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Post shuttle runs again

The post shuttle has been reinstated. Schedules are posted on bus stops. For more information, call Herbert Sexton at 221-2808. *See shuttle bus schedule on Page 4*

Special Operations Career Fair

Stop by the Army Special Operations Career Fair to learn more about careers in Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, 75th Ranger Regiment, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The fair will be held at the Phantom Warrior Complex, Fort Hood, Texas, today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Fort Hood Special Operations Recruiting Team at 254-288-7411.

New traffic signal installed

A new traffic signal device has been installed at the intersection of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley roads near the Towers' in and outbound gate. This traffic signal will be a blinking red light in all directions during a seven day equipment test period. The blinking red light will require all traffic to stop before proceeding to allow Towers' inbound and outbound traffic to proceed safely. The traffic signal will be fully operational Friday.

OCSC 'Tour of Homes'

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' club will sponsor a "Tour of Homes" Saturday on Fort Sam Houston. Tickets are \$10 through Friday. At the door, tickets will be \$15. For more information or tickets, call Christen Jensen at 212-5725.

Child Abuse Prevention Conference

The Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. In session one, Col. Elisabeth Stafford and Maj. Keith Lemmon, Brooke Army Medical Center, will present "Recognizing Increased Support Requirements in High Stress Deployed Military Families – A Critical Role for Child & Youth Serving Professionals." In session two, Melissa Jijerina will cover "Strengthening Families: Preventing Abuse Before It Happens." For more information, call Marjorie Loya at 221-9826, 221-0349 or 872-7454.

Global War on Terrorism monuments

The 208th Reserve Support Group will unveil two monuments Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Stillwell U.S. Army Reserve Center, Winans Road. The monuments are dedicated to the men and women of the 90th Regional Readiness Command who are serving in the Global War on Terrorism. The second monument pays tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Maj. Gen. James Sholar, commander, 90th Regional Readiness Command, will host the ceremony.

Spring Clean Up

Fort Sam Houston will conduct a Spring Clean Up Monday to April 20 to improve the appearance of the post and training areas. Dumpsters are located in the housing areas at Patch and Chaffee; Harris Heights; Graham, Dickman and Artillery Post; Infantry Post; and Watkins. Additional dumpster locations are Wilson Street and Garden Avenue; Brackenridge Road and S-27; Hood Street and North New Braunfels; and Winans Road, behind Building 1705.

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Photo by Elaine Wilson

Prestigious program

Capt. Thurayya Gillis and Air Force Capt. Daniel Moore practice intubation on a human patient simulator while Maj. Jeffrey Conroy, director of the simulation program, provides instruction Friday at the Army Medical Department Center and School. Gillis and Moore are training to be Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists through the Army's anesthesia nursing program, which was ranked No. 2 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. *See related story on Pages 12 and 13.*

Fort Sam Soldier named top NCO in MEDCOM

By Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

Staff Sgt. Russell A. Burnham emerged from a grueling five days of competition as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for U.S. Army Medical Command, while Spc. Steven Rovelstad is Soldier of the Year.

"My offer was to leave my unit, my country and my Army better than I found them. Being NCO of the Year is a step in that process," said Burnham, a platoon sergeant at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

"It was physically and mentally challenging – the most rewarding thing I have done in the Army," said Rovelstad, a

preventive dentistry specialist for the Army Dental Activity in Hawaii. "I got to do things I don't get to do in the clinic."

The competition was held April 1 through Friday at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, Texas. All competitors first passed a 100-question written test and wrote an essay about current events. They passed the Army Physical Fitness Test, hiked with full ruckpacs and demonstrated marksmanship with M-16 rifles. They negotiated a land navigation course, then in tactical scenarios they reacted to explosive devices, communicated through radios and conducted combat actions, including treating and evacuating casualties. They defended a convoy during a live-fire exercise.

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Fort Sam Houston 'Fiesta and Fireworks'

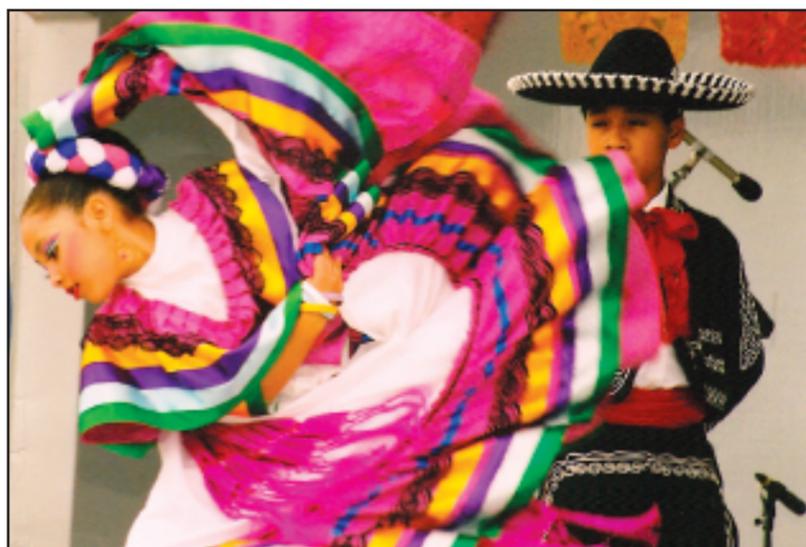


Photo by Esther Garcia

Ballet Folklorico del Cielo is one of several groups scheduled to perform during the annual Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks event April 22. The annual Fiesta event begins at 1 p.m. with a country fair and features military equipment displays, various exhibits, live entertainment, kids activities, carnival rides, games and food and drink booths. The military ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field begins at 5 p.m. and includes the 82nd Airborne Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C. Fiesta concludes with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. The public is requested to enter Fort Sam Houston from Interstate Highway 35 at the Walters Street gate or the Harry Wurzbach Road entrance. No pets or coolers are allowed. For more information, call 221-1151 or visit www.samhouston.army.mil. *See Page 15 for schedule of events.*

Troops, spouses still needed as teachers

By Meryl Kettler
Special to the News Leader

People interested in finding out more about Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers are invited to a "Teaching as a Second Career Seminar" April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Building 2263, Room B100, on Stanley Road. The seminar is hosted by the Army Career and Alumni Program Center.

Meryl Kettler, the state TTT/STT coordinator, will present information and answer questions about the programs and processes involved in becoming a teacher. Representatives from several local alternative certification programs also will be available to present information on their programs.

In response to the continuing teacher shortage in the San Antonio area, TTT is actively seeking veterans with bachelor's degrees who are already retired or those who will be retiring within the next year, and who want to begin a career in teaching. Degreed reservists and National Guard members in drilling status may also qual-

ify for TTT if they meet length of service requirements.

The TTT program offers advice to veterans who want to become teachers with information tailored to each individual's specific situation. Financial aid is also available for certain candidates. An applicant can receive up to \$5,000 to pay for a teacher certification program. Or, if participants teach on a high-needs campus, they could receive \$10,000 as a bonus. Texas participants have received more than \$2 million in stipend and bonus funds over the last four years.

In addition to reaching out to military retirees, Texas is also very active in the new Spouses to Teachers Program. In September 2004, the Department of Defense began an initiative targeted at the spouses of active duty personnel and drilling status Guard and Reserve members. Since that time, the Texas office has worked with more than 1,400 military spouses seeking certification. In addition to advisement, STT provides a reimbursement fund to repay a spouse for the costs of teacher certification examinations.

For more information, call the ACAP at 221-1213.

Mandatory ethics training

Soldiers and civilian employees must attend one hour of face-to-face ethics training taught by an ethic attorney in 2007, as directed by the Secretary of the Army. The following classes will be taught in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841:

April 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.
May 23 from 9 to 10 a.m.
June 14 from 1 to 2 p.m.
July 12 from 9 to 10 a.m.
Aug. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Sept. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m.
Oct. 17 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Nov. 15 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Soldiers and civilian employees whose official

duties include a procurement function (this includes Government Purchase Card holders and approving officials) must also attend a second hour of acquisition ethics training. This second hour will be taught immediately following the first hour of ethics training in Blesse Auditorium on the following days:

April 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.
May 23 from 10 to 11 a.m.
June 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.
July 12 from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call Gerald Krimbill, Shelby Tanner or Capt. White at 221-2373 or 221-0485.

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Casey becomes 36th Army chief of staff

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Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — Gen. George W. Casey Jr. became the 36th chief of staff of the Army Tuesday, assuming the position from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

Casey was the first commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq, a coalition of more than 30 countries, until February. He had served as Schoomaker's vice chief of staff before deploying to Iraq in 2003 to assume command of the coalition.

Guest speakers at the ceremony included Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, both of whom praised Schoomaker for his accomplishments and the positive changes he made to the Army after being called from retirement in 2003 to assume the top uniformed Army position.

Geren, who hosted the ceremony, called Schoomaker a great teacher and Soldier, and honored him for nearly four decades of active service characterized by sacrifice, courage and devotion to duty.

"It's been a privilege to work alongside this extraordinary leader, this great teacher, a man who has given so much for his country and the Army he loves," Geren said. "Pete Schoomaker is a patriot, a man who has always put the country first and always answered the call to duty."

Gates also expressed his gratitude to Schoomaker, thanking him for his vision and leadership.



Gen. George W. Casey Jr. became the 36th chief of staff of the Army Tuesday at a Fort Myer, Va., ceremony. Casey took the reins from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker (left).

"Challenging times require extraordinary vision and leadership, and Pete has shown both those qualities," Gates said. "He has entirely changed the manner in which our Army is trained, deployed and organized."

In his parting words, Schoomaker reaffirmed that today's Soldiers are still the Army's greatest strength because war will continue to be fought in the human dimension.

"While technology has changed our Army, there can be little doubt that when you look into the eyes of our warriors today, as I have in the last four years, I see the same patriotism that George Washington must have seen at Valley Forge," Schoomaker said. "I have looked into the eyes of today's warriors and I am proud to report they continue to exceed every expectation for courage, dedication and selfless service — they are the heart of all we do, they are our future, and they demonstrate strength, compassion and warrior ethos."

Casey spoke last and thanked both secretaries, the president, Congress and Schoomaker for their faith in his abilities to lead the Army.

"I'm proud to be taking charge of an Army that's regarded as the best in the world at what it does," Casey said. "I have watched the men and women of our Army in action in the most demanding combat environment. I take great pride in the courage, the confidence and the commitment of our Soldiers and civilians to both the ideals that have made this country great and to making a difference in our world. They epitomize what is best about America."

"They and their families carry heavy burdens in today's war with a hard road ahead, yet their willingness to sacrifice to build a better future for others and to preserve our way of life is a great strength for our nation," he said. "We are Army Strong and I could not be more proud today to be a Soldier and to stand shoulder-to-shoulder during this time of danger and uncertainty."



Photo by Sgt. Wendy Hall

Storm watch

Debbie Rush, U.S. Army North assistant chief of staff for resource management, talks with representatives from the U.S. Northern Command Financial Management Directorate about the exercise scenario conducted at Fort Sam Houston March 21 and 22. The exercise helped prepare the resource management directorate for the upcoming Ardent Sentry exercise and hurricane season by testing the staff on accountability and execution of mission assignments, and for the first time, the Defense Reimbursable Authorization Process. The Defense Reimbursable Authorization Process was developed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in an effort to streamline reimbursement processes for resource managers throughout the Department of Defense.

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OCSC April Fiesta luncheon

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a "Fiesta in the Garden" luncheon Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Sam Houston Club. A Mexican buffet luncheon will accompany the luncheon theme of "gardening." John Brackman, from the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, will be the guest speaker. The luncheon also will include a vote on changes in the constitution and the new slate of board officers. The cost of the luncheon is \$14. For reservations, call Sigrid Reitstetter at 226-8806 by noon Friday.

SAEDA, OPSEC training

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army and Operations Security training will be held Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Theater. A sign interpreter will be present. People should arrive early to sign in. Department of Defense personnel, to include contract employees, are required to take the training annually. Other sessions will be held throughout the year. For more information, call the Garrison Security Office at 221-1906, 221-1859 or 221-9500.

ISR 1 Training

Mandatory orientation training for all Installation Status Report, Infrastructure points of contact for installation activities will be held Wednesday from 12 to 4 p.m. in Building 1396, Evans Theater. No reservations are required, but commanders are asked to notify Barney "Judy" Barta on who their point of contact will be, with phone or e-mail contact information. This year, for organizations under the garrison command, directors of each organization should attend training and perform facility condition evaluations. Unit repre-

sentatives may bring additional personnel to support unit infrastructure evaluation as deemed necessary. For more information, call Barta at 295-4922 or e-mail Judy.Barta@us.army.mil.

'CivilianJobs.com' Job Fair

The CivilianJobs.com Job Fair will be held April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center, 24th Street and Wainwright Drive, Building 5764, Fort Hood, Texas. Many employers will be recruiting for domestic and international positions including law enforcement, information technology, project management, transportation, sales and operations. For more information, call 866-801-4418 or visit www.CivilianJobs.com.

Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Ceremony

The 328th Personnel Service Battalion will host a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Ceremony April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, Stanley Road. The ceremony is a formal recognition of Army Reserve Soldiers who served in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and those who supported them.

Caminada de Fiesta 11K walk

The Caminada de Fiesta 11K walk will be held April 21 at Fort Sam Houston, beginning and ending at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum. Start time is between 7:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., with an end time of 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by MEDCOM and the Volkssport Association. The walk is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. For more information, call Gerald Kamicka at 658-2160 or e-mail GeraldK726@aol.com.

'Spring Back to Health' fair

A "Spring Back to Health" health fair will be held April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Willis Hall food court of the

Army Medical Department Center and School. Topics include how exercise can reduce blood pressure, the benefits of therapeutic massage, preventive cancer screenings that can save lives and many others. The fair is presented by the future preventive medicine clinicians from the 6A-F5 course. For more information, call Capt. Alfreda Ritter at 221-6245.

Schedule physicals early

Parents are encouraged to schedule their child's physical early for school, camp, sports and cheerleading. The Brooke Army Medical Center Pediatric Clinic has openings for routine physical appointments for TRICARE Prime patients enrolled in BAMC Pediatrics. To book an appointment, call 916-3160, option 2. For immunizations only, call 916-5791.

Check ID expiration date

People should call the ID card section for an appointment two to three weeks prior to the expiration date on their Common Access Card. If the card is already expired, then cardholders will need to bring two types of identification, such as a driver's license and Social Security card. One of the two types must be a photo ID. The expired CAC cannot be used as identification. For appointments, call 221-0415 or 221-2278.

Asian Pacific Idol 2007

People with "star" quality are invited to participate in the Asian Pacific Idol Talent Competition May 26. The first auditions and elimination round will be held April 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Singers, dancers and poets are welcome to audition. The deadline to sign up for an audition is April 20. People from all ethnicities are welcome to participate. For more information or to sign up for an audition, call Master Sgt. Basheda Kelley at 930-9548 or e-mail basheda.kelley@usar.army.mil; or call Sgt. 1st Class Freida Carter at 930-9567 or e-mail freida.l.carter@usar.army.mil.

BAMC Cancer Registry celebrates 60-year anniversary

Story and photo by Minnie Jones
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Brooke Army Medical Center Cancer Registry celebrated its 60-year anniversary March 9 in the BAMC General Surgery Service Conference Room.

The registry's anniversary coincides with the 2007 National Cancer Registrar's Week, which is April 9 to 13.

Cancer registrars operate in all hospitals, collecting medical information to include diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients, and sometimes compiling and following the treatment history on a patient that may have begun at another medical facility. The data collected by cancer registries are used to help public health professionals understand and address the nation's cancer burden.

"The registry at BAMC was established in 1947 and is the oldest con-

tinuously operating military cancer registry," said Patricia Babin, chief, Tumor Registry Service, BAMC. The first cancer registrar at Fort Sam Houston was Gladys Krukowski who entered by hand 219 cases into a cloth-bound logbook. Now 60 years later, "there have been over 30,789 patients entered into a completely automated registry, with our staff accessioning approximately 700 cases each year," Babin said.

"The registry has become much more than just a database," said Col. George Peoples, chairman of the Cancer Care Committee and oncology surgeon at BAMC, adding that the registry used to only be a tracking system for data such as numbers, names and tumor types. "It has become much, much more than that now, because not only is that information collected, the information is now used to help direct programs.

"We now know that we have a

high-risk group of breast cancer and prostate cancer patients," he said. "We now can direct our screening activities, and then of course, with the tumor registry now helping with the tumor boards, they are very involved with treatment planning. All together, the registry has become a much bigger job than previously thought."

The vital information gained through the registry about cancer cases helps improve health agencies' ability to report on cancer trends, assess the impact of cancer prevention and control efforts, participate in research and respond to reports of suspected increases in cancer occurrence.

Congress established the National Program of Cancer Registries in 1992 by enacting the Cancer Registries Amendment Act. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Program of Cancer Registries administer the program.



Mary Martinez, a cancer registrar from the Brooke Army Medical Center Cancer Registry, reviews displays and informational material during the 60-year anniversary reception April 9.

Top NCO

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A mystery task paired candidates in combat-ive competition, which Rovelstad termed the toughest part of the tests.

"The toughest part was the other competitors," said Burnham. "They are all world-class NCOs."

Finally, each candidate was inspected and questioned by a board of senior NCOs.

Corporals and higher ranks were in the NCO competition, while specialists and lower ranks competed as Soldiers.

Competition actually began last year when local units selected their best Soldiers and NCOs. Local winners competed in each of six regional medical commands. The regional winners then joined representatives of Army Dental Command, Army Veterinary Command, AMED-DC&S and Army Medical Research and Materiel Command for the finals at Fort Sam Houston.

The winners each received an Army Commendation Medal, a plaque, two \$1,000 savings bonds and the right to request their choice of next assignment. In addition they were presented a certificate for a dress blue uniform by Armed Forces Insurance, a gold watch by the Association of the United States Army, a statue by the DUSTOFF Association, a \$250 gift certificate by the post exchange system, a \$250 gift card by the United Services Automobile Association and a \$1,000 savings bond by the Government Employees Insurance Company.

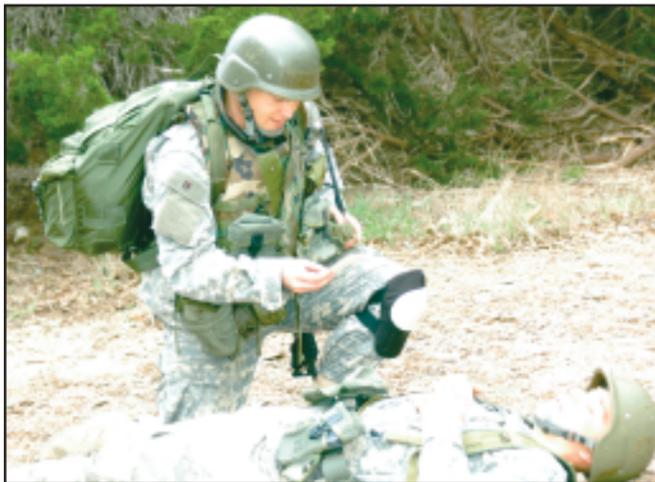
All competitors received coins and certificates of achievement from the MEDCOM commander and command sergeant major.

Burnham and Rovelstad will represent MEDCOM later this year in competition for Army NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year.



Photos by Jerry Harben

Spc. Steven Rovelstad (front, wearing protective vest) leads a patrol into a "hostile village" during a combat scenario of the Medical Command Soldier of the Year competition. Rovelstad is a dental specialist for the Army Dental Activity in Hawaii.



Sgt. Walter Mack prepares to treat a simulated casualty during the hands-on tasks of the Medical Command NCO of the Year competition. Mack is a respiratory specialist at Brooke Army Medical Center.



Staff Sgt. Russell Burnham accepts congratulations after being named Medical Command's NCO of the Year. Burnham is a platoon sergeant for the Army Medical Department Center and School.

Fort Sam Houston shuttle bus schedule

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Days of Remembrance

Holocaust survivor recalls dark time in history

Story and photo by Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Retired Lt. Col. Charles Stein, a Holocaust survivor and World War II veteran, shared the tragic events that changed the course of his life nearly 70 years ago during the post's Days of Remembrance ceremony Tuesday at the Roadrunner Community Center.

Each year, the United States begins a weeklong commemoration the Sunday before the international Holocaust Remembrance Day, which corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. This year, Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah, is Sunday, a day set aside to reflect and remember a time of devastating loss.

"This is the darkest and most haunting of Army observances," said Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, during the ceremony's opening remarks.

Stein's words illustrated the point. The 88-year-old vividly recalled the early days of Hitler's reign, and the events that led to the loss of most of his family.

Stein was 19 with high hopes for the future when he started medical school at a local university in Vienna, Austria, in March 1938. A day after Stein started school, Hitler crossed the border of Austria with his army and Stein's school days were over.

"All Jewish students were no longer allowed at the university," said Stein, who watched Hitler parade down the streets of Vienna to the sounds of cheers and Nazi salutes. "I went home and told my parents, 'We've got to get out of here.'"

Austrians welcomed Hitler and his ideology, Stein said. He said each day "stormtroopers" would pull Jewish people from their homes and make them scrub sidewalks with their toothbrushes while people kicked and spit on them.

Stein took to the streets, which was, he said, the safest place to be. "My friends and I met every day and tried to figure out a way to leave," he said. "I went from one embassy to another but was turned away. There was no

place to go."

In the meantime, he managed to get a passport, but with a "state-less" mark since his parents were born outside of the Austrian borders.

One day, in mid-July 1938, Stein met up with a friend in central Vienna. His friend had good news. He had heard a rumor that Luxembourg was giving out 14-day transit visas to state-less people. Stein later learned the visas were sponsored by a Jewish organization, which had made an agreement with the government to allow 200 Jews to cross the border.

Stein rushed over to the consulate to get his visa, and was able to pick it up the next day. His parents took him to the train station a few days later. "The last words I heard my mother say were, 'We will never see our son again.' Those words have haunted me my whole life."

Stein and his friend, Max, who had spent four months in a concentration camp, made it to Luxembourg without major incident. A skilled violinist, Stein worked as a musician and saved his money so he could hire a smuggler to help his parents escape. Stein communicated with his parents through postcards since the Germans censored everything else. He was able to convey an address for them to meet up with the smuggler.

"They walked through the woods to the border of Luxembourg and got within sight of the bridge when a German lieutenant stopped them," Stein said. His parents were sent home.

Stein was devastated. He focused on getting to America and found a sponsor through his mother's cousin in the states. It took him a year to get a visa. In August 1939, Hitler invaded Poland and war broke out. Dec. 19, 1939, Stein arrived in New York.

He took a job in the textile factory and applied for college scholarships. Instead, he was drafted into the Army two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Stein



Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, presents retired Lt. Col. Charles Stein, a Holocaust survivor and World War II veteran, with an eagle statue Tuesday to thank him for speaking at Fort Sam Houston's Days of Remembrance ceremony.

served in World War II in combat from Normandy to the Czech border and again during the Korean War. He finished out his career as an intelligence analyst for the Department of Defense and a diplomat for the Department of State Foreign Service.

In early 1946, Stein learned that his parents had been deported to the Lodz ghetto in Poland in 1941, and in 1995, after extensive research, finally found out their fate. They had been gassed in 1942 at the Chelmno death camp.

Stein's parents were among the 6 million European Jews, including 1 million Jewish children, killed in the Holocaust.

As he concluded, Stein reminded the audience never to forget the tragic events of the past and to pay attention to similar events happening today in parts of the world like Darfur. "Please speak up," he said.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Shaken Baby Syndrome can result in brain damage, death

By **Belinda Murguia**
Family Advocacy Program Educator

There are various types and degrees of child abuse. One of the most severe forms of abuse is called "Shaken Baby Syndrome." Although Shaken Baby Syndrome is a term that the public is aware of, the terms "non-accidental trauma" or "blunt force trauma to the head" are more descriptive of damage that occurs by shaking, dropping or causing forceful injury to the head.

These injuries typically happen when an infant or child up to 5 years old is shaken vigorously by a frustrated or angry parent or caregiver, usually to stop the child from crying. The consequences of one single shaking incident can result in permanent brain damage or death. Generally, there are no outward signs of abuse. Survivors can sustain injuries such as cerebral palsy, paralysis, epilepsy and blindness.

Studies suggest that one out of four babies who are shaken dies. As stated by the Shaken Baby Alliance: "Abusive head trauma is the leading cause of death and disability among abused infants and children. As the child is shaken back and forth in a whiplash motion, the undeveloped

brain bumps back and forth inside the skull. This trauma can cause bleeding over the brain and/or within the eyes and cause brain injury."

There are a number of factors associated with child abuse, but providing educational tools can be one way to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome or blunt force trauma. Additionally, parents and caregivers need to understand the normal developmental stages of infants and children such as the normal crying pattern of a child. Crying is their means of communicating their needs. If an infant continues to cry, make sure all basic needs have been met. Then place the infant in a safe place, such as a crib or playpen, and walk away. Check on the infant every few minutes just to ensure the child is safe.

Parents and caregivers should also take care of themselves with rest, exercise and healthy eating, and reach out for help when needed. With proper guidance, parents and caregivers can learn how to comfort and nurture a baby. Finally, remember never shake a baby.

The Family Advocacy Program provides resources and parenting tips for parents with children up to age 3 through the New Parent Support Program Plus. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2334.

Commander's Proclamation
"Today's Children are Tomorrow's Future"
April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

To All Units,

As the installation commander, I call upon every Soldier, civilian employee, and family member to support our mission. Preventing child abuse and neglect is one aspect of that mission. In today's environment, with the stress of deployment and family separations on all our communities, protecting the well being of our children is a particularly critical challenge. What we do on behalf of children today determines their future — and ours.

What we can do for our precious children at Fort Sam Houston is to show them a community filled with caring adults, safe homes and schools, multiple opportunities for healthy and effective development, chances to learn and grow, and an installation committed to their protection and welfare.

Making our families and our installation a protective and nurturing place for children is everyone's responsibility. Our children deserve:

- Safe streets, safe schools and safe communities
- Opportunities to grow up strong and healthy
- Chances to develop to their highest potential in physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual terms
- Ways to learn naturally the value of helping others

Whatever your duty assignments are at Fort Sam Houston, I call upon you to do your part, and keep your family and our community a place where any child can thrive. There are many resources available in our community to support families and protect children. Contact the Family Advocacy Program at 221-0349/9826 for assistance.


RUSSELL J. QZERAV
Major General, DCI
Commanding

Perfect score

John Fryman (left) scored a perfect game of 300 March 22 at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. This is the third time this year that Fryman, the bowling center manager, has accomplished this milestone at the facility. The same evening that Fryman bowled a perfect game and series score of 812, his wife Laurie (right) bowled an extraordinary 706 series. The couple



Photo by Jennifer Morris

are teammates and avid participants in the Thursday Niters Bowling League. John Fryman not only enjoys bowling as a leisure activity, he also provides instruction to players of all skill levels. He recently received the 2006 James A. Carroll Jr. Award for Excellence in Club Management in the category of Most Improved Facility for Financial Performance.

Basketball champs

The 264th Medical Battalion won the 2006-2007 Intramural Basketball League and post season championship with an overall 22-0 record. The team was undefeated in the regular season with an 18-0 record, and proved victorious in post-season tournament play with a 4-0 record. This is a repeat for the battalion, and they become only the second team in six years to achieve an undefeated season. In the championship game, they beat the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, which gave a good fight but was held back due to numerous turnovers. The team made a great surge toward the end of the game but fell short and lost to the 264th with a final score of 65-55.

Volleyball champs

The Baylor PT Class of 2008 won the Intramural Volleyball Championship held April 3 to 5. The Baylor team went undefeated during the regular season with an 8-0 record and continued its winning streak through the playoffs. In the playoffs, the team won three more games to end the season with an 11-0 record. In the championship match, the team played Naval Recruiting District and beat the team 2-0. Navy had its chances to force a third and deciding game as the score kept going back and forth with each team taking the lead. On the final point of the match, the score was tied at 29-29. Whoever scored first would win the game and force the third and deciding game. Navy had the final serve only to hit the ball into the net giving the Baylor team the game and match along with the championship. Throughout the season, Navy was the only team to beat Baylor at least once during a match forcing a third and deciding game when they played. Games were competitive in the playoffs with most going to the third and final games to determine winners. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Branch congratulates all of the playoff teams for their efforts in the tournament.

(Source: Earl Young, MWR)

Sports Briefs . . .

Boxers wanted

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center seeks boxers as it prepares to host another round of boxing excitement. Boxing at the Brought IV will be held June 2 at 6 p.m. Boxers must be registered and in training 30 days prior to the event. If interested in participating as a boxer in this or future events, call the Intramural Sports Branch at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil. Event T-shirts are on sale at select locations. For more information, call 221-1234.

Kids Judo

The Fort Sam Houston Judo Club will begin a six-week Kids Judo course for ages 6 to 16 Saturday at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Wilson Road. An orientation and uniform fitting will be held Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost of the six-week class is \$100, which includes uniform and USA Judo membership. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 6:40 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Adult classes are also available for ages 17 and older. There will be no cost to active, Reserve and Guard members. For more information, call 279-1742, e-mail kjohansen@satx.rr.com or visit www.sajudo.org.

Interested in sumo?

The Lone Star Sumo Kyokai is recruiting members to establish a Fort Sam Houston team. The team will compete in a local tournament scheduled for May 5. The sport is not just for the "big" boys anymore; there are both men and women's weight divisions. The

instructor is Tom Zabel, a 2nd degree black belt and national medalist with more than 19 years of sumo experience. For more information, call Zabel at 977-3202 or e-mail tszabel@lackland.af.mil.

Volleyball tournament

The 2007 Asian Pacific Heritage Month Volleyball Tournament will be held May 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, 320 Wilson Road. The tournament is open to military, family and unit teams. The registration deadline is April 27. For registration, e-mail Staff Sgt. Trapanger Stephens at trapanger.stephens@lackland.af.mil or trapanger.stephens@us.army.mil.

Softball tryouts

Players are needed for the men's and women's post softball team. For more information or to tryout, call Earl Young at 221-1180, or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Annual track meet

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. presents its 23rd annual track meet for youth ages 6 through 14 April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fox Tech Stadium, 727 E. Quincy St. Admission is free for spectators with a \$2 registration fee per participant. The event is designed to provide students with an opportunity to develop good sportsmanship skills. All students will receive certificates of participation, winners receive ribbons and schools receive participation and sportsmanship trophies. Participants can enroll individually or as a group. For more information, call 654-0308 or 654-0178.

Community Recreation

Run, bike duathlon

The Fort Sam Houston run and bike 5K/14 mile/5K duathlon #4 will be held April 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Brigade Gym. To register or for more information, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Equestrian Center Youth Camp

The Equestrian Center is taking registrations for youth ages 7 to 17 to participate in its Summer Youth Horsemanship Camp. Camp consists of a one-week session held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The first session begins May 11; the last session ends Aug. 10. Registration fee is \$195. A \$25 deposit is required. For more information, call 224-7207.

Paintball adventure

The Lackland Outdoor Adventure Center has paintball activities. For more information, call 925-5532.

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Fiesta Family Bowling

Celebrate Fiesta early with the entire family at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Stop by the bowling center for Fiesta Family

Bowling Saturday between 7 and 11 p.m. and enjoy free unlimited bowling. Every patron will receive a free bowling shoe rental and a ticket voucher redeemable for a complimentary beverage. Door prizes also will be provided throughout the evening. For more information, call 221-4740.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Family-style Sunday brunch

Brunch is held the first and third Sunday of each month. The next brunch will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The brunch features a kids' meal station, a chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and an international food station. The cost is \$13.95 for nonmembers, \$11.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old.

Children 5 years old and under eat free. For more information, call 224-2721.

Administrative Professionals Day lunch

Administrative Professionals Day is April 25, and the Sam Houston Club will host a special luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited. Managers need to make reservations early

for themselves and their administrative personnel. Reservations are required by April 20. For more information or to make reservations, call 224-2721.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Sam Houston Club will host a Mother's Day Brunch May 13 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The brunch will feature a chocolate fondue station, complimentary cham-

pagne and an international food station. Moms will receive a free carnation. The cost is \$17.95 for nonmembers, \$15.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old.

Children ages 5 and younger eat free.

Reservations are encouraged. For more information or to make reservations, call 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

The George Furth comedy "The Supporting Cast" is playing at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre through May 12. Performance tickets are \$24.95 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$27.95 Fridays and Saturdays. Doors open for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the show begins

Arts and crafts contest

The Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Recreation Center seeks artisans and craftsmen to participate in an installation arts and crafts contest. The top five selections on the installation will advance to compete at the Army level. Entries are now being accepted; May 16 is the deadline for submissions. The judging will take place May 17. Awards will be given to the top three submissions and honorable mentions in each category and group. The contest is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call John Rodriguez at 221-5554 or visit the Outdoor Equipment Center at Building 1111, Forage Road.

at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

MWR Ticket Office, 226-1663

Austin Wranglers Arena Football season tickets are on sale for select games at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Ticket Office. The cost is \$14.95 per ticket. A special package deal is available for groups of 40 individuals. The ticket office is located inside the Sam Houston Club. The hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 226-1663.

Protestant Women of the Chapel 'Fiesta Night'

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a "Fiesta Night" April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. All PWOC members and their families as well as the Fort Sam Houston community are welcome to attend. There will be activities and games for children of all ages. A dinner catered by Estela's Mexican restaurant will be provided. For more information, call Lois Griffith at 226-1295 or Kristi King at 270-0385. The Web site is www.chapnet.army.mil/pwoc.



**For the chapel services
schedule, visit
www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain.**

Army anesthesia program ranked second in nation

By Elaine Wilson

Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

An Army Medical Department Center and School program was ranked second in the nation by the U.S. News and World Report magazine in this year's edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," which hit the stands in early April.

The U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing missed top spot in the Nursing-Anesthesia category by only a tenth of a point with a score of 4.0 out of 5.0. Virginia Commonwealth University earned a score of 4.1.

"We're inching our way up to a top ranking," said Lt. Col. Thomas Ceremuga, anesthesia nursing program director, referring to the increase in the program's score. The program was last ranked in 2003, when it earned second place with a score of 3.8.

The U.S. News and World Report bases its nurse specialty rankings on ratings by educators and deans at peer schools, according to the magazine. With 106 nursing anesthesia schools in the nation, Ceremuga said the high regard is a valuable compliment, although he is quick to attribute the program's success to the quality and dedication of the faculty and students. "I'm very appreciative for all the hard work within the school, and the esteem our peers have for us in the nursing community."

The Army program at Fort Sam Houston produces more than 90 percent of the Army's certified registered nurse anesthetists, as well as Air Force and Veterans Administration CRNAs. With the CRNA career field in high demand, Ceremuga said he works to ensure the competitive program fully equips the nurses for peacetime and war.

"Most of our CRNAs will deploy soon after they graduate so we need to ensure they receive the training they need for a deployment as we teach them the basic skills they need to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist," Ceremuga said.

The anesthesia nursing program comprises a year of classroom training and another 18 months of clinical training at one of several Phase 2 sites, located in military hospitals and medical centers throughout the nation. Classes average about 40 people and are open to Army, Air Force and VA registered nurses. The students are required to have a bachelor's degree in nursing science and a year or two of nursing experience under their belts to compete for a seat in the class.

"It's competitive," Ceremuga said. "We have some students with five to 10 years of experience here earning their second master's degree. The students are very accomplished overall."

With an average attrition rate of 25 percent, the experience level and maturity of a slightly older student body comes in handy although "the attrition rate due to aca-



Courtesy photo

Julie Sullivan, Maj. Brett Weldon and Capt. Ernesto Raymundo carry a human patient simulator on a litter during a trauma field training exercise at Camp Bullis. During an FTX, students use skills and equipment introduced in the classroom to include triage, airway management, IV access and chest tube placement. "Simulation training is an important bridge between didactic knowledge and clinical experience," said Lt. Col. Thomas Ceremuga, anesthesia nursing program director.

demics is not as high as the number reflects," Ceremuga explained. "About half of the students in that percentage leave for personal reasons as opposed to academic."

During a rigorous training schedule, students learn to administer anesthesia in a variety of settings, from an operating room in a stateside hospital to a forward surgical team downrange. Training encompasses a variety of anesthesia agents and the administration of local, regional and general anesthesia.

Additionally, during a short break from classroom sessions, students take on a scientific research project while in Phase 1, then write up and present findings at local and national conferences during Phase 2. A recent research study examined the effectiveness of the blankets the Army uses to prevent hypothermia, and another looked at the effect herbs have on emergence from anesthesia.

The positive exposure from public appearances only helps to improve the school's reputation, said Dr. Don Johnson, research program director. "Our students are at the forefront. They represent the school very well."

Like the students, instructors also are experienced, with Army, Air Force and VA backgrounds. One of the instructors, Dr. Doug Christi, was recently named the AMEDDC&S' instructor of the year.

Program leaders and instructors have strived to keep the training current, particularly when applying lessons learned from the field. A recent data call helped tailor the course to today's needs.

"We queried Army and Air Force nurse anesthetists who have deployed and have shifted our focus so our training reflects current events," Ceremuga said, adding that there is now more of a training emphasis on trauma rotations, central line placement, pediatric care, emergency airway management, regional anesthesia and pain management. At the completion of train-

ing, students receive a master's degree from a partnering university, which offers administrative support and issues the master's degrees. Up until now, students received the degree from the University of Texas at Houston Health and Science Center. However, starting with the next class in June, a new contract has partnered the Army with Northeastern University in Boston.

Upon graduation, students become mostly autonomous, an aspect of the career field that is attractive to many of the nurses, who would otherwise be required to have oversight from a doctor in many other settings.

"A nurse anesthetist is the culmination of critical care and independence," said Capt. Thurayya Gillis, head nurse of same-day surgery and pre-op at Fort Jackson, S.C. "You can provide the care rather than just deliver it."

Air Force Capt. Daniel Moore, an intensive care unit nurse from Wilford Hall Medical Center, said he has always been interested in the CRNA career field. "I've wanted to do this since I started as a nurse. I like the idea of the autonomy, absolute control.

"It suits my Type A personality," he joked.

With its highly reputable program, the Army has no problem attracting trainees. In fact, notable graduates include the acting Army Surgeon General Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock and retired Brig. Gen. William Bester, acting dean of nursing at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. But with salaries running into six figures for nurse anesthetists outside the military, the Army does have trouble retaining trained CRNAs.

"It's hard to compete with the salaries in the civilian sector," Ceremuga said. "All we have is our name, our reputation and a promise of a high-quality education.

"The students who apply and come to this program know they can make more elsewhere. They know they will have to deploy," he said. "That tells me something about their character and their patriotism."

The new class in June will have 52 students, a record number for the program and a testament to the program's high-quality education. However, Maj. Jeffrey Conroy, Ceremuga's right hand and the director of the simulation program, said the appeal of the Army program is not based on rankings alone.

"We may not have been ranked No. 1, but we've always had the No. 1 mission – taking care of Soldiers," he said.

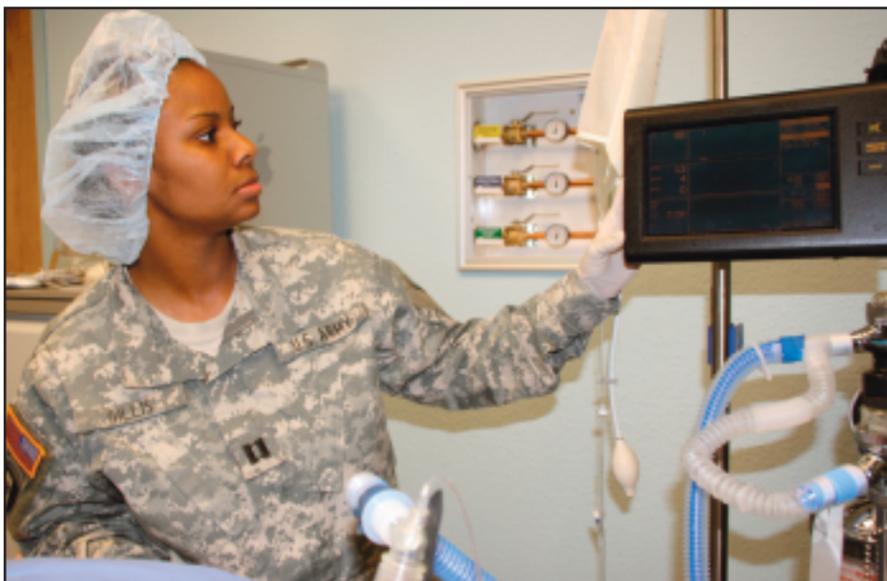


Photo by Elaine Wilson

Capt. Thurayya Gillis, head nurse of same-day surgery and pre-op at Fort Jackson, S.C., checks vital signs on a physiologic monitor.



Courtesy photo
Capt. Jeff Rumfield intubates a "casualty" during a field training exercise at Camp Bullis.



Photos by Elaine Wilson

Capt. Priscilla Shaw, emergency room nurse from Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, practices inserting an epidural needle.



(Above) Capt. Thurayya Gillis fits a mask onto a human patient simulator.

(Left) Dan Healey, a student from the Veterans Administration, checks equipment on an anesthesia cart. The Army reserves three slots in each anesthesia nursing class for VA students. "Training is extremely challenging in many ways and also very rewarding," said Healey, who will return to his sponsoring hospital, the Albuquerque VA Center, after his training at Fort Sam Houston.



Maj. Ron Milan and Capt. Tom Sellers set up a field anesthesia machine, which takes the place of bulky equipment in a deployed situation.



Capt. Scott O'Brien, intensive care unit and emergency room nurse from Fort Belvoir, Va., inserts a laryngeal mask airway for airway management while Lt. Col. Thomas Ceremuga, anesthesia nursing program director, gives him a few pointers.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Calendar

Monday through April 20

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Tuesday

TAKS testing - Math - third, fourth and sixth grades

SDAA II - Math - third through sixth grades

Wednesday

TAKS testing - Reading - fourth and sixth grades

SDAA II - Reading - third through sixth grades

April 19

TAKS testing - Science - fifth grade

April 20

Spirit day

PTO meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

Monday

Commandos USA motivational presentation

10:15 a.m., Moseley Gym

Tuesday

TAKS testing - Math - seventh, eighth and 10th grades

SDAA II - Math - third through 10th grades

Wednesday

TAKS testing - Reading - seventh and eighth grades

TAKS testing - Math - exit level - 11th grade

SDAA II - Reading

April 19

TAKS testing - Science - eighth and 10th grades, and exit level - 11th grade

TAKS testing - Math - ninth grade

April 20

TAKS testing - Social Studies - eighth and 10th grades, and exit level - 11th grade

Regional qualifiers track meet, TBA

April 21

Cole baseball at home vs. Hawkins, 10 a.m.

and 12 p.m.

Regional qualifiers track meet, TBA

Fiesta Parade tickets go on sale

The Cole Cougar Pride Club will sell parade tickets for the upcoming 2007 Battle of Flowers Parade to be held April 27. Tickets are \$8 and the seats are located along the 100 block of East Commerce Street, the area adjacent to the park in front of San Fernando Cathedral. This area has easy accessibility to parking and vendors. All proceeds will benefit the students of Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School and Project Graduation. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Randy Teeter at 296-9071.

Cole tennis teams excel in district finals

The Robert G. Cole High School girls' and boys' junior varsity and varsity tennis teams competed in the District 30-2A meet at the Northside Independent School District tennis complex April 3 and ended up with outstanding results.

The boys' JV team was crowned District 30-2A District Champions with Nathan Otto winning first place and Ryan Brock placing second in Boys' Singles. Caleb Maner and doubles partner Justin Jolley earned a second place finish while Trevor Richardson and Ricky Riera finished in third place.

The girls' JV team also took the District 30-2A District Championship with Demonica Gonzalez crushing the competition with a first place finish, Katy Bruce winning second place and Yeralis Cabrero finishing in third place.

Both varsity girls' and boys' teams were the district runners up. James Phillips took second place which advanced him to the regional tournament and Matthew Wood earned a third place finish in boys' singles.

Nathan Eggers and Lukas Sheridan added to the team's point total by finishing in third place in the Boys' Doubles Division. Finally, Allison Erickson and partner Erika Maldonado won second place in a hard fought match versus their own teammates, Sarah Maner and Jessica Bagg, who then finished in third place in the Girls' Doubles Division. Erickson and Maldonado advanced to the regional tournament to be held April 25 and 26 at Texas State University in San Marcos.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)



Photo by Elizardo Hernandez

Members of the Cole High School junior varsity tennis team are all smiles after being crowned 2007 District 30 2A Champions. Team members are (back row, from left) Coach Tina Guerrero, Ricky Riera, Ryan Brock, Trevor Richardson, Caleb Maner and Justin Jolley; (middle row) Amber Wessies, Kaitlan Sheridan, Katie Bruce and Nathan Otto; (front row) Yeralis Cabrero-Rivera and Demonica Gonzalez.

Cole high school academic team excels

The Robert G. Cole High School Academic Team placed second overall in District 29-2A University Interscholastic League competition held Friday in Jourdan, Texas. Schools represented at the competition were Cotulla Independent School District, Natalia ISD, Hawkins School of Excellence, Gervin Academy, Jourdan ISD and Dilley ISD. About 100 students participated.

"The other schools were shocked and impressed by our students," said Cole UIL Academic Coordinator Nancy Hildenburg. "Our students exceeded all expectations."

The winners include:

Calculator Applications - second place team

Kelsey Charlton - first place - regional qualifier

Jenny Gibson

Kaitlin Vasquez - seventh place

Patrick Newcomer

Feature Writing

Jordan Manney - first place - regional qualifier

Breanna Andrews - second place - regional qualifier

Tierra Boykins - third place - regional qualifier

Headline Writing

Anne Cenny - first place - regional qualifier

Chaquille Hicks - third place - regional qualifier

Literary Criticism - second place team

Allison Erickson - second place - regional qualifier

Jordan Manney - sixth place

Chaquille Hicks

Cameron Lucke

Mathematics - first place team

Patrick Newcomer - first place - regional qualifier

Roy Aviles - second place - regional qualifier

Jennifer Gibson - seventh place - regional qualifier

Kaitlan Vasquez - eighth place - regional qualifier

News Writing

Jasmine Young - first place - regional qualifier

Jordan Maney - second place - regional qualifier

Lionel Lowrey - fifth place

One Act Play - alternate

Casey Gresenz - honorable mention

Alex Dochnal - honorable mention

Kelsey Charlton - honorable mention

Clara Buchanan - All Star Cast

Jordan Maney - All Star Cast

Persuasive Speaking

Chris Hasewinkle - sixth place

Poetry Interpretation

Frankee "Trey" Harris - fourth place regional alternate

Prose Interpretation

Bradley Clark - fifth place

Ready Writing

Caitlin Mester - first place - regional qualifier

Jordan Manney - second place - regional qualifier

Science

Roy Aviles - fourth place - regional alternate

Troy Griffith - seventh place

Social Studies - second place team

Richard Well - sixth place

Jordan Maney - eighth place

Colby Register

Corey Liker

Spelling and Vocabulary - first place team

Allison Erickson - first place - regional qualifier

Casey Gresenz - second place - regional qualifier

Roy Aviles - third place - regional qualifier

Kat Marcrum - fourth place - regional qualifier

Coaches for the UIL winning team were Cole teachers Barbara Lien, Pat Feola, Rita Hansen, Kelly Palmer,

Jim Hudson, Janice Monroe, Jackie Stott, Beth

Alexander, Joe Wyckoff, Chong Johnson and Lori Rivera.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

Events

ASMC luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers invites members and non-members to attend a luncheon Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Randolph Enlisted Club, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, hosted by the 12th Comptroller Squadron. Col. Richard Clark, commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, will be the guest speaker. For reservations, contact an ASMC representative or e-mail Ada.fromuth@randolph.af.mil by close of business Friday.

American Heroes Air Show

The American Heroes Air Show, the nation's premier aviation event dedicated exclusively to helicopters, will land at the Texas Military Forces' Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The event features a career fair with recruiting teams to include law enforcement, public safety and government services. For more information, visit www.Heroes-airshow.com.

Black in Government conference

The Blacks in Government Region VI's 25th Annual Regional Training Conference will be held April 20 and 21 at the Radisson Hill Country Resort and Spa. Conference workshops are designed to enhance the day-to-day work performance of employees and provide methods on how to embrace a leadership role. For more information, call Linda Allen at 977-2301 or Patti Webb at 355-3295.

MOAA-AC Fiesta Week picnic

The Military Officer Association of America-

Alamo Chapter Fiesta Week picnic will be held April 25 at 5 p.m. at the Eberle Park, Randolph Air Force Base. Mexican food, Mariachi band, dance and piñata contest, and Sombrero walk are some of the fun events planned. The cost is \$15 per person; the deadline to sign up is April 20. For more information or reservations, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac2sbcglobal.net.

'All-American Canteen' poster

The Society for the Preservation of Fort Sam Houston "2007 All-American Canteen" Fiesta poster will be on sale at the post exchange Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Training

AFTB offers Instructor Trainer Course

Army Family Team Building will offer the Instructor Trainer Course Wednesday and April 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Attendance at all three sessions is required to receive a certificate. This course is beneficial for anyone who does training and would like to develop or renew platform and training skills. The course is also required for volunteers wanting to instruct AFTB courses. For more information or to register, call Sue York at 221-9821.

AFTB offers Level 1 classes

The Army Family Team Building will hold classes April 23 through 25 from 9 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. each day at the Army Community Service Center, 2797 Stanley Road. The AFTB Level One class will teach Army acronyms, discuss the impact of Army life and gather resources. The class can be used for promotion points. For more information or to register, call Sue York at 221-9821.

Fort Sam Houston 'Fiesta and Fireworks' schedule of events

The public is invited to Fort Sam Houston for a free Fiesta celebration April 22 from 1 to 9 p.m. in the field adjacent to MacArthur Pavilion. The Country Fair will feature military equipment displays, various exhibits, live entertainment, kids activities, carnival rides, games, food and drink booths. Continuous entertainment beginning at 1 p.m. will include Karavan Studios Belly Dancers; Robin Perry Terrazas and the Spot Barnett Band; the Army Medical Command "Rock" Band; Kazamba Drum and Dance Group; Ballet Folklorico del Cielo; Las Erendias, a female mariachi group; the Almost Patsy Cline Band from Bandera, Texas; and a joint Fiesta concert by the Army Medical Command Band and the Alamo City Community Marching Band.

The public is requested to enter Fort Sam Houston from Interstate Highway 35 at the Walters Street gate or the Harry Wurzbach Road entrance. No pets or coolers are allowed.

On stage

12:45 to 1:15 p.m. – Karavan Studios Belly Dancers

1:15 to 1:50 p.m. – Robin Perry Terrazas and the Spot Barnett band.

1:55 to 3 p.m. – Army Medical Command "Rock" Band

3 to 3:30 p.m. – Kazamba Dance and Drum Group

3:30 to 4p.m. – Ballet Folklorico del Cielo

4 to 5 p.m. – Las Erendias, female mariachi group

Military ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field

5 to 5:30 p.m. – U. S. Army Drill Team from Washington

5:30 to 5:50 p.m. – Retreat, followed by performance by the 82nd Airborne Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C.

6 to 6:50 p.m. – Fiesta Royalty awards, Fiesta Salute, Soldiers on Parade

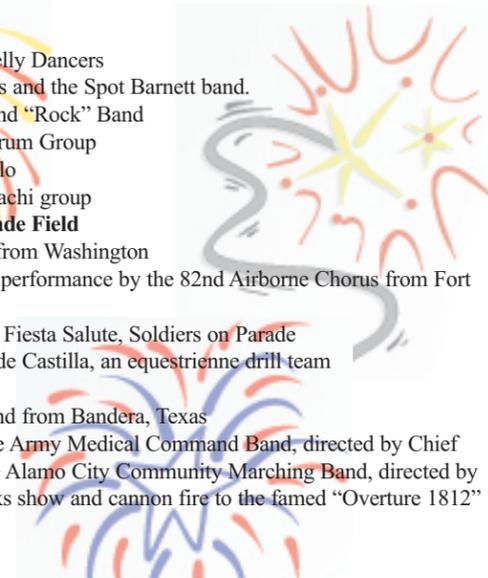
6:55 to 7:30 p.m. – Escaramuza Rosas de Castilla, an equestrienne drill team

Back on stage

7 to 8 p.m. – The Almost Patsy Cline Band from Bandera, Texas

8 to 9 p.m. – joint Fiesta concert with the Army Medical Command Band, directed by Chief Warrant Officer William Brazier, and the Alamo City Community Marching Band, directed by Juan Garcia, will feature a giant fireworks show and cannon fire to the famed "Overture 1812" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

9 p.m. – Fireworks finale!



Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real



estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.lead@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.

For Sale: Entertainment center with complete cabinet set up that includes a 32-inch JVC TV, double tape deck, JVC receiver with five surround sound speakers with subwoofer, \$225; galvanized pasture feeder, \$100; galvanized stock tank, 90 gallons, \$25. Call 830-438-2860 after 6 p.m. or 218-2975.

For Sale: Boy's 20-inch bike, \$20; Bassett infant crib, oak, \$100; small kitchen table with L-shaped bench seat, \$50 obo; ladies semi-formals, size 10/12, \$25; Yugioh cards, packs of 10, \$2.50; rare cards, \$2 each. Call 826-0882, leave message.

For Sale: Monterrey rustic table with four chairs, in excellent condition, \$500; Canon AE-1 program 35 mm camera includes two lens, flash and other extras, \$200. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: Nordic Track SL710 recumbent exercise bicycle, in good condition, with delivery, \$275 obo. Call 299-1036.

For Sale: 1978 GMC Jimmy Van coach motor home, 23-foot, self contained, no generator, \$3,700. Call 630-3936.

For Sale: Prom and semi-formal dresses, sizes 3 to 11 juniors and sizes 14-22, \$35 each; Harley Davidson boots, size 8.5, \$45; Dooney & Burke Brown drawstring bag, \$50; three night stay at Dallas Renaissance Hotel, \$125; Black leather sofa and recliner, \$395; mauve leather oversized chair, \$325 obo. Call 633-3859.

For Sale: 2003 Ford Ranger Edge XLT 75XXX, black, automatic, all power, in excellent condition, \$8,100. Call 566-5034 or 667-5770.

For Sale: 1970 Kit Campaign Camper, \$300; Sony 25-inch TV, non-working, \$25. Call 719-964-1283.

For Sale: Ashley micro-fiber couch and loveseat, tan, \$800. Call 295-2868 or 599-4728.

For Sale: 1994 Corvette, red, tinted window, leather seats, Pioneer system, 40,000 miles, \$16,500 obo. Call 680-1079.

For Sale: Mitsubishi 62-inch DLP TV with stand, \$1,999. Call 912-4422.

For Sale: Two registered, female Chihuahua puppies; one

yellow head parrot with cage, likes to talk. Call 653-3286.

For Sale: 1992 Ford Premier van with luxury conversion by Magnum, maintenance records, runs great, \$2,695. Call 659-6741, leave message.

For Sale: Dining room set with eight chairs and full china hutch, light oak, \$1,200; 12-pair hideaway shoe rack turns into small cabinet, \$25. Call Tony at 859-0337.

For Sale: Thomas the Tank play table comes with 40 trains, tracks and other access; 1994-97 Honda Accord full cat-back racing exhaust, \$150 obo; 1994-97 Accord DC sports header, \$100 obo; auto meter racing gauges with 5-inch Tach and shift light, \$150 obo. Call 363-2056.

Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4407 Longvale, twin bed, baby clothes, furniture, dog house, auto parts, tires and much more. Call 653-0272.

Free: Fence with poles, enough for a dog to run; male gray cat, current with shots, de-clawed. Call 257-5244 or 274-7128.