

FORT SAM HOUSTON News Leader

"One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!"

Garrison Commander looks forward to new challenges

Story and Photo by Minnie Jones
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

When Col. Mary Garr became garrison commander of Fort Sam Houston five months ago, she expressed a desire to improve the communication process across the installation.

"In terms of the garrison's mission and roles there is a duality of missions in supporting mission readiness and quality-of-life, and knowing that there are finite resources. Working to maintain that balance is extremely important for the garrison staff, so that we can provide the best support possible across all areas," said Garr.

Not many garrison commanders are more connected to their posts than Garr, who calls San Antonio her home. Her Army and personal life has overlapped with Fort Sam Houston several times throughout her career.

Because of the 2005 Defense Base

Closure and Realignment Commission, "Fort Sam of yesterday is not the Fort Sam of today and definitely will not be the Fort Sam of tomorrow, with all the growth components going on," she said.

In 2008, the focus was construction contract awarding, and the upcoming years will deal with executing those contracts. The next two years will be the most significant, due to several major projects set to break ground on Fort Sam Houston.

This year will be a big year for the post. One of the central developments is the construction of the Medical Education Training Campus, scheduled to open in 2010, and with it expanded staff and faculty, and thousands of military students from across the nation to attend medical training here.

METC will be Department of

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Col. Mary Garr, garrison commander, Fort Sam Houston, discusses her vision for the installation during an interview Jan 5. One of Garr's highest priorities is improving communication processes across the installation.

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Bronze relief dedicated at library

By Cheryl Harrison
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A bronze relief plaque was unveiled in a dedication ceremony Jan. 7 inside the Spc. 4th Class Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library.

A firefight in War Zone D, Vietnam, ended the life of Campbell Feb. 8, 1967, but several generations later on a misty

"I am a firm believer that it is our obligation, not a choice to remember those who serve our country."

Judy Campbell

day in November 2006 the Fort Sam Houston library was renamed in his honor.

In a bittersweet reunion Campbell's family and friends

gathered once again to dedicate a bronze plaque designed by renowned artist Andrew Chernak.

In honor of the Vietnam

medic, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School, led those in attendance in singing a rendition of "God Bless America."

Czerw's remarks about the Vietnam hero to the large audience of Family and friends of the

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New year brings new tax season

The Tax Assistance Center is scheduled to open Jan. 20

With the holiday season over, another, more dreaded, season approaches – tax season. Although tax forms can be confusing, assistance within Fort Sam Houston is readily available. Each company-sized unit has an officer or a senior noncommissioned officer appointed as the Unit Tax Adviser. They are the Soldier's first point of contact for tax forms and tax preparation assistance.

Most Soldiers' W-2s will be available on the MyPay Web site at www.mypay.dfas.mil, by Jan. 23. Almost all Soldiers must file a federal income tax return, and many should receive a refund. Most

Soldiers also must file a return in their state of domicile (state of legal residence).

If you have questions while completing your return, the instruction booklet that comes with the tax form can answer most of them. If you do not receive tax forms, or if you have tax questions for which you are unable to find an answer, you should contact your Unit Tax Adviser or the Tax Assistance Center.

The earlier you file your tax return, the sooner you will receive your tax refund, if eligible. You can file your return after you receive all of your tax documents. If you had more than one employer in 2008,

you will need a W-2 form from each employer. You should be able to access your Army W-2 form on "My Pay" by Jan. 23.

Although many off-post tax preparers offer "instant" or "rapid" refunds, this service is actually a loan against your tax refund. First, you pay the preparation fee, which can range from \$50 to \$100. Then, the service fee for the

"instant" loan against your refund can range from anywhere from \$25 to \$30.

Finally, the tax preparers charge bank fees, or interest against the "refund" amount, thus the fees charged on these "instant" refunds can equal an annualized interest rate of about 450 percent. With a free

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Weekly Weather Watch

	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20
San Antonio	76° Clear	77° Partly Cloudy	61° Partly Cloudy	59° Partly Cloudy	63° Partly Cloudy	59° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	37° Clear	37° Partly Cloudy	37° Snow Chance	37° Snow Chance	33° Partly Cloudy	37° Snow Chance
Baghdad Iraq	62° Clear	60° Clear	59° Partly Cloudy	59° Rain Chance	55° Partly Cloudy	53° Clear

(Source: Weather Underground at www.wunderground.com)

Thought of the Week

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a passage King often quoted: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
(Amos 5:24, NRSV)
(Source: Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's Office)

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News Briefs

Museum closures

The U.S. Army Medical Department Museum and gift shop will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. For more information call 221-6358.

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed Jan. 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The Museum will resume regular hours Jan. 21. For more information, call 221-1886.

Claims office closure

The Fort Sam Houston Claims Office will be closed Jan. 16 and will resume normal operations Jan. 20 for the training holiday. The Fort Sam Houston Claims Office will also be closed Feb. 13, and will resume normal operations Feb. 17. For more information, call 221-1973 or 221-2161.

Community FIRST focus group for retirees

The Community FIRST Retirees focus group will be held Jan. 28 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Garrison Command Conference Room, Building 122, 1206 Stanley Road. If you are a retiree from any branch of the military service, and would like to attend, call the customer service officer at 221-2543 or e-mail samh.cms@conus.army.mil. To submit an issue or recommendation visit www.samhouston.army.mil/cms/Form_ComFirst.asp, and click on, "submit an issue or recommendation." Issues will be electronically submitted to the Customer Management Services office.

SAEDA/OPSEC classes

The Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army and Operations Security classes are scheduled for Fiscal 2009. The class dates are:

- Feb. 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Blesse Auditorium
- March 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Evans Theater
- April 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Blesse Auditorium

Attendees must bring their Common Access Card to sign in. For more information about Evans Theater briefings, call the Garrison Security Office at 221-2280, 221-1906 or 221-9500. For more information about Blesse Auditorium briefings, call the Army Medical Department Center and School Security Office at 221-8841 or 221-8199.

On-post housing available

Lincoln Military housing has two-bedroom homes available for E1 to E6, three-bedroom homes available for O4 to O5, and four-bedroom homes available for W1 to O3. Soldiers who would like to apply for housing need to bring in their latest end-of-month

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Fort Sam Houston wins outstanding housing installation team award

The Fort Sam Houston Family Housing Team comprised of Lincoln Military Housing and Department of Public Works Residential Communities Initiatives will be awarded the 2008 Professional Housing Management Association's Outstanding Housing Installation Team Award for a privatized location.

This award is given to the installation team every year that demonstrates their collective achievements of an outstanding living environment for military members and their families.

The FSHFH Team is being awarded the 2008 Outstanding Housing Installation Team Award for the true partnership that they have developed and their help in making the Army's vision of delivering quality housing to its Service Members and their families a reality.

The FSHFH Team has ranked in the top ten for Overall Satisfaction in the Army's Housing Assessment Survey since 2005.

The FSHFH Team is intent on meeting the expectations of the residents by relocating their operations into the Community Center and keeping the communities involved. Community activities hosted by LMH such as ice cream socials, back-to-school events, costume contests, movie and pizza nights bring residents together and create a community family.

The alliance between the FSHFH Team and the Department of



Photo by Minnie Jones

The renovation of the officers' club located on Dickman Road will be transformed into a residence community center. The u-shaped, two-story club will include a business center, meeting room, catering kitchen, arcade and teen room. The grand ballroom will be maintained as is. The center will have tennis courts, a pool, a sports court and a playground. The center is scheduled to open in 2009.

Emergency Services increases awareness of crime, neighborhood safety and police-community partnership through Crime Prevention meetings and the yearly National Night-Out Event.

Quarterly town hall meetings hosted by the garrison commander reflect the support of the command for residents and community quality of life programs.

The FSHFH Team is also entrusted with maintaining the historical integrity of the

homes on Fort Sam Houston. The responsibility of preserving and improving 386 historical homes constructed from the late 1800s through 1940 rest with the partnership. Collaborative efforts of DPW and FSHFH have insured that the legacy and history of the post are retained by preserving the homes of Fort Sam Houston. The resulting renovation of these homes has not only enhanced the quality of



File photo by Jeff Crawley

Fort Sam Houston Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr presents Harris Heights Mayor Jenny Koranyi with a certificate for hosting National Night Out in her neighborhood Oct. 7. Resident mayors hosted the NNO events, which included potlucks and games and activities for children.

life for residents by creating a modernized home to meet today's standard of living, but has also instilled a sense of pride in our Army and its history.

The FSHFH Team's shared efforts have provided a solid foundation for continued successful partnership at Fort Sam Houston. Constant communication is the key to achieving the goals of providing Soldiers and their Family's high-quality housing and livable communities.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiatives)



Photo by Minnie Jones

This home on Graham Road is one of many historic homes being renovated on Fort Sam Houston in an effort to provide a better quality of life for Fort Sam Houston Soldiers and Family members.

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Leave and Earning Statement, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System enrollment documentation and I.D. card to the resident community center location that provides service for their respective rank and bedroom requirements. Ranks E1 to E6 requiring two bedrooms call 824-9587 or visit the Harris Heights Community Center, 3751 Patch Road. Ranks O1 to O6 requiring two, three or four bedrooms call 270-7638 or visit the Lincoln Resident Center, Building 407, Dickman Road. For more information or availability, call LMH at 270-7638 or e-mail ftsamhoustonquestions@lpsi.com.

Brooke Army Medical Center clinics move

Orthopaedic Clinic

The Orthopaedic Clinic at BAMC has moved from the hospital's first floor to the fifth floor. Patients now check in near 547-8 on the fifth floor. For more information, call 916-4463.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Clinic

The Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at BAMC has moved from the hospital's first floor to the Lower Level in the old Tricare Service Center location. Patients now check in Suite L-33-3. For more information, call 916-8693.

Soldiers in Training Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Clinics

The BAMC Soldiers in Training Physical Therapy (SIT/PT) Clinic and Occupational Therapy (OT) Clinic have moved to a new location on the hospital's first floor. They are now located in the old outpatient medical records area near the medical mall. For more information on SIT/PT, call 916-3066. For more information on OT, call 916-5805.

Physical Therapy Outpatient Clinic

The BAMC Physical Therapy Outpatient Clinic has moved from their previous location on the hospital's first floor to the third floor in the old medical library area. Patients now check in at door 330-19. For more information, call 916-1920.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic

The BAMC Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic has moved from the hospital's first floor to the fifth floor. This is a referral clinic requiring an appointment and a consult from another health care provider and treatment emphasis is on restoring or optimizing a patient's overall functional abilities. Patients now check in at Suite 537-14. For more information, call 916-0306.

2009 Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer

Army Soldier of the Year mentors All-American players

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Ramon
345th Public Affairs Detachment

"Army Strong!" These words epitomize today's American Soldier. The U.S. Army's might is certainly evident through its powerful weapons and military technology; however, its true strength lies within the heart of each and every Soldier. This strength makes the U.S. Army the greatest land force on earth.

During the U.S. Army All-American Bowl activities here Jan. 1, elite high school football players learned firsthand how to apply the "Army Strong" brand of strength to their sport. The U.S. Army Soldier of the Year, Sgt. David Obay, proved to be the perfect mentor.

"To excel and get to this level in your careers, you've displayed a lot of mental, physical and emotional strength," Obay said to the top-ranked high school football players in the nation. "These are the same strengths that make our Soldiers 'Army Strong.'"

Each player listened intently as



Sgt. David Obay (left) speaks to the six finalists for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Player of the Year award during a press conference here Jan. 1. Obay, the U.S. Army Soldier of the Year in 2008, mentored the players during the All-American Bowl activities. His focus was to show each player how to apply the character strengths of a U.S. Army Soldier to a successful football career.

Obay explained the similarities between the All-American football player and the U.S. Army Soldier.

"Each of us has the collective strength of the support of our community, the strength of having strong values at our side and the strength of the excellent training we've received," said Obay. "Without this strength we wouldn't be able to successfully accomplish our missions."

Obay, a heavy equipment operator with the Army Reserve's 492nd Engineer Company, 416th Engineer Command, Darien, Ill., was named the U.S. Army's Soldier of the Year last October after a weeklong competition among the Army's 12 major commands. His win is historic since he is the first Reserve Soldier to earn the

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Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative events schedule



The 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance marks the 41st year of his death April 4,

1968, and the 22nd anniversary of the local Martin Luther King Jr. March and Commemoration in his honor. The City of San Antonio MLK Commission coordinates the local commemoration. All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Jan. 15

A Fort Sam Houston Celebration will be held from 10 to 11:30 a. m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Building 320, Wilson Road. The speaker will be Col. Quill Ferguson, U.S. Army North.

Saturday, Jan. 17

The Martin Luther King Jr. 13th Annual Memorial Chess Tournament will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p. m. The tournament will take place at Dorie Miller Elementary, 207 Lincolnshire Dr. Registration will start at 9 a.m. Young people in Kindergarten through 12th grade

are invited to compete in this mind-challenging event. For more information, call E.C. Chase at 473-7378 or e-mail ecchase@chessforeducation.com

A Garden Clean Up will be held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3502 Martin Luther King Blvd. For more information, call 247-4426 or e-mail mfarah@cityyear.org.

A Hip Hop Summit Poster Making Event will be held from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. at St. Phillip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Dr. This event is geared toward the youth and young adults of San Antonio. Participants will be given an opportunity to express their views on world events, the environment, crime, civil rights, and other relevant topics by showcasing their artistic abilities. For more information, call Linda Tippins at 818-7135 or e-mail ltippins@safb.org.

The Hip Hop Summit will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Phillip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Dr. The event is geared toward the youth of San Antonio, and explores how hip hop and its culture are being affected today and the effects of it in the future through workshops, panel discus-

sions and entertainment. For more information, call 723-6147.

The MLK Public Awards Program will be held at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 114 W. Commerce. The MLK Commission will present the 2009 MLK Distinguished Achievement Award to a member of the San Antonio community. For more information, call 207-2098.

Sunday, Jan. 18

A Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, located at the intersection of North New Braunfels and East Houston Street. For more information, call Mary Dennis at 590-0722.

A MLK Interfaith Service will be held at 4 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 720 N. Main Ave. The MLK Interfaith Service is a service for all faiths, proceeds from the event will benefit the MLK Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 277-5273.

Monday, Jan. 19

Paul Rusesabagina's Book Signing Breakfast will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the San Antonio Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston St., Ste. 2100.

A MLK Early Morning Worship Program will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa St. Individuals who are unable to march are invited to attend the MLK Early Morning Worship Program.

The 2009 MLK March and Commemorative Program will be held at 10 a.m. at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club/MLK Freedom Bridge, 3500 MLK Dr. and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa St. Join the largest U.S. march aimed at remembering and continuing Dr. King's legacy.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

A MLK Commemorative Lecture will be held at 7 p.m. at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium, 715 Stadium Dr. The lecture will feature L. Douglas Wilder, the first African-American to be elected governor in the United States.

Thursday, Jan. 22

A MLK Art Exhibit will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carver Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry St. Local artists share their works. Visitors can see the exhibit through Feb. 27.

Senior Leaders Course - NCO Academy welcomes new first sergeant

By Esther Garcia

Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Amid distinguished guests that included senior noncommissioned officers from the various commands on post, staff and cadre of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, family and friends, outgoing 1st Sgt. Raymond Sanders relinquished responsibility of the Senior Leaders Course, formerly titled the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, to 1st Sgt. Carlisie Jones.

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Paskos, commandant of the Army Medical Department NCO Academy and host for the ceremony held Jan 12 in the parking lot of the academy said in his remarks, "There is no question that the position of first sergeant is where the rubber

hits the road in today's Army."

Paskos said, "As it has been said, the first sergeant is the life blood of the company, responsible for literally all unit functions to include but not limited to operations, administration, the conduct of training, health and welfare of the soldiers and their families, and the professional development of all Soldiers placed in their charge."

Paskos talked about the numerous accomplishments of Sanders as the first sergeant of the SLC for the past twenty-seven months. "He has given an incredible amount of energy in making ANOC, now SLC, the best company possible, and has achieved outstanding results," said Paskos.

Pasko said Sanders and his team initiated significant improvements and revisions to the SLC Programs of

Instruction and recently his team of NCOs spearheaded the incorporation of a command post exercise into the curriculum that better aligns the learning experience of senior NCOs with that of a company grade officer. Sanders was also instrumental in developing a 22 day POI, which the Academy will begin teaching in April of this year.

Sanders thanked the military and civilian staff of the NCO Academy, for their mentorship and guidance, friendship and the privilege to work with various organizations on Fort Sam Houston.

Addressing Sanders, incoming 1st Sgt. Jones said, "Pack and travel light, my friend, take with you no concerns on the welfare of anyone or anything you have left

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Photo by Doug Meyer

First Sgt. Raymond Sanders watches as First Sgt. Carlisie Jones passes the Senior Leaders Course guidon to Sgt. 1st Class Micheal Davis, senior small group leader, Senior Leaders Course, NCO Academy during the change of responsibility ceremony Jan. 12 in the NCO Academy parking lot.

TAX SEASON from P2

electronically filed return from the Fort Sam Houston Tax Assistance Center, refunds are typically generated within seven to 10 business days.

The deadline for filing 2008 federal tax returns is April 15. Federal tax regulations now allow an automatic six-month extension to file using a single form (Form 4868). This replaces the two-step process under which an automatic extension was only allowed for four months, generally until Aug. 15. You must however, still pay the taxes you owe by the April 15 deadline. If you do not pay the tax owed on time, you will owe interest and penalties on the unpaid amount.

Military personnel stationed outside of the United States can qualify for an automatic extension of time until June 15 without filing Form 4868. If you live outside the United States and your main place of

business or post of duty is outside the United States, or if you are in military or naval service on an assigned tour of duty outside the United States for a period that includes the entire due date of the return.

If you take advantage of this extension, no penalties will be incurred, but you will be charged interest on any amount not paid by the regular due date until the date the tax is paid.

Watch future issues of The Newsleader for tips on tax filing. The Tax Assistance Center is located at 2420 Liscum Road, Building 133, behind the Staff Judge Advocate's Building.

Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The BAMC Satellite Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make appointments, call 295-1040 or 295-0061.

(Source: Staff Judge Advocates Office)

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prestigious title.

Obray's dramatic journey to earning the title was especially intriguing to the players and his fellow Soldiers alike.

"Five years ago, I weighed over 300 pounds," said Obray of his life before the Army. "When my brother came back from basic training, there was just something about him; something he carried with him," he said, referring to his older brother Christopher who joined the Army in 2001.

Obray, a native of Fairmont, Minn., made the decision to join the Army after Christopher returned from a tour in Afghanistan in 2004. He then dedicated himself to meeting the physical standards required to achieve his dream of becoming a Soldier.

"My brother came back from Afghanistan in phenomenal shape and began to work with me," said Obray. "He gave

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*Sgt. David Obray
U.S. Army Soldier of the Year*

me the added motivation and the knowledge of how to properly train physically."

After much sweat and hard work, Obray met the requirements and embarked on the life-changing event of becoming a Soldier.

"The Army was the fulcrum," said Obray. "My life completely turned around. I became the student body president at my college, my grade-point average improved and I gained a new confidence. I know that I really can do anything and I'm in better shape physically, mentally and emotionally."

Instilled with a new and powerful confidence, Obray quickly set his sites on becoming the U.S. Army's top Soldier. He credits his fellow Soldiers, whom he calls, "teammates" with his success in the competition.

"The 2008 (U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command) NCO of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Eisch, trained with me everyday for about two months," said Obray. "I went to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and many active duty Soldiers there helped me; it didn't matter to them whether I was Reserve or active duty, all they saw was that a Soldier is here to get trained."

According to Obray, the

Army values were essential to his success.

"Because of my Army experience, I know what it's like to compete and everything you must have gone through to get to where you are today," Obray said to the players. "I ask that you all adopt the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor and integrity both on and off the field throughout your careers."

Xavier Nixon, a top-ranked offensive lineman from Fayetteville, N.C., knew firsthand of the Army values since both his parents have careers in the U.S. Army.

"My parents are my heroes because of the values they've taught me," said Nixon of his parents Master Sgt. Fotini Nixon and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Nixon Sr. "It's because of the Army that I've learned to apply these values to my life."

Each player, as they strive for successful careers in college and possibly professional football, seemed to take Obray's advice to heart.

"I ask that you adopt the Army values in your lives," said Obray, pausing to look each player in the eyes. "They've helped me tremendously in my life and I'm sure they'll do the same for you."

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Soldier said, "We are proud to be associated with the life and service of Spc. Keith Campbell. His memory is with us today. It reminds us of his achievements and devotion to his duty and to his country."

Campbell was serving as a medic in Vietnam in 1967. He had only been in Vietnam for 19 days, when he observed a wounded Soldier lying in an exposed position. He crawled to his brother in arms and dragged him to shelter behind a tree. As a shield, the tree did protect the patient, but sniper fire took Campbell's life. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor.

Czerw said, "This plaque will be here in this entrance as a constant reminder to the Soldiers, and soon to be Airmen and Sailors, who enter this hall of the impeccable valor, selfless sacrifice facing insurmountable odds while saving a fellow Soldier's life."

Unveiling the plaque were Campbell's mother, Ester Gates and sister, Judy Campbell. Also present was master sculptor,

Andrew Chernak.

Campbell's sister was responsible for the fund raising efforts that resulted in the bronze plaque. The detail of the bronze work is incredible in design and authentic to every detail.

Judy said, "I am asked all the time why I continue to do the things I do in memory of my brother. I am a firm believer that it is our obligation, not a choice to remember those who serve our country. In our journey of honoring and remembering, we can teach others a lot of things.

I met Andrew (Chernak) in my involvement with Gold Star Mothers. When the idea of a bronze relief came about, it was without a doubt that Andrew was the artist for the job. The detailed work and heart and sole that Andrews puts into everything he does, is evident in his work."

Chernak was chosen without reservation by Judy Campbell to design and create the relief. His attention to detail was what inspired her to commission his work. However, his knowledge of the terrain and even Spc.



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

(From left) Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School; Ester Gates, Judy Campbell and Andrew Chernak, relief artist stand in front of the bronze plaque during an unveiling ceremony Jan. 7 in memory of Spc. Keith A. Campbell. The library was named in Campbell's honor for his bravery while saving the life of a fellow Soldier while serving as a medic in Vietnam in 1967.

Campbell's tread on his Army boots was from his own presence in the same area of Campbell's death, only a few meters away, one year later.

No stranger to the military life, Chernak grew up with a family rich in military tradition. He joined the Army in

1968 and served as an infantryman. Two Purple Hearts, five other awards, and a year in Vietnam later, Chernak acquired a rare firsthand experience of the subjects he portrays so emotionally and accurately. Chernak's work is on display in muse-

ums at West Point, the Medal of Honor Gallery, the D-Day Museum and Arlington National Cemetery.

At the conclusion of the dedication, friends and Family gathered for a closer look at the relief and enjoyed refreshments.

GAINEY from P1

here to my charge, I will shoulder and carry it all to continue the legacy you and countless others have set before me.”

The NCO Academy offers the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, now titled the Senior Leaders Course, to senior staff sergeants and sergeants first class, and the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, now titled the Advanced Leaders Course, for sergeants and staff sergeants.

The SLC, with an average student load of 80 to 110, and ten classes per year, covers mission training plans, convoy operations, temporary operations environment, situational field exercises, such as battlefield scenarios, and includes planning battle movements, platoon convoys, forward operating base, and military operations in urban terrain.

The ALC, with an average student load of 158, and twelve classes per year, also includes situational field exercises, career management, distance learning and stand alone common core training.

“We train tomorrow’s leaders. We train NCOs to be adaptive and innovative, in an effort to have them be efficient and effective leaders in the battlefield,” said Sgt. Maj. Aaron Keener, Deputy Commandant, NCO Academy.

Our biggest challenge is the war on terrorism and at the same time changing our NCO’s

philosophies, so they can be an effective role model and leader in this new transformation in our Army,” continued Keener. Our Army is changing, so we too must be flexible and very adaptive.”

“We are altering our training goals to get them trained at a much earlier stage and age while ensuring that they have the necessary tools and skills to be effective combat medics and leaders,” said Keener.

For the second year, a team of ALC instructors have taken their training on the road. Mobile Team Training is geared to help young sergeants and some staff sergeants who did not have the opportunity to attend the resident phase because of deployments. Instructors go to units such as Fort Carson and Fort Riley and conduct training there. The instructors provide six extended days of training. The students then only have to come here for six days for the simulation labs and medical task training.

Keener, who is in charge of the MTT, said, “The MTT serves three purposes, it pre-

vents the NCO from getting behind in their leadership development, he or she stays at home with their families during their redeployment, and last but not least, we have developed them into leaders so they can be more effective for their next deployment.

The team usually supports six to seven classes per year or as often as requested by units.

Keener said, “Our ultimate goal is, we are here to train to lead....lead the way.”

In recognition of the NCO Corps, the “backbone of the Army” the Secretary of the Army established 2009 as the “Year of the NCO” in recognition of their commitment to service and willingness to make great sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. Throughout 2009, the Army will honor NCOs through initiatives and events that enhance awareness and public understanding of the roles and responsibilities of today’s NCO and enhance and accelerate the development of NCOs through education, fitness, and leadership development initiatives.

Take action

File photo by Cheryl Harrison

Spc. Ruth Love, general surgery clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center drops her submission form into a box located at the Army Community Service, so her voice can be heard at the 2009 Army Family Action Plan Conference. The conference will be held at the Sam Houston Club from Feb. 4 through 6. About 30 boxes are located around post for submissions to be considered at the conference. The forms are self explanatory and easy to fill out. Submit as many issues as you like, using a new form for each issue. Drop completed forms in one of the black boxes provided around post or mail to ACS/AFAP, Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road, #95, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234 or e-mail samh.afap@conus.army.mil. People interested in participating or volunteering for the AFAP Conference, call Brian Dougherty at Army Family Action Plan at 221-1653.

News Leader survey online

Submit your feedback to help improve the News Leader. The survey is available online at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>. For more information, call 221-0615 or 221-1139.



Intramural Ping Pong

Fort Sam Houston Intramural Ping Pong season will begin Jan. 20. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-3185.

Intramural Billiard

Fort Sam Houston Intramural Billiard season will begin Jan. 22. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-3185.

Softball tryouts

Post men's and women's softball

tryouts will be held Feb. 2 to 6 p.m. at 6:30 p.m. Rain dates are Feb. 9 to 13 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 221-3185.

Intramural volleyball

Fort Sam Houston intramural volleyball season will begin Feb. 18. Letters of intent must be received by Feb. 2. Letters of intent may be sent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234 or e-mailed to earl.t.young@us.army.mil. For more information, call 221-3185.

Intramural racquetball

Fort Sam Houston intramural rac-

quetball season will begin Feb. 17. Letters of intent must be received by Feb. 2. Letters of intent may be sent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Ste 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234 or e-mailed to earl.t.young@us.army.mil. For more information, call 221-3185.

Softball coaches needed

Coaches are needed for Garrison softball. Coaches must submit resumes by Jan. 26 to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road Building 124, STE 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234 or dropped off at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call 221-3185.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly campus activities – Jan. 19 to 24

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Jan. 19
School holiday/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 20
Beginning of third nine weeks
Jan. 22
FSH Elementary School report cards sent home
FSH Elementary Cougar Connection: TAKS Tips, with our FSH Elementary School counselors, 11:30 a.m. to noon (Learn how to help your third, fourth and fifth graders prepare for the upcoming TAKS test.)
Jan. 23
Group pictures
Spirit day

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Jan. 20
Beginning of third nine weeks
Girls' JV/V basketball vs. Blanco, 5 and 6:30 p.m.
Boys' JV/V basketball vs. Blanco, 5 and 8 p.m.
Girls' soccer vs. Holy Cross at Cole, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21
Color Guard at San Antonio Rampage Hockey game, 7 p.m.
Jan. 23
Girls' JV/V basketball at Randolph, 5 and 6:30 p.m.
Boys' JV/V basketball at Randolph, 5 and 8 p.m.
Girls' soccer vs. Feast, 4:30 p.m.
Boys' soccer vs. Feast, 6 p.m.

Army Community Service Financial Readiness classes

Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report – Jan. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Mandatory First Term PCS – Jan. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Mandatory First Term Financial Readiness (online) – Jan. 21 and 28 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Investment Class – Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Identity Theft – Jan. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Checkbook Maintenance – Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.
One-on-One Budget Counseling – By appointment, call 221-1612.
Debt Management Plan – By appointment, call 221-1612.

All classes are held in Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road, training room 1. Class space is limited. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

Microsoft classes offered in ACS computer lab

PowerPoint 1 will be held Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Students will learn to create a presentation, format slides, add transitions and animation, and how to save a presentation as well as how to create an e-card.

Excel 2 will be held Jan. 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The class will cover calculating with advanced formulas, sorting and filtering data. For more information or to sign up, call 221-1841 or e-mail jennifer.loba@us.army.mil.



Dining and Entertainment

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Unexpected Guest

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents, The Unexpected Guest, a mystery by Agatha Christie, now through Feb. 21. This thriller is set in a foggy estate in Wales; the mystery opens as a stranger walks into a house to find a man murdered and his wife standing over him with a gun. Tickets are \$31 for Friday and Saturday performances; and \$28 for Wednesday and Thursday performances. Discounts are available for military and students. The theater opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-

9694. The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Auditions for 'Pump boys and Dinettes'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions for "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a musical revue Jan. 26 and 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights with Missy Miller directing. There are roles for two women and four men. People who come to audition should have a musical number prepared. Other volunteers are needed for lights, sound, props and stage crew. For more information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

Sam Houston Club

Learn how to play Texas Hold'em

The Fort Sam Houston Club will host Learn How to Play Texas Hold'em Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee per player. Sam's Sports Bar will be open with specials throughout the day. Snacks will be provided. Players must be 18 years or older. For more information, call 224-2721.

Super Bowl Party

Sam Houston Club will host a Super Bowl Party in Sam's Sports Bar Feb. 1 from 4 p.m. to midnight. There will be a \$5 cover charge with free snacks and specials throughout the evening. Patrons must be 18 years or older for admission. For more information, call 224-2721.

Big Bucks Bingo

The Sam Houston Club will hold Big Bucks Bingo the first Saturday of every other month. The next Big Bucks Bingo will be held Feb. 7 with a guaranteed \$13,000 payout. Community Bingo will begin at noon with a free buffet served for all bingo players. For more information, call 224-2721.

BOSS Super Bowl party

The Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program will sponsor a Super Bowl Party Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Enjoy the game on a big screen while munching on goodies such as cotton candy, popcorn, finger foods, and the snack bar. Door prizes awarded every quarter. For more information, call 221-2810.

Recreation and Leisure

Monthly 5K Fun Run/Walk

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will host a monthly Fun Run/Walk Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. Registration forms will be available on the day of the event. This is a free event open to the community. Event T-shirts may be purchased for \$10. For more information, call 221-1234.

Valentine's Day story time

Keith A. Campbell Memorial

Library will host a Valentine's Day story time for pre-schoolers and toddlers Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. Participants will be read stories and will have a chance to create a Valentine's Day card for a loved one. For more information, call 221-4702.

RV Park at Canyon Lake closes for upgrades

Fort Sam Houston Recreational Area RV Park at Canyon Lake will close for some major work beginning the first of the year for about 30 days. Upgrades will be performed on 10 pad sites that will include utility and sewage connections; an adjacent 10-foot by 20-foot concrete patio and cover with charcoal barbecue grill and a fire ring. The electrical pedestal will have 50 amp, 30 amp and 15 amp RV outlets. In addition, six other back-in RV pad sites will be upgraded. Only the RV park portion of the recreational area will be closed. The remainder of the park including cottages, cabins, tents and dry camping will be open. The marina will also be fully operational. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

Bowling center Lunch and Bowl

Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center will host Lunch and Bowl Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will receive one free

game of bowling and free shoes with the purchase of a meal item. The Bowling Center will provide a limited menu on these days. For more information, call 221-4740.

Child, Youth and School Services

Parent Advisory Council

A Child, Youth and School Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. All CYSS patrons are encouraged to attend. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

4-H Appreciation Night

The School Age Services Program will participate in the 4-H Appreciation Night at the San Antonio Spurs vs. New Jersey Nets basketball game Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$12, which includes game admission, hotdog, soda and chips. Advanced sign up is required by Jan. 16. Space is limited. Participants must have current SAS membership to sign up. For more information, call 221-4466.

See FMWR P14



Photo by Minnie Jones

The new Harrison Heights community center opened Oct. 15, 2008. The center includes a catering kitchen, two living areas, dining and homework areas, and a pool and playground for use by Families who live in the Harris Heights Housing area. The center is also available for individual parties, events and activities.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Fort Sam Houston housing became privatized under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program. This program permits military Families to experience the same quality of home, amenities and services offered by most civilian housing communities, without incurring the additional cost of many off-post communities.

COMMANDER from P1

Defense's shining star in first-rate military medical training, transforming Fort Sam Houston from the "Home of Army Medicine" to the "Home of Military Medicine."

Under the BRAC Joint Basing plan for San Antonio, installation support functions at Fort Sam Houston will combine with those at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases to form one of the largest base organizations within the Department of Defense.

Garr wants to ensure the Fort Sam community that as a garrison, and with all the BRAC changes taking place, "Fort Sam will still maintain its integrity as an Army centric, historic installation," she said.

The Air Force will be the lead agency for the San Antonio Joint Base, providing support services under the joint base construct. The planning phase for that change is happening this year, but, as far as the actual transitioning of post operations is concerned, the experience will be transparent Garr said.

Communication is one of Garr's highest priorities. "On my level, I am looking at improving our communication processes across the installation, at various levels, to ensure that our

community knows what's going on at Fort Sam, today and tomorrow," she said.

Some of the things that we are doing are increased integration among our quality-of-life leaders on Fort Sam Houston, to see where we can better synchronize and provide more quality-of-life programs in concert with each other, instead of parallel to each other."

Garr has energized community town hall meetings, which she conducts quarterly. The next round of town hall meetings will begin in February.

She is initiating a new forum, called the community information forum for senior tenant commanders and their command teams, specifically for command sergeant majors, spouses, Family Readiness Group leaders and housing area mayors. This forum is designed to provide monthly updates about activities and programs relevant of interest to those units.

A company commander and first sergeant course is scheduled to begin in March. This new program is designed to provide incoming supervisors an orientation about garrison operations and Family support services available on Fort Sam Houston to assist them in successfully commanding their

companies.

Last year, Fort Sam Houston saw a significant increase in community and cultural activities on post. Not only were there more held here, but one of the biggest events last year was hosting country music artist, Tim McGraw, who thanked the military for their service by performing a free concert for about 25,000 servicemembers and their Families.

In 2009, Garr wants to continue on that path of bringing more Family oriented events and activities to the post, and is working closely with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is putting a package together for Fort Sam Houston, similar to the ones at Forts Belvoir and Bliss, designing an improved community center for shopping and dining to include a movie theater.

After BRAC is complete in 2011, over 9,000 students will be rotating on and off Fort Sam Houston, "We need a fuller range of activities for Soldiers coming on post," said Garr. The goal is keeping the Soldiers on Fort Sam, so they won't have to go off post to find something to do."

When looking ahead, financial resources to make these

quality-of-life enhancements on Fort Sam Houston happen is always a challenge. "We just have to find a way to make it happen, because the needs are still there," said Garr.

Another challenge that Garr faces is receiving continuing feedback from the Fort Sam Houston community. Her staff is working on various avenues to assist the community with an opportunity to voice their opinions and provide suggestions to the command.

The Army Family Action Plan is one of those avenues available to let the Army leadership know what works, and what doesn't. AFAP boxes have been placed throughout post to solicit the community's feedback. There is an AFAP conference scheduled Feb. 4 through 6 at the Sam Houston Club.

"... Programs don't happen without community involvement and community support. It is critical that people volunteer or make suggestions. Even though our resources are limited, we need to know how we can improve our services or provide more programs at Fort Sam Houston," she said.

"We (Fort Sam Houston) want to be one voice and one community moving in a forward direction, not multiple voices, going in different directions,"



Photo by Esther Garcia

Resident conductor Ken-David Masur and the San Antonio Symphony entertain the crowd with favorite patriotic tunes such as "America the Beautiful" and musical selections such as "Yankee Doodle" and the "Saturday Night Waltz," at the Tobin Endowment Concert held on post Memorial Day weekend.

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Photo by Esther Garcia

The new Child and Youth Services Center is designed to support the increased youth population of the installation as a result of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment and the Army's commitment to Families announced during Army Family Covenant ceremony held Nov 8, 2007.



Photo by Minnie Jones



Photo by Minnie Jones

Medical Instructional Facilities 1 and 2 are components of the Medical Education and Training Campus on Fort Sam Houston where radiology, pharmacy, biomedical equipment and dental technicians will be taught. Classes are predicted to start in June 2010.



Photo by Minnie Jones

The initial Community FIRST Single Soldiers focus group was held Jan. 14 in the garrison command conference room, Building 122. The purpose of the focus group was to discuss issues affecting Soldiers assigned to Fort Sam Houston.

FMWR from P11**Family Child Care Amnesty Month**

January is Family Child Care Amnesty Month. Family members who provide child care in on-post housing

must be certified through Child, Youth and School Services. Any caregiver that contacts Family Child Care during this period may be allowed to continue care while completing certification. For more information, call 221-3828.

Driver's education class

A driver's education class will be offered Feb. 2 through 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cole High School in Portable 2. Children ages 14 to 18 years with

a valid Youth and School Services membership are eligible to enroll. Cost of the class is \$344. Participants may enroll through Central Registration, call 221-4871. Please inquire about the Army Family Covenant initiative that may be available to you.

CYSS Talent Show

Child, Youth and School Service is currently accepting applications for the 2009 CYSS Talent Show. All talents are welcome. Interested participants ages three to 18 years may register through Feb. 7. For more information, call any of the CYSS facilities or call Central Registration at 221-4871.

**Key Caller Training**

Family Readiness Group Key Caller Training will be held Jan. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training defines the responsibilities of the FRG key caller and provides information on performing this role. The registration deadline is Jan. 15 by 4 p.m. To register or for more information, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Financial planning for first PCS move

Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will hold a class in financial planning for a first Permanent Change of Station Jan. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ACS Building 2797. This is a mandatory class for all junior enlisted Soldiers, E1 to E4, preparing to PCS for the first time. This class will cover costs, allowances, and entitlements associated with a PCS move. The class must be taken no later than 60 days before out-processing from the unit. For more information, call 221-1612.

Care Team Training

A Care Team Training will be held Jan. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service, Building 2797. The training will focus on the Care Team's responsibilities and provide guidance on how to handle issues volunteers will face such as dealing with Family's reactions. This training is recommended for Casualty Assistance Officers, Casualty Notification Officers and Battalion Care Team volunteers. The registration deadline is Jan. 15 by 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.

acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Blended Families

Family Advocacy will hold a class for blended Families Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Learn tips on how to avoid the pitfalls blended Families can experience and how to improve existing relationships. This class will also look at some of the challenges in making two Families one. Discussion topics include, discipline, financial responsibilities and co-parenting issues and concerns. For more information or to register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com.

Infant massage classes

The Army Community Services New Parent Support Program will hold infant massage classes for babies from birth to one year old Jan. 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The program will be held in five weekly sessions. Massage benefits may include helping babies and parents sleep better and longer, decrease stress and crying, and may help relieve baby's discomfort caused by gas or colic. Infant massage helps promote bonding and attachment between babies and their caregivers. For more information or to register, call 221-0655.

General resume writing class

The Army Community Service Family Employment program will host a general resume' writing class Jan. 22 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, in the new computer lab. Interviewing skills, techniques, and how to dress for success will also be topics of discussion. For more information and to register, call 221-2705.

Newcomers' Extravaganza

The mandatory Newcomers' Extravaganza will be held Jan. 27 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The newcomers' Extravaganza is for all permanent party in-processing Soldiers, lieutenant colonel and below, within 60 days of their arrival to Fort Sam Houston. The extravaganza is an opportunity to learn about Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area; meet representatives from many different organizations, programs and businesses. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow Soldiers and civilian employee's administrative time to attend. Soldiers, spouses and Families are welcome, as are civilians new to the area. For more information, call the ACS Relocation Assistance Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

Community

Events**Disney's Armed Forces Salute**

Now through Dec. 23 each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission

into four Walt Disney theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of Disney water park, DisneyQuest indoor interactive theme park or certain other attractions. During the same period active or retired U.S. military personnel may also make a one-time purchase (up to a maximum of five) five-day "Disney Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for Family

members and friends. The companion tickets do not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun and More options, but the ticket can be upgraded to add either option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by Dec. 23. A similar offer is in place at Walt Disney Land in California. For more information, visit www.disneyworld.com/military.

Conquering debt God's way

The Installation Chaplain Office will offer a 6-week study on financial management principles. The one-hour course begins Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Installation Chaplain Office. The course will be facilitated by Chaplain (Maj.) Kim Norwood. Through this empowering course, people will learn how to rapidly eliminate debt, save for the future, restore harmony in their marriage, and retire with confidence. The course is open to all I.D. cardholders. For more information or to register, e-mail kim.norwood@amedd.army.mil.

Employer Support Freedom Award

Texas Guard and Reservists can nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees for the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer

Support Freedom Award. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 19 at www.FreedomAward.mil. For information visit www.FreedomAward.mil or call Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 703-380-9717.

Soldier Show auditions

The U.S. Army Soldier Show seeks talented individuals to audition by Jan. 22. Army Entertainment Division needs vocalists, dancers, musicians, technicians and specialty acts for the song-and-dance extravaganza. For more information or technical inquiries, call Army Soldier Show Production Assistant Sgt. Daren Taylor at 703-380-8879, or e-mail daren.taylor@us.army.mil.

Fort Sam Houston Technology Exposition

The Directorate of Information Management will host the Fort Sam Houston Technology Exposition will be held Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The event is free and open to all military, civilian and contract personnel. More than 30 exhibitors will be on hand demonstrating the latest in emerging technologies. For more information or to request a company or technology call, Natalie Tier at 301-596-8899, ext. 227, or e-mail Tier@ncsi.com. To pre-register, visit

www.FederalEvents.com, click on "Fort Sam Houston," and choose the Government/Military link.

Financial planning, pre-retirement seminar

The Alamo Federal Executive Board in Collaboration with the Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will hold a financial planning and pre-retirement seminar Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Evans Theater, Building 1396. Federal employees interested in long or short-range retirement planning and learning about a particular retirement system. Topics will include retirement systems; Thrift Savings Plan; Social Security Benefits; Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance and Survivor Benefits, and other topics. Bring the following statements with you, a current leave and earnings, TSP statement and an annual Social Security statement. To register, call Lena Boutelle at 221-0639, or e-mail lena.m.boutelle@us.army.mil. Reservations are required.

Meetings**Warrant Officer Association**

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association

See **COMMUNITY P16**



**LET'S RODEO,
FORT SAM HOUSTON!**

**Fort Sam Houston Garrison Night at the San Antonio Rodeo
Feb. 6 at 7:30 PM at the AT&T Center, One AT&T Center
Parkway, San Antonio, TX 78219**

Featured Entertainment - Gary Allan

Over the course of his career, Gary Allan has established himself as a country singer who prides himself in being authentic. What you see is what you get. No smoke about that! The California-bred singer does a great ballad, but when it comes to a rockin' good time, he is almost impossible to top. We are glad he is making his way back to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo with his latest CD, "Living Hard" which includes the chart topping radio hit, "Watching Airplanes". Other radio hits include: "Life Ain't Always Beautiful," "Man to Man," "Right Where I Need to Be," "Smoke Rings in the Dark," and "Nothing On But the Radio."



**Open to All Garrison Employees,
Family Members and Friends
\$15 per Ticket**

**Fill out the form below and return with payment to U.S. Army
Garrison Headquarters, Building 122, or Camp Bullis Employees
return to Camp Bullis Headquarters, Building 5000,
no later than Jan. 15. For more information on the San Antonio
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Name: _____ Directorate: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$15 each Total Enclosed \$ _____

Cash, Check or Money Order - Make Payable to Paul Dvorak
USAG POC: Loretta Belz 210-221-9607 Camp Bullis POC: Paty Chavarria 210-295-7611

COMMUNITY from P15

will meet Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Road (near Loop 410). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 295-6596 or e-mail juan.gomez@us.army.mil; or Jim Gonzales at 666-9818 or e-mail rjonzales879@satx.rr.com.

Spouses' Club

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston area will host a lunch-

eon Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Afterward, a game of Bunco will be played. Members and non-members are welcome. The cost is \$14. Reservation deadline is Jan. 16. For more information or reservation, call Kelly Pinsky at 233-8401, or e-mail kelly.pinsky@us.army.mil. For more information about the Spouses' Club, visit www.scfsh.com.

American Society of Military Comptrollers

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will host a luncheon Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, Chaffee Road in the Crockett Room. The luncheon will be co-hosted by the Association of Government Accountants. The guest speaker is Dr. Keith Phillips, senior economist and policy adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, San Antonio Branch. The topic will be the 2009 economic environment. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. This seminar is worth one hour of Continuing Professional Education credit. For more information or reservations, call Gwendolyn Sewell at 536-6112. Reservations are due by Jan. 26.

**Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754****Catholic Services:**

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - 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. - Collective Protestant
11 a.m. - Collective Protestant
Jewish Services: 379-8666 or 493-6660
8 p.m. - Fridays - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat

Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432**Catholic Services:**

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Catholic Women of the Chapel Enrichment or Bible Study - Mondays
12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

10:30 a.m. - Gospel Protestant - Sundays
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Wednesdays, child care is provided
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Thursdays, child care is provided
Samoan Protestant Service: 8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105**Catholic Services:**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
Protestant Services:
10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays
Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:
12:30 p.m. - Traditional worship - Thursdays

Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105**Christ for the Intrepid services:**

5:30 p.m. - Coffee and fellowship - Sundays
6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362**32nd Medical Brigade Student services**

Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays
Contemporary Protestant Service: 9:30 a.m. - Sundays
Muslim Jumma: 1:30 p.m. - Fridays

Fort Sam Houston Library, Building 1222, 221-4702**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:**

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 2530, 295-2096

Contemporary Protestant: 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Web site: www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain

Religious Briefs

PWOC meets

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is a Christ-centered group that encourages women to grow spiritually withing the body of Christ through prayer, the study of God's word, worship and serv-

ice. A Bible study is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 221-5007.

CWOC meets

The Catholic Women of the Chapel Enrichment or Bible Study is held Mondays from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 442-8957 or 830-914-2326.

For Sale Fort Freebies

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate and employment ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies can only be ran twice. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0615.

For Sale: Battery powered pink Razor scooter, one seat, excellent condition, \$125. Call 464-6761.

For Sale: Simmons Beauty Rest pillow-top mattress, like new, \$275. Call 262-3892.

For Sale: Modular desk, two-drawer file, five-roller chair, rug cover, \$150; green screened tent, 10 feet by 20 feet, great for lawn parties, new, \$125. Call 426-6777.

For Sale: Magnavox 20-inch television, Emerson 10 inch television, Compaq keyboard and mouse, Two Compaq speakers, paper shredder. All for \$130, will sell separately. Call 653-5302.

For Sale: 1991 Ford F-150 single cab, long bed, 6 cylinder engine, 5-speed standard transmission, runs very good, cruise control, dual fuel tanks, A/C, \$2,400. Call 687-3980.

For Sale: Traditional-style, dual massage, reclining sofa with fold-down center console, very comfortable, new, \$500 obo with free matching loveseat. Call 212-7272

For Sale: Kitchen table, round, pedestal base, four chairs, solid oak, new, \$200; black sofa sleeper, ideal for child's room, new, \$100; chaise lounge, light beige, new, \$175; 50-

inch projection television, \$250 obo. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: Medline portable commode, never used, and junior-size folding walker with wheels, \$50 each. Call 636-9437, leave message.

For Sale: Fish tank, \$75. Call 550-7371.

For Sale: Risistol hat, size 7 ?, like new, \$65; Evenflo baby backpack on frame, like new, \$35; air tailgate, size small to medium; pethouses and carriers, various sizes and prices. Call 221-2690.

For Sale: 20 inch bike, pink, \$35; 26 inch bike, \$35; exerciser, \$200; four 16 inch tires, \$50; buffet, \$75; giant custom-made doghouse, \$250. Call 633-2247.

For Sale: Coach hobo handbag, new with tags, \$195; Ralph Lauren handbag with matching checkbook wallet, like new, \$85; James Avery silver bangle bracelet with five gold flowers, \$150; Refrigerator with freezer, 4 feet tall by 2.5 feet wide, \$95; Pug, male, 2 years old, \$275. Call 633-3859.

Wanted: Tin for patio area, good condition, reasonable price. Call 550-7371.

