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our customers.

The Army North/Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, to include the claims division and the legal assistance office, will be closed from noon-1 p.m. on July 1 for a JAG office barbecue. In case of an emergency, call the on-call officer at 393-3042.

410th Contracting Support Brigade

A change of command ceremony will be held July 8, 10 a.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum.

Census Bureau Quality Assurance

The Census Bureau representatives will conduct quality assurance checks Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through July 10. The census representatives will carry the black bag and wear the orange vest with Census Bureau written on them with a U.S. Census Bureau badge at all times when conducting the census on Fort Sam Houston. If you have any questions or concerns, call the RCI Office at 221-0891.

NoFEAR and POSH Training

Fort Sam Houston EEO Office is conducting Notification of Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (NoFEAR) and Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) training. NoFEAR is conducted the first Wednesday and POSH the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Building 142, Stanley Road. Both are mandatory in accordance with Department of Army policy. To register, call 221-0984 or e-mail samh.EEO@conus.army.mil.

Road Construction

Fort Sam Houston has started an American Resource and Recovery Act (ARRA) project to be completed in 2010 to repair and restore the existing paved roads to an acceptable serviceable condition. The repairs began June 21 and will be tentatively completed Aug. 21. The construction and repair includes asphalt, concrete, drainage, signage, and road striping. The roads affected are Dickman Road between Worth Road and Harney Road and Stanley Road from Building 142 to North New Braunfels. Dickman Road traffic will be detoured via Stanley Road to Schofield Road to Dickman. Residents will need to exit the housing area through Schofield Road. Stanley Road traffic will be detoured via North New Braunfels to Artillery Post Road to Liscum Road. Detour signs will be posted to direct traffic accordingly.

Changes coming in education services throughout JBSA

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While education centers throughout Joint Base San Antonio offer service members a wide variety of choices in continuing their education, there are changes coming students should be aware of.

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Army Continuing Education Services at Fort Sam Houston offers CLEP and DSST exams to military members of all service branches.

Students meet with a guidance counselor to order the test and discuss educational goals, abilities and future career plans. The counselor will help the student find the best way to reach those goals and how to best develop skills that may be rusty or weak.

Recommendations will then be made for the student, depending on how prepared the student is and dependent upon which exams the student's chosen school accepts for credit.

If the student needs assistance selecting a school, there are school representatives available here to talk about their programs. They can show students how to develop skills or assist with selection of classes that best fits the student's schedule.

ACES also offers the Functional Academic Skills Training class. This class is designed to improve General

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Technical scores and assist in developing basic education skills in reading, English, and mathematics. It is available on-duty to service members, with commander approval.

This class is only available at the FSH Education office, but is open to all service branches at no cost. The class combines instruction with the Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course and lasts three weeks. Spouses, Family members who are 18 and older, and civilians may also enroll on a space-available basis.

With the Medical Education and Training Campus opening soon at FSH, the Community College of the Air Force is coming along as well.

For consolidated courses with Air Force students, anyone in the course can earn CCAF credit including Army and Navy personnel, which is happening now at Sheppard Air Force Base. Army and Navy instructors of Air Force students can also earn CCAF degrees.

However, Army and Navy students in courses without Air Force students will not earn CCAF credit at this time. Non-degreed METC instructors need to meet with an ACES guidance counselor to determine their best options for completing their required

degrees.

The FSH Education Center has testing services available for active duty Soldiers, as well as all other reserves, guard, military dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. While active duty have priority, testing for all others will be done on a space-available basis.

Over at Lackland Air Force Base's education center, a partnership with the San Antonio branch of Wayland Baptist University last December computerized the testing program that is taking the national testing center to another level.

The joint venture has increased attendance and passing rates, a WBU agreement with Air University provided professional military education testing at no cost to the Air Force, allowed establishment of a pilot program for technical school students and reduced Air Force costs more than \$1 million for fiscal year 2010.

Lackland is currently the only installation in San Antonio to offer computerized testing, according to Russ Gregg, Lackland education and training chief. After Fort Sam Houston reaches full operating capability under the 502nd Air Base Wing in

October, it is possible similar capabilities could be available here.

"Students taking computerized tests receive results instantaneously versus six to eight weeks with paper-based tests," Gregg noted.

Lackland's computerized testing has 38 DANTES and 34 CLEP tests available. Non-computerized education centers currently offer 14 CLEP tests and are expected to lose 22 DANTES tests in fiscal year 2011.

The Lackland NTC is available to all active duty, reserve, and guard regardless of branch or duty station. In addition to all the college tests, health certification exams for nursing are available at the Lackland center.

For more information, contact the Lackland AFB Education Services Office at Building 5725, Room 153, or call 671-2896. At Randolph AFB, the Education Services Center is located at 301 B St. and can be contacted at 652-5964 or by e-mailing randolph.education@randolph.af.mil.

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Call 221-1738 for more information.

The center is located at 2248 New Braunfels Ave., Building 2248, and parking is in the rear off of Hancock, between Stanley and Wilson Roads.

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