

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



201st Military Intelligence Battalion cases colors anticipating deployment to Afghanistan

By Gregory Ripps
470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion cased its colors Feb. 5 as it prepares to deploy very soon to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The colors casing ceremony, which represents a pause in the unit's activities on Fort Sam Houston, took place in the circular area in front of the post's historic Building 1000 known as "Old BAMC."

Family members, fellow Soldiers and other guests gathered on damp ground under gray skies where the battalion's three companies formed.

Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding gen-

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Photo by Gregory Ripps

Lt. Col. Dennis Lewis (left), 201st Military Intelligence Battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ables, battalion command sergeant major, complete the casing of the battalion colors with the assistance of Sgt. Angel Zamora, color bearer, while Col. Jim Lee, 470th MI Brigade commander; and Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, U.S. Army South commander, look on. The battalion officially cased the colors on Fort Sam Houston Feb. 5 preliminary to its deployment to Afghanistan later this month.



U.S. Army South hosts Under Secretary of the Army

Photo by Robert R. Ramon

(Left to right) Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commander, the Honorable Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army and Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz, U.S. Army South deputy commander, discuss U.S. Army South's current operations during a briefing at Army South headquarters Feb. 4.

By Robert R. Ramon
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South received a special visit from the Under Secretary of the Army at their headquarters at Fort Sam Houston Feb. 4.

The Honorable Joseph W. Westphal obtained a first-hand account of U.S. Army South's dynamic mission including their most recent efforts in support of Joint Task Force Haiti and Operation Unified Response.

The U.S. Army South Commander, Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, updated Westphal on Army South's ongoing mission as the Army Service Component Command of U.S. Southern Command while the Army South staff took the opportunity to tap into Westphal's vast knowledge of

the Latin American region.

Westphal explained that Army South's area of focus, which includes Central and South America and the Caribbean, is of special interest to him since he's a native of the region.

"I was born in Latin America [Chile] and I'm very proud of my Hispanic heritage," Westphal said.

Trombitas explained to Westphal that he wanted to walk him through the Army South headquarters in order to "see our Army South Soldiers and civilians who are making things happen."

During the visit, Westphal personally met with members of the Army South team who were hard at work in support of the global effort to assist the people of Haiti as well as the many other ongoing Army South missions throughout the AOF.

"You had such a tremendous response in providing support to Haiti so quickly," said Westphal to the Army South staff. "I want to thank you for all you do and to let you know that I'm here to help you in any way to support your mission."

Westphal's stop at the U.S. Army South headquarters was part of a two-day visit to Fort Sam Houston where he toured the Warrior and Family Support Center, Center for the Intrepid, Burn Center, U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School, Department of Combat Medic Training and U.S. Army North.

He also had dinner with wounded warriors and spent face-time with Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, Fort Sam Houston commander, and Col. Mary Garr, Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander.

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Commander urges safety over Presidents Day weekend

By Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw
Commanding General,
FSH and AMEDDC&S

Soldiers, civilians, and their Families will soon celebrate Presidents' Day Feb. 15. Americans will reflect on the sacrifices made by our Founding Fathers and the freedoms that came from their loyalty to our Nation.

As we remember our former leaders, we must continue our focus on

safety while enjoying the holiday with Family and friends.

Traffic related accidents continue to be a big factor for our Soldiers. Leaders are encouraged to promote traffic safety prior to the holiday weekend.

Your comments should address adequate sleep/rest before long trips, wearing seat belts, driving in adverse weather conditions, driving

defensively, and wearing helmets and other protective gear when operating motorcycles.

Soon, the warmer weather will encourage more motorcycle riders to venture on the roads and highways. Supervisors at all levels should review current policies to support safe motorcycle operations within their unit.

Personnel planning to drive long distances

should complete the Travel Risk Planning System program.

The probability of a safe return increases, as Soldiers understand the risks associated with their journey. Soldiers can assess TRIPS from the Combat Readiness/ Safety Center (CRC) Web site at <https://safety.army.mil/>.

Leaders should also emphasize sexual assault awareness, prevention, and response in their

safety briefings. Guidance is available at <http://www.sexualassault.army.mil>.

Army policy promotes sensitive care for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

I wish you all a safe holiday weekend. Take care of yourself and return safely, as you are all valuable members of our team.

BCT overhaul: changes coming to Basic Combat Training

By Steve Reeves
Fort Jackson Leader

Basic Combat Training is getting ready for some major changes to reflect the modern battlefield, said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training.

Hertling, who is responsible for managing the training of Soldiers from the day they enter the Army until they report to their first duty assignments, made his remarks last week during a visit to Fort Jackson, Va., the largest of the Army's five basic training centers.

"We really took a look at the relevancy of what we're doing," Hertling said. "We're teaching Soldiers too much stuff."

One of the changes Hertling wants to implement is the elimination of bayonet drills, a longtime staple of BCT.

Hertling also wants Soldiers to focus less on traditional combatives and focus instead on fighting with their hands

and knives or other objects.

He said Soldiers need to learn how to fight with their hands to make their combat skills more suited to existing battlefield conditions.

"The great majority of our Soldiers come into training having never had a fistfight," Hertling said.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have made it necessary to revamp how many Soldier tasks, such as first aid and marksmanship, are taught, Hertling said.

Hertling said there will be a renewed interest in Army values and wrapping Soldier training around those values.

Also, BCT will focus on producing Soldiers at a consistent quality level throughout the Army. The key to a consistent product is drill sergeant execution and warrior tasks/battle drills, he said.

Changes to physical training and fitness are already in progress, he said.

"I'm a believer that we need something relevant to the conditions on the battlefield," Hertling said.

During his visit to Fort Jackson, Hertling spoke at the post theater during the quarterly Leadership and Training Guest Speaker Program about the challenges facing the Army.

Hertling said TRADOC Soldiers are a critical part of preparing the Army to continue fighting successfully.

"Training Soldiers is the least sexy, most important job in the Army," he said.

Hertling delivered a similar message when he addressed an audience of drill sergeant candidates the day before.

"What (Soldiers) become is what you help them become," he said. "That's what being a drill sergeant is all about. Those Soldiers are your credentials."

Hertling is assigned to the Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va.



File photo

Bayonet training may soon be eliminated from Basic Combat Training, said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training, during a visit to Fort Jackson, Va., last week.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16
San Antonio	 43° Ice Pellets	 59° Partly Cloudy	 58° Partly Cloudy	 61° Partly Cloudy	 58° Partly Cloudy	 58° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 39° Chance of Snow	 42° Chance of Snow	 39° Chance of Rain	 42° Chance of Rain	 46° Clear	 52° Scattered Showers
Baghdad Iraq	 69° Partly Cloudy	 69° Overcast	 73° Scattered Showers	 77° Clear	 77° Partly Cloudy	 77° Chance of T-storm

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

News Briefs

Military Tax Assistance Centers

The Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center is located in Building 158, the hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The FSH tax center will be closed Feb. 12 for the Training Holiday and Feb. 15, Presidents' Day. Call 295-1040 or 221-1040. The Brooke Army Medical Center is located in the BAMC library, the hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 916-1040.

IG Office Closure

The Army Medical Department Center and School and the Fort Sam Houston Inspector General office will be closed Feb. 11-15 for an IG Summit. The offices will reopen on Feb. 16 at normal duty hours.

New Braunfels Avenue Closed

New Braunfels Avenue from Wilson Road to Stanley Road is closed due to a construction fence being erected on the avenue. The crossing at Stanley Road on New Braunfels Avenue will also be closed 5:30-6:30 a.m. during the Soldiers' run.

Black History Month

470th MI Bde. Observance

The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade will sponsor an observance of African-American/Black History Month Feb. 24, 1-2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Highlights include a speech by Keith D. Parker, president and chief executive officer of VIA Metropolitan Transit. Call 295-6800.

The History of Black Economic Empowerment

FSH will commemorate African American/Black History Month "The History of Black Economic Empowerment," Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Bob Snead will perform his one-act play, titled "Held In Trust." Call 221-4240.

Honoring the Past, Present and Celebrating the Future

Collective Protestant Service will host a Black History Month program at Dodd Field Chapel Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. with an old-time church service, at noon there will be a food gallery, poetry reading, music, fashion show, art exhibit, children's activities and a Black history fact challenge. Call 897-6880.

U.S. Army South First Responders return from Haiti

By Arwen Consaul

ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Hours after the earthquake struck Haiti, members of U.S. Army South's Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team were notified that they would be departing for Port-au-Prince the next day.

The team, made up of Army South engineers, departed San Antonio on Jan 13, to work with governmental and non-governmental organizations to assess the damage in Haiti and to build the Deployable Joint Command and Control Center, which would later be the headquarters for Joint Task Force-Haiti.

"As part of the Humanitarian Assistance Survey team, we went ahead to survey how bad things were in Haiti," said Capt. Kelly Pajak, an engineer planner for Army South.

"We were the eyes on the ground for the commander. We assessed infrastructure, routes and ground lines of communication so that we could determine what needed to be fixed and when."

Every day, members of the Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team worked side by side with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USAID, the Government of Haiti, the Disaster Assistance Response Team and other organizations to determine the best way to get government buildings back to working order.

"Our goal was to assess the government buildings first, because that is where services are provided to the people of Haiti," said Pajak.

On top of providing assessments to the buildings in Haiti, the Army South Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team also built the Deployable Joint Command and Control Center, the headquarters where the Joint Task Force-Haiti com-



Photos by Rosa Santoni

Members of the U.S. Army South Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team construct the Deployable Joint Command and Control Center, the headquarters for Joint Task Force-Haiti. The Army South team worked together with both governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USAID and Haitian workers, to complete the command center.

mander would later run military operations.

The Deployable Joint Command and Control Center is the information hub for Joint Task Force-Haiti, joint services and other governmental organizations to plan and conduct operations during Operation Unified Response.

"We all wanted to be on the ground directly helping the people of Haiti," said Rosa Santoni, general engineer for Army South.

"Though the Deployable

Joint Command and Control Center didn't appear to be providing direct support to the people of Haiti – it actually did. The Deployable Joint Command and Control Center put Joint Task Force-Haiti into operation. It allowed them to get organized and begin helping the people of Haiti."

Army South quickly began the building of the Deployable Joint Command and Control Center and within four days had completed the frame that would support the main tents

of the command center.

"We wouldn't have been able to complete our mission without interagency support and teamwork," Pajak said. "It was important to have open lines of communication and build strong relationships with each other so that we could focus on helping the people of Haiti."

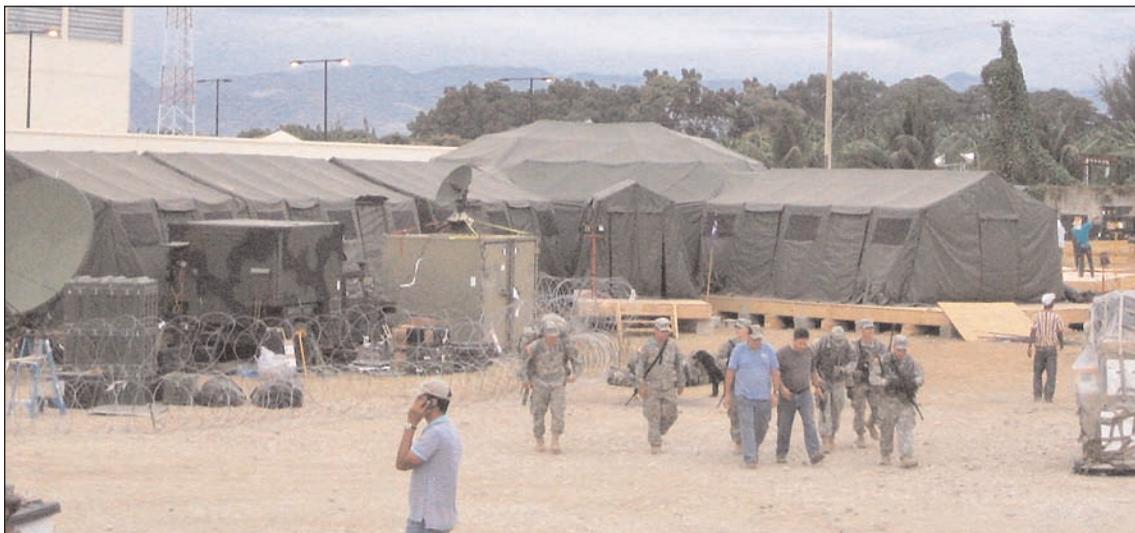
"We didn't have a lot of materials to work with when we first showed up," Santoni said.

"Teamwork was the key to success. We all worked around the clock to complete the mission."

According to Santoni, the work was very intense yet no one complained because the ultimate end state was providing assistance to the people of Haiti.

Pajak agreed, commenting that the Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team was deployed and utilized exactly how they were supposed to be.

"We completed our mission and did what we were sent to do," Pajak said. "We had immediate impacts on the command and therefore, to the people of Haiti."



Members of the U.S. Army South Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team construct the Deployable Joint Command and Control Center, the headquarters for Joint Task Force-Haiti.

U.S. Army South treats more than 5,100 patients in El Salvador

By Arwen Consaul
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Members of U.S. Army South and the Army Reserve treated more than 5,100 patients in El Salvador over a nine-day period.

At the request of the government of El Salvador, U.S. Army South provided much needed specialized and general medical care as part of a Medical Training and Readiness Exercise. The Soldiers conducted medical and veterinary treatments in Vera Paz, San Emiglio, Guadalupe and San Vicente from Jan. 25 to Feb. 2.

“Our primary goal is to treat as many Salvadorans with the best possible medical care that we can provide,” said Army Lt. Col. Marscha Shivley, officer in charge of the mission and a member of the 420th Minimal Care Detachment out of Polar Bluff, Mo.

Medical Training and Readiness Exercises, initiatives of U.S. Southern Command, and coordinated through U.S. Army South, deploy U.S. service members to rural communities in Latin America and the Caribbean where they collaborate with the host nation military to provide medical, dental and veterinary services enhancing the capabilities of participating forces. Medical Training and Readiness Exercises are designed to foster goodwill and improve relations between the governments of the United States and El Salvador.

“Since we put boots on the ground in El Salvador, the Salvadoran military has been the epitome of excellence,” Shivley said. “Their soldiers and officers are very professional and willing to assist in any way to accomplish the mission.”

While in El Salvador, mem-



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Crescitelli

With the assistance of 1st Lt. Donny Esquivel, El Salvador Army Force, U.S. Army Maj. Guerschon De Laurent, the dentist on the left assigned to the 912th Medical Detachment, and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Marsha Shivley, with the 420th Minimal Care Detachment, provide medication dosages to a Salvadoran patient.

bers of the 420th Minimal Care Detachment, the 325th, 349th and 369th Combat Support Hospitals, 445th Medical Detachment Army Reserve Veterinary Corps, the 7227th and 7228th installation medical support units, and the 912th and 388th Medical Detachments provided general medical treatment to more than 3,400 patients, dental services to more than 900 patients and optometry care to more than 700 patients. The 445th Medical Detachment Army Reserve Veterinary

Corps provided treatment and care of more than 1,200 animals.

Along with the medical services provided, the Medical Training and Readiness Exercise provided an opportunity for U.S. Army Soldiers to exercise their skills in a real-world environment.

These exercises allow U.S. military personnel and units to sharpen their occupational skills and practice deployment and redeployments to better prepare to respond to future challenges, while bringing



U.S. Army Spcs. Matthew Brady and Felicia Chadwick, medical specialists assigned to the 420th Minimal Care Detachment out of Polar Bluff, Mo., initiate treatment of Salvadoran patients by taking vital signs at a treatment site in Guadalupe, El Salvador.



Army Maj. Suzanne Terrant, with the 445th Medical Detachment Army Reserve Veterinary Corps, provides care to the pet of a Salvadoran coffee farmer.

lasting benefits to our partner nations and their people.

“This mission also provides a life learning experience for our Soldiers as well as improving international cultural knowledge,” Shivley said.

“U.S. and Salvadoran physicians, dentists and pharmacists are working and learning from each other.”

The relationships built and sustained with our multinational partners in Central and South America and the Caribbean region through such medical exercises help

tremendously in humanitarian efforts and preserving peace and stability in the region and continue to demonstrate U.S. Army South’s commitment to the people of the region.

“Through verbal and non-verbal communication the Salvadorans have given tremendous positive feedback about their medical care and relationships with U.S. Soldiers and this has improved their overall image of the United States people,” Shivley said.

Army Nurse Corps' 109th birthday connects past, present, future for nurses

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The Army Nurse Corps Association and Army nurses celebrated the 109th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps at the Sam Houston Club Feb. 2. More than 200 BAMC nurses participated in the commemoration and cake cutting ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Patricia Horoho, chief, Army Nurse Corps, and commander, Western Regional Medical Command, was guest speaker for the event.

"I am incredibly appreciative of our predecessors' contributions, as they helped shape the Army Nurse Corps that we all proudly serve today," Horoho said.

"Our past leaders

demonstrated, through their actions in our military treatment facilities both at home and abroad, the courage to connect with our patients and Families; and the courage to care deeply for those who have done so much."

Horoho also expressed the importance of having the platform of standardized customer care service to reduce medical records errors, increase quality of care, promote wellness, improve efficiency and reduce costs; while having greater influence on the medical profession.

"Our nursing system of care is the first step in leveraging your influence to improve how we deliver nursing care and shape patient outcomes. At the heart of our new

system of care is what we believe as nurses guides, gauges and grounds us as a profession," said Horoho.

"Embrace the past, engage the present, and envision the future," concluded Horoho, expressing that collaboration between the active duty nurses currently part of the corps and retirees belonging to the association will promote the well-being of patients and their Families today as well as tomorrow.

According to ANA's Web site, the association's purpose is to provide communication and social opportunities for members; cooperate with the chief of the Army Nurse Corps in the preservation of the history of the ANC, award



Photo by Maria Gallegos

(From left) Col. Susan Clark, Deputy Corps chief, Army Nurse Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Col. Mary Messerschmidt, retired Army nurse, Maj. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, chief, Army Nurse Corps, and 2nd Lt. Holly Cuhel, a BAMC nurse, cut the cake celebrating the 109th Army Nurse Corps birthday.

scholarships to established school programs

and establish a means of communication by, for,

and about the Army Nurse Corps officers.

“Stand! Speak! Listen!”

Teen poetry slam success for all who attended

By Cheryl Harrison
ACS Marketing

“Stand! Speak! Listen! attracted six teen poet “slammers” who shared feelings of anger, pain, love, kindness and compassion with an audience of approximately 80 people who hissed, jeered or gave rousing applause Feb. 6 at the Sam Houston Club.

A poetry slam is the competitive art of performance poetry. A dual emphasis on writing and performance encourages poet “slammers” to focus on what they are saying and how they are saying it.

The Family Advocacy

Program’s Poetry Slam was the culmination of three workshops for teens wanting to learn to express themselves through words, music or acting and bring awareness to teen dating violence.

February has been established at Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month by Senate resolution.

“Recent research has shown that one in three teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, or physically hurt by their dating partner,” said Chandra Peterson, FAP educator,

adding that “with 81 percent of parents not believing or not sure if this was an issue, we felt it was important to reach out to teens and parents about teen dating violence in a real and interactive way.”

“We felt a poetry slam was a great way to encourage literacy, creative writing, and build self-esteem in our teens. At the same time it would be a great opportunity to get them invested and make others aware of teen dating violence,” Peterson said.

During the workshops local poets Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson and Anthony Flores were on



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Six local teen poets competed during the Family Advocacy Program Teen Poetry Slam held Feb. 6 at the Sam Houston Club. They are from (left to right) Alexa Rae Bocanegra 17; Quinton “PJ” Miller, 17; Kellee Greenwood, 16; Joe Cavazos, 17; Bria Banks, 16; and Alexis DeWitt, 16.

hand to demonstrate their own poetic style, encourage teens to express their feelings with words, and explain the rules of a poetry slam.

For the competitive event, six members of the audience were chosen as judges, scoring performances from zero to 10 based on content and performance. The audi-

ence was encouraged to participate if they agreed or disagreed with a judge’s score.

Dr. Sheila Siobhan and

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Covenant continues to provide for Army children

By Kevin Crouch
FMWRC Public Affairs

The goal of the Army Family Covenant is clear cut – take care of not only Soldiers, but also Families who have endured eight years of hardships as troops deployed downrange numerous times.

That promise also includes supporting the service's youngest members: sons and daughters of Soldiers.

“Since the Army

Family Covenant signing two years ago, our Child, Youth & School Services directorate has focused on improving and standardizing existing programs, as well as ensuring we can support Families when our Army is at war,” said M. A. Lucas, director of the Family director of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's CYS Services.

Moreover, Lucas noted, “We are committed to ensuring excellence

in these services, no matter how large or small the Army installation may be.”

A notable deployment-cycle-support initiative the Army implemented after the Covenant signing in late 2008: providing increased assistance to Families during a Soldier's deployment as well as to Warriors in Transition Families.

Currently, the Army provides 16 hours of respite childcare, per child per month, at no

cost for Families of deployed or wounded/fallen Soldiers.

The Covenant also provides these Families free childcare during medical appointments; reduced child care fees during other times; and has eliminated fees for children to participate in four CYS Services instructional classes and two individual sports during a unit's deployment cycle.

Overall, the Army ensures all installation CYS Services are Department of Defense certified, which is the military equivalent to meeting state licensing requirements, and that all Child Development Centers and School Age programs are accredited by national professional accrediting agencies.

According to a 2009 National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies report, DoD ranks at the top of two lists tied to state standards and oversight criteria - with no single state appearing on both lists.

“DoD stands alone as a



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christina O'Connell

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model,” the report stated.

And while the Army is certainly concerned with providing quality programs, it also strives to ensure quality facilities exist as well.

“The Army provided funds for construction of 72 child development centers and 18 youth centers in fiscal year 2008 alone,” Lucas said.

“Between now and fiscal year 2014, the Army has programmed for 59 additional child development centers and seven additional youth centers.”

Such centers certainly help in stretching a Soldier's paycheck.

A prime example of how CYS Services helps Army Families financially is the elimination of initial registration fees and reduction of program charges.

“It is critical to the financial wellness of many Families to have affordable and readily available CYS Services,” Lucas said. “There are many dual-working parents or single-parent

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eral, U.S. Army South, pointed out in his address to the gathering that 10 percent of the battalion's Soldiers took exceptional actions to be part of the deployment because they "wanted to deploy with their unit."

These actions included extending enlistment and waiving the time allowed to stay in country following earlier overseas deployment.

The battalion last deployed overseas from September 2007 to December 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Its mission in Afghanistan will be similar to its mission in Iraq, where it conducted detainee screening and interrogation, document and media

exploitation, and intelligence analysis.

On this deployment, the battalion will serve as the Army component of the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center in Bagram, Afghanistan, to provide timely intelligence to commanders in support of the International Stabilization Force.

"Take care of each other, focus on your mission, and come home safe," Trombitas advised the Soldiers at the conclusion of his remarks.

Col. Jim Lee, commander of the 470th MI Brigade, to which the 201st is subordinate, recounted the training the Soldiers endured and described the difficult conditions that lie ahead of them.

"Yet, despite many

challenges, these Soldiers will, each day, look their enemy in the eye and question them, gaining intelligence for commanders," said Lee. "Lt. Col. Dennis Lewis [battalion commander] and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ables and their leaders have prepared these Soldiers well. We have great confidence in their abilities."

Trombitas, Lee, Lewis and Ables shared the honor of furling and casing the colors. Additional highlights of the morning event included music by a contingent of the Army Medical Command Band, the national anthem, and a song about heroes performed by leading Tejano star Patsy Torres.



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Lt. Col. Dennis Lewis, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion commander, leads the battalion in salute while Sgt. Angel Zamora renders honors with the battalion colors prior to its casing. The battalion officially cased the colors on Fort Sam Houston Feb. 5 in preparation for its deployment to Afghanistan later this month.

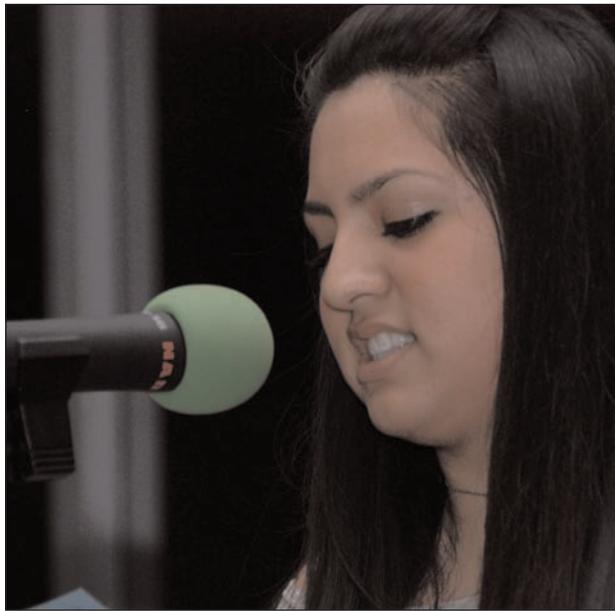
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Ronald Horne, both co-directors and board members of Texas Youth Word Collective in Austin were guests at the competition. The TYWC is a nonprofit youth literacy program, encouraging middle and high school students interested in writing and poetry.

Before the “slam,” as competitors took the stage, Horne addressed the teen poets.

“Your voice matters. You may think you don’t have any power at this age, but your voice matters. Use your words to speak for and to us tonight.”

During the open-mike portion of the evening, 11-year-old poet Anjelica Cavazos and more experienced slammer Bob Harry, FAP



Alexa Rae Bocanegra slams the audience with a moving interpretation of her original poetry.

specialist and Sanderson and Flores gave animated readings.

At the end of the readings winners were announced.

Third place with a \$50 gift card was presented to Alexis DeWitt, age 16; second place and a \$75 gift card was awarded to Kellee



Judge Ebony Grinder gives a competitor top marks .

Greenwood, age 17; and first place, with a \$100 gift card was awarded to 16-year-old Bria Banks.

“I feel this event was

a huge success. I think everyone walked out that night with a new experience and a new appreciation for poetry. It was great to see all

the support that the poets had from Family members to friends,” said Ashley Duran, FAP educator.

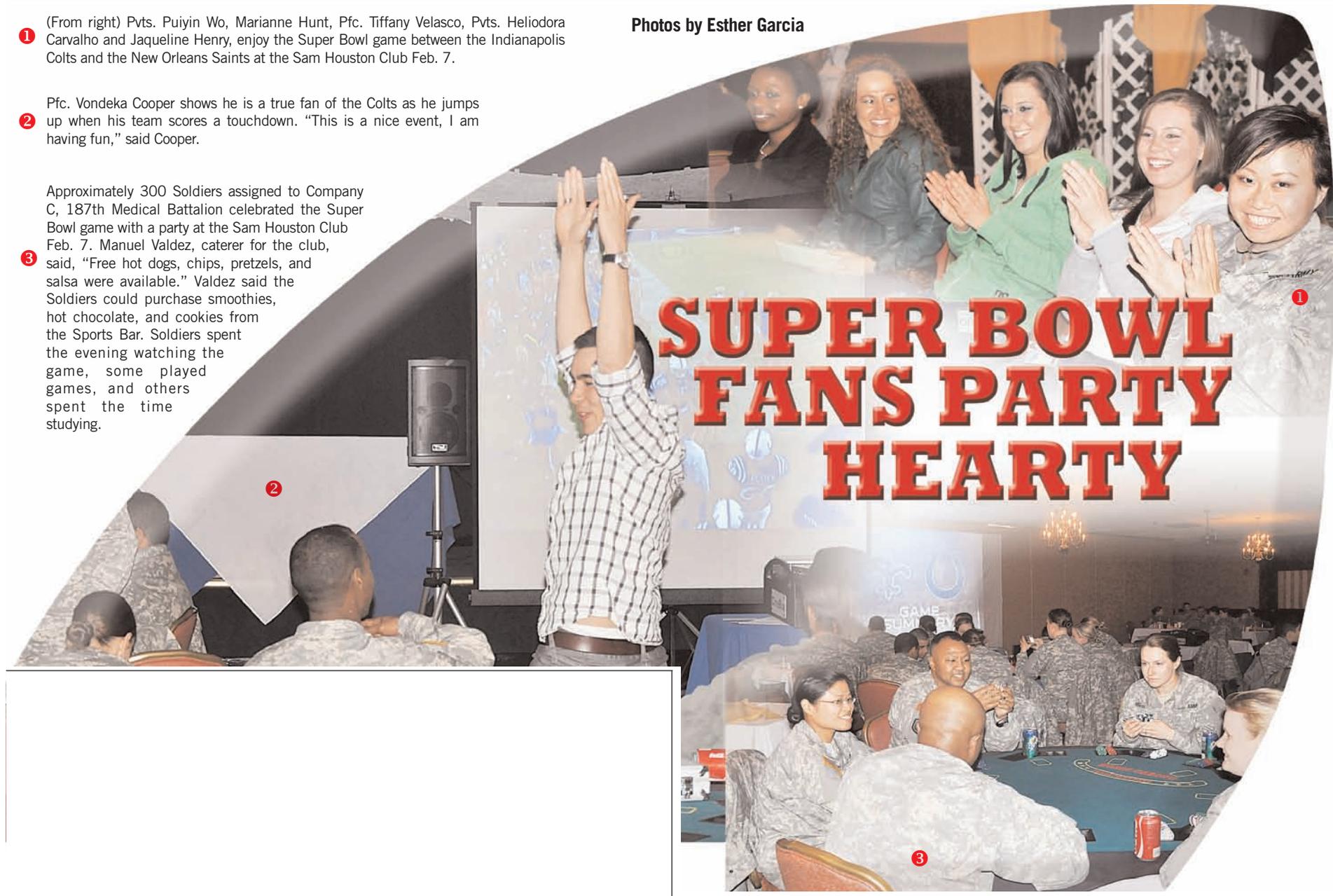
Photos by Cheryl Harrison

1 (From right) Pvts. Puiyin Wo, Marianne Hunt, Pfc. Tiffany Velasco, Pvts. Heliadora Carvalho and Jaqueline Henry, enjoy the Super Bowl game between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints at the Sam Houston Club Feb. 7.

2 Pfc. Vondeka Cooper shows he is a true fan of the Colts as he jumps up when his team scores a touchdown. "This is a nice event, I am having fun," said Cooper.

3 Approximately 300 Soldiers assigned to Company C, 187th Medical Battalion celebrated the Super Bowl game with a party at the Sam Houston Club Feb. 7. Manuel Valdez, caterer for the club, said, "Free hot dogs, chips, pretzels, and salsa were available." Valdez said the Soldiers could purchase smoothies, hot chocolate, and cookies from the Sports Bar. Soldiers spent the evening watching the game, some played games, and others spent the time studying.

Photos by Esther Garcia



COVENANT from P8

households who rely upon us to provide quality child care and youth services when (an adult) isn't home."

Additionally, CYS Services programs operate beyond an installation's gate to serve activated guardsmen and reservists, as well as geographically dispersed active-duty Soldiers.

"Regardless of the location or the component, we must be able to reach all children and youth of Army Families," Lucas said.

For example, Operation Military Child Care and Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood are child-care fee assistance programs for geographically dispersed active-duty and activated reserve component Families.

These programs serve children 6 weeks to 12 years of age and are available in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Operation Military Child Care services are available during the Army Force Generation cycle in licensed care settings. Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood is available during continental U.S. duty assignments in nationally accredited community care settings.

The Army Family Covenant has also delivered community-based outreach services in 49 states and the District of Columbia to children and youth of all deployed Soldiers (active, guard or reserves) through Operation: Military Kids, which provides youth program opportunities for school age, middle school and teenaged youth by connecting

them to support resources near where they live.

Operation: Military Kids has its own Web site, <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org>, to provide extensive information on various child and youth programs and services.

A popular initiative offered through Military Kids is Hero Pack, a knapsack filled with donated items from partner agencies and given to military youth in gratitude for sacrifices they make while parents are deployed.

Another enterprise is Speak Out for Military Kids, a youth speakers' bureau that advocates for military children affected by deployment. It also raises community awareness of issues faced by geographically dispersed military children, and allows for military youth to gain leadership, research, organization and public-speaking skills.

The Army Family Covenant has also re-emphasized school support.

The service placed 40 additional school liaison

"Regardless of the location or the component, we must be able to reach all children and youth of Army Families,"

M.A. Lucas

officers at highly-impacted installations ensuring students receive the benefits of the Secondary Education Transition Study Memorandum of Agreement, which is meant to assist military children who move frequently. Today, more than 400 school districts are signatories to the agreement.

Furthermore, in 2008 the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children was signed and has now been adopted by 26 states.

The program seeks to remove barriers to educational success that mil-

itary children might experience because of frequent moves and deployments.

Both the Secondary Education Transition Study Memorandum of Agreement and the Interstate Compact address four categories of educational concerns to military Families: eligibility, enrollment, placement and graduation.

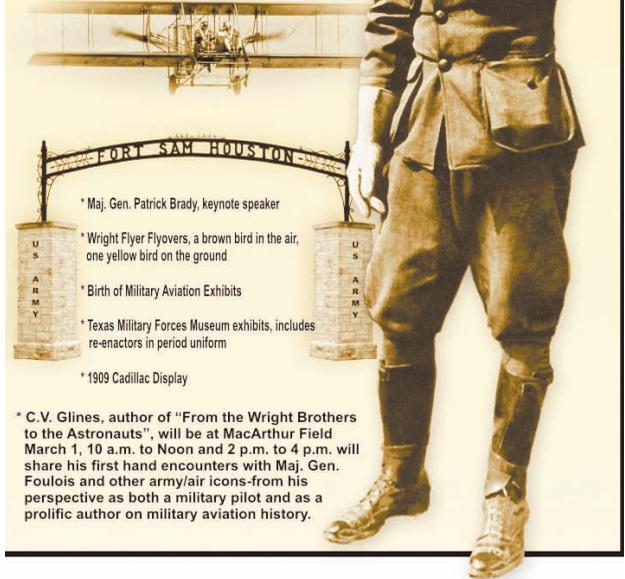
Army children now have access to 24/7 online interactive tutoring through a CYS Services program, Study Strong, that ensures CYS Services homework centers and technology labs are equipped with curriculum materials and educational software to support academic success.

"We intend to sustain our commitment to the principle established in the Army Family Covenant," Lucas stressed.

"We will ensure that excellence in programs and services for military children and youth is our top priority."

Foulois Centennial Military Flight Celebration

FSH MacArthur Parade Field
March 2, 2010
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



- * Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, keynote speaker
- * Wright Flyer Flyovers, a brown bird in the air, one yellow bird on the ground
- * Birth of Military Aviation Exhibits
- * Texas Military Forces Museum exhibits, includes re-enactors in period uniform
- * 1909 Cadillac Display

* C.V. Glines, author of "From the Wright Brothers to the Astronauts", will be at MacArthur Field March 1, 10 a.m. to Noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will share his first hand encounters with Maj. Gen. Foulois and other army/air icons-from his perspective as both a military pilot and as a prolific author on military aviation history.

News Leader survey online

Visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>. For more information, call 221-0615 or 221-2030.

WARRIORS COMPETE IN COMBATIVE TOURNAMENT

Story and photos by Esther Garcia
FSH Public Affairs

Soldiers, both students and permanent party, assigned to 187th, 264th and 232nd Medical Battalions competed for the title of best combative fighters during the Fort Sam Houston Combative Tournament Feb. 6 at Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

“Today we had the Fort Sam Houston Combative Tournament with both students and permanent party category. With the students, we are trying to build confidence, skills and abilities. With permanent party we are trying to select the All-Army team that will represent Fort Sam Houston at the All-Army Combatives Tournament in September at Fort Benning, Ga.,” said Lt. Col. Scott Fischer, commander, 264th Medical Battalion.

“We had very good representation from across the installation, much more representation than before,” said Fischer.

Soldiers representing Brooke Army Medical Center, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, Sheppard Air Force Base and the 717th MI, Brooks City Base also competed.

Combatives or hand-to-hand fighting is a struggle between two or more people. Students competed against students and permanent party against permanent party in seven weight divisions during the preliminaries on mats. The goal was to compete in the finals inside the center ring.

“Finals in the ring add a little difference in intensity, and every year we try to make it (the tournaments) a little better and more realistic,” said Fischer.

Sgt. 1st Class Veronica Soto, a combative instructor, said, “The combatives tournament is a great opportunity [for the students] to face their own fears, you never know when you might need to help out in the battlefield.”

We are extremely pleased that we could expand our brigade tournament to include all tenant units from Fort Sam Houston. It is great having this competition with our sister units like Brooke Army Medical Center and the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade,” said Col. Randall Anderson, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade.

“The 264th Medical Battalion has done an excellent job running this installation event. Not only has it been very professionally executed, it has been run safely and was very exciting for the thousands of Soldiers and spectators that have been here today.”



Pvt. Travis Netherton, Company B, 264th Medical Battalion, pins down Pvt. Brian Black, Company B, 232nd Medical Battalion as they do battle during the preliminaries competition at the Fort Sam Houston Combative Tournament.



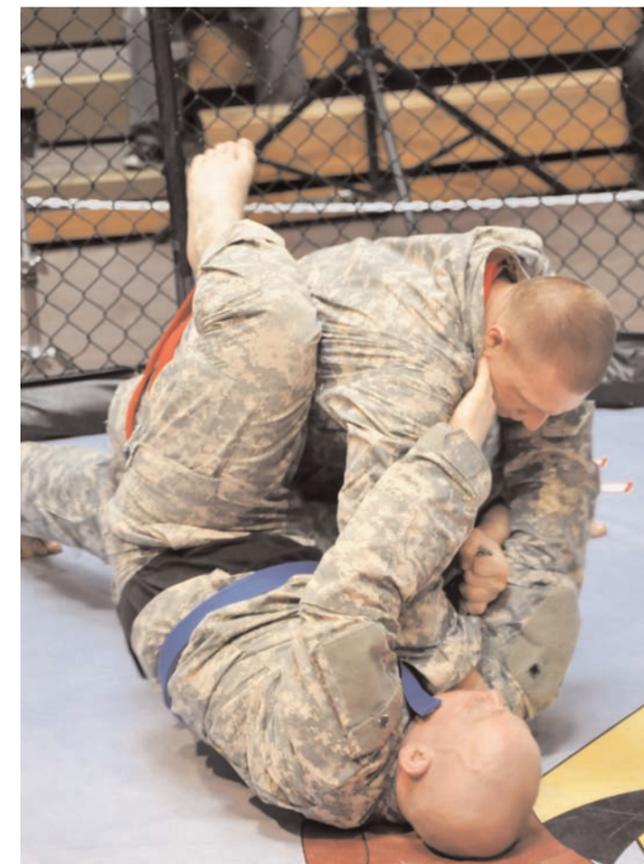
Fighters move into the ring competing in the finals in the flyweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, cruiserweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight categories.



Col. Randall Anderson presented first, second and third place medallions in all categories to students and permanent party.



Students and cadre assigned to the 232nd Medical Battalion pose with the trophy won for accumulating the most overall points in the combatives tournament. The 232nd Medical Battalion is charged with training 7600 Combat Medics annually in order to meet the operational medical demands of the United States Army in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



A soldier pins his opponent during the hand-to-hand fighting at the combative tournament.



Spc. Nick Ruggieri (left), with BAMC, placed second while Staff Sgt. Michael Sety (far right), with Company D, 264th Medical Battalion, Sheppard AFB, placed first in the heavyweight category at the FSH Combative Tournament.

Cole High School offers options to earn course credit

By Jayne Hatton
FSHISD

Cole High School students have several options to earn credit for graduation that include online courses, correspondence courses and credit by exam.

“Our highly mobile students sometimes face the challenge of earning credit for courses required for graduation,” said Isabell Clayton, Robert G. Cole Middle and High School principal.

“The school district has entered into a partnership with the Texas Virtual School Network which provides a new option for students to attain credits needed for graduation.”

The Texas Education Agency recently established and now administers a state virtual school network to provide education to students through electronic means as authorized by the 80th Texas Legislature when it passed Senate Bill 1788.

“Students can also earn dual credit through

partnerships with Lamar University and the University of Texas at Arlington, as part of the virtual school network,” Clayton said.

“I am earning credit for English III online because the courses did not fit my schedule and I needed them for graduation,” said Cole junior Rebecca Lavender. “Working online is fun and gives me college credit too.”

Cole Counselor Becky Ownby Smith regularly reviews student needs to determine if an online course could provide a useful instructional option for students.

“TxVSN is a supplemental rather than diploma granting program. The electronic courses supplement the services the district currently offers students.

Seven students are currently enrolled in classes through the TxVSN,” Smith said.

“Taking classes with stateu.com has given me a better perspective of college classes,” Taylor Kane said.

“I can work whenever I need to without the confinement of strictly using a classroom.”

Online courses for students in grades nine through 12 are reviewed to ensure 100 percent alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills as well as the iNACOL, National Standards of Quality for Online Courses.

All courses are taught by an instructor that is Texas-certified in the subject area and grade level and have successfully completed TxVSN approved professional development on effective online instruction.

Students at Cole can also earn credits for graduation through Distance Learning.

Two options are available through UT Austin and Texas Tech to include correspondence courses which is online course work completed outside the school day and Credit by Exam where a student takes a test in designated subject areas and must earn a score of 90 percent to receive credit.

FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES FEB. 15-20

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Kindergarten, fourth and fifth grade classes – 9:15 a.m.

Feb. 15

Student holiday/Teacher staff development day

Feb. 16

Pastries with the Principal in PTO Room, 7:15 a.m.

(Topic: Resiliency for Children and Parents)

Western Day – Square Dancing:

Second grade, Rooms 6, 8 and 9 – 8:50 to 9:35 a.m.

First grade, Rooms 26, 27 and 28 – 9:35 to 10:15 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten, Rooms 16, 41 and 44 – 11:30 a.m. to noon

Kindergarten, Rooms 12, 13 and 14 – 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Third grade, Rooms 19, 20 and 21 – 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Fourth grade, Rooms 36, 37 and 38 – 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Feb. 17

Progress reports sent home

Wear your college T-shirt

Feb. 18

Cougar Connection – Math CAN Be All Fun and Games! With Veronica Didelot

Western Day – Square Dancing:

Second grade, Rooms 10 and 11 – 8:50 to 9:35 a.m.

First grade, Rooms 29 and 30 – 9:35 to 10:15 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten, Rooms 15 and 25 – 11:30 a.m. to noon

Kindergarten, Rooms 5, 17 and 18 – 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Third grade, Rooms 7, 22 and 23 – 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Fourth grade, Rooms 24, 59 and 60 – 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Feb. 19

Black History Program - second grade performing

Program times:

Pre-Kindergarten, first and third grade classes –

8:30 a.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Feb. 15

Student holiday/Teacher staff development day

Feb. 16

Baseball scrimmage at Stockdale, 6 p.m.

Boys JV/V Basketball at Randolph, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17

Ninth grade students will enter course selection for 10-11 school year during English classes (Students must have parent signature on their completed choice sheet before they will be allowed to register online.)

Feb. 18

Tenth grade students will enter course selection for 10-11 school year during English classes (Students must have parent signature on their completed choice sheet before they will be allowed to register online.)

Cole's Tea with the Principal in the professional development center, 9 a.m.

Topic: Resiliency for Parents and Children

Feb. 19

DECA State Competition in Fort Worth Texas

JROTC Fort Worth meet

Eleventh grade students will enter course selection for 10-11 school year during English classes

(Students must have parent signature on their completed choice sheet before they will be allowed to register online.)

Feb. 20

DECA State Competition in Fort Worth Texas

JROTC Fort Worth meet

UIL One act play rehearsals in Moseley gym, 1 to

3 p.m.

Hiring Heroes Career Fair helps Soldiers find jobs after military service

The Hiring Heroes Career Fair provides opportunities for Soldiers looking into what is available as a second successful career after completion of their military service.

Resume Workshop

A day-long resume workshop will be held March 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffe Road. Assistance will be provided by subject matter experts to help attendees with federal (Resumix) and civilian resume documents. Personnel are encouraged to begin preparation now for the Hiring Heroes Career Fair. Call the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, 221-1213 to begin your pre-separation requirements and resume orientation. Federal resume classes are also available for your planning.

Hiring Heroes Career Fair

The semi-annual Hiring Heroes Career Fair will be held March 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. This DoD-sponsored event is expected to attract over 75 federal, corporate and contract exhibitors whose sole focus is to speak to warriors about employment opportunities after military service. Attendees are highly encouraged to bring their resumes to the event to expedite the initial steps of the employment information and the hiring process. The event is specifically organized for injured service members, their spouses, and caregivers.

San Antonio Military Community Job Fair

The semi-annual San Antonio Military Community Job Fair hosted by the local military installations, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Texas Workforce Commission will be held March 24, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, off Interstate Highway 35 at the Pat Booker Road exit.

For more information, call ACAP at 221-1213.



Softball Tryouts

Fort Sam Houston will hold tryouts Feb. 8-12 for the installation's varsity softball team. Any male or female possessing a Department of Defense card, is at least 18 years of age and not participating in an academic athletic association may try-out. Practice will be held at the Leadership Field. Call 221-3003. Rain date: Feb. 16-19.

All Army Chess Championships

The 2010 All Army Chess Championships will be held May 15-21 in Fort Myer, Va. Players must be active-duty Army and a United States Chess Federation-rated member. To apply, call 703-681-7204.

Intramural Basketball Standings

Standings as of Feb. 4

TEAM	W	L
1st BAMC	13	1

2nd HHC, 32nd Med. Bde.	11	3
3rd ARSOUTH	8	4
4th 321st Civil Affairs	8	4
5th 5th Rec. Bde.	8	5
6th 591st Med. Log.	8	6
7th SA Recruiting	7	4
8th HHD, 470th MI	5	6
9th B Co, 264th Med. Bn.	2	11
10th 106th SIG Bde.	2	11

32nd Medical Brigade Men's Basketball League

Standings as of Feb. 2

	W	L
B Co., 264th #1 Med. Bn.	4	0
B Co., 232nd #1 Med. Bn.	4	0
D Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	4	1
B Co., 232nd #2 Med. Bn.	4	1
B Co., 264th #2 Med. Bn.	3	2
C Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	2	2
C Co., 264th Med. Bn.	2	3
B Co., 187th Med. Bn.	1	3
C Co., 187th Med. Bn.	1	4
A Co., 264th Med. Bn.	0	9

32nd Medical Brigade Women's Basketball League

Standings as of Jan. 29

	W	L
D Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	4	0
C Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	4	1

**FEBRUARY
25 & 26
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Sam Houston Club**

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B Co., 232nd #1 Med. Bn.	4	1
C Co., 264th Med. Bn.	2	2
B Co., 232nd #2 Med. Bn.	2	5
B Co., 187th Med. Bn.	0	5

BAMC INDUCTION CEREMONY



Photo by Maria Gallegos

A group of 49 Soldiers assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center is sworn in at a Noncommissioned Officers Induction Ceremony at BAMC Jan. 28. Command Sgt. Maj. Roosevelt J. Mitchell, command Sergeant Major of BAMC's Troop Command, welcomed the new NCO's with words of praise and guidance for what it takes to become a successful NCO. He said, "You need leadership, fellowship, stewardship and mentorship to be successful as a noncommissioned officer."

BAMC REDEPLOYMENT



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Forty-three Soldiers assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center stand tall while the redeployment certificate was read at the ceremony on Jan 29. Col. Linda Carmen, commander of BAMC Troop Command, welcomed the Soldiers back from their overseas deployment. More than 65 staff and their Families attended the ceremony.

Thought of the Week

We live very close together. So, our prime purpose is this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. — The Dalai Lama
(Source: Bits & Pieces, November 2009)



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Announcements

Spurs Tickets

A limited amount of discounted Spurs tickets are available for purchase at the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, for several upcoming games. DoD cardholders can purchase \$23 Fan Zone tickets and \$85 Lower Level tickets for the March 5 game against the New Orleans Hornets and the April 2 game against the Orlando Magic; \$30 Fan Zone tickets and \$115 Lower Level tickets are available for the March 26 game against the Cleveland Cavaliers. All tickets include a shoot-around pass to watch pre-game practice. Tickets will be available until the Tuesday before each game. Call 226-1663.

'Dear John' Books-to-Movie Promotion at Library

Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library will host the "Dear John" books-to-movies promotion through Feb. 14, which features the latest Nicholas Sparks' romantic novel. DoD cardholders and Family members over the age of 18 can enter a weekly drawing for "Dear John" T-

shirts, books or movie posters; join the online virtual book club at <http://www.ArmyMWR.com> Call 221-4702.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present the Agatha Christie murder mystery "The Hollow" through Feb. 13. Tickets are Thursdays, \$26/military members and \$29/non-military; Friday-Saturday, \$29/military and \$32/non-military; E-1 through E-4 Soldiers pay \$13 for dinner and show any night. Cocktail service and salad bar begin at 6:15 p.m., dinner is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 222-9694.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Helping Us Grow Securely playgroup for parents and children ages birth to 5-years-old meets Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721. Registration is not required. Call 221-0349/2418.

Baby Talk

New Parent Support Program offers "Baby Talk" Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel for parents with children newborn to 12-months-old. Call 221-0349/0655.

Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group

The support group meets Wednesday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. at School Age Services, Building 1705, Dodd Boulevard. The group is facilitated by Mutual Enrichment through

Learning and Discovery and is open to Soldiers and military Families with special-needs members. Child care and dinner is provided. Registration is required. Call 221-2604.

Youth Swimming Lessons

Learn to swim this winter at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool. Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer Red Cross swimming lessons to children under 16 years old. Cost is \$40 for an eight-day session. Call 221-1234.

Lifeguard Classes

American Red Cross lifeguard classes will be offered at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on weekends beginning Jan. 23. Classes are held in four-day sessions, Session 2- Feb. 13, 14, 20, and 21; Session 3- Feb. 27, 28 and March 6, 7; Session 4-March 20, 21, 27 and 28; Session 5-April 3, 4, 10 and 11, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and participants must attend all four classes in one session to pass. The sessions fulfill the minimum requirement for employment as a lifeguard. Participants must be at least 15 years old and pass a qualifying test that involves a 300-meter swim and a 20-yard swim holding a 10-pound object. Each session is \$160, which includes books, first aid instruction, cardiopulmonary resuscitation mask and automated external defibrillators for infants, children and adults. Payment must be made upon successful completion of the

pre-test. Call 221-1234.

After School Pick-up

School Age Services now offers off-post after school pick-up. SAS will pick up students from the following schools: Royal Ridge, Wilshire Elementary, St. Pius X and East Terrell Hills Elementary. Children must be registered for the Afterschool Program. Fees are assessed according to total family income category. Call Parent Central at 221-4871/1723 or SAS at 221-4466/4455.

Girls Softball

Registration is now open for Child, Youth & School Services girls' softball through Feb. 26. Players must be 9 to 14 years old and have a CYSS membership. Players with a current membership can enroll online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Samhoustoncym.html>. Softball season is March 22-May 29. Call 221-4871.

Youth Basketball

Child, Youth & School Services baseball registration is underway through Feb. 26. Registration is open to 3-18 year olds with a CYS membership. Players with a current membership can enroll online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Samhoustoncym.html>. Call 221-4871.

Youth Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for Child, Youth & School Services the 2010 baseball and softball sea-

son. Interested volunteers can stop by Parent Central, Building 2797, or call 221-4871.

Apprenticeship Program

The HIRED! Apprenticeship Program provides 15- to 18-year-old youth with meaningful, professionally managed career-exploration opportunities in Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation operations. Apprentices will gain valuable work experience and training that will better equip them with the skills needed for a highly competitive job market. A cash award is offered upon successful completion of the term. Apply now for the next term. Applications are available at Parent Central, Building 2797. Call 221-3386 or 884-7485 for eligibility requirements and additional program information.

Calendar of Events

FEB. 11

Microsoft Word Level 1

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills and registration required. Call 221-2518.

Commander Training

The class will be held 8-10 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This mandatory Family Advocacy Program training IAW AR 608-18 is required for commanders and first sergeants within 45 days following assumption of command and also fulfills the annual com-

mander refresher training. This training provides a FAP overview and insight about the command role in reporting domestic violence. Examine leadership roles and discover how to report abuse and prepare for the Case Review Committee to support Soldiers and their Family members. Call 221-0349/2418.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class will be held 10 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. To register, call 221-1612.

Savings and Investing

The class will be held 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the San Antonio Credit Union conference room. Explore the options of savings and investing, the problems associated with each and the difference between a Roth and Traditional IRA. To register, call 221-1612/2705.

What EFMP Means to Me

The class will be held the second Thursday of each month, 1:30-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class is meant to target new Families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, however, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. This class will focus on benefits and programs available to Army Families. To register, call 221-2604 or 221-0285.

FOULOIS FIRSTS



While known for being the “father of U.S. military aviation” with his historic flight at Fort Sam Houston March 2, 1910, Benjamin D. Foulois was also the owner of many other aviation-related “firsts.”

1908 – First flight as a dirigible pilot

After seeing American inventor Thomas S. Baldwin demonstrate a dirigible at the St. Louis air meet in 1907, Brig. Gen. James Allen, Chief Signal Officer, discussed purchasing one for the Signal Corps. The Signal Corps had long urged the U.S. Army to buy a dirigible, and many European armies had them by the turn of the century.

During the summer of 1908, the Army tested a Baldwin non-rigid dirigible – and formally accepted it as Signal Corps Dirigible No. 1.

After Foulois, a first lieutenant, graduated from Signal Corps School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in July 1908, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in Washington, D.C., and on Aug. 28, Lts. Frank Lahm, Thomas Selfridge and Foulois were taught to fly SC-1.

1909 – First observer on an aircraft cross-country

As one of the three officers in the Army to operate the first military airplane purchased by the Government from the Wright Brothers in 1909, he participated in the trials of the Wright Flyer.

During the trials, Foulois was on board in the observer's seat of the Wright Flyer with Orville Wright, and clocked the airplane's landmark 10-mile flight time from Fort Myer to Alexandria, Va., at a speed of 42.5 miles per hour that qualified that airplane for acceptance into the Army. The flight also broke three world records – speed, altitude and duration cross-country. The one-man Aeronautical Division of the Signal Corps was born.

In his memoirs, Foulois jokingly stated that he was chosen on the basis of intellectual and technical ability, but he realized later that it was his 5-foot-6-inch stature, 126-pound weight, and map-reading ability that qualified him for the flight.

1910 – First military man to teach himself to fly

After only 54 minutes of flight training with the Wright Brothers and no solo experience, Foulois left Fort Myers, Md., in 1909 and headed for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as the United States' lone pilot with a team of enlisted men known as his “flying soldiers.”

He was instructed to teach himself how to keep flying; to use and take care of the United States' first airplane, designated “Signal Corps No. 1;” assess its military possibilities; and to take along plenty of spare parts.

He learned to fly it on his own, using instructions sent via letters from Orville and Wilbur Wright.



Photos by James Hare

Courtesy of George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography and Film, Rochester, NY

Lt. Benjamin Foulois looks at the map as Sgt. Stephen Idzorek, Phillip Parmalee and Maj. George Squier confer at the target range, March 17, 1911 at Leon Springs Military Reservation, Texas.

1911 – First to fly more than 100 miles non-stop

With Foulois plotting a course and Phillip Parmelee at the controls, the Wright Type B, on loan from Robert F. Collier, sets an official U.S. cross-country record from Laredo to Eagle Pass, Texas. It flew the 106 miles in two hours, 10 minutes on March 3. He and Parmelee flew along the Rio Grande River at an altitude of 1,200 feet from Laredo to Eagle Pass to search for enemy troops. They saw none during the flight.

While conducting preliminary flights at Laredo, James Hare, a photographer from Collier's magazine arrived and was taken aloft several times. Hare took a number of pictures of the terrain and established another first: photo reconnaissance and aerial map making.

1916 – First American to fly in combat

Pancho Villa's March 9, 1916, raid on Columbus, N.M., presented Foulois and the First Aero Squadron with a major opportunity. On March 19, he led his squadron to Casas Grandes, 125 miles south of the Mexican border.

Weather, terrain, inexperienced pilots, the lack of maps and communications combined with the shortcomings of the underpowered aircraft to pose unsolvable problems. Crashes and maintenance troubles steadily reduced their numbers until, by April 14, the First Aero Squadron was down to its last two aircraft.

Despite all their difficulties, Foulois and his men did a great deal of scouting and maintained an aerial mail route for the Mexican Punitive Expedition troops—commanded by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing.

Foulois' candid and comprehensive report on the operations, plus the support of Pershing and

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, led to the first substantial U.S. aviation appropriation—\$13,281,666 approved by Congress on Aug. 29, 1916.

The Mexican Punitive Expedition also brought Foulois into contact with William “Billy” Mitchell, who, up to that point, had never flown in an airplane. Mitchell and Foulois clashed over who was to blame for the squadron's lackluster performance in Mexico, and the two remained bitter rivals for the rest of their careers.

1918 – First Chief of Air Service, American Expeditionary Force, 1st Army

General Pershing personally requested Foulois for this job, believing Foulois could end the chaos within the fledgling Air Service in France.

Instead, it produced more friction and confusion. The air officers already in France were, for the most part, Regular Army and rated aviators, and resented having Foulois' staff imposed on them. Foulois believed his staff brought logistical and administrative skills that were essential to operational success, but others saw things differently.

Mitchell, now Air Service Commander for the Zone of Advance, was Foulois' bitterest critic. Mitchell referred to the new arrivals as “carpetbaggers,” charging that “a more incompetent lot of air warriors have never arrived in the zone of active military operations since the war began.” Pershing, the AEF Commander in Chief, called his new air staff “a lot of good men running around in circles.”

1931 – First Chief of the Air Corps to be a military aviator

After a series of important assignments in the 1920s, Foulois reported to the Office of the Chief of Air Corps in 1930 and earned the Mackay Trophy in 1931 for leading the Air Corps' annual exercises. On Dec. 19, he became chief of the Air Corps, the first military aviator to do so.

His vision and persistence laid the foundation for moving the Air Corps from a supporting branch of the Army toward full status as an independent service.



Collier aircraft with Lt. Benjamin Foulois and Phillip Parmelee landing at Leon Springs target range, March 17, 1911.

Foulois bio author will sign books at MacArthur Field

By Steve Elliott
FSH Public Affairs

Carroll V. Glines, who co-authored an autobiography with aviation pioneer Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, will be here as part of the Centennial of Military Flight celebrations going on at Fort Sam Houston early next month, signing copies of a revised version of his book.

"Foulois is without doubt the best kept secret in U.S. military aviation history," Glines said of the iconic – yet largely unknown figure in the history of American air power. "His story ranks with any of the greats of his era."

The book is an updated version of the original 1968 autobiography titled "From the Wright Brothers to the Astronauts: The Memoirs of Benjamin D. Foulois," and will debut at two book signings at Fort Sam Houston to coincide with the centennial observance of U.S. military aviation March 1-2.

The new edition is titled, "Foulois: One Man Air Force," and also serves as the basis for a full-length documentary film. Book signings are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Mar. 1 at MacArthur Field, inside the hanger and next to an actual Wright B Flyer.

Glines has authored 36 books and more than 750 articles on military aviation in magazines and official publications as a freelance writer since 1954. His books include biographies of aviators Jimmy Doolittle, Roscoe Turner and Bernt Balchen and such subjects as "Around the World in 175 Days," "The Doolittle Raid" and "Those Legendary Piper Cubs: Their Role in War and Peace."

"I spent more than a year and a half interviewing Foulois over 50 years ago while writing the first manuscript and am determined to see the book published again in my lifetime," the 89-year-old author Glines said of his work. "When we had finished, he was more than an interview – he was my close friend. Unfortunately, the plates to his biographical memoirs were inexplicably lost – and so his story has languished for decades."

During his military tenure, Foulois – the son of a plumber – was instrumen-

tal in starting and moving the cause of American airpower forward. He begins with making the first military flight with Orville Wright, to the first U.S. Army air mission searching for the Mexican bandit Pancho Villa in 1916, to making sure the United States had the planes and pilots to win two world wars.

"The Foulois story spans military aviation from his teaching himself to fly based on letter correspondence with Orville Wright, to working with U.S. pilots who would go on to become astronauts," said executive producer Alan E. Ericksen, president of Nexcel Media/Flying Start Group, a Dallas-based firm that owns the rights to the original memoirs. "Along the way, Foulois has history-changing encounters with the icons of that era: Lindbergh, Doolittle, MacArthur, and even Hermann Goering – who went on to lead Hitler's air force in World War II. He even had an epic feud with Billy Mitchell. You couldn't make up a story that good!"



Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Carroll V. Glines during interviews with retired Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois while formulating the first book addressing his memoirs and role in securing U.S. air power. The original book, titled "From the Wright Brothers to the Astronauts: The Memoirs of Benjamin D. Foulois," was published by McGraw-Hill in 1968 and a new revision titled "Foulois: One Man Air Force" is being released.



Courtesy photos

Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois and Orville Wright during the airplane tests at Fort Myer, Va., in 1908. With Wright as his pilot, Foulois was the first military member to make a flight in the history of American military aviation.

Foulois was influential during an important time in aviation history. The "aero plane" had proved that heavier-than-air flight was impossible, but the U.S. military still had no vision of or interest in its potential as a wartime asset.

Foulois relentlessly championed the cause of U.S. military aviation, often to the detriment to his own career. His is a story that has remained largely hidden from public view since the unexplained loss of his original biography – shortly after being published by McGraw-Hill in 1968.

The new Foulois biography book will be a "reborn" version by the same author, drawing again from the actual memoirs of Foulois.

Glines, a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired colonel, was handpicked by Foulois to co-author his memoirs based on Glines' other aviation books and career as a U.S. military pilot.

The new version also features a foreword by Roger G. Miller, Ph.D., deputy director Air Force Historical Studies Office, and will offer an updated epilogue and rare photos from the early days of aviation.

"Foulois: One Man Air Force," is also being offered in digital form, as a text download for e-readers, and will be available as an audio book, to ensure that the Foulois story is preserved. Glines has won numerous writing awards, including the Lauren D. Lyman Award from the Aviation/Space



Writers Association and the Freedoms Foundation Medal "for outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

The upcoming release is the first phase of an overall effort to bring this story to the American people. A documentary film by the same title is now in pre-production, and footage will include scenes from the centennial celebration at Fort Sam Houston. The event itself is predicated on Foulois' first flight at the San Antonio army post in 1910.

"Fort Sam Houston will provide a remarkable touchstone with history, since it was there that Foulois flew the Army's first plane and trained the first generations of American military pilots," said Ericksen, who brings to this project nearly three decades of experience in all facets of the media business. "There, we will capture demonstrations of early-period aircraft to introduce a whole new generation of Americans to the fragile – and often fatal – first flirtations with American air power."

"Having this book in revised form will give all Americans, especially the young, a brand new appreciation for the bravery and sacrifice that went into making America the world's premier air power," Glines said. "It will be my pleasure to introduce them to an amazing American hero, and one whom they have probably never heard of before."

Glines has been profiled in "Who's Who in America" since 1976 and has been Curator for the Gen. James H. Doolittle Library at the University of Texas at Dallas since 1995. He is the historian for Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders.

Glines was a command pilot during his 27 years of Air Force service from 1941 to 1968 and was qualified in 35 different types of planes. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Air Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal.

For more information about the book and film project, including additional news assets, visit the project Web site at <http://www.onemanairforce.com>.



Announcements

Local Hazards/Intermediate Driver's Training

Classes will be held Feb. 16 and 17, and March 2, 3, 16 and 17.

Military personnel under 26 years of age who possess a driver's license and DoD civilians who drive government vehicles are required to take this course. Military and Family members are also welcome to take the course. The three-hour classroom training is intended to reinforce a positive attitude toward driving. Visit <https://airs.lmi.org/> to enroll.

Basic Motorcycle Rider Course Available

A basic motorcycle rider course is available, at no charge, to service members who would like to learn how to ride. Visit the Installation Army Traffic Safety Training Program Web site at <https://airs.lmi.org> (Region=West; Garrison=Fort Sam Houston; Courses=(applicable course)) or call 221-3846.

Puppy Program Seeking Foster Families

The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Puppy Program is seeking Families who have time and patience to foster a Belgian Malinois puppy from 12 weeks to six months of age and can provide a stimulating and safe environment. Puppies are required to come back to Lackland once a month for vaccinations and evaluations. All of the supplies are provided through the program including crate, food and toys. Contact 341trsp@lackland.af.mil.

Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross office, Building 2650, at the corner of Patch and Harney roads, seeks volunteers to do filing, mailings, answering the

telephone, and other duties. Caremobile drivers also needed. Call 221-3355.

Cloverleaf Communicators

The club meets the first and third Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., at the San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Open to military, civilians and Family members. Call 221-8785, 221-6517 or 916-3406.

Fridays Free at Rodeo fairgrounds

Active duty, Family, and retired I.D. cardholders can enjoy this year's San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo for a little less, thanks to USAA. Cardholders can visit the Stock Show and Rodeo Grounds every Friday for free. The rodeo runs Feb. 4-21 and the grounds are home to the rodeo's carnival, animal pens and displays.

Scholarship for Military Children

The Scholarship for Military Children Program offers \$1,500 scholarships. Contact the local commissary, school guidance counselor, or visit <http://www.militaryscholar.com>.

org or <http://www.commissaries.com>. Application deadline is Feb. 17. Call 221-4678 ext. 249.

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program

Through the program, Kohl's will award more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes, ranging from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to ten \$10,000 scholarships, recognizing youths who make a difference by volunteering in their communities.

Nominations for children ages 6 to 18 years old will be accepted through March 15 at <http://www.kohlskids.com>, nominators must be 21 years or older.

BAMC Seeks Volunteers

Positions are available for the Caremobile, Kernel Club, Patient Library or Patient Transport Program teams and on the clinic and patient administration staff. Call 808-4982.

New Research Study

Healthy men and women, DoD beneficiaries between 18 and 55, may be eligible to participate in a new study conducted by researchers from BAMC determining the safety and dosage of two parts of an inves-

tigational vaccine for the prevention of skin and wound infections caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. Volunteers will be asked to make approximately 6-8 outpatient visits over a period of 3-4 months with study personnel. Study volunteers will be compensated based on DoD regulations. Call 916-6014.

Calendar of Events

FEB. 13

Hill Country Retreat Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 10k and 5k walk Feb. 13 starting at Del Webb's Hill Country Retreat Resort Center, 4800 Sunrise Beach, San Antonio. The walks will begin between 8 a.m.-noon and finish by 3 p.m. Call 723-8574 or visit www.randolphroadrunners.info.

FEB. 16

Dr. Cem Maxwell Speaking at AMEDD Museum

Dr. Cem Maxwell, deputy director, San Antonio Joint Program Office, Air Education and Training Command,

See COMMUNITY P23

REMINDER CALENDAR

- Feb. 11** Commander's Training, 8-10 a.m., Army Community Service
- Feb. 12** Training Holiday
- Feb. 12** Valentine Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., all Community Centers
- Feb. 12** Military Appreciation Night at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, 7:30 p.m., AT&T Center
- Feb. 13** Motorcycle Basic Rider Course
- Feb. 19** Cutest Pet Contest, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at all the community centers
- Feb. 23** Fort Sam Houston Newcomers Extravaganza
- Feb. 25** Consolidated Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 7:45 a.m., Army Community Service
- Feb. 27** 5K Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

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FEB. 12 Family Readiness Support Assistant Forum

The training will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training provides FRsAs the opportunity to network and share lessons learned in an open forum. To register, call 221-2705/1829 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Admission is free; players must be 18 or older to play. The top 64 players from qualifying rounds will play in the Garrison finals Feb. 26. The Garrison finals winner will have a seat in the All-Army Online Tournament. There will be a cash bar and spaghetti, salad and garlic bread are on the menu this week; a \$10 food voucher can be purchased

at the Sam Houston Club ticket office. Advanced registration is required, call 226-1663.

FEB. 15

Celebrate Like a President

Celebrate Presidents Day with a few games of bowling at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. On Presidents Day, games and shoes are just a \$1. Call 221-4740.

FEB. 16

Microsoft Excel Level 2

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

Babysitter Training

A 4-H Babysitter Program will be held a babysitter training Feb. 16 at the Middle School and Teen Center, Building 2515. Teens will learn about the ages and stages of child growth and development, safety,

food and nutrition, how to handle emergencies, appropriate activities to implement with children, and the business of babysitting. The cost is \$15 and is open to students ages 13-18, register at Parent Central, Building 2797.

Family Readiness Support Assistant Training

The training will be held Feb. 16-17, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will orient and inform FRsAs about the roles and responsibilities of their position. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

This class is a six-part series held each Tuesday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. The class helps identify strategies to more effectively handle anger, resentment and frustration in your personal and professional lives. To

register, call 221-0349/2418.

Women Encouraging Women

The seminar will be held noon-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The topic of discussion will be "Good Physical Fitness Tips," with guest speaker Lucien Kimble, sports and fitness specialist. Bring a lunch and prepare to enjoy this informative discussion. Call 221-0349/0655.

Consumer Awareness

The class will be held 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Learn how to protect yourself against identity theft and computer fraud and be aware of common frauds and scams, particularly those that target military personnel. To register, call 221-1612.

FEB. 17

Microsoft Access Level 2

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service,

Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Access Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class will be held at noon at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

FEB. 19

Parents Night Out

Child, Youth & School Services will host a Parents Night Out, 6:15-11:15 p.m.. Advanced payment and registration is required by calling Parent Central at 221-4871.

FEB. 20

Texas State University Tour

The Middle School and Teen Center and the HIRED! Apprenticeship program are offering students a chance to tour the Texas State University Feb. 20. The tour will leave the Middle School and

Teen Center at 8 a.m. and return by 5 p.m., lunch will be included. Seating is limited, permission slips need to be submitted by Feb. 17. Call 221-3164.

FEB. 25

Financial Boot Camp

The class will be held Feb. 25-26, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. This special event is for everyone who earns money, uses money and wants to know more about protecting and managing their money. Special guest speakers will explain everything from insurance, saving and investing, spending and penny-pinching. Call 221-1612.

FEB. 27

CYSS Annual Talent Show

Come see some of Fort Sam Houston's brightest young stars perform musical and dancing acts 6-10 p.m. at Army Community Services, Building 2797. Call 221-4871.



FORT FREEBIES FOR SALE

For Sale: Various decorations for all occasions, reasonably priced; Washburn bass guitar and amplifier, \$700 obo; Cosco lightweight stroller, \$12; Trends stroller, \$15; female Pekingese, 2 years old, shots and dewormed, \$325. Call 412-2151.

For Sale: Volvo dash mat, \$30 obo; baby back pack on frame, like new, \$30; porcelain dog dolls, 24 inches tall, \$95; 3 foot by 3 foot framed and numbered ballet scene, \$100; framed Korean flag, \$100. Call 633-3859.

For Sale: Tahoe cargo security shade, like new, \$65 obo; female Yorkie, 3 years old, \$425 obo; truck bed extender, 4 feet wide, \$225; Stetson brown felt hat, size 7, \$75; head rack for truck, \$100 obo. Call 221-2690.

For Sale: Office desk, \$50; pipe roofing, \$1 each piece; double chair, \$30; solid wood antique table, \$75; two large antique iron wheels, \$150. Call 550-7371.

For Sale: Metal toolbox for back of

truck, \$100; front grill for full-size truck, \$495; power washer, 2,350 psi, 6.5 hp, \$150; 80-gallon air compressor, new, \$850; antique Honda project motorcycle, \$300 obo. Call 440-5062.

For Sale: Bike trailer, \$45; riding lawnmower, \$495; wagon, \$30; Cardioglider, \$175; custom-made pet house, \$175 obo. Call 633-2247.

For Sale: Wood-grain entertainment center, 6 feet high by 5 feet wide by 17 inches deep, \$150; pillow back sofa and loveseat, earth tones, \$225; baby crib, needs refinishing, \$25; Replogle Hastings tabletop globe, \$30. Call 371-7833.

For Sale: 1983 Winnebago motor home, sleeps five, kitchen and bath, a/c, diesel, needs minor maintenance, \$2,500 obo; washer and dryer, \$175. Call 227-9017.

For Sale: Vermont teddy bear, new, \$54; fur jacket, \$58; gas barbecue grill, \$45; large solid wood computer desk, \$125 obo. Call 313-0061.

For Sale: Washer, \$80; bed frame, \$20; coffee table, \$35; television stand, black with glass door, \$40; dresser, \$35. Call 241-1291.

To place a Freebie ad, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax 221-1198.

Religious Briefs

Bible Club for Children

Faithweaver Friends is a kid-friendly program for children kindergarten to fifth grade will be held Wednesdays, 3:45-5:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Discovery Center activities and small caring groups build community, featuring crafts, music, snacks and games to drive the weekly Bible point home. Call 221-3749.

Cadence youth program

Cadence Responding to God's Call is a Fort Sam Houston Youth Ministry program for children sixth to 12th grade. This ministry is ecumenically based and focuses on faith development, fellowship and fun. The middle school group meets Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. and the high school group meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, Room 146. Call 221-5943 or e-mail FortSamYouth@aol.com.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The Fort Sam Houston Protestant Women of the Chapel is inviting all women to their weekly Bible studies Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30-8 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. There are seven different Book studies you may choose. The studies are innovative, interactive and taught by spirit-led women. Call 863-6361 or e-mail samhouston@pwoc.org.

Holy Shroud of Turin

A slide presentation of images of The Holy Shroud of Turin will take place Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Remarks by Chaplain (Col.) Philip Mahalic. Open to the public. Call 221-1778.

National Prayer Breakfast

The 2010 National Prayer Breakfast will be held March 4, 6:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker is Greg Asimakoupoulos, an ordained minister, freelance writer and newspaper columnist. Tickets will be distributed to units and will be on sale at the door. Call 221-5007.



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

Web site: <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>

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. and 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Muslim Juma: 1:30 p.m. - Fridays

Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Friday - Feb. 12

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grilled steaks, barbecued chicken, French-fried shrimp, beef stir fry, fried chicken wings, wild rice, baked macaroni and cheese, baked potatoes, collard greens, baked parmesan tomato halves, broccoli

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Grilled tuna patties, meat loaf, chicken cordon bleu, country fried steaks, cheese ravioli, baked potato wedges, parsley tri-colored pasta, hopping john rice, cauliflower, French-fried okra

Saturday - Feb. 13

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rigatoni with meat sauce, rigatoni with marinara sauce, herbed baked chicken, salmon croquettes, parsley-buttered potatoes, steamed rice, succotash, carrots, Brussels sprouts

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Beef enchiladas, chicken pot pie with biscuits, grilled pork chops, cheese enchiladas, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, steamed rice, fried cabbage, corn, asparagus

Sunday - Feb. 14

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Jambalaya, charbroiled meatballs with brown gravy, vegetable lasagna, roast beef, mashed potatoes, red beans and rice, baked potatoes, yellow squash, spinach, green peas

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbecued spareribs, Salisbury steaks, lemon baked fish, broccoli cheese rice casserole, oven glo potatoes, steamed rice, turnip greens, wax beans, pinto beans

Monday - Feb. 15

Presidents' Day

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Baked sweet Italian sausage, chicken cacciatore, fried catfish, cranberry-glazed chicken breast, cheese manicotti, cottage fried potatoes, wild rice, spaghetti noodles, tomato and okra gumbo, wax beans, French-fried eggplant

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Swiss steaks with brown gravy, fried chicken, roast fresh ham, baked macaroni and cheese, baked fresh sweet potatoes, lyonnaise potatoes, peas and carrots, French-style green beans, cauliflower polonaise

Tuesday - Feb. 16

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken fajitas, turkey loaf, grilled ham steaks with pineapple sauce, beef stew with biscuits, cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, steamed rice, scalloped sweet potatoes with apples, mashed potatoes, refried beans with cheese, carrots, asparagus, Mexican corn

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef enchiladas, cheese tortellini, Barlow's blackened catfish, pepper steak, chicken gyros, steamed rice, oven-browned potatoes, hot-spiced

beets, spinach, Spanish-style lima beans

Wednesday - Feb. 17

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ginger pot roast, chicken tetrazzini, lemon baked fish, breaded pork fritters, parsley-buttered potatoes, macaroni and cheese, steamed rice, collard greens, green beans, baked acorn squash, vegetable gravy

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Breaded veal steaks with mushroom gravy, barbecued beef cubes, chili macaroni, cheese manicotti, grilled tuna patties, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, buttered egg noodles, Harvard beets, green peas and onions, Brussels sprouts

Thursday - Feb. 18

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Schezwan chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, roast beef, chicken stir fry, rice frittata, pork fried rice, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, Chinese fried cabbage, steamed cabbage

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Oriental steaks, spicy Italian pork chops, vegetable lasagna, tuna and noodles casserole, grilled pork chops with green peppers and onions, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, zucchini squash, carrots, Chinese mixed vegetables

Menus are subject to change without notice

COMMUNITY from P22

will discuss Base Realignment and Closure Feb 16, 5 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum.

FEB. 20

Founder's Day/Washington's Birthday Dinner

The Military Order of the Purple Heart will host a Founder's Day and Washington's Birthday Dinner Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the El Tropicano Holiday Inn, 110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio. Cost is \$30 per person. Open to all active and retired military members. Visit <http://www.purpleheartsa.org> for tickets.

FEB. 22

Voices Against Sexual Assault

A new community outreach organization, Voices Against Sexual Assault, has been established to unite the local area in the fight against sexual assault. The next VASA meeting will be held Feb. 22, 3

p.m. at Building 2484, Room 29 on Lackland Air Force Base. The purpose of VASA is to function as a non-profit social and professional organization to enhance sexual assault awareness within the community through outreach, education, and victim support. VASA is seeking additional members to add voices to its cause, membership is open to all U.S. Air Force active duty, reserve or Air National Guard and civilians in the local area. Call 925-5210.

FEB. 23

Neighborhood

Beautification Initiative

Volunteers are needed Feb. 23 to assist with housing painting, brush collection, vacant lot and yard clean-up and other special projects around the area bound by North-Hood Street, South-Carson Street, West-Ash Street and East-Ervin Street. A neighborhood command post will be located at St. Stephen Baptist Church parking lot, 2011 East Carson, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to volun-

teer, call 207-1008/5445.

MARCH 13

VisionWalk

San Antonio 5k VisionWalk for fighting blindness, March 13, registration: 9 a.m., walk starts 10 a.m., Brackenridge Park, 3700 North St. Mary's Street. Visit <http://www.VisionWalk.org> or call 866-782-7330.

MARCH 18

Hutchinson Speaks at AMEDD Museum

Frank G. Hutchinson will speak March 18, 5 p.m. at the Amy Medical Department Museum. Hutchinson recently climbed Mount Everest to take two books containing the names of fallen warriors from both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars to pay homage to the men and women of the U.S. military. The journey was also a personal tribute to his father, a major who served 20 years in the military as a decorated Vietnam veteran.