.

(Editor's Note: Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher is a Soldier at U.S. Army North at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. His grandfather left the Appalachian foothills for the battlefields of Europe, and his ancestor, Eli Hix, gave his life in the Civil War.)

Talent abounds at Operation Rising Star 2012

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd FSS Marketing

Show director Ben Paniagua congratulates the top three Operation Rising Star winners (from left) Maj. Thomas Bryant, Senior Airman Sherita Cummings and Airman First Class Shannon Moskowitz.

Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Audience members competed for an award of their own, with the loudest and proudest representation from a unit taking home $300.

The Operation Rising Star 2012 competition on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston entertained troops and families, as 11 contestants took the stage at the Sam Houston Community Center Oct. 26, vying for $500 and a chance to compete for the worldwide grand prize.

Contestants belted out songs by Carrie Underwood, Alicia Keys, Whitney Houston, Randy Travis and even Irene Cara's "What a Feeling."

All 11 hopefuls took part in the first round which was performed a cappella, or without musical accompaniment. The three-person panel of judges then selected the six finalists who went on to the next level, this time hitting the stage with musical accompaniment.

The judges and the audience selected the top three in a 50/50 split vote.

First place and the $500 prize went to Senior Airman Sherita Cummings from the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Second place went to Army Maj. Thomas Bryant from U.S. Army South, and third place went to Airman 1st Class Shannon Moskowitz, with the 559th Medical Operations Squadron on JBSA-Lackland.

Bryant and Moskowitz took home $250 and $100, respectively. The 559th Medical Operations Squadron won the $300 spirit award for having the best representation at the event in spirit and number.

"I am so excited," Cummings said. "I can think of a lot of things to spend this prize money on."

A video of Cummings' winning performance will be submitted for competition with the worldwide Operation Rising Star winners.

Twelve contestants will be selected for the finals Dec. 8, 10, 12, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. each night at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. The 2012 grand prize winner receives $1,000 and a trip for two to Los Angeles for a professional recording studio experience, which is valued at $18,000.

Judges included Deborah Seabron, chief of the 502nd Mission Support Group Commander's Action Group; James Walker, CEO of James Walker Productions and Tyree Robinson, an award-winning set designer, stage lighting and sound technician.

U.S. ARMY NORTH HOSTS 'CONCERT IN THE QUAD'

With the clock tower serving as the backdrop, the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" belts out patriotic tunes Nov. 4 during the "Concert in the Quad." The concert theme was "A Salute to our Armed Forces: Past and Present." The music included: "Over There," "Semper Fidelis," "Star Spangled Spectacular" (the music of George M. Cohan), Variations on America (based on My Country 'Tis of Thee), "American Salute" (based on "When Johnny comes Marching Home"), "Esprit de Corps" (based on "The Marines Hymn"), Themes from Military Movies (to include "Midway March" and the "Patton" theme), "Armed Forces Medley," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "God Bless America." The band also featured its 18-piece Stage Band in addition to several vocal soloists.

Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Trombone players from the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" swing with the tunes Nov. 4 during the "Concert in the Quad." The public was welcomed to the historic Quadrangle for an evening of patriotic music.

Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

A young lady visiting the historic Quadrangle shares a special moment with the wildlife Nov. 4 during the "Concert in the Quad."

Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, speaks to one of his dinner guests, Brad Tobler from the Wish For Our Heroes organization, Nov. 4 prior to attending the "Concert in the Quad."

Photo by Sgt.1st Class Christopher DeHart

Army Medicine fields secure messaging service to patients

By Kirk Frady
Army Medical Command
Public Affairs

Beneficiaries of Army Medicine will soon be able to communicate online with their primary care provider through secure messaging.

The U.S. Army Medical Command is implementing the use of Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service by offering it to 100 percent of beneficiaries who receive care in the "direct care" system by the end of 2014.

Secure messaging is a commercial, web-based, platform that provides a robust set of services designed to allow patients and their healthcare team to communicate securely at times and locations that are convenient. This secure platform works very much like an on-line secure banking website.

"Army Medicine issued nearly 2,000 AMSMS licenses to healthcare providers at 48 military treatment facilities during Phase 1 in 2012," said Dr. Terry Newton M.D., information technology clinical capability manager.

"Over the next 24 to 36 months, we will complete deployment of over 5,000 additional licenses to primary and specialty care clinics," Newton added. "Similarly, the other branches of military service are also executing the same secure messaging capability across their treatment facility network."

This secure messaging capability will, for the first time, provide patients the ability to communicate directly with their provider and care teams and allow care teams a two-way flow of communication with individual patients or groups of patients.

If patients want to know whether or not their primary care provider is using the secure messaging system they should check with their assigned military treatment facility to find out.

Army Medicine's goal is to provide the secure messaging service to all beneficiaries who receive care in the direct care system by the end of 2014.

In 2013, AMSMS will enter Phase 2 of this project. Delivery will be focused on any primary care facility that did not receive AMSMS in 2012. During Phase 2, secure messaging service delivery will also be expanded to specialty care such as Orthopedics, OB/GYN, etc.

"AMSMS is an easy to use secure communication tool that has the potential to significantly impact care to beneficiaries by engaging them in convenient ways and times to build relationships, improve access to information and reduce the need for so many visits to their primary care clinic," said Newton, when asked how the secure messaging system will benefit the patient.

"Secure messaging is a critical tool in helping Army Medicine achieve the aim of improving the patient's experience, improving population health and readiness while reducing per capita costs."

With online services from Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service, patients will be able to book appointments, request and review lab/test results, request medication refills, request a referral, email their physician a question and schedule web visits with their provider.

In addition, patients will have access to a fully integrated electronic personal health record and a robust set of multi-media educational content through the AMSMS.

To register for online services, beneficiaries should visit with their healthcare team administrator or call their primary care clinic for more details.

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dedication, courage and sacrifice of all who have worn the nation's uniform, both in times of peace and war. Their service, no matter how long or under what circumstances, made a difference.

As you pay tribute to and salute our veterans Nov. 11, encourage the veterans in your life to share their stories, to share their legacy with future generations. I have no doubt looking at photographs of their time in service, young men and women will be inspired to seize the day, make a difference and become extraordinary.

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

Have you ever visited the Post at San Antonio?

By Jacqueline Davis
Acting Director, Fort Sam Houston Museum

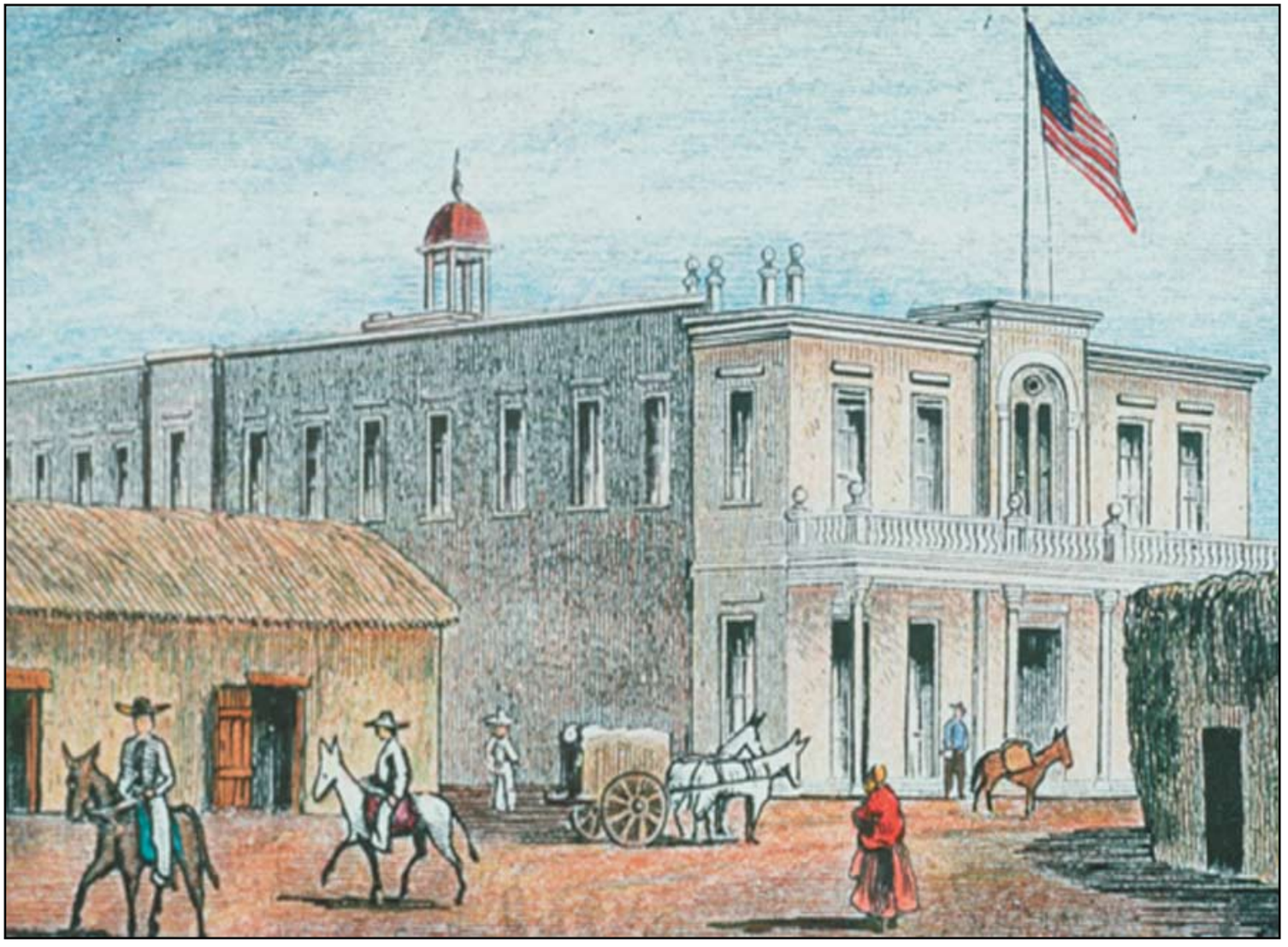

Photo Courtesy of the Fort Sam Houston Museum

The French Building, on Main Plaza, was the Department of Texas Headquarters in the 1870s.

Originally established as the Post at San Antonio in 1845, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston celebrated its 167th year of operation Oct. 28.

"The Post Return of San Antonio de Bexar, Texas, for the month of October 1845, commanded by Major T.T. Fauntleroy, 2nd Dragoons," a monthly report all Army posts submitted, officially established the post and reads: "The command left Camp Polk, Texas, on the 1st and arrived at Austin on the 10th October when Maj. T.T. Fauntleroy assumed command. Left Austin on the 16th and arrived at Camp Bexar (6 miles below San Antonio) on the 20th; left Camp Bexar, on the 28th and arrived at San Antonio same day."

In the summer of 1845, Texas was an independent republic, having won that independence from Mexico nine years previously.

Texas had potential and Mexico wanted it back. In fact, the Mexican army had tried to re-take the new republic several times.

The Republic of Texas was finding it difficult to turn its territory into a profitable land, capable of supporting itself, especially while fending off continual attacks from Mexico.

So, Texas applied for entry as a state – not a territory – in the United States of America. Mexico told both the U.S. and Texas that it would consider the admission of Texas as a state an act of war.

After fairly lengthy arguments and political wheeling-and-dealing, the U.S. Congress voted to accept Texas as the 28th state July 4, 1845.

While the politicking was going on, American President James K. Polk had moved an "Army of Observation" to Fort Jesup, on the border between Texas and Louisiana, in anticipation of the vote.

After the vote, Polk ordered Gen. Zachary Taylor to move his forces into Texas to establish U.S. presence and in light of Mexico's warning.

Taylor's re-named "Army of Occupation" moved into coastal areas around Port Lavaca and Corpus Christi, and established a fort on the coastal border, named Fort Texas, later re-named Fort Brown.

However, Texas and Mexico have a very long inland border along the Rio Grande, and Taylor needed to post troops in an area capable of quick response along that border.

Being the largest populated area in the region and having served as a military base for the Spanish, Mexican and Texian forces, the logical spot was San Antonio.

Mexico kept its promise and armed conflict over Texas began in the spring of 1846.

The Post in San Antonio became the primary supply point for General Wool's "Division of the Center," leasing the Alamo and grounds around it as its quartermaster depot during the Mexican War.

Other rented buildings served as barracks, quarters and hospital. The Post continued to be reported under different names, such as "Camp Salado near San Antonio;" "Camp Worth and San Antonio."

Under the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo that ended the Mexican War in 1848, the U.S. acquired the Rio Grande boundary for Texas, ownership of California, and a large area comprising New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Wyoming and Colorado – almost a million square miles of new territory.

As a result of the treaty and the new acquisitions of land, the little ad-hoc Post at San Antonio gained increased significance, serving as the jumping-off point to these areas. A number of new forts the Army instituted in Texas were all headquartered at the still-unnamed Post at San

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Antonio.

The Post, along with other U.S. Army assets in Texas, was surrendered to the Confederate forces 1861, but re-gained in 1865, and again occupied rented buildings all over San Antonio.

Finally, in the 1870s, the federal government realized the Army needed a permanent post in the area, and after more politicking, the Army built on land donated by the City of San Antonio.

By 1890, the still-unnamed Post at San Antonio housed the Headquarters, Department of Texas, the Quartermaster Depot, 12 companies of troops, quarters for the officers, and a variety of corrals, stables, supply rooms and other support facilities.

Finally on Sept. 11, 1890, the Post at San Antonio got its name: Fort Sam Houston

Have you ever visited the Post at San Antonio? You are probably standing on it.

Photos courtesy of the Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Alamo as the Quartermaster Depot, Post at San Antonio, around 1868.

The Vance Building served as Headquarters, Department of Texas from 1850 to 1861. It stood on the corner of St. Mary's and Houston Streets, now its part of the Gunter Hotel.

The Maverick Hotel replaced the French Building as headquarters in 1877.

USAMITC initiates behavioral health kiosks to improve patient care

By Kenneth Blair Hogue
USAMITC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center recently completed work on a key component to support the Behavioral Health Data Portal initiative.

The BHDP kiosk was designed to improve communication between patients and doctors within Army Medicine at the military treatment facility level.

The BHDP initiative, which involves all of Army Medicine worldwide, came about to improve providers' ability to more rapidly identify Soldiers at risk for behavioral health concerns.

Combined with the BHDP workflow, this initiative more efficiently utilizes the patient and providers' time to put critical information at the providers' fingertips when it's needed.

The BHDP initiative grew out of a best practice from Madigan and Tripler Army Medical Centers, was further refined and is now being deployed in Landstuhl, Germany.

"Prior practice required the patient to fill out personal information on a paper questionnaire about their mental state of health and hand it to the medical technician or corpsman for entry into Medical Operational Data System," said Russell Nagle, USAMITC's lead for the engineering, integration and technology branch in the command's core technology division, and the team lead for the BHDP initiative.

"The perception was that we were possibly not getting the accurate information, because dealing with mental health is a touchy subject," Nagle said.

"We wanted patients to input this information directly into MODS online, without feeling as though someone was looking over their shoulder," Nagle added. "That was the tasking that came to us; to create a product that would ensure patient confidentiality and be used with multiple computing platforms, a tablet, a laptop or a PC, wired or wireless.

"As a bonus, having the answers already input, the doctors can review the answers to the questions immediately, thereby speeding up the process."

These behavioral health kiosks pertain to the mental health community Army-wide, and this process can also help bridge the gap between Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps patients.

But right now, this process is only available to Army Medical Command military patients. The service might be expanded later to include family members and other dependents.

"Dependents and other personnel that may not have common access cards, and the need for the system to be wireless, were two huge challenges that had to be overcome," Nagle said.

"The teams involved in these evolutions did an excellent job in making this project successful. As a result, you can use a tablet, laptop or desktop to complete the online mental health questionnaire in a confidential manner."

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their stress and concerns behind, and just relax and go fishing," Burger said. "Events like these not only provide opportunities for our military and their families but also are a way for local community members to show their support through sponsorship, donations and as volunteers."

A combined 44 sponsors donated shirts, caps, rods, reels, tackle boxes, tackle, breakfast, sandwiches, cookies, barbecue and trimmings, drinks, boat fuel, goodie bag items, piñatas, pumpkins, candy and more to ensure the event was a memorable one.

"My thanks go out to the Corps of Engineers for being the lead agency for both of the Take a Warrior Fishing event these past two weeks," said Jim Owens, executive director, CAST for Kids.

"Because of their support, and the caring and dedication of their employees, we were able to reach out to our wounded Soldiers and give something back to these warriors who have given so much to us.

"The events could not have been a success if it weren't for the many volunteers who supported the warriors and their families," Owens added.

"The 53 boat captains were essential for getting the participants to the fishing areas and back. In addition, 66 on-shore volunteers provided directions, served food and hosted activities for those not fishing."

"To all of you and your families, this is a way we can say thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our nation," said Air Force Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron C. Hepburn, commander, 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, JBSA-Lackland, who spoke at the Canyon Lake event after he helped serve lunch.

Canyon Lake Manager Marcus Schimank said he can't imagine what some of the wounded warriors and their families have to go through on a daily basis.

"Giving them and their families a day of relaxation, fun and camaraderie with fellow warriors that can share their understanding is a great feeling and wonderful to be a part of."

At the end of both events, some caught catfish, some caught bass, some caught some rays of sun and some caught none. But all caught something to recall.

As the son of one warrior put it, "we may not have caught any fish today, but we will take home a lot of great memories."

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Fort Sam Houston ISD holds mock elections

By Dr. Melanie Morgan and Lori Fuller
FSHISD

Students in the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District recently practiced democracy in action by voting in a mock election while learning the history of our right to vote prior to the 2012 Presidential election.

As teachers prepared for the mock election, they designed work that was authentic, making schoolwork more like real work, addressing academic rigor through the central question, "Why Vote?"

"The presidential election provided an opportunity for district-wide collaboration and curriculum alignment," said Jayne Hatton, FSHISD associate superintendent.

"Citizenship and civic responsibility are concepts taught in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, with four-year-old students learning about their community and making choices and ending in high school history or government classes that focus on civic responsibility and democracy."

Fort Sam Houston Elementary students had to inquire into the questions and develop their own answers.

To demonstrate what they learned, the elementary students created age appropriate, high-quality products to share with others.

"Students had to work in teams, use technology appropriately, communicate ideas and collect, organize and analyze information to apply their learning," said fifth grade teacher Vanessa Kennedy.

"They were actively engaged in the work and learned so much about the process to elect a candidate for a political position."

Second grade teacher Brandi Guerra set the stage for her class to elect a class president.

Students studied and learned about each candidate for class president and listened to a debate on the issues before casting their votes.

"Showing students they have a voice when it comes to choosing what occurs in our nation is important," Guerra said.

"Preparing for a class election taught the students principals involved in the political process in a manner that was meaningful to the students."

Students were excited to have the chance to make their young voices heard.

"You're really supposed to be 18 to vote," said second grade student Michael Mayhugh. "But, now we're like seven and we get to vote."

Using iPads in voter booths allowed students to cast their votes in privacy. The overall winner of the mock election for Fort Sam Houston Elementary School was Barack Obama, although Mitt Romney was the winner by a narrow margin in fifth grade.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School students engaged in challenging and meaningful work using design qualities and strategies to create projects about the election process and civic responsibility.

Students in PRIDE, Preparing Individuals to Develop Excellence, classes produced posters, videos, public service announcements or songs and skits to answer this essential question.

The Social Studies department provided an in depth study of the candidates, issues and the importance of voting in a democracy.

U.S. History classes hosted a gallery walk where students and staff could view marketing materials and World History classes hosted an exciting political rally, complete with position papers and raucous cheering, pep rally style.

"It was neat to experience an actual political rally and to feel the spirit of both parties," said eighth grader Ashleigh Manlapaz. "I found it to be very memorable."

History teacher Max Gorham opened the rally reminding students that civil discourse was a responsible and respectful way to hear opposing viewpoints.

While many students were ready to declare their allegiance to a political candidate, some remained undecided and all were interested to listen to speeches prepared by student candidates.

"The rush of adrenaline I felt while speaking was incredible," said sophomore Mila Kelly. "The energy soaring through the crowd was amazing, there was so much passion."

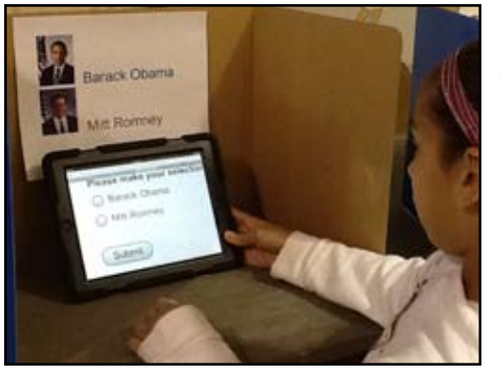
Middle and High School classes cast their vote on blind ballots where issues were presented without a link to a candidate, resulting in a 55-45 split. When asked to vote by candidate, a 60-40 split was evident.

The winner of the mock election for Cole Middle and High School was Barack Obama.

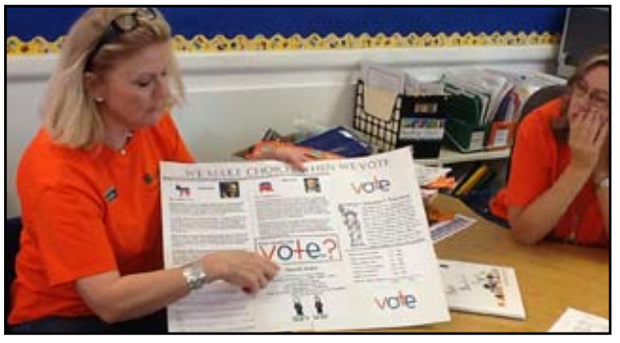
All the votes were tabulated and included with others across the country as part of Project V.O.T.E., an educational program developed by teachers for the Secretary of State.

Seventh grade student Jamie Marte spoke for many students when she said, "I liked the experience of voting. I felt like even if our votes don't count, our voices were still heard."

"When we reach voting age we will know what we are doing and will be able to use real voter registration cards," said fifth grade student Hannah Bethard.



An elementary student casts her vote during a mock election at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.



First grade teacher Patty Schubert uses Balanced Literacy concepts to build background knowledge for the mock election held at Fort Sam Houston Elementary.

Cole History teacher Max Gorham prepares students for a mock election rally.

Courtesy photos

Kamora Johnson and Elijah McNeely proudly show their voter registration cards with their kindergarten teacher Liz Lee.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES NOV. 12 TO 17

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Nov. 12
Veterans Day holiday
Nov. 13
Honor roll party
Nov. 15
Progress reports go home
Pumpkin Chunkin
National Parent Involvement Day
PTO fall festival, 5 to7 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School
Nov. 12
Veterans Day holiday
Nov. 14
Band taco supper, 6 p.m., Cole Cafeteria
St. Philip's College visit during high school lunch
Nov. 15
Middle School Boys Basketball vs. Diley at Cole, 5 p.m.

Cole JROTC once again achieves 'Gold Star' status

By Cadet 2nd Lt. Lyndsey Emry
Battalion Public Affairs Officer

The Robert G. Cole High School Junior ROTC Battalion scored a 992 out of a possible 1,000 points during their triennial formal inspection at Cole High School Oct. 25.

Only eight points away from perfection, the Cougar Battalion retained their designation as an "Honor Unit with Distinction," the highest JROTC designation.

The inspectors, from the 5th ROTC Brigade headquarters, began their inspection at 7 a.m., inspecting facilities, receiving a formal cadet staff briefing, holding an inspection in ranks, and conducting company and color guard drill and reviewing staff files.

At the 12:30 p.m. debriefing, the assembled leadership of the battalion broke out in cheers when the results were announced.

The recurring comment of that afternoon was "outstanding."

By being designated an HUD, Cole cadets are allowed to wear a gold star on their cadet uniforms for the next three years, signifying their accomplishment.

"Even though we had only a little bit of time to prepare, we all worked hard to prepare for the big day. Our efforts paid off as we retained the gold star," said Cadet Maj. Ruby Gibson, JROTC executive officer. "I am really proud of all the cadets' efforts to make the whole battalion successful."

42nd Celebrate America's Military schedule

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 Street. 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://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-antonio for more information.

Veterans Day Ceremony – 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 Street. 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.

INSIDE THE GATE

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

San Antonio Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fairs
The San Antonio Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fairs will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations: Nov. 13 at the Kisling Community Center, JBSA-Lackland; Nov. 14 at the Parr Club, JBSA-Randolph; Nov. 15 at the Sam Houston Community Center, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; and Nov. 16 at the Gateway Club, JBSA-Lackland. The career fairs are open to job seekers who already have access onto the military installation. Visit http:// www.TransitionCareers.com for more information.

Word Level 2
Nov. 13, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Key Caller Training
Nov. 13, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

HUGS Playgroup
Nov. 13, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Credit and Debt
Nov. 13, 9-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

General Resume Writing
Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills
Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Immigration Services
Nov. 13, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Consumer Awareness
Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380

Family Readiness Group Support Assistant Training
Nov. 14 and 15, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Bringing Baby Home
Nov. 14 and 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Overseas Orientation
Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

First Termer Financial Readiness
Nov. 14, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Stress Management
Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Safety Seat Clinic
Nov. 15, 1-3 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fire Station, call 221-0349.

Sponsorship Training
Nov. 15, 2-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Corn Maize Field Trip
Nov. 16, 6:30-11 p.m., transportation will be provided from the Middle School Teen Center to the South Texas Maize at Graff Family Farm in Hondo, Texas. Open to junior high and high school students. Call 221-3630 for information.

Annual Neanderthall Warrior Trail Run
The 9K trail run will begin at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 17 through parts of JBSA-Camp Bullis. Runners can check in at 6:30 a.m. The run starts and finishes at the Training Support Company, Building 5130. The cost is $20/Military ID, $25/civilian or $70/four-person team. Register online at https://register.iaapweb.com/search/event.aspx?id=14977 before Nov. 13 and receive a T-shirt. People can also pay the day of the race but must have exact change.

National Native American Indian Heritage Month Celebration
Nov. 17, 10:45 a.m.-4: p.m. at the historic JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle.

"On Golden Pond" at the Harlequin
Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Nov. 17 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

Turkey Trot
In anticipation of a Thanksgiving Day feast, runners are invited to the annual Turkey Trot at 7 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Following the trot, participants will enjoy complimentary fruit and refreshments and can take their chance in the turkey raffle. Call 221-1234 for information.

Child, Youth & School Services Fall and Winter Camps
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central is registering children for full-day fall and winter camp for children grades first through 12th. Care will be provided from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fall camp is Nov. 19-21 and winter camp is Dec. 24-Jan. 4. Call 221-4871 for information.

Excel Level 2
Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Notice of Fitness Center Closure
The Big Area Tent, temporarily housing the Brigade Gym at the corner of Hardee and Williams Roads, will close permanently Nov. 16. The Central Post Gym, Building 961, is projected to reopen in January 2013.

Thanksgiving 2012 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Bullis
The dining facilities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis will be serving Thanksgiving meals Nov. 21-22. Hours are: noon-2 p.m., Rocco DFAC No. 1, Building 2745; noon-2:30 p.m., DFAC No. 3, Building 1287; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 21 Camp Bullis DFAC No. 4, Building 5107. The Slagel DFAC No. 2, Building 1377 will be closed.

Fall Ball Sign Up
Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5 to 15 years of age. Registration deadline is Nov. 30 at Parent Central, Building 2797. Cost is $65. Children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of registration. Call 221-5519/5513 for information.

Wrap Up Some Holiday Funds
Private organizations, unofficial activities and informal funds authorized to operate on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston can raise funds for their causes while spreading some holiday cheer. The JBSA-FSH Post Exchange is seeking partners for the annual community gift wrap program. The program runs from Black Friday (Nov. 23) through Christmas Eve. Call 221-0010 for available dates. Organizations are asked to provide their own tape, ribbons, bows and scissors.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office Fall Hours
Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen on Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 226-1663.

Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets
The Sam Houston Community Center ticket office, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, 7 p.m. Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 29, Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Dec. 23. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 226-1663.

Sportsman Range
The range is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, beginning Oct. 6. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

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.

Home Child Care Providers Needed
Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. For more information, call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service Hours
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central will assist walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Call 221-4871.

Before and After School Care Registration
Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Building 3936 Acubo Barracks or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

School Liaison Office
The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html.

Story Time at the Library
Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, 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. Hours are

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Weekly Weather Watch

	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14
San Antonio Texas	82° Partly Cloudy	81° Mostly Cloudy	82° Cloudy	64° Partly Cloudy	66° Partly Cloudy	65° Showers
Kabul Afghanistan	66° Sunny	66° Sunny	68° Mostly Sunny	68° Mostly Sunny	67° Sunny	65° Mostly Sunny

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

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 1

CURRENT LEVEL* = 648.3'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

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

For water restrictions, visit http:\\www.502abw.af.mil.

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9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on http://www.scfsh.com.

Education and Training Office

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. Tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

Stilwell House

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

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

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

Future Speakers on the Horizon

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

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

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

FOR SALE: GE refrigerator, white, good condition, $175; electric stove, white, $120; living room set, $175; microwave oven, $25; dresser, $35. Call 241-1291.

FOR SALE: 1996 Nissan Maxima 4-door, 5-speed manual, white with gray cloth interior, Michelin tires with less than 10k miles, AM/FM CD, maintenance records available, transmission seals leak/need repair but vehicle drives well, $1,895. Call 659-6741 or 827-2506.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

East San Antonio Historic District Walk

The Selma Pathfinders volksmarch club is hosting a 6k and 10k walk Nov. 10 starting at Run Wild Sports, 300 E. Grayson, Suite 101. Walks start between 9 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 pm. Call 496-1402.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

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

Foster a Puppy

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

Dinosaur Stampede

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

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

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Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

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.

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 10:30 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. each Thursday. People may 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.

Auto ad scam

Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials warn car shoppers from Texas to Colorado to beware of false advertisements in Auto Trader and major metropolitan newspapers offering automobile sales through a company calling itself "Exchange Inc." It is reported the Exchange's trademarked logo and name are being used without permission to purportedly sell vehicles in the United States, despite the fact that military exchanges do not have the authority to sell vehicles in the continental United States. AAFES facilities are located solely on military installations. While the Exchange does have mail order and Internet offerings, the Exchange does not advertise in civilian outlets such as metropolitan newspapers or automobile sales magazines.

Pet Consult Services Available at JBSA-Lackland

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. For details, call 671-3631/2245.

Bicycle Helmets Required

Anyone who rides a bicycle, tricycle, motor drive bicycle, or operate non-motorized transportation such as skateboards, kick-scooters and roller skates on an Air Force installation are required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 to wear a properly fastened and approved bicycle helmet. During hours of darkness, riders are required to wear a retro-reflective vest, jacket or outer garment containing retro-reflective material. In addition, bicycles should be equipped with a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and red rear reflector or light visible from the rear of the bicycle from a distance of 300 feet.

Drop-In Dental Screenings

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Pediatric Dental Department offers dental screenings for children of active-duty members and retirees Nov. 13, 8-10 a.m., at the Dunn Dental Clinic. No appointment is necessary. Children under 13 years of age will receive a dental screening exam, an assessment of the child's dental condition and appropriate treatment recommendations or alternatives. Parents should bring a copy of the child's treatment plan or referral letter from their private dentist. For additional information, call 671-9836.

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.
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

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.