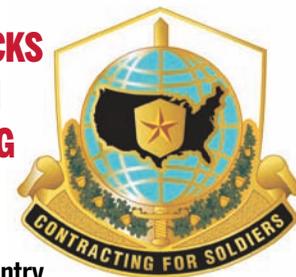


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KEEPING WATCH ON THE BORDER

1st Lt. David Greggs, platoon leader, Troop F, 6th Battalion, 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, conducts observations along the international border near Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 27, as part of "Operation Nimbus II."

Active-duty Soldiers from Fort Hood and Fort Bliss provided air and ground reconnaissance and surveillance support to the Border Patrol during exercise, a military support of federal law enforcement mission coordinated by Joint Task Force-North, a U.S. Northern Command element under the operational control of U.S. Army North. See related story and more photos on Pages 10-11.

Photo by Staff Sgt.
Keith Anderson



Spring is time to share the road with motorcycles

By Terry L. Todd
502nd ABW Ground Safety
Manager

Spring is almost here and the recent good weather has motorcyclists rushing to their storage units and garages, knocking off the dust and preparing their motorcycles in anticipation for that perfect day to rev up their engines.

Whether you are a fair-weather rider or one who rides throughout the year, San Antonio and the surround-

ing communities are a motorcyclist's dream. Between the Hill Country scenery and winding roads, what motorcycle rider could ask for more?

To truly enjoy the feeling of being one with the road and most importantly, being seen and arriving alive, bikers need to comply with not only the rules of the roads, but also with branch-specific motorcycle safety requirements

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502nd ABW, mission partners rated 'excellent' during compliance inspection

By Staff Sgt. Melissa B. White
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The 502nd Air Base Wing and its mission partners, the 12th Flying Training Wing and the 37th Training Wing, all earned overall "excellent" ratings as a result of recent compliance inspections conducted by the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Team.

The inspections were held independently at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Air

Force Base and JBSA-Lackland AFB, Feb. 6-13 and March 5-9, respectively.

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd ABW commander, briefed 502 ABW personnel on the results during a series of commander's calls held March 14.

"I'm incredibly proud of everyone here," Carter said. "You all put forth a tremendous amount of effort and should be proud of the work you put in. My challenge for you now is to sustain this level of excellent

performance."

The 802nd Mission Support Group and 902nd MSG were rated "excellent."

Prior to this assessment, only one of the last seven mission support groups inspected in the Air Education and Training Command earned a rating higher than satisfactory.

In addition, both the Installation Exercise Program Office and the first emergency management exercise conducted in February at JBSA-Randolph earned an "outstanding"

rating. This marks only the second time in 14 years that an EME earned an "outstanding" rating.

"The IEPO and EME grades are particularly noteworthy when I consider where we were last July and how far we've come as a joint base team," Carter said.

"The ABW and all of our mission partners, especially our medics with the 59th Medical Wing clearly demonstrated our ability to work together in response to an emergency and

manage the consequences."

"Going into the inspection, I told our squadron commanders that I wasn't worried too much about grades, because it's clear that you all are the engine that makes Team Lackland go," said Col. Richard Houghton, 802nd MSG commander. "You deliver excellent base support every day. And you do it right."

"No matter what rating your individual team was assessed,

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Six tips for reducing tax-time stress

Tax preparation doesn't need to give you a headache. There are several ways to make it easier on yourself. The IRS offers six tips to help make your tax-filing experience a breeze this year.

Don't procrastinate. Resist the temptation to put off your taxes until the very last minute. Rushing to meet the filing deadline may cause you to overlook potential sources of tax savings and will likely increase your risk of making an error.

Visit the IRS website. More than 322 million visits were made to <http://www.irs.gov> in 2011. Make "1040 Central" your first stop to check for the latest news and find answers to your questions about tax filing.

Use Free File. Let Free File do the hard work



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with brand-name tax software or online fillable forms. It's available exclusively at <http://www.irs.gov>. Everyone can find an option to prepare their tax return and e-file it for free.

If you made \$57,000 or less, you qualify for free tax software that is offered through a private-public partnership with manufacturers.

If you made more than \$57,000 and/or are comfortable preparing your own tax return, there's Free File Fillable Forms,

the electronic versions of IRS paper forms. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/freefile> for options.

Try IRS e-file. Last year, 79 percent of taxpayers - 106 million people - used IRS e-file, which is the safest, easiest and most common way to file a tax return.

If you owe taxes, you can file immediately and pay later (by the April 17 tax deadline). Best of all, when you combine e-file with direct deposit, the IRS can generally issue

your refund in as few as 10 days.

Don't panic if you can't pay. If you can't pay the full amount of taxes you owe by the mid-April deadline, you should still file your return by the deadline and pay as much as you can to avoid penalties and interest.

More than 75 percent of taxpayers eligible for an Installment Agreement can apply using the web-based Online Payment Agreement application available at <http://www.irs.gov>.

To find out more about this simple and convenient process, type "Online Payment Agreement" in the search box at <http://www.irs.gov>. You can also contact the IRS to discuss your payment options.

Request an extension of time to file - but pay on time. If the deadline clock is ticking, you can

get an automatic six-month extension through Oct. 15.

However, this extension of time to file, which must be filed or post-marked by the April 17 deadline, does not give you more time to pay any taxes due.

If you have not paid at least 90 percent of the total tax due by the April deadline you may also be subject to an estimated tax penalty. You can obtain an extension through Free File at <http://www.irs.gov/freefile>.

Or, file Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, available for downloading at <http://www.irs.gov> or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676) to have a paper form mailed to you.

Allow at least 10 days for mailed forms and publications.

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you all are part of an excellent mission support group and an excellent air base wing. Congratulations," he said.

The 37th Training Wing also earned an overall "excellent" rating from the AETC IG Team.

Two of the wing's groups, the Defense Language Institute English Language Center and the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, received "outstanding" overall ratings as did the wing's inspection office.

The 37th, 737th and 937th Training Groups all were rated excellent.

At the wing's AETC IG team out-brief held Monday, Col. Eric Axelbank, 37th TRW commander, paid close attention to everyone's reaction while the inspectors narrated the slide presentation. "I am proud of this

wing and its people," Axelbank said.

"It was a rewarding experience seeing the group and squadron leadership team reactions to the IG's superlative reviews of our wing.

"I value the quality of our people and the effort we make in fulfilling Air Force core values and our vision as the training standard of excellence," Axelbank added.

"Regardless of the result, units are always better after an inspection because we have an independent evaluation of what we're doing well and where we need to focus additional attention and resources." said Carter.

"Col. Mike Brown and his inspection team did a fabulous job providing all AETC units with a comprehensive, thorough and fair evaluation," the general added.

News Briefs

Temporary Walters Street Gate/Road Closure

The Walters Gate will temporarily close at 6 p.m. March 23 and remain closed until approximately 4 p.m. March 25 to facilitate the temporary relocation of the entry control lanes and facilities, according to 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron officials. During this closure, the Jadwin Gate (commercial gate), located east of Walters Street (take the AT&T Center exit) will be open around the clock for inbound and outbound traffic through the duration of the project. Additionally, the New Braunfels Gate, located west of Walters Street, will open for outbound traffic only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 24 and 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25.

MICC change of command

The Mission and Installation Contracting Command hosts a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. March 28 at the Long Barracks, with Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring relinquishing command to Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke. Leisenring, the command's first commanding general, leaves for an assignment as the deputy commander for the Joint Theater Support Contracting Command for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Vollmecke comes to the MICC after serving as the director for contracting at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. For more information, call 466-2292.

AMEDDC&S Change of Command

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army surgeon general and commanding general, United States Army Medical Command, hosts the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School change of command at 9 a.m. March 27 at the MacArthur Parade Field. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein will turn over command of AMEDDC&S to Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe. For more information, call 221-8580.

National Public Health Week runs April 2-8

In honor of National Public Health Week, April 2 to 8, the public is invited to attend several health promotion

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Foreign section chiefs attend Army South area of responsibility orientation, conference

By Robert R. Ramon
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South hosted the annual U.S. Army Section Chief and Military Personnel Exchange Program Conference at the Army South headquarters at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 4-9.

The conference gathered section chiefs stationed in more than 25 countries from throughout U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility and representatives from U.S. military organizations throughout the United States.

"I think the most important thing about this forum is that it allows U.S. military representatives in various countries to speak face-to-face with each other," said Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, Army South commanding general. Conference participants

have an opportunity to better understand how to synchronize their efforts in support of the Army South mission and the ARSEC's partner nation

army programs and activities while gaining regional focus and insight and the ability to facilitate future coordination. ARSECs are foreign area

officers assigned to partner nation countries to act as a direct link between the U.S.

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Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general, participates in the 2012 U.S. Army South ARSEC/MPEP Conference at the Army South headquarters building March 3.



Courtesy photo

Army Family member Seymone Cohen-Fobish is competing on "America's Next Top Model."

IMCOM Soldier's daughter competes on 'America's Next Top Model'

By Tim Hipps
IMCOM Public Affairs

Army Family member Seymone Cohen-Fobish expects to launch a modeling career after completing her stint on "America's Next Top Model."

"I know that I'm not done," said Cohen-Fobish, 19, who is not allowed to reveal how long she will remain on the television series that airs Wednesday nights on Bravo. "This is the very, very beginning for me. I can't wait."

Seymone is the daughter of Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Fobish, a power systems technician for Installation Management Command, and Army

Reserve Capt. Tondra Fobish, a nurse at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

Seymone, who was born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., journeyed as a youngster to Atlanta for several commercial trouts and modeling ventures, many of which led to callbacks.

"She has been in and out of modeling since she was a little girl, since we moved to Georgia in 2000, when she was 7," Fobish said. "We traveled to different states to put her in shows and we would always get callbacks, but it never really led to anything.

"Being in the military, it was very difficult for our schedule

to take her all over the states, especially with her being a student in school," Fobish added. "A lot of times we weren't able to make those shows."

Seymone eventually enrolled at the John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center in Atlanta.

"That's where she really got the foundation of modeling and learning the industry and what all comes with it," said Fobish, who was then assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

When the phone rang with an invitation to appear on "America's Next Top Model," Seymone had no problem with

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events presented by public health professionals from the Army Medical Department Center & School, Brooke Army Medical Center, and Public Health Command-South. This year's theme is "A Healthier America Begins Today!" From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 3, in Willis Hall, Building 2841, Room 2202, Maj. Joseph B. Topinka, deputy staff judge advocate of Army Medical Command, will host a professional discussion on the "Quarantine and Isolation: What every Public Health Professional Needs to Know." At 11 a.m. April 5 at the Willis Hall food court, Building 2841, exhibits will be on display covering smoking cessation, nutrition, physical fitness, vision conservation, immunizations and many more informational, fun and interactive topics. For more information, call 221-7445/6460.

Commercial Travel Office Closure

The Carlson-Wagonlit Travel Office at Building 367 will close from noon to 1 p.m. weekdays beginning April 2.

Military Tax Assistance Centers Open

Active duty military members, military retirees, and their families can take advantage of free tax services at the Military Tax Assistance Centers. The 502nd Mission Support Group's legal office opens offers the main site at 2271 Reynolds Road, at the corner of Wilson and Reynolds Roads, as well as a San Antonio Military Medical Center satellite office at the L44-6 conference room. All tax returns are completed on an appointment-only basis. Customers need to bring their W-2s, 1099-Rs and all other tax-related documents to their appointment. The main site phone number is 295-1040 and the SAMMC satellite phone number is 916-1040.

Dog teams needed

The Brooke Army Medical Center's Volunteer Service is seeking dog-assisted activities teams. The dog's owner must provide current immunization record, as well provide an obedience and temperament pictured ID certification issued by a nationally recognized organization. Pet teams selected for the positions must complete a DOD Veterinary Health Certificate form filled out by the dog's veterinarian. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 916-5381 or 916-5388.

MICC program offers acquisition career roadmap

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Contracting officials at Fort Sam Houston have developed an Acquisition Workforce Civilian Leadership Development Program offering contracting professionals a structured, detailed roadmap for career management.

Initially created for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command workforce, officials from the Army Contracting Command exploring a similar program recognized the value of the development program as not only vital to the success of the MICC, but the broader Army acquisition community.

"The Army is committed to replenishing and growing our professional acquisition workforce through the enhancement of career development programs and training opportuni-

ties," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, MICC commanding general. "Professional development serves as a powerful tool in defending this nation and provides the processes to acquire needed capabilities."

The overarching objective of this program is to build a cadre of acquisition workforce members through various tools and developmental opportunities for future leadership roles, said Wiley Cox, a procurement analyst with the MICC Acquisition Workforce Development and Training Branch.

Fashioned after the Army Workforce Development Roadmap for the Contracting and Acquisition Career Programs, Wiley said an assessment of the organization revealed a gap in aligning the workforce with professional development.

"We realized there was a disconnect between individual

aspirations and decision makers who can match individuals to opportunities," added Cox, who drew on his previous Air Force experience as one of the architects of the MICC program.

"The acquisition workforce development and training team designed a program within the MICC that will develop our future leaders."

The program entails a four-phased approach and begins with establishing career development roadmaps.

"Contracting career field members who elect to participate will now have the unprecedented ability to directly communicate their career aspirations to senior leaders who will then provide a strategic perspective on individual career paths," Cox said.

"This new avenue of communication will serve to identify future leaders and also arm in-

dividuals with recommendations that allow them to maximize their growth potential."

Members who complete a roadmap should highlight functional competencies and significant business, professional and leadership skills.

Senior leaders will review the roadmaps taking into consideration technical competencies, business acumen, leadership skills, and training and education accomplishments encouraged at the tactical, operational and strategic levels.

The second phase entails completion of a contracting career development plan that consists of an employee's present and past experience as well as short- and long-range goals, according to Lorraine Massie, the MICC Contract Operations Division chief. This step also

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Southern Regional Medical Command selects Soldier, NCO of the Year

By Lindan A. Moya
SRMC Public Affairs

Eighteen Soldiers, representing the 11 medical treatment facilities of the Southern Regional Medical Command, competed for SRMC's Soldier of the Year and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for fiscal year 2012 recently.



Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong (left), SRMC commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall La. Huffman announce Spc. Henry Odele, a laboratory technician at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at Fort Polk, La., as Southern Regional Medical Command 2012 Soldier of the Year.

This week-long competition was held from March 3-8 and was hosted by Brooke Army Medical Center, with some events held at Camp Bullis.

The grueling competition was meant to test the physical and mental toughness and tenacity of each of the MTFs' Soldier and NCO of the year.

The competition consists of a written exam, essay, weapons qualification, land navigation, road march, modern Army combatives, an oral board, standard Army warrior tasks and the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The winners were announced during an awards dinner and presented the Army Commendation Medal for their outstanding performance.

Staff Sgt. Orlando Marin from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, Fort Polk, La., won the title of SMRC NCO of the Year, and Spc. Henry Odele, also from BJACH, won SRMC Soldier of the Year.

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, SRMC Commander, commended

the Soldiers and NCOs for their accomplishments and implored them to take what they'd learned in the competition to help mentor others.

"You need to go back and train somebody to follow in your footsteps," Wong said. "Never stop challenging yourselves."

"This Army is getting smaller," Wong added. "It's these things that you're doing now that are going to keep you sharp, upstanding Soldiers/leaders and give you the edge compared to the others folks that did not step up and do what you did. Keep it up."

In addition to Wong's advice to the awardees, SRMC Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall L. Huffman congratulated the leaders at Fort Polk's small MTF.

"Great job, Col. David K. Dunning and Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson, for your leadership, guidance and motivation instilled in these great warriors," Huffman said.

Marin and Odele will rep-

resent SRMC at the U.S. Army Medical Command competition, held June 2-8 at Camp Bullis.



Photos by Laura Ahmann

Staff Sgt. Orlando Marin, a pharmacy NCO at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at Fort Polk, La., receives an Army Commendation Medal in recognition of being named the Southern Regional Medical Command 2012 NCO of the Year.

Warrior transition work program helps wounded Soldiers, JBSA facilities

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Wounded Soldiers are learning new skills and helping their rehabilitation process by working at facilities throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

Currently more than 150 Soldiers assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion are participating in the on-post work program.

"This program allows them to see what they want to do and learn some skills that will help them," explained Zackery Gant, transition coordinator at the WTB.

Many of the wounded warriors need to reclassify to a different military occupational specialty. This program allows them to learn a new skill-set.

"If an infantry Soldier wants to change their MOS to be a medic, they can go into a clinic on Fort Sam and see what it's like to work as a medic," Gant said.

"This is a way for the Soldiers to see if they like it before they reclassify and go to Advanced Individual Training."

Soldiers who are transitioning out of the military can also participate to learn new skills that can help them once they leave the military.

"It gives them a good block for their resume and they're networking. They're learning how to work with civilians again," Gant said.

"We want them to get as much experience possible and prepare for transition, whether it's to return to duty or to separate," Gant said. "It's always been a policy that our Soldiers have a productive duty day."



Photo by Lori Newman

Spc. Tristan Segers hands out mail at the Medical Education and Training Campus mail center. Segers is one of several wounded warriors participating in the on-post work program.

The Soldier's go to formation and their medical appointments but throughout the rest of their day they need to be actively doing something, he explained.

Spc. Tristan Segers is one of many Soldiers participating in the program. Segers works at the Medical Education and Training Campus mail center.

"I like it," Segers said. "It's good to actually do some work because for the last year and a half I've been doing physical rehab."

"Tristan has been outstanding. He has been a tremendous help to us," said Toya Johnson, chief of information services for the 502nd Communications Squadron.

The mail center is understaffed, Johnson said. I tell the Soldiers "If you can give me one hour, you have helped us out immensely."

The Soldiers work four to eight hours a day, depending on their sched-

uled medical appointments, sorting boxes and letter mail, logging information into a computer database and distributing the mail to the METC students.

Gant said the wounded warriors have many opportunities to work in different areas throughout JBSA, but he hopes to gain more interest in the program from other prospective employers on the installation.

"We are trying to keep the Soldiers healthy. It's therapeutic for them, to go and do this."

To request a Soldier for your organization, the supervisor needs to fill out a manpower request form listing the specific job requirements and limitations.

"The more detailed the job description is, the better," Gant said. "Once the form is completed, the jobs are posted for the Soldiers to look at."

To learn more about this program, call 210-267-7139.

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includes an assessment and recommendation by an individual's supervisor.

Following completion of the roadmap and submission of a development plan, the third phase entails a review by the Acquisition Workforce Civilian Leadership Development Board.

The board will consist of a panel of senior leaders who will analyze experiential and educational accomplishments as well as immediate supervisor input using specific criteria and a structured feedback approach to ensure consistency.

Cox said the board will provide at least one follow-on assignment recommendation along with training and educational recommendations in a structured feedback taking into account individual accomplish-

ments, career goals and attributes that may lead to continued professional growth and career progression.

"The final phase of the Acquisition Workforce Civilian Leadership Development Program is a match of development opportunities based on recommendations by the board, also serving as tool for succession planning," Massie said.

Managing the development program for members of the command is the MICC Contract Support Plans and Operations Directorate's acquisition workforce development and training team.

The program was originally scheduled to launch in March; however, adoption by ACC for implementation across the higher headquarters level will lead to a program roll-out later this spring.

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before hitting the road.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration points out that:

- Motorcycle fatalities usually happen on front-end impacts, as opposed to rear-end impacts.
- Motorcycles are more likely to be involved in a fatal collision with a fixed object than any other vehicles.
- Helmets save lives.

Motorcycle helmets have been proven to save the lives of motorcyclists and prevent serious brain injuries. For military members, there is no other option but to wear a helmet on and off the installation.

Choose wisely, as your helmet is an important part of your required personal protective equipment. Your helmet must be certified by the Department of Transportation, American Na-

tional Standards Institute, or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

When worn, the chin strap must be securely fastened under the chin and the helmet must have impact or shatter resistant goggles or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet.

Other Air Force and Department of Defense mandatory items consist of the required wear of sturdy, over-the-ankle foot wear, long-sleeve shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-finger gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material.

Motorists must remember that motorcyclists have

Motorcycle requirements per DODI 6055.04/DOD Traffic Safety Program
For Classes or sign up, go to <http://www.militarysafepmv.com>

Protective Clothing

Protective clothing includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.

Helmet

For personnel riding motorcycles and ATVs in the United States, helmets shall be certified to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, Department of Transportation or Snell Standard M2205. All helmets shall be properly fastened under the chin.

Reflective

Outer upper-garment must be brightly colored during the day and reflective if worn at night (Note: There are no U.S. Air Force uniforms that comply with this requirement, so something must be worn over the uniform. Reflective belts are not acceptable).

Mirrors

Must have right and left rear-view.

Headlights

Must be on at all times, except where prohibited during military mission or by State, local, or host-nation law.

EyeWear

Eye protection designed to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute Standard Z87.1-2003 for impact and shatter resistance includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet). A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection.

Arms

Long sleeve shirt or jacket must be worn.

Hands

Full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens must be worn.

Legs

Long trousers must be worn.



Foot Protection

Foot protection includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

Illustration courtesy Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

as much right to the road as they do. Motorcycle riders are levied with so many requirements to be seen, yet "I didn't see him" is the common answer when a mishap occurs.

Give motorcyclists the

respect they deserve. They are doing all they can do to be seen, now it's up to you to see them.

Look for motorcyclists and share the road. Let's make this riding season fun and mishap free.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS



Photo by 1st Lt. David Anderson

1st Lt. Sterling Meyers reads a book by Dr. Seuss to students at East Terrell Hills Elementary School during the school's annual "Dr. Seuss Read-Along Day," celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday March 2. Twenty military and three civilian volunteers from the 264th Medical Battalion spend the day at their adopted school reading the Dr. Seuss books to the students. Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904 under the name of Theodor Seuss Geissel and was best known for his children's books under the assumed name of Dr. Seuss. The event was part of the National Read Across America Day.

ARNORTH CG WELCOMES COMMUNITY LEADERS TO FORT SAM HOUSTON

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, and Joe Hutchison, a member of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Committee, chat in the historic Quadrangle March 9 as Jacqueline Davis (center), curator, Fort Sam Houston museum,



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

prepares to provide a brief tour of the Quadrangle. Caldwell hosted representatives from the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Committee to thank them for their service in the community and their support for Soldiers in the San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston area. Prior to moving to the Quadrangle, he hosted the group for a tour of his quarters. Afterward, they had lunch at the observation veranda on the second floor of Army North's headquarters.

AMEDD Test Board reviews new air beam tents

By Chief Warrant Officer 3
Allan R. LaViers
AMEDDC&S Directorate of
Combat and Doctrine Development

The Army Medical Department Test Board, working with the Army Medical Research and Material Command and the AMEDD Center and School Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development, will evaluate the use of new air beam tents to replace the current TEMPER (Tent, Extendable, Modular, Personnel) shelter system in use with the combat support hospital.

The equipment, known as Force Provider Expeditionary Systems, was developed to provide housing for troops and replaced the old general purpose tents.

The 14th CSH at Fort Benning, Ga., will support the test during a major



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Allan R. LaViers

Soldiers are learning how to properly mark a pigtail cable to the correct color code, checking shorts to ground, and taking continuity tests.

exercise in April, during which the hospital will be setting up an 84-bed hospital company.

To reduce the probability of power failures during crucial aspects of the test, the Army Medical Material Development

Agency contracted with the Army's Communications and Electronics Command to provide power generation and distribution training to the 14th CSH.

The Communication and Electronics Com-

mand, working with subject matter experts from the Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development, developed a comprehensive two week power distribution course designed around the CSH.

CECOM had already developed a two-week course specific to the requirements of the infantry brigade combat team and command post.

The intent of the CSH power course is to provide hands-on instruction for up to 12 people on the proper set up for a power distribution grid. It also provides the layman with the training necessary to become a subject matter expert in power distribution.

The first week of training is lecture-based instruction and covers Ohm's law, line loss, grounding and bonding, cable sizing, arc faults,

single and three phase loads, circuit breaker protection and function and load balancing.

Each student is given a comprehensive test at the end of each day on all the material covered from the first day to the last. The second week is a hands-on application of all the principles covered during the first week.

During a recent training event where members of the 14th CSH were trained, the students had many positive remarks in regards to the information covered, ranging from comments like "...understand the whole rule of Ohm's law" and "excellent instructors."

In addition to providing power grid instruction, the CECOM trainers identified a few aspects of the CSH's distribution method that was potentially hazardous, in particular the grounding wire for the 100kW tactical quiet

generator.

CECOM originally developed the course for the IBCT CP after feedback from the theater indicating substandard power grids that were prone to failure, or worse, injury to the combatant.

During a program manager mobile electric power conference in Orlando, Fla., the safety concerns of the CSH were brought up for discussion.

It was during this time that CECOM realized that with the electrical load required of a fully deployed CSH, and the potential of harm to the patients being seen, that their Infantry Brigade Combat Team Command Post course could be modified to assist the Army Medical Department in their efforts of providing world class healthcare by ensuring stability and reliability of the hospital power grid.

AFAF runs from March 26-April 13

The 2012 Joint Base San Antonio Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, themed "Commitment to Caring" kicks off March 26 and runs through April 13.

This annual event raises funds for four charitable affiliates that provide support to Air Force families in need: the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Village, Air Force Enlisted Village and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society, or AFAS, is the official charity of the Air Force, established during the Army Air Corps era in 1942 by Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold to relieve some of the financial stress Air Force families were experiencing during World War II.

The AFAS provides assistance to Air Force members in three ways:



Photo by Steve Elliott

Air Force Assistance Fund project officer Maj. Don Jack briefs the 502nd Air Base Wing staff at a recent meeting.

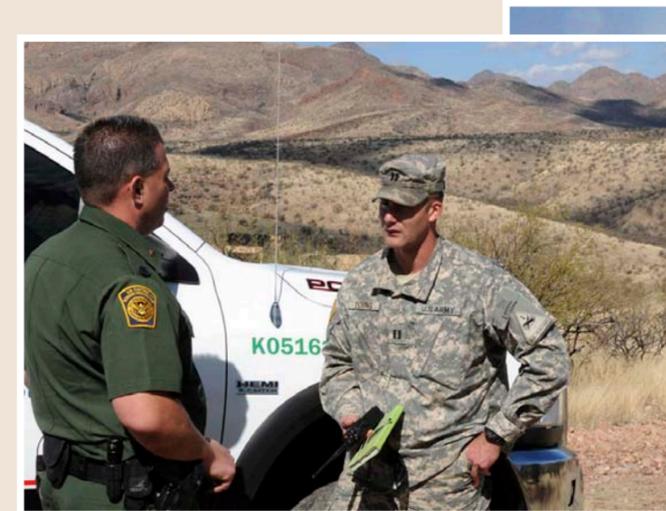
emergency assistance, educational grants and community programs. Countless Airmen have benefited with funds to travel during a family crisis or the means to make ends meet when life throws unexpected curves.

The Air Force Village, Air Force Enlisted Village and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provide financial assistance, housing and

medical care, when needed, for widows or widowers of retired Air Force personnel.

These organizations exist to make sure Air Force family members who gave so much can live in comfort and dignity.

Contact your AFAF unit representative or JBSA installation project officers Maj. Don Jack at 671-1938 or Master Sgt. James Rogers at 671-4120.



JTF-North Soldiers support Border Patrol in New Mexico, Arizona

Kevin Hecht (left), U.S. Border Patrol field operations supervisor, coordinates with Capt. Scott Young, commander, Troop F, 6th Battalion, 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, during a mission Feb. 27 to recover a Stryker vehicle in the rough, mountainous terrain near the international border.

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Active-duty Soldiers from Fort Hood and Fort Bliss deployed in mid-February to southern New Mexico and southern Arizona to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection border security efforts.

Fort Bliss Soldiers from 6th Battalion, 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division; along with Fort Hood Soldiers from Battery E, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; and additional Department of Defense assets were deployed along the mountainous, desert border between the United States and Mexico.

The Soldiers are tasked with the mission to conduct 24-hour reconnaissance and ground surveillance. To accomplish this, they use advanced optics and sensor equipment as they provided aid to Border Patrol agents during a high-traffic season for human and narcotics smuggling.

The mission, known as "Operation Nimbus," is a coordinated effort between Joint Task Force-North, a U.S. Northern Command element under the operational control of U.S. Army North, and CBP.

The operation was designed to enhance air and ground detection along the international borders of New Mexico and Arizona.



Soldiers from Troop F, 6th Battalion, 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, observe the international border near Nogales Feb. 27, as part of Operation Nimbus II.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Operation Nimbus is a distinct federal mission and not related to the National Guard's "Operation Phalanx."

"CBP's role in Operation Nimbus is to respond to anything that the Army sees out there in terms of any type of incursions – whether they be on foot or through the air," said Border Patrol Special Operations Supervisor Andy Adame, Joint Field

Command-Arizona spokesperson.

"Once something like that happens, they contact Border Patrol agents that are working in the area and/or other CBP air assets that we have."

The military support to federal law enforcement enhanced CBP's ability to secure the nation's Southwest border, Adame said.

"One of the biggest benefits that we see, working with active-duty military, is the technology and expertise that the Army brings to border enforcement," Adame said. "CBP owes a lot to the military personnel who come out to the border. We realize that they're there 24/7 in the elements."

Army scouts conducted day and night



Soldiers from Troop F, 6th Battalion, 1st Cavalry Squadron, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, unspool a winch Feb. 27 to recover a Stryker near the international border in Nogales, Ariz., as part of "Operation Nimbus II," a military support mission to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. Active-duty Soldiers from Fort Hood Fort Bliss provided air and ground reconnaissance and surveillance support to the Border Patrol during the mission in terrain so rough and remote that even military vehicles had difficulty.

Pfc. Gerald Anderson Jr., Avenger operator, Battery E, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas, demonstrates the Avenger's remote capabilities Feb. 29 at the U.S. Border Patrol's Douglas Station in Arizona to Border Patrol agents and members of the media during "Operation Nimbus II."



reconnaissance missions using the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System to detect, recognize, identify and geo-locate possible incursions, which they would then report to Border Patrol agents.

Avenger Soldiers, using the Forward Looking Infrared system,

and Soldiers monitoring Sentinel radar, also augmented border air incursion detection efforts.

The work was challenging, said Capt. Scott Young, commander, 6th Bn., 1st Cav. Sqdn., 1st SBCT, 1st Arm. Div., whose Soldiers supported border detection efforts in the Nogales, Ariz., area of operations.



(From left) Lt. Col. Stephen Goff, Southwest Regional Support Team lead planner, Joint Task Force – North, discusses a report Feb. 29 with Andy Adame, Border Patrol special operations supervisor, and Chris Leon, chief customs and border protection officer, at the Arizona Joint Field Command headquarters. From the Joint Field Command, leaders from JTF-N and the CBP coordinated "Operation Nimbus II," a military support to federal law enforcement mission.

"There's a real thinking enemy here that you have to adjust for," Young said.

He said that the mission was the first real-world operation for the unit, which was reactivated in January 2011, and that the experience was invaluable training for future deployments.

"The big gains were understanding the mission cycle, convoy briefs, troop leading procedures – the rapid repetition of the cycle with the benefit of not being shot at," he said.

Spc. Joseph Bazan, Troop F, said that although the work was very different from his normal job as a tow missile operator, it was useful.

"I think it has given us a mission focus and prepared us for deployment," Bazan said. "Also, being isolated out here in the desert has helped prepare us for what it will be like in Afghanistan."

Soldiers were prepared for the mission before deploying to safeguard the border.

"We have a lot of new Soldiers, but we also have a lot of experienced non-commissioned officers to help them along the way," said 1st Lt. David Endter, Btry. E, 1st Bn., 44th ADA Regt.

"Before we came out here for the deployment, we did a lot of training back in garrison, trying to give the troops a synopsis of what's going on here – what they need to do; what they need to learn – and so they've done the learning back in garrison," Endter said. "Now, here's the application."

The mission was essentially a return to fundamentals for the Soldiers.

"This mission provides Avenger and Sentinel operators the ability to hone their basic core competencies that have

been realigned over the past decade due to other operational requirements and mission sets," said Capt. Mike Dail, commander, Battery E.

In the CBP's Arizona Joint Field Command, located in Tucson, representatives from the CBP's Office of Field Operations, the Border Patrol and the Office of Air and Marine, coordinated the mission with JTF-N personnel.

"Joint Task Force-North, as a part of Operation Nimbus, is involved in two CBP sectors, both the El Paso sector and the Tucson sector," said Lt. Col. Stephen Goff, JTF-N lead planner, Southwest Regional Support Team.

"The Joint Field Command is overall in charge for CBP. I've got seven planners; we're located here at the Joint Field Command and down at the Border Patrol stations as liaisons."

The successful coordination between military forces and federal law enforcement agencies during Operation Nimbus II had another benefit.

"The assets that JTF-North brings to the region during this operation serve as a force multiplier," said Jeffrey Self, commander Joint Field Command-Arizona. "We always welcome the opportunity to work with the Department of Defense to leverage their capabilities toward achieving our goal of securing the border."

The support provided by the active-duty personnel during the initial phase of Operation Nimbus II has been credited with assisting CBP efforts to apprehend illegal border incursions and seize illicit drugs being transported across the international border.

Army Career Tracker now available to 1/3 of civilian workforce

Employees in seven more civilian career programs now have access to Army Career Tracker, the Army's first comprehensive leader development and career management tool that integrates training, assignment history, education and experiential learning into one personalized, user-friendly online interface for all Army personnel.

First implemented for enlisted Soldiers, ACT expanded to officers and Army civilians in the fall.

Thirteen of the Army's 31 Civilian Career Programs – comprising about one-third of the Army's civilian workforce – now have access: CP 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 24, 27, 31, 32 and 34. The next civilian career programs set to spiral into ACT at the end of March are CP 14, 16, 20, 26, 29 and 33.

All career programs –

in addition to all enlisted and officer career management fields (of all active and Reserve components) – are scheduled to be in ACT by the end of the fiscal year.

The Army's leadership wants to ensure all members of the professional Army Civilian Corps have a deliberate career path to follow, Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal said during the 2011 AUSA Annual Meeting.

"Employees will be able to receive education, training and development in those career paths so they can grow in the Army and provide greater expertise in their jobs," Westphal said.

ACT also aligns civilian training and career development with the goals of Army Learning Concept 2015 and supports Civilian Workforce Transforma-

tion initiatives.

"The Army Career Tracker empowers Army civilians to effectively take ownership of their professional career and leader development," said Vicki Brown, chief of Civilian Training and Leader Development, Army G-37.

"One of our goals is to ensure all Army civilians know the tools available to help them chart their course and have the opportunity to participate in professional development to help them achieve their career goals and support their organizational mission."

ACT - online at <https://actnow.army.mil> - allows users to:

- View career related data in one online portal;
- Examine career maps (personalized professional development models for their career plan);
- Receive recommen-

dations from leaders, mentors, supervisors and Career Program managers;

- Identify the operational/functional, institutional and leader development requirements;
- Complete and Individual Development Plan (IDP); and
- Plan new activities designed to reach professional and personal goals.

Employees are encouraged to access ACT at least monthly to communicate with their leaders, supervisors and mentors about career development goals and obtain the latest news and information tailored to their career program and individual needs.

Users are also expected to use ACT to create and track their personal and professional career development goals. Users can search multiple education

and training resources, monitor their career development and receive personalized advice from their leaders.

The system allows civilian and military supervisors and mentors to monitor their employees' goals and provide them developmental recommendations, notifications and career advice.

Supervisors will be able to view records for both their civilian and military employees. In addition, those civilians who are also part-time in uniform are able to view both their military and Civilian records through this one portal.

Part of the 2011 Army Campaign Plan, Army Learning Concept 2015 (ALC 2015) and the civilian Workforce Transformation Initiatives, Army Career Tracker is managed by the U.S. Army

Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

The system leverages existing Army systems to capture and present career management data; it does not replace or eliminate current systems and programs. The Army G3/5/7 Training Directorate's Civilian Training and Leader Development Division, in conjunction with TRADOC, is leading the ACT Civilian implementation.

The rest of the civilian CPs will spiral into ACT in two phases: early July and late September. When ACT is fully implemented by the end of the year it will service some 1.4 million users. Visit the ACT website at <https://actnow.army.mil>, for additional information.

(Source: Army G-3/5/7 Civilian Training and Leader Development Division)

ARSOUTH from P3

Army and partner nation militaries and to serve as a singular point of contact within American embassy country teams to coordinate and deliver all army-to-army assistance.

They are typically selected as foreign area officers after serving approximately seven years in their respective career fields.

Once selected, they undergo up to four years of specialized training to ensure they have the language, and foreign area cultural and technical skills to perform the tasks requested of them.

Once training is complete, they begin their two-to-three-year assignment as an ARSEC. Given the remote nature of their assignment, the ARSEC/MPEP conference offers the participants a

chance to gather valuable networking and situational awareness training to carry out the Army South mission, commander's intent, and address regional issues with key agency resources and officials.

"They can become isolated within each country and this conference gives everyone a chance to have a better regional perspective as to what we do collectively and to find solutions to common challenges," Trombitas said.

Trombitas said his headquarters staff also finds the conference advantageous, especially during the "synchronization station" portion that facilitates one on one interaction in order to synchronize projected activities and responsibilities.

"It's very beneficial not only to the ARSECs but to our headquarters staff

who are able to sit face-to-face with the individuals down range and learn firsthand about any issues they're having," Trombitas said.

The conference included round table discussions with Army South staff participation to promote regional situational awareness, provided a forum for ARSECs and MPEPs to interact directly with the commanding general and garner more insight into his strategic vision and priorities and to coordinate forum for staff and key agencies to brief their duties, functions and organization to participants.

A new addition to this year's conference included Self Defense/Captivity Avoidance Training in which the conference participants learned to defend against common chokes, grabs, and bear hugs, as well as weapons such as guns and knives.

DAUGHTER from P3

dropping out of Augusta Tech, where she was studying to become a dental assistant.

"I hope that this sets my career off," she said. "I've been trying to model since about age 8. The fact that I finally got the opportunity to do it is amazing. It's a huge blessing. It's incredibly important – so important that I dropped school."

Cohen-Fobish was one of seven Americans selected for the show, which features a "British Invasion" of seven models from Europe, one of whom was eliminated several weeks ago from the opening show.

The third episode was scheduled for March 14.

"I can tell you that you should watch the next episode," said

Cohen-Fobish, who has not told her parents the outcome of the 14-episode show, which already has been produced. "The whole experience was amazing."

The models were basically kept in seclusion from the time they arrived at Los Angeles International Airport until whisked away in a van with blackened windows, to a hotel, where they were not allowed to leave the room, to a house, where the windows were shuttered, Cohen-Fobish said.

"The house was so big," she said. "We were only like in the middle portion of it. There were upper and lower levels that we weren't allowed to go on. We were only allowed in the back yard and in the pool area.

"We didn't even get to see the whole house.

They had some rooms on the middle level that we were on, and they had those blocked off so we couldn't go in them, either."

Adhering to the gag order, Cohen-Fobish could only say: "I spent the amount of weeks in the house that it was meant for me to stay in the house. They don't send people home when they go home."

"She won't even tell us," her father chimed in. "The world will have to wait, along with us. But needless to say, we're really proud of her. All the times that I shared with her that we traveled to different places for her to enter shows and to do photo shoots, it seems like it has come full circle."

The contestants are not allowed to sign modeling contracts until the final show has aired.



Downtown Walking Tour

March 22, 9 a.m.-noon, meet at Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 916-8219.

As We Grow

March 22, 12:30-2 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Learning Styles

March 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

Couponing Class

March 22, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Practical Nurse Course Graduation

March 23, 9 a.m., San Antonio Military Medical Center, 4th floor auditorium, call 295-4020 or 295-4050.

Alamo Chapter AUSA Luncheon

March 23, 11:30 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, cost is \$16. Guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North. Visit <http://www.alamochapterausa.com>.

Military City USA 5K Run

March 24, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, check-in 6:30 a.m., no registration required, T-shirts are \$10 each on race day, call 221-1234.

Unit Trauma Training

March 26, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Women Encouraging Women

"Be a Woman of Confidence and a Woman of Action," March 26, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 295-0313.

English as a Second Language

March 26, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

St. Patrick's Day 5K

March 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fitness Center on the METC Campus. Call 808-5709 or 808-5708.

Intramural Sports Signup

Flag Football - letter of intent is due March 26, season begins April 9. Must be 18 years or older and have a DOD ID card.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

March 27 and 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Excel Level 2

March 27, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Army Family Team Building Level 3

March 27, 28 and 29, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

HUGS playgroup

March 27, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

March 27, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, call 916-8219.

Debt Liquidation

March 27, 2 to 4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Self Paced Initial First Term Financial Readiness

March 28, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Access Level 1

March 28, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Access Level 2

March 29, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Coping with Feelings of Lost Dreams, Expectations, Hopes and Wishes

March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31, 10 a.m.-noon, Dodd Field, free food and entertainment for children and parents, call 221-3502.

7th Annual Cowboys for Heroes

March 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550, chuck wagons will set up a realistic-looking campground and cook over an open fire in cast iron pots, Charro demonstrations, mutton busting and live entertainment for MWR patrons, call 224-7207.

Spouses' Club Scholarships

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area contributes annually to the Fort Sam Houston community through scholarship and welfare awards. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, students continuing their education and military spouses. All applicants must have a valid DOD ID card. Welfare funds are awarded to charities, non-profit organizations or other worthy causes supporting the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Applications for scholarship and welfare awards are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. The deadline to apply is April 1.

Job Fair

April 11, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, for the Fort Sam Houston community, call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"...And the Beat Goes On," March 8-April 21, Thursday through Saturday. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694.

Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may train to be certified lifeguards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Kerr Wildlife Management Area Walk

The Kerrville Trailblazers volk-march club will host a 5k and 10k walk March 24 starting at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, 2625 FM-1340 in Hunt, Texas. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-896-6395 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/>.

Volunteers for Fiesta Events

The San Antonio Red Cross is

looking for volunteers to assist during some of this year's Fiesta events. Interested participants must have a current certification in CPR/First Aid or be licensed in the medical field and be 18 years or older. Register by March 29, call 582-1970.

Lost Maples State Natural Area Walk

The Selma Pathfinders volk-march club will host a 5k, 10k and 14k walk March 31 in starting at the Picnic Area, Lost Maples State Natural Area, 37221 FM 187, Vanderpool, Texas. Walks start between 9 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 496-1402.

All-American Canteen

This official Fiesta event is sponsored by Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, April 21, 7-11 p.m. in the Mission Room of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E Market St. Dance the night away as we honor our Military history and traditions through the ages. Admission is \$75 per person. Cash bar opens at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 7:45. Price includes complimentary Fiesta Medal. Call 490-1818.

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship

High school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship

by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they have done to improve the litter situation in their community. The first place winner will receive \$3,000 and the second and third place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Application and essay must be sent online or mail by April 20. For application and details visit <http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org>.

Shooting Stars Flag Football League

Boys and girls ages 5 to 17 can register now for the Shooting Stars Flag Football League. Call 606-6360 or visit <http://www.shootingstarsa.nffflag.com> for more information.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
San Antonio Texas	 81° Sunny	 83° Sunny	 83° Sunny	 80° Mostly Sunny	 80° Partly Cloudy	 78° AM Clouds/PM Sun
Kabul Afghanistan	 58° Mostly Sunny	 58° Sunny	 60° Partly Cloudy	 59° Partly Cloudy	 61° Partly Cloudy	 60° Mostly Cloudy

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of Mar. 21

CURRENT LEVEL* = 665.3'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

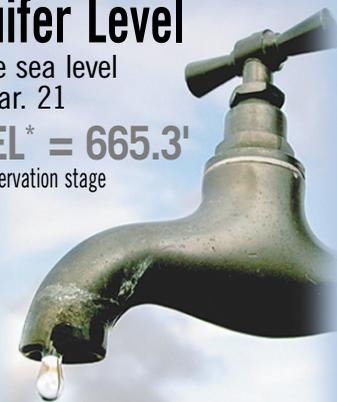
Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

Joint Base San Antonio has reverted back to Stage Normal Water Restrictions. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is permitted any day of the week between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or bucket is permitted any time of the day.



FORT FREEBIES FOR SALE

For Sale: Eureka Precision upright vacuum with manual excellent condition, \$35; Amada two-door, 22-cubic foot refrigerator with manual, excellence condition, \$150; golf club irons, 2-PW Power Built

Pro Advance, \$150. Call 666-0502. For Sale: Loveseat, \$200 obo; HP Photosmart A516 printer, \$100; Kodak ESP3200 printer, \$40. Call 662-8887.

For Sale: Recliner love seat, green, \$50; massage recliner chair, \$35; Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$175 each or \$300 for both; TV entertainment center with glass shelves on the sides, \$50; Pro-Form 725 TL treadmill, \$75. Call 512-943-2314.

For Sale: Black computer desk armoire and matching filing cabinet, like new, has separate drawers at top and bottom center with two shelves, two small drawers and three large drawers for filing, 58 inches long, 49 inches tall and 21 inches deep, separate filing cabinet, 28 inches long, 20.5 inches high and 16 inches deep, \$300 obo; six shelf bookcase, oak finish, good condition, \$25; new rim and tire

for Honda Pilot, tire is a Goodyear Integrity P235/70R16, never used, \$175 obo. Call 467-5336.

For Sale: Dual adjustable REM Martinique bed with massage, \$6,800 retail, excellent condition, \$3,000. Call 659-6741.

Free: white baby bed with mattress; twin headboard with built in bookcase; twin metal bed frame and twin boxsprings. Call 226-3031.