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## Briefs

### 32nd Med. Bde. Change of Command, today

Outgoing commander Col. Maureen Coleman will relinquish command of 32nd Medical Brigade to incoming commander Col. Bradley Freeman at a change of command ceremony today, 8 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field.

### FSH ISD Board Meeting, today

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board will meet today at 11 a.m. in the FSH ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

### U.S. Army Chaplains Corps Anniversary Celebration, today

Unit Ministry teams, retired Army Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants and their family members, chapel congregations and members of command team are invited to celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps. An anniversary service will be held at the Main Post Chapel today at 10 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 11:15 a.m. for five chaplains buried at the cemetery (Shelter #2). A free luncheon will be held at the NCO Club from noon to 2 p.m. Uniform is duty uniform. For more information, call 221-5005.

### STB presents safety program for post residents July 30

Post residents are invited to a Safety Awareness program at the NCO Club July 30 at 9 a.m. Mississippi Highway patrol Capt. Pete Collins will speak about vehicle safety. Collins is the same speaker who appears on the Army Safety Center video. In addition, Richard Brooks, from the San Antonio Snake House will speak about venomous critters in the surrounding area.

### 'Pay before you pump,' PX Gasoline Policy, Aug. 2

Effective Aug. 2, the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange gas stations located on Walters Street and Schofield Road will implement a "Pay before you pump" policy for cash gasoline sales.



Photo by Capt. Alejandro Gonzales

D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion Soldiers celebrate with a victory photo at the 24th Combat Medic Run finish line after being awarded the first place trophy. Drill Sgts. Eric Mason, Frederick Mims, and Kevin French led the formation during the 5k competition. The company also took first place trophies for victories in the 5-Soldier guidon run and the 28-Soldier formation run.

## Runners compete for trophies and best times

By Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

More than 1,500 runners and walkers participated in the 24th Annual Combat medic run held Sat. July 24 at MacArthur Parade Field. Events included a 5K and 10K run and a 2-mile walk. Military events included a 5-Soldier guidon run and a 28-Soldier formation run. Main stage events featured talent performances by Soldiers assigned to 187th and 232nd Medical Battalions.

Efrain Velazquez and Rachel Springer received the Combat Medic trophy for top overall male and female in the 10K race.

Andrew Medendorp and Holly Roberts were awarded trophies for overall military male and female. D Company, 232 Medical Battalion received first place trophy for the 28-Soldier formation run; the second place award went to E Company, 187th Medical Battalion teams one and two, with C Company, 232nd Medical Battalion picking the third place award. D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion won the first place 5-Soldier guidon run trophy.

Entertainment provided by local radio stations, children's games such as the moon bounce manned by the post Morale Welfare Recreation staff, various food and information booths sponsored by local

businesses, and performances by talented 32nd Medical Brigade soldiers kept the annual event entertaining for family members watching the races and providing a cheering section for the competitors.

The Combat Medic Run was sponsored by Big Red; Caliber Collision Centers; Chaney Financial Services; Chase Card Member Services; Costco; Red Bull Energy Drink; Eisenhower Bank; First Command; HEB; Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; Radisson Hotel; Sam's Club; Sunset Station; Sysco Foods; XS Energy Drink; Y100, KXTN 107.5 and JAMZ 106.7 radio stations; and Morale Welfare Recreation.

## Congress sends \$416.2 billion budget to President

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

A 3.5 percent pay raise, elimination of out-of-pocket housing

expenses and continued funding for military transformation are all parts of the Defense Appropriations Act that Congress has sent to President Bush.

The act calls for \$416.2 billion in spending in fiscal 2005. Excluding supplementals and the \$25 billion Emergency Wartime Appropriation to

cover the costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, this is still a \$25 billion increase over fiscal 2004.

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## Talented Soldiers dazzle standing room only crowd at Hacienda



Photo by Alexandra Nordeck

Show dancers participate in the opening number of the Soldier Variety Hour held July 22 at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

By Ben Paniagua  
Special to the News Leader

A standing room only crowd of Soldiers, their families and invited guests filled the Hacienda Recreation Center Thursday evening during the "Soldier Variety Hour," a talent show featuring an all-Soldier cast.

The variety hour dazzled the audience with musical acts that ranged from pop, Country and Western, Broadway, classical, rock, and folk and dance. The Master of Ceremonies, Sgt. Maj. Antony Jenkins of the 5501st U.S. Army Hospital, and award-winning choreographer Yari Santiago, kept the fast-paced show on track. "I haven't had this much fun since I was a kid," Jenkins said. "I have always wanted to do this and I finally got the opportunity," he added.

"A Soldier Variety Hour" was Fort Sam Houston's entry in the 2004 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts Competition and was a big hit with the judges and the audience alike. "The show was awesome!" said Master Sgt. Rebecca Yuille, U.S. Army Garrison, who took her son Jason to see the show.

"The show was outstanding and presented in a very professional manner. I loved it," said Darryl Allara, one of the Festival judges.

A team from Department of the Army sat in the audience and judged the entire production.

The team travels to all the Army installations participating in the festival and awards prizes to the best shows and entertainers.

Pfc. Mossaab Benhammou, of the South Plains Veterinary District Command on Fort

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# Defense financial management system upgrade reduces costs

## American Forces Press Service

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service completed an upgrade to the Defense Industrial Financial Management System on July 18. The upgrade will reduce annual information-processing costs by \$11.1 million, or 56 percent of previous costs.

"The upgraded system provides our customers a higher quality product at a greater value," said Zack E. Gaddy, DFAS director.

DIFMS previously ran on a proprietary Unisys system, pointed out DFAS spokesman Bryan Hubbard. The hardware upgrade to an IBM and Sun-based platform makes the system faster, more reliable and more cost effective. It also will allow users to dig deeper



into a database to find and present information in easier-to-use forms. The finance service is the world's largest finance and accounting operation. It provides payroll services, finance and accounting services, and contract-payment services to customers in

the Army, Air Force, Navy and other defense agencies.

DFAS - provides responsive, professional finance and accounting services to the men and women who defend America. In fiscal year 2003, DFAS paid about 5.9 million people, processed more than 12.3 million invoices from defense contractors, disbursed more than \$416 billion and managed more than \$194 billion in military trust funds. For more about DFAS visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

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# Message to the troops on why we fight in Iraq

More than 15 months ago, a global coalition ended the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein and liberated the people of Iraq.

As in all conflicts, this has come at a cost in lives. Some of your comrades made the ultimate sacrifice. For your sacrifices, our country and the President are deeply grateful.

In a free, democratic country we have vigorous debates over important public policy issues – none more heated than a decision to go to war. But this should not distract us from the mission at hand or lessen the magnitude of your accomplishments.

The threat we face must be confronted. And you are doing so exceedingly well. Indeed it has been an historic demonstration of skill and military power.

On September 11, 3,000 citizens were killed by extremists determined to frighten and intimidate our people and civilized societies. The future danger is that, if the extremists gain the potential, the number of casualties would be far higher. Terrorists are continuing to plot attacks against the American people and against other civilized societies. This is a different kind of enemy and a different kind of world. And we must think and act differently in this new century.

These extremists think nothing of cut-

ting off innocent people's heads to try to intimidate great nations. They have murdered citizens from many countries – South Korea, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and others – hoping to strike fear in the hearts of free people.

Theirs is an ideology of oppression and subjugation of women. They seek to create radical systems that impose their views on others. And they will accept no armistice with those who choose free systems.

They see the governments of the Middle East, the United States and our stalwart allies all as targets.

Consider the background. In the span of 20 years, Hussein's Iraq invaded two neighbors, Iran and Kuwait, and launched ballistic missiles at two more. He employed poison gas against soldiers in Iran and against Kurdish villagers in his own country.

The United Nations and the U.S. Congress shared the view that Saddam's regime was a threat to the region and the world. Indeed, in 1998, our Congress passed a resolution calling for the removal of the regime. And over the years the U.N. passed 17 resolutions condemning Saddam's regime and calling on him to tell the UN about his weapons programs. He ignored every one.

Information gathered since the defeat of Saddam's regime last year confirms that his last declaration to the United Nations about his weapons programs was falsified. The U.N. resolutions had called for "serious consequences" should Saddam not comply. He did not.

The President issued a final ultimatum to Saddam to relinquish power to avoid war. Saddam chose war instead.

By your skill and courage, you have put a brutal dictator in the dock to be tried by the Iraqi people and restored freedom to 25 million people. By helping to repair infrastructure, rebuild schools, encourage democratic institutions and delivering educational and medical supplies, you have shown America's true character and given Iraq a chance at a new start.

But most importantly, your fight – and ultimate victory – against the forces of terror and extremism in Iraq and the Middle



**Donald H. Rumsfeld**  
Secretary of Defense

East will have made America safer and more secure.

You are accomplishing something noble and historic – and future generations of Americans will remember and thank you for it.

**Donald H. Rumsfeld**

## Army's top NCO discusses recruiting, retention, optempo



**Sgt. Maj. of the Army**  
**Ken Preston**

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

The Army is not concerned about recruiting and retention for fiscal 2004, but the service will keep a weather eye on future trends, said Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

Preston also said the Army transformation plan should make deployments more predictable and more manageable. "I

watch recruiting and retention very closely," Preston said during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service July 23. He said for active duty accessions the service is above 100 percent for fiscal 2004. This is with a bump up from 72,500 new soldiers in 2003 to 77,500 this year.

The chief enlisted adviser to the Army chief of staff said it is important that the Army have these additional people. The increase will help make transformation of the service a reality, he said.

For the Army Reserve the picture is also fairly clear. The component is at 98.7 percent, "well on the glide path for accessions."

However, for the Army National Guard accessions are at 87.2 percent. "What we think is that you have a lot of active duty soldiers who are re-enlisting to stay in the Army," Preston said. "Those that are getting out are not necessarily going in to the National Guard or (Army) Reserve."

Much of this shortfall is offset by the service's success in retention. "On retention, the National Guard was at 118 percent, so the two kind of balance each other," Preston said. Overall retention for the Army Reserve is at 101 percent.

On the active duty side, the overall Army retention rate is more than 100 percent. This overall rate is broken into three categories – initial, mid-career and careerists. The first term re-enlistment rate is over 100 percent of goal. The careerists are at or over 100 percent also. The mid-career soldiers – those between six and 10 years of service are experiencing a dip in re-enlistments.

The service will continue to closely monitor the recruiting and retention issue. The Army will not hesitate to use enlistment bonuses, selective re-enlistment bonuses and other incentives to get people to join the service or to entice seasoned soldiers to stay.

The Army is also working on optempo. Right now the service has supplied to Army Gen. John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, what he needs for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The service is working to make the deployment schedule more predictable and less frequent.

The sergeant major said the service is doing well "as far as mobilizing and training those units to go in for the mission." The situation is a bit more problematic for the Guard and Reserve, he said.

"What people don't understand is that a lot of those (reserve) units are not neces-

sarily manned 100 percent (all the time)," he said. If the Army mobilizes a Guard battalion, for example, it may have to fill up the unit before it can deploy. Preston stressed the Army will not deploy a unit without a full complement and without the best training and equipment the United States can provide.

The sergeant major said transformation of the service will pay dividends in the future. He said the 3rd Infantry Division, the unit that led the charge into Baghdad last year, will return to the country with a whole new look. In addition to new equipment, the division will have four maneuver brigades rather than three.

Preston said the 101st Airborne Division is set to go through a similar transformation and the 10th Mountain Division will also get another brigade. "That means that just this year we'll add a division's worth of forces to the Army," he said.

He said this transformation "should take some of the pressure off the low-density, high-demand type of units."

The sergeant major, who previously served as the sergeant major of then-Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, will return to the region shortly.

## Budget

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example of bipartisan politics was continued in the Bush administration, said DoD officials.

The Defense Health Program is also fully funded at \$18.2 billion in fiscal 2005. It includes a \$19.2 million to improve amputee care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Operations and maintenance accounts total just over \$121 billion in fiscal 2005. It fully funds all readiness indicators – tank

miles, flying hours, steaming days – and ensures forces are trained for the global war on terrorism.

Procurement accounts are at \$77.6 billion. This funds buys of Navy and Marine Corps F/A-18E/F fighters, Marine and Air Force V-22 Osprey aircraft, the Air Force's F/A-22 fighter, Air Force C-17 air lifters and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Research and development is pegged at almost \$70 billion, including money for continued

development of the Joint Strike Fighter, unmanned aerial vehicles and the Army's future combat system.

Congress is very hot on the idea of "ground forces recapitalization." This initiative provides \$1.5 billion above the president's budget request to recapitalize combat vehicles, helicopters and to procure ammunition. The money funds the fielding of an additional Army Stryker brigade, money to modernize the Bradley fighting vehicle, money to buy

eight more Chinook helicopters and 12 Black Hawk choppers for the National Guard.

Congress agreed with the cancellation of the Army Comanche helicopter program and the DoD plan to redistribute funding to other programs.

The appropriation bill provides more than \$11 billion for shipbuilding, including funds for a Virginia-class submarine, an LPD-17 assault ship, three DDG-51 destroyers and two supply ships. The budget earmarks

almost \$1 billion for the next-generation CVN-21 aircraft carrier and \$457 million for development of the littoral combat ship program. These ships are a new breed of fast, agile vessels and an important part of the Navy's transformation efforts.

Missile defense programs account for \$10 billion of the fiscal 2005 budget. About \$4.6 billion goes to ground-based missile defense program and almost \$1 billion for the Patriot-3 theater missile systems.

# New Army Nurse Corps chief promoted two grades

By Courtney Hickson  
Army News Service

In a rare but not unprecedented event, Col. Gale S. Pollock was promoted two grades July 26 to major general and chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

The promotion and oath of office ceremony occurred at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

"The appointment from colonel to major general is unusual, but not unprecedented," said an official from the Army's General Officer Management Office.

Under federal law the position of chief of the Army Nurse Corps requires a two-star general.

"This is the first time in the recent history of general officer management that the appointment of a colonel to major general has occurred," the official noted.

Pollock said one of her first goals, as chief of the Army Nurse Corps is to encourage all nurses in the country to join the corps.

"I want to really make the nurse corps the number one choice of nurses in the country," she said. "I don't care if they come for a tour or a career but I want them to know what a fabulous organization and how rewarding it is."

Her assignment prior to the promotion was at the Army Surgeon General Office,

U.S. Army Medical Command in Falls Church, Va. as a special liaison between information management and clinical experts. She worked on a new computer system there. In addition, she has served as a medical/surgical nurse at Fort Dix, N.J.; as a nurse anesthetist at Letterman Army Medical Center, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.; she has also served at the General Hospital, 7th Medical Command, Germany and Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas.

"This is the first time I have so many responsibilities. I'm now responsible for all the nurses," she said.

Maj. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, the acting commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command spoke at the ceremony and gave the oath of officer as chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

Pollock's husband, retired Lt. Col Douglas L. McAllaster, and Kiley pinned her stars on. Pollock's brother Charles Pollock presented her with her "general officers' sidearm" and her three nephews presented her with her new beret, belt and flags.

Pollock also said she can not imagine not taking care of Soldiers and her passion for the military will only strengthen in the days ahead.

"My desire is to serve and care for Soldiers, it is my purpose," she said.



Photo by Patrick Caughey

Center, Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock waits as Maj. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley and her husband, retired Lt. Col. Douglas McAllaster, pin her two stars on in a ceremony July 26.

Pollock recognized her family in attendance when she said if there were bagpipes and kilts, people would confuse the ceremony with a Scottish wedding.

In addition to her promotion, Pollock will command Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii and command the Pacific Regional Medical Command.

Some of her honors include the Legion

of Merit with two oak-leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Expert Field Medic Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

For the Parachutist Badge she attended jump school in 1986.

## USARSO continues commitment to the region

Story by Kevin W. Sieling  
USARSO Public Affairs

Soldiers and DoD civilians afforded the opportunity to serve one of the Army's most unique, challenging and global reaching commands, surely recall its insignia. A white Spanish galleon offset with a radiant red cross on the sail enclosed in a brilliant blue circle. The craft mentioned has logged a few thousand miles since 1998, traveling from Panama, to Puerto Rico, and finally harboring in San Antonio, Texas.

The unit is the United States Army South, a major subordinate command of U.S. Army Forces Command. The latter mentioned voyages constitute USARSO's relocations in 1998 from Fort Clayton, Panama, to Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and final re-stationing in 2003 to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Alongside these

relocations was workforce reduction, to the tune of more than 7,500 military and civilian personnel in 1998, to its current force of fewer than 1,000. However, the cutbacks did not compromise the continued dedication to meeting and exceeding mission requirements.

"Our mission is as important now as it has been throughout our history, given the nature of the world and the challenges our country, as well as other countries in our area of responsibility confront on a daily basis," said USARSO Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Jack Gardner. "We will continue to work together with our counterpart armies on challenges facing the region."

"This is part of fulfilling our mission with the security cooperation plan and also representing the United

States Army," said Gardner. "We recently moved into our new headquarters and are honored to have the Honduran army as the first visitor to our new home. We have an excellent relationship with the Honduran army and through events like this we can work on improving our ties."

Gardner cites the recent distinguished visit to USARSO by Commander of the Honduran Armed Forces Col. Romeo O. Vasquez Velasquez, demonstrating the commands commitment to the region.

"The ability to come to San Antonio and witness the different organizations and support groups developed by USAR-

SO provides our armies the opportunity to exchange experiences," said Vasquez Velasquez. "Additionally,

we are thankful for all of the assistance we have received in Honduras from the multiple activities conducted by USARSO."

An ideal example of the exercises Col. Vasquez Velasquez is referring to is Peacekeeping Operation South seminar to be held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in August. Peacekeeping Operation seminars, or PKO's, consist of a series of roundtable discussions combined with practical exercises. Delegates from regional armies join together to share experiences, discuss chal-

lenges and reveal lessons learned during real world peacekeeping operations worldwide.

"All of the exercises conducted in Honduras have greatly assisted in the improvement of the overall population," said Vasquez Velasquez. "An excellent example is working hand-in-hand constructing schools and medical clinics during New Horizons. This is very important for Honduras and our army. These exercises provide the ideal opportunity to exchange training operations and procedures between U.S. Army South and the Honduran military."

New Horizons exercises administered by USARSO constructs or repairs essential infrastructure and provides potable drinking water for communities lacking these basic necessities. NH04 in Honduras provided four schools, two health clinics, three retaining walls and several road improvements.

Just as beneficial are the Medical Readiness, or MEDRETES, conducted each year. MEDRETES provide our neighbors with medical services such as vaccinations, medical/dental treatment and even veterinary attention to livestock. As of July 2004, MEDRETE exercises conducted this year in the region have treated more than 5,000 people in areas such as optometry, dental hygiene and family medicine.

U.S. Army Reserve forces with USARSO oversight traditionally conduct these exercises. New Horizons and MEDRETE exercises this year provide invaluable interaction and training opportunities for our National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

An example of multilateral cooperation and support between USARSO and neighboring militaries in the AOR is supporting Plan Colombia, the billion dollar U.S. campaign assisting the Colombian military in its crusade to rid its country from the powerful grip of the coca plant.

Our hemisphere is historically prone to threats from natural disasters. Whether mudslides, earthquakes or hurricanes the Americas have witnessed the unparalleled force and devastation that inevitably accompany these disasters.

USARSO's "Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias," or FAHUM, is similar to PKO's but revolves around regional cooperation, support and collaboration in combating the overwhelming effect natural disasters have on infrastructure and the general population. This years FAHUM was held in Panama City, Panama, with approximately 400 representatives from 21 countries.

USARSO continues its commitment to carry out humanitarian, peacekeeping, engineering and medical assistance exercises in their AOR. Overcoming challenges are what this former Major Army Command exemplifies. USARSO is the Army Service Component Command of U.S. Southern Command.

As the ASCC, USARSO executes and is responsible for all Army operations within USSOUTHCOM's 15.6 million square mile area of responsibility. This AOR consists of Central and South America and the Caribbean. USARSO provides strategic and operational command and control of assigned U.S. land, sea and air forces, defends U.S. interests and assists



Courtesy photo

From left, Fifth Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Robert T. Clark, USARSO Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Jack Gardner, Commander of the Honduran Army Col. Romeo O. Vasquez Velasquez, Lt. Col. Philip K. Abbott, U.S. Embassy MILGROUP Honduras and Maj. Wilfredo Garcia, Honduran aide de camp, discuss operation capabilities during the Honduran delegation's first visit to USARSO's new home at Fort Sam Houston on July 15.



# National Night Out Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Town Watch is sponsoring a unique, nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program on August 3, 2004 entitled "National Night Out"; and

**WHEREAS**, the "21st Annual National Night Out" provides a unique opportunity for Fort Sam Houston to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts; and



**Daniel F. Perugini**  
Brig. Gen., U.S. Army

**WHEREAS**, all residents of Fort Sam Houston housing areas play a vital role in assisting the Military Police through joint crime, drug and violence prevention efforts on Fort Sam Houston and is supporting "National Night Out 2004" locally; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that all families of Fort Sam Houston housing areas be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence on Fort Sam Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, police-community partnerships, neighborhood safety, awareness and cooperation are important themes of the "National Night Out" program;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini, do hereby call upon all families living on Fort Sam Houston to join the Military Police and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting "21st Annual National Night Out" on August 3, 2004.

**FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT I**, Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 3, 2004 as "National Night Out" on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Daniel F. Perugini  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding Officer

## Time is running out to register your party for National Night Out

The Fort Sam Houston Military Police will host the annual crime prevention National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 3. National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention activity designed to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime prevention programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations; and send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime. Thanks to the community support last year, Fort Sam

Houston placed in the top three in the military category.

Fort Sam Houston residents interested in participating in this event are encouraged to call the Crime Prevention Section at 221-9686 for more information.

Source: Law Enforcement Command.



## Sealed Bid Auction of NAF Property and Equipment

Non-appropriated Funds will accept sealed bids for a mobile home, 3-bedroom trailer. The trailer is 66 ft. by 14 ft. with one bath and is approximately 20 years old. The purchaser will be responsible for disconnecting existing utilities, installing a trailer towing tongue and removing the trailer from the Canyon Lake Recreation premises. The trailer may be viewed between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Sealed bids will be accepted in the NAF Financial Management Office located in Bldg. 124 (first floor), 1212 Stanley Road, until close of business Aug. 11. Bids will be opened at 8 a.m. on Aug. 12. For more information, call the Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area at 1-(830) 964-3387.

# DoD aids electronic health records system initiative

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
**American Forces Press Service**

The Defense Department will share its expertise using electronic health care records as part of a government initiative that aims to establish and link such a system nationwide by the end of the decade.

Making electronic record-keeping part of the public health care system would improve medical care and save money, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson noted July 21 at the HHS-sponsored Secretarial Summit on Health Information Technology in Washington, D.C.

"Across-the-board implementation of health information technology could save the nation about \$130 billion a year in health costs," Thompson said. And, he added, use of electronic medical records likely would improve the nation's correct medical treatment rate, currently at 55 percent.

"Don't you think, in America, we deserve (medical) treatment that's better than 55 percent correct?" Thompson asked his audience.

In April, President Bush directed DoD, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management to examine how they'd advance health information technology for public use nationwide in 10 years.

Bush also created an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Dr. David J. Brailer, who also attended the summit, was appointed in May to lead that office.

Implementing health information technology across America, Brailer declared, "is about transformation of (U.S.) health care."

Thompson said he'd soon appoint a leadership panel to estimate the costs and

benefits of implementing health information technology nationwide. That panel, he noted, would report back to him in October.

DoD will join with the Department of Veterans Affairs and HHS, explained Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, in developing "usable standards" for public-sector application of electronic storage and movement of medical information.

Winkenwerder attended the summit July 21 with Thompson, Brailer and other health care officials.

Winkenwerder said DoD first used electronic medical record keeping about 12 years ago and is now introducing an updated system.

DoD, through its vast health care system that includes contracted civilian-sourced providers as part of the TRICARE system, also would "encourage the use of health information technology and health information exchange" across the private sector, Winkenwerder noted.

And today, Winkenwerder pointed out, DoD is contributing its knowledge to develop a national electronic bio-surveillance system.

President Bush today signed legislation establishing Project BioShield, a program

that encourages U.S. drug companies to develop antidotes for bio-terrorism agents.

It's logical, Winkenwerder noted, for DoD to share its computer expertise in

developing a national electronic health records system." After all, the Internet did, in fact start at the Department of Defense," he said.

## Learn about veterans' state benefits

By **Randy Norman**  
**FSH ACAP Counselor**

Army Career and Alumni Program counselors inform veterans of their federal, Army and VA benefits. A necessary and entirely beneficial service for departing service members includes learning about their state benefits.

-A Texas veteran resident taking advantage of State benefits from the Texas Land Board can receive a:

- \$240,000 home loan
- \$40,000 loan for one or more acre of land
- Home improvement loan.

-Free discharge recording is offered by the county clerk. There is a modern and expanding array of veterans long-term care nursing homes for eligible vets. The Hazelwood Education Act allows certain veterans to receive a waiver of tuition and some fees at State-supported colleges after Federal benefits have been exhausted.

- Veterans with VA rated disabilities at certain levels are eligible for:
  - Home Tax Exemption up to \$12,000
  - Free State Park Admission
  - Reduced Hunting and Fishing License
  - Free Driver's License
  - Free State and local govt. parking
  - State Employment Preference

-Every States has State Veterans Benefits. We're talking some serious savings owed to "our" veterans, veterans who will not receive their rightful share if they don't know to ask.

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# MEDCOM receives Army Small Business awards

In fiscal year 2003, the Army Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office implemented the U. S. Army Small Business Program Awards. The objective of the program is to recognize superior performance for individual Small Business Program areas that encourages innovation and initiative at the MACOM levels.

At the annual Army Small Business Conference held July 1 in Orlando, Fla., the U.S. Army Medical Command received the 2003 Award of Excellence for Small and Disadvantaged Business Programs and the 2003 Award of Excellence for HUBZone Small Business Programs.

The Medical Command was recognized for its outstanding utilization of small business concerns in the procurement of professional and non-professional medical services to support the Army Medical Treatment Facilities worldwide.



**Courtes photo**

From left, Tracey Pinson, director, Small and Disadvantage Business Office, U.S. Army; Dan Shackelford, associate director for Small Business, Medical Command; Lt. Col. Ned Stephens, principal assistant director for Small Business, Medical Command and Tina Ballard, deputy assistant, Secretary of the Army (Policy and Procurement), show off the 2003 Award of Excellence for Small and Disadvantage Business Programs at the annual Army Small Business Conference held July 1 in Orlando, Fla.

# 232nd Medical Battalion selects Junior Leader and Soldier of the Week



**Pvt. Cordell F. Howard**  
Soldier of the week

This week's 232nd Medical Battalion Junior Leader and Soldier of the Week are Pvt. Joseph Davon Markei Hoskins, of Enid, Okla. and Pvt. Cordell Franklin Howard, of Dallas, Texas, respectively.

Hoskins said he wanted to be a Soldier medic because, "I love helping people and making them all feel better. It's a great Military Operation Specialty and not everyone can be one." He said the most valuable lesson he has learned while assigned to the 232nd Medical Battalion is that you learn who can really make it when you are under pressure and have to perform. Hoskins' follow on assignment is with the National Guard. His hobbies include sports and music. Hoskins has

a GPA score of 84 and physical fitness score of 284.

Howard said he became a Soldier medic because he wanted to be part of the solution and help fellow Soldiers who are fighting for freedom. He said the most valuable lesson he learned while assigned to the 232nd Medical Battalion is that you can assist just about any person in distress with the training that is received at the 232nd. Howard enjoys all sports and has a GPA score of 85 and a physical fitness score of 294. His next assignment will be to Korea.

Source: 232nd Medical Battalion.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Shakir



**Pvt. Joseph D. Markei Hoskins**  
Junior Leader of the Week

## Mixon receives the Order of Military Medical Merit



Photo by 1st Lt. James Silverstrim

Col. Maureen Coleman, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, presents the Order of Military Medical Merit to 1st Sgt. Ray Mixon, outgoing first sergeant for F Company, 232nd Medical Battalion. Mixon, who was selected to attend the Sergeants Major Academy, was recognized for demonstrating the highest standards of integrity, moral character, and professional competence.

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# Talented

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Sam Houston, won the Director's Award, which is presented to the cast Soldier who was the most dedicated and motivated.

"This was not only a tremendous learning experience for me, but I got to do the one thing I love most of all - - and that is to sing on stage," said Pfc. Emily Douglas, of D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion. She was the runner-up for the Director's Award. "I didn't know the Army gave you this opportunity and I'm so glad I got involved in this show. It was great!" She stated.

All award proceeds are turned into the installation's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund and are used to improve quality of life for Soldiers living on the installation.

Bob Keffer, of Keefer and Associates of Madison Life, who was one of the show's sponsors, presented several cash prize drawings during the course of the show. In addition, each of the Soldiers received a certificate of appreciation and coin of excellence from the U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major, Johnny C. Gray.



Photo by Alexandra Nordeck

One of the favorite acts of the Soldier Variety Hour is Spc. Sean Smith's rendition of "Grease Lightning" with Pvt. Fleicia White, Pfc. Tarah Lapine and Pfc. Tara Elliott cheering him on.

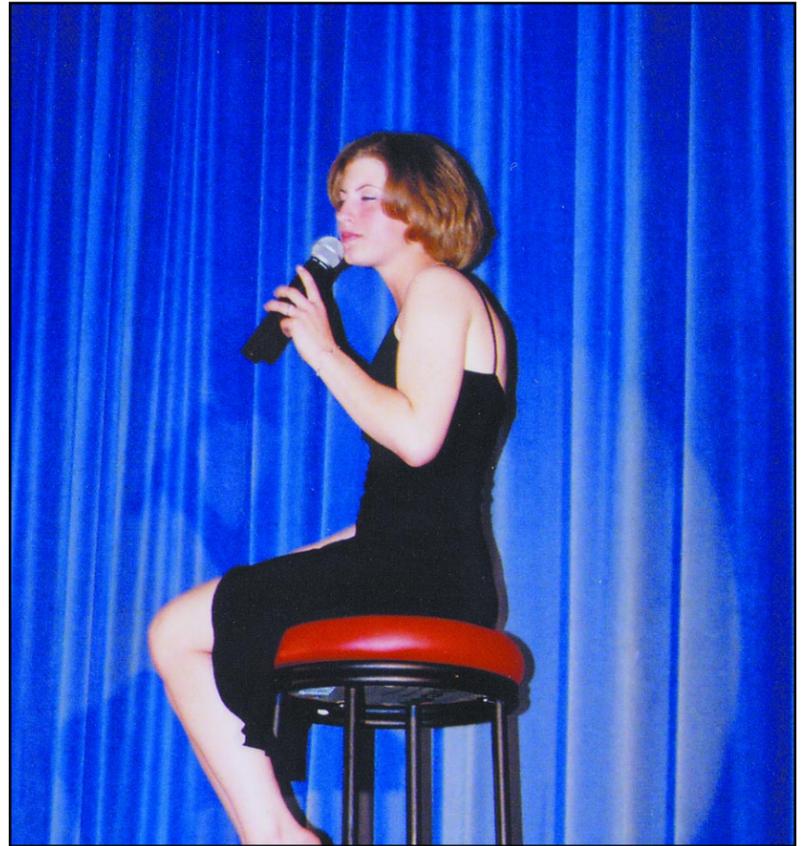


Photo by Alexandra Nordeck

Pfc. Amer Blackford performs her version of "Angel" during the Soldier Variety Hour at the Hacienda Recreation Center July 22.

# 'Bulldog' medics under-go water survival training

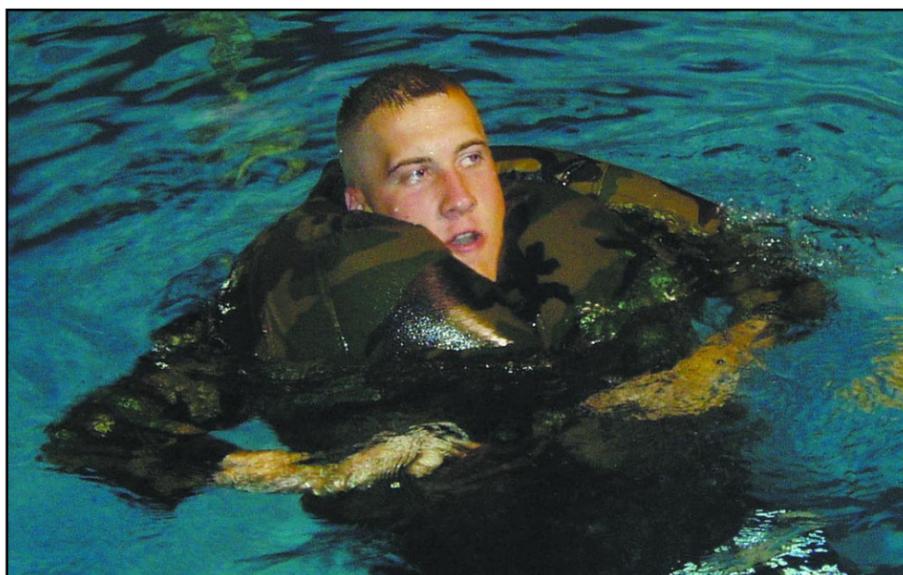
By Capt. Rachel Wienke  
B Co., 232nd Med. Bn.

On July 20, the Bulldog Medics from B Company, 232d Medical Battalion, seized the opportunity to learn some water survival skills during physical training time. Jumping into the pool in their battle dress uniforms was quite a change of pace from their usual physical fitness routine, which focuses on push-ups, sit-ups, other calisthenics, and running.

At Fort Sam Houston's outdoor pool, Dave Waugh, the pool manager, instruct-

ed groups of 30 trainee Soldiers how to stay afloat with improvised flotation devices. With assistance from company cadre members, he demonstrated first how to blow air into a BDU jacket. As lifeguards looked on, he showed the medics how to take off their BDU pants in the water, tie the legs together at the ankle, fill them with air, put the pants around their necks, and seal off the waist. The Soldiers were amazed at how well these improvised life jackets kept them afloat, and they thoroughly enjoyed this valuable training.

**Soldier Medic - Warrior Spirit!**



Courtesy Photo

Pvt. Tyler Richardson, B Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, had the opportunity to learn how to stay afloat in water using his Battle Dress Uniform at Fort Sam Houston's outdoor pool during physical training time.

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# Army automates Enlisted Selection Board System

The Army Human Resources Command conducted its first fully automated enlisted selection board and electronic board file validation last month. The sergeant major board, which was held June 3-19 in Indianapolis, Ind. was the first complete board conducted using Enlisted Selection Board System. The board also selected command

sergeants major and Soldiers to attend the sergeants major course.

The system worked great and the board members liked using the electronic files, according to Sgt. Maj. Deborah L. Seimer of the Enlisted Records Evaluation Center.

The ESBS eliminates the need for hardcopy promotion board

files on Soldiers, she said. It also presents the individual board file, official military personnel file, photo, Enlisted Record Brief, and memorandum to the board president (if submitted) to the voting members as an electronic file.

Seimer said NCOs who are eligible for a board can review their electronic board file by visiting the EREC Web site at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, clicking on HRC Indianapolis (EREC) and then selecting "Promotion File."

During the transition from paper to the electronic file, Soldiers were still required to report to their personnel office to submit a hardcopy ERB as a backup. Seimer said now that the electronic file proved successful in the June boards, the backup will no longer be necessary.

This will take effect beginning with the master sergeant board, which convenes Sept. 8, and continue with the sergeant first class board on Nov. 10.

Soldiers should be able to view and validate their file 24/7 on the EREC Web Site from any computer with Internet access, Seimer said. Within the promotion file there are several tabs to access the OMPF, Photo, ERB, and Statements.

Seimer said NCOs eligible for a board should check the OMPF for missing or incorrect documents, review the photo to ensure it is current and represents their present appearance and screen the ERB to ensure the data is correct. The statements are for NCOs eligible to be considered for command sergeant major (an acceptance or declination statement) and Soldiers who desire to decline consideration for promotion to sergeant major or attendance at the sergeant major course.

Memorandums written by Soldiers to the board president are the only documents that will be scanned into the electronic board file presented to board members. Seimer emphasized that Soldiers should write to the board president only when there

are facts missing from their record. They should not write the board president about their opinions and they should not wait till the last minute to update their records.

In using the automated ESBS, the Army will benefit by huge savings in time, money and availability of Soldiers, Seimer said.

"The Soldier no longer has to depart his unit to go to a personnel office unless changes are required on the ERB and the personnel office no longer has to see each individual Soldier, make copies of the ERB, have them signed and then mail them," Seimer said. "When you think about some boards having 30,000-35,000 Soldiers in the zone of consideration, it drives home the number of man-hours and money saved by automating the process."

This automated system was built to ensure Soldiers have the ability to take charge of their career no matter where they are in the world, Seimer said.

Source: Army News Service

## Defense Travel System has arrived!

By William O'Kelley and Rose Talamantes  
Special to the News Leader

On July 30, the Defense Travel System will reach initial operating capability, and will be available for Fort Sam Houston temporary duty travelers beginning Aug. 1. DTS will be available to members of the U.S. Army Garrison, Army Medical Department Center and School, Brooke Army Medical Center, U.S. Army South, Fifth U.S. Army and all installation tenants as each activity finishes initial set-up.

DTS is a new Web-based multifunction system that consolidates and merges into one arena the tasks of preparing and approving travel orders – now called Travel Authorizations or TA; obtaining airline, commercial lodgings, and rental auto reservations; preparing the travel voucher; making faster payment to the traveler (and government travel card, where applicable); and recording the transactions into the accounting systems.

DTS requires all users to have a current Common Access Card and the associated Personal Identification Number, and to have access to a computer with an operational CAC reader. Use of the card provides verifiable electronic signature capability, eliminating the need for manual signatures. Users must also self-register to be added to the database. Registration is done at Web site <http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil> following instructions available from organizational Defense Travel Administrators.

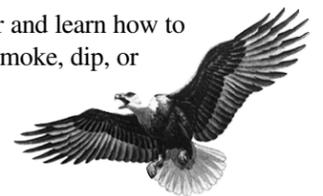
While designed for use with the government-issued travel card, the system has been designed for use by all travelers, including those without the government card.

DTS has been deployed in most major Defense installations within the past few years, and continues to be improved each year. It is the standard travel system within the Department of Defense. DTS eliminates the need for manual processing of travel documents, and reduces the cost of processing those documents.

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# U.S. Army Soldier Show promises to test your heartstrings

Story and photo by Tim Hipps  
USACFSC Public Affairs

Communication between deployed Soldiers and their loved ones is the driving force behind "The Heart of a Soldier," theme of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will be held at the Alamodome Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. with the north entrance doors opening at 6 p.m. The show is free and the community is invited.

"Although every edition of the Army Soldier Show has a theme, few have woven a storyline throughout quite like this year's emotional rendition," said Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado. From letters to cellular telephone calls to e-mails, this is a song-and-dance display of how Soldiers touch base with home from the Global War on Terrorism – communications from the front lines and beyond.

Prepare to have your heartstrings tested, Hurtado warns. The show uses a lot of telepathic energy that exists between Soldiers and their loved ones experiencing sleepless nights at home, pondering if and when their hero will return. Songs originate from both sides of the issue, focusing on the significance one life can project upon so many.

"Part of what makes the show is the emotional impact of it," Hurtado said. "Parts are really happy, but there are going to be some emotions, definitely."

Eighteen performers, including a drummer, were selected from 138 Soldiers who auditioned for the show. Seven technicians and four drivers also are part of the cast that will conduct 110 performances during a six-month tour to 21 states, Germany, Italy, Washington, D.C., and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After opening at Fort Belvoir through May 2, the troupe made German stops in Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Darmstadt, Hanau, Kaiserslautern, Baumholder, Weisbaden, Würzburg, Ansbach, Grafenwoehr and Bamberg before heading to Vicenza, Italy.

The show played at Guantanamo Bay before returning for the domestic portion of the tour, mostly staged on Army installations, but will venture inside the Alamodome on Aug. 11.

"That's going to really be a great challenge and propel us to a very successful tour," Hurtado said of performing at the Alamodome. "It's going to prove our mettle, I'll tell you that, but we never shy away from anything."

Country, rock, pop, gospel, rhythm and blues, Latin and "'80s' hair-band rock," as Hurtado calls it, are intertwined throughout the show, including the works of Prince, ABBA and Outkast. Hurtado said the show "moves really quickly" and won't exceed 90 minutes.

The cast includes active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component Soldiers who vary in rank from private first class to first lieutenant, including a chemical operations specialist, a multi-channel transmission systems operator and a light-wheel vehicle mechanic.

The cast continues the tradition of "entertainment for

the Soldier, by the Soldier" established during World War I by Irving Berlin, the founding father of today's Army Entertainment program. Berlin, best known for "White Christmas" and "God Bless America", wrote the first U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty in 1918 at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y.

The sponsors for this year's Soldier Show are lead sponsor and partner, the Army National Guard, and corporate sponsor AT&T. These sponsors help offset the many costs associated with this Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation program. No government endorsement is intended.



Pfc. Daren Taylor (center) of Fort Belvoir, Va., is flanked by Pfc. Kevin Waul Allen (left) of Fort McPherson, Ga., and Spc. James Becton (right) of Camp Red Cloud, Korea, during a performance of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Belvoir's Wallace Theater.

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# FSHISD's dress code requirements for 2004-2005

The new 2004-2005 School Year for Fort Sam Houston ISD students will begin Aug. 16. Students and parents should keep the requirements of the district's dress code in mind as they prepare and plan for the new school year. FSHISD school personnel remind parents and students of the following dress code requirements that are in effect for 2004-2005.

The purpose of having a dress code is to teach students' proper grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption and to minimize safety hazards. Because fads in

dress and grooming are subject to sudden, and sometimes radical, change, campus administrators reserve the right to rule on dress and grooming in matters, which involve decency, cleanliness, safety, bizarre, disruptive, or extreme modes of dress for school.

## General Guidelines:

- Wear clean, neat clothing that is not a health or safety hazard.
- Belts must be worn if pants, skirts, skorts, etc. have belt loops

(applies to students in grades 5-12 only).

- Shirts, blouses or tops must be properly tucked in (applies to students in grades 5-12 only).



- Skirts, shorts, skorts and dresses must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the top of the kneecap when the student is standing.

- Shorts and pants must be worn at waist height.
- Safe, appropriate shoes must be worn.
- Hair must be neat and clean.
- Shoulder straps on clothing must be worn on the shoulder.

## Prohibited Items:

- Any pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are gang-related, lewd, offensive, vulgar, violent, or obscene.
- Any pictures, emblems, or writings that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF.
- Any clothing or grooming that may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.
- Unconventionally colored, multi-colored, or spiked hair.
- Body piercing jewelry except for rings, studs, or other traditional jewelry worn in the ear.
- Gym shorts or biker shorts.
- Warm-up suits, sweat pants, and wind pants except during P.E. classes (applies to students in grades 5-12 only).

- Body stockings without a top and shorts, etc. covering the body stocking.

- Baggy clothing more than one size larger than student's normal size.
- Saggy pants or shorts.
- Extremely tight, short, unclean torn, tattered, or revealing clothing.
- Cutoffs and/or unhemmed, frayed shorts.
- Apparel exposing the bare midriff, front, back, or side, whether hip or underarm.
- Halter-tops, fish net tops, crop tops, see-through blouses, or tank tops.
- Bare feet.
- Unsafe or inappropriate shoes, including house shoes, shower shoes, steel-toed boots or shoes.
- Hats, caps or bandanas with the exception of JROTC or those that meet the medical needs of students.
- Hair curlers.

## 2004-2005 school year registration dates announced

### FSH Elementary school registration set for July 29 and 30

Fort Sam Houston Elementary registration for new students will be held July 29 and 30 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. To be eligible to attend the school, parents must reside on the installation or be on the housing list with a move-in date during the 2004-2005 school year. Parents not living on the installation must report to the housing office before registering their children at the school. The 2004-2005 school year runs from Aug. 16 until May 27 for students.

#### Parents need to bring:

- Certificate of immunization
- Copy of birth certificate
- Social Security card for the student
- Report card from previous school
- Other school records from previous school.

Children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2004 to enroll in pre-kinder, five years old on or before September 1, 2004 to enroll in kindergarten and six years old on or before September 1, 2004 to enroll in first grade.

#### Criteria for enrollment in the school's pre-kindergarten (four-year-old classes) are:

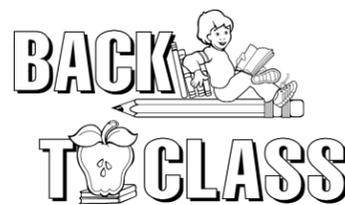
- Unable to speak and comprehend the English language as measured on an English proficiency test
- And/or from a family whose income is at or below subsistence. The district will apply the same formula used to qualify students for free or reduced price lunches under the

national school lunch program.

- A copy of the latest LES statement and a copy of spouse's latest pay voucher, if applicable.

Students may meet their teachers for the new school year on Aug. 13 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Open house will be held at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Aug. 19 and 24 at 6 p.m.



### Robert G. Cole Junior/Senior High School registration begins Aug. 5

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If you have a student in the seventh through twelfth grade who will be attending Robert G. Cole Junior/Senior High School this fall for the first time, registration will be Aug. 5 at the campus located at 1900 Winans Road.

Registration will be conducted on an appointment basis in order to better serve Fort Sam Houston parents and students. Appointments will be scheduled every thirty minutes beginning Aug. 5. New students will be registered on the following schedule:

- Aug. 5 - 7th and 10th grade
  - Aug. 6 - 8th and 11th grade
  - Aug. 9 - 9th and 12th grade
- Beginning Aug. 2, Cole's Counselors' Office will re-open. Registration packets, which take approximately 20

minutes to complete, can be picked up as of that date and appointments for registration can be scheduled by calling Jane Morin at 368-8734.

Parents are requested to bring the following materials to their student's appointment in order to complete the registration process: completed registration packet, immunization records, student's birth certificate, student's social security card, last report card and / or school records from the last school attended.

The applications for admission and enrollment forms are official government records. It is a crime to provide false information of any kind or false records for identification. School officials may ask parents or another adult enrolling a student to provide evidence that they are residents of the school district.

Students who attended Robert G. Cole in May 2004 have already been registered and need not re-register unless the pupil was withdrawn at the end of May by his parents or whose parents had not been assigned quarters as of August 16, 2004. Students who were enrolled at the elementary (sixth grade only) during the 2003-04 school year have been pre-registered. They will receive class schedules on the first day of attendance.

Orientation for 7th and 8th grade students and new high school students will be Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. New high school students will meet in the Cole Cafeteria; 7th and 8th grade students will meet in the Moseley Gym. Open House for parents of 9th-12th grade students will be held in the Moseley Gym on Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

# PWOC to host Fall Kickoff, Aug. 25

Protestant Women of the Chapel will have the Fall Kickoff on Aug. 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. This year's theme, "Delight Yourself in the Lord," is a God-empowered, Christ-centered and Spirit-led group that encourages women to grow spiritually within the body of Christ through prayer, the study of God's Word, worship and service. Join PWOC for fellowship and bible study every Wednesday beginning Aug. 25. Free watch care is offered. For information, call Carolyn Wafford at 223-3856 or Lois Griffith at 226-1295.

## Post worship schedule

### Main Post Chapel, Bldg.

2200, phone number: (210) 221-2754.

#### Catholic Services:

4:45-5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

#### Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

#### Jewish Services: phone numbers: (210) 379-8666 or 493-6660.

Fridays: 8 p.m. - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat



### Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone numbers: (210) 221-

5010 or 221-5432.

#### Catholic Services - Sundays:

12:30 p.m. - Bilingual Mass

#### Protestant Services:

5:30 p.m. - Contemporary Protestant - Sundays

10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible

Study (PWOC) -

Wednesdays, childcare is provided



### AMEDD Regimental

Chapel, Bldg. 1398, phone number:

(210) 221-4362.

#### Troop Catholic Mass: Sundays:

10 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

#### Troop Protestant Gospel Services:

Sundays:

11:30 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde.

Soldiers

#### Troop Protestant Service:

9 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde.

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### FSH Mosque, Bldg. 607A, phone

numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007.

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious

Education - Sundays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious

Education - Thursdays



### Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Bldg. 3600,

phone number: (210) 916-1105.

#### Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

#### Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service -

Sundays

Noon - Worship - Wednesdays



### 232nd Medical Battalion Classroom, Bldg. 1380, phone

numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007. **Mormon Services:**

10:30 a.m. - Sundays

### Web site:

[www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain)

# MWR Youth Happenings

## Free After School Program for Middle School Students -

Youth Services offers an After School program for Middle School youth grades 6-9 on Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m. YS will pick up your child from the Elementary or the Jr./Sr. High School and take your child to the Youth Center. After a snack the student will work on homework, participate in clubs and other fun innovative projects. Students can join the 4-H Club, Photography Club, Computer Tech Club and a variety of other clubs. The best feature of this program is that this is a free program. However, students must register with Child and Youth Services for an annual fee of \$18. For information, call 221-3502.

## Football and Cheerleading Registration -

Football and cheerleading registration is ongoing at the Youth Center Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost for football is \$55 for the 1st child, \$50 for the 2nd and \$45 for the 3rd child. Cheerleading is \$50 for the 1st child, \$45 for the 2nd and \$40 for the 3rd. A birth certificate, current physical, shot records and

current CYSD registration are required. Physical conditioning will begin Monday, Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. All youth participating must be registered. Sign up now, as space is limited.

**Soccer Registration** - Alamo Heights Fort Sam Houston Soccer League registration will be held at the Youth Center on Saturday, Aug. 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$50 for youth ages 10 and under and \$50 plus \$15 for uniforms for 11 and up. Birth certificate and physical are needed and youth must be CYSD registered. For more information call 221-3502/5513.

## National Kids Day/National

**Night Out** - Youth Services, School Age Services and the Provost Marshal's Office will host a National Kids Day and National Night Out together this year on Tuesday Aug. 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1630. There will be games, activities, face painting, community information, demonstrations and more. Many community agencies/activities will join us and celebrate "Our future, KIDS!" For

more information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502 or 4882.

## Middle School and Teen

**Pool Party** - Youth Services will hold a Pool Party at the Fort Sam Houston Pool for youth in 6th grade through 12th grade on Friday, Aug. 13 from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost will be \$3 per person. All youth must be a CYSD member to attend this pool party. There will be food, music, and lots of water fun! The Youth Center will close that night at 8 p.m. There will be a van shuttle leaving from the pool at 10:30 p.m. for all ages. For more information, call 221-3502.

**Youth Service Volunteers** - YS is always looking for volunteers for assisting with the youth programs. Coaches, computer skilled people, crafty people and those that just care about kids are needed. If you have a special interest or hobby that you would like to share with kids, you can share it at the Youth Center. For information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

## Saturday Open Recreation -

Open recreation for youth in grades 1-12 is held at the Youth Center on Saturdays. Activities

include computer lab, arts and crafts, basketball, pool, ping-pong, movies, and more. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services to be eligible. For information, call 221-3502. Open recreation hours for youths in grades 1-5, 3-8 p.m.; youths in grades 6-8, 3-10 p.m.; and youths in grades 9-12, 3-11 p.m.

**Parents Wanted** - Parents are needed at the Youth Center every third Saturday of the month from 6-9 p.m. to join the Youth Center Staff team and play basketball against the teens and middle school students. Parents and staff try to out maneuver the teens and score a few baskets. Come join us in a game or two followed by refreshments.

**Tae-Bo** - Join the YS staff as they conduct Tae-Bo Classes every Wednesday from 4:30-5 p.m.



## Saturday Shuttle -

YS offers a Saturday shuttle to and from the Youth Center. There is no cost for this service but parents of children 9 and under must wait for the van and sign them in and out of the van with the YS staff member. The Shuttle schedule is as follows:

- 3 p.m. - Leave the Youth Center
- 3:07 p.m. - Gorgas Circle (picnic tables)
- 3:10 p.m. - Schofield/Dickman on Schofield
- 3:15 p.m. - Reynolds and Dickman on Reynolds
- 3:20 p.m. - Officer's Club tennis Courts
- 3:25 p.m. - Artillery Post Road at Bus Stop
- 3:30 p.m. - Easley/Infantry Post Bus Stop 660
- 3:42 p.m. - Patch Road (playground)
- 3:46 p.m. - Patch Road Shoppette Parking lot
- 3:50 p.m. - Foulis/Scott Road Harris Heights
- 3:54 p.m. - Forage/Foulis
- 4 p.m. - Powless Guest House

The return Shuttle will leave the Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. for those in 5th grade and below. There is also a shuttle that leaves at 9:30 p.m. for those in Middle School and at 10:30 p.m. for those in 9th grade and up. The shuttle service is only for youth who live on Fort Sam Houston.

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Lunch organizers will receive a patriotic National Night Out T-shirt (while supplies last)  
For information, call the Crime Prevention Section at 221-9686.

## Back to School Program for FSH kids, Aug 14

A back to school program for the children who reside on Fort Sam Houston will be held at the Dodd Field Chapel Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attractions will include Mr. McGruf, the Safety mascot, safety information, door prizes and much more.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Pauline Perry at 221-7804.

# 'Rainbow Kids' to hold open auditions for video

Fort Sam Houston's Youth Services announce auditions for the Rainbow Kids 22nd full-length video called, "My Name is Moriah."

Auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston School Age Services Building, Bldg. 1705, located off Winans and Dodd Roads across from the chapel at Fort Sam Houston.

"My Name is Moriah" is the story about four kids (two sets of sisters) who dislike each other very much but end up lost in the woods and, after some

experiences, finally learn to trust each other. The movie is an adventure comedy. While in the woods, the kids run into snakes, fall into creeks, eat creatures, learn survival techniques, and even meet kids from the 1800s and 1950s. Parts are open for boys and girls from six through 13 years of age. This is a training video and no one will be paid for their work. However, copies of the final product will be available.

Production will begin in late August with shooting being completed mostly on Saturdays in

Timberwood Park and at Fort Sam Houston. There may be some evening taping as well.

In addition, anyone interested in working as crew is welcome to attend. When the video is completed, there will be a special showing for cast members, parents and friends at the Youth Center. The final product will be submitted to cable access channels for possible airing.

In the past, Rainbow Kids videos have aired around the world and one was nominated for

the ACE/Diamond Award in California and another won the Secretary of the Air Force Award for Special Achievement.

You can view the Rainbow Kids Web site at: [www.geocities.com/azrainbowkids](http://www.geocities.com/azrainbowkids).

The touring performing arts group is dedicated to presenting professional quality, family style entertainment in a variety of settings. The music includes routines from the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, Broadway, some modern and country and western.

The non-profit group presents free programs ranging from 30

minutes to more than an hour at schools, churches, community and military events, youth and senior centers, shopping malls, and at patriotic events. The group performs year round with auditions twice a year.

For more information, contact Jeanne Warren at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center at (210) 221-3502 or (210) 221-4882 or contact the School Aged Services at (210) 221-4466 or Ron Joy at (830) 980-7786 or (210) 295-2093 or via e-mail at: [rj96707@yahoo.com](mailto:rj96707@yahoo.com).

## AFTB sponsors Open House for students' spouses

The Army Family Team Building will host an Open House for students' spouses Aug. 2, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, 2010 Stanley Road, Bldg. 2797 on Fort Sam Houston. This is a great chance for spouses of students in any of the Army programs at Fort Sam Houston to find out what's here, who's here, and why you're here. Meet other students' spouses and Army Soldiers' spouses who will talk about their own Army experiences. If you do not have childcare, bring the children along and discover what it's like to be an Army spouse. There will be welcome folders full of information and light snacks.

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# Former commander recognized for lifetime achievement

Story and photos by Glen Gueller  
U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research

Retired Col. Basil Pruitt Jr. was honored Tuesday with a permanent wall plaque commemorating his many contributions to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research.



A plaque, honoring retired Col. Basil Pruitt, was unveiled Tuesday at the Burn Center.

Col. John Holcomb, the Institute commander, said Pruitt was recognized for a lifetime of contributions to the institute that began more than forty years ago.

"Dr Pruitt's contributions to burn care in the San Antonio region and to the civilians and Soldiers cared for in the ISR Burn Center are legendary," Holcomb said. "His service to the country, spanning six decades, continues today. He is a remarkable man and we have all benefited from his expertise."

Pruitt first served at the Burn Study Branch for three years in 1959, returning for another tour in 1964. After returning from

Vietnam in 1968, Pruitt was assigned to the institute as the acting commander and director. Later that year the institute was renamed the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research with Pruitt as the commander and director. He served in this capacity until his retirement in December 1995.

While in command of the institute, as the only burn treatment facility within the Department of Defense, the center responded to many national and international calls for assistance. These missions include support of Pope Air Force Base in 1993 when Soldiers were severely burned following the fiery crash of an aircraft while Soldiers were waiting on the tarmac; Somalia in 1993; Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm in

1991; Operation Just Cause in 1989; and Ufa, Russia in 1989. USAISR was awarded the Army Superior Unit Award in September 1995 as a result of the Pope Air Force incident of 1993. Pruitt continues his work as a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

and as a professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md. He also serves as a consultant physician at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital Division in San Antonio and as a consultant to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research.



Col. John Holcomb, commander of the Institute of Surgical Research, visits with retired Col. Basil Pruitt, who served as the institutes first commander, pioneering burn treatment innovations that have saved the lives of Soldiers injured on the battlefield.

# WHMC, BAMC promote breastfeeding awareness

By Karen Haveman  
59th Medical Wing Pediatric Flight

The Wilford Hall and Brooke Army Medical Center Breastfeeding Working Group are promoting the health benefits of breastfeeding in August. Table and poster displays, informational booklets and presentations will be given throughout the month. These activities coincide with the Department of Health and Human Services, The United States Breastfeeding Committee, and the World Health Organization national campaigns to educate the public on the breastfeeding.

Breast milk contains valuable antibodies from the mother that can help the baby fight off infections. The message is clear; babies who are breastfed are less likely to develop a variety of acute and chronic diseases including diarrhea, ear and respiratory infections and obesity.

Breast milk is the perfect nutritional source for infants. Breast milk contains appropriate amounts of carbohydrates, protein and fat. Additionally, it provides digestive enzymes, minerals, vitamins and hormones that all infants require.

Research has also shown decreased rates of pre-menopausal breast cancer and ovarian cancer in women who have breastfed.

A study published in the May issue of Pediatrics shows a small, but significant, association between breastfeeding and a decreased risk of death in infants between 28 days and 12 months of age. A second study published in Diabetes/Metabolism Research and Reviews shows that longer exclusive and total breastfeeding appear to be an independent protective factor against type 1 Diabetes.

These and numerous other studies clearly show that breastfeeding is an important public health initiative, one that significantly impacts both women and children. The breastfeeding goals of Healthy People 2010, a national health promotion and disease prevention initiative, are to increase breastfeeding rates and durations by encouraging the cooperation of every individual who influences a mother's decision to breastfeed—employers, co-workers, child care workers, health care providers and policy makers.

Breastfeeding classes for expectant parents are taught every month and interested parties can call the WHMC pediatric clinic at 2-6644, or the BAMC pediatric clinic at 916-3206 to schedule a class.

The WHMC/BAMC breastfeeding-working group is comprised of physicians, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurses, dietitians and lactation consultants.

Breastfeeding support groups, led by lactation consultants, meet weekly at BAMC and monthly at WHMC.

Lactation consultations are available for outpatients by contacting the Pediatric clinics (BAMC and WHMC) or by calling directly to my office (Karen Haveman, lactation consultant), at 2-6452.

A room with breast pumps is also available at WHMC for hospital staff to use in order to sustain their breast milk supply.

Interested parties are encouraged to stop by the Nutritional Medicine, Obstetrics and Pediatric clinics for pamphlets, schedule of classes and further information.

Remember, breastfeeding is your baby's first immunization!

## Health Promotion Center

### August Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Diabetes Education	2	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	3	Noon-1 p.m.
Diabetes Education	3	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Introduction to Weight Reduction	6	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	6	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	9	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	10	Noon-1 p.m.
Stress Management	10	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	10	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast & GYN Cancer Support Group	11	9:30-11 a.m.
Self Care & Health	12	9-11 a.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	13	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	16	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast Health	17	9-10 a.m.
Arthritis	17	9:30-11 a.m.
Office Yoga	17	Noon-1 p.m.
Diabetes Education	17	12:45-4:30 p.m.
High Blood Pressure	18	9 a.m.-Noon
Back Pain	19	2-3:30 p.m.
Body Fat Testing	20	8-11 a.m.
Introduction to Weight Reduction	20	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	20	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	23	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	24	Noon-1 p.m.
Diabetes Education	24	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Tobacco Cessation		
"Readiness to Change"	24	5-7 p.m.
Breast & GYN Cancer Support Group	24	5:30-7 p.m.
Active Duty Self Care	26	8-10 a.m.
Tobacco Cessation		
"Readiness to Change"	26	2-3:30 p.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	27	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	30	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	31	Noon-1 p.m.
Diabetes Education	31	12:45-4:30 p.m.

For further information call Health Promotions at 916-3352. Health classes are open to all DOD civilians and military beneficiaries.

# Civilian and military compete in the 24th Annual Combat Medic Run



Photo by Capt. Alejandro Gonzales  
Col. Maureen Coleman, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, awards the first place trophy to the soldiers of Delta Company, 232nd Medical Battalion after winning the 5-Soldier guidon run. The team finished 8 minutes ahead of the second place team.



Phot by Phil Reidinger  
Y100 Radio Station, sponsors for the Combat Medic Run, gave soldiers an opportunity to spin the Y100 contest wheel for CD prizes. Tejano KXTN 107.5 and JAMZ 106.7 radio stations also provided entertainment and prizes to combat medic run participants.



Photos by Alexandra Nordick and Phil Reidinger  
Efrain Velazquez crosses the 10K finish line with a time of 32.20. He was awarded the Combat Medic trophy for top overall male in the 10K race.

Rachel Springer received the first place trophy for the top overall female in the 10K race.



Photo by Phil Reidinger  
Combat Medic Run participants, military and civilians, take off at the start point on Worth Road for the 10K run, the final event of the Combat Medic Run. Events included the 5K, 10K and a 2-mile walk. Military events included the 28-Soldier formation run and the 5-Soldier guidon run.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

A Company, Law Enforcement Command, representing the U.S. Army Garrison, competed against 32nd Medical Brigade units during the Combat Medic Run competition.



Photo by Alexandra Nordick

Col. Maureen Coleman, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, awards Brigette Bein the first place trophy for her age category, 1 to 14 years old, in the 10K race.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Combat Medic Run participants had the opportunity to check out the Army Medical Department's Stryker ambulance vehicle, which was on display in the exhibit and sponsor area at MacArthur Parade Field.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

E Company, 187th Medical Battalion, "Eagles," teams one and two, placed second in the 28-Soldier formation run competition.

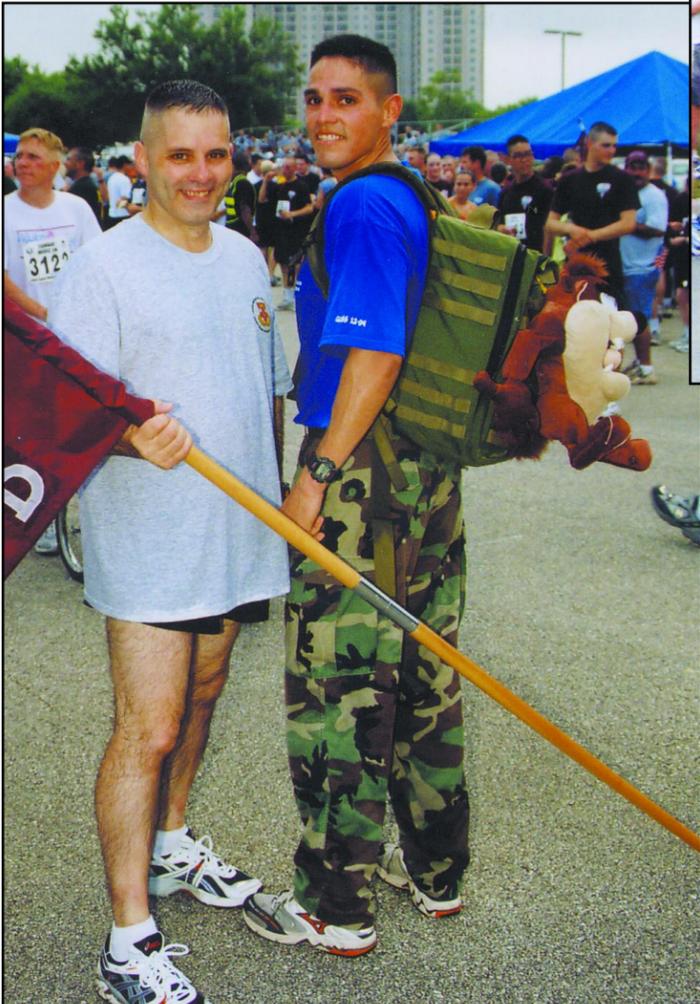


Photo by Phil Reidinger

Lt. Col. Bruce McVeigh, commander, 232nd Medical Battalion congratulates Capt. Alejandro Gonzales, commander of D Company, for his unit's success as overall winner of the Combat Medic Run competition. Gonzales carried the company's mascot the "Tazmanian Devil" in his backpack for good luck and to inspire his teams during the competition.



Photo by Alexandra Nordick

A 232nd Medical Battalion company cheers their successful completion of the 10K unit formation run near the finish line on Stanley Road.

# MWR Recreation and Fitness



**MWR Post Garage Sale** - The post garage sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MacArthur Pavilion parking lot, on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Road. To participate in the garage sale as a seller you must have a valid DoD identification card. To register or sign up, call 221-2926/9904/2523 or visit the Web site: [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/rfd/GarageSale.asp](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/rfd/GarageSale.asp). Call the Outdoor Equipment Center at 221-5224 to reserve tables, chairs and canopies. The sale is open to the public.

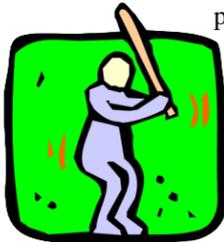
**Bench Press Contest** - The next bench press contest will be held Aug. 7. Weigh in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Start time is 10:30 a.m. Register now for this competitive event. Cost is \$20 and all participants receive a T-shirt. To download a registration form at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) follow the recreation and fitness link to the "fitness for your life program" or visit the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

**Archery Lessons at the Equipment Center** - Individual and group archery lessons are now available through the Outdoor Equipment Center. Instruction is provided at various levels of experience from novice to expert. A parent must accompany children. Also patrons must wear full shoes and no oversized shirts or shorts/trousers. For information, call Skip Dawson at 221-5225.

**60 Days of Fitness** - A motivating fitness and weight loss program to help you safely lose

15 pounds in 60 days using a point system. This self-paced program requires you to workout 45 out of 60 days and includes a seven-page fitness assessment, body fat analysis and body measurements. Participants will attend two 30-minute weight loss classes. Cost for the program is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. For information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

**Intramural Softball (Male, Female and Coed)** - Letters of intent are due Aug. 2. A coaches meeting will be held Aug. 6, 1



p.m., at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Aug. 16. For information, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

**Intramural Flag Football** - Letters of intent should be sent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Rd. Bldg. 124

Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 by Aug. 2. A coaches meeting will be held Aug. 5, 1 p.m., at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Aug. 16. For information, call Earl Young at 221-1180.



**Post Soccer Team** - Coaches and players wanted. Tryouts are at scheduled for Aug. 16-20, 6 p.m. at the Hacienda Field. Coaches should submit their resumes to: Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Rd. Bldg. 124 Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234.



Players should call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail [earl.young@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:earl.young@samhouston.army.mil) for more information.



**Post Men's Basketball Team** - Coaches and players wanted.

Tryouts will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Coaches send resume by to: Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Rd. Bldg. 124 Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 by Aug. 15. Players call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail [earl.young@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:earl.young@samhouston.army.mil) for more information.

**Post Flag Football Team** - Coaches and players wanted. Tryouts are Aug. 2-6 at 6 p.m. at Leadership Field. Coaches should send resumes to: Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Rd. Bldg. 124 Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234. Players may call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail [earl.young@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:earl.young@samhouston.army.mil) for more information.

**Keep Your Heart Healthy** - A free 5K fun run/walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 beginning at 10 a.m. outside the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Participants will receive a free T-shirt. For information, call 221-2020.

**Health and Wellness Fair** - Stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the Health and Wellness Fair Tuesday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event highlights include cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, proper weight training, raffles, nutrition info and much more. Free food, raffles and prize giveaways will also be presented.

**New Pilates Class** - A new Pilates class is now offered at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m.



## Intramural Golf Standings

As of July 26

Place	Team	Points
1st	CSPBO	302
2nd	USARSO	289.5
3rd	*BAMC #1	276.5
4th	ITBC	273
5th	Bunker Busters	271.5
6th	Brew Crew	268.5
7th	CPAC	254.5
8th	IMA	249.5
9th	Composite Team	248.5
10th	BAMC #3	243
11th	VETCOM	226.5
12th	GPRMC	164.5
13th	Academy Battalion	128
14th	DFAS	0

\*Commander's Cup Rep

Updated standings and game schedules for all intramural sports are available at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com)

## Why wear seatbelts?

- Newer seatbelt design allows total freedom of motion while driving.
  - People who are thrown from cars are 25 times more likely to be killed than if they had been held securely in their seats.
  - The majority of all car accidents occur within 25 miles of home.
  - 80 percent of all serious injuries and fatalities occur in cars going 40 miles per hour or slower.
  - In the unlikely event your car catches fire or is submerged, seatbelts can keep you from getting "knocked out" and greatly improve your chances of escape.
  - In a crash, unrestrained occupants of a car keep moving during the time the car takes to stop. They are still moving forward at their original speed when they slam into the steering wheel, windshield or other parts of the car.
  - You may be a good driver, but there are situations beyond your control such as weather and road conditions that can affect your safety.
  - Seatbelts are 57 percent effective in preventing traumatic and fatal brain injuries.
  - According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, over the last 10 years, safety belts have prevented some 55,600 deaths, 1,300,000 injuries and saved more than \$105 billion in costs.
- Source: Fort Sam Houston Safety Office



## MWR Ticket Office

**Ticket Sales** - Tickets are available for Fiesta Texas, Splashtown, Schlitterbahn, SeaWorld, Disney, Universal Studios- Orlando and Hollywood, and Texas Aquarium. **Disney Cruise Line** - Packages are available at great military discount prices.

**Disney Resorts** - All U.S. active military receive a 40 percent discount on rooms at all Disney Resorts now through Sept. 29. For reservations, call (407) 939-7424 and mention "Package Code EVU."

**Concert Tickets** - Tickets are now still available for Julio Iglesias concert on Sept. 30 and Johnny Mathis concert on Oct. 3.

**2005 Entertainment Coupon Books** - The 2005 Entertainment Coupon Books will be on sale Aug. 17, the cost is \$20 per book.

For additional ticket information and prices, call 226-1663.

## MWR Dining and Entertainment

**Officer's Club**  
**Sunday Brunch** - Aug. 1, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$11.95 members, \$13.95 non-members, children ages 7 to 11, \$5.95, children 5 and under free. Enjoy a super fruit and salad bar, as well as a variety of breakfast favorites to choose from.  
**Lunch Buffet** - Monday -Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$4.95 members, \$5.95 non-members, includes beverage and soup.

**NCO Club**  
**Comedy Night** - Aug. 6, doors open at 7:30 p.m., show time at 9 p.m., admission is \$12 per person and includes a complimentary meal.  
**Big Bucks Bingo** - Aug. 7, doors open

at 11 a.m., guaranteed payout of \$10,300.

**Golf Club**  
**Twilight Green Fees Special** - Monday through Wednesday all day and all other days after 1:30 p.m.  
**Pro Shop Specials** - 10 percent off iron sets in stock, also special order Pro Line Irons and Woods with a 10-day turn around on most sets and woods.

Come see our new Logo shirts for men and women.  
**Lighted Driving Range** - Visit our lighted driving range open every day from 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.



**Bowling Center**  
**Summer Cyber Bowl** - Aug. 6, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 13, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$5 per person. Sign up at the center (maximum 100 people). Call 221-3683 for details.  
**Family Bowling Day** - Sundays kids under 12 bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult. Adults and kids 12 and older pay \$1.75 per game and shoe rental is only \$1. (Excludes birthday parties. Not to be combined with other special offers)  
**Harlequin Dinner Theatre** - "Catfish Moon," a comedy by Laddy Sarten is currently featured Aug. 7, call the box office at 222-9694 for show times and ticket information.

# Child and Youth Services summer news



**The 3-Day Part Day Preschool Program** If you are interested in 3-Day Part Day Preschool Program, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723 to place your name on a list. Fees will be assessed by calculating Total Family Income.

**Family Child Care (FCC)** offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. Types of care are full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, extended hour care and long term care. Referral information and child registration are available at Child and Youth Services Central Registration, 221-4871 or 221-1723. FCC is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers to offer home based child care. There is a no-cost start up plan. For more information please call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

**CYS Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** meeting will be Tues., Aug. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center, 2530 Funtston. Lunch will be provided. This is CYS parents opportunity to learn of

upcoming events, meet staff and address concerns.

**The Child Development Center** has full day immediate openings for ages 12 months to 5 years. To register please call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**Before and After School Care** All patrons interested in Before and After School care will need to register, even if they are currently utilizing School Age Summer Camp. To register contact CYS Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723. Parents need to provide proof of income and updated shots. Orientation for Before and After School will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. in Bldg. 1705. For information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**Child Development Center Waiting List** - If your child's name is on the Wait List for full day care at the Child Development Center, check your status on the wait list from the day you complete the form; otherwise your

child's name will be purged from the list. To check your status, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**Instructional Classes** - If you are interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, piano, quarterly babysitter training or gymnastics, call 221-4882 or 221-4871/1723. For babysitter training or information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**School Age Services** (Kindergarten - 5th grade) offers After School and Weekend Open Recreation (Open recreation

available to children in 1st - 5th grade) opportunities and After School Hourly Care options. Hourly and Open recreation must be reserved in advance by calling School Age Services at 221-4466. Children must be registered through Central Registration prior to utilizing the School Age Program. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**Youth in 6th - 12th grade** seeking summer recreational opportunities may contact Youth Services at 221-4882.

# States look for ways to support military families

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

Big or small, many deployed troops or few states' concerns for the families of deployed service members are very similar.

Joint hearings with the Senate Personnel and Children and Families subcommittees were held July 21 to determine what state governments are doing in support of the families who face unique challenges because of deployment of a family member.

Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Charles Abell echoed many initiatives discussed during the hearing. "We're busy working every day on programs to assist military families," he said.

DoD is focused on programs that would grant military families in-state tuition based on where they are stationed. There also is a

focus on enhancing opportunities for spousal employment to recognize certifications, licenses and qualifications earned in another state and a new initiative to find jobs and rehabilitate disabled veterans. These are only a few of DoD's efforts to support military families that Abell mentioned.

"The key to these programs is communication. We can have the best, most comprehensive programs in the world, but if our military families don't know about them then we really don't have anything," Abell said.

Dissemination of information on the programs is extensive, Abell said, citing Web sites, and print and news media as sources.

Information on "promising practices" is also available on two DoD Web sites. Promising practices identifies programs states have implemented and publishes them so they can be copied or modified for use elsewhere.

Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander opened the hearing. "We have learned that several of the important issues families struggle with can be more easily addressed by the states and by the governors and across state lines," Alexander, said, adding that considerable progress has been made.

Through similar hearings, education, childcare, health insurance and career support for spouses have been identified as top issues for military families.

"The re-enlistment decision will often be made at the kitchen table," Alexander said. "To continue to attract a talented volunteer force, we must make sure our families' needs are addressed."

Alexander expounded briefly on federal measures taken to protect military families eligible for certain federal benefits like the school lunch program and Head Start. An amendment passed

ensures these families don't lose their eligibility when a service member receives extra pay for deployment. TRICARE health insurance has been expanded to include activated National Guardsmen and reservists.

Nationally, the National Association of Childcare Referral Services has launched Operation Childcare. More than 5,000 childcare providers have pledged free childcare to guardsmen and reservists while they're home on leave.

The two states represented at the hearing, Florida and Indiana, have strikingly different military situations. However, they are tackling issues facing military families in strikingly similar ways. The issues at the state level center on education, spouses' career portability, and financial protection and services.

Continuity in school requirements in state-to-state transitions

are helping to make moves easier on school-aged children. Both states offer tuition assistance and reimbursement programs to qualified family members. Both also are taking steps to assist with childcare.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said his state has also implemented an endorsement program to allow a spouse with previous certification to seek employment in a more timely fashion. And provisions on financial issues that affect service members have been implemented or are being more strictly enforced.

Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan stressed his state is working on family outreach and readiness. It is also asking for longer lead times to allow families to prepare and for shorter deployments – nine months instead of 12 months. Kernan said that with the necessary training included, some deployments are stretching into 14 months.

## Four students receive DECA, Fisher House Foundation scholarships

Story and photo by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The parents of Stephanie Mabe, Madeline Mosier, Kathleen Steinhebel, and Jordan Rodriguez applauded and smiled proudly as their child's name was called to receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation at a ceremony held July 13 at the FSH Commissary. The scholarships were awarded based on competitive and selective criteria that included meritorious achievement, academic studies, citizenship, school and community activities and leadership.

The scholarships were presented by Alan Jackson, store director, Robert Fritz, representing the Fisher House Foundation and Col. Garry F. Atkins, commander, U.S. Army Garrison.

"The 2004 Military Scholarship Program is one of

many programs initiated by the Defense Commissary Agency to involve commissaries in the fabric of our military communities," said Alan Jackson, store director.

Jackson said vendors and manufacturers who sell groceries to us every day fund the scholarships. This year 500 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded by the Defense Commissary Agencies to military children who will attend a 4-year college or university.

The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation, which operates a network of houses located near military medical centers providing a home away from home for those military families who are receiving medical care.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military, Active, National Guard and Army Reserve components, graduating high school seniors, as well as students currently enrolled in a 4-year pro-

gram with a 3.0 grade point average are eligible to apply.

Jackson said this year the 2004 Military Scholarship Program received 7,000 applications. The Independent Scholarship Management Company determined the award winners based on the overall qualifications, which include grade point average, community involvement, and many other factors.

"Community involvement is what the Fort Sam Houston commissary is all about and scholarships for military children is one way to show we care," said Jackson.

"I want to say I am thankful for this opportunity, this will really help with my books," said Mabe. She will be attending North Texas State. Mosier plans to attend

Colorado State. Steinhebel is going to the University of Texas in Austin and Rodriguez will be attending Princeton College.

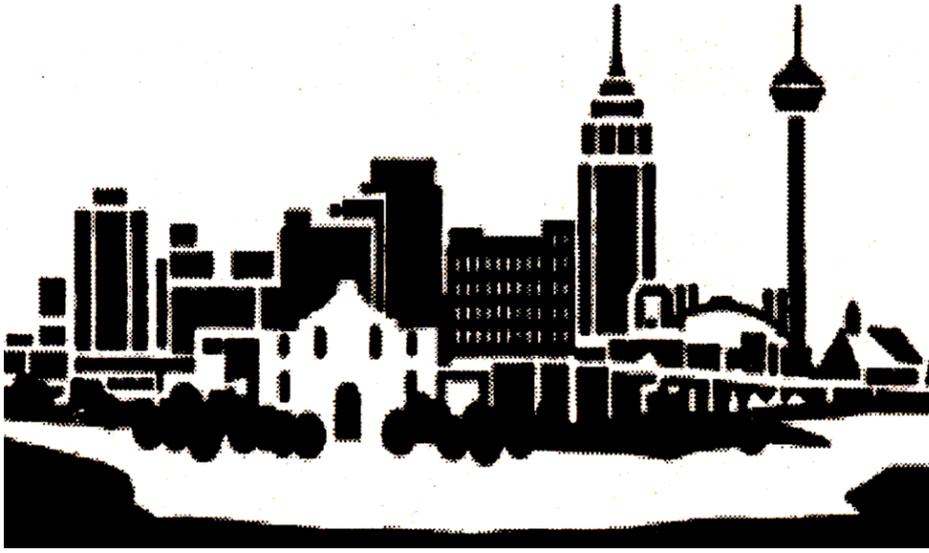
Fritz, who represents the Fisher House Foundation said, "The late Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher have adopted the military as their family and I know if they were here they would feel proud to have helped the recipients of the awards."

Atkins congratulated all the students and thanked the Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House Foundation for everything they do for Fort Sam Houston. Atkins said, "This is a great opportunity for Fort Sam Houston and the folks who go to school here. This is another great day for Fort Sam Houston."



Award recipients Jordan Rodriguez, Stephanie Mabe, Kathleen Steinhebel, and Madeline Mosier, receive congratulations from U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Col. Garry F. Atkins, Fisher House representative Robert Fritz, and Commissary Store Director, Alan Jackson.

# Que Pasa?



## Community events

### Medina Apple Festival Walk, July 31

The Hill Country Volkssportverein Volksmarch Club will host its annual 10K(6.2 Mile) and optional 5K Apple Festival walk in Medina, Texas on Saturday July 31. After completing the walk the first 150 paid participants will receive a free pass to the festival. For information, call John Bohnert at 830-995-2421 or e-mail Tina Bohnert at tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net. For information on the Medina Apple festival, call (830) 589-7224 or check the Web site at: [www.medinatexas.com](http://www.medinatexas.com).

### 'Catch a Rising Star' at the Seldon Vexler Theatre

The Teen "Summer Theatre" Troupe Presents "Seussical" the musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss, a musical marvel for the entire family. Come and join The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant and all the wonderful Seussical creations in a fantasy musical that took Broadway by storm. Winner of the Tony Award, this magical merriment was written by Eric Idle of Monty Python fame. The production is cast with some of San Antonio's leading teen talent. Show dates are July 31, 8:15 p.m., Aug. 1, 2 and 7 p.m. and Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. The Sheldon Vexler Theatre is located at Barshop JCC/Weinberg Campus on the Lower Level, 12500 NW Military Hwy. At Wurzbach Parkway. For tickets, call 302-6835.

### Dana Peak Park Walk, Aug. 8

The Trotting Texas Turtles Volksmarch Club will host a 10K walk and optional 5K walk at Dana Peak Park in Killeen, Texas on Sunday, Aug. 8. For information, call Karl or Beverly Kittenger at (254) 547-1403, or e-mail at: [walkabout@hotmail.com](mailto:walkabout@hotmail.com), or check out the club's Web site at: [www.walktx.org/ttt2.html](http://www.walktx.org/ttt2.html).

## Volunteer

### ASMC to help community Aug. 7

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community service activity (in coordination with Habitat for Humanity) on Aug. 7. Mark your calendars and reserve this date to participate. We need 70 volunteers to do touch up work at 7 homes in the San Antonio area. Contact Michele Buckley at (210) 536-3563 or drop her an e-mail at [michele.buckley@brookes.af.mil](mailto:michele.buckley@brookes.af.mil)

### BAMC Auxiliary to host Welcome Brunch, Aug. 19

The Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary will host a Welcome Brunch

Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. in the historic Stilwell House, on Fort Sam Houston. The Auxiliary is a fun social and services organization that helps support BAMC, the military community, Soldiers and family members as well as a neat place to meet new friends.

There are fun events planned throughout the year for those who want to have fun, but for those that want to meet a service need, we have many community projects during the years. Membership is open to adults age 18 or older, with military or DoD affiliation, active duty or retired. For information or to R.S.V.P. for the brunch, call Kim Taylor at (210) 566-6526.

### Botanical Center Children's Fall Garden Program begins Aug. 28

It is time for the fall session of the children's Garden at the Botanical Gardens to begin. This is a great opportunity for children 8-13 to learn about basic vegetable gardening from experienced gardeners. Each child has their own garden plot in which to grow and harvest vegetables to take home. The program is located at the Botanical Garden Center at 555 Funston and is sponsored by the Men's Garden Club and the San Antonio Botanical Society.

The Fall session starts on Aug. 28 and meets every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. until early November. Participants must come every week. The registration fee is \$5. Registration is at the Botanical Center. For more information, call 207-3255.

### SHARE seeks host families for international students

Guten Tag! Ciao! Hola! Bonjour! Are just a few ways to say "Hello!" to international high school students. SHARE is looking for host families for international exchange students for the upcoming school year. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. Host families provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life.

Traditional two-parent families (with or without children), single parents or adults, and retired couples have enjoyed hosting one of our bright students. Boys and girls, 15-18 years old from around the world will be arriving in August to attend local high schools for one or two semesters. For information call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-ERDT (3738) or visit [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org).

### Cultural Homestay International seeks host families

Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange program, has many exchange students waiting to be

placed with host families for the upcoming school year. Ideal families should be willing to open their home to the world and accept a new culture into their life. To volunteer, contact Ruth Chislett, CHI Academic Coordinator, at (210) 862-2711 or (800) 777-5724. To learn more about CHI, visit [www.chinet.org](http://www.chinet.org).

## Education

### Digital Battle Command Information Systems Training, Aug. 23 - 26

Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below (FBCB2) is part of Army Battle Command Systems. It is a digital, battle command information system that provides on the move, real time and near real time C2 tactical combats. This is the same system that Soldiers are using in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This training is open to all AMEDD Soldiers to include AMEDDCS instructors. Training for this course will start Aug. 23 - 26 at Willis Hall, Bldg. 2841, room 2105C. If you are interested in attending, contact Marvin Danzy at 221-4361 or e-mail at [marvin.danzy@amedd.army.mil](mailto:marvin.danzy@amedd.army.mil). The FBCB2 Web site is <http://fbc2.monmouth.army.mil>.

### DRMO Disposal

Do you have a disposal questions? Visit our Web site at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil) and click on generator/installation. The Web site is full of information to assist you with disposal turn-ins. If you are interested in attending a generator meeting to learn the "dos and don'ts," send e-mail to [Cynthia.Gutierrez@dla.mil](mailto:Cynthia.Gutierrez@dla.mil). To schedule an appointment, call 221-3682 and leave a message. For questions on RTD, call 221-3651.

### Tuition assistance available for active duty Soldiers

Tuition assistance for active duty Soldiers is \$4,500 per fiscal year with a cap of \$250 per semester hour to include fees. The current policy of \$4,500 per year is still in effect for the U.S. Army in fiscal year 2004. Soldiers will need a degree plan from the university or college they are attending no later than completion of nine semester hours. This is a regulatory requirement that must be complied with prior to continuing in any college program. Visit the Army Continuing Education System, Bldg. 2248, to review educational goals with a professional guidance counselor. For information, call 221-1738.

### Direct commissioning program

The U.S. Army Health Care Recruiting Team is looking for qualified applicants for their direct commissioning program. Anyone working toward a bachelors' degree in any science, nursing, physics, nutrition or engineering may qualify to become an Army officer. The program is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard and civilians. For information, call Capt. Beverly S. Scott at 692-7376, (877) 570-8053 or e-mail [Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil](mailto:Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil).

## Meetings

### American College of Contingency Planners Meeting, July 27

The next lunch and meeting of the American College of Contingency Planners is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27 at Joe's Crab Shack in the Quarry

Shopping Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting is open to civilians and military involved in or interested in contingency planning, disaster preparedness, or homeland security. Lunch is at the attendee's expense and no RSVP is required. For information, call Scott Tanner at 221-2193 or e-mail at [scott.tanner@amedd.army.mil](mailto:scott.tanner@amedd.army.mil).

### SACAA seeks new members

The San Antonio Caribbean American Association was formed in April, and the goal is to promote a working knowledge of the diverse and common elements of culture, the fostering of cultural awareness, the understanding, and appreciation of cultural heritage and the provision of a social atmosphere of togetherness. For information call Mater Sgt. Perry at 310-0123, Cassandra Reefer at 659-9150 or Pauline Coleman 659-7258.

### The Seventh Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Aug. 9-12

The Seventh Annual Force Health Protection Conference will be held in the Albuquerque, N.M., Convention Center Aug. 9 through 12. Presenters will be on hand with a full set of the latest tools for protecting the health of service members everywhere. Check the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site conference link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/> for details and to register for this important conference.

### USAWOA - Lone Star Chapter

The Lone Star Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Eisenhower and Walzem Road). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former Warrant Officers are invited to attend. For information, contact CW2 Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or at [matthew.watterson@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.watterson@us.army.mil)

### Purple Heart veterans sought

Purple Heart Veterans are invited to join the meeting of Military Order of the Purple Heart on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center to learn more about combat related entitlements and claims benefits. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your DD For 214 and a short biography.

### FSH Sergeants Major Association seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. in the FSH NCO Club. Sgt. Maj. Hector Viczaino, president of the association, extends a cordial invitation to all Active Duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to attend the meetings. For information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Sampson Rush at 221-4129.

### BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldier input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For information, call Staff Sgt. Edward Castro at 221-8760.

# Fort Freebies

Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to: [news.leader@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@samhouston.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request. Limit of five items per entry.



**For Sale:** Large couch and matching loveseat, coffee table and two end tables, \$300; dining room table (seats 6) and china cabinet, \$300. Call 637-6563 or 916-5175 and ask for Sgt. 1st Class Massey.

**For Sale:** Imitation Louis Vuitton luggage set includes suitcase, travel bag with leather strap, and purse backpack style, \$300; roller-skates adult size 10, blue/grey, \$10. Twin size racecar bed and fuel pump dresser, like new, \$275. Call (210) 697-9261.

**For Sale:** Compaq Presario with Window 98 OS, multimedia capabilities and had extra software applications, \$150; Hewlett Packard Pavilion with Window 98 OS, multimedia capabilities and extra software applications, \$100. Call (210) 651.4841.

**For Sale:** Five-piece queen-size bedroom set includes headboard, dresser with mirror and shelf drawer, nightstand and mattresses, lightwood with black trim, \$400. Call 274-9279.

**For Sale:** Weider 9400 Pro 2 station gym, accessories, \$250; Kettler Elliptical trainer, \$125; Compaq Presario mv700 computer monitor with Speakers and mic., \$75.; Stair Stepper Edge 309, \$150. To view items visit: <http://f1.pg.briefcase.yahoo.com/ennabesu>.

**For Sale:** 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse, factory stock hood, color red, \$150. Call 666-2101 after 4 p.m. or cell 445-4038.

**For Sale:** Girl's Huffy 12-speed bike, \$20; boy's Dyno BMX bike, \$30; 2002 Ford Escape front and back custom fit, gray velour seat covers, \$100 and 2002 Ford Escape Tuff liner for cargo area, \$50. Call 271-7197.

**For Sale:** Blue sofa and loveseat with accent pillows, slightly oversize with or without 3-piece table, all for \$525; GE refrigerator with ice maker, 20.6 cubic ft., \$630; Panasonic black microwave, \$50. Call anytime (210) 651-9168. Will help with delivery.

**For Sale:** 1985 CJ-7 Burgundy Jeep, American racing rims, hard top, bikini top and soft top along with both sets of doors, in very good shape; listed on Autotrader for \$5,500 obo. Call (210) 651-9168.

**For Sale:** Three-year old house in Oakwell Farms gated community with pool, tennis, and walking trail; 2,600 sq. ft., 3-2.5 with study, master down, covered patio, nice yard, two-story, and more, close to Fort Sam Houston. Call 824-4770.

**For Sale:** Three-year old house, 1880 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, living room, family room, garage, ceiling fans, 2.5-

bath, covered patio and much more. Call 651-4707.

**For Sale:** Babybyorn baby carrier, \$15; Exersaucer, \$15, Medela breast pump, \$60; baby bath, \$5; baby swing, \$12. Call 824-4770.

**For Sale:** 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 39K miles, auto, 6-cylinders, \$11,500; 2000 Ford F150 XLT, super cab, 4-door, Lariat, 59K miles, \$11,500; new bunky-board for child's bunk or twin bed, never used, \$20. Call 216-1100.

**Free to a good home:** Two year old black female Lab. Call 221-3712.

## Career Clips

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.



### Distribution Supervisor - San Antonio.

Accountable for supervision of shipping staff, generating operational reports for performance, staffing, recruiting, and financial measure. Assisting DM and RM in developing and start up of new processes and techniques to enhance distribution performance.

### Patient Care Coordinators - San Antonio.

Monitor quality of care, identify, and document any quality issued regarding patient's care. Review inpatient outlier cases. Utilization review/quality experience.

### Quality Coordinator - San Antonio.

Perform database queries and prepare trend data and reports. Perform administrative duties. Maintain QA and Compliance departmental files. Assist with coordination of corrective action request in the Quality System.

## Need an ID Card?

The ID Card Office located in Bldg. 367, has resumed accepting appointments in the afternoon from 1-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Normal walk-ins are still between the hours of 7:30-11 a.m., daily. To schedule an appointment, call 221-2278 or 221-0415. You can also obtain an ID Card at the Brooke Army Medical Center ID Card Office, located in the lower floor within the TRICARE Office. To schedule an appointment, call 916-0838.

