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Renovated Long Barracks new home to MICC

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Mission and Installation Contracting Command officials marked their move to the historic Long Barracks with a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 27, attracting more than 250 distinguished military visitors, local civic leaders and guests.

“Today’s ceremony marks a new chapter in the life of this historic structure and a new chapter in the Mission and Installation Contracting Command,” said Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, MICC commanding general.

“This building has been an integral part of much of our Army’s history. It’s an old soldier indeed and one that will now continue to serve the Army and

Joint Base San Antonio for many years to come.”

Renovations to the Long Barracks costing approximately \$25 million got under way in September 2009 and now affords members of the MICC more than 72,000 square feet of modern office space and storage.

That includes more than 220 cubicles, 53 offices, five conference rooms, eight large and small break rooms, and two source selection evaluation board meeting rooms.

After sitting vacant for a number of years, the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision to move approximately 14,000 additional people to Fort Sam Houston breathed new life

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Photo by Steve Elliott

(From left) MICC Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades; Danny Durobles, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Joan Gaither, Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston; retired Master Sgt. Givens Forsythe; Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, Mission and Installation Contracting Command commanding general; Dr. Carol Lowman, Army Contracting Command director; Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing commander; George Cabaniss, MICC deputy to the commanding general; and Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray, Army Contracting Command CSM, mark the MICC’s move to the historic Long Barracks with a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 27.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, introduces himself and discusses his thoughts on the Army at Fort Sam Houston March 23 at a luncheon for the Alamo Chapter of the Association of the United States Army at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course clubhouse.

Photo by Staff Sgt.
Keith Anderson



Army North CG talks of Army's future at AUSA luncheon

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

“I may be the ‘new guy’ here in San Antonio,” said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North, “but I am truly honored to be here and have this opportunity to meet the members of the Alamo chapter of the Association of the United States Army.”

Caldwell, who also serves

as the senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, shared his thoughts on the Army at Fort Sam Houston as the AUSA’s guest speaker during a luncheon March 23 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course clubhouse.

The general said is also appreciative of the unique opportunity to serve at U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) – especially since his father, retired Lt. Gen. William Caldwell

III – also served as the commander of Fifth Army.

“It’s great to be able to follow in my dad’s footsteps, 30 years later, and come here to this town that truly has welcomed us, with just incredibly open arms, and has been so gracious and kind to Stephanie and myself and our family.”

He said although his family

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Month of the Military Child: A time to thank our heroes' heroes

By **William Bradner**
 IMCOM Public Affairs

It's the pre-school child who – without being asked – passes his dessert to his little sister, simply because she looks sad.

It's the second-grader who bravely puts a picture of her father at the head of the table for her birthday party, and the fifth-grade siblings who donate all their earnings from their lemonade stand to the USO that both their parents passed through on the way to Iraq.

It's the junior high band member who asks if the spring concert can be dedicated to our deployed service members, and it's the high school cheerleader who organizes a "care package" drive.

It's the college graduate who clings just a little longer to her father, wishing that her mother was at the commencement ceremony instead of in Afghanistan.

These are our military children; our nation's heroes.

With so much media attention focused on the

Soldiers returning from war and the sacrifices they've made for our freedom, we don't want to overlook the youth who quietly support them in the background.

Approximately 2 million children have experienced the deployment of one or both of their parents in the last ten years.

They brave their own battlefields. They rely on an inner strength to face each day. They swallow their fears and disappointment because they know that their Soldier-parent is doing something important. They inspire us with their resiliency.

It's hard for the average American to fathom how well our children cope. How those who are old enough to understand dread an unexpected knock on the door. How much joy they feel when their uniformed parent steps off the airplane in a sea of red, white and blue.

Like the Soldier on the battlefield who pushes forward because he has to, they push forward, counting the days and hours until the end of the

deployment.

Our military children are heroes. Let's not let them be unsung heroes.

Military installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child each April since 1986. Communities will host fairs, youth centers will sponsor special events, and garrisons around the world will take a little time this month to honor military kids, and thank them for their service.

It's a relatively common sight today to see a stranger say "thanks for your service" to a service member in uniform. This month, take it a step further... take a moment to thank the child holding his or her hand.

Their heroism deserves our gratitude.



APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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San Antonio Texas	79° PM T-Storms	80° Isolated T-Storms	84° Mostly Sunny	87° Partly Cloudy	82° AM Clouds/PM Sun	81° Mostly Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	67° Mostly Sunny	69° Mostly Sunny	68° Mostly Sunny	64° Showers	65° Scat Showers	66° Sunny

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

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FSH Vet Facility Testing Clinic Management System

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility is a test site for a new web-based clinic management system that will improve patient record-keeping. Over the next 3-4 weeks, appointments will take a little longer as we learn to enter valuable information in the new system. Unfortunately, fewer appointments will be available during this time. For more information, call 808-6101/6104.

Quadrangle Closure

The Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle will be closed March 31 and April 1 for renovations.

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 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.

Start a career with CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command needs qualified active duty Soldiers to become Special Agents. Contact the Fort Sam Houston CID Office at 221-1764 to set up an interview to determine if you meet the minimum requirements, or stop by 2164 Wilson

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ARSOUTH and Colombian army conclude annual staff talks

By Col. Jane E. Crichton
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

United States Army South and the Colombian army concluded their third annual bilateral staff talks in Bogota, Columbia, March 22 and agreed to conduct 19 activities over approximately the next 12 months.

Army South, as the U.S. Army's executive agent, conducts the bilateral talks with Colombia annually as a strategic forum to guide the armies' interaction for the upcoming year.

The agreed-to activities for 2012 include exchanges on humanitarian and disaster relief operations, and Colombian army participation in U.S. Southern Command sponsored exercises. Some activities may extend into 2013.

"I think we have developed a robust plan for engagement and training opportunities with the Colombian army for the next year or so," said Maj.

Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commanding general of Army South and head of the U.S. delegation. "We are exploiting the expertise and capacity of both armies and I know we will both benefit from working together through the agreed to

activities."

Through the staff talks the U.S. and Colombian armies formalize their cooperation and relationship ensuring that both grow and endure.

"This third bilateral meeting was very important," said Maj.



Photo by Andres Diaz

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, Army South commander, and Maj. Gen. Manuel Guzman, Colombian army deputy commander and chief of staff, sign the memorandum of understanding March 22.

Gen. Manuel Guzman, Colombian army deputy commander and chief of staff.

"Everyday our army becomes more professional and we have important work to do in 2012 such as building four joint task forces and revising our plans."

According to Guzman, the training and engagement opportunities agreed to in the talks will help the Colombian army to address current challenges as well as reach future goals. He credits the Colombian army's current high level of professionalism, in part, to the years of training and advice from the U.S. Army.

The relationship between the armies is more than just a professional military one, said Guzman. It is a relationship between friends and colleagues.

"We are stronger because of that (relationship)," Guzman said.

Prior to the final meeting in Bogota, working groups with representatives from both armies developed proposed activities that were then approved during this week's talks. "Our working groups met in

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'Hurts one, Affects all': Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty

By Capt. Dan Katka
JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Community Relations Director

The Department of Defense and Joint Base San Antonio officially recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and public education.

SAAM provides commands/installations an annual opportunity to

highlight Department of Defense and service policies addressing sexual assault prevention and response.

"Hurts One, Affects All" conveys the message that sexual assault not only affects the victim, it also affects the military's ability to achieve readiness.

A sexual assault can reverberate throughout a unit and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the life of the victim and the military's ability to work

effectively as a team.

Active duty military, family members and civilians are encouraged to take a stand against sexual assault.

Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty.

This needs to be encouraged not just during the month of April but throughout

the year.

The schedule for Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Awareness Month events is as follows:

April 2: "Drunk Sex or Date-Rape" by Brett Sokolow; Randolph Air Force Base, Parr Officers' Club, 10-11:30 a.m.; Fort Sam Hous-

ton, Evans Auditorium, 2:30-4 p.m.

Sokolow is the Higher Education Risk Management Consultant and president of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management.

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Way, Building 268 during duty hours. Information could also be found at the Army CID website at <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

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 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.

Nominations open for AUSA Volunteer Family of Year

The Association of the U.S. Army's Volunteer Family of the Year award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community and is open to families from active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Army civilians. Nominations for the award must be submitted only through AUSA chapters. Deadline is May 1. For more information, call the Alamo Chapter of the AUSA at (818) 516-3442.

JBSA FAP CareLine

Reporting procedures for the Joint Base San Antonio Family Advocacy Program CareLine have been streamlined to ensure the easiest access and assistance to those in need of services related to the prevention of family maltreatment in our community. To report incidents of spouse or child abuse and to coordinate an emergency response for victims of domestic violence, call 292-5967. This line is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

Dog teams needed

The Brooke Army Medical Center's Volunteer Service is seeking dog-assisted activities teams. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 916-5381 or 916-5388.

USAMITC selects employee of the year for 2011



Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue

Jose "Joe" Tolentino, a project manager working in the systems management branch of USAMITC's Sustainment Division, is selected as the Employee of the Year for 2011.

By Kenneth Blair Hogue
USAMITC Public Affairs

Joe Tolentino, a project manager in the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center's sustainment division, was recently as their employee of the year for 2011.

He was also employee of the quarter for October through December; a prelude to his selection for the annual award.

"Tolentino received high praise from customers and Army senior leaders for his tireless efforts supporting and managing the Military Health System Joint Active Directory program," according to his

award certificate.

"An expert problem solver and communicator, he repeatedly goes above and beyond by cultivating positive, sustainable relationships with his many customers," the certificate also noted.

"This was a very humbling surprise; very unexpected," Tolentino said.

Several factors came together to help bring this selection about.

"Having a strong work ethic, and trying my best to collaborate with our USAMITC team members on some very challenging projects," are just some of the traits that Tolentino said contributed to his being

selected for this award.

Tolentino graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio and joined the Air Force as a commissioned officer.

After the Air Force, Tolentino went to work for a software development company for nearly three years before coming to USAMITC.

"I wanted to get back on base to 'get back in the fight' and somehow continue serving the military," he said.

"It's all about the team," Tolentino said. "I'm blessed with hard working, dedicated teammates. They're the ones who really drive USAMITC to success."

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston salutes Women's History Month

By Connie Dickey
U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade

More than 236 years ago the first call to duty went out across this nation, as an assembly of determined Americans announced to the world the birth of a new nation.

Men answered the call, but so did women. And, since then women have been a force that has not only helped on the battlefield, but helped in opening doors to women in every sector of society.

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston celebrated Women's History Month March 20 with a celebration and thank you to women veterans at the Sam Houston Community Center.

Maj. Gen. Marcia A. Anderson, deputy chief, Army Reserve (Individual Mobilization Augmentee) was guest speaker for the event and thanked the eight World War II female veterans present for opening doors to generations of women in the military.

Also on hand to highlight the accomplishments of women were Brig. Gen. Henry L. Huntley, deputy commanding general



Photo by Connie Dickey

Maj. Gen. Marcia A. Anderson (middle) and Col. Chris Himsl (right) posed with the World War II female veterans honored at the Women's History Month celebration at the Sam Houston Community Center March 20.

of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, along with commanders and sergeants major from across JBSA-FSH, as well as community and business leaders.

Hosted by the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade, the ceremony recognized each of the WWII veterans with a Texas yellow rose, as well as highlighting

each of the services as a current servicemember wore their service uniform on stage to the playing of their service song.

Anderson spoke about some of the well known women in history, such as Betsy Ross, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Earhart and Rosa Parks and how it takes everyone, with their own expe-

riences, coming to the table to solve problems.

"If you are not at the table, you are part of the menu," the general added.

Anderson also talked about the strides women have made from owning land, to owning businesses, to serving in congress to serving at some of the highest ranks in the military.

ARNORTH CG hosts offsite to discuss homeland defense, theater security

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army North leaders from across the United States met in Marble Falls, Texas, March 19-21 to discuss the future of homeland defense, civil support and theater security cooperation.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, hosted the event that featured key leaders from Joint Task Force – Civil Support, Fort Eustis, Va.; Joint Task Force – North, Fort Bliss, Texas; 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade, Kentucky National Guard;

167th Theater Sustainment Command, Alabama National Guard; 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, South Carolina National Guard; 412th Contracting Support Brigade, Fort Sam Houston; Army North's Defense Coordinating Officers from the ten Federal Emergency Management Agency regions; and Army North's Joint Task Force 51.

Caldwell, who recently met with Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr., commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and other senior leaders in the Department of Defense, outlined his vision, mission and

priorities at the conference and said he was seeking input from the attendees.

"Where do we want to be in the next two to three years?" Caldwell asked. "We want everybody to come together because each of you brings a unique perspective. I want you to feel comfortable talking to everyone in this room. I fully recognize that this is a team effort."

During break-out sessions, leaders discussed strategic objectives in: theater security cooperation; chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response enterprise; informing and educating partner agencies and the

American public on Army North's role, mission and capabilities; expanding partnerships; and in anticipating the possibility of operating in a fiscally-constrained environment.

The conference provided the leaders an opportunity to work together and share their insights and ideas on how to address challenges and make recommendations.

"It's a great opportunity for the commanding general, senior enlisted leaders and staff members to discuss important issues, both current and future, and to look to the best way to resolve challenges in CBRN, theater security cooperation and homeland defense," said



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, provides his guidance March 21 to attendees at the Army North offsite. U.S. Army North leaders from around the United States met in Marble Falls, Texas, March 19-21 to discuss the future of homeland defense, civil support and theater security cooperation.

Command Master Chief Glenn Hopkins, senior enlisted leader, JTF-CS.

Caldwell told attendees that Army North's goal is to provide support to the lead federal agents as

they provide support to American citizens and local agencies – not to run operations.

"Instead of 'C2' (com-

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Photo by Steve Elliott

Retired Master Sgt. Givens Forsythe, who was assigned as a cook to Headquarters Company, 23rd Infantry and lived on the first floor of Building. 613 in 1939, speaks with Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray, Army Contracting Command CSM after the ceremony March 27.

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into the renovation efforts of the historic barracks.

The concerted efforts of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston and other preservation organizations helped ensure architectural features were preserved to achieve the appearance of the barracks.

Initial construction of the barracks dates to 1885 and was completed in 1887 with the addition of its distinctive sally port and four additional barracks forming a 1,084-foot long line of nine contiguous, two-story barracks.

The building, which came to be known as the Long Barracks, served as home to a variety of units and

missions throughout its history.

Attending the ceremony and recognized by Leisenring was retired Master Sgt. Givens Forsythe, who was assigned as a cook to Headquarters Company, 23rd Infantry and lived on the first floor of Bldg. 613 in 1939.

"I've been in and out of this building a few times, and it's a beautiful building," Forsythe said. "The ceremony was really something; I won't forget it."

The 91-year-old Lytle, Texas, resident said his duties as a cook in an era before refrigeration included hauling 300-pound blocks of ice to coolers to keep food cooled.

Earning \$21 a month as a private, he and his fellow cooks

fed Soldiers three meals a day for as little as 37 cents a day.

Forsythe transferred to the Army-Air Corps in October 1940 as an aircraft mechanic, supporting the Berlin Airlift. He retired as an Air Force master sergeant in July 1960.

The Long Barracks now serves as home for the MICC headquarters, Mission Contracting Center-Fort Sam Houston and Mission Contracting Office-Fort Sam Houston, whose members moved in last week.

Headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, the MICC is made up of seven mission contracting centers, nine mission contracting offices and 28 installation contracting offices throughout the country.

In fiscal 2011, the

command executed more than 63,000 contract actions worth almost \$7 billion.

The MICC is responsible for planning, integrating, awarding and administering contracts in support of Army commands, direct reporting units, U.S. Army North and other organizations to provide the best value for the mission, Soldiers and their families.

Contracting professionals at the MICC's subordinate units work with installation leadership throughout the generating force, or institutional Army, to translate their requirements into contracted materiel and services.

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had deep ties with the San Antonio community, he had already joined the military and was serving as a lieutenant during his father's days as Fifth Army commander.

"This is my first time to be stationed in Texas, and Stephanie and I have just been enamored with this great city – Military City, U.S.A.," Caldwell said.

"We have been to the Alamo and have started to get into the history, enjoyed our first rodeo, seen the beautiful fields of bluebonnets, and are looking forward to Fiesta – Viva Fiesta!"

Caldwell spoke of the "three hats" he wears as the commander of Army North: as commander of U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command; as commander of the Army's Service Component Command in support of



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Retired Lt. Gen. Stephen Speakes (right), president, Alamo Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, thanks Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, for taking time to address chapter members during an AUSA luncheon March 23 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course clubhouse.

NORTHCOM, it's combat-ant command; and as the senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

"As the senior Army representative, I've been looking at what the Army is doing and what the

future looks like for the Army here," Caldwell said, adding that troop reductions and fiscal cuts, as known today, should not have a drastic impact Fort Sam Houston in the foreseeable future.

"What I'm seeing at

Fort Sam Houston ... is that we're in great shape," he said. "We have an identified mission here that is not going away. It's an enduring requirement in the United States Army and not one you can really downsize."

He also discussed the Base Realignment and Closure commission changes at Fort Sam Houston and the growth that resulted from those changes.

"I think that most of you know that when this whole BRAC thing started, things, obviously, were starting to change," Caldwell said. "But I wanted to give you a couple statistics you may not know about.

"Our Fort Sam Houston permanent party strength, in 2006, was about 26,000 military and civilians," the general said. "Today, we are at 38,000, so we've grown about 12,000. Right now, we've already approved and funded an additional growth of about 5,000."

The number of students attending training at Fort Sam Houston has also increased, he said.

"Our student through-put, because of all our

student medical training, has gone from about 22,000 that used to be here pre-BRAC now to an annual throughput of 44,000," Caldwell said.

The post also underwent a substantial increase in construction.

"We have seen 51 new buildings go up, as well as the restoration of 24 historic buildings – and there is still more going on as we speak," Caldwell told the attendees.

As he concluded his remarks, he invited the Alamo chapter members to participate in a run June 14 to the Alamo in honor of the Army's birthday.

"We're going to raise the flag, cut a birthday cake, sing the Army song and then go back to work," Caldwell said. "Your Army, here at Fort Sam Houston, is here to stay. We're not going anywhere."

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mand and control), I believe in 'C3' – coordinate, collaborate and cooperate," Caldwell said. "I fully recognize that this is a team effort. We really have to be integrated with our federal partners, the state, the National Guard, the National Guard Bureau, the Army Reserves, and local and tribal leaders."

The offsite also provided

the leaders an excellent opportunity to synchronize their efforts.

"It was a way for us all to get on the same sheet of music – good team-building," said Col. Timothy Williams, Region III Defense Coordinating Officer, Philadelphia. "It was a chance to see the commanding general's vision and priorities. We can take the commander's intent and run with it."

ARSOUTH from P3

person and through VTC before this executive meeting so that we could present a validated list of activities to the key leaders of the armies," said Col. Jim K. Rose, Army South security cooperation division chief.

"Working with our Colombian army counterparts has been outstanding throughout the whole

process. Because we have such a strong and close relationship, we work very well together."

In addition to finalizing the agreed to activities for 2012, various subject matter experts presented briefings on subjects of interest to both delegations.

The U.S. provided briefings on operational law, countering improvised explosive devices

and development of the non-commissioned officer corps in the U.S. Army.

The Colombian army briefed on the army's operational plan for the next 24-48 months, army modernization and transformation, and the role and function of the army's command sergeant major.

This is the third round of staff talks conducted

by Army South with the Colombian army. On behalf of the U.S. Army, Army South also conducts staff talks with three other countries in the region: El Salvador, Chile and Brazil.

These staff talks were agreed to by the four countries through the diplomatic process and serve to enhance regional stability and security.

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sault Prevention and Response Open House; Lackland AFB, Building 9020, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 3: "Drunk Sex or Date-Rape" by Brett Sokolow; Lackland AFB, Inter-American Air Forces Academy Auditorium, Building 7356, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3 p.m.

April 3: SAAM proc-

lamation ceremony, JBSA leaders sign SAAM Proclamation and recognize Sexual Assault Prevention and Response volunteers; Fort Sam Houston Army Community Services, Roadrunner Community Center, 1-2 p.m.

April 14: Famaganza, Randolph AFB Youth Center, Building 585, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 20: "Shoot-Out

Sexual Assault" 3-on-3 basketball tournament and 3-point Shoot-Out, Lackland AFB, Warhawk Fitness Center, Building 2418, 1 p.m.

April 20: "Choose Respect" teen dance, Lackland AFB Youth Center, Building 8420, 8-11 p.m.

April 21: Kids Day at the Park, San Pedro Springs Park, 1415 San Pedro Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 26: SAAM presentation for leaders by Anne Munch, J.D., for commander's, E-9's and first sergeants, Lackland AFB, IAAFA Academy Auditorium, Building 7356, 2-3 p.m.

April 27: SAAM presentation for leaders by Anne Munch, J.D., for commander's, E-9's and first sergeants, Fort Sam Houston, location to be determined.

April 28: 5K Run For Awareness, Fort Sam Houston, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, corner of Reynolds and Wilson Way, 7 a.m.

In addition to these events, there will be awareness tables set up at various locations throughout the month at each installation which will have great information, games, and prizes for all!

For more information about a specific event contact any of the following Sexual Assault Prevention and Response offices for more details: Fort Sam Houston, 808-6316 or 0110; Lackland AFB, 671-7273; and Randolph AFB, 652-4386.

To report a sexual assault, call the Fort Sam Houston Crisis Hotline at 722-4920.

Practical nurse students respond to a student role playing as an Afghan woman, who came in with abdominal injuries during a mass casualty exercise at Camp Bullis Feb. 29. The participants included 45 PNC students and 11 staff who instructed and advised the students throughout the training. The exercise encompassed all types of training scenarios, so the students can familiarize themselves in applying first line trauma care in combat situations.

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Medical students put their classroom study to the test

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Students from a recent Practical Nurse Course put their classroom learning to a test in a simulated mass casualty exercise held at Camp Bullis.

The scenario played out Feb. 29 with stimulated trauma patients arriving at a mock remote combat support hospital waiting to be treated by health care specialists in a mass casualty environment.

The exercise encompassed all types of training scenarios so the students could familiarize themselves in applying first-line trauma care in combat situations.

“The intent for this training is to conduct a simulated mass casualty event for the senior 68WM6 (Health Care Specialist 68W and Practical Nurse M6) students in order to energize and engage their newly obtained nursing knowledge and skill sets,” said

See PNC, P15



(From left) Sgt. Cindy Davingnon, combat support hospital patient administration division officer; Capt. Monique Grinnell, base control officer; Sgt. Elizabeth White, PAD officer and Spc. James Miller, deputy commander for nursing, verify and check the numbers of patients in the CSH during the mass casualty exercise at Camp Bullis Feb 29.



Joint Base San Antonio Force Support Squadron

April 2012 Events

Airman (Warfighter) and Family Readiness

Seminar covers foreclosure alternatives

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering a Foreclosure Avoidance seminar April 4, 11 a.m.-noon. Some of the topics covered include: foreclosure alternatives, VA programs and foreclosure actions. For more information, call 652-5321.

Learn to write a resume

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center staff teach new techniques that will assist in any job search April 5, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. To sign up and for more information, call 652-5321.

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center will also hold a resume writing class April 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in Bldg. 1249. For details, call 671-3722.

Class offers bundle for expecting parents

The next Randolph Bundles for Babies class is April 6, 12:30-3 p.m. in Bldg. 693. The class is for active duty members (of any rank) and their spouses who are expecting a baby. Presentations are given on budgeting for baby, dental and pediatric care, new parent support and more. Attendees receive a "bundle" of baby supplies. To sign up, call 652-5321.

Heart Link open to new Randolph members

All spouses new to the military or the area are welcome to attend Heart Link April 10, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 693. Heart Link orientates attendees to all the services and programs on Randolph AFB. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Free child care is available but needs to be scheduled in advance by calling 652-5321.

Employment Readiness holds a job fair

The military community is invited to a Fort Sam Houston Employment Readiness job fair April 11, 5-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Stanley Road, Bldg. 2797. For more information, call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

Expectant parents get financial advice

A Bundles for Babies workshop takes place at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness April 12, 1-4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 1249. Topics for expectant parents include understanding the financial impact of a new baby and how to prepare for future challenges. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Key spouses receive training

Training for newly appointed squadron key spouses

takes place April 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Arts and Crafts

Sale on select custom frames

Randolph Arts and Crafts Center is offering 30 percent off select custom moldings April 3-13. For more information, call 652-2788.



Fiesta and Fireworks Fort Sam Houston

Fiesta and Fireworks light up historic post

Celebrate the culture and history of San Antonio at Fiesta and Fireworks April 22, 1-9 p.m., at MacArthur Parade Field at Fort Sam Houston. The event will feature a military ceremony, traditional food booths, carnival rides, children's games, live entertainment, static displays and arts and crafts vendors. For more information, call 221-9904.

Craft fair comes to Arnold Hall

A craft fair takes place April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center, Bldg. 5506. A variety of handmade items will be available for purchase. For more information, call Lackland Arts and Crafts Center at 671-2515.

Arts and Crafts Center Fiesta medal contest

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center hosts a Fiesta medal contest April 13. Patrons are welcome to submit their own original creation. Medals are judged on originality, family-friendliness and Fiesta spirit. Medals must measure 3x3 inches. The measurement does not include the hanging ribbon. The winner of the contest receives two tickets to this year's Battle of Flowers Parade.

For more information and submission deadline, call 671-2515.

Bowling Center

Bowling specials offered for military children

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child at the Randolph Bowling Center during April. Youth, ages 17 and younger, can pick up a free game pass at Randolph Youth

Programs, Child Development or at on-base schools. The pass can be used any time during the month of April when lanes are available for open bowling. For more information, call 652-6271.

Colorama lights up the lanes

Randolph Bowling Center offers Colorama bowling April 6 and 20, 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, with optional side pots available. For details, call 652-6271.

Bowling specials available on Easter Sunday

Bowl for the special rate of \$2 per game, per person plus \$2 shoe rental, April 8, 1-5 p.m. at Randolph Bowling Center. For more information, call 652-6271.

Summer leagues open at Lackland bowling

Registration for summer bowling leagues at Lackland Skylark Bowling Center begins April 9. Mixed, ladies and seniors leagues are available. For more information, call 671-1234.

Open microphone night features American Idol

Primo's Lounge at the Lackland Skylark Bowling Center to hold open microphone night April 14, 8-11 p.m., in Bldg. 6476. American Idol contestant, Dylan Lozza, will perform. Patrons can also sign up to showcase their talent. Call details, call 671-1234.

Lackland offers cosmic bowling

Cosmic bowling with glow-in-the-dark balls and pins, laser lights and music takes place at Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Fridays, 9 p.m.-midnight, and Saturdays, 7 p.m.-midnight. For more information, call 671-1234.

Karaoke brings singers to Primo's Lounge

Karaoke night is featured every Thursday at Lackland Skylark Bowling Center from 6-10 p.m. Call 671-1234 for more information.

Made-to-order pizza comes to Skylark Bowling

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center now features made-to-order pizza in Susie's Kitchen. Take-out orders are also available. Call 671-1224 for more information or to place an order.

Clubs

Deck Night goes Italian

Randolph Parr Club Deck Night will feature Italian cuisine April 5, 5-7 p.m. on the Parr Club Deck. The buffet will feature homemade pasta salad, rosemary chicken,

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Italian sausage, penne pasta, Italian ice and Italian cream pie. The ABW Trio will entertain from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Randolph club members or \$10 for nonmembers. All-you-can-eat is an additional \$2.50 and \$3 for children six and younger. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing and Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Gateway Club plans Karaoke nights

Lackland Gateway Club hosts Karaoke nights April 7 and 21, 8 p.m.-midnight. A DJ will also play dance music. For more information, call 645-7034.

Parr Club to hold Easter Brunch

Randolph Parr Club to hold Easter Brunch April 8, with seating times every half hour from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The price is \$21.25 per adult for members, \$10.50 for members' children ages 6-12 years old, \$23.25 per adult for nonmembers and \$11.75 for nonmembers' children ages 6-12 years old. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations and prepayment required. For more information, call 652-4864. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Gateway Club hosts Easter brunch

Lackland Gateway Club hosts Easter Sunday brunch, April 8, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the cashiers' cages. The prices are \$17.95 per person for members and trainees, nonmembers are \$20.95 each, children ages 6-12 are \$9.95 per person and children ages five and younger are free. Coupons are not accepted at this event. To sign up and for more information, call 645-7034.

2-4-1 Steak Night at the Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club is offering 2-4-1 steak April 12, 5:30-8 p.m. Purchase an eight-ounce ribeye for \$13.95 or 10-ounce NY strip for \$18.95 and get one free. For more information, call 652-4864.

Gateway Club invites patrons to Friday the 13th fun

Lackland Gateway Club presents a Friday the 13th party in the Lonestar Lounge, April 13. Free admission, drink specials and a bar menu is available. DJ Doggin' Dave will play music 5 p.m.-1 a.m. For more information, call 645-7034.

Gateway Club honors members

The Lackland Gateway Club hosts a members' appreciation night April 17, 5-8 p.m. which includes a buffet dinner, big band music and a ballroom dance contest. The price is \$10.50 per person for members or \$12.50 for nonmembers. For details, call 645-7034.

Mongolian Bar-B-Q heats up Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club offers a great selection of meats, vegetables and sauces at their Mongolian Bar-B-Q April 19, 5:30-8 p.m. The price is \$12.50 for members, \$14.50 for nonmembers, children 6-12 years of age pay \$7.75 and kids 5 and younger eat free.

Celebrate Fiesta with the Kendrick Club

Randolph Kendrick Club kicks off Fiesta April 20, 5 p.m.-12 a.m. Enjoy \$3 margaritas, salsa dancing, merengue and hip-hop music. For more information, call 652-3056.

Variety night at JBSA-Lackland lounge

Lackland Gateway Club features variety night April 20 and 27, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., in the Lonestar Lounge. A DJ is available to play patron requests. Admission is free. For more information, call 645-7034.

Chateaubriand for Two at the Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club cooks up a 16-ounce grilled tenderloin with two servings of Duchess potatoes, honey tarragon carrots, mushrooms, lemon buttered broccoli and mushroom glaze for only \$49.95 April 26, 5:30-8 p.m. Coupons will be doubled this night only. For details, call 652-4864.

Celebrity Karaoke Thursdays at the Kendrick Club

Randolph Kendrick Club offers Karaoke Thursday nights, 6-9 p.m. The specials are 2-4-1 Gil's Pub menu appetizers and \$1 Jell-O shots. This is a great way to prepare for the Randolph Idol Competition.

Jazz and Wings Tuesdays at the Kendrick Club

Listen to smooth Jazz every Tuesday, 5-7 p.m., at JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club with DJSS and enjoy a dozen Bourbon Street wings for \$10.95 for members or \$12.95 for nonmembers. Coupons are accepted.

Gateway Club offers new lunch menu

Lackland Gateway Club offers a new lunch buffet menu with themed ethnic foods. Every Tuesday, the buffet has Mexican fare. Italian entrees and a made-to-order pasta bar are available on Wednesdays. Thursdays, the menu has southern comfort food dishes. Asian specialties are featured every Friday. The soup and salad bar and the grill are also available for lunch choices Tuesday-Friday. For more information, call 645-7034.

Community Programs

Egg hunt gone to the dogs

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts a doggie Easter egg hunt April 6, 6-7 p.m., Bldg. 5506. Dogs will hunt for eggs filled with treats and prizes. Patrons will also be able to take photos of their pets with the Easter Bunny. Contests will take place for dogs with the best Easter bonnet, best Easter outfit, best egg basket and most eggs found. All dogs must be on a leash and current on vaccinations. For more information, call 671-2619.

Randolph Idol competition takes center stage

Season four of the Randolph Idol talent competition is underway. All DoD ID cardholders are welcome to cheer on their favorite local singers April 12, 19, 26 and May 4 at the Randolph Parr Club. All shows start at 6 p.m. For more information, call 267-7358.

Performing arts group presents musical comedy

Lackland Performing Arts Group presents "Love! At the Café" April 13, 14, 20 and 21 at the Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with curtain time thirty minutes later. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, seniors 65 and older \$15 and Technical Trainee students and children under the age of 12 are \$10. Hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price. A cash bar is available. For more information, call 671-2619.

Air Force family and teen talent contest

The annual AF family and teen talent contest takes place at Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center, April 28, 6-8 p.m., in Bldg. 5506. Also known as UGT- You Got Talent, the contest is open to ages 6-18. Individual, group and family acts are allowed. Registration begins April 12 at Arnold Hall Community Center or Youth Center. Prizes include up to \$200 in cash and a chance to perform with Tops in Blue. For more information, call 671-2619.

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APRIL 7, 2012
10:30 AM-1 PM

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Dog obedience classes

Paw Camp, a dog obedience class, is available at Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. The cost is \$50 per month for four classes. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations, able to socialize with people and other dogs and non-aggressive. For more information, call 671-2619.

Students hone performance skills

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center offers a talent workshop every Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., in Bldg. 5506. Microphone techniques, stage presence, vocals, showmanship, wardrobe and song selection are among the many topics covered. The cost is \$15 per session. To sign up, call 671-2619.

Fitness and Sports

Customers appreciated at Rambler Fitness Center

The Randolph Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day April 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to thank customers for choosing the Rambler Fitness Center for their workouts. The fitness center staff will provide tours of the facility for patrons to become familiar with the workout areas. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Women learn self-defense techniques

The Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center hosts a women's self-defense seminar against knife attacks April 6, 5-7 p.m. Demonstrations include threat awareness, response and surviving a knife attack.

A seminar on women's self-defense against a firearm attack takes place April 20, 5-7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 671-2410. Both events are free.

Rambler Fitness Center hosts 1.5-mile run

A 1.5-mile run will be held at the Randolph Fitness Center jogging trail April 12, 7:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Zumba Fiesta-style

DoD patrons may join the non-stop Zumba Fiesta party April 21, 10 a.m.- noon, at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Fort Sam Houston. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 221-1234.

Lackland holds 5K fun run

A 5K fun run takes place April 27, 7:30 a.m., at Lackland Gillum Fitness Center, Bldg. 2086. Awards will be given to first and second place winners. The event is free. For more information, call 977-2353.

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center to host Spring Sprint

Runners and sports enthusiasts are invited to the Spring Sprint April 28, 7 a.m., at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Wilson Way, Bldg. 320, on Fort Sam Houston. No registration is required and the run is open to all DoD patrons. For details, call 221-1234.

Boxing class teaches the basics

Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center holds beginner boxing classes Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Patrons learn boxing mechanics, conditioning, footwork, proper movement and defensive techniques in controlled sparring sessions. Classes are open to adults and youth ages 14-17. The cost is \$50 per month. For details, call 977-2353.

Golf

Monday madness golf special

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course offers a Monday Madness special every Monday in April. Patrons can play 18 holes for the price of a cart rental. For more information or to book a tee time, call 671-3466.

Beginners learn to play golf

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course offers a special beginner's golf package during April. Prices are \$249 for ranks E-1 – E-4 and \$299 for E-5 and up. The package includes a complete set of golf clubs, golf bag, five buckets of range balls, five rounds of golf and a coupon valid for one of the monthly introductory golf classes. For more information or to sign up, call 671-3466.

Human Resources

Lackland NAF human resources has new location

Lackland human resources office for non-appropriated fund (NAF) employment has moved from Port San Antonio to the Lackland Civilian Personnel Office, Bldg. 5311. The new customer service hours are 7:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The phone number will remain 925-9331.

Information, Tickets, Travel

Vintage train trip to Bluebonnet Festival

Lackland ITT hosts a day trip to the Bluebonnet Festival, Apr. 14. Patrons depart 9 a.m. from Arnold Hall, Bldg. 5506, with deluxe bus transportation to Austin where they will board a vintage train for a two-hour trip to the festival in Burnet, TX.

The festival features exhibits, arts and crafts, antiques, music, an old west shoot out and a parade. The group will return to Lackland at approximately 4 p.m. The tour price is \$65 per person. Transportation, festival admission, snacks and soft drinks on the bus are included in the price. Advance registration and payment are required. For details and to sign up, call 671-3133.

ITT takes casino trip reservations

Lackland ITT is taking reservations for a Memorial Day weekend trip to Choctaw Casino in Grant, OK. The trip departs May 27 and returns May 28. The cost is \$87 for double occupancy and \$127 single occupancy. The cost includes round-trip bus transportation, complimentary drinks and snacks on the bus, hotel accommodations at the casino hotel, two free meals and \$20 in casino play. To sign up, call 671-3133.

Go cruising with Disney

Randolph Leisure Travel is taking reservations for a Disney group cruise Oct. 13, departing from Galveston. A deposit of \$250 per person is due by May 11. For all travel needs, call 652-2497.

Library

Celebrate National Library Week with sweet treats

Lackland Main Library, Bldg. 6114, offers complimentary cake and punch to customers April 11, 1-3 p.m., to celebrate National Library Week.

The patient library located in room 1C31 of Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center will also have free cookies and candy available on that day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

April 13 • 6:30-10 p.m. • Parr Club



The cost is \$18 per person. A light dinner fare and refreshments will be available from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Participants can try their luck from 7-10 p.m. at blackjack, craps, roulette or poker. Each participant will receive \$2,000 in chips (no real money will be used during this event and additional chips are not available for purchase). An auction will follow where participants use the winnings to bid for amazing prizes such as a 42-inch Sharp HD Flat Screen TV (1080p), I-Pad 2, Kindle Fire, Kodak Play Sport Camera, Magellan Roadmate, Keurig Single Cup Personal Brewer, I-Pod, and more. Attendance is limited. Participants that desire to only play Texas Hold'Em need to reserve a spot when they make their reservation. Call 652-4864. Sponsored in-part by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Randolph Family Housing, Broadway Bank, and Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

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Lackland Library celebrates Fiesta with craft project

Lackland Main Library hosts a Fiesta float craft project April 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Patrons are asked to bring a shoe box to decorate, but all other supplies will be provided. Upon completion of the project, participants will join the mini Fiesta parade in the library with their floats. This is a free event. For more information, call 671-3610.

Outdoor Recreation

Center console fishing boats rent for half price in April

All center console fishing boats can be rented for half price during April at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. The boater safety course is required to operate any boats from the marina. For more information, call 830-226-5065.

Pavilions and covered picnic area rent for half price

Rent one of the large pavilions or a covered picnic area for half price during April at JBSA Recreation Park. The covered picnic areas are great for a family or small group outing (20-25 occupants) while the pavilions can accommodate large reunions (40-50 occupants) or squadron and company functions. For more information, call 830-226-5065.

Lackland to host motorcycle safety ride

Lackland Outdoor Recreation hosts a free spring motorcycle safety ride, April 14, 10 a.m. The trip departs from the Kelly Field Club parking lot, Bldg. 1676, Port San Antonio. This 200-mile ride is open to everyone, and will stop for lunch in Leakey, TX. Lunch is at the rider's own expense. Free commemorative patches are available for participants while supplies last. No pre-registration is required. For details, call 925-5533.

Celebrate Earth Day with a fun run on Lackland

Lackland Outdoor Recreation and Civil Engineering co-host the third annual Earth Day event and 5K fun run, April 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Lackland Outdoor Adventure Center, Bldg. 871, Westover Street. The Earth Day celebration includes booths with environmental-themed information, giveaways, fitness challenges, equipment demonstrations and a DJ. This is a free event open to all DoD ID cardholders. There will be a complimentary lunch while it lasts. For more information, call 925-5533.

Quarterly Flea Market offers buy and sell options

Randolph Outdoor Recreation's quarterly flea market is scheduled for April 21, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Randolph Clinic parking lot. An 8-foot table and space can be rented for \$15, with additional tables costing \$3. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts, food items and beverages is not permissible. For more information, call 652-3698.

Lackland and Randolph hiring lifeguards and water safety instructors

Lackland and Randolph Outdoor Recreation are hiring lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2012 season. Interested applicants may go to usajobs.gov to apply.

The catfish pond is open at Camp Bullis

The Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area catfish pond is open every Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. The cost is \$3 per pound. The pond is open to all DoD patrons and their families. For more information, call 295-7529.

Turkey hunting season now open at Camp Bullis

Turkey hunting season is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-noon, at Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area. The season closes April 29. Hunting permits are sold Friday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For details, call 295-7529.

Youth Programs

Registration opens for Lil Renegades baseball

Little Renegades is a parent/child program that helps build confidence in children ages 3-5 years old while they are having fun and learning basic baseball skills. Register at Randolph Youth Programs, Bldg. 585, April 2-27. Children must be 3 years old by May 1. The cost is \$40 per child and the program runs for six weeks beginning in mid-May.

Middle School Teen Center offers SAT prep classes

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to sit for a SAT pre-test, April 5 and 12, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Middle School Teen Center, Funston Road, Bldg. 2515, on Fort Sam Houston. Along with the pre-test, teens will receive tips and information on planning ahead for their college education. For details, call 221-3630.

Try Randolph Youth Programs for free

Get a preview of what a youth membership card offers at Randolph Youth Programs, Bldg. 585 April 9-14. There is no membership needed to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation during this week. For those interested in joining, membership is only \$36 per year.

Child Youth and School Services offer summer camp registration

Registration for summer camp begins April 9-10, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Child Youth & School Services, Roadrunner Community Center, Stanley Road, Bldg. 2797, for all active duty and dual military patrons. Remaining patrons may register April 11, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 221-4871.

Registration starts for Randolph School-age summer camp

Summer camp registration takes place April 9-13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Randolph Youth Programs. April 9-10 is reserved for Priority 1 and 2 and April 11-13 is reserved for Priorities 3-6. Registration packets may be picked up starting April 2. For details, call at 652-2088. The school-age camp takes place June 4-August 24.

Quality family time with scrapbooking

Lackland Youth Programs hosts a family scrapbooking night April 13, 4-6 p.m., at the Youth Center, Bldg. 8420. Patrons will create a digital version of a scrapbook on a computer and receive a DVD of their project. For details, call 671-2388.

Child, Youth and School Services celebrate Month of Military Child and baseball season

Child, Youth & School Services on Fort Sam Houston will host a family fun day Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-noon, at Dodd Field, Watkins Blvd. on field 3 in celebration of the Month of the Military Child and baseball opening day ceremonies. For more information, call 221-5519.

Randolph to hold Fam-A-Ganza

Randolph Youth Programs to hold their annual family festival, Fam-A-Ganza, in celebration of Month of the Military Child April 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Youth Programs, Bldg. 585. Activities, entertainment and food will be available. This is a free event and sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Broadway Bank and Randolph Family Housing. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

The Youth Center hosts a teen tailgate

Fort Sam Houston will host a tailgate party in celebration of the Month of the Military Child April 14, 5-8 p.m. at the Youth Center, Watkins Blvd., Bldg. 1630. The free event will include food, fun and activities for teens in grades 6-12. For more information, call 221-3386.

School-age program plans open house

A school-age program open house featuring a family dinner and fine arts show takes place at Lackland Youth Programs, April 18, 4-6 p.m., in Bldg. 8420. To sign up, call 671-2388.

Parents get a night out

Lackland Youth Programs holds Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out April 20, 6:30-11:30 p.m. Parents can leave their child, ages 5-12, at the Youth Center for an evening of supervised games, activities and a snack. The cost is \$10 per child or free with a Give Parents a Break referral. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 671-2388.

HIRED!

Apprenticeship Program is taking applications for the summer session

Students, ages 15-18, are invited to join the summer session of the HIRED! Apprenticeship Program, June 19-Sept. 8 on Fort Sam Houston. The registration deadline is May 1. For details, call 221-3386.

Camping out under the stars

Lackland Youth Programs hosts a family camp out April 28-29 at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. Games, activities and a GPS hike are planned. The cost is \$30 which includes materials, supplies, food and park entrance fee. Pre-register for this event by April 23. To sign up, call 671-2388.

Family child care positions available

Lackland Family Child Care program is taking applications for providers who are interested in their own home childcare business. Orientation classes will be held April 17-19. All training and start-up materials are provided. Call 671-3380 or visit Bldg. 6629 for an application.

Lackland offers cheer instruction

Cheer instruction for ages 5 and older is available at Lackland Youth Programs. Classes are Fridays at 5:30 p.m., with exact session times based on age group. The cost is \$45 per month. For details, call 671-2388.



Sgt. Nathan Moss, a PNC student, carries an injured infant mannequin to a mock combat support hospital during a mass casualty exercise at Camp Bullis Feb. 29.

PNC from P10

Capt. Monique Grinnell, PNC Phase II instructor, who organized and oversaw the group's preparation.

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The participants included 45 PNC students and 11 staff who instructed and advised the students throughout the training.

"This training provided a lot of good exposure for these students," said Poke Viera, hospital education M6 instructor. "It was an eye opener for many who had never experienced a real combat hospital setting."

"Half of these students have never been deployed," said Capt. Megan Donald, San Antonio Military Medical Center staff nurse. "Introducing this type of training gives them an experience of what it is like when they are out in the battlefield."

The 52-week course includes two phases.

Phase I is an eight weeks course completed at the Army Medical Department Center and School on Fort Sam Houston.

Phase II is a 44-week course that focus on clinical care that are completed in one of five different sites including SAMMC, Madigan Army Medical Center, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

After the completion of the PNC course, the graduates are able to provide first-line trauma care on the battlefield, perform as members of forward surgical teams, and function in an expanded and supporting roles in a combat support hospitals and fixed medical facilities.

"This was a great experience for me," said Spc. Ariann Briggs, a PNC student. "It gave me an opportunity to experience what it might be like in a stressful situation overseas."



Karen Ulrich (right), hospital education M6 instructor, reviews a checklist with PNC student Spc. Barbara Villapano on a stimulated patient she treated.



Spc. Denise Kramer, a PNC student, diagnoses a stimulated patient.

543rd SPTS edges 32nd Med Brigade for JBSA intramural basketball title

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JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The 543rd Support Squadron rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final 20 minutes to post a 56-53 victory over the Fort Sam Houston's 32nd Medical Brigade to take the Joint Base San Antonio intramural basketball championship March 22.

Held at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus, the 32nd Medical Brigade jumped to a 27-18 advantage by half-time behind guard Jacory Phoenix, who scored 11 of his 17 points in the opening half.

The second half, however, was a complete reversal for both teams.

Led by guard Brandon Hawkins, who scored



17 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, the 543rd SPTS clawed its way back into the contest, with Hawkins' layup with 1:43 left giving his team a 51-49 lead.

Julian Jones' free throw with 8.7 seconds left sealed the comeback win for the 543rd after the 32nd Medical Brigade's Phillip Clipps had cut a four-point lead in half.

Antonio Enis (right) from the 543rd Support Squadron tries to make a shot over Phidd Rian from the 32nd Medical Brigade during the Joint Base San Antonio intramural basketball finals March 22.

Photo by
Robin Cresswell

Memorial service honors heroes of the Alamo

By Esther Garcia
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Hosted by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Alamo Mission Chapter, the inside of the Alamo filled to capacity as distinguished guests, friends and members of the DRT gathered March 6 for the annual Memorial Service for the Heroes of the Alamo and to commemorate the 176th Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo.

The ceremony honors the men who held out for 13 days against the Army of General D. Antonio Lopez de Santa-Anna attack on the Alamo.

According to history, the Alamo fell in the early morning hours of March 6, 1836. The cry "Remember the Alamo" was shouted out by Sam Houston when he de-

feated Santa Anna during the battle of San Jacinto April 21, 1836.

The ringing of the Alamo Bell cued the Alamo Rangers to post the colors followed by the invocation and scripture reading. Samuel Bonds White, president of the Alamo Mission Chapter, Children of the DRT recited "Call out Their Names Again," which included the line, "Travis and Crockett, Bowie, Bonham – Men who bought this plot of earth with their own blood."

Thirty Soldiers from the Army Medical Department Center and School also presented flags of states and nations representing the known birthplaces of the defenders of the Alamo, as Karen Thompson, President General, DRT,

called out the names of the states and nations and the number of casualties for each. The 30th Soldier represented the unknowns.

"When we say

'Remember the Alamo!' today, we are reminding ourselves of the facts of an astounding event that took place 176 years ago," said keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter,

commanding general of Installation Management Command.

"We are remembering and honoring courage, conviction, sense of duty and a willingness to make selfless sacrifices for your buddy and in the name of freedom."



Photo by Esther Garcia

Soldiers assigned to the Army Medical Department Center & School gather for a group photo with the Alamo Rangers and keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commanding general, Installation Management Command, following a memorial service March 6 honoring the defenders of the Alamo and the 176th anniversary of the battle of the Alamo. The Soldiers presented flags representing the known states and nations of the defenders of the Alamo.



The Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign kicked off March 26 and runs through May 4. This year's goal is 100 percent contact, ensuring everyone is aware of the campaign and has the opportunity to donate. The AFAF was established to provide an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to the Air Force family (active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and their dependents, including surviving spouses) in need. For more information, call 671-1938.

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campground and cook over an open fire in cast iron pots, Charro demonstrations, mutton busting and live entertainment for MWR patrons, call 224-7207.

Gaming Day

April 1, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Building 1222, call 221-4702.

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. Applications are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. The deadline to apply is April 1.

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

Army Pride

April 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, call 221-0349.

Debt Liquidation

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

English as a Second Language

April 2, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Unit Family Readiness Training

April 3, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

April 4, noon-1:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Word Level 1

April 5, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Story Time

April 5, 10 a.m., Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Building 1222, call 221-4702.

SAT Prep Classes

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to sit for College Coach, April 5 and an SAT pre-test, April 12, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Middle School Teen Center Building 2515.

Reloading 101

April 7, 8 a.m.-noon, Camp

Bullis Recreation Area, limit is three students per class, call 295-7529.

Easter Sunrise Service

Service held April 8, 6:30-7:30 a.m. outside the Gift Chapel. In case of rain, the service will be held inside the Gift Chapel. Light refreshments served after the service. For more information, call 221-2754.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration begins April 9-10, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Child Youth & School Services, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, for all active duty and dual military patrons. Remaining patrons may register April 11, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., call 221-4871.

Word Level 2

April 10, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Excel Level 1

April 11, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

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.

Excel Level 2

April 12, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Month of Military Child and Baseball Season Opener

April 14, 9 a.m.-noon, Dodd Field

No. 3, call 221-5519.

Teen Tailgate Party

April 14, 5-8 p.m., Youth Center Building 1630. The free event will include food, fun and activities for teens in grades 6-12. Call 221-3630.

Free Women's Rape Prevention Seminar

April 16, 5-6:30 p.m., Fitness Center on the METC campus. A police trainer, a 3rd degree black belt in combat Hapkido and a martial arts "hall of fame instructor" will train women on self-defense techniques. Space is limited, to register call 808-5709 or 808-5708.

CSRS Retirement Planning Seminar

April 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Arnold Hall, Lackland Air Force Base. The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host a Civil Service Retirement System seminar. Cost is \$10. Register online at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/retirement-planning-seminars>. Call 565-1860.

FERS Retirement Planning Seminar

April 18, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Arnold Hall, Lackland Air Force Base. The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host a Federal Employees Retirement System seminar. Cost is \$10. Register online at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/retirement-planning-seminars>. Call 565-1860.

Army Environmental Command Open House

April 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., first floor

Building 2264.

Soldier Show

April 19-21, 7 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

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.

Fiesta & Fireworks

April 22, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field. Feature a military ceremony, food booths, carnival rides, children's games, entertainment, static displays and arts and crafts. Visitors enter through Harry Wurzbach gate. Call 221-1718.

Turkey Hunting Season

Season is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-dark through April 29. Hunting permits sold Friday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 295-7529.

Army Ten Miler

The registration deadline is April 30. The Army 10 Miler Qualifier is May 5, 6:45 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and open to all active duty military. Top five men and women represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C. on Oct. 21.

HIRED! Summer Session

Students ages 15-18 can register by May 1 for the June 19-Sept. 8 HIRED! Apprenticeship Program.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1, Palm Sunday

Easter Cantata - 8:30 and 11 a.m. at the Gift Chapel

April 5, Maundy Thursday

Catholic Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:30 p.m. at the Gift Chapel and 7 p.m. at AMEDD Chapel

Protestant Living Last Supper - 7 p.m. at the Gift Chapel

April 6, Good Friday

Catholic Service - 11:30 a.m. at the Gift Chapel and 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel

April 7, Easter Sunday

Post-wide Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m. at the Gift Chapel

Regular services at normal times



For Sale: Graco Pack and Play Port-A-Crib with mobile, navy with animal print, excellent condition, \$45; crystal punch bowl set includes lid, ladle and 12 crystal glasses, approximately five-quart capacity, \$75; Brighton heart necklace with red stone, 15-inches, silver with Brighton tin, \$40. Call 495-2296.

For Sale: Maytag Intellidry electric dryer, five-cycle, white, excellent condition, ready to use, \$150; girl's 20-inch bicycle, \$15; lady's 26-inch mountain bike, \$30; portable DVD player, \$15; Compaq Presario 8000 desktop and monitor, \$100; HP DeskJet 952 color printer, \$15; HP PhotoSmart Plus printer, scanner broken, includes unopened color ink cartridges, \$25; HP Pavilion laptop, \$50; HP LightScribe DVD writer, external, \$20; all electronics in good working condition and includes original software and paperwork. Call 710-4787.

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

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Lost Maples State Natural Area Walk

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

Green Spaces Alliance Picnic

The picnic is March 31, 3-6 p.m. at 7 Willow Way, San Antonio. Activities include "Garden Olympics," seed planting, pot painting, kids crafts and live entertainment. Food will be provided by Conger

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Catfish by the Pound

The Camp Bullis catfish pond is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

Open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DoD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Smokeshack BBQ and beverages by Bud Light. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$10 for kids 5 to 12 years old. Kids 4 and younger are free. For more information or to purchase tickets visit <http://www.greensatx.org> or call 222-8430.

Comfort Easter Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club is hosting a 5k, 10k and 15k walk April 7 starting at the Comfort Community Park, Hwy 27 and Main Street in Comfort. Walks start between 8 a.m.-noon noon; finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-995-2421 or visit <http://web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html>.

Youth Photography Contest

Students 8-18 years old can submit photos of wildlife, land-

Java Café

Cafe open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-9 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday in the Sam Houston Community Center.

Auto Craft Center

The Auto Craft Center on the corner of Schofield and Funston roads closed until further notice as the 502nd FSS prepares to move it to a new facility.

USAF Fit Family

Visit <http://www.usaffitfamily.com> for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

scapes, people enjoying the diversity of nature, and texture and design found on natural objects by April 18. Cost to enter is 10 for Green Spaces Alliance members and \$15 for non members. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.Greensatx.org>.

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.

com for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

Hacienda Student Center

Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

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>.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of March 27

CURRENT LEVEL* = 666.1'

*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.

