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# Army North's Task Force 51 wraps up Vibrant Response 13-2 exercise

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart  
 Task Force 51 Public Affairs

Members of Task Force 51, along with their fellow Army North (Fifth Army) team members, are now back at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston following their participation in Vibrant Response 13-2. VR 13-2 was a national catastrophic disaster exercise conducted primarily at Camp Atterbury and the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center as well as various locations in central and southern Indiana.

The mission for TF-51 members during VR 13-2 was to provide command and control for military forces requested to support a catastrophic disaster within the United States or its territories – in this case, a nuclear attack.

The scenario included a massive explosion that rocked a major city in the central portion of the country, with at least one unconfirmed report of a “mushroom-type” cloud lingering over the city. This was the event that drove the actions of TF-51 and their subordinate units once they arrived into the scenario and began assessing and acting.

As some of the major players rotated out from Camp Atterbury, the first scenario came to a close and everyone involved began preparing for another similar scenario Aug. 10.

Although the Army North-led exercise ran from July 30 to Aug. 17, TF-51 served as the lead training headquarters through Aug. 10 before being replaced by the Defense Chemical, Biological,

Radiological and Nuclear Response Force as the lead headquarters element.

During the exercise, military and civilian government agencies from throughout the nation participated in the unique training venture. TF-51 wrapped up its portion of the exercise after being validated by exercise controllers for readiness to tackle real-world missions, should the unit be called upon.

“I think everybody here has learned more about the mission

and about their skill set (during this exercise),” said Maj. Gen. Charles Gailes Jr., TF-51 commanding general. “That is important if our nation ever needs us in a time like this. We are prepared for a no-notice mission and I have no doubts we can get in there, save lives, mitigate human suffering and put those communities back to where they can support themselves.”

Key exercise tasks included

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Sgt. Maj. Christopher Frediani (right) speaks with Pfc. Brendon Bowlin (left) and Sgt. Denis Carrillo while the Task Force 51, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), command team visits support units Aug. 6 at the Jennings County Fairgrounds in Southern Indiana during the Vibrant Response 13-2 exercise. Frediani is the TF-51 sergeant major. Bowlin and Carrillo are shower, laundry and clothing repair specialists with the 338th Quartermaster Field Service Company, 519th Quartermaster Battalion, 38th Sustainment Brigade, with the Indiana National Guard out of Fort Wayne.

## ARMY NORTH CHANGE OF COMMAND

The U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) change of command ceremony takes place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the Quadrangle. The ceremony will begin with the promotion of deputy commanding general Maj. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins to the rank of lieutenant general. Wiggins will then take command from Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, who is retiring.



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# ARSOUTH, Salvadoran army wrap up staff talks, sign memorandum of understanding

 By Eric R. Lucero  
Army South Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, the U.S. Army South commanding general, and Salvadoran Brig. Gen. William Armando Mejia, the Salvadoran army chief of staff, signaled the end of the sixth annual army-to-army staff talks between the U.S. and Salvadoran armies Aug. 14, by signing a memorandum of understanding in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Army South, as the Army's executive agent, conducted the staff talks with the Salvadoran army in an effort to create a bilateral forum for strategic-level discussions between the respective armies.

The staff talks program seeks to promote professional partnerships and increase interaction between partner nation armies.

The engagements enhance army-to-army contacts and mutual understanding, providing the partner nation armies with insights concerning specific U.S. Army programs, areas of mutual interest, and assisting partner nation armies in areas of modernization or reform.

"We've had a very close relationship with the Salvadoran army through the years," DiSalvo said. "The purpose of these staff talks is to strengthen that relationship so that we can work together to successfully face the chal-

lenges in this region."

The staff talks have been instrumental in enhancing the interoperability and cooperation between the two armies, which have contributed to increased stability in the region.

Throughout the many steering sessions leading up to this week-long event, the two armies worked to develop a bilateral engagement plan that includes knowledge, capabilities and support for current and future peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and other combined operations.

The result of those meetings produced 24 agreed-to actions that include professional development and subject matter expert exchanges that will take place throughout fiscal year 2014.

"The staff talks provide a strategic line of effort between the two armies in order to coordinate the events for the upcoming fiscal years to include subject matter expert exchanges," said Lt. Col. Raul Torres, the Salvadoran army liaison officer to the U.S. Military Group in the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador.

"The importance for our group is that we receive all of this knowledge on how to train our soldiers and officers. This forum helps the way we are able to communicate directly army-to-army and enforce the link to provide a stronger partnership," Torres added.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo (left), the U.S. Army South commanding general, shakes hands with a Salvadoran army special forces soldier after a demonstration Aug. 13 in San Salvador, El Salvador.

"Strengthening the relationship with the Salvadoran army through these talks will have lasting effects on the peace and stability of the region," DiSalvo said.

"With its highly capable military and law enforcement agencies serving as models of professionalism in the region, El Salvador is a key player in enhancing security in the region."

In addition to being a key partner in the region, El Salvador has continued to support coalition efforts in the Middle East.

"El Salvador has proven to be a reliable partner in the war against terrorism," said Maj. Sergio Trejo, the Army South Central America

desk officer for El Salvador. "They have deployed more than 3,400 soldiers during twelve consecutive troop rotations to Iraq, and currently have forces deployed to Afghanistan in support of the International Security Assistance Force mission."

In addition to the deployments to the Middle East, the Salvadoran army participates annually with Army South and other partner nation armies and security forces in humanitarian, natural disaster preparation and security exercises, such as Peacekeeping Operations-Americas, Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias and PANAMAX.

Salvadoran Col. Guillermo Enrique

Galicia, the Salvadoran G-5 civil affairs director, also believes the week-long staff talks are a crucial mechanism that provides an opportunity to maintain a commitment to support each nation facing respective challenges.

"Both armies have always supported each other," Galicia said. "When the U.S. has requested, the Salvadoran army has always been ready and willing to provide troops."

In addition, the U.S. Army also provides logistic and training support. There has been a long-standing brotherhood between both countries.

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### Fort Sam Houston Museum Closing for Relocation

The Fort Sam Houston Museum at 2340 Stanley Road, Building 123, is closing Sept. 7, in preparation for its relocation to the Quadrangle later this year. It is tentatively scheduled to open on its new location during the last week of December. The Army Medical Department Museum on Stanley Road, near the Harry Wurzbach East gate, remains open.

### JBSA 9/11 Commemorative Run

The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy hosts the Joint Base San Antonio 9/11 commemorative run from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 11, at the 1.5-mile track on JBSA-Lackland. The event is open to all JBSA Department of Defense identification cardholders and family members. Call 671-0321 for more information.

### Patriot Day Air Force Band of the West Performance

The Horizons Saxophone Quartet from the U.S. Band of the West performs at 2 p.m. Sept. 11, at the Memorial Branch Library, 3222 Culebra Road. Call 207-9144 for more information.

### Air Force Ball Tickets

The 2013 San Antonio Air Force Ball takes place Sept. 20, at the Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St. in San Antonio, Texas. The social starts at 6 p.m. and the main event starts at 7 p.m. Military attire is mess dress or semi-formal and civilian attire is formal/black tie. The longest-serving Airman in Air Force history and the longest-serving African American in the history of the Department of Defense, retired Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available at the following locations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 466-2583 or 808-2659 for more information.



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## SGT. MAJ. OF THE ARMY MEETS WOUNDED WARRIORS AT WFSC

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III (right) listens as Staff Sgt. Daniel Burgess talks about his desire to stay in the Army during the SMA's visit to the Warrior and Family Support Center Aug. 22. Chandler and his wife, Jeanne, visited with the Soldiers and their families at the WFSC for about an hour. "For me, coming to the WFSC and talking to these Soldiers is the most rewarding part of being Sergeant Major of the Army," said Chandler. Also pictured in the photo is Burgess' wife, Genette, and his daughters Gracie, 11, and Kaylee, 10.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III (right) offers some words of wisdom to Sgt. 1st Class Brandie Williams, the Brooke Army Medical Center liaison officer for 1st Cavalry Division. He said he tries to visit the WFSC once a quarter and that it is personally important to him to talk to the wounded warriors. "It's important to let them know we, the leadership of the Army, care and that they are not forgotten," Chandler said. "We are committed to each and every one."

Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

## 502nd ABW bids farewell to senior enlisted leader

By **L.A. Shively**  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston  
Public Affairs

The 502nd Air Base Wing bids farewell to its senior enlisted leader as he advances to another level of Air Force enlisted leadership Aug. 31.

Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago will take the reins as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force District of Washington, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews, Md., to chart a course for the enlisted corps responsible for all

matters affecting professional development, wartime operations, sustainment training, career progression, effective utilization, morale, welfare, quality of life and mission effectiveness for more than 40,000 Airmen assigned to the AFDW, and Air Force Elements worldwide.

On the threshold of a new chapter in his life, LugoSantiago reflected on his time with the wing.

"When you look at



Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago

the time period – almost two years – it doesn't seem like a long time,

but it was a lifetime," LugoSantiago said, adding there have been some very satisfying, as well as very challenging, moments.

As the Command Chief Master Sergeant of JBSA and the 502nd ABW, LugoSantiago led the enlisted corps during a transition period where the support functions of four unique locations were consolidating under one entity, which included changes in organizational structure, leadership roles and responsibilities.

At the top on

LugoSantiago's agenda when he arrived at JBSA was to develop a sense of teamwork within his enlisted force. He saw that communication between the command chiefs and other senior enlisted leaders was one of the biggest challenges to developing that teamwork.

"For instance, among the command chiefs there was not a common agreement on how we wanted to do ceremonies," the chief recalled. He tar-

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executing mission command, performing technical tasks in CBRN consequence management, conducting other life-saving missions, providing logistics support to a theater of operations, and exercising military homeland CBRN response and civil support plans – all of which were met and completed above and beyond the standard.

VR 13-2 is the most comprehensive exercise the Department of Defense conducts for its specialized homeland response forces. It confirms the operational and tactical capabilities of elements of DOD's CBRN Enterprise.

One of the units participating in the exercise was the 75th Training Command, an Army Reserve unit headquartered in Houston, which provided observer/controller trainers throughout the exercise. This enabled TF-51 personnel to receive live and constructive training and feedback.

"We need to have a fair and objective person taking a look from the outside," Gailles said. "Suggested feedback from someone who knows the



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

(From left) Maj. Gen. Charles Gailles Jr., Col. Michael Gibler and James Skidmore discuss recent mission assignments Aug. 5 in the Joint Operations Center during the Vibrant Response 13-2 exercise. Gailles is the commanding general for Task Force 51, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). Gibler is the TF-51 chief of staff and Skidmore is the deputy G3 for operations in TF-51.

military standard and how we operate can give us input on where we need to improve."

With the observers' input, Soldiers enhanced their ability to respond to emergencies, save lives, alleviate suffering and help the American people get back to a state of normalcy after a disaster.

Observing training at this scale can be challenging. However, it is necessary to ensure that the units are prepared in the event of a real world incident. One way observ-

ers/controllers prepare is by reviewing the previous year's suggestions prior going into the exercise.

"That review can help the observers coach the units, which prepares everyone for the real world," said Capt. Andrew Vallejos, a 75th TC observer.

Inside the joint operations center and during the exercise, keeping track of ongoing and new missions took a great amount of coordination and communication between TF-51's staff, its

the most recent information and statistics coming into the operational area where the task force would set-up in and portraying it for the rest of the task force. The teams created a common operating picture and continually kept it up to date.

"We teach everyone to play with (the program) and learn it," Lambert said. "We can keep track of updates and identify the latest layers as people create and load them. We also advise sections and units to build icons for their information early on to help when time becomes critical during a mission."

Each element of TF-51 was fully engaged with each other and with their counterparts in the local, state and federal agencies, who also participated in the exercise – just as they would if the attack actually happened.

"Training with groups like the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state police is important because when America has a catastrophic disaster, the nation needs to be ready to help its citizens survive," said Col. Lawrence Madkins, director of operations, plans and training for

Army North.

"Because of training like this," said Madkins, "if the day ever comes, we will be able to support the citizens of this nation."

Gailles said he saw a lot of hard work and effort during the exercise, both within his staff and in the subordinate task forces, from colonel down to private.

"It is those privates and specialists, those sergeants and officers – the ones on the cutting edge of these missions – doing great things," Gailles said during one of his operational circulations to visit Soldiers in the units supporting TF-51. "I am not worth a darn unless I've got guys like you supporting me and getting the mission done."

"I was very proud of the Soldiers and civilians there who put a tremendous amount of time and effort into tackling each mission we received," said Sgt. Maj. Christopher Frediani, TF-51 sergeant major.

"They truly took to heart the idea that we are here to support the American people in saving lives, mitigating suffering and restoring safety and peace of mind to our citizens."





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#### TRAVCO Assumes Travel Services

Beginning Sept. 30, TRAVCO will assume commercial travel office services for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Carlson Wagonlit Travel/SATO will ticket approved reservations for departures through Sept. 30. All unticketed reservations for travel beginning Oct. 1 will be transferred to TRAVCO. TRAVCO cannot make changes to reservations ticketed by CWT, nor can they initiate refunds for unused tickets issued by CWT. Therefore, after Sept. 30, travelers who need to change reservations ticketed by CWT will first need to contact TRAVCO at 855-804-4943 to make a new reservation, then contact CWT at 866-282-0499 to cancel and initiate a refund on the previously ticketed reservations. For more information, call 652-1154.

#### Security And Policy Review

If you are a member of the 502nd Air Base Wing preparing a speech or document for public release on defense-related subjects, contact the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston public affairs office first at 221-1099. The appropriate authorities must review material relating to the plans, policies, programs or operations of the Department of Defense or U.S. Government before presentation or publication. For JBSA-Lackland, call 671-2908.

#### Three-Week Delay on CAC/ID Cards Appointments

Appointment times at the main DEERS ID Card/Common Access Card issuance facilities at Joint Base San Antonio are about three weeks out due to a high volume of customers during the summer months. Emergency walk-in wait times can range between 1-3 three hours. Military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers needing new or updated CAC/ID cards are encouraged to schedule their appointments accordingly. If you are a CAC cardholder and receive an email notification that your card is within 60 days of expiration make an appointment immediately. Appointment times are 8 a.m. -3 p.m., Monday through Friday and are scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Customers can schedule appointments at any of the JBSA facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

# Going batty: Eagle Scout bat housing project benefits military, civilians, environment

By L.A. Shively  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston  
Public Affairs

Controlling insect populations while giving Mexican free-tailed bats – roosting in historic structures on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston – an alternative home, is only one of the benefits of an Eagle Scout project Patrick Garr completed recently.

Though his intent was to provide roosts for bats, his endeavor has added potential advantages for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio community at large.

For three years Garr researched, designed and constructed eight “bat houses.” He hung them under the Petroleum Street Bridge on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the assistance of JBSA civil engineers Aug. 13.

“I’ve always liked animals and wanted a project that was a little different,” said the 17-year-old Garr. His goal is to benefit the community while being ecologically conservative: supporting an animal most people do not understand and

Patrick Garr dons a hard hat prior to getting on a “cherry picker” to get a close-up look at two of the bat boxes he and his Scout troop built. Garr and members of the troop built the boxes to house Mexican free-tailed bats. The bat houses were hung under the Petroleum Street Bridge on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

commonly fear.

Texas has been home to bats for a millennia.

The world’s largest known concentration of the mammals – the colony of Mexican free-tailed bats at Bracken Cave – is located just north of San Antonio, with more than 20 million bats inhabiting the cave.

A report published on the University of the Incarnate Word website names Frio Cave in Uvalde County and the Ney Cave in Medina County also among the world’s largest bat caves.

Bats normally spotted at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis include the Mexican free-tailed bat, or *Tadarida brasiliensis*, and the Hoary bat, or *Lasiurus cinereus*.

Mexican free-tailed bats have been roosting in some of the structures on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, including living areas on post.

Many of those structures are historic, so either the bats are allowed to migrate and the openings are sealed or the bats are removed humanly, explained Lucas Cooksey, natural



Photos by L.A. Shively

Two workers with the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron hang the last two of the eight bat houses Patrick Garr and members of his Scout troop built to provide roosting for Mexican free-tailed bats under the Petroleum Street Bridge on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

resource manager and senior wildlife biologist with the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Natural Resources, adding that they are a protected species.

“As we seal buildings, we would prefer the bats continue to support our needs as we support theirs,” said James Graham, deputy joint base civil engineer.

Mexican free-tailed bats begin migrating to Mexico in late October to mid-November where they spend the colder months.

Most bats feed on

insects or fruit. Mexican free-tailed bats keep crop pests in check as they can consume up to two-thirds of their body weight in insects each night according to Texas Parks and Wildlife officials. With the large numbers of agricultural pests they eat, research has demonstrated that these bats can save farmers up to two applications of pesticides per year.

Mosquitoes are also on the bats’ menu. A single bat can devour around 600 mosquitoes in an hour, according to Austin-based Bat Conservation International.

Bat guano, or waste, is known as a soil builder for improving soil texture and richness. Dense with bioremediation microbes, guano is used by organic gardeners to clean up toxic substances in soil.

To build the houses, Garr found plans online, modified them to house more bats and enlisted

his dad, Col. John Garr, commander of the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute, and fellow Scouts to build them. Each of Garr’s four-chambered bat houses have room for 1,000 bats and will last several years, he said.

Garr also hopes his project will be the impetus for other Scouts to build and place bat houses.

“The idea of building bat houses had been brought up previously,” said Kristen Lynch, Environmental Training Program manager, Air Force Civil Engineer Center. “Patrick planned everything. He brought us the proposal and we just lent support.”

Garr’s bat houses provide a habitat for the bats and the location, near the Salado Creek, presents ample feeding grounds while they are here during the hotter months of the



# Spurs Caravan Tour rolls into JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Lori Newman

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Spurs Caravan Tour rolled into Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 22, bringing in Silver Stars players Becky Hammon and Sophia Young, college basketball legend Nevil Shed, the Spurs four championship trophies and the Spurs Coyote.

Shed held a basketball boot camp at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Campus for about 50 children, teaching them how to dribble, pass and shoot the ball.

"The person who is in control of the basketball is in control of the game," Shed told the youth athletes.

"You just don't want to be a basketball player; you want to be a complete basketball player," Shed said. "To be a complete basketball player, you have to be able to handle the basketball with both hands."

Following the clinic, Shed shared his life story about the challenges he faced during his career. Shed was a member of the then-Texas Western University Miners, which is now named University of Texas at El Paso.

The team, coached by Don Haskins, made history for being the first team to start an all African-American lineup in winning the 1966 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball National Championship. The movie "Glory Road" chronicled the team's historic journey.

Shed was later drafted by the Boston Celtics, but his career was cut short after a knee injury.

"I liked the clinic because it focused



Photos by Lori Newman

Five-year-old Jake Jones practices his dribbling technique during the youth basketball boot camp Aug. 22 at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus.

on the fundamentals of the game," said 17-year-old Patience Gitall, a Robert G. Cole High School student and basketball player. "That's good, because there is always room for improvement."

Outside the fitness center, fans took photos with the Spurs championship trophies, got autographs from Hammon and Young and competed for prizes.

Kenneth Hack, director of the Fitness Center on the METC thought the event was fantastic. "Nothing better than seeing the smiling faces of the kids," Hack said.



College basketball legend Nevil Shed put on a youth basketball boot camp for children ages 7 to 18 as part of the San Antonio Spurs Caravan Tour Aug. 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.



## ARMY NORTH SENIOR LEADER RECOGNIZES WFSC VOLUNTEERS

Rhoda Auerbach (left) smiles as she accepts the certificate of appreciation presented to her by Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), during a volunteer recognition ceremony Aug. 20 at the Warrior and Family Support Center. As a volunteer, Auerbach shares her love of music with the wounded warriors and their families every Thursday evening by playing



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

the piano for them. "Through you, the ministry of music resonates in people's hearts," McQueen said. Along with the certificates, volunteers were also presented personal letters of appreciation and an Army North lapel pin. McQueen recognized 10 people for their efforts at the WFSC during two separate ceremonies Aug. 20 and 22. "Without you, we would not be able to keep this place running," said Judith Markelz, director of the WFSC.

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year. Bats are considered an ecologically safe alternative to insect-controlling pesticides.

The road underneath the bridge is closed, so the bats will not be disturbed.

"We knew this would be a good place to attract the bats. When the bridge went up he was looking at ways to make it into an environmental asset," Lynch said.

"The bat houses will give bats a place away from housing and it will also help with controlling the mosquito population," she said.

"Helping Patrick with his project was a win-win situation for the installation as well as the community," said Tray Cooper, Joint Base San Antonio provisional pollution prevention manager.

Cooper said that



Photo by L.A. Shively

Patrick Garr looks at the last two of the eight bat houses hung under the Petroleum Street Bridge on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Garr and members of his Scout troop built the boxes to provide roosting for Mexican free-tailed bats.

community outreach is invaluable when conserving resources by providing a habitat for

bats that control insects and provide a natural source of fertilizer.





# MICC helps save Army more than \$750 million

By Daniel P. Elkins  
Mission and Installation  
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Public Affairs

Officials at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command have surpassed a goal of saving the Army \$750 million in acquisitions more than two months ahead of schedule.

The more than \$762 million in savings have been achieved through contract negotiations, reverse auctioning of supplies and services, and rebates generated by the timely payment of Government Purchase Card Program accounts.

Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, the MICC commanding general, set the \$750 million fiscal year goal as a measure for the

command to establish itself as first to be recognized by Army leaders for the power of savings that contracting professionals bring to the table not only in a challenging fiscal environment but every day.

“In spite of the current fiscal situation, one of our top priorities as a valued mission partner is the support of the warfighter without interruption,” Vollmecke said.

“We’ve worked closely with our warfighters and supported activities to prioritize requirements and have leveraged substantial savings to accomplish the work that must be done to meet mission needs.

“The Army is relying



on acquisition professionals’ critical thinking, business acumen and negotiation skills to achieve savings.”

The vast majority of savings have come through negotiations. Contracting officers and specialists across the command’s 35 offices throughout the nation and Puerto Rico have

worked meticulously with customers and contractors to negotiate the government savings.

“Negotiated savings is calculated based on the initial purchase request and final obligation amounts by capturing all contracting actions to include new awards and contract modifications,” said Len Ambrosio, a procurement analyst with the MICC Knowledge Management Branch.

“The purchase request amount is based primarily on historical data from previous buys, market research or the independent government cost estimate.”

Current policy requires government estimates to be accomplished for every procurement action that exceeds the simplified

acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

Contracting efforts by MICC personnel impact Soldiers across the globe. The top contract actions by the MICC are for facilities support, minor building construction, food services, human resources consulting, professional and technical services, wired telecommunications, engineering services, advertising and electric power distribution.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is among the MICC’s top customers. In fiscal 2012, MICC contracts in support of IMCOM were valued at more than \$2.7 billion, according to Derek Dansby, a procurement analyst with the MICC Knowledge Management Branch.

Through mid-August this fiscal year, contracts valued at more than \$1.3 billion have supported the IMCOM mission.

“The MICC is the key IMCOM partner in providing decisive and efficient contracting solutions,” said David Williams, the deputy director for IMCOM Resource Management. “Their focus on the flexible and cost effective delivery of IMCOM’s contracted garrison support services is key in our mission to sustain services in a resource-constrained environment.”

Dansby said the MICC also has provided more than \$1 billion in contract support to the Training and Doctrine Command

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in fiscal 2012 and \$683 million in support this fiscal year.

“Contracted services are a vital element of the TRADOC mission,” said Maj. Gen. Mark MacCarley, the TRADOC deputy chief of staff.

“From clothing and equipping young men and women who enter the service through the Army Recruiting Command to providing instructors at many of the 32 Army schools organized under eight centers of excellence, contractors play an essential role in helping ensure the readiness of the more than 500,000 Soldiers and service members trained each year by TRADOC.”

Almost \$8 million of the savings have come through the implementation of reverse auctions. Reverse auctioning allows requirements such as supplies, equipment and parts to be solicited online through a fully automated process.

The process yields efficiencies in the speed of the solicitation by minimizing the need to contact individual vendors for quotes and reduces the acquisition timeline to

five days or fewer.

Requirements met through reverse auctions also typically achieve greater savings as the bidding process generates increased competition among vendors and often drives a lower, competitive price for the customer. The auction process incorporates an added benefit of documentation for audit integrity.

Additionally, \$8.3 million in savings have been achieved through the first three quarters of this fiscal year with the diligent administration of the MICC GPC Program – the largest in the Army.

This fiscal year, installation GPC cardholders managed by the MICC have made more than 713,000 transactions totaling more than \$784 million.

Paid quarterly, GPC

rebates are based on the volume of transactions for that quarter and timely payment, according to Guy Hunneyman, a business manager with the MICC Oversight and Assessment Branch.

In fiscal 2012, \$15 million was returned in GPC rebates following more than 1.2 million transactions; however, reduced budgets and operational funding due to sequestration have consequently impacted the amount of rebates this year.

The GPC program allows individuals at the lowest level of government organizations and agencies greater efficiency in the procurement of commercial goods and services from merchants. With a single purchase limit of less than \$3,000. Accounts typically generate rebates of 1 to 1.3 percent.

# For military working dogs, adoption provides a new life after retirement

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Dogs have been part of the Air Force mission since 1952, when the service's first sentry dog school was activated at Showa Air Station, Japan.

Since that time, Air Force canines assumed additional responsibilities. Now known as military working dogs, they are trained for patrol functions and drug, arms, ammunition and explosives detection and assigned throughout the Department of Defense.

However, there comes a time when MWDs can no longer perform their duties effectively and are retired, often for a medical condition.

Some of them move on to a new career in civilian law enforcement, while others take up domestic duties – as a family pet – all of them placed through the DOD MWD Adoption Program.

In addition to retired MWDs, the adoption pool includes young dogs that failed to certify in detection or patrol training.

“MWDs that are healthy and show potential are first offered to federal law enforcement agencies,” said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Null, DOD MWD Logistics NCO in charge. “When an MWD is not fit for any type of law enforcement duty, the previous handler or another handler has the option to adopt the dog. If neither of those options happens, then the MWD can be adopted by

the general public.”

The 341st Training Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is the “central repository and cradle-to-grave location for MWD logistics and training,” Null said, but dogs are available for adoption at all bases where they are assigned.

“Each location handles their adoptions separately, so a person looking to adopt a dog would be best served by contacting the base closest to them to check for availability,” he said.

Not all MWDs are suited to life as a family pet, Null said.

“Every MWD is given

a series of adoption suitability tests to determine if they would make a suitable pet,” he said. “These tests include food, toy and dog aggression. If a dog fails a portion of the test, then that is noted and limitations are placed on who can adopt the dog.”

MWDs that are “too dangerous for public adoption and too medically unfit for law enforcement duty” are euthanized as a last resort, Null said. This happens to less than four percent of the dogs.

“This is always the last option and many experts in the MWD program evaluate the

options prior to this decision being reached,” he said.

NeeNee, a young Belgian Malinois adopted more than two years ago by Staff Sgt. Darrell Williams, 902nd Security Forces Squadron, is an example of a dog well-suited to being a family pet but did not possess enough drive to become an MWD.

“She’s just a very lovable dog,” he said. “She didn’t have an aggressive bone in her while going through her initial training, which is why she failed out of the course. But she is very protective of my kids and our other dog if she



Photo by Richard McFadden

Staff Sgt. Johnathan Royce, a 902nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, sits beside Teri during an MWD retirement ceremony July 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Royce officially adopted Teri after she retired.

thinks they’re in any kind of danger.”

Williams, former

902nd SFS kennel master, said an advantage of MWDs is that they are “already pre-trained in most obedience tasks.”

Null said the adopting party is also subject to certain criteria.

“Generally speaking, we want the family or person adopting the dog to have a fenced-in backyard where the dog can get exercise, even on a rainy day,” he said.

Null said the process to adopt an MWD begins with a request for an adoption application at [mwd.adoptions@us.af.mil](mailto:mwd.adoptions@us.af.mil).

“Once the application is returned, the wait to adopt begins,” he said. “The wait typically ranges from 12 to 18 months.”

Null said the demand to adopt an MWD is “very high,” and only 10-15 dogs are available each month. Since 2010, more than 1,000 MWDs have been adopted worldwide.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Staff Sgt. Joel Nieves Diaz (left), 341st Training Squadron, Staff Sgt. William Slifer (right), 802nd Security Forces Squadron, and military working dog Rocky conduct a MWD demonstration May 18, 2012, at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Exchange. The mission of the 341st Training Squadron is to provide trained military working dogs and handlers for the Department of Defense, other government agencies and allies through training, logistical, veterinary support and research and development for security efforts worldwide.





# Joint Base San Antonio

## FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

### Monthly Events

### September

#### Bowling

##### Patrons celebrate Labor Day with bowling specials

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center celebrates the end of summer Aug. 30-Sept. 2 with \$2 per game, per person (excluding the Labor Day End-of-Summer Thunder Alley) and \$2.35 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

##### Grandparents enjoy bowling specials

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers grandparents an afternoon of fun and companionship Sept. 8 from 1-4 p.m. Bowling and shoe rental are free for grandparents. Everyone else may bowl for a penny-a-pin with \$2.35 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

##### Bowling centers host Air Force birthday special

Celebrate the 66th Birthday of the Air Force Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to closing, at any JBSA bowling center. Enjoy \$.66 bowling games, \$.66 shoe rental, \$1.66 soda and \$1.66 hot dogs. The event is open to all. For more information, call 221-3683 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-1223 for JBSA-Lackland and 652-6271 for JBSA-Randolph.

##### Sweetheart deals available at the Bowling Center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center offers \$1 games and shoe rentals Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For lunchtime bowling fun Wednesday and Friday, knock down a red pin between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and get a free game. For more information, call 221-4740.

##### There's a league for everyone

There is a league for everyone to include ladies only, senior citizens, Christian fellowship, youth and mixed three-, four- and five-person team leagues at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Leagues play at various times, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 221-4740.

##### Celebrate birthdays at Skylark

JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center offers birthday packages for children and teens. Parties include bowling, party supplies, invitations, drinks, choice of cheese or pepperoni pizza, an autograph birthday bowling pin, free game pass for future use and more. For more information, call 671-1234.

#### Clubs

##### Football Frenzy kicks off with fun

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club kicks off Football Frenzy Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Patrons will enjoy football, games and a chance to win prizes. This event is open to all DOD ID cardholders. Patrons

must be a club member to win prizes. This event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and Budweiser. For more information, call 652-3056.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club kicks off Football Frenzy with a party in the Lonestar Lounge Sept. 9. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the party lasts until the game is over. Patrons will enjoy football, games and a chance to win prizes. Nonmembers are welcome to attend. However, only club members are eligible to enter and win grand prizes. For more information, call 645-7034.

##### Ladies indulge in all things feminine, fun, and fantastic

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club invites ladies to enjoy a night out Sept. 13, 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$15.95 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. There will be music, drinks, a taco bar and drawings for great gifts from all the vendors as well as goodie bags filled with fun "girly" stuff for each attendee. Reservations are required. To make your reservation, call 652-4864.

##### Patrons dine on clams

Patrons are invited to enjoy a clam bake dinner Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club. The cost is \$21.95 for nonmembers and club members get \$2 off the price. Clam bake includes an all-you-can-eat pot of clams and entertainment provided by DJ Derrick. The event is by reservation and pre-payment only. Reservations open Sept. 3 for club members and Sept. 10 for all others. For more information, call 652-4864.

##### Gateway Club celebrates Fiscal New Year

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club features the Fiscal New Year Lunch Buffet Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the food court. Patrons will dine on roast beef, pork ribs, seafood Newburg, chicken piccata, sides and more. The price is \$9.95 per person. The Gateway Club also hosts the Fiscal New Year celebration party in the Lonestar Lounge Sept. 27, 5 p.m. This free event includes entertainment featuring The Show Band, 6-9 p.m., and Doggin' Dave Productions 5-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-1 a.m. For more information, call 645-7034.

##### Patrons enjoy Champagne brunch

Sunday brunch takes place at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club every Sunday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It includes a carving station, oysters, mussels and salmon. The cost is \$20.75 for club members or \$22.75 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-4864.

#### Community Programs

##### Patrons compete in build-a-boat competition

JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts the Regatta Boat Race at the Warhawk Pool, Sept. 6, 4:30 p.m. This unit/team competition encourages participants to construct a boat with materials provided. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Register and pick up complete rules and building materials at Arnold Hall

no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 3. For more information, call 671-2619.

##### Pool and show going to the dogs

JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center invites dog owners and their pets to the Doggie Splash and Dog Show Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Warhawk Pool. There is a \$5 fee per dog for entrance to the pool and show. Register at Arnold Hall prior to the event or at 8:30 a.m. the day of the show. For more information, call 671-2619.

##### Patrons find bargains at the bargain warehouse

The next scheduled JBSA-Randolph Bargain Warehouse is Sept. 18. For more information, call 652-5142, option 2.

##### Families enjoy movie night

Come out for free movie night at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Patrons can also enjoy free popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones during the movie. For more information, call 221-1718.

##### Family and teens take the stage

The annual Air Force "U Got Talent Contest" kicks off Sept. 27, 6 p.m., at JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center. This contest is open to all Air Force family members and their children 3-18 years old. Contestants are invited to compete in one of 11 solo/duet or group categories. First and second place winners in each category advance to judging at the Air Force level. Register by Sept. 20. For more information, call 671-2619.

##### Teams gear up for the challenges

JBSA-Randolph hosts the Rambler 120 Team Challenge Oct. 5 at the JBSA-Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. Interested teams must register before the Sept. 20 deadline. The team registration fees are \$120 for xtreme teams and \$180 for relay teams. For more information, call 652-3125.

#### Fitness and Sports

##### Varsity soccer teams compete

Watch the Air Force's top varsity teams compete in the Defender Cup Soccer Tournament Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Games will be hosted at the STAR Soccer Complex, home of the San Antonio Scorpions. Attendance is free. For more information, call 671-3060.

##### Patrons enjoy energizing aerobathon

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center at METC is hosting an aerobathon Sept. 7, 8-10 a.m. Participants can choose from four different class formats, each lasting 30 minutes. This event is free and open to all DOD ID cardholders. For more information, call 808-5709.



# JBSA FSS

## Runners commemorate Sept. 11

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center hosts a 5K run/walk at Eberle Park Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m., in remembrance of Sept. 11 and in celebration of the freedoms we all enjoy! For more information, call 652-7263.

## Patrons compete in three-on-three basketball

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a three-on-three basketball tournament Sept. 13, 7 a.m. The deadline to register is COB Sept. 12. To sign up, call 977-2353.

## Patrons challenged with indoor biathlon

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center challenges participants to participate in an indoor biathlon at the Rambler Fitness Center Sept. 16-20 during normal operating hours. Each participant must complete the 15-mile treadmill walk/run and 30-mile stationary bike ride in order to complete the challenge. For more information, call 652-7263.

## Air Force turn 66!

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center celebrates the 66th birthday of the Air Force with a run Sept. 18, 7 a.m., at Heritage Park. This run is open to all armed services, DOD civilians and family members. For more information, call 652-7263.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center at METC is hosting a 66 Minute Circuit Training Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. Compete in the 66 Challenge by completing 66 pushups, 66 sit-ups, or 66 jumping jacks in 66 seconds. Each participant to complete the challenge will receive a prize. The 66th person to walk through the doors will also receive a prize. For more information, call 808-5709.



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## Student intramural basketball league forming

A student intramural basketball league is being formed now on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and is open to all military students on METC. Letters of intent are due Nov. 5 and must be signed by the sports advisory representative. Units may have more than one team. No roster is required and cadre must be present at all games. A coaches/rules meeting will be held at the Fitness Center at METC Nov. 12 at noon. For more information, call Daphne Donnelly 808-5707.

## Parents and toddlers enjoy some exercise

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center at METC offers parents with strollers use of the indoor track, Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. For more information, call 808-5709.

## Personal trainers aren't just for the rich and famous

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center at METC offers all DOD cardholders access to a personal trainer. Patrons can take advantage of three free personal training appointments per month. For more information, call 808-5709.

## Massage therapy appointments available

The JBSA-Lackland Medina Fitness Center offers Swedish, deep tissue, prenatal and chair massages. Appointment slots are available Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-8 p.m. For more information or to set up an appointment, call 671-4477.

## Golf

### Golfers invited to golf scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the Warrior Four-Person Scramble, Sept. 6 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. There is a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The scramble includes 18 holes, dinner and gift certificates for the winners. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Patrons enjoy golf on holiday

Celebrate Labor Day with some great golf Sept. 2 at the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10 plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Golfers compete in championship tournament

Golfers are invited to sign up for the Randolph Oaks Club Championship tournament Sept. 28-29. The tee times are 7-9 a.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person plus green fees and cart. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Weekly discounts bring golf savings

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course runs daily specials with savings Monday-Thursday. Pay \$20 for green fees and a cart all day during Monday Madness. Advance fee payers pay only \$12. Tuesday's and Thursday's twilight rate begins at 11:30 a.m. with \$12 green fees and a \$12 cart fee. The Wednesday special includes green fees, cart, hot dog and fountain soda or draft beer for \$25. Advance fee payers pay only \$15. For more information, call 671-2181.

## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Join us at the Parr Club deck and patio from 5-9 p.m. for an enjoyable evening for the entire family. There will be music and a FREE buffet (one for adults and one for children 12 & younger) will be available from 5:30-7:30 p.m. along with \$1 beer.

Kids can enjoy lots of fun games along with face painting and interactive inflatables until twilight. Come out for some fabulous fun!

# SEPTEMBER 27

As a special thanks to all of our customers, we will also be offering 15% off of custom framing at Arts and Crafts and \$6 Regal movie tickets (limit of 4 per DOD ID card) at ITT on Sept. 27.

www.randolphfitness.com

### Custom club fitting available

The JBSA-Randolph Golf Club is a certified Ping, Nike, Taylor Made and Callaway Custom Club fitting pro-shop. To schedule a free personalized fitting, call Clay at 652-4653.

### Golfers improve swing

The JBSA-Randolph Golf Course offers golfers the opportunity to improve their game and lower their scores. Golfers can make appointments with Brian Cannon or Charles Bishop (PGA) for golf lessons. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Tee Time Deck in full swing

The JBSA-Randolph Golf Course offers special event packages for retirements, promotion, weddings and sports outings. To book a special event, call Corita at 652-4852.

### Save big with tournament specials

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course offers a special for tournaments booked in September. The cost per person is \$27, regularly \$32, and requires at least 40 participating players. For more information, call 671-2181.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

### Patrons head to Las Vegas

The JBSA-Lackland ITT office offers a three-night trip to Las Vegas Sept. 16-19. Accommodations are at the Excalibur Hotel. Rates start at \$309 per person, double occupancy. Round trip airport and transfers are included. Additional travel dates are available. For more information, call 671-7111.



### Cowboys fans score with game package deals

The JBSA-Lackland ITT offers packages for all Dallas Cowboy's games starting at \$330 per person. Packages include hotel, breakfast, transportation from airport (if flying), game tickets and transportation to the tailgate party and game. The tailgate party includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and beverages. For more information, call 671-3133.

### Race for go-kart military discounts

The JBSA-Lackland ITT offers discounted rates to the indoor go-kart racing complex, K1 Speed. Purchase packages for one race at \$17 or three races for \$38. Packages also include K1's annual driver's license fee, access to racing scores online, database storage of racing history, monthly newsletter and use of helmets and head socks. For more information, call 671-3133.

### ITT offers Military Sundays water park discount

Both JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph ITT's sell Schlitterbahn Military Sundays discount tickets. Admission is \$34 per person for ages 3 and older. The discount applies to military personnel and their families. For more information, call 671-3133 for Lackland or 652-5142, option 1 for Randolph.

### Make the most of summer with discount tickets

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston MWR Ticket Office in the Sam Houston Community Center sells discount tickets and often has free tickets to local events. For more information, call 808-1378.

## Library

### Story Time is a hit with preschoolers

Stories, crafts and songs are all part of the weekly story time at

the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. The September story time dates are Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4702.

### Library celebrate the Air Force birthday

The JBSA-Lackland Library celebrates the Air Force's 66th birthday with cake and punch Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 671-3610.

### Hispanic heritage shared through story time

The JBSA-Lackland Library features a story time honoring Hispanic heritage Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m. Children and their parents will be treated to music, stories, and a craft highlighting Hispanic cultures. For more information, call 671-3610.

### Patrons enjoy gaming

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library hosts its monthly Gaming Day Sept. 13, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Gamers can choose from Xbox, Wii, PS3 and classic board games. For more information, call 221-4702.

### E-book readers available for check-out

The JBSA-Lackland Library has Nook e-book readers available for check-out. Customers may use the readers for 30 days with no renewals. The readers can be used with the OverDrive digital library. For more information, call 671-3610.

## Military and Family Readiness

### Center offers marriage series

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center offers a four-part series which challenges previous notions about what marriage should be like Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24, noon-2 p.m. For more information, call 221-0349/2418.

### Learn to write an effective resume

The JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness Center teaches new techniques to assist in resume writing Sept. 4, 9-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Learn to control anger

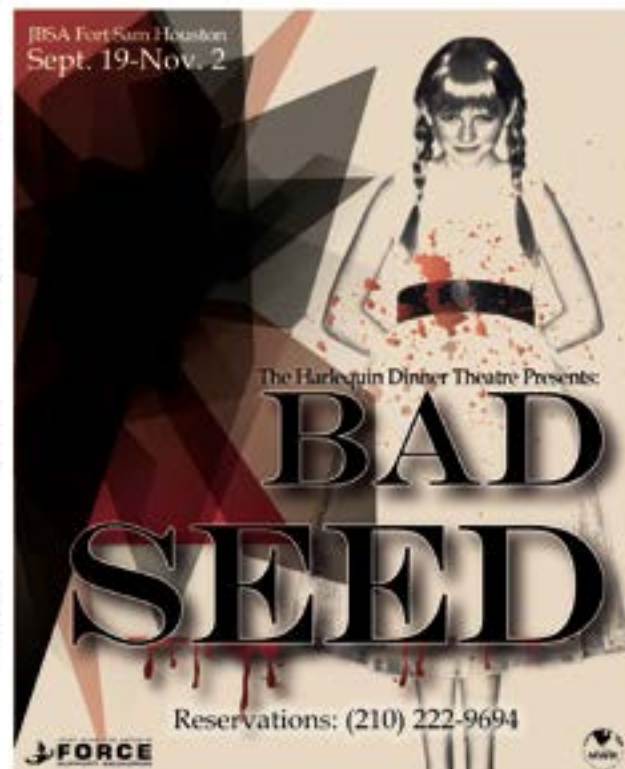
Learn to identify triggers, signals, expressions of anger and techniques to effectively control anger Sept. 4, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., at the Health and Wellness Center at JBSA-Lackland. For more information, call 221-0349/2418.

### Spouses new to military life get connected

The JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness Center invites spouses new to the military or new to the area to Heart Link, Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Heart Link orients spouses to all the services and programs on JBSA-Randolph. A light breakfast and door prizes will be available. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Seminar helps spouses explore career potential

The JBSA-Lackland Military and Family Readiness Center invites spouses to a two-day career seminar Sept. 9-10, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Participants will explore personal skills, abilities, accomplishments and interests matched to their ideal job types. For more information, call 671-3722.



### Exceptional Family Member Program supports families

The EFMP Support Group meets Sept. 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center. The group fosters new friendships and networking, and helps members share common experiences unique to special needs. For more information, call 221-2962/2418.

### New moms learn about caring for baby

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center prepares new moms with information on infant care, infant safety and more Sept. 11 and 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 221-0349/2418.

### Overseas Orientation

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center hosts an orientation for members moving overseas. The orientation is targeted according to duty station (i.e., Korea, Germany, Japan, Italy, Hawaii, etc.) and covers entitlements, reimbursements, household goods shipments, employment, education and dependent travel. The next orientation is scheduled Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. For more information, call 221-0349/2418.

### Interview prep

The JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness workshop on Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, helps attendees prepare for upcoming job interviews. For more information, call 652-5321.



## Office of Personnel Management conducts employment class

The JBSA-Lackland Military and Family Readiness Center hosts representatives from the Office of Personnel Management Sept. 12, 1-3:30 p.m. The reps will teach veterans and family members about various initiatives established to make federal civilian employment opportunities available. For more information, call 671-3722.

## Spouses learn about reuniting after deployment

The JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness Center offers spouses of returning military members a pre-reintegration workshop called "Open Arms" Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m. The class covers various challenges specific to couples and families reuniting and provides resiliency skills and resources. Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Participants learn about divorce

JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness Center teaches a "Recovering from Divorce" class Sept. 20 from 3-4 p.m. Participants discuss some of the reasons for divorce, the stages of grief and loss, physical reactions, ways to cope and how to help children cope with divorce. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Get job-ready with preparation courses

The JBSA-Lackland Military and Family Readiness Center hosts classes to help patrons seeking employment: Resume Writing Techniques, Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Interview with Confidence workshop, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. To register, call 671-3722.

## Women encouraging women

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center hosts an event called "I Can/We Can" Project Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with art therapy in awareness of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. For more information, call 221-0349/2418.

## Employment Readiness offers exceptional classes

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Employment Readiness office offers classes at the Military and Family Readiness Center to help patrons gain employment. Multiple classes are available throughout the month of September. For more information and to register, call 221-0516/0427/2418.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Hunting season begins

The 2013 hunting season for dove and small game runs Sept. 1-29 at JBSA-Camp Bullis. DOD ID cardholders must register their firearms with the JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. Turkey and Big Game Archery runs Sept. 28-Jan. 5. DOD ID cardholders must have a hunting permit, hunting license and bow hunters or gun hunters education card. Patrons can hunt Friday-Sunday 7 a.m. to sunset. For more information, call 295-7577.

### Catfish Pond is open for fishing season

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Fish Pond is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday-Sunday through Sept. 30. The Fish Pond was recently restocked with catfish, so come out and enjoy the day with your family. No license required. DOD ID cardholders and their guests are welcome. For more information, call 295-7577.

## Patrons find treasures at flea market

The JBSA-Randolph Outdoor Recreation Center hosts a flea market Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Randolph Clinic parking lot. Head to Outdoor Recreation in the Community Services Mall to rent one six-foot long table for \$15 (additional tables are \$4). For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

## Archers take aim

Practice your aim at the JBSA-Camp Bullis monthly 3D archery shoot Sept. 21-22. Registration will take place on the day of the event from 8-10 a.m. The cost is \$15 for competitive and \$10 for non-competitive contestants. This event is open all DOD ID cardholders. For more information, call 295-7577.

## Sportsman Range open for target practice

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman Range is open Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon, through the last weekend of September. The range offers DOD ID cardholders a place to shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. For more information, call 295-7577.

## Proper information required for storage renewal

All patrons using JBSA-Camp Bullis for vehicle, RV, boat and trailer storage are reminded to provide updated registration and insurance information upon renewal. For more information, call 295-7577.

## Outdoor Equipment Center has rentals for everyone

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Equipment Center has equipment rentals to meet all needs. OEC has camping, trailer and towing, water fun, sports, biking, barbecue, party and lawn equipment. For more information on equipment availability and prices, call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

## Youth Programs

### Membership free week

Kick off Back-to-School with JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Sept. 9-14. There is no membership needed to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation during this week (doesn't include instructional classes, league sports and School Age Programs). For those interested in joining, membership is \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

### JBSA gives parents a break

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and JBSA-Lackland Child Development Program offer Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out Sept. 14, 1-5 p.m. The fee is \$15 per child. Fees may be waived with a Give Parents a Break referral. Space is limited. To sign up, call the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs at 671-2388 or the JBSA-Lackland CDP at 671-1052 by Sept. 11.

The JBSA-Randolph Child Development Program gives parents a break Sept. 28, 1-6 p.m. Registration begins the first of each month and ends the Wednesday before the event. It is free to GPAB waiver holders and all others pay \$20 per child. PlayPass may be used. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Youth Programs celebrates play

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts Worldwide Day of Play with fun and games Sept. 20, 4-7 p.m. This event commemorates the initiative started by the youth television network, Nickelodeon,

to encourage children to keep moving by incorporating physical activities in their daily play. This event is free. For more information, call 671-2388.

Join the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., for the annual Worldwide Day of Play. This special event encourages kids to turn off their television and be active and healthy. For more information, call 652-3298.

## Moms and tots learn to dance

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston SKIES Unlimited program teaches moms a new way to dance while interacting with their tots, ages 18 mos.-2 yrs. Classes are held Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. at the Middle School Teen Center. The cost is \$40 per class. For more information, call 221-3381.

## Learn to tumble

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center offers tumbling classes to youth, 6 and older. Classes are held Thursdays, 4:15-5 p.m. The cost per class is \$45. For more information, call 221-3381.

## Child Development Program has new hours

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Child Development Center has new hours. The hours are Mon.-Fri., 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-5002 or 221-4058.

## Kids participate in new classes and activities

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Child, Youth and School Services offers numerous classes and activities. Parents can enroll children by visiting [www.FortSamMWR.com/youth.html](http://www.FortSamMWR.com/youth.html) for contact phone numbers, and a link to WebTrac, which provides lists of all activities and offers parents the option to pay online. For more information, please call 221-4871.

## Volunteers needed in Youth Programs

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs is looking for individuals interested in volunteering for special events and sports programs. A greater demand exists for sports coaches and referees. Training is provided. For more information, call 671-2388.



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# JBSA-Fort Sam Houston hosts Special Olympics equestrian competition

By Airman 1st Class  
Alexandria Slade  
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

An equestrian camp and competition for special-needs individuals ages 8 and older took place Aug. 12-16 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.

Hosted by the JBSA Exceptional Family Member Program and Special Olympics Texas-San Antonio, the camp consisted of four days of instruction in varying events before the competition Aug. 16.

Coaches, volunteers and 12 athletes were carefully chosen to participate in this activity. Sackett Heejung, EFMP family support

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Exceptional Family Member Program athletes and volunteers make their way back to the starting line after a race during a Special Olympics equestrian competition Aug. 13 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade  
Exceptional Family Member Program athlete Kegan Neufeld (left) participates Aug. 13 in the Special Olympics equestrian camp.

# JBSA-Camp Bullis celebrates 10 years of medical clinic service

By John Franklin  
Spc. Taylor J. Burk Clinic  
JBSA-Camp Bullis

A ceremony to recognize 10 years of having a fixed medical clinic on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis was held at the Spc. Taylor J. Burk Clinic Aug. 16.

The original clinic, consisting of several modular units, was established at JBSA-Camp Bullis in 2003 by former JBSA-Camp Bullis garrison commander Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan, who is now commander, Southern Regional Medical Command. Keenan was guest of honor at the ceremony.

"Clinical services were first offered at JBSA-Camp Bullis July 2003 and

transitioned to the present-day Spc. Taylor J. Burk Clinic in December 2009," said clinic chief Dr. Susan Moon. "While the clinic remains dedicated to providing care to active duty personnel working and training on JBSA-Camp Bullis, it has grown to serve an enrolled patient population of 4,700 under the model of Army Patient Centered Medical Home."

During the ceremony, Keenan recalled the early days of the clinic and how important its establishment was, so Soldiers could be quickly treated and then returned to their training.

About 180,000 troops train at JBSA-Camp Bullis yearly. Before permanent clinic operations, there

was a small sick call operation provided by JBSA-Fort Sam Houston medical personnel driving out to Camp Bullis each morning.

Any other medical support had to be obtained at Brooke Army Medical Center and seriously ill or injured Soldiers were put in an ambulance and driven to JBSA-FSH, about 33 miles away. Helicopter evacuation was a rarity.

Keenan knew there was a better way to care for Soldiers training in the field and became a strong advocate for a fixed medical clinic at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The first temporary modular clinic was located there in 2003 as a result of her advocacy.

Ten years later, the clinic has tripled in size and in patients. The new clinic encompasses more than 15,000 square feet and has 14 exam rooms, two patient treatment rooms, laboratory, pharmacy, a behavioral health provider and a radiologist. The clinic operation now serves more than 4,600 regular beneficiaries a year, from active duty personnel and their families to retirees living in the area.

The namesake for the clinic, the late Spc. Taylor J. Burk, was also remembered for his heroism with a new display in the clinic lobby. The clinic was originally dedicated in his memory in January 2010.



Photo by John Franklin  
Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan (right), commander, Southern Regional Medical Command, visits with staff of the Spc. Taylor J. Burk Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, thanking them for their dedication and efforts to provide care for military personnel and their families.



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specialist, said. Staff members from the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center screened all of the athletes on their abilities to ride horses prior to participating.

“My daughter, along with the other contestants, has learned not only how to ride horses, but also important problem-solving skills,” said Army Staff Sgt. Julian Grim, father of one of the 12 participants. “All the athletes have learned how to steer and control the horse and how to use their voice and body movements to communicate with these animals enough to compete.”

The purpose of this event was to provide opportunities for the participants to demonstrate courage, Heejung said. Sharing talents, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community were also goals.

EFMP, one of the main driving forces behind the event, is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide varying aspects



**Photo by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade**

Exceptional Family Member Program athletes Brenden Hoopes (left) and Kegan Neufeld (right) participate in an exercise using listening skills and balance during a Special Olympics equestrian camp Aug. 13 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.

of comprehensive and coordinated community support to military families with special needs.

“The JBSA EFMP provides various activities and classes for exceptional family member sponsors and their families,” Heejung said. “JBSA is one of the few installations that has an equestrian center on post. We wanted to take advantage of this facility that has easy access to

provide world-class family support.”

“We are all winners today – athletes, parents, friends, spectators, coordinators and coaches,” Grim said while speaking during the competition’s closing ceremony. “Today we witnessed just a snapshot of our athletes’ inner strength, courage and perseverance. Things we should all strive for.”





# Avoid heat-related illnesses while working, exercising

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston  
Public Affairs

As temperatures continue to soar, San Antonio's sizzling summer heat is affecting people's abilities to work, exercise and play the way they normally do.

"Heat-related illnesses are preventable," said Capt. Lyssa Mehall, chief of Environmental Health at Brooke Army Medical Center. "Planning activities during cooler times of the day, ensuring proper hydration, knowing your physical abilities and the signs and symptoms of

a heat injury in case of emergency are crucial."

According to National Weather Service forecast data, the hottest part of the day is generally from 4-7 p.m. in Texas.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<http://www.cdc.gov>) describes the symptoms and recommended treatment for the following heat-related illnesses:

- **Heat Cramps** – Symptoms include muscle cramps, pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs. People who experience these symptoms should stop the activity

and sit in a cool place. Drink clear juice or a sports beverage or drink water with food. Do not return to strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside.

People with heart problems, on a low-sodium diet or having cramps for more than one hour should seek medical attention.

- **Heat Exhaustion** – Symptoms include rapid heartbeat, heavy sweating, extreme weakness or fatigue, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, irritability, fast shallow breathing and slightly elevated body temperature.

People who suffer heat exhaustion should rest in a cool area, drink plenty of water and take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath.

- **Heat Stroke** – Symptoms include high body temperature, confusion, loss of coordination, hot, dry skin or profuse sweating, throbbing headache and seizures or coma. To treat for this serious heat-related illness move the person to a cool, shaded



Courtesy photo

Planning activities during cooler parts of the day, ensuring proper hydration, knowing one's physical abilities and the signs and symptoms of a heat injury in case of emergency are crucial.

area; remove excess clothing and apply cool water to the body. If they are able, have him or her slowly sip water.

"Bringing the body temperature down by cooling can save a life," Mehall said.

An important sign of a life-threatening heat-related illness is mental confusion. To assess this, ask the person questions such

as name, what month and year it is, location and what he or she was doing before becoming ill. If the person cannot answer, call for an emergency medical evacuation or ambulance immediately.

Staying hydrated is important. However, hourly fluid intake should not exceed one-and-a-half quarts per hour or 12 quarts per day.

Drinking excessive amounts of water can cause a medical emergency. Symptoms of over hydration or water intoxication are confusion, weakness and vomiting.

"Water intoxication has symptoms that are similar to those of dehydration and often people will drink more water," Mehall said. "Drinking more water can be very dangerous.

"People who have over-hydrated should restrict their fluid intake and eat something salty, such as tomato juice, pretzels or a dill pickle," Mehall added. "Medical attention is a must."

"Exercising, playing or participating in athletic events that require a lot of exertion and excessive sweating can increase the risk that an individual will alter the balance of the body's electrolytes," she said. "Because sodium is lost in sweat, it is important for those exercising at high intensities for long periods of time to

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## ARMY NORTH HOLDS PT WITH KIDS DAY



**Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos**

Soldiers and families with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), stretch their legs as part of the battalion's PT with Kids Day Aug. 22. The event, which was held at Staff Post Field across from the Quadrangle, was designed to bring families closer together before the school year starts. After physical training was finished, the Soldiers and their families listened as police officers with the 502nd Security Forces Squadron went over tips on how to stop bullying.



# Army South, partner nations complete PANAMAX 2013 exercise

By Robert Ramon  
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

The annual Fuerzas Aliadas PANAMAX exercise, which took place in Central America and the United States, wrapped up Aug. 16, after forces from 19 nations took part in simulated training scenarios focused on ensuring the defense of the Panama Canal.

The U.S. Southern Command-sponsored, 12-day exercise serves as a valuable tool to improve interoperability among participating nations according to those in attendance.

“One of the most important benefits of multinational exercises like PANAMAX is that all the participants can exchange their experiences and expertise and gain new knowledge about each other’s culture and people,” said Col. Larry Dotson, Army South exercise division chief.

The PANAMAX exercise brings together sea, air and land forces in a joint and combined operation focused on defending the Panama Canal from at-



Manuel Ochoa (center), a U.S. Army South operations recovery specialist, works with a member of the Panamanian security forces during the PANAMAX 2013 exercise here Aug. 14. PANAMAX 2013 is an annual U.S. Southern Command-sponsored exercise that focuses on ensuring the defense of the Panama Canal.

tacks by a violent extremist organization, as well as responding to natural disasters and pandemic outbreaks in various locations.

PANAMAX develops and sustains relationships that improve the capacity of our emerging and enduring partners’ security forces to achieve common desired goals, while fostering coopera-

tion and understanding among participating forces. “These interactions strengthen our bonds across the region and foster long-lasting partnerships and understanding among the nations participating, ultimately benefiting the overall security of the region,” said Dotson.

The distinct portion of the exercise that takes place within the borders

of Panama, known as PANAMAX Alpha, marked the first time non-Panamanian forces were invited to participate as a bilateral entity.

Army South deployed a contingent to Panama City to support the government of Panama by enhancing security cooperation with Panamanian public safety and security forces.



Photos by Kaye Richey

Col. Larry Dotson (right), U.S. Army South exercise division chief, speaks with Panamanian Col. Marcos F. Rueda during the PANAMAX 2013 exercise Aug. 14. Forces from 19 nations took part in simulated training scenarios in the waters around the canal and other locations throughout the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility during the exercise.

“The big significance for PANAMAX Alpha this year is that we were invited to participate as a bilateral entity involved in providing the Panamanian security forces some notional capabilities,” said Lt. Col. Carlos Blanchard, Army South civil affairs partnering chief. “It allowed us to be integrated into their effort and get an understanding of the Panamanian forces as well as their roles and responsibilities.”

PANAMAX has grown dramatically since 2003, when Panama, Chile and the United States conducted the first exercise.

PANAMAX 2013 incorporated participants from Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the United States.

In addition to Army South, service members participated in PANAMAX through simulated training that was executed in

several locations including the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and Naval Station Mayport, Fla.

The Panama Canal is critical to the free flow of trade in the region and the entire world. The region’s economy and political stability largely depend on the safe transport of several hundred million tons of cargo through the canal each year and PANAMAX 2013 is designed to ensure plans are in place to respond to requests from the government of Panama to protect the canal.

Brazil and Colombia led the land and sea components this year, marking only the second time that two partner nations outside of the United States led the land and sea functional components. This is the first year that the Brazilian army has participated in the exercise and the first time the Colombian navy has commanded the maritime component.

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Together we can solve our problems and united we work better.”

This past summer, Army South planned and conducted Beyond the Horizon-El Salvador, a humanitarian and civic assistance operation that provided training for both American and Salvadoran military and government personnel, while providing medical, dental, veterinary and engineering support to rural communities in Central and South America.

The overall objective of

the U.S. Army Staff Talks Program in Latin America is to promote peace and stability in Central and South America, and the Caribbean through mutual understanding, partnership, and cooperation.

In addition to El Salvador, Army South also conducts annual army-to-army staff talks with Brazil, Chile and Colombia on behalf of the U.S. Army and as part of the U.S. Southern Command’s theater security cooperation mission in Central and South America and the Caribbean.



Photo by Eric Lucero

(From left) Salvadoran Brig. Gen. William Armando Mejia, the Salvadoran army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, the U.S. Army South commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis C. Zavodsky, the U.S. Army South command sergeant major, look over a target on a shooting range after a Salvadoran army special forces demonstration Aug. 13 in San Salvador, El Salvador.

## ARMY SOUTH HOSTS GAZEBO CONCERT



**Photo By Sgt. Robert Quintero**

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, U.S. Army South commanding general, hosted a performance by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" Sunday at the gazebo on Staff Post Road, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The performance was part of a summer concert series that is hosted by local commanders and was the first for Army South.

## A METC FIRST



**Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kurt Everest**

For the first time in Medical Education and Training Campus history, students from five different services – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard – trained in the same program at the same time. The students, who graduated July 12, were in the METC Behavioral Health Program. It was also the first time a Coast Guardsman has ever gone through this program. From left are U.S. Army Spec. James Goodloe; U.S. Marine Corps Staff. Sgt. Dustin Pobst; U.S. Navy Hospitalman Elva Shaul; U.S. Coast Guard Health Services Technician 2nd Class William Day; and U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Charles Starr.





### Youth Flag and Tackle Football, Cheerleading Registration

Register your child, ages 5-12 for tackle football, flag football and cheerleading by Friday. All youths participating will need a current sports physical. Call Parent Central at 221-4871 or Youth Sports at 221-5519.

### Youth Soccer Registration

Youth soccer registration for the Alamo Heights/Fort Sam Houston youth soccer league is due Sunday. Children must be enrolled with Parent Central to receive the military discounted rate. For registration or more information, call 221-5519 or visit: <http://ahfsh.cornerkick-systems.com/page/show/46690-registration-information>.

### Small Game Hunting

Dove and small game (rabbits, squirrels) season begins Sunday on JBSA-Camp Bullis. Archery season for big game begins Sept. 28. Open to DOD ID cardholders only. Call 295-7577.

### Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

### H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380 or 221-2418

### ScreamFree Marriage

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 17 and 24, noon-2 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Army Family Advocacy Program Unit Training

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Identity Theft

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380 or 221-2418.

### Pre-Deployment Planning

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

### Web Based First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380 or 221-2418.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd. All women welcome to sign up for fall Bible studies. Child-care provided. Call 221-5010 for more information or look up "Fort Sam Houston PWOC" on Facebook.

### Army Family Advocacy Program Unit Training

Thursday, 8-10 a.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Dating 2.0

Thursday, Sept. 12 and 19, 5-6:30 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Microsoft Hiring Event

Sept. 11, 4-7 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516/0427/9216.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Bad Seed" Sept. 19 through Nov. 2. This is the story of a mother's realization that her young daughter has committed a murder. For more information, call 222-9694.

### JBSA-Fort Sam Houston CDC Hours Change

The hours for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Child Development Center, Building 2530 Funston Road, are 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 3. Call 221-5002 or 221-4058.

### Computer Lab

The computer lab is available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at Military and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705 or 221-2418.

### Summer Camp

Child, Youth & School Services will offer summer camp for grades Kindergarten through 12. For registration details, call 221-4871.

### How We Roll

Monday through Friday, 9-11 a.m., Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus, the "How We Roll" program provides parents and strollers use of the indoor track. Mondays from 9-10 a.m., a fitness trainer is available for assistance and instruction. Call 808-5709.

### Fitness on Request Kiosk

The Fitness Center on the METC hosts an innovative group fitness system including free virtual classes ranging from 20-60 minutes. Call 808-5709.

### SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

### Equipment Rentals

The Outdoor Equipment Center has all the items needed for a backyard party, unit organizational day, or weekend getaway. Rental items include canoes, boats, campers, camping equipment, outdoor games, barbecue pits and more. Call 221-5225.

### World Climb Tower Challenge

Sign up at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the World Climb Tower Challenge. Call 221-1234.

### Catfish Pond Open

Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. through the end of September, JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

### \$1 Bowling

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center offers \$1 games per person and \$1 shoe rentals every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Knock down a red pin on a Wednesday or Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and win a free game. Call 221-4740.

### JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office, located in the

Sam Houston Community Center, offers discounted tickets for Schlitterbahn water parks, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld, Aquatica and Universal Studios Orlando. The ticket office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call 808-1378.

### Sportsman Range

The JBSA-Camp Bullis range is open 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 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.

### 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. Call 221-3828.

### Parent Central Customer Service

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

### 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. Visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214 or 221-2256.

### 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.

### Pet Consult Services Available

The JBSA-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. Call 671-3631 or 671-2245.

### Air Force e-Learning Tool

Air Force e-Learning is a self-development tool that is free and available 24/7 with on-line courses, books, and mobile options and a leadership knowledge portal. Access AF e-Learning via a link located on the Air Force Portal home page under Top Portal Links and Education/Training/Force Development.

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

### Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through 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 teaches basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

### Green to Gold Program Briefing

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC conducts a Green to Gold Program brief 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month, excluding training/federal holidays, at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C, to educate active duty Soldiers on the benefits, options, and qualifications of the Army Green to Gold Program. Call the UTSA recruiting officer at 458-5607 or the 5th Brigade at 295-2005 or 295-0429.

### Chapter 80 of Enlisted Association

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

### Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 4011A, off Reynolds and Wilson Way. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

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.

### JBSA-FSH Top 3 Enlisted Association

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Top 3 meets 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Building 2263. Senior enlisted members and E-7 selects are encouraged to attend.

### SMA Leon Van Autreve Chapter of Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third 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 221-4028.

### Claiming Lost Property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

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.

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ged the senior enlisted inductions, the Air Force Ball and the Joint Base Annual Awards ceremonies.

“The command chiefs came together to discuss what was going to be our combined vision for ceremonies on a joint base. The same was true for the JBSA Annual Awards ceremonies, with the discussion taking place also with the sergeants major and master chiefs to create synergies which were never before realized. We were able to set the pace for all the ceremonies from that point forward,” he said.

Hammering out a shared tactic for executing ceremonies led to teamwork between both the enlisted force and officer cadre, as well as across the services on other issues.

The chief said he never

would have thought that he would be a command chief master sergeant early in his career and certainly not in charge of an enlisted corps on the largest joint base in the Department of Defense. But something happened during his formative Air Force years.

“As you go through your journey, you meet people who inspire you,” LugoSantiago said. “Those people open your eyes to a world you previously did not see.”

His mentors helped him with the larger perspective on what the Air Force actually does in the world and what it stands for. It was at this point that he fell in love with the organization.

LugoSantiago shares the impact mentoring had on him by using social media through Facebook and an on-line blog to reach out to service members and share examples of

integrity, professionalism and volunteerism. He believes mentoring is the key to building successful people and in a hands-on approach to leadership.

“If you want to be a great leader, you better be walking around your organization finding out what is happening. It is so important for your troops to see you on the ground. That’s how they know you care,” LugoSantiago said.

LugoSantiago said his tenure here has prepared him for his newest challenge in a command which must work closely with other services at a strategic level; its mission at the hub of worldwide political influence.

“I leave with the biggest sense of appreciation for our people of all the services,” LugoSantiago said, “and the greatest gratitude for having the opportunity to serve them.”

## HEAT from P20

replace any loses.” Other less severe heat-related problems include dehydration, heat edema (swelling of the extremities), heat rash and sunburn.

“Two of the most important things a person can do to prevent a heat injury is to know personal limitations, such as level of fitness, and body mass index and make sure to take adequate time to acclimatize to hot environments,” Mehall said.

The BAMC Preventive Medicine, Environmental Health section monitors the heat index during the week. Call 295-2609 throughout the day for updates.

More information on the Work/Rest and Water Consumption Table is available at [https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat\\_index/work\\_rest\\_schedules.html](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/work_rest_schedules.html).

## Jewish High Holiday Services for Joint Base San Antonio

All services for Rosh Hashana, Wednesday-Sept. 6, and Yom Kippur, Sept. 13-14, will be held in the Jewish Chapel Wing of the main Post Chapel at 605 Wilson Way at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Service start times for both holidays are listed below:

### Rosh Hashana

Erev Rosh Hashana – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Rosh Hashana First Day – 9 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Thursday  
Rosh Hashana Second Day – 9 a.m. Sept. 6

### Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre service – 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13.  
Yom Kippur – 9 a.m. Sept. 14.  
Yom Kippur ends at sundown, approximately 8:15 p.m., Sept. 14.  
Services will be followed by a break-the-fast.

## CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday  
**Sundays**  
**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  
11:01 - Contemporary “Crossroads”  
**Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel**  
Building 3600,  
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.  
10 a.m. - Traditional

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. - Afternoon Mass, DFC

### JEWISH SERVICES

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

### ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:15 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

### 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

### LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

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

### BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services, 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>.*



## AMEDDC&S and 32nd Medical Brigade Reunion

The 2013 “Old School” Army Medical Department Center and School and 32nd Medical Brigade reunion will be held Nov. 9. There will be a variety of sporting events in the morning followed by a reception with dinner and dancing beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Airport Hilton. Email 32ndmedbde@gmail.com to register or for more

information visit the Facebook page at 2013 Center Brigade Reunion.

### Women's Survivor Group

A women's survivor group has been created for women who have experienced sexual trauma. The goal is to increase survivors' understanding of their responses to victimization and the impact on their lives. The group offers a safe, open atmosphere for discussion and support to facilitate understanding of sexual victimization and the healing process. The group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at the Rape Crisis Center group room at 7500 U.S. Highway 90 West, Building 2, Suite 201. Call 521-7273 for more information.



## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN POINTS OF CONTACT

The 2013 Combined Federal Campaign begins Sunday and runs through Dec. 15. The following is a list of points of contact for Joint Base San Antonio:

**502 Air Base Wing:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Amanda McGowin, 221-4321  
Alternate: Master Sgt. Mason Wilson, 671-6705

**502<sup>nd</sup> Mission Support Group:**  
Manny Henning, 221-1844  
Alternate: Duane Dunkley, 221-2207

**802<sup>nd</sup> MSG:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brandon Langel, 671-2528  
Alternate: Master Sgt. Robert Brinson, 671-5511

**902<sup>nd</sup> MSG:**  
Matt Borden, 652-3797  
Alternate: Master Sgt. Ennis Fowler, 652-6915  
Alternate: Master Sgt. Shawn Waghorn, 652-3088



**FOR SALE:** White “Welcome Home” banner with yellow letters, paid over \$120, asking \$75 obo. Email lynda\_5296@hotmail.com.

**FOR SALE:** Noritake Stoneware, desert flower pattern, microwave and oven safe, 8.5-inch serving bowl and 14-inch serving platter, coffee/tea pot, creamer, sugar bowl, butter dish and salt/pepper shakers, \$75. Call 495-2296.

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Aug. 29

**CURRENT LEVEL = 633.3'**

The Joint Base San Antonio Drought Management Plan is available at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFO-130809-013.pdf>

