

# News Leader

*“One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!”*

Priscilla Lopez is excited to receive her Silver Medal in the three-on-three bracket, as teammates Amy Wuespe and Katie McKurtis cheer her on Saturday during the Special Olympics Texas' Area Basketball Competition at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.



## Jimmy Brought Fitness Center hosts Special Olympics

Story and photo by Dave Waugh  
Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center was full of smiles and basketballs this weekend during the Special Olympics Texas' Area Basketball Competition Friday and Saturday.

Area 20 of Special Olympics Texas includes more than 5,200 athletes with intellectual disabilities from the Hill Country to Corpus Christi.

Randolph Air Force Base has hosted the Special Olympics in the past, but this year, Paul Matthews, directorate, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation,

approved the event at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center because the facility is larger than Randolph's gym.

Second Lt. Shawn Bourdon, staff nurse, Brooke Army Medical Center, organized some of the nursing staff from BAMC to work at the first aid station, also, B Company, 264th Medical Battalion had 15 soldiers volunteer at the competition. They were part of an outstanding effort to safely load and off load 32 buses of Special Olympics athletes in addition to helping on the courts.

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## One journey – two paths

### *'The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas'*

Story and photo by Minnie Jones  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Embracing Black History Month's theme this year, "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," John "Mules" Miles, a native San Antonian is modest about his inclusion into history.

Miles, 86, stands 6 foot 3 inches, speaks softly but quickly, grew up on the east side of San Antonio, and still remembers when he had to pay a poll tax to vote.

In the South, during the 40's blacks were still forced to endure racial segregation. In the North, conditions were not much better; blacks faced wide spread discrimination that hampered their hopes of equal treatment.

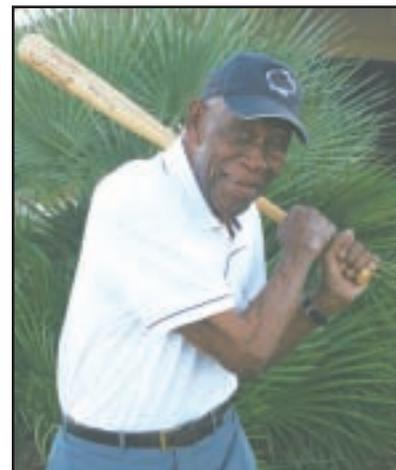
Miles didn't know it at the time, but he has come to realize that back then he was standing on the cusp of desegregation, on a journey, walking along two paths heading towards true citizenship for blacks in America.

Miles' journey began with the

love of baseball; his grandfather who loved the sport inspired him to play ball. He played basketball and baseball in high school. "He also wanted to play football, but his mother wouldn't let him. "She didn't want me to play football because she said I would get hurt."

After graduating from high school, Miles played basketball at St. Phillips College, "But baseball was my number one

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John "Mules" Miles swings his bat, showing he is still fit and active at age 86. Miles played for the Chicago American Giants as a member of the Negro National League in 1946.

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# Facts about 'Alternative Minimum Tax'

Tax laws provide tax benefits for certain kinds of income and allow special deductions and credits for certain expenses. These benefits can drastically reduce some taxpayers' tax obligations. The Alternative Minimum Tax attempts to ensure that anyone who benefits from these tax advantages pays at least a minimum amount of tax.

Congress created the AMT in 1969, targeting a small number of high-income taxpayers who could claim so many deductions they owed little or no income tax.

Because the AMT is not indexed for inflation, a growing number of middle-income taxpayers are discovering they are subject to the AMT.

People may have to pay the

AMT if their taxable income for regular tax purposes plus any adjustments and preference items are more than the AMT exemption amount.

The AMT exemption amounts are set by law for each filing status.

For tax-year 2008, Congress raised the alternative minimum tax exemption to the following levels:

- \$69,950 for a married couple filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers.
- \$46,200 for singles and heads of household
- \$34,975 for a married person filing separately

For more information about the Alternative Minimum Tax visit [ww.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 800-829-3676.

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## A growing number of middle-income taxpayers are discovering they are subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Military Tax Center is located in Building 133, near the intersection of Stanley and Liscum, immediately behind the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. The office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A satellite office is located

in Brooke Army Medical Center's lower level. The satellite is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both offices are accepting appointments at the present time. For more information or to make an appointment, call 295-1040 or for the BAMC satellite, call 916-1040.

(Source: IRS)

### Thought of the Week

"Toughness and perseverance require a willingness to work hard even when things are difficult. They also help encourage others to work just as hard as you do."

Randy Dunton

(Source: Bits and Pieces, February 2009)

### Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	March 1	March 2	March 3
San Antonio	83° Partly Cloudy	85° Partly Cloudy	72° Partly Cloudy	65° Clear	70° Clear	76° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	46° Clear	48° Rain Chance	48° Overcast	53° Rain Chance	46° Rain Chance	46° Rain Chance
Baghdad Iraq	75° Clear	80° Clear	68° Rain Chance	68° Partly Cloudy	64° Partly Cloudy	64° Partly Cloudy

(Source: Weather Underground at [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com))

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## News Briefs

### AMEDDC&S civilian employee town hall meeting

Army Medical Department Center and School will hold a civilian employee town hall meeting Feb. 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium. The topics discussed will be career information for civilian employees, civilian awards, and a update from previous civilian employees town hall meeting. Civilian employees are invited to attend, share information, and ask questions. For more information, call 221-6438.

### Leadership conference

A leadership conference will be held Feb. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium. The speaker, Dave Roeber will cover topics such as the characteristics of a good leader, how Army values reinforce a leader's spiritual beliefs, personal resiliency, and the challenges and restraints of a leader. All noncommissioned officers, officers, and Department of Defense employees are invited. For more information, call 232-3529.

### 122nd Hospital Corps Anniversary Social

Commanding General Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles, Army Medical Department Center and School, will host the 122nd Hospital Corps Anniversary Social Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. The guest speaker is U.S. Army Medical Command, Command Sgt. Maj. Althea Dixon. The cost is \$5. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Erin Hicks at 221-8940 or Staff Sgt. Di Virgilio at 221-6241.

### 99th Anniversary of Foulois first military flight

The local chapter of the Order of the Daedalians will sponsor a ceremony to commemorate the 99th anniversary of Lt. Benjamin Foulois first military flight, March 2 at 11 a.m. at the post flagpole, Stanley Road. The guest speaker is Keith Ferris, who painted "Gallant Beginning," a depiction of the first military flight. The ceremony will include a flyover at 11 a.m. of two original trainers from World War II; a Stearman PT-17 and a Fairchild PTY-26. A static display of helicopters that includes a CH-47 Chinook, UH-64 Apache, UH-60 Blackhawk, and a OH-58 Kiowa.

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# Family presence makes Purple Heart ceremony memorable

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Although Spc. Jose Montanez doesn't remember receiving his first Purple Heart in Iraq, he received another Purple Heart Feb. 17, along with three fellow warriors, and the memories to go along with it.

Montanez, his wife, Janet, their children Isaak, Madilyn and Alice plus his parents and in-laws joined the Soldier on stage during a Purple Heart ceremony held at Brooke Army Medical Center fourth floor auditorium.

"This time was memorable for me, because my family was here," said the Eagle Pass, Texas native.

Montanez, a combat medic assigned to B Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armor Division, was injured Sept. 25, 2006. While treating a fellow Soldier, an improvised explosive device exploded near him resulting in his combat injuries.

For the past seven months, Montanez has been retired from the Army. He's currently attending Palo Alto College in San Antonio to become a registered nurse.

Brig. Gen. James Gilman,



Spcs. Sean Hollins, Nathan Huddleston, Jose Montanez and Pfc. Eric Small sing the Army song, during the Purple Heart Ceremony Feb. 17 at Brooke Army Medical Center fourth floor auditorium. More than 35 people attended the ceremony.

commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and BAMC said when you (Pfc. Montanez) finish your training, come back to us for a job.

Montanez said he would.

"Many times warriors are given their Purple Hearts at the time of injury, but don't remember receiving them," said Gilman.

An American combat decoration, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United

States, who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

Spc. Sean Hollins, Spc. Nathan Huddleston and Pfc. Eric Small were also honored for their acts of bravery and service to country, during the ceremony.

Hollins, an infantryman assigned to B Co., 1st Bn., 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Div., who was injured Sept. 20, 2008 in Afghanistan. While on patrol, Hollins' vehi-

cle was struck by an IED resulting in his combat injuries.

The specialist also received the Combat Infantryman Badge, which recognizes Soldiers who are personally present and under hostile fire while serving in an assigned infantry or Special Forces primary duty, in a unit actively engaged in ground combat with the enemy. His squad leader, Staff Sgt. Randall Bagwell accompanied him on stage.

Huddleston, a combat engineer with the 1-101st Airborne, 1st Armored Div., was injured Sept. 10, 2008 in Iraq. While performing a dismounted mission he was hit by a sniper, resulting in his combat injuries. His wife, Sheryl and sons Landon and Jeremy stood with Huddleston on stage.

Small, a combat engineer with the 509th Engineer Co., 5th Engineer Bn., 555th Engineer Bde., was injured June 23, 2008 in Iraq. While checking a route clearance, Small's team was hit by two separate IEDs resulting in his combat injuries. His wife, Shannon; mother, Judith Weatherby; sister, Debbie Lynch and brother-in-law Dan Lynch stood on stage with Small.

## Black History Month commemorative events schedule

### FRIDAY

#### 5K Fun Run/Walk

A 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Feb. 27 at Eberle Park. Sign-up begins at 7:15 a.m. and the race begins at 7:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first ten participants to sign up. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kristie Simpson at 565-4701.

#### African-American/Black History Month Commemoration

An African-American/Black History Month Commemoration will be held Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center,

Building 320, Wilson Road, Fort Sam Houston. The speaker is Nevil Shed was a member of the of the Texas Western Miners, now named University of Texas at El Paso, team that won the 1966 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament, and coached by Don Haskins. The Miners made history for being the first team to start an all African-American lineup in the Championship game.

### SATURDAY

#### Black History Month play, musical

The Fort Sam Houston Dodd Field Gospel Service will present a Black History Month play and musical entitled "The History Of African-American Music and

Arts, 1800-2009" Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Local singers, musicians, poets, and stage actors and actresses will trace the origin of music and poetry from the fields of Africa to our modern-day music art. Sounds from the Motown era, jazz, blues, Gospel, Reggae and Rap will also be featured. The event is free and open to the community. Light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m. with open seating. For more information, call 462-7676.

#### AAHC Banquet

An AAHC Banquet will be held Feb. 28 at the Gateway Club, Lackland AFB. For more information, call Maj. Torres at 671-9338.

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### Hiring Heroes career fair

Fort Sam Houston will host a Hiring Heroes Career Fair March 10 at the Sam Houston Club. This Department of Defense-sponsored event will bring together more than 75 employers whose primary purpose in attending will be to speak with Warriors in Transition, their Family members and caretakers regarding employment opportunities available to them once separated from military service.

Employers from the federal sector, government-affiliated agencies, contractors and corporations will be present, among them being Lockheed-Martin, United Services Automobile

Association, Department of Homeland Security, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Veterans Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program Center, the Office of Personnel Management and the Soldier and Family Assistance Center will be conducting a series of classes and taking individual appointments to assist Warriors in Transition in federal and corporate resume formulation, Internet job searching, interviewing and other job search related skills. For more information, call ACAP SFAC office at 916-9295 or the Office of Personnel Management SFAC office at 916-9252.

### Corrections:

In the Feb. 19 issue of the News Leader the caption for the photo on Page 3 was incorrect. The person in the photo is Col. Carol Gilmore, chief nurse, U.S. Medical Command.



In the Feb. 19 issue of the News Leader the caption for the photo on Page 16 was incorrect. The person in the photo is Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Abin, 232nd Medical Battalion.

# Interservice physician's assistant program successful in one-year expansion

By Martha Waldman  
Marketing, Army Medical Department Center and School

The Interservice Physician's Assistant Program under pressure to expand its training capabilities in order to meet rising demands due to deployments and backfills succeeded in expanding its enrollment capabilities in just one year.

According to Col. William Tozier, director of the Interservice PA Program, Graduate School, Academy of Health Sciences, "this amazing team effort took 12 months from concept to students sitting in class."

The accomplishment takes on even greater significance when considering the complexity of the readjustment. Coordination included four services, the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard; the Interservice Training Review Organization and 20 medical treatment facilities that provide the clinical instruction that follows training at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School.

With the support of Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston,

Col. W. John Luciano, Dean, AHS, and the determined and devoted AMEDDC&S facilities personnel managed, in spite of increasingly crowded conditions, to provide additional classrooms and triple the lab space. Lab exercises that traditionally took four hours to complete now can be done in one.

Since its inception in 1972, the AMEDDC's PA program has grown tenfold. At the beginning of the war in 1993, there were 550 physician assistant authorizations; there are now 710.

"The IPAP is four to six times larger than most civilian PA Programs, said Col. Tozier, most schools train 40 to 60 students per year. This year, we will 76 in January, 78 in April, and 78 in August. That is the maximum number of students the MTF's can support."

In addition to being the world's largest PA program, IPAP gives students the most hands-on experience, according to IPAP faculty members, Maj. Tim Sensi and Navy, Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry.

In the 2009, U.S. News and World Report's article, "America's Best Graduate Programs," which is based on peer review, the IPAP was

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Col. William Tozier  
Director of the Interservice PA Program, Graduate School,  
Academy of Health Sciences

selected, along with one other programs, nationwide.

Applicants to the PA Program come from a variety of medical and nonmedical fields. Many Soldiers joining the military are not aware that the PA program exists until they have already selected another subject area specialty. Traditionally, the PA Program was considered a method of advancement for enlisted personnel.

However, in 2001, under the command of Maj. Gen. James Peake, the Army began accepting officers, as well as enlisted personnel, into the IPAP. In fact, some officers are willing to take a demotion in order to get into the program, which is highly valued in the civilian sector as well as the military.

In addition to active duty Army, students include members of the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and U.S. Public Health Service.

Graduates earn a Bachelors of Science at the end of the first year and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree from the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation they receive a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Specialist Corps.

The IPAP is approved by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant.

Physician assistants are critical members of the military healthcare team and provide a broad range of medical services traditionally performed by physicians. They are the primary medical provider to Soldiers in battalion and division level units and provide garrison healthcare to Soldiers, Family members, and other eligible beneficiaries. The Army PA has served the nation in all conflicts and peacekeeping missions since the Vietnam War.

## Let your voice be heard – ICE, CMS tools for improvement

By Russell Matthias  
Fort Sam Houston Customer Management Services Program

ICE is an Interactive Customer Evaluation tool that allows the post community and U.S. Army Garrison customers to share feedback with frontline managers to identify and resolve customer service requirements.

The web-based comment card system is designed for Soldiers, Family members, retirees, civilians or veterans to submit feedback from any

Internet-connected computer. Feedback can be submitted anonymously, but a response to a comment, requires contact information "response requested" checked in the appropriate box. Comments are sent directly to the service provider and an answer will be received within three working days.

An increased number of ICE comments have been submitted the past six months. In 2008, there were 1,639 ICE comments submitted. In the first quarter of 2009, 743

comments have been submitted for review.

The implementations of the customer management services program, as well as the Innovation Forum for Garrison Employees initiative are initiatives by Col. Mary Garr, Garrison commander.

Garr reviews all customer comments and manager responses. If she is not 100 percent satisfied that the customer received excellent customer service, she will go back to the manager until it is right.

Some changes on Fort Sam

Houston have occurred due to ICE comments. The ICE feedback system is in place to improve Fort Sam Houston's customer service and ensure a better quality of life for everyone who lives, works, plays, or trains on Fort Sam Houston.

For more information, about the ICE program visit [www.samhouston.army.mil/cms/](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cms/). Comments also can be submitted to Fort Sam Houston Customer Service Officer, Russell Matthias, at [samh.cms@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.cms@conus.army.mil) or call Matthias at 221-2543.

# Soldiers celebrate Black History Month

By Ben Paniagua  
Hacienda Recreation Center

Approximately 150 Soldiers from the 32nd Medical Brigade enjoyed a fun, entertaining and cultural awareness night Feb. 19 celebrating Black History Month at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

The annual event was hosted by the 264th Medical Battalion and presented in partnership with the 32nd Medical Brigade Equal Opportunity Office and the Hacienda Recreation Center.

The theme for this year's event was "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas" and featured guest speaker, Lt. Col. Carlene A. S. Blanding the S1/Adjutant for the 32nd Medical Brigade, a rousing African dance performance by the dance group Mnwendo, refreshments and a trivia game with prizes for the Soldiers in attendance.

Blanding spoke on the journey African Americans have

taken on the road to the present, "A very long journey," she said. Blanding was born in Jamaica, British West Indies and she and her Family migrated to Poughkeepsie, New York and later to Bridgeport, Conn. Her education is wide and varied and includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, and a Masters Degree in Health Services Administration.

"I really liked it," said Pvt. Shawn Jefferson, A Company, 264th Medical Battalion. "It was very tasteful, very different and very interesting."

Refreshments for the evening's event consisted of fried catfish, green peas, hush puppies and punch. "The Soldiers really enjoyed the food and I heard many great comments on how tasty the fish was," said Dwayne Terrell, Hacienda Recreation assistant. "Many of the Soldiers were coming back for more," he said.

The dance group, Mnwendo, gave a spectacular



Photo by Paul Kotchman

A dancer from the dance group Mnwendo leads a group of Soldiers Feb. 19 during the Black History Month celebration at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

dance and percussion performance that had the Soldiers on their feet. Soldiers were asked to go on stage to dance with the group. They quickly learned the dance steps and brought the house down. Authentic African drums were used for the

dancers and each drummer gave a background history of the drums, further enhancing the intended cultural awareness of the program.

"It was interesting and a great learning experience for me," said Pvt. Miguel Aispuro, C Co., 187th Medical

Battalion. The show was really good. I like food and it was also very good."

A trivia contest was a big highlight of the evening. The Soldiers were asked questions on black history and Soldiers answering the questions correctly were given nice prizes.

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thing,” said Miles. But his dream of becoming a baseball player did not come to full fruition until later in life because another opportunity came knocking at his door.

Miles worked at Kelly Field as a “helper.” Because segregation was still practiced in Texas, he wasn’t allowed to hold a technical job because those jobs were reserved for whites.

However, in 1942, under a new program to provide civilian mechanics to support the Tuskegee Airmen 99th Pursuit Squadron, Miles was one of 50 blacks selected to go to Alabama to train and provide ongoing support for the squadron at the air depot at Tuskegee Air Field.

“We had it hard at Tuskegee; buildings weren’t completed when we got there, it was hard, but we made it, I wasn’t complaining, because at Tuskegee, I learned a trade, I learned how to work with my hands – to do something,” said Miles.

When Miles returned home from Tuskegee in 1945, his desire to play baseball was

stronger than ever. However, in those days, black players were not able to play on major league baseball teams. Years earlier, in 1867, the National Association of Ball Players voted not to accept teams with black athletes. Therefore, black players were prohibited from playing with whites in professional baseball.

Because of segregation, Miles was only able to play in the Negro National League. So in 1946, he took leave from Kelly Field and went to Jackson, Mississippi, tried out and was signed with the Chicago American Giants, as a third baseman and outfielder.

It wasn’t until 1946 that blacks were allowed to play in the National League. Miles remembers the night that it all began. His team was playing against Jackie Robinson’s team, the Kansas City Monarchs. Everyone on both teams was told that there were scouts in the stands looking for a player to play in the major leagues.

Later he heard that Robinson was picked, and it was not long after that he heard that he had signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

“Jackie took a lot of abuse, people did not know the pressure Jackie was under playing in a white league. He did a great thing; he was instrumental in integrating baseball. Jackie was all right, he could run and hit and he had the right attitude. Now my kids and grandkids can play because of Jackie,” said Miles.

Miles had an outstanding career with the Chicago American Giants, hitting 11 home runs in 11 games in 1947. Earning him his nickname “Mule” given to him by his manager because he said he hit as hard as a mule.

In 1947, Miles had one of the most productive seasons in the Negro Leagues, batting .250; in 1948 Miles hit 27 home runs. Miles stayed with the Giants until 1949.

“I’ll tell everyone, I was proud to be part of it, said Miles. It was nice playing in the Negro League. I have no regrets about it, we had a lot of fun, and I met a lot of guys. We couldn’t play the whites but we still had lots of fun.”

Miles returned to Kelly Field and in 1951 he took a leave of absence from work,

and tried out for the Laredo Apaches. He was signed, making him the first African-American player in the South Texas League, and after a short stint there, he went back to work at Kelly Field where he retired in 1971.

While on this journey and quest for true citizenship in America, in 2008, Miles’ two, somewhat, parallel paths converged last year with two pinnacle events happening in his life.

Miles was “drafted” by the Seattle Mariners in the Negro Leagues Player Draft June 5 held prior to the Major League draft at Disney’s Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

On this momentous occasion, each major league club drafted a surviving former Negro Leagues player, who represented every player who did not have the opportunity to play baseball.

“It was an honor being accepted by a major league team, and I am proud to be part of the Seattle Mariners,” said Miles.

On Nov. 4, 2008, Miles witnessed something that he

thought he would ever see in his lifetime, the election of a black president. “That was the most important thing that I have seen in my life,” said Miles. He was also invited to Washington D.C. along with other Tuskegee Airmen to witness the inauguration in person.

“When I saw Obama take the oath at the inauguration, I thought of the words of Martin Luther King, said Miles, reciting King’s speech, ‘... When all of God’s children, black men, white men, Jews, Gentiles, Protestants, and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.’ chills ran down my spine, it was awesome, we’ve come a long way.”

In 1982, Miles received a certificate of recognition for Outstanding Contribution to the History of black Americans from Lackland Air Force Base. He also received the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Award: Tuskegee Ground Support Maintenance Crew in 1995. In 2000, Miles was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame at the African American Museum in Dallas, Texas and in 2003; he was inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame.

Nowadays, Miles travels to autograph shows to help raise money for other Negro League players without pensions (King NLBPA) and plays golf regularly. This month Miles was inducted in the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame in Houston, Texas.



Photo by Dave Waugh

Lucy Mercado forces a jump ball with Christine Simmons Friday during the Special Olympics Texas' Area Basketball Competition at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Area 20 of Special Olympics Texas includes more than 5,200 athletes with mental disabilities from the Hill Country to Corpus Christi.

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Friday, 320 athletes competed in the Individual Skills Competition. They demonstrated their ability to shoot and make baskets from various shot locations, complete a pass into a square on the wall and complete a 10 meter dribble for time. The three basketball courts allowed the athletes to be in a safe controlled environment without being crowded. When the event took a break for lunch the grass area was a great location to eat lunch and soak in the South Texas sunshine.

Saturday morning, 24 teams participated in "classifying," where a short six-minute basketball game was

played to determine each team's abilities and consequently their lineup for the single elimination tournament next Saturday. The afternoon was devoted to three-on-three and Girls' five-on-five competitions that were divided by ability level.

Next Saturday, Feb. 28, will be the remainder of the team competitions. The games will

start at 9 a.m. and will be free and open to the public.

Softball and volleyball competitions have been on base previously. This is the first year for Fort Sam Houston to host an activity as large as the area basketball competition.

For more information, or to volunteer at the competition, contact the Special Olympics Texas office at 530-9898.

## 'Military Saves Week'



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Col. Mary Garr, signs the proclamation for "Military Saves Week" Feb. 20 as Army Emergency Relief Counselor Ann Mancillas and Financial Counselor, Lydia Rodriguez look on. Military Saves is a campaign to encourage service members and their families to take financial action and build wealth by saving money and reducing debt. Adequate savings for emergencies, retirement funds and safe income to debt ratios are critical components for personal financial security. "Military Saves Week" is a component of the command's Army Family Covenant Program focusing on financial security of service members and their families as a crucial aspect of military readiness. "Military Saves Week" runs from Feb. 22 through March 1.



# Military Appreciation Night

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

San Antonio Rampage Hockey vs. Rockford Icehogs

San Antonio's Professional Hockey Team – Top Affiliate of NHL Phoenix Coyotes



Special Military themed jerseys worn by the players will be auctioned off after the game with proceeds donated to the Fisher House, the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Operation Comfort, and the Rampage Military Sled Hockey Team.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE FORT SAM HOUSTON ITT OFFICE IN THE SAM HOUSTON CLUB OR BY CALLING NATHAN COSTA @ 444-5616.**

Discounted tickets are just \$12 (\$16.35) & \$18 (\$25.35) per person and includes one lower level ticket, hot dog, soda and chips!

FREE Chips FREE Soda FREE Hot Dog



Photo by Phil Reidinger

## Early morning workout

San Antonio Rampage hockey team mascot T-Bone and the Rampage Ice Girls dance team visits with the 232nd Medical Battalion and participates in the morning physical fitness training. Following the morning calisthenics, the dance team joined the Soldier Medics for breakfast at Slagle dining facility.

## Sports

### Lifeguard classes

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will host weekend Lifeguard Classes Feb. 28 and March 1, March 14 and 15; and March 21 and 22. All classes will be held at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$160 per class. For more information, call Ignacio Flores at 221-1234 or 221-1532.

### 3-D archery shoot

A 3-D archery shoot will be held Feb. 28 and March 1. Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m. The shoots include 30 3-D targets. The cost per person Saturday is \$15 for competitive and Sunday is \$15 for competitive and \$10 for non-competitive shoot. For more information, call the Camp Bullis Recreation Center at 295-7577.

### 5K Fun Run/Walk

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will hold a monthly Fun Run/Walk Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. Registration forms will be available on the day of the event. This free event is open to the community. Event t-shirts may be purchased for \$10. For more information, call 221-1234.

2nd Annual 32D MED BDE  
COMBATIVES TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 7 Mar 09, at the Jimmy Brought Gym

Tournament begins at 0800;  
Awards Ceremony at 1400

Come out and support the  
Trainees and Cadre

For more information, contact  
SFC Deickman at 669-7065

FINISH THE FIGHT!

### Intramural soccer

Fort Sam Houston Soccer season will begin April 6. Letters of intent must be received by March 2. Send letters of intent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234; or drop them off at the Brigade Gym. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-3185.

### Intramural spring softball

Fort Sam Houston Intramural Spring Softball (mens and coed) season will begin March 30. Letters of intent must be received by March 2. Send letters of intent to Earl

Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234; or drop them off at the Brigade Gym. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-3185.

### Women's Basketball Championship results

B Company, 264th Medical Battalion women's team beat D. Co., 232nd Med. Bn. #1, 27-24 to claim the Brigade Women's Basketball Championship Feb. 12. D Co., 232nd Med. Bn. led most of the game until B Co., 264th Med. Bn. finally took the lead with about two minutes left in the game to claim the championship.



The wedding party (from left) best man, Sgt. Kenneth Ezell; the groom, Sgt. Brad Beard; the bride, Spc. Jennifer McGaheran; flower girl, Danixa Figueroa; maid of honor, Marcie Biernacki; and wounded warrior and minister Sgt. John Wolf (back) stands in front of the waterfall for the special outdoor wedding at the Warrior and Family Support Center Feb. 21.

# Wounded warriors marry at WFSC

Story and photos by Cheryl Harrison  
Army Community Service, Marketing

With winds that made the temperatures feel cooler than they actually were, it did not hamper the joy and excitement around the Warrior and Family Support Center Feb. 21 for two wounded warriors.

Not only was it their wedding day but it was the first such ceremony to be conducted in the newly opened facility.

Sgt. Brad Beard and Spc.

Jennifer McGaheran, both active duty Soldiers met about a year ago. "I met Jennifer through John, (National Guard Sgt. John Wolf, wounded warrior and minister officiating over the ceremony) while we were at the Fisher House. We all hung out as friends, talked about our injuries, goofed off, went to dinner together and then Jennifer and I started dating. A wounded warrior getting married to a wounded war-

rior, married by a wounded warrior," said Beard with just a slight quiver of nerves and excitement, when asked how he met his bride.

In a simple, yet fairy tale like wedding, the ceremony took place in the serenity garden of the WFSC. The calming flow of water trickling over the rocks of the waterfall provided music for the processional. Family and friends gathered to witness the very special union between two of America's heroes.

Tracey Ezell, wife of best man Sgt. Kenneth Ezell said, "We've known the groom for about five years and have been here to visit several times during his recovery. My husband and Brad were together in Iraq when Brad was injured."

During the ceremony the bride's sister, Kimmie McGaheran read scripture and mother, Marcie Biernacki was Maid-of-Honor. Two-year-old Danixa Figueroa daughter of wounded warrior Staff Sgt. Manny Figueroa and Aixanette Figueroa was the flower girl.

Attending the ceremony



(From left) Maid of honor, Marcie Biernacki and Spc. Jennifer McGaheran, the bride give last minute instructions to two-year-old flower girl Danixa Figueroa, before the procession through the serenity gardens Feb. 21. This was the first wedding between wounded warriors to be held at the new Warriors and Family Support Center.



(From left) Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center and Jeffri Gilman along with the parents of the flower girl, Staff Sgt. Manny and Aixanette Figueroa, did not let the brisk winds bother them as they awaited the start of the wedding ceremony between two wounded warriors Feb. 21 in the serenity gardens of the Warrior and Family Support Center.

was Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center and his wife, Jeffri; Judith Markelz, WFSC program manager; Charles O'Leary, program manager, Soldier and Family Assistance Center; WFSC staff members Jutta Aviles, Evelyn Jackson, Charles Dominguez; the

grooms' mother, Betty Mallette and step-father, Bob Mallette; as well as other friends and well-wishers.

Any wedding can be a financial strain, but with the generous help of United Services Automobile Association, the Beard and McGaheran's special day and honeymoon at the Westin La Cantera resort will be filled with sweet memories.

# Rodeo celebrities visit WFSC

Story and photo by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo celebrities took time off from rodeo activities to visit with wounded warriors and their families at the Warrior and Family Support Center Feb. 18.

Avery Gonzales, Miss Rodeo Texas 2008; Buck Taylor, a former actor who appeared in westerns such as the series Gunsmoke, and films such as Tombstone, Truce, Gettysburg and Jericho; and Leon Coffee, who has been a Rodeo Clown for 29 years with the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, signed autographs and took photos with wounded warriors.

The visitors were hosted by the San Antonio Recruiting Brigade.

"I love and respect them," said Taylor, referring to the Soldiers.

Jackie Van de Walle, assistant vice president, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, said, "We have over 5,000 volunteers who contribute their time, talent and money towards running the San Antonio Livestock Expedition to make our show the best.

It is a volunteer organization that emphasizes agriculture and education to develop the youth of Texas."

"The show is more than cowboys, concerts, cotton candy, it is about helping educate the youth," continued Van de Walle.

According to Van de Walle the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has committed more than \$87 million to education with a record \$8.5 million committed in 2008.

Also in attendance was retired Army Lt. Col. Ron Benton, 5th Recruiting Brigade Contract Cowboy Recruiter, telling the Army's story. Benton served 28 years in the Army.

"I want to express my gratitude to the service men and women for their bravery, courage and service to protect our freedom," said Van de Walle.

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo opened Feb. 5 at the AT&T Center and closed Feb. 21.



(Above) Sgt. 1st Class Todd Griffin (right), Warrior In Transition, meets with San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Avery Gonzales, Miss Rodeo Texas 2008; Buck Taylor, actor, who performed in westerns such as Bonanza, Wagon Train, Gunsmoke, and in films such as Tombstone; and Leon Coffee, Rodeo Clown, who has been a rodeo clown for 29 years.

(Right) Army Ranger retired Lt. Col. Ron Benton, 5th Recruiting Brigade Contract Cowboy Recruiter, ties a bandana around the neck of young cowboy Gavin Ford. Benton, with San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo celebrities, visited wounded warriors and their families at the Warrior and Family Support Center Feb. 18.



San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo volunteer, Bud Cheatham; Buck Taylor; Jackie Van de Walle, Assistant Vice President, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo; Leon Coffee, rodeo clown; Avery Gonzales, Miss Rodeo Texas 2008; Penny Riles, member of the Cowboy Church committee; and retired Army Lt. Col. Ron Benton, 5th Recruiting Brigade Contract Cowboy Recruiter, who tells the Army story, take time out from rodeo activities to visit with wounded warriors and their families at the Warrior and Family Support Center.



Photo by Elizardo Hernandez

## Outstanding students

Each month Robert G. Cole Middle and High School recognizes one student from each grade level for their outstanding attitude, citizenship and overall contribution to the school. Their teachers nominate the students and then the faculty of each grade level selects one student. The recipients for January are (standing, from left) Francis Mahon, seventh grade; Mary Mahon, 11th grade; Jasmine Booth, ninth grade; Mikayla Smith-Douglas, eighth grade; and Cory Liker, 12th grade; (sitting, from left) Kassandra Chavez, sixth grade and Ashley Erickson, 10th grade.

## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities – March 2 to 7

### *Texas Public School Week*

#### **Fort Sam Houston Elementary School**

##### **March 3**

Third and fifth grade TAKS Reading  
Fourth grade TAKS Writing

##### **March 6**

Hoops for Heart Assembly, 2:10 p.m.  
Spirit day

#### **Robert G. Cole Middle and High School**

##### **March 2**

Boys' Spring Classic at Quail Creek  
Country Club in San Marcos, tee off  
8:30 a.m. (leave Cole at 6:30 a.m.)  
Golden C Awards, 6 p.m.

##### **March 3**

Eighth and ninth grade TAKS Reading  
Seventh grade TAKS Writing  
10th grade and Exit Level TAKS ELA  
TAKS Exit level ELA retest  
Baseball vs. Cornerstone at Cole, 4  
p.m.

##### **March 4**

TAKS exit level math retest  
Boys' basketball quarter final  
playoff, TBA

##### **March 5**

TAKS exit level Science retest  
Baseball Edgewood tournament,  
TBA

Boys' basketball quarter final  
playoff, TBA

Boys' and Girls' JV/V track meet at  
Comfort High School, half day  
UIL concert and sight reading con-  
test at Clemens High School

##### **March 6**

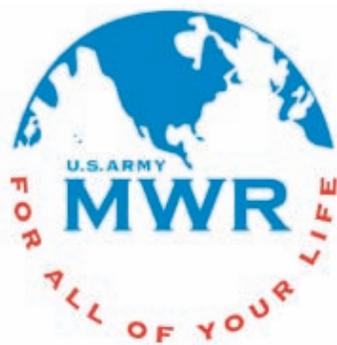
TAKS exit level social studies retest  
Baseball Edgewood tournament,  
TBA

Boys' basketball regional tourna-  
ment at Delco Center, Austin, TX

##### **March 7**

Baseball Edgewood tournament,  
TBA

Boys' basketball regional tourna-  
ment at Delco Center, Austin, TX



## Announcements

### No 'Lunch 'n Bowl' March 4

Due to a special function, the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center will not have open lanes during the March 4 Lunch 'n Bowl event. All persons who purchase lunch from the bowling center on March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. will receive a voucher for a free game and free shoe rentals to be used at a later date. The normal Lunch 'n Bowl operations will resume March 11. We apologize for any inconvenience. For more information, call 221-4740.

## Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY

#### ***Mardi Gras Celebration***

Sam's Sports Bar will host a Mardi Gras celebration Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. Stop by the club to enjoy Jambalaya, Dirty Rice and a Three Kings Cake. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 224-2721.

### SATURDAY

#### ***CYSS Talent Show***

Child, Youth and School Services will host a talent show Feb. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. For more information call any of the CYSS facilities or Central Registration at 221-4871.

### SUNDAY

#### ***Heart of Texas Duathlon***

The Fort Sam Houston Sports and Fitness Branch will host a Heart of Texas Duathlon March 1 at 8 a.m. This event will consist of a 2-mile run and a 10-mile bike ride, starting at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and finishing at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center. Individual registration cost is \$35. For more information, call 221-1180.

### MONDAY

#### ***Unit Family Readiness training***

The Army Community Service

Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Unit Family Readiness training March 2 from 9 to 10 a.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. The training is open to Soldiers, Family members and civilians. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

#### ***'Welcome to Holland' exceptional Family members class***

Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a class for Families with exceptional Family members March 2 from 10 to 11 a.m. The class will discuss the joy and challenges of raising a child with special needs. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

### TUESDAY

#### ***Virtual Family Readiness Group***

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Unit Family Readiness training March 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

#### ***Family Readiness Group Leader's forum***

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Family Readiness Group Leader's forum March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

### ***B.E.A.M.S.***

Building Effective Anger Management Skills will begin a new class March 3 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Training Room 2. The class helps to identify strategies to more effectively handle anger, resentment and frustration. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

#### ***Basics of breastfeeding***

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will offer a basics of breastfeeding class March 3 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Training Room 2. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

### WEDNESDAY

#### ***Truth or Consequences***

Truth or Consequences a four-part series will be held March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at

Army Community Service. Building 2797, Training Room 2. Teens will be given tools to improve decision making skills, develop effective conflict management skills and enhance their self-esteem. For more informa-

tion, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

### **MARCH 5**

#### ***Ladies Golf Clinic***

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club

will host a Ladies Golf Clinic March 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. A participation fee of \$120 per player will apply. For more information, call 222-9386.



# Community

## Announcements

### ***The Spouses' Club***

The Spouses' Club is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 Scholarship and Welfare program. Application packets may be picked up at the Army Community Services, Building 2797, or downloaded at the Spouses' Club Web site at [www.scfsh.com](http://www.scfsh.com).

### ***Sergeant Audie Murphy Club***

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will hold a study group to prepare for the board Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 1394, Room 215. For more information, call 221-4028.

### ***Universal Orlando Resort honors Military***

Universal Orlando Resort's new Military Salute program offers one

free two-park, seven-day unlimited admission ticket to all U.S. active duty, National Guard, Reserve and retired military service members with a valid military photo I.D. Tickets are valid now through June 28 and can be purchased at participating Military Base ITT/ITR offices. For more information, visit <http://media.universalorlando.com>.

### ***Census takers needed***

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring census takers for the 2010 census. The positions are temporary, part-time; with flexible hours up to 40 hours per week. For more information or to schedule a basic employment test, call 866-861-2010.

### ***T-shirt design contest***

The United Service Organization is looking for a design for a USO T-shirt. Designs are for the T-shirt back only. The design must be tasteful and orig-

inal; must fit within a letter-size page and be in a JPEG, TIFF and Bitmap format. Designs must be submitted by midnight March 6. Entries should be submitted via e-mail to [ahernandez@uso.org](mailto:ahernandez@uso.org), in a 72 dpi format. Original design should be created in a 200 to 300 dpi. For more information, call 227-9373 ext. 10 or e-mail [ahernandez@uso.org](mailto:ahernandez@uso.org).

### ***San Antonio Botanical Gardens***

The San Antonio Botanical Garden is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$4 for children ages three to 13, \$5 for seniors, military and students. San Antonio Botanical Society members enjoy free admission. The Carriage House Bistro serves an express menu daily for only \$8 during lunch. For more information, call 829-5360.

## Calendar of Events

### **SATURDAY**

#### ***San Marcos Freeman Ranch walk***

The San Marcos River Walkers Volksmarch club will host a 5K and 10K walk at the Freeman Ranch at 2101 Freeman Ranch Road in San Marcos Feb. 28, starting between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Piersol at 512-396-4463 or e-mail [bpiersol@grandecom.net](mailto:bpiersol@grandecom.net).

### **SUNDAY**

#### ***CROP Walk for Hunger***

The Randolph Roadrunners Volksmarch club will host a 5K and 10K walk in conjunction with the CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Hunger March 1 starting between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., finish by 5:30 p.m. at Pavilion No. 1, in Mission County Park, 6030 Padre Drive. For more information, call Ellen Ott 723-8574, e-mail [ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/](http://www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/).

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### ***Word, PowerPoint training***

The Army Medical Department Center and School Information Management Training Branch will hold hands-on training for Office 2007, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint March 4, 9, 17 and 31 from 8 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and March 9, 11 and 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Willis Hall, Building 2841, in Room 2105C. Seats are limited. For more information or to register, e-mail [Julie.Gueller@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Julie.Gueller@amedd.army.mil).

### **MARCH 10**

#### ***Contracting Officer's Representative course***

A Contracting Officer's represen-

tative course will be held March 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 4p.m. in Willis Hall, Building 2841. The Center for Health Care Contracting training session is for Army Medical Command and Army Medical Department Center and School personnel who require a certification to perform the duties of a Contracting Officer's Representative on contracts awarded in support of the MEDCOM and AMEDDC&S. The class is approximately 1.5 days and will be limited to 35 students. For more information or to register, call 221-6123.

### **MARCH 11**

#### ***San Antonio Military Community Job Fair***

The San Antonio Military Community Job Fair will be held March 11 at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., Universal City, Texas. Historically, over 100 employers gather to speak with active duty and Reserve Soldiers, veterans, military retirees and their Family members on employment opportunities. Eligible ACAP clients can receive pre-job fair assistance at the ACAP Center, Building 2263, Room B-099. Computer workstations may be reserved for counselor-assisted resume building, viewing of interview training modules and Internet job searching. For more information, call the ACAP Center at 221-1213.

# Religious Briefs

## Lent worship services

Lent worship services will be held March 4, 11, 18 and 25; and April 1 at 6 p.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721. For more information, call 221-5010 or 221-5432.

## Journey to Jerusalem

The Fort Sam Houston Chapel community will host "Journey to Jerusalem," an exciting new Easter outreach activity, April 2 to 5 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the grounds of Main Post Chapel. A Jerusalem Village will be created where participants will be actively involved in making crafts, participating in family traditions, and other customs of the time. The event is free and open to the community. The chapel is looking for volunteers to be marketplace workers, actors, or Soldiers. For more information or to volunteer, call Brian

Merry at 221-5006 or e-mail [brian.r.merry@us.army.mil](mailto:brian.r.merry@us.army.mil); or Bedell Springs at 897-6880.

## PWOC meets

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is a Christ-centered group that encourages women to grow spiritually within the body of Christ through prayer, the study of God's word, worship and service. A Bible study is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 221-5007.

## CWOC meets

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

# For Sale Fort Freebies

## Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate and employment ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail [news.leader@conus.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@conus.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Freebies can only be ran twice. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

**For Sale:** Ladies golf clubs with bag, right-handed, \$85; track light, five lights, black, \$18; four sliding glass shower doors, \$15 each. Call 593-1512.

**For Sale:** Office desk, \$95; chairs, various sizes and prices. Call 550-7371.

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

**For Sale:** Bookcase, 3.5 feet high, \$25; air compressor, new, six feet high by 3 feet wide, \$950; 1962 Chevy II, good engine, new tires, \$2500; Honda off-road motorcycle with wide tires, \$450. Call 633-0881.

**For Sale:** Maternity pants and tops with tags, sizes 20 to 24, \$20. Call 633-3859.

**For Sale:** Chihuahua puppies, two

males and one female, six weeks old, \$175 for female and \$150 each for males. Call 616-2239 or 464-8649.

**For Sale:** Oak entertainment center on casters, 50 inches high by 55 inches, fits 29 inch television, \$75; 13" color television with cable capability, \$25. Call 496-9304.

**For Sale:** Magnavox 20-inch television with video player, \$50. Call 653-5302.

**For Sale:** 2002 Chrysler LX Town and Country minivan, 73K miles, V-6, automatic, navigation system, new battery AM/FM/4 CD changer, DVD player, roof rack, clean. \$5,800 obo. Call 673-9649 or 630-3936.

**For Sale:** Running boards for full-size Ford F150, chrome, great condition, \$140. Call 221-3549.

**For Sale:** 2002 Pontiac Sunfire; 54K

miles, manual transmission, AC, CD player, \$3995; Bedroom set, includes double bed with mattress and box spring, high-boy and dresser with large mirror, \$450; boys' bike, \$15; set of children's books, including Clifford, Dora, Sesame Street, over 50 books, \$40; set of various Thomas the Tank items including comforter, books and toys, \$30. Call 548-2718 or e-mail [e.steil@yahoo.com](mailto:e.steil@yahoo.com).

**For Sale:** Wood-grain wall-unit entertainment center, six feet high by five feet wide by 17 inches deep, \$150; authentic Burberry Nova Check small tote with dust jacket, \$175; Baby crib, needs refinish work, \$25; three-tier diaper cake, blue, \$30; Fisher Price outdoor picnic table, \$25. Call 852-9927.

**For Sale:** Extreme exerciser, \$60; office chair, black, \$25; computer desk, \$35; two-drawer metal filing cabinet, \$20; end table, \$25. Call Sandy at 241-1291.

**For Sale:** Kenmore Elite High Efficiency washer and gas dryer, washer Model 22086, dryer Model 72066, electronic controls, king-size capacity, charcoal, \$550 obo. Call Amanda or Jon at 512-301-7345.

**For Sale:** Small bookcase, \$10; Sony DVD player, \$35, La-z-Boy five-section modular seating including queen-size sleeper, \$400 obo; portable stereo TV/CD and radio, \$25; "Band of Brothers" video set, \$25. Call 662-8887.









