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## Briefs . . .

### Military aviation anniversary

Fort Sam Houston will celebrate the 95th anniversary of the first military flight Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the main flagpole on Stanley Road. The ceremony's key speaker will be Brig. Gen. E.J. Sinclair, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala. On March 2, 1910, on the Fort Sam Houston's grounds, 1st Lt. Benjamin Foulois climbed onto the seat of a Wright Flyer and made military aviation history by attaining a height of 100 feet and circling the area at the speed of 50 mph.

### Change of responsibility

NCO Academy will have a change of responsibility ceremony March 11 at 7:15 a.m. at MacArthur Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Howard R. Riles will assume responsibility from the outgoing academy commandant, Command Sgt. Maj. Paul H. Mathsen. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Chad Peltier at 221-4294. Inclement weather site is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

### Gas pump closure

The Fort Sam Houston Car Care Center on Schofield Road is scheduled for maintenance and repairs on its gas pumps Monday through March 9. During that time, all gasoline pumps will be closed. The facility will remain open for tires, oil changes and auto parts. Customers are asked to use the gas pumps at the Walters Street shoppette.

### Housing office closure

Fort Sam Houston family housing office will be closed Monday. It will reopen Tuesday under Lincoln Military Housing. The new office hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The new numbers effective Tuesday will be 270-7638 for voice and 270-7699 for fax.

### HQ move

The 187th Medical Battalion's A Company headquarters will move to Aabel Hall, Building 2840, Room 23. The grand opening is March 7 at 4:30 p.m.

## Rodeo Army style



Photo by Master Sgt. C.S. Allbright

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker and country music singer George Strait depart the SBC Center rodeo ring after Schoomaker administered the oath of enlistment to future Soldiers at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. See related article, Pages 16 and 17.

# Deployed Soldiers can reenlist 'out of window' for tax-free bonuses

By Sgt. David Foley  
Army News Service

**CAMP VICTORY, Iraq** — Like any major corporation, the Army is always looking for ways to retain its trained and qualified employees.

One of the ways the Army does this is by providing Soldiers with reenlistment bonuses. Until recently, only Soldiers of certain rank or military occupational specialty qualified for reenlistment bonuses. Soldiers also had to wait for their reenlistment window to open before they could reenlist, thus making it difficult for them to get tax-free bonuses by signing up during a deployment.

However, all that changed Jan. 18 when

the Department of the Army sent out a military personnel message to Army career counselors around the globe. The Selective Reenlistment Bonus-Deployed Program allows deployed Soldiers to reenlist while abroad for a chance to receive a tax-free bonus of up to \$15,000.

"Basically, you can reenlist outside of your window while deployed to take advantage of the reenlistment bonus in a deployment area where it will be tax free," said Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Garcia, career counselor, Task Force Dragon at Camp Victory.

Garcia said the program is a great opportunity for Soldiers because many of them wouldn't qualify for a reenlistment bonus if they reenlisted without being deployed.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Wilkerson, 18th Airborne Corps, reenlisted in front of the Al Faw Palace Feb. 7 and was awarded a \$5,600 bonus. Wilkerson said he didn't get the opportunity to reenlist during his last deployment because his window wasn't open and he waited until this deployment just so he could reenlist in Iraq. However, he said he was glad to hear about the bonus and thinks it will encourage other Soldiers to reenlist even though they are more likely to deploy again.

Maj. Raymond Bowyer, who swore in Wilkerson during his reenlistment ceremony, said he fully supports the program.

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# Future military doctors hone field skills at Camp Bullis

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

A fictitious Middle Eastern country, Pandakar, was facing internal unrest and taking casualties. Fourth-year medical students at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences were called in to treat the patients.

Operation Bushmaster, a 72-hour exercise designed to expose future military doctors to the rigors of field medicine in a combat environment, was under way at Camp Bullis.

As they treated "patients" — actually students at nearby Fort Sam Houston — the medical students from the Army, Navy and

Air Force applied the clinical training they received at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., as well as the tactical skills they would need to survive on the battlefield.

"They have to defend themselves while they take care of the casualties," said Maj. Steve Currier, director for military contingency medicine at the Uniformed Services University.

That requires skills not taught in traditional medical schools: land navigation, nuclear-biological-chemical decontamination and weapons skills, among them, as well as the ability to live and operate in the field.

Although field skills are an integral part of Operation Bushmaster, Currier stressed that it's a practical exercise in tactical com-

bat casualty care, not in infantry tactics. "We're teaching students to care for patients from the point of injury to the first surgical capability," he said.

Increased emphasis on treating patients as quickly and far forward as possible presents challenges traditional medical students aren't likely to encounter, from treating patients while under fire to working with far less equipment than they'd find in fixed medical facilities.

"The battlefield is not the same as home," Currier said. "Resources are limited, evacuation times are prolonged and there are specific threats. It's a challenging environment."

For about half the class members, Operation Bushmaster offered a return to

principles they learned during prior service in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, but with a new focus.

"We're not going to go off fighting the enemy, but anywhere the troops go, we're going to go, too," said 2nd Lt. Tom Dowd, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy now preparing for a job in orthopedics at Brooke Army Medical Center. "Here, we're learning our roles so when we're out there (in combat), we're better able to come through."

Dowd said the realism of the training at Operation Bushmaster, which incorporates mock attacks and forces students to triage and

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# Scam targets families of service members killed in action

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Officials with the Department of Homeland Security are warning the public about two new Iraq-related Internet scams, including one directed at the relatives of fallen U.S. Soldiers.

"These new Internet fraud schemes are among the worst we have ever encountered," said Michael J. Garcia, assistant secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "Most troubling is the fact that some are targeting the relatives of U.S. Soldiers killed in Iraq. We

are also concerned about the fact that these criminals are impersonating ICE agents and referring to ICE's official Web site in an effort to steal money from Americans who have lost loved ones."

The first scheme involves e-mail sent to relatives of U.S. Soldiers killed in Iraq. Claiming to be a volunteer working with U.S. forces, the sender states that a late friend, who was also a U.S. Soldier killed in Iraq, was a very good friend of the relatives' slain son or daughter. The sender then goes on to ask

for assistance in obtaining funds kept for them by the deceased friend, promising more details when the relative responds to the e-mail. The sender then adds a link to the portion of ICE's actual Web site discussing ICE operations in Iraq.

In the second scheme, a blanket e-mail is being distributed that claims to be from an ICE official in Iraq who is responsible for tracking down funds looted from the Iraqi Central Bank by Saddam Hussein's son. The sender lists ICE's Web site address in the e-mail in an effort to seem

credible. The sender then asks for confirmation of the e-mail address of the recipient, stating, "there is a very important and confidential matter which I want us both to discuss."

The ICE Cyber Crimes Center in northern Virginia, in conjunction with the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility here, are investigating the schemes. Those who receive the bogus e-mail solicitations should ignore and delete them, Garcia said.

(Source: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement news release.)

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# 232nd Med. Bn. exercise challenges Soldiers

Story and photos by Capt. Jake Busto  
232nd Medical Battalion

Leaders from the 232nd Medical Battalion are fostering a culture that instills Warrior Ethos into its Soldiers through tough training that requires them to have confidence in themselves and their team.

Soldiers who live Warrior Ethos place the mission first, refuse to accept defeat, never quit and never leave behind a fallen comrade.

Soldiers from the 232nd Med. Bn. E Company demonstrated Warrior Ethos recently during "Tusker-Warrior Day," an exercise to hone warrior skills.

The company prepared for the exercise with training in land

navigation, visual signaling, movement formations and patrol bases; instruction on how to react to indirect and direct fire; and procedures for requesting a nine-line medical evacuation.

Preparatory training ended Feb. 2 with a 4 a.m. alert notification that required all 330 Soldiers to pack and load their equipment.

By 6 a.m., the unit was ordered to move into a forward operating base by forced road march. At the base, the unit was given the order to perform foot patrols that were designed to challenge Soldiers to work together while traversing over a 4-mile distance in cold weather.

Simulators were located along the routes to provide a sense of

realism and increase the training value of the event.

Medical training on evaluating a casualty and treating head and chest wounds was interlaced throughout the exercise. Soldiers also learned the fundamentals of loading and unloading ground ambulances in a short period of time. Toward the end of the day, the Soldiers moved patients through a litter obstacle course and overcame the confidence obstacle course in four-man teams.

Following training, the Soldiers marched back to the unit area to conduct an after-action review. The day was tiring, but the company put its best foot forward to ensure Soldiers received pertinent training to prepare them for future assignments.



A squad leader from E Company discusses the current situation with team leaders while the radio/telecommunications operator calls up a situation report to higher headquarters.



Soldiers from E Company move to a casualty collection point with a wounded Soldier during the 232nd Medical Battalion's "Tusker-Warrior Day."



Soldiers from E Company assist each other while negotiating the Confidence Obstacle Course.

## Earned Income Tax Credit offers benefits to lower wage earners

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a tax credit for people who work but do not earn high incomes. For eligible taxpayers, EITC is a valuable tool to lower their taxes or claim a refund.

The IRS wants all eligible taxpayers to claim the EITC. Many taxpayers who qualify for EITC may also be eligible for free tax preparation and electronic filing by participating tax professionals and volunteers. Taxpayers and tax professionals should review the rules before attempting to claim EITC.

To qualify for the credit, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a U.S. individual income tax return. There are also special rules for people with or without children.

### Individuals and families must meet certain general requirements:

- You must have earned income.
- You must have a valid social security number for yourself, your spouse (if filing jointly) and your qualifying child.
- Investment income is limited to \$2,650.
- Your filing status cannot be "married filing separately."
- Generally, you must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year.
- You cannot be a qualifying child of another person.
- You cannot file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income).

### Your income cannot exceed certain limitations:

For tax year 2004, you must have adjusted gross income of less than:

- \$34,458 (\$35,458 if married filing jointly) with two or more qualifying children.
- \$30,338 (\$31,338 if married filing jointly) with one qualifying child.
- \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married filing jointly) with no qualifying children.

If you claim a child, they must meet three eligibility tests:

**Residency test** - The child must have lived with you in the United States for more than half of 2004.

**Relationship test** - The child must be your:

- Son, daughter, stepchild or a descendant of any of them, or;
- Sister, brother, stepsister, stepbrother or any of their descendants whom you cared for as your own child, or;
- A foster child who was placed with you by an authorized placement agency and who you cared for as your own child.
- An adopted child placed with you for adoption by an authorized placement agency.

**Age test** - At the end of 2004, the child must have been under age 19, a full-time student under age 24 or any age if permanently and totally disabled at anytime during 2004.

Your qualifying child cannot be used

by more than one person to claim EITC. If a child meets the rules to be a qualifying child of more than one person, only one person can treat that child as a qualifying child and claim EITC.

### If you don't have a child, you must meet three additional tests:

- At the end of 2004, you must have been at least age 25, but under age 65.
- You cannot qualify as the dependent of another person.
- You must have lived in the United States for more than half of 2004.

### EITC for military

Beginning in tax year 2004, members of the military have the option to include their tax-exempt combat zone pay when computing their earned income for EITC. The combat pay remains exempt for federal taxes. However, families should be aware that they must include all of the combat pay or none of it. For example, if the inclusion of combat pay would push a taxpayer's adjusted gross income above the EITC income limit, taxpayers should leave it out of their EITC calculations. If, however, the inclusion of combat pay would enable a taxpayer to obtain a higher refund, then combat pay should be included.

### How to claim EITC

Publication 596, Earned Income Credit, explains the process. The publication is

available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling (800) 829-3676. Publication 596 also is available in Spanish. The instructions for Form 1040 can help you determine your eligibility. The instructions contain a worksheet and the earned income credit table to help you determine the amount of your credit. If you are claiming EITC with a qualifying child, you must complete Schedule EIC and attach it to your tax return. Schedule EIC provides Internal Revenue Service with information about your qualifying children, including their names, ages, SSNs, relationship to you and the amount of time they lived with you during the year.

### Advance EITC

If you received advance EITC payments in 2004, you must file a tax return to report the payments. Your W-2 form will report your advance EITC amount. You cannot use a Form 1040-EZ to report advance payments.

The advance EITC payment program allows you to receive part of the credit through your employer. If you would like to participate for 2005, you must work and receive taxable wages. If you qualify for EITC and you have at least one qualifying child for 2005, give your employer a Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate, and your employer will include part of the credit regularly in your pay.

(Source: IRS)

# Distributed learning revolutionizes Army training

Story and photos by Shadi May  
Fort Sam Houston News Leader

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians interested in taking courses to fulfill their training requirements or enhance their careers can do so through Army's Distributed Learning System.

The DLS is an Army initiative funded fully by the Army to assist Soldiers and civilians to receive quality training in state-of-the-art facilities and to improve training efficiency and flexibility.

"Quality training is at the core of the Army's mission, and it's absolutely vital to readiness," said Col. Sharon Holmes, DLS project manager.

While the Army's goal is to provide the best and most up-to-date training to Soldiers, it is not always an easy task because of Soldiers' deployments, reassignments and family commitments. Whether it is military occupational skills training, annual common tasks training or career development courses, DLS affords Soldiers a chance to take courses from home or office.

"The thing I like about it is that you can go at your own pace," said Spc. Chris Fitzgerald, a D Company, 187th Medical Battalion preventive medical specialist. "It's one on one between you and the

computer, and you don't have to worry about falling behind like you would when an instructor goes over the material. You can go back and redo your lesson."

DLS is also available to benefit civilian employees with their career enhancement goals. In fact, like Soldiers, civilians are actively taking advantage of courses offered through DLS.

"It's a method of delivering training which helps you avoid TDY costs and time out of the office," said David Glass, Installation Labor Relations officer at Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, while taking a 'Dealing with Medical Issues in the Work Place' video teletraining course.

VTT is among popular methods by which DLS accommodates its customers. Through this method, training can be accomplished where the instructor and student interact while linked via videoconferencing, teleconferencing or the Internet.

DLS contributes to the Army's ever changing environment. The training offered through this method can be available when the Soldiers are available and when the training is needed. Web-based training is available at times that are convenient for the student. VTT classes can also be taught in a live, interactive setting



Carmen Lopez-Dunn, an instructional system specialist, assists a student from 187th Medical Battalion, during validation of an integrated pest management computer-based course at Abel Hall.

whether it's 3 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston, 7 a.m. in Bosnia or 11 a.m. in Korea.

The DLS has begun to "field" an Army learning management system whereby Soldiers and civilians can register for courses through the Army Knowledge Online portal. The system will support management and administration of training products and allow supervisors and commanders access to personnel training records to see what type of training individuals had and to determine what type of training they need.

"Our challenge is to market the program and ensure all people entitled to the benefits use it, said Velma Burrs, chief, Multimedia Training Branch, Department of Academic Support and Quality Assurance for Army Medical Department Center and School. "Our greatest service to AMEDDC&S is that we deliver mission essential training to personnel in worldwide locations."

DLS consists of five components to include digital training facilities, the Army learning management system, Army e-learning, an enterprise management center and the development of the deployed digital training campus. The Army has fielded the program worldwide on both active and Reserve installations at a total of 249 sites to include continental U.S. installations and those military installations located in Germany, Belgium, Italy, Korea, Japan and Okinawa.

Another attractive factor of DLS for commanders and supervisors is the cost savings to the government. While it could cost an average of \$1,200 to send someone to a training conference, the DLS opportunities save units thousands of dollars in travel costs while providing immediate results.

Fort Sam Houston's DLS facilities are located in Abel and Willis halls and include three classrooms with 16 individual computer work stations in each classroom.

"We have onboard maintenance," said Gilbert Gutierrez, DLS facility manager at AMEDDC&S. "We are here 24/7 to accommodate the Army's training mission. We encourage people to contact us to use the facility more."

The Army's goal is to have a DLS facility within a 50-mile radius of a Soldier's home base. The intent of the program is to reach Soldiers throughout the world any time.

"The program's quality promotes itself," said Neta Lesjak, AMEDDC&S chief of Department of Academic Support and Quality Assurance. "The program's goal is to deliver the right training to the right Soldiers at the right time in their careers."

To learn more about the DLS and courses offered, Soldiers and civilians can visit the Web site at [www.dls.army.mil](http://www.dls.army.mil). For information on Fort Sam Houston DLS facility and services, visit [www.cs.amedd.army.mil/ddl](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/ddl) or call 221-6400.



Army civilian employees attend a civilian personnel interactive video teletraining course in Willis Hall.

## Bonuses

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"I think it will contribute to keeping good Soldiers who are 'sitting on the fence' and can't decide whether to stay in the Army," Bowyer said. "It gives them benefits that will help to make the decision easier."

Soldiers have two options when reenlisting under the new program. They can sign up for the needs of the Army, allowing the Army to choose their next duty station; or

stabilization, which locks in their current duty station for two years after they redeploy.

Even though most Soldiers will qualify for a bonus if they reenlist while deployed, Garcia said not everyone will get the full \$15,000 and some may not even qualify for a bonus at all.

"It's all in the math," he said.

Under the new program, Soldiers will fall into two categories based on their pay grade and time in service. Soldiers in their initial

term of enlistment who have served between 17 months and six years fall into the A zone, whereas Soldiers who have served between six and 10 years fall into the B zone. Soldiers in the A zone will be awarded 1.5 times their monthly base pay multiplied by the number of years they reenlist for beyond their current ETS date. Soldiers in the B zone will qualify for their base pay multiplied by the number of years they reenlist. All bonuses will be paid in one lump sum.

Garcia said Soldiers in some MOSs might qualify for more money based on their standard bonuses. "For instance," he said, "an explosive ordnance disposal specialist normally qualifies for 3.5 times their base pay multiplied by the number of years and can go up to \$30,000, so they would want to stick with that option."

For more information about Selective Reenlistment Bonuses, Soldiers should speak to their unit or installation career counselor.

## Field skills

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evacuate patients while under fire and in chemical protective gear, got his and his fellow students' hearts pumping. "You're 'amped up' on adrenaline, and you have to assess the patients," he said. "It gives you a real sense of what you can expect."

Navy Ensign Sherry Jilinski said the training will pay tremendous dividends during future deployments providing medical support to the Marine Corps. Field medicine requires "a whole different mind-set" than traditional medicine practiced in fixed facilities, she said, "and this is one of the few train-

ing opportunities for medical personnel before we're out there."

Air Force 2nd Lt. Valerie O'Brien said Operation Bushmaster, and her entire course of studies at the Uniformed Services University, is preparing her for the challenges she will face practicing medicine in a joint environment. "This allows us to be more familiar with the assets the other services have and what they do," she said. "It's exposure we just wouldn't be able to get in a different environment."

After completing their studies at the Uniformed Services University, graduates accept a

seven-year military service obligation. "But the type of person you have here doesn't think of it as an obligation," said Dowd. "This is what we want to do. Our greatest aspiration is to provide care to the service members fighting the global war on terror."

"This is our chance to serve that population that gives so much for our country," agreed O'Brien, a former enlisted Soldier whose father also retired from the Army.

"There's a real sense of pride here," she said. "We're here because we believe in what we're doing, and that's how we view our training and our job."



Photo by Navy Seaman Kory Kepner

A fourth-year student at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences treats a simulated combat casualty during Operation Bushmaster at Camp Bullis.

# Army chief honors troops

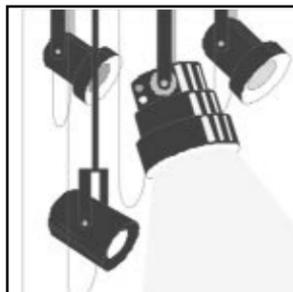


Photos are by Kelly Schaefer  
Sgt. Gary Walters receives his Purple Heart at Brooke Army Medical Center from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker Thursday for injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device exploded under his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. Walters, a combat infantryman, suffered both burn and orthopedic injuries. Schoomaker expressed his gratitude to the Soldiers for their service in the Global War on Terrorism.

(Right) Spc. Nicholas Sellers, assigned to the 25th Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, Wash., receives his Purple Heart from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker Thursday at Brooke Army Medical Center. Sellers, from Cairo, Ga., sustained his injuries Dec. 21 when the dining facility in Mosul, Iraq, was attacked.



(Left) Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker presents his coin to 1st Sgt. Howard Briel, from the 25th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., Thursday at Brooke Army Medical Center. Briel also received a Purple Heart. The first sergeant sustained orthopedic and burn injuries when the dining facility in Mosul was attacked.



## Spotlight your unit

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# Top Marine lauds contributions of injured warriors

Story and photo by **Nelia Schrum**  
**Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs**

The commandant of the Marine Corps stopped by Brooke Army Medical Center Saturday to thank a new generation of America's military for their service and to award Purple Hearts to injured Marines. His visit coincided with the 60th anniversary of the start of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Marine Gen. Michael Hagee presented Purple Hearts to Cpls. Peter Carey and Matthew Dickson, both injured in Iraq. Hagee also awarded two Purple Hearts bedside to Seaman Bailey Elley and Lance Cpl. Robin Griffiths for injuries sustained in the Global War on Terrorism.

Before departing for San Antonio, Hagee said he spent the morning with survivors from the Battle of Iwo Jima. Located 660

miles from Tokyo, the battle involved more than 70,000 Marines who faced a blistering assault from the Japanese. It took 36 days for the Americans to take the island. The death toll included 6,821 Americans.

The heroism of the battle for Iwo Jima was captured by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal when he took the famous picture of Marines raising the U.S. flag.

Hagee said that when he told the aging survivors he was traveling to see injured Marines, the veterans told him how proud they are of what the Marines today are accomplishing.

"The situation has changed dramatically in the last months," Hagee said. "The safest place to be is Fallujah."

He said each Marine would look back and be able to say that they took part in an event that changed the country.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee and his wife, Silka, join Marine Cpls. Matthew Dickson and Peter Carey Saturday at a Brooke Army Medical Center Purple Heart ceremony. Hagee also awarded Purple Hearts bedside to Seaman Bailey Elley and Lance Cpl. Robin Griffiths.

## Tribute to heritage

# Soldiers, civilians gather to recognize Black History Month

By Shadi May  
Fort Sam Houston News Leader

Fort Sam Houston community commemorated Black History Month at a ceremony at the Roadrunner Community Center Feb. 16.

"Black history is in fact celebrating American history," said Col. Edward Maney, Fort Sam Houston installation chaplain and BHM commemoration committee member.

Dr. Robert Ziegler, president of San Antonio College, was the ceremony's guest speaker.

"It seems to me that the purpose of the Black History Month is to give us an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of the Blacks in America," said Ziegler. "Slavery was the one issue which our political system could simply not compromise. It's remarkable to see how Blacks survived the slavery and maintained their dignity and humanity in such a cruel and dehumanizing system."

Ziegler was presented with a framed set of Harriet Tubman U.S. Postal Service stamps.

The committee also recognized retired Staff Sgt. Moses Steel, a Korean, China and World War II veteran.

"I wanted to recognize him because he was a local retired Soldier who contributed to this country's military and the Black heritage," said Maney.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Col. Richard Agee, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston chief of staff, joins Chaplain (Col.) Edward Maney Feb. 16 to thank retired Sgt. 1st Class Moses Steel and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Ray for participating in the installation Black History Month ceremony.

Howard T. Ray, a member of Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Association, represented the local association. "It's always rewarding to participate in such events," said Ray. "Our mission is to get the Buffalo Soldiers history into school history books, and I am honored to be a part of that effort."

Ray was also presented with a collection of stamps.

### Antiterrorism Awareness

Antiterrorism Awareness Training (Level I) is required annually for all Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians per AR 525-13. DoD contractors are provided this training as specified in the contract. The training is available online at <http://www.at-awareness.org>. The access code is aware.

The Fort Sam Houston Antiterrorism Office has a "Quick Start Guide" available to help you sign up and complete this mandatory training online.

For more information, call Terri Stover, FSH Antiterrorism Office, at 295-0535.



### 2005 Brown Bag Series Calendar

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| Wednesday<br>11:30 a.m. | Arcy Longoria<br>President, FSH FEW Chapter<br>Topic: Federally Employed<br>Women Organization   |
| April 6<br>11:30 a.m.   | Angela Swain<br>Family Advocacy Victim<br>Advocate<br>Topic: Creative Anger<br>Management Styles |
| May 4<br>11:30 a.m.     | Rudy Garza<br>CPAC Personnelist<br>Topic: National Security<br>Personnel System                  |

Sessions are at the San Antonio Credit Union Training Room. For more information, call 221-9401 or 221-9356 or e-mail [Maria.preda@sam-houston.army.mil](mailto:Maria.preda@sam-houston.army.mil). If reasonable accommodation is needed, call 221-9401 in advance.

## Post salutes hospitalized veterans



Photo by Esther Garcia

Sgt. Jose Rocha and Spc. Niretty Velez, Fort Sam Houston Military Ambassadors, visit with John Guthrie, who trained as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in 1959, Friday at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital during National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The VA-sponsored program is an opportunity to invite the public to say thank you to hospitalized veterans for their sacrifices, view the facility, gain awareness of programs offered to veterans, and to interest others in visiting veterans throughout the year. Members from the Audie Murphy Club also spent the morning visiting with hospitalized veterans.

## Cowboys stop by BAMC



Photo by Mina Mullins

Four of the Army's professional cowboys visited patients injured in the war on terrorism Thursday at Brooke Army Medical Center, to include Spc. Dustin Hill, a patient at BAMC's Amputee Care Center, and his mother, Liz Keln. Pictured are (from left, bottom row) Luke Branquinho, Hill and Trevor Brazile; (from left, top row) Joe Beaver, Zach Oates, Keln and Amy Hilliard, BAMC therapist. The Army's partnership with the Professional Bull Riders and Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association is designed to assist the Army in its recruiting, outreach and awareness-building efforts.

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS . . .

### **Women only**

The Central Post Gym, Building 961, will be reserved for women only Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m. Stop by and work out on the cardio equipment, free weights and resistance machines. The facility also has a basketball court, equipment issue room and locker room. For more information, call 221-3593.

### **All Army Men's Basketball**

Applications are being accepted through April 20 for All Army Men's Basketball. The Trail Camp is June 21 to July 16. People can pick up applications from the Intramural and Varsity Sports office at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

### **Senior slow pitch softball**

San Antonio Seniors Softball League seeks players for 60+, 65+ and 70+ men's senior slow pitch softball. The league's 17th season begins in March. Open practices, weather permitting, are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at

Rusty Lyons Field, at Basse and McCullough. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call Dale Carver at 826-1460 or Bill Altman at 651-5507.

### **Basketball camp**

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is accepting applications from 10 to 19-year-olds. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter. College basketball scholarships are possible for players accepted to the All-American Team. For more information and camp locations, call (704) 373-0873.

### **Bench Press Contest**

The next bench press contest is March 16. Weigh in is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; start time is 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 and all participants receive a T-shirt. For a registration form, visit the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or call 221-2020.

### **Intramural Tennis**

Letters of intent are due March 7. A

coaches meeting is March 14 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts March 21. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### **Intramural Spring Softball**

Letters of intent are due March 7. A coaches meeting is March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts April 4. The tournament is July 18. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180, or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### **B-ball league**

Three on three B-ball league starts March 16. A letter of intent is due March 7 and participants play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the 32nd Medical Brigade Gym, 1281 Garden Ave. To register your three to six player team, call 221-4893 or 221-3185 or e-mail leroy.williams3@samhouston.army.mil.



## Intramural Basketball Standings as of Feb. 17

Team	win	loss
1st BAMC	12	1
2nd DFAS (G.A.M.E)	14	2
3rd Co B Acad Bn	14	3
4th 232nd Med Bn	12	5
5th 5th Army	7	8
6th 418th/591st Med	6	10
7th DENTAC	6	10
8th NMCRC	6	11
9th Co A STB	4	12
10th 135th FA	3	13
11th BAMC #2	3	13

## RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS . . .

### **Positive moms group**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor an enrichment class for Fort Sam Houston women seeking positive ways to deal with the complex job of being a mom. The class is Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel. The group will read and discuss, "The Power of a Positive Mom" by Karol Ladd over a 10-week period. Childcare for infants to 5-year-olds will be provided. For more information, call 829-4479.

### **OCF picnic**

Instead of its regular meeting March 4, the Officer Christian Fellowship will host a picnic at Eberle Park at Randolph Air Force Base starting at 6 p.m. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 226-1295 or e-mail rgriffith3@satx.rr.com. The OCF Bible study group will meet again March 11 at 6 p.m. at 1008 Gorgas Circle (near old Brooke Army Medical Center).

### **Couples' retreat**

A Dodd Field Chapel group will host a couples' retreat March 5 and 6. Free childcare will be provided for all attendees until 3 p.m. Attendees must provide their own childcare for the overnight. There is a suggested donation of \$30 per couple and \$15 per single. For more information, call Bonnie Miller at 822-6619 or e-mail bonniemiller68@yahoo.com, or Cindy Richardson at 262-9551 or e-mail zinzia@aol.com or visit [www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain).

### **National prayer breakfast**

Fort Sam Houston's national prayer breakfast will take place March 10 at 6:45 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Maj. Gen. Dorian T. Anderson, commanding general, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command and commanding general, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, will be the guest speaker. Tickets can be purchased from unit ministry teams for a \$2 donation. For more information, call Chaplain James Benson at 221-2755.

## POST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Main Post Chapel**, Building 2200, 221-2754

### **Catholic Services:**

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

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

### **Protestant Services - Sundays:**

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

### **Jewish Services:** 379-8666 or 493-6660

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

Oneg Shabbat

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

### **Catholic Services - Sundays:** 12:30 p.m. -

Bilingual Mass

### **Protestant Services:**

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

Sundays

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

(PWOC) - Wednesdays, childcare is provided

**AMEDD Regimental Chapel**, Building 1398, 221-4362

### **Troop Catholic Mass:**

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

### **Troop Protestant Gospel Services:**

Sundays: 11:30 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers

### **Troop Protestant Service:**

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

**FSH Mosque**, Building 607A, 221-5005 or 221-5007

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

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

Sundays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education -

Thursdays

### **Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel,**

Building 3600, 916-1105

### **Catholic Services:**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

### **Protestant Services:**

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

Noon - Worship - Wednesdays

### **Evans Auditorium**

221-5005 or 221-5007

**Mormon Services:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. -

Sundays

### **Web site:**

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

# Children's Dental Health Month Sipping success: From baby bottle to cup

As soon as teeth appear in the mouth, decay can occur. One of the risk factors for early childhood caries (sometimes called baby bottle tooth decay or nursing mouth syndrome) is frequent and prolonged exposure of a baby's teeth to liquid, such as fruit juice, milk or formula, all of which contain sugar.

Tooth decay can occur when a baby is put to bed with a bottle. Infants should finish their nap-time or bedtime bottle before going to bed. Because decay can destroy the teeth of an infant or young child, parents should encourage their children to drink from a cup by their first birthday.

Many training cups, also called sippy cups, are available in stores. Many are "no spill" cups, which are essentially baby bottles in disguise. "No spill" cups include a valve beneath the spout to stop spills; however, cups with valves do not allow your child to sip. Instead, the child

gets liquid by sucking on the cup, much like a baby bottle. This defeats the purpose as it prevents the child from learning to sip.

Don't let the child carry the training cup around. Toddlers are often unsteady on their feet. They take an unnecessary risk if they try to walk and drink at the same time since falling while drinking from a cup has the potential to injure the mouth.

A training cup should be used temporarily. Once the child has learned how to sip, the training cup has achieved its purpose. It can and should be set aside when no longer needed.

For more information, people should talk to a dentist. The American Dental Association says that it is beneficial for the first dental visit to occur within six months of the appearance of the first tooth, and no later than the child's first birthday.

(Source: Budge Dental Clinic)

## Akeroyd Blood Center urges donors to give "5 in '05"

The Akeroyd Blood Center challenges eligible blood donors to give five donations during 2005 during its "5 in '05" campaign.

Participating donors will receive a "5 in '05" card and be recognized at a special ceremony at the end of the year.

For more information on the "5 in '05" program, call the Akeroyd Blood Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989 or stop by the center at 1240 Harney Road between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.



## OPERATION ELUSIVE CONCEPT

BY CHRIS ASHBY




**Dental Health Fair**

To recognize Children's Dental Health Month, there will be a dental fair today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School gymnasium.

# MWR

## Recreation and fitness

### 'Buns on the Run' fun run

The free 5K fun run/walk is Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Participants receive a free T-shirt. This event is in conjunction with the Lighten Up! Tighten Up! promotion.

### Archery lessons

Individual and group archery lessons are available through the Outdoor Equipment Center. Instruction is given at your level of experience, from novice to expert. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18. Participants should wear full shoes and not wear oversized shirts or pants. For more information, call the Archery Shop at 221-5225.

### Spurs Military Appreciation Night

Watch the Spurs take on the Atlanta Hawks March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the SBC Center. The event will honor Soldiers who have served and are serving in the war on

terrorism. People who purchase a ticket will receive the new Spurs Military Coin. Order forms are available at all Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, including the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, the Bowling Center and Army Community Service. For more information, call 221-2307 or 221-2926.

### Red Cross Lifeguard Class

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will hold a Red Cross Lifeguard Class March 5 and 6 and March 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Participants must be 15 years old and up and have a Department of Defense ID card. Cost is \$165 and includes course materials and AED training. For more information or to register, call 295-8861.

### Tax time help

The library offers federal tax forms and instruction booklets. They can provide the main forms plus other frequently used forms. Visit the library at Building 1222, corner of Harney and Chaffee Road, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.

to 8 p.m. For more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387.

### Trail rides

The Equestrian Center offers one-hour trail rides Saturdays and Sundays year round. People ages 7 and up are welcome; however, adults must accompany children. Cost is \$20 per person. Riding times are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m., 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made by visiting the Equestrian Center at Building 3550, Hawkins Road, off Binz-Engleman, or by calling 224-7207. The center is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Cycling classes

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center offers free cycling classes. Get your heart pumping with fast-paced rides set to music. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

### Riding lessons

Weekday riding lessons are available at the Equestrian Center. Lessons slots are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Western, English and Jumping. For more information, call 224-7207.

### New Orleans getaway

To show appreciation to its customers, the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center is conducting a drawing to win a New Orleans Getaway Package. The package includes round trip transportation for two, hotel accommodations and a rental car. The trip is April 1 to 3. To enter, stop by the Bowling Center, Building 2521, Schofield Road, and fill out an entry form. The drawing is March 4. The contest is open to people 18 years old and up with a Department of Defense ID card. For more information, call 221-2307 or 221-2926.

# Rope 'em in

## Chief of staff, country music legend

Story and photos by Master Sgt. C.S. Allbright  
Fifth U.S. Army Public Affairs

On his first trip to San Antonio's annual stock show and rodeo, one San Antonio native found himself in the center of an arena facing the Army's chief of staff and a country music legend for a life-changing event.

On Feb. 16, several thousand people at the SBC Center watched Jason Taylor and 46 other young San Antonio-area men and women take the Army's oath of enlistment administered by Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, who was mounted on horseback, alongside George Strait, also on horseback.

"It's an honor to be enlisted by such a high figure in the Army," said Taylor, who departs for basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., next week. Taylor added, "I thought George Strait would be taller."

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is a 17-day event that draws in more than a million visitors to agriculture, livestock, rodeo and entertainment events.

"Army Appreciation Day" was a special-theme day coordinated with stock show officials, the Fifth Recruiting Brigade and the Fifth U.S. Army. Lt. Gen. Robert T. Clark, the Fifth Army commanding general, was the Army's local host of the delegation.

During Schoomaker's visit, he and Strait walked around the rodeo grounds and talked to recruiters at an Army display area. While on the grounds, Schoomaker and Strait practiced their lassoing skills on a mechanical head and heel team calf roping device.

Schoomaker and Strait spent some time at a reception for the future Soldiers, who were sworn in as part of the opening ceremonies of the

rodeo. Also at the reception were members of the Army-sponsored rodeo team, including Luke Banguinho, a world-class champion steer wrestler.

Schoomaker told the future Soldiers that he and the nation were very proud of them.

"This is something that will help you and help the nation," said Schoomaker. "You'll be a better citizen as a result of this because you understand how absolutely blessed we are in this country for the things we have and not take them for granted."

Future Soldier, Stacy Owens, of Seguin, Texas, enlisted to become a radiological technologist, and was among those able to get Strait's autograph.

After the reception, recruiters from the local stations marched the future Soldiers onto the center of the SBC Center, where Schoomaker and Strait waited on horseback to perform the swearing in. The future Soldiers then marched back through the chutes to begin their careers in the Army. They are part of the delayed entry program, with some leaving as early as this month while others are headed out for basic training in the summer months.

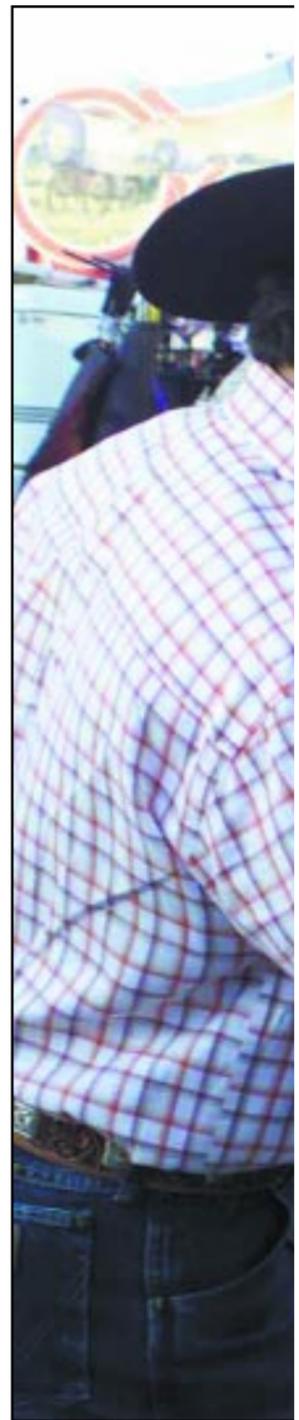
Schoomaker and Strait also spent some time during the rodeo events with a contingency of wounded Soldiers attending as guests of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The wounded troops are recuperating at the Brooke Army Medical Center.

Strait served in the Army from 1971 to 1975, and played in an Army-sponsored band, "Rumbling Country."

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is a non-profit organization that promotes education and development of agriculture careers and issues. Each year, they also feature the various armed services in San Antonio, which is known as "the military city, USA."



Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker and country music legend George Strait practice their lassoing skills Feb. 16 on the U.S. Army rodeo team's mechanical head and heels team roping calf.



Country music legend George Strait and Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker at the reception before the swearing in ceremony at the SBC Center.



(Above) George Strait and Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker at the reception before the swearing in ceremony at the SBC Center.

(Right) New recruits stand next to Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker at the SBC Center during the swearing in ceremony at the SBC Center.

# Oversee Soldiers take oath at rodeo

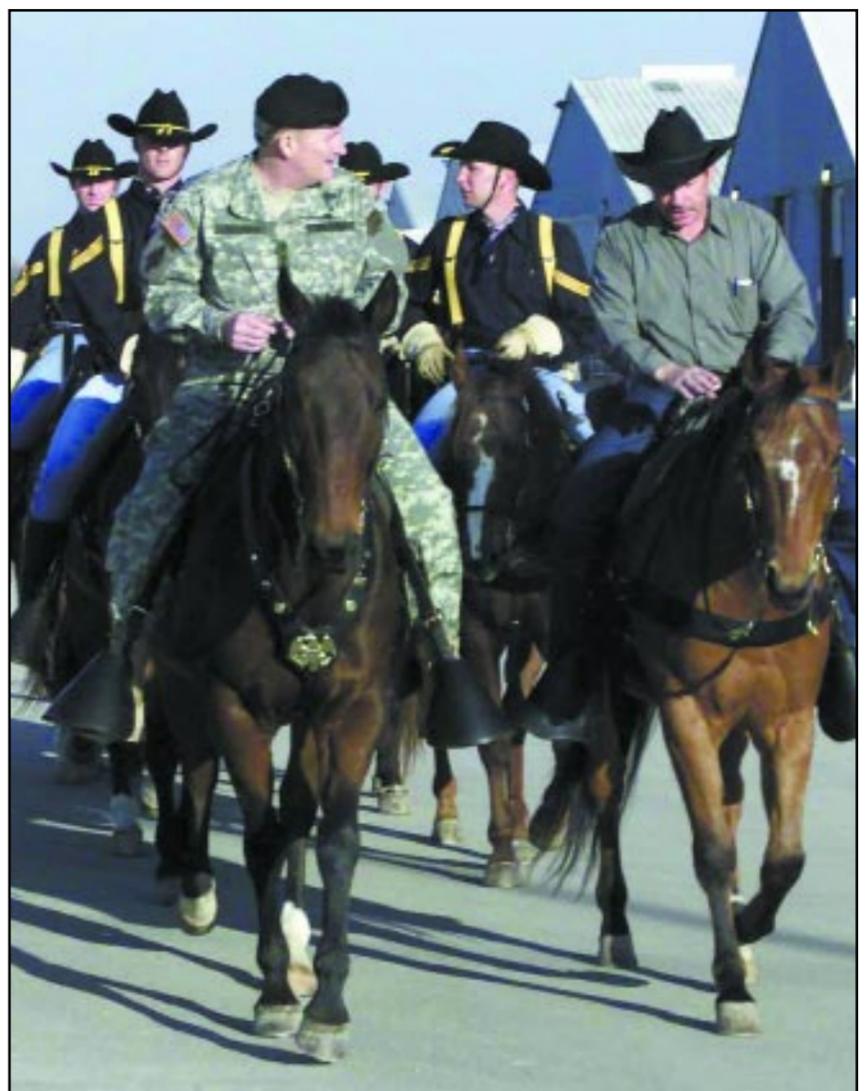


George Strait greets Soldiers at a Fifth Recruiting Brigade display at the San Antonio Stock



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(Right) Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker and Larry Borth, from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment, ride around the rodeo grounds with the members of the Horse Detachment.



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# Post Pulse: What did you think of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo?



*"We went to see Reba. We've seen her three times before and love her shows."*

Jan Mayberry  
with grandson,  
Jerry



*"I'm new here. I haven't gone but I saw it one night when I was finding my way around. It looked like a lot of fun so I'll catch it next year."*

Sgt. 1st Class  
Charles Davis



*"My parents flew in from Virginia to go to the Rodeo with us. We loved the horses, cattle, food – the whole experience."*

Lt. Col. Kimberly  
Armstrong with her  
mother, Pat Kinning



*"I haven't gone but my son (Sgt. Kris Lopez) went every night to concerts and to meet people. He's single so he likes going."*

Josie Franco

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FSH Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities Monday to March 4

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

**Tuesday**  
Reading Across America

**Wednesday**  
6th Grade Challenger

**March 3**  
6th Grade Challenger

**March 4**  
Spirit Day

### Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

**Monday**  
Golf team tourney at San Marcos, 7 a.m.  
Student of the Month photos/breakfast in mall area, 9:50 a.m.  
Boys' basketball quarterfinal playoffs, TBA

**Tuesday**  
Baseball at St. Gerard, 4:15 p.m.  
Boys' basketball quarterfinal playoffs, TBA

**March 3**  
Varsity track at South San High School (prelims), TBA

**March 4**  
Varsity track at South San High School (field events, run finals), TBA

Boys' basketball regional tournament, TBA

**March 5**  
Boys' basketball regional tournament, TBA  
Baseball vs. St. Anthony at Cole, 12 p.m.  
UIL one act play rehearsal in Moseley Gym, 1 to 5 p.m.

## Chili champs

(Right) Fort Sam Houston board members Eustace Lewis (left) and Keith Toney (center) present the first place trophy Friday to the winners of the Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School Annual Chili Cook-off, "No Guts, No Glory." The cooks were (from left) Nancy Wheeler, Jane Morin, Rita Gage and Robin Meilinger.



Photos by Dr. Gloria Davila



(From left) Joe Wyckoff, Cole science teacher and group supervisor, congratulates the "Science Geeks:" Stephen Lagutchik, Justin Maas, Luis Maldonado, David Thompson and Antonio Vizcarrondo. The "Science Geeks" earned second place in Cole's Annual Chili Cook-off, winning the highest place out of the student cooks.

# CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

## Youth Happenings

### Cheer clinic

Youth Services sponsors a weekly cheer clinic beginning in March for two age groups: 5- to 8-year-olds and 8- to 12-year-olds. Participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Cost is \$30 per child. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513.

### Instructional classes

People interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, quarterly babysitter training or gymnastics can call 221-4882, 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### Boredom remedy

Youth Services offers after school and weekend opportunities for sixth through 12th graders. For more information, call Youth Services at 221-4882 or Child and Youth Services central registration at 221-4871.

### Open recreation

School Age Services offers after school, weekend open recreation and after school hourly care to children in first through fifth grade. People have to sign up for hourly and open recreation in advance. Children must be registered through central registration prior to using the School Age Program. For more information, call School Age Services at 221-4466. To register, call central registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### Sports registrations

Registration for baseball, softball and T-ball runs through Monday. The cost is \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the second

and \$35 for the third if all are from the same family. For 3 and 4 year old step T-ball, the cost is \$30 per child. Track registration is also under way. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services, and a birth certificate and a physical are required. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513 or stop by the Youth Center, Building 1630, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Free after school program

Youth Services offers an after school program for sixth through ninth graders weekdays until 6 p.m. YS will pick up children from either the elementary or high school. Students go to the Youth Center, have a snack, work on homework, participate in clubs and do fun, innovative projects. Students must be registered with Child and Youth Services, which has an \$18 annual fee, but the program is free. For more information, call 221-3502.

### Volunteers needed

Youth Services is looking for volunteers to assist with youth programs, including coaches, computer-skilled people, people with craft hobbies or anyone who just cares about kids. People who can type or file are also needed. For more information or to volunteer, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

### Parents wanted

Parents are invited to come to the Youth Center Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. to join the Youth Center staff and the teens and middle school youth in a game of basketball. Parents and staff try to outmaneuver the teens and score a few baskets. For more information, call the Youth

Center at 221-3502.

### Saturday shuttle

Youth Services offers a Saturday shuttle to and from the Youth Center. There is no cost, but parents with children 9 years old and younger must wait for the van and sign them in and out. The shuttle schedule is

3 p.m. - leave the Youth Center

3:10 p.m. - Gorgas Circle (picnic tables)

3:13 p.m. - Schofield/Dickman on Schofield

3:16 p.m. - Reynolds and Dickman on Reynolds

3:20 p.m. - former Officers' Club tennis courts

3:25 p.m. - Artillery Post Road at bus stop

3:30 p.m. - Easley/Infantry Post at bus stop 660

3:37 p.m. - Patch Road (playground)

3:40 p.m. - Marvin R. Wood (basketball courts)

3:47 p.m. - Patch Road (shoppette parking lot)

3:51 p.m. - Foulis/Scott Road (Harris Heights)

3:54 p.m. - Forage/Foulis

4:02 p.m. - Powless Guest House.

The return shuttle will leave the Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. for those in fifth grade and below. There is also a shuttle that leaves at 9:30 p.m. for those in middle school and at 10:30 p.m. for those in ninth grade and up. These shuttles are for youth who live on the installation. For more information, call 221-3502.

## Parent News

### Home-based child care

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks

to 12 years old on and off post with certified providers. FCC offers full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long term care. For referral information or child registration, call Child and Youth Services Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### FCC providers

Family Child Care is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers.

There is a no-cost start-up plan. For more information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

### PAC meeting

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet March 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center, 2530 Funston. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity for parents to learn of upcoming events, meet staff and address concerns.

## STOMP conference

A Specialized Training of Military Parents, or STOMP, conference will be today and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Service Center, Region 20 conference center, 1324 Hines Ave. STOMP is a federally funded parent training and information center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. The conference will cover basic rights and regulations and topics include TRICARE, Medicaid, wills, guardianship, communication skills, Exceptional Family Member Program and basic education rights. The STOMP staff comprises parents of children with disabilities who have experience raising their children in military communities and traveling throughout the world. For more information, call Kerry Dauphinee, installation EFMP manager, or Riccardo Reeves, EFMP assistant manager, at 221-2705.

## TAPPetry conference

The 2005 TAPPetry conference will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Education Service Center, Region 20 conference center, 1324 Hines Ave. The conference title is "Parent and Professional Partnerships: The Ties that Bind" and is for teachers, administrators, parents and other professionals working with special needs students. The conference includes a presentation on communication, and The Playmakers, a San Antonio-based acting troupe of men and women with developmental disabilities, will perform "Now What," which deals with transitions. Other topics include behavior, early childhood, specific disabilities and differentiated instruction. Administrators, teachers and other professionals can register online at <http://www.esc20.net/workshop.htm>. For more information or a parent-registration form, call Dawn White at 370-5402 or Becky Tarwater at 804-7201, ext. 382.

# COMMUNITY LINK

## Happenings

### Historic Fort Sam tour

The Fort Sam Houston Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor a Tour of Homes on historic Fort Sam Houston April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advanced tickets may be purchased today for \$10 in front of the PX. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour for \$12 at the Stilwell House. For more information, call Betty Kotoriy at 545-0815.

### Free symphony concert

San Antonio Symphony residency program will feature a full orchestra concert rehearsal and finale today, Friday and Saturday at St. Philip's main campus, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive. The performances are free and open to public on a reservation basis. For more information, call 531-3321.

### Driftwood Winery walk

The Selma Pathfinders volksmarch club will host a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk in Driftwood, Texas Saturday and Sunday. The walk will start at the winery at 21550 Ranch Road 12 in Driftwood. The Saturday start will be between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will finish by 4 p.m. The Sunday start will be between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and will finish by 3 p.m. For more information, call Phyllis at 496-1402, email milchene@juno.com or check out the club's Web site at [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/8195](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/8195).

### Congressmen host academy day

San Antonio high school students interested in attending a military service academy can attend a session sponsored by four Texas congressmen March 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the USAA auditorium, 9800 Fredricksburg Road. Midshipmen and cadets from all service academies will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their families. Information on the nomination process will also be available. Student ID or driver's license is required to enter the facility. For more information, call Karen Frey at 821-5024.

### Fiesta tickets

The Cougar Pride Club of Robert G. Cole High School has parade tickets for April 22 Battle of the Flowers and April 23 Fiesta Flambeau. The tickets are \$8 and the seats are located along the 100 block of East Commerce St. All proceeds go the Cougar Pride Club, which provides scholarships to students and contributes to various activities at Cole. Call Lana Dochnal at 226-2746 for tickets.

### WWII anniversary commemoration

The Department of Defense World War II Veterans Commemoration Committee will present a tribute to veterans April 3 at 2 p.m. at San Antonio's Villita Assembly Building, 401 Villita. The event is open to public with priority for World War II veterans and their guests. For more information, call (877) 868-2058 or visit [www.60wwii.mil](http://www.60wwii.mil).

### Free tax assistance

St. Philip's College will offer free income tax filing assistance to the community through the volunteer efforts of students and faculty from the college's accounting information systems and Microsoft IT Academy programs during the tax filing season. For more information, call 531-3368.

### Scholarships offered

The Fort Sam Houston Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will be awarding

scholarships to family members of active duty, active Guard and Reserve, and retired or deceased Army personnel who reside in the San Antonio area. There are two categories – a graduating high school senior and an adult continuing education. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 11. Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the application by seeing their high school counselor or by contacting Janie Gamez at 212-6951.

### Camp Fair 2005

Parents interested in registering their children for OUR KIDS magazine's 11th annual camp fair can attend an informational session Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Home Court America, 8131 Pinebrook at I-10 and Callaghan. For more information, call Mary Anne Moffett or Pat Ramotowski at 349-6667.

## Volunteer

### Eczema study

Parent of children ages 2 to 12 with a history of eczema can have their children participate in a research study. For more information, call Crystal Triplett, research coordinator, at 916-3931.

## Professional Development

### Master's degree in 12 months

The National Graduate School of Quality Management is now accepting applications for a master's program scheduled to start in March. Classes will be one night a week from 6 to 10 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston. Students will earn a M.S. in Quality Systems Management. Master's business project replaces thesis. The institution is regionally accredited, nationally recognized and eligible for VA/TA benefits. For more information, call (800) 838-2580, 410-9147 or 213-1248 or visit [www.ngs.edu](http://www.ngs.edu).

### Build a second career

A free career lecture will be offered March 17 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Evans auditorium, Building 1396. Retired Army Col. Dick Crampton will conduct the lecture and share his extensive experience in transitioning to civilian life as well as techniques on how to be marketable for a career in the civilian sector. The session is for officers and senior NCOs who will retire in the next five years. Spouses are welcome. For more information, call Russ Lane at 221-9255.

### Job fair

The semi-annual San Antonio Military Community Job Fair will be March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road. More than 100 employers will be represented. People should bring several copies of their resume to provide to potential employers. For a list of participating employers, go to <http://www.taonline.com> and follow prompts to job fairs. For more information, call the Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213.

### Resume and interview workshops

Family employment readiness program will offer a resume writing workshop March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and a job interview skills workshop March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. Reservations are requested. A valid military family member

ID card is required. For more information, call Katja Lunsford at 221-0427.

### Free computer training

Family members of active duty military personnel may receive computer training to prepare for the job market through the family employment readiness program. Automated, self-paced training is available on all Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), Windows, Outlook, QuickBooks (accounting), customer service, clerical and typing skills. Typing instruction is also available in Spanish. For more information, call Katja Lunsford at 221-0427.

### Degree opportunities

A St. Mary's University representative will be available in Building 2247, by the education center, Tuesday from 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Programs include accounting and business management, computer science and computer information systems, education, engineering systems management, and international relations. Selected programs are offered at Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph AFB. Active duty and retired military, DOD employees and spouses of these groups are awarded a grant of 50 percent off tuition per three-hour course. For more information, call Judy Olivier at 226-3360.

### Homeland security course

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute will conduct a homeland security medical executive course in Austin

at the OMNI Hotel at South Park from June 13 to 17. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Stuart at 221-2434 or visit DMRTI's Web site at [www.DMRTI.army.mil](http://www.DMRTI.army.mil).

## Meetings

### Wives and widows meeting

The Retired Officers' Wives and Widows club will meet Monday at the Sam Houston Club at 11 a.m. Sandy Sullivan will speak on fraud management. Call Arline Braswell at 822-6599 for reservations.

### Annual Joint Services luncheon

The Fort Sam Houston Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will host an annual Joint Services luncheon at the Sam Houston Club March 22. The social hour will begin at 11 a.m. The entertainment will be provided by the Texas Children's Choir. Cost is \$14.50 and reservations are required by March 16. Mail your reservations to Sigrid Reitstetter at 426 Graham Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78234.

### BOSS seeks single Soldiers

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

## Black History Month

### Read Along Program

Volunteers are needed to read books on topics about black history to elementary school children. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pauline Perry at 221-7804.

## Black history trivia contest

1. What African American was head of the National Blood Bank program during World War II? He later resigned due to frustration at the government's policy that mandated that whites' and African Americans' blood be given only to their respective races.
2. Who became the first African American woman to sit in the U.S. Senate and only the second African American since Reconstruction to be a Senator?
3. In Dec 1917, the 369th Infantry Regiment was the first all-black U. S. combat unit to be shipped overseas to fight in World War I. Although they lost one third of their unit, they never had any man captured and never lost any ground. They also had a regimental band and are credited with introducing

American Jazz to the French and the rest of Europe. What is another name for this notable all black unit?

4. What African American man patented an electric elevator (U.S. pat#371,207) on Oct. 11, 1887. He did not invent the first elevator; however, his design was very important as it improved the method of the opening and closing of elevator doors. He improved the closing of the opening to the elevator shaft when an elevator was not on that floor.

5. In 1914, Garrett Morgan, an inventor and businessman from Cleveland, invented a device called the Morgan safety hood and smoke protector. This device is the forerunner to what well known item used by military personnel today?

### Feb. 17 trivia answers

1. President Nixon in 1972.
2. The Works Progress Administration, otherwise known as the "New Deal" and later named the Work Projects Administration.
3. Read about the contributions of blacks to the defense effort.
4. August Wilson
5. Mary McLeod Bethune

Trivia contest answers must be sent via e-mail to [Gayle.Ellis@cen.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Gayle.Ellis@cen.amedd.army.mil) or delivered in a sealed envelope addressed to Gayle Ellis, Black Employment Program committee member, Room 1335, Building 2841, no later than Wednesday. The winner will be the person who submits the first set of correct answers. E-mail responses are encouraged.

Trivia answers for this issue will be published in the March 3 issue of the News Leader.

**The winner of the Feb. 17 Black history trivia contest was Sgt. Dale Morgan, Medical Holding Company.**

# FORT FREEBIES

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to [news.leader@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@samhouston.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military and Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appear on request. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. There is a two-week maximum and a limit of five items per entry.



**For Sale:** Bowflex Pro model weight bench with leg lift attachment, in excellent condition, paid \$1,100 new, \$500 obo. Call Kathy at 288-2098 or leave message.

**For Sale:** Moving, must sell Ashley Millenium champagne queen bedroom set, includes headboard, footboard, side rails, two night stands and armoire, very elegant, \$300 obo; rosewood dinette table with four chairs, \$100 obo. Call 599-4728.

**For Sale:** 2004 black Monte Carlo, LS, V6, automatic, 26k miles, radio-cassette, a/c, cruise control, power locks, power windows, alarm, remote keyless entry, \$15,000 obo. Call 364-5990 or (888) 388-8389.

**For Sale:** Beautiful large beige sofa bed, 7.5-feet wide with colored and matching soft pillows and formal green

French chair, \$180 for set with your pick up. Call 490-3048 anytime.

**For Sale:** 2001 Featherlite all aluminum open utility trailer, 4 by 6 by 8 feet, removable sides and built in ramp, great for motorcycle, ATV or lawnmower, 2,000 pound GVWR, half the weight of a steel trailer and no rust, \$1,000. Call Phillip at 945-4778 or 843-3584.

**For Sale:** Dog kennel made out of chain link fencing with a gate, 6-feet high, 6-feet wide and 12-feet long, less than two years old, good condition, \$200 new, asking \$95 obo; home gym, \$50 obo. Call 299-1273.

**For Sale:** 2001 burgundy Jeep Wrangler, Sahara Edition, sport utility two door, 49k miles, four by four, six cylinder, 4.0, automatic, a/c, CD player, hard top, soft top and hitch, \$14,200; 75-gallon fish tank with some accessories, \$250 obo. Call 391-8998.

**For Sale:** AKC Afghan hound puppies, born Feb. 7, will be ready for pick up in April, taking deposit now. Call 566-8292 or 549-5595.

**For Sale:** 2001 Pontiac Aztek GT, excellent condition; 75K miles, a/c, CD player, \$7,500. Call John Orendorff at 885-6719.

**For Sale:** Sofa and love seat with throw pillows, cherry end tables with brass lamps, six months old, \$850. Call Zenas or Pete at 639-1116.

**For Sale:** New wood table with hide-away extension and claw foot table legs, 47 inches by 65 inches, oval, \$125. Call Ronald Weigel at 662-6948.

**For Sale:** Micro fiber, mocha couch with matching recliner, six months old, \$550; queen/king metal bed frame, \$10; beige ceramic lamp, no shade, \$10; dress

blues uniform, 40-inch jacket, trousers 30 inch or 32 inch by 31 inch (has about 2 inch hem), \$100; semi-sheers, champagne color, six panels, each 80 inches by 60 inches, \$50. Call 697-9261.

**For Sale:** Queen mattress set with frame, new condition, \$150. Call 838-4427 in evenings.

**For Sale:** 1995 white Honda Civic DX, great condition, 46K miles, a/c, CD and FM stereo, performance wheels and rims, \$5,000. Call 279-8226.

**For Sale:** 1995 Soft-tail Classic Harley Davidson, low miles, mint condition, \$3,500 worth of extras, \$14,050. Call 262-3892.

**Free:** Chain link fence with two gates, approximately 90 feet. Buyer must remove the fence. Call Marty or Diana at 223-8009.