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From left: Fred Chaney, senior vice president Lincoln Military Housing; Col Mary Garr, garrison commander; Allyson McKay, executive director, Lincoln Military Housing; and Jeff Courtwright, executive vice president, Lincoln Property Company cut the ribbon officially opening the Main Resident Center.

## Resident Center unveiled during ribbon-cutting ceremony

By L.A. Shively  
 FSH Public Affairs

The Fort Sam Houston Officers Club, Building 407, was officially unveiled as the renovated Main Resident Center April 9. Lincoln Military Housing hosted a week-long open house last July to introduce the neighborhood to the new facility.

Originally the Bachelor Officers Quarters and Mess, the building was part of the "New Post" construction project and one of over 300 buildings erected from 1928 to 1941. The officers club was completed in 1935.

The New Post project introduced novel concepts of city planning where entire blocks were

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# Solopilots receive honor at Army Medical Department Museum

By Steve Elliott  
 FSH Public Affairs

Solopilots, the helicopter pilots who responded alone to evacuate wounded warriors during the Korean Conflict were recognized April 12. A plaque honoring their commitment and sacrifice was unveiled at the Army Medical Department Museum.

"Like Benjamin Foulois and Billy Mitchell who helped to pioneer aviation, the solopilots risked their lives to demonstrate the potential of what a rotary-wing aircraft could do," said Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general Fort Sam Houston and the Army Medical Department Center & School at the ceremony.

"Solopilots created one of those giant leaps forward of men and machine that saved the lives of men and women every single day."

These pioneers of aeromedical evacuation flew from 1952 to 1959 in conditions and over terrain that could give nightmares to most pilots, often in the dark and with primitive instrumentation.

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Capt. John W. Hammett poses with one of the Bell H-13 helicopters the solopilots used to move patients injured in Korea. Hammett was commander of the 49th Medical Detachment during the Korean conflict.

Photo by Howard A. Huntsman



Photo by Steve Elliott

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general Fort Sam Houston and the Army Medical Department Center & School, extends a salute to the solopilots and guests at the conclusion of his speech during the dedication ceremony.

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## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

# Legal Assistance office encourages medical directives

By Peter Katson  
Legal Assistance Attorney

The old adage: "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" applies to medical treatment and end-of-life decisions.

Simple planning accomplished through the execution of Medical Directives assures that people's health care wishes will be followed when they are incapacitated or even terminally ill.

April 16 marks the second annual National Healthcare Decisions Day. This national initiative focuses on ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity be afforded the guidance

and opportunity to communicate and document their health care decisions.

The Legal Assistance Division of the Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and The Judge Advocate General's Corps recommend that everyone document health care decisions.

Soldiers and Families should plan for the day they are no longer able to express their wishes concerning medical treatment.

Such planning will save loved ones the heartache of guessing what you would like done – or not done.

Medical directives typi-

cally come in two forms, the living will and the healthcare power of attorney. These are separate documents that serve different purposes.

Because these are legal documents, a valid living will or HCPOA can only be made while a person is legally competent – so don't delay.

Otherwise known as an advanced directive to physicians, a living will is a written declaration stating whether or not a person wants life support in the event of a terminal illness or an irreversible medical condition.

A living will authorizes life-sustaining measures that can be taken, or that

a person be permitted to die naturally and as comfortably as possible.

An HCPOA, sometimes called a health care proxy, appoints another individual or individuals to make health care decisions when a person is unable to do so.

Unlike the living will, an HCPOA applies to all medical decisions, not just those dealing with life support.

If a person does not have a living will but has executed an HCPOA, the agent or proxy appointed may make life-support decisions that person's behalf.

However, that same agent cannot override

end-of-life directions when a person has also executed a living will.

Medical directives such as living wills and healthcare powers of attorney are essential to any estate plan.

Both documents are available to active duty, retirees, and dependents on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Legal Assistance Division of the Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg 134 Stanley Road.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call 221-2282 or 221-2353.

## IMCOM to break ground on new headquarters building

Groundbreaking for Installation Management Command's Fort Sam Houston headquarters is slated for April 19.

But construction and relocation from Arlington, Va., will not be a quick or easy task as the Base Realignment and Closure Act has ordered.

That task includes building a new headquarters structure adjacent to four historic buildings under renovation to provide additional administrative space for the command, plus an additional task that is expected to bring more than 2,000 military and civilian jobs to the installation and community.

"This \$26.4 million contract to construct the new 168,000-square-foot headquarters building will help us oversee all facets of managing Army installa-

**"I can't think of better time to have a groundbreaking ceremony,"**

*Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch*

tions around the world. That includes maintenance of the roads, grounds, logistics, public works, security forces, emergency services and everything that makes our installations the Army's Home," said Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general, assistant chief of staff for Installation Management

"Additionally, while we are constructing our new IMCOM building, we're also doing new construction at other installations' barracks, apartment-type housing for our senior professional Soldiers, and building a partnership with investors for new family housing and hotels," he said.

"BRAC is definitely the catalyst of movement for the command, along with the two subordinate commands – the U.S. Army Environmental Command, which manages and oversees all of our environmental programs; and the Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation Command which manages an assortment of food and restaurant facilities plus recreational programs."

While military construction accounts for the majority of commercial projects at Fort Sam Houston, this groundbreaking ceremony is special because it will take place during a time of the year when the city cele-

brates its 119th anniversary of "Fiesta San Antonio" which began as an honor to the heroes of the Battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto.

"I can't think of better time to have a groundbreaking ceremony," he said. "We're honored to be a part of this great city, its fighting spirit, its multi-

culturalism, and proud heritage... I can't express how happy we are to be a part of the community and the citizens of Military City USA," the general said.

IMCOM will have a huge impact on the Army, joint basing, and the city of San Antonio. "I think it's easily one of the largest development proj-

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### Weekly Weather Watch

	APRIL 15	APRIL 16	APRIL 17	APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20
San Antonio	 74° Chance of T-storms	 76° Chance of T-storms	 74° Chance of T-storms	 79° Chance of T-storms	 79° Chance of T-storms	 81° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 78° Scattered Clouds	 77° Chance of Rain	 75° Partly Cloudy	 73° Chance of Rain	 68° Chance of Rain	 66° Chance of Rain
Baghdad Iraq	 89° Clear	 93° Clear	 91° Overcast	 93° Clear	 91° Partly Cloudy	 95° Overcast

(Source: Weather Underground at www.wunderground.com)

## News Briefs

### *Holocaust Days of Remembrance*

A commemoration will be held April 21, 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker Gerd Miller, a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps, helped liberate prisoners from the Dachau concentration camp after WWII. Call 295-0561.

### *502nd Air Base Wing Activation Ceremony*

The 502nd ABW activation ceremony will be held April 26 at 9 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field.

### *AMEDDC&S Change of Command*

The U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School will hold a change of Command and retirement ceremony for Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw April 30 at 8 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. The incoming commander is Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein.

### *Medical Logistics Seminar*

The Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development will host the Medical Logistics Seminar at the FSH ROC Drill Facility, April 19-23, for Medical Logistics and Medical Maintenance personnel. It is designed to use targeted briefings, vignettes and high-level discussion to examine potential gaps within organizational designs, doctrine, business processes, system enablers and IM/IT equipment. Call 221-1827/2947.

### *DPW Emergency Service*

The new telephone number for Department of Public Works emergency service orders after duty hours has changed to 364-2369 until further notice.

### *NCO Academy Change of Responsibility*

The Noncommissioned Officers Academy change of responsibility ceremony will be held April 16 at 8 a.m. at the main post flagpole. Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Paskos will relinquish responsibly to Sgt. Maj. Karen Archondidis. Call 221-4216.

### *Quadrangle Closure*

The Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle will be closed to the public and unauthorized personnel April 17-18. Call 221-1328.

# Hot meals equal higher morale for U.S. Army South troops in Haiti

By Pvt. Cody Barber  
11th Public Affairs Detachment

Meals Ready to Eat or MREs are not the only option service members have in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Now, both breakfast and dinner are being served at Logistics Support Area Dragon for service members wanting to have a fresh hot meal.

Staff Sgt. Calvin Anderson, a food service specialist deployed from U.S. Army South, is in charge of giving the troops an alternative to MREs.

"The purpose of our job is to put out hot meals to the Soldiers on a daily basis," said Anderson.

Soldiers in Haiti can enjoy hot meals courtesy of the Containerized Kitchen unit, a 20-foot container customized into a kitchen loaded with equipment such as two refrigerators, two stoves, an oven, sink, warming trays, air conditioner and a generator.

When closed up, the CK looks like noth-

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*Staff Sgt. Calvin Anderson*

ing more than a Container Express (a military shipping container) or CONEX on wheels.

"It is working perfectly," said Anderson. "It's performing way beyond the Mobilized Kitchen Trailer that was formerly at LSA Dragon. The CK puts out a greater quantity of food and holds twice as many people."

In the morning, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and donuts are served. The din-

ner menu may include steak, chicken, corn, rice or spaghetti.

"We prepare everything," said Anderson. "We make the punch, coffee, food and deserts."

Meals are consumed in an air conditioned tent with tables and chairs where Soldiers can sit down and relax while they eat, and chat, laugh and talk about the day.

"It's a great improvement from MRE's and Heater Meals," said Air Force Senior Airmen Joseph Meade, a technician with the 49th Communication Squadron.

"They change it up every day and keep it new."

The Heater Meals and MRE's are dreaded and knowing that they have a hot meal cooked is a morale booster [for Soldiers], Meade said.

"We are thanked on a daily basis," said Anderson. "It feels good to know that we are appreciated and people notice the hard work we put into it every day."



Spc. Kenjuan Logan, food service specialist, Headquarters Support Company, Special Troop Battalion, U.S. Army South, scoops steaming hot water into one of the warming trays April 3. Warming trays are one of the new additions in the Containerized Kitchen unit.



Spc. Kenjuan Logan and Spc. David Dietrich, food service specialists, Headquarters Support Company, Special Troop Battalion, U.S. Army South, put food onto service member's plates as they walk by April 3.

Photos by Pvt. Cody Barber

# 'Real heart of America' treated to BBQ, music, camaraderie

By Steve Elliott  
FSH Public Affairs

It wasn't just the bright sunshine that lit up the afternoon, but also the smiles on the faces of wounded warriors and their families as they enjoyed plenty of barbecue, music and camaraderie.

The Good Ol' Boys, an organization of Texas outdoorsmen and women, put out a Ponderosa-sized spread of brisket, smoked sausage and all the fixings for about 200 military members being treated at Brooke Army Medical Center, along with their families and friends, at the Warrior and Family Support Center April 8.

The Almost Patsy Cline Band provided plenty of boot-scootin' music and a number of sports celebrities added their star power to the afternoon.

"This is an opportunity for everyone who wants to show our wounded warriors and others at BAMC that we appreciate what they do," said Roger Bales, one of the founders of the Good Ol' Boys. "It's an opportunity for all these volunteers you see out here to meet the real heroes of this nation.

"We put on barbecues and

hunting trips for service men and women and try and show them a good time," said Bales, who also works for the Texas Department of Information Resources.

"The best part of doing this is when everyone walks away from here with smiles on their faces and bellies full of good barbecue. We just hope these young men and women understand and realize that they are the real heart of America."

Bales said the group was formed six years ago when he and several others were asked to help organize a barbecue for wounded warriors. After recruiting volunteers to run the show and sponsors to supply the vittles, the Good Ol' Boys kept bringing the event back every year, and it grew over time.

"We wanted to do this to show this generation of warriors just how important they are to this nation and to folks like us," Bales added.

"This is about what we can do as a community for them and what the American spirit is all about."

While the sports celebs in attendance are usually in the spotlight wherever they go, on this afternoon they were the

ones who felt honored to be in the presence of so many men and women who have fought and sacrificed for their nation.

"Coming here today helps my staff and I put a face on

what we see in the news," said Larry Coker, head coach for the fledgling University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners football team.

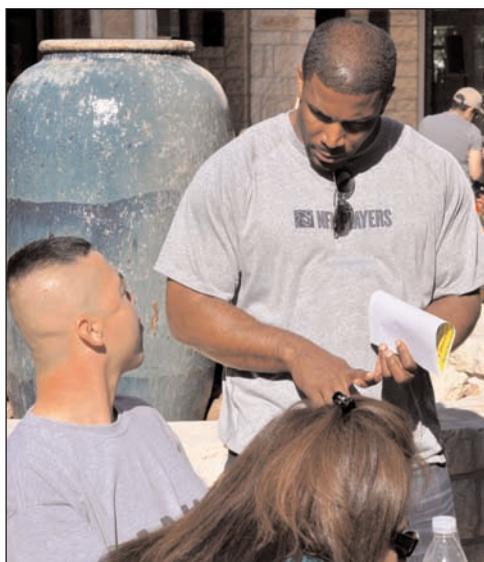
"These are real people and

it is such an honor for us to come out and meet them, sit down and talk football."

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**"The best part of doing this is when everyone walks away from here with smiles on their faces and bellies full of good barbecue."**

— Roger Bales



Former NFL star Priest Holmes stops to talk football with some of the wounded warriors.



Larry Coker (center), head coach for the fledgling University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners football team, speaks with a wounded warrior prior to the start of the R2R Texas Challenge at the Center for the Intrepid.



The San Antonio Missions mascot, Ballapeño, entertains Family members at the barbecue.



Volunteers go over the plans for the day before the barbecue begins.

Photos by Steve Elliott

## APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

# Survivor shares story during Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Story by Cheryl Harrison  
ACS Marketing

Army Community Service hosted the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month kick-off ceremony April 7.

About 100 Soldiers, civilians and leadership focused on this year's campaign message that sexual assault affects mission readiness through the campaign's theme "Hurts one. Affects all," and slogan; "Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty."

Guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center & School, reiterated the program's concept:

"We have the opportunity to see what this violent crime does to our Soldiers, does to their Family members and does to our units," he said.

"We want to call attention to the negative

impact that [sexual assault has on] each and every one of us. And, farther on down the line how it affects our nation, our safety, our health and welfare of our troops."

"We have a commitment to you, our employees."

Following his remarks, Czerw signed the Sexual Assault Awareness

proclamation declaring April the designated month for prevention, education and awareness.

Standing in front of the "Clothesline Project," a display of T-shirts designed by the Unit Victim Advocates with messages about sexual assault, Theresa Anderson, sexual assault response coordinator, introduced Air Force Master Sgt. Tina Thieken



Photo by Cheryl Harrison  
Air Force Master Sgt. Tina Thieken tells her story of survival.

from Lackland Air Force Base.

Thieken took the floor and related her story of surviving sexual assault. Through tears she delved into how she should have seen the 'red flags.'

A fellow service member took advantage of their friendship by slipping an illegal substance into her drink during dinner, while she was in the ladies room. The drug

affected her ability to protect herself and the encounter escalated into sexual assault.

Thieken said, "He was a perpetrator, a predator and he used my sympathy to get to me. I never once said 'yes' to him, yet he took advantage of me. I am working through this. I should have done things differently; to not have put myself in that situation.

"Now, I talk to young women about the signs to look for, what things to do, so they are not in that situation. At any point, if someone says 'no,' that means exactly that, no. Just because an individual doesn't punch you or hold you down at knife-

point, if you have said no, it is rape."

Following a candlelight vigil and prayer by Maj. Jeffrey Walden, installation chaplain, guests were invited to refreshments.

The Department of Defense theme "Hurts one. Affects all," conveys the message that 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.

The Army's "I. A. M. Strong" Campaign to prevent sexual assault encourages Soldiers to step up and eradicate sexual harassment and

assaults from the ranks.

Throughout the month of April several events are planned to make the community aware of sexual assault: "Sex Signals," a funny play about the awkwardness of dating, sex and consent, April 15; the "Clothesline Project," a mobile T-shirt display, April 18; Wear Denim Day, April 20; "Child Sexual Assault" lunch and learn lecture, April 21; and a 5K Run/Walk, April 24.

For more information about these events call 221-0349. Sexual assault victims seeking assistance call the 24/7 hotline at 722-4920.

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laid out that included every utility necessary – streets, sewers, lights and power sources according to John Mancuso, director of the FSH Museum.

Buildings were designed for administration, operations and housing and modeled after Chief of the Design Branch of the Quartermaster Corps, Lt. H.B. Nurse's ideas of unity.

Nurse used recurring geometric figures, parallels, diagonals and ornamentation that were symmetrical, with elements radiating from the common center and referring back to the common center to confer balance and, what he called a natural beauty.

Construction for the New Post project began in response to outraged citizens angry with the unsanitary conditions of the Soldiers' living quarters.

Prior to the Housing Program of 1926, much



Photo by L.A. Shively

Allyson McKay, executive director for LMH welcomes guests during the Main Resident Center ribbon-cutting ceremony.

of the construction on Fort Sam had been in response to WWI where more than 1,400 temporary quarters were hastily erected to house the 120,000 Soldiers returning after the war.

A major aspect of the Housing Program of 1926, Mancuso said, was use of styles and materials typical for Texas.

The program introduced the Spanish Colonial Revival style employed by Architect Atlee B. Ayers, designer of the San Antonio

Municipal Auditorium and the McNay Art Institute to Fort Sam, and had an early focus on quality-of-life for residents. Wives of both officers and noncommissioned officers were consulted on housing preferences.

The original Officers Club was constructed in a U-shape and included 12 apartments with bathrooms upstairs; and a kitchen, dining room, bar and grill, lounge, reading room, dance terrace and two card rooms down-

stairs.

Over the next 60 years, the building was renovated and modified to include more dining spaces, lounges, bars, restrooms, and an alternate entrance said Patricia Baker, program management specialist with the Residential Communities Initiative, whose office occupies one of the renovated apartments.

"We've removed some of the doors and created a linear office space," she said, adding that LMH occupies one half of the upstairs space with RCI.

The organizations are partners providing management and maintenance services to residents of the post while maintaining buildings and facilities.

The current renovation was done only on the historical portion of the building, while the non-historical portion was demolished. The original floors were kept as was the tile in the foyer and in the kitchen.

"Its keeping the his-

toric nature of the building, but its intended purpose was for officers and their Families to enjoy. So now all Families can enjoy the building," Baker said.

A pool, playground, and sports court were added. The Resident Center also features a game room, full kitchen, media room, main or ball room, meeting rooms, and a business center.

Baker said she was most intrigued with the ballroom. "The floors; the stained-glass windows; the furniture – it's the perfect setting for functions."

"The food was good, the service was good," reminisced Doug Dupre, who said he was a 1961 University of Texas ROTC midshipman who spent one tour as a Marine,

and is currently a member of the board for Association of the United States Army. Upstairs was formal dining with white table cloths – the whole nine yards.

Downstairs [in the basement] was the Raven

Room with young people and live music."

Dupre jokes the pool is not as large as the original pool and there are not as many beautiful girls as there once was, that would catch a young Marine's eye. "But it's not summer yet either," he interjects. "It's certainly returned to its elegance – they've done a nice job." he said.

"We've been able to turn the building into a focal point for the residents of Fort Sam Houston," said Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr. "I would like to continue to bring our community together in other ways – through programs, events, team building. We're not where we need to be yet but I still see opportunities."

"We're providing additional activities for all the residents to enjoy a personal experience," said Allyson McKay, executive director for LMH. "We wanted to do it right."

# Army public health strengthened by transformation

By Jane Gervasoni &  
Lyn Kukral  
USAPHC (Provisional) Public  
Affairs

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The Army's public health capabilities are being integrated to form a new U.S. Army Public Health Command.

The integration is part of the Army Medical Command's transformation from a "sick-care" system to a "health care" system – one that emphasizes prevention and sustaining good health.

The USAPHC will incorporate select missions of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command. This integration will occur in phases over a two-year period

that began with USACHPPM's conversion to the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) Oct. 1, 2009, and will end when the USAPHC reaches its full operational capability, targeted for Oct. 1, 2011.

Army public health focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their Families, and Army civilian employees. As well, the USAPHC will oversee effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DoD.

"To facilitate a smooth transition, as well as synchronize and standardize public health services, we stood up a USAPHC Transition Team," said Brig. Gen. Timothy K.

Adams, the USAPHC (Prov.) commander. "The team serves as an advisory team and conducts the staff analyses necessary to fully establish the USAPHC."

The team consists of several working groups with representation from MEDCOM, MEDCOM's Regional Medical Commands, USACHPPM, VETCOM, DoD Veterinary Service Activity, the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine, and the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Lead by John Resta, USAPHC (Prov.) scientific adviser, and Col. Gary Vroegindewey, assistant chief of the Veterinary Corps, the team currently is developing a detailed plan to stand up the new command, starting with a

concept of operations.

"This effort should cause little disruption in service to our customers," Vroegindewey said. "While the USAPHC is transforming, we expect that customers of the former USACHPPM and the VETCOM will deal with the same organizational contacts in the same locations where they currently have relationships."

Public health services to installations will be organized under the command of regional medical commands or medical treatment facilities, he explained.

Current VETCOM branches will merge with existing preventive medicine services to form unified installation-level teams.

Resta said there will be five public health regions with subordinate public health command districts. The regions currently are located where the former USACHPPM subordinate commands were: Landstuhl, Germany; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Sam Houston; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

The plan also proposes to make what was the USACHPPM headquarters a public health institute with responsibility for developing best practices and standardizing services and programs, Resta said.

The institute would provide reach-back technical expertise and one-of-a-kind services in areas such as laboratory

sciences and toxicology. It will remain at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. A small headquarters element would oversee the entire USAPHC from Fort Sam Houston.

With the CONOPs approved, the next phase of the USAPHC transition can begin, Vroegindewey said. In this phase, the USAPHC (Prov.) will assume operational control of the VETCOM, and the MEDCOM's continental U.S. regional medical commands will assume operational control of installation-level veterinary service assets in their areas of responsibility.

Approval of the concept plan by the Department of the Army is expected to take four to six months.

# 470th MI Brigade's Strong Bonds aims to keep marriage working

By Spc. Natalie Sampson  
470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

What do children, work, school, extracurricular activities, social commitments, Family obligations, societal pressures and unforeseen circumstances have in common?

They all have the potential to cause stress in the life of a Soldier. Add a deployment or two to the mix and the stress becomes even greater.

Demands placed on Soldiers and their

Families are great, and pressure increases during times of uncertainty such as a period of deployment. The need for Families to spend time together and engage in meaningful quality interaction is essential to sustaining healthy vibrant periods of separation as well as maintaining intimate ongoing relationships at home.

The military has acknowledged the value of Family and has therefore implemented the Strong Bonds program,

which includes marriage enrichment retreats.

Offered by unit commanders, with the full support of unit chaplains, these two- or three-day retreats are designed to build upon a couple's relational skills, thereby being proactive in preventing divorce.

The Army pays for couples to attend the retreat to participate in seminars that focus on communication, intimacy and conflict management, which comprise most of the agenda, with

free time allotted for couples to spend together, away from other distractions.

They are held at resorts, lodges and hotels that offer an array of relaxation services intended to lessen tensions that may exist between couples and help improve their perceptions about each other.

The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade held its latest retreat at the Hilton San Antonio Hill Country Hotel & Spa March 21-23.

The brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 717th MI Battalion and 401st MI Company sponsored the retreat with Chaplain (Maj.) Chris Floro and



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Wilson, of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion, leads a discussion among couples during the 470th MI Brigade's Strong Bonds couples retreat at Hilton San Antonio Hill Country Hotel & Spa March 21-23.

Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Wilson serving as facilitators.

Lt. Col. Theresa Walsh, brigade deputy commander, said it was an opportunity for brigade Soldiers and spouses "to enjoy the beautiful accommoda-

tions and spend some quality time."

She shared some statistics about current military divorce rates and reminded participants that this was a chance to strengthen relationships,

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## SOLOPILOTS from P1

Helicopters had only been in full-scale production 10 years at the outset of the Korean Conflict, but Army helicopters began to fly medical evacuation missions, sparing seriously wounded Soldiers punishing ambulance trips over Korea's wretched roads.

The Bell H-13 helicopter, which many pilots referred to as a flying fishbowl because of the huge plastic bubble the pilot sat in, was never designed for evacuating wounded. These pilots coaxed the underpowered aircraft to heroic feats, and during their first 12 months of operation in 1951, the Bell H-13's carried out 5,040 wounded.

By mid-1953, even with the perils associated with early helicopters, the

Army solopilots evacuated 1,273 casualties in a single month.

"I found out that these helicopters didn't have enough power to take off when they were fully loaded," Czerw said. "I asked them how they did it and they said, 'Well, we'd get up on top of a high cliff and kind of jump off to get a jump start.' These aircraft delivered wounded warriors under the most austere and dangerous battlefield conditions, bringing the injured to battalion aid stations and MASH sites, places that would be considered primitive by today's standards."

While their exploits are now legendary, solopilots were actually U.S. Army Medical Service officers called to action by Maj. George E. Armstrong, the U.S. Army Surgeon



Photo by Steve Elliott

The Solopilots Memorial is unveiled April 12 at the Army Medical Department Museum.

General at the time. In early 1952, Armstrong sent out word to his corps of officers – which included pharmacists, assistant battalion surgeons, lab officers, etc. – that if they met the required flight qualifications, they could volunteer for helicopter flight training.

"Starting from these humble beginnings with

one individual, the solopilot was not only responsible for flying and navigating the aircraft in all types of weather, they were also the mechanic and the medic," Czerw said. "On rare occasions, you had to land that bird, so you could fix it so it could fly out, or you had to help the patient. All of this was not performed by a team, but

by an individual ... the solopilot."

"They took these small observation helicopters with marginal piston engine power and converted them into functional ambulances," said retired Lt. Col. Hank Capozzi, director of the Solopilots Society. "They strapped patients to the outside in locally con-

trived litter racks and transported them to life-saving surgical hospitals. It was this dedicated willingness and the ability to improvise that makes the solopilot unique. They performed these duties more than half a century ago, 24/7, in all weather conditions alone."

"All of you have saved thousands and thousands of lives. There may not be some of us here today if not for you bringing back those injured service members," Czerw said.

"The dedication of this memorial in your honor will be a constant reminder to all of us of your place in the Army Medical Department history. It is with appreciation I extend to you, and to each and every one of your families, a sincere and heartfelt thank you. To all of you, I extend my salute."

# Soldiers provided opportunity to excel, exhibit expertise

By Sgt. Joshua Ford  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Junior enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers prepare for leadership roles through hours of intensive study, followed by appearing before a promotion board.

In the past, U.S. Army North Soldiers appeared before the Fort Sam Houston Garrison promotion board, but ARNORTH conducted its inaugural promotion board Feb. 25.

“We always relied on garrison to conduct our boards due to the small amount of specialists and sergeants in the command,” said Master Sgt. Nick Medeiros, noncommissioned officer in charge of strength man-

agement.

“Once we started to incorporate sergeants into ARNORTH’s defense coordinating elements, we identified that we needed to start conducting internal boards and not rely on garrison.”

ARNORTH has also seen an influx in compassionate reassignments, which has brought more Soldiers for promotion to the command.

“We felt we would be doing our specialists and sergeants a disservice if we could not get them to an ARNORTH promotion board,” added Medeiros.

“I would feel a lot more comfortable if leaders I know are sitting on the board rather than leaders I don’t know,” said Sgt. Amos

Stimage, an administrative clerk.

Stimage, scheduled to appear before the promotion board in April, has served with ARNORTH for more than two years. He said he is glad to see ARNORTH conducting its own promotion board.

“I like the fact that I will be able to go to a promotion board held by my own unit because it kind of takes off some of the pressure.

“I would feel even more pressured to go to another unit’s board because I would feel as if I was being judged on how well my record looks and by answers that I memorized and not more of my ability as a leader on a day-to-day basis,” Stimage said.



Photo by Lt. Col. Kim Chaney

A U.S. Army North Soldier appears before a promotion board at ARNORTH’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company building on Fort Sam Houston. ARNORTH conducted its inaugural promotion board Feb. 25.

Appearing before a promotion board is an important milestone in Soldiers’ careers.

“It keeps Soldiers proficient in basic Army soldiering and forces the

junior enlisted to stay in tune with the changes made to military regulations, tactics and procedures,” said Medeiros.

Through a promotion board, the command

helps junior Soldiers and NCOs compete for promotions, and provides opportunities for senior leaders to stay proficient with conducting board proceedings.

# Fiesta Royalty visit Fort Sam Houston



Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles (right) gets the royal treatment from fiesta royalty as they pin on fiesta medals congratulating him for completing the run while on crutches with Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, who led the annual 32nd Medical Brigade Viva Fiesta Run.



Photos by Esther Garcia

32nd Medical Brigade cadre and students get high five's from Fiesta Royalty as they complete the Viva Fiesta Run.

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw (center), commanding general, Installation Commander and Col. Randall Anderson (bottom, right), Commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, get together with 2010 Fiesta royalty at the annual brigade's Viva Fiesta Run at MacArthur Field the morning of April 9. The event is an opportunity for the San Antonio Fiesta Commission to provide an overview why San Antonio celebrates Fiesta and to thank the Soldiers for their service.



The Army Medical Command "Latino" Band and members of the Ballet Folklorico Del Cielo entertain more than three thousand troops on the field prior to the 32nd Medical Brigade Viva Fiesta Run.

## CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP FOR ADVANCED COURSE



**Photo by Lori Newman**

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Paskos (center right), commandant of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, passes the colors to 1st Sgt. Steven Miller Jr. (center left) charging him with the responsibility of the Advanced Leader Course, as 1st Sgt. Warren Fulwood (right), outgoing first sergeant, and Sgt. 1st Class Richard Patenia (left) look on. Paskos credited Fulwood for all his accomplishments at the NCOA and wished him well in his next assignment at Fort Campbell, Ky., and welcomed Miller and his family.

### IMCOM from P2

ects that IMCOM is working globally, and in a city of San Antonio's size, it probably one that adds to the already shining history of this military town," Lynch said.

The contract to build the headquarters structure is the first of 26 contracts with a total projected value of around \$390 million for San Antonio. During the past two fiscal years, contracts worth almost \$2 billion have been awarded to major construction companies from around the nation for work to be done here

at Fort Sam Houston.

IMCOM's mission is to provide the Army installation capabilities and services to support Army operations in a time of persistent conflict, said Lynch.

"We provide a quality of life for Soldiers, their Families, and civilians that work alongside of us with accommodations that are commensurate with their service. We are the Army's home," Lynch said "We provide a source of balance that ensures: an environment in which Soldiers and Families can thrive; a structure that supports

unit readiness in an era of persistent conflict; and a foundation that supports Army transformation."

"We join the city of San Antonio in your celebration of your heroes with this IMCOM groundbreaking ceremony that will honor our own fighting men and women that dedicate themselves to protecting America.

"Their commitment to serve our nation's military is a testament to their courage, their duty to country, and the strength of the nation," Lynch said.

*(Source: IMCOM Public Affairs)*

# Newly renovated USO opens in downtown San Antonio

By Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III  
DMA-San Antonio

USO officials unveiled a newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility for military members and their Families April 7 at the USO San Antonio Riverwalk Center.

The renovated facility features a children's play area, a computer area with six new stations, free Wi-Fi, refurbished pool tables, an eight-man gaming battle station and four individual gaming rooms with Nintendo Wiis and Xbox 360s, a reading room and a theater room.

There is a snack bar area with an ice cream sundae station, and snacks and beverages are also available.

"It's been a labor of

love refurbishing the center," said Shari Jenson, the director of USO San Antonio at the Riverwalk Center that accommodates more than 3,000 patrons a month.

The center closed its doors Dec. 1, 2009 and reopened two months ahead of schedule. For 68 years, USO officials have been providing morale-boosting programs and services to enhance the quality of life for military personnel in the downtown San Antonio area.

Although it's a new center, the USO mission remains unchanged: to support the troops and their Family members providing a home away from home for all of them.

The renovated USO

San Antonio Riverwalk Center serves military members and Families stationed Lackland, Laughlin and Randolph Air Force bases, Brooks City-Base, Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis and wounded warriors recovering at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

"Week after week, thousands of men and women come from around the United States to watch their military trainees graduate from Lackland Air Force Base. This gives them a place to come and relax away from the hot San Antonio days," said Brig. Gen. Leonard A. "Len" Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing at Fort Sam Houston.

"This truly is military



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

Brig. Gen. Leonard A. "Len" Patrick, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing, Fort Sam Houston; Sloan Gibson, president of the USO; Shari Jenson, director of USO San Antonio; Ed Reilly, USO board of governors chairman; Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commanding general of the Brooke Army Medical Center, and Brig. Gen. Charles K. Shugg, vice commander, 24th Air Force, Lackland Air Force Base, cut the ribbon signifying reopening of the USO San Antonio River Center April 7.

city USA and we are only growing,"

One of the new programs USO officials at the center will provide is United Through Reading. Service members can come in and read a story

to a child or loved one back home and USO officials will send the recording and the book to the Family free of charge.

"When the center is full of troops having fun

and relaxing that's when we'll be happy. To me that is why we are here," Jenson said.

For more information about the USO San Antonio Riverwalk Center, call 227-9373.



Photo by Dwayne Snader

Wounded warriors begin the six-day bike journey from the Center for the Intrepid.



# Wounded warriors pedal 350 miles during 'Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge'



Photo by Dewey Mitchell

In front of the Center for the Intrepid Tuesday, NCAA basketball player and former American Idol star Ayla Brown sings the Star Spangled Banner prior to the start of the Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge. The ride had more than 150 injured veterans and their supporters riding bicycles 350 miles over six days, from San Antonio to Arlington



Photo by Dwayne Snader

Wounded warriors begin the six-day bike journey from the Center for the Intrepid.

More than 150 wounded warriors biked for 350 miles during the "Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge."

Families, friends, Fort Sam Houston Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr, USO President Sloan Gibson, and Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst ate breakfast and attended an opening ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Center April 6 prior to riders starting the six-day journey from the Center for the Intrepid.

The route wound through San Marcos, Austin, Ft. Hood, Waco, Cleburne and ended April 11 at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

Other attendees at the kickoff to the ride were Fiesta's El Rey Feo LXII and his Court, the Medical Command Band, and cheerleaders and their mascots from the University of Connecticut and Stanford University.

(Source: United Healthcare)



Photo by Dwayne Snader

Virginia Elliott, Miss Fiesta San Antonio 2010 (left), American Idol star Ayla Brown, and El Rey Feo LXII, Walter Serma visit with wounded warriors prior to the start of the R2R Texas Challenge at the Center for the Intrepid.



Photo by Dewey Mitchell

The Ride 2 Recovery gets rolling Tuesday morning, leaving from the Center for the Intrepid on a six-day journey to Arlington, Texas, with more than 150 injured veterans and their supporters.



Photo by Dwayne Snader

Fiesta Royalty, cheerleaders and mascots from the University of Connecticut and Stanford University pose for a photo just prior to the start of the R2R Texas Challenge at the Center for the Intrepid.

**470TH from P8**

build great communication techniques and really “hear” their loved ones.

Among the brigade’s 18 participants were couples who attended Strong Bonds for the first time. Spc. Keila Rosado, of the HHD, and her husband, Alexander Maldonado, an Army Reservist, liked the “Tale of Two Brains” video sessions the best.

This look at the “Laws of Relational Physics” – the differences between men’s and women’s brains – was presented in a format that offered comic relief and gave couples a chance to laugh heartily with each other.

“It’s funny, but it’s reality,” said Rosado. The couple, who have been married for 15 years, said the Strong Bonds retreat “helps keep the

couple together.”

“With a military career, it is hard to get time together,” Rosado noted.

Capt. Michael Ballard, 401st MI Company commander, and Jessica, his wife of five years, agreed that they learned more effective ways of communicating and facilitating relationships, and how the opposite sex processes information.

The retreat also featured three other sessions: “The Key to Incredible Sex,” “Why Does He/She Do That?” and “How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody.”

“Strong Bonds retreats are affirming for couples who are on the right track,” said Chaplain Wilson. “They also provide insight for those who may be running down the wrong road.”

**WFSC from P4**

“I’m glad we could bring some encouragement to the troops and their families today. We wanted to come out and say thank you for their sacrifice and their patriotism.”

Also greeting the troops was local NFL football legend Priest Holmes. “I have an appreciation for the military not only because I’m from San Antonio, but from my parents’ military background, with my mother and stepfather both being in military,” Holmes said.

“I get excitement and joy to be able to come to the WFSC to talk football and have a good time. It’s great to meet these people and their Families,” said Holmes.

“We can never really understand what these

Soldiers go through when they’re overseas. It’s good that when they come home, they have people that care about them. It’s a breath of fresh air to talk to these folks.”

Providing the soundtrack for the afternoon, the Almost Patsy Cline Band entertained with songs from the late singer, as well as covers of classics from Bob Wills, Johnny Cash, Ray Price, Mel Tillis, Merle Haggard and Connie Smith.

“We’ve been coming out for three years to play this event,” said bassist/vocalist Lanette Pennell.

“We do this because we have sympathy and empathy for the fighting men and women and their Families. We see the hurt and the worry when they are separated and when they get injured. It really tears our hearts

out that that is even happening. We want to show them how much we appreciate them and their sacrifices.”

“Music has a healing power all its own and we want to provide a little bit of healing and solace for these folks who have given so much and sacrificed so much for us,” added keyboardist/vocalist Vicki Gillespie.

“Our country is free because of boys and girls like the ones here today. Their lives will be forever changed by what happened, so we just want to show them we appreciate all that they’ve given.”

“Events like today are great,” said Sgt. Justin Martwick, an Arizona National Guardsman recovering from injuries in an auto accident. Receiving treatment for a spinal cord injury at BAMC for more than a

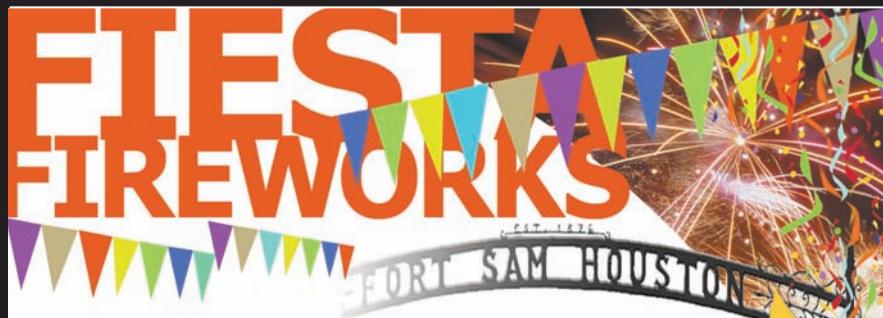
year, Martwick said he has appreciated “how military-friendly San Antonio is. I was moved into the warrior transition barracks in January and I can walk to the WFSC from there. It’s nice to be able to get out of my room and enjoy all this and all the other events.”

“This is what it’s all about. It all comes down to action, not words. You can slap a bumper sticker on your car or truck and say you support the troops, but this how you support the troops.”

“It’s humbling because I have people coming up to me and saying ‘thank you,’ when it’s me who should be thanking them. What we do here is a small thing,” Bales said.

“What they do is huge.”

# FIESTA FIREWORKS



Fort Sam Houston is proud to be part of  
San Antonio's 119th Annual 11 day  
Fiesta celebration!

Fiesta & Fireworks at Fort Sam is open to all Military Families, as well as the San Antonio community. This fun-filled day will have a little something for all ages - it's sure to be a great time! Chairs and blankets are permitted to watch the fireworks. No pets or coolers allowed on premises. Free admission and parking. Tickets can be purchased for food, rides and prizes, including a pre-owned 2009 Honda Civic from Benson Honda. Cash only - ATM on site.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### ACTIVITIES

All Day Long!  
Moon Bouncers  
Festive Foods  
Carnival Rides Arts & Crafts  
GameTruck  
Trackless Train  
Live Radio Broadcasts  
Children's Activity Tent

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
SeaWorld Adventure Team  
1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Petting Zoo & Pony Rides  
3:00 p.m.  
Pizza Eating Contest

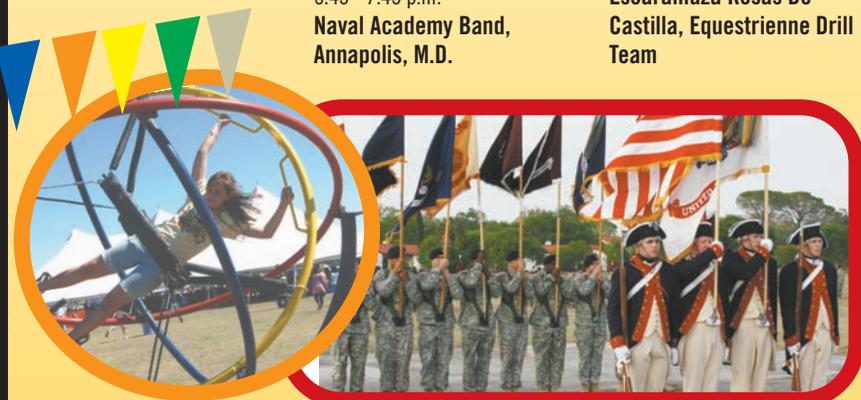
### ENTERTAINMENT

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Recluse-Band, top 40's  
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Air Force Honor Guard Drill  
Team  
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
DJ Stevie Mac's Dance  
Machine  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
USA Medical Command  
"Latino Band"  
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Ballet Folklorico Del Cielo &  
Mariachi  
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Kazamba Dance & Drum  
Group  
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
Naval Academy Band,  
Annapolis, M.D.

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Josh Ward Band,  
Country Artist  
9:00 p.m.  
Fireworks Extravaganza!

### MILITARY CEREMONY AT THE MACARTHUR PAVILLION

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Army Medical Command Band  
5:30 - 5:50 p.m.  
Fife & Drum Corps  
Performance & Retreat  
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
Fiesta Salute, Soldiers on  
Parade  
6:45 - 7:15 p.m.  
Escaramuza Rosas De  
Castilla, Equestrienne Drill  
Team



The public is invited to enter FSH gates from IH 35 at Walters Street, Harry Wurzbach Road or Wilson/ Cunningham Road and Pershing Street off Broadway.

## FSHISD NEWS

# Cole High School celebrates renovations with open house

By Jayne Hatton  
FSHISD

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District students, staff, parents and community celebrated the completion of renovations at Robert G. Cole High School at an open house March 12.

The ceremony began in the Robert G. Cole High School mall area and concluded with tours of the renovated campus.

Dr. Gail Siller, FSHISD superintendent, welcomed special guests, recognized student participation in the celebration and discussed environmental benefits of the renovation.

“We are expecting Leadership in Energy

and Environmental Design certification at the Silver Level, one of the first schools in San Antonio to achieve this standard,” Siller said.

“LEED certification is based on a set of standards for environmentally sustainable design, construction and operation of buildings with the common objective to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment.”

Cole High School, originally built in 1962 at a cost of \$800,000, had five additions over the years.



Courtesy photo

Cole Principal Isabell Clayton accepts flags from James Farless of the Charles Anderson Masonic Lodge.

The building was transformed within the last 18 months at total cost of \$9.8 million dollars and encompassed renovation of the high school classroom building, library, administration area, HVAC

upgrades, a new student commons area, and ADA upgrades.

The school was named for Lt. Col. Robert George Cole, who was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient for his heroic actions taken in June 1944 during World War II. Born at Fort Sam Houston in 1915, he was only 29 years old when he was killed in action.

“Cole’s legacy of service to others, exemplary character, and strong leadership live on as true examples to the students who attend school here,” Siller said.

Cole High School Student Council president Nicole Fee shared the student body’s perspec-

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## FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES APRIL 19-24

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

#### April 19

TAKS week – Shades day

#### April 20

Pastries with the Principal

King Antonio visits elem., 9:30-9:50 a.m.

Student Council meeting, 3-4:30 p.m.

#### April 21

TAKS week – Crazy socks day

Exemplary Music field trip to Fort Sam

Houston Golf Club, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### April 22

TAKS week – Hat day

TAKS Pep Rally, 8:45 a.m.

Fife & Drum visits elementary, 9:30 a.m.

Donna Dryden’s class field trip to

McDonald’s and HEB, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cougar Connection: How to Build Your Child’s Portfolio with Kristine rose, Louretta Stein, and Lissa Saadi (For all grade levels, learn how to create a portfolio of your child’s important school documents.)

#### April 23

Battle of Flowers – School Holiday

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Spring Book Fair in Media Center, all week

#### April 19

Cheerleading try-out practices in Moseley Gym, 4-5:30 p.m.

Boys and Girls Golf Regional Tournament

Quail Creek Golf Course, San Marcos, TBA

#### April 20

Cheerleading try-out practices in Moseley Gym, 4-5:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. Blanco at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

Boys and Girls Golf Regional Tournament, Quail Creek Golf Course, San Marcos, TBA

Middle School play rehearsal in fine arts building

#### April 21

Cheerleading try-out practices in Moseley Gym, 4-5:30 p.m.

Middle School PBS student incentive Fourth 9-week midpoint Lunch and Laughs

Middle School play rehearsals fine arts building

Regional Tennis, TBA

Boys and Girls Golf Regional Tournament, Quail Creek Golf Course, San Marcos, TBA

#### April 22

Cheerleading try-out practices in Moseley Gym, 4-5:30 p.m.

Regional Tennis, TBA

Boys and Girls Golf Regional Tournament, Quail Creek Golf Course, San Marcos, TBA

Middle School play rehearsals fine arts building

#### April 23

Battle of Flowers – School Holiday

Band to Dallas for Concert/Contest

Baseball at Randolph, 6 p.m.

Varsity Track meet Regional qualifiers location TBA, all day

#### April 24

Band to Dallas for Concert/Contest

## FSHISD NEWS

# Robert G. Cole High School enters into partnership with Alamo Colleges

By Jayne Hatton  
FSHISD

The College Connection, a new partnership with Robert G. Cole High School and Alamo Colleges, supports high school seniors' transition from high school to college, giving every senior the opportunity to be admitted to college.

"Our goal is to increase opportunities for our students to attend college and ease the transition between high school and post-secondary education," said Fort Sam Houston Independent School District School Board Vice President Eustace Lewis.

"This partnership offers our students another

option to continue their education."

College Connection includes an information session, completion of college applications, administration of the ACCUPLACER test, course registration for St. Phillip's College, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and tours of a community col-

lege and four year college.

A St. Philip's college student is assigned to Cole High School to help mentor students and answer any questions they might have.

"Upon graduation from high school, students who participate in this partnership will be ready to acquire a two-year degree, a certificate,

a license, or complete the first two years of a 4-year degree program at the Alamo Colleges," said FSHISD Superintendent Dr. Gail Siller.

"For students who have been accepted to, or plan to attend another college or university, they can attend one of the Alamo Colleges during a summer session and receive trans-

ferable college credit."

"Most students who attend college for the first time are required to take a placement exam. Through College Connection, students will have access to a free ACCUPLACER test which provides students with information about their academic skills in math, English and reading."

## FSHISD receives full accreditation status

By Jayne Hatton  
FSHISD

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District has received full state accreditation status for the third consecutive year.

The 79th Texas legislature passed House Bill No. 1 which amended the Texas Education Code impacting accreditation of school districts.

Under the authority of the Texas Education Code and newly adopted rules, accreditation statuses were assigned to districts for the first time in 2007-2008.

Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said 1,198 out of 1,232 districts and charters earned an accredited status from the Texas Education Agency.

"An overwhelming majority of our Texas school districts and charters are providing strong academic instruction to students and are appropriately handling public funds," Scott said.

"We are excited to share with our parents

and community the academic, fiscal and compliance performance for the Fort Sam Houston school district," said FSHISD Superintendent Dr. Gail Siller.

"The accreditation system examines both the financial and academic health of school districts and also examines performance in other areas such as data reporting, special program effectiveness, and compliance with statutory and regulatory

requirements."

FSHISD School Board member Jeanne Warren stated, "The board maintains high expectations for academic instruction and ensures we are good financial stewards of public funds.

"Our students and our military community deserve and expect that

we maintain these high standards."

Most of Texas districts and charter schools achieved full accreditation status. That is because they earned a rating of Academically Acceptable or higher in the state's academic accountability system and a Superior Achievement or Above

Standard Achievement in the state's financial accountability system, which is called School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

Additional information about the accreditation system is available at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter097/ch097ee.html>.



## Announcements

### CDC Used Book Drop

Drop off your new or used books in the lobby of the Child Development Center, Building 2530, April 26-30, the books will be donated to the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House. Then, fill those bookshelves back up at the CDC Scholastic Book Fair, which is being held in conjunction with the used book drop. Call 221-5002.

### Book Discussion

Join book lovers around Fort Sam Houston for a book discussion group on "Bless me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya, April 15 at 6 p.m. and April 22 at 10 a.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Library, Building 1222. The discussions are part of the library's participation in "The Big Read," a national

program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and refuel Americans' love for classic literature. Free copies of the book are also available at the library. Call 221-4702.

### 2010 Spurs Playoff Tickets

The Spurs would like to honor the Soldiers, Family and all DoD employees at Fort Sam Houston with special discounts on 2010 NBA Spurs Playoff Tickets:

- **Offer No. 1:** Spurs Playoff Tickets are available for purchase at the Sam Houston Club ticket office for round one home games one and two of the playoffs at a discounted rate to all DoD cardholders. Lower-Level seats/\$95 and H-E-B Fan Zone seats/\$25. Tickets include an exclusive Shoot-Around Pass to watch the Spurs practice before the game. Tickets must be purchased by 5 p.m. on April 16 at the Sam Houston Club Ticket Office, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Call 226-1663.

- **Offer No. 2:** The Spurs are pleased to present an outstanding offer for 2010 NBA Playoff tickets to all DoD cardholders at Fort Sam Houston. Anyone who orders tickets for round one of the playoffs through this special offer will have the oppor-

tunity to access future playoff series tickets before the public. Tickets will be available in the H-E-B Fan Zone (priced at \$45.35, \$35.35, \$22.35, \$15.35 and \$10.35), as well as a limited number of lower level and charter level seats (priced at \$69.35, \$79.35, \$89.35, \$150.35 and \$250.35). No additional charges will apply. To take advantage of the Spurs 2010 NBA Playoff ticket sale, visit <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=spurs&o=15206045&g=808>; enter the special offer code: GREG (Do not enter e-mail address here); create new account or use your existing one; pick your seats and location; print tickets at home. If you have a question, call 444-5618.

Playoff game dates will be announced today. Visit <http://www.spurs.com> for the schedule.

## Calendar of Events

### April 15

#### Scream Free Parenting

A free seminar presented by the Scream Free Institute will be held 9-10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2418.

#### Scream Free Marriages

A free seminar presented by the Scream Free Institute will be held 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-

0349/2418.

### Sex Signals

In conjunction with April being Sexual Assault Prevention Month "Sex Signals" will be offered post-wide 4:30-6 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This 90-minute two-person enactment will provide discussion about dating, sex and the issue of consent. Call 221-0598/2418.

### April 19

#### Pre-Deployment Planning

The training will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail [samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil).

#### Savings and Investing

The class will be held 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

### April 20

#### Microsoft Excel Level 2

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Excel Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

#### Key Caller Training

The training will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Army Community Service,

Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

### Credit Reports

The class will be held 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

### Denim Day

Denim Day has been internationally-celebrated since 1999 in protest of an Italian High Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. Enraged by the verdict, women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to work. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators throughout the military encourage participation in Denim Day. Prior approval must be coordinated through your chain of command. The Sexual Assault Help Line is available 24 hours, call 722-4920.

### Microsoft Access Level 2

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Access Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

### Care Team Training

The training will be held 10-11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is recommended for casualty assistance officers, casualty notification officers and battalion care team volunteers. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

### Stress Management

The class will be held 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2705.

### Sexual Assault Awareness Lunch and Learn

The training will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 32nd Medical Brigade, Building 902. Learn signs, symptoms and red flags of child sexual assault. Registration is required. Call 221-0349/2705.

### Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The training will be held at noon at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

### April 22

#### MWR Cash and Carry Sale

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a cash and carry sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Building 4192, Bay A. Items include: TVs, desks, computers, chairs, stove, oven, large refrigerators, large and small shelves, exercise equipment, tables, fry station, and other miscellaneous items. Items may be purchased on a first-come first-served basis, all sales are final. All property is sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. There is no prior viewing of sale property. Accepted payment is cash and personal checks with a picture I.D. Call 221-4449.



## Announcements

### Free Summer Camp for Military Kids

The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple camps offer a free week of fun for military children with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. Blue Streak Stables in Seguin, will hold a camp for girls July 25-30. For registration information or additional dates visit <http://www.MilitaryFamily.org>.

### Race for the Cure

To register or support the Fort Sam Houston team participating in the 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in San Antonio, May 1 visit <http://www.komensanantonio.org/>.

### Summer Youth Program Registration

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation 2010 Summer Youth

Program is an affordable, fun and safe program that will run from June 14-Aug. 6; the hours are 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A hot lunch and snack are included as well as an entire day of recreation-themed activities, including games, sports, and arts and crafts. Registration for 40 Summer Youth Program school sites will be held April 17, 8 a.m.-noon at Copernicus Community Center and Ron Darner Parks and Recreation Headquarters. Visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec> for details.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL 15

#### FSH Preservation Society

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston meets April 15, 11:30 a.m. at the Stilwell House. 626 Infantry Post. The speaker is Capt. R.L. Whynot. He will present "Polar Bears and Glaciers," followed by a mystery subject concerning the Vikings exploration of North America. Call 822-6034.

### April 17

#### Caminada de Fiesta Walk

The Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk, April 17 starting at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum, Building 1046, 2310 Stanley Road. Walks start between 7:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers/>.

#### Big Brothers/Big Sisters Family Adventure Race

The Family Adventure Race will be held April 17 at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels. Call the 7306th Medical Exercise Support Battalion at 325-2482 for more information.

### April 20

#### ADHD Parenting Class

The Behavioral Health Consultation Service at the Kelly Family Medicine Clinic will hold a Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder training class April 20, noon-1 p.m. in the Kelly clinic conference room. No appointments or referrals are needed. Brooke Army

Medical Center, Wilford Hall and North Central Federal Clinic patients are welcome. Call 925-6071 for more information.

### April 22-25

#### 2nd Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans Alliance Reunion

The 2nd Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans Alliance will hold its annual reunion April 22-25 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, 111 E. Pecan Street. Call 218-798-1984 or 713-291-9905. Prior to April 21, call 713-334-0271.

### May 1

#### Babysitting Classes

A two day course will be held May 1 and 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650 at the corner of Patch and Harney roads. Cost is \$20, special price for FSH only. To register, call 582-1931.

### May 7

#### Leadership Simulcast Training

A one-day leadership simulcast training will be held May 7, 7 a.m.-3

p.m. at the Lackland Gateway Club. The simulcast provides leadership advice by offering new ideas for creative problem solving, best practices for creating strong team cultures and advice for avoiding, detecting and

reversing decline. Simulcast speakers include Tony Dungy, former NFL coach, and authors Jim Collins and John Maxwell. Open to all Department of Defense employees. Cost is \$25. For tickets, call 671-7187.

## REMINDER CALENDAR

- April 15** Volunteer of the Year Awards, 10 a.m., Sam Houston Club
- April 15-25** San Antonio Fiesta
- April 17** Caminada de Fiesta 10K Walk, beginning between 7:30 a.m.-noon, AMEDD Museum
- April 18** FSH Fiesta & Fireworks, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Field
- April 19** IMCOM Headquarters ground breaking ceremony, 1:30 p.m.
- April 21** One welcome briefing, 2-4 p.m., command conference room
- April 22** Holocaust Days of Remembrance, 11:30 a.m., Sam Houston Club
- April 23** Battle of Flowers Parade
- April 23** Outdoor Movie Night, "Band Slam," sunset, main post flagpole
- April 24** 5K Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
- April 24** Outdoor Movie Night, "The Princess and the Frog," Dodd Field
- April 26** 502nd ABW Activation Ceremony, 9 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field

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tive on classes held in the portable buildings and the transition back into the high school.

Senior Jameson Wong created a video presentation reflecting student voices on the renovated building.

Robert G. Cole JROTC Color Guard members Cadet Staff Sgt. Leif Oen, Cadet Cpl. Tabitha Oen, Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Brittany George, and Cadet Cpl. Bryan Liker posted the colors and Cadet Sgt. First Class Michael Barber led the audience in the Pledge of

Allegiance.

Under the direction of assistant band director Dan Vasquez, the Robert G. Cole Choir sang the National Anthem and "We Are the World" during the ceremony.

Joining the choir were FSHISD School Board president Deborah Seabron, Cole English teacher Angela Jolivet, and volunteer Brandon Drayton. Robert G. Cole Middle/High School principal Isabell Clayton accepted flags presented to the school by James Farless of the Charles Anderson Masonic Lodge.

**Rocco Dining Facility Menu**

Building 2745, Schofield Road

**Friday – April 16****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Fried catfish, jambalaya, barbecued chicken, stuffed cabbage rolls, macaroni and cheese, red beans and rice, steamed rice, broccoli, fried cabbage, LA-style smothered squash, yellow and zucchini squash

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Beef lasagna, turkey meat loaf, vegetable stuffed peppers, grilled chicken breast, breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, hopping John rice, beets, French-fried okra, turnip greens

**Saturday – April 17****Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Beef and broccoli, chicken stir fry, breaded pork fritters, cheese tortellini, baked sweet Italian sausage, lyonnaise rice, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, stewed tomatoes, zucchini squash

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Chicken pot pie, Swedish meatballs, vegetable three-cheese lasagna, chipper perch, baked potatoes, Aztec beans

and rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, cauliflower, green beans with corn

**Sunday – April 18****Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Meat loaf, Creole macaroni, potato fritata, roast turkey, candied sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, cornbread dressing, corn, broccoli combo, green peas and mushrooms

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Scalloped ham and potatoes, honey-ginger chicken, braised beef and noodles, broccoli rice and cheese casserole, lemon-herbed baked fish, brown rice, O'Brien potatoes, lima beans, French-fried cauliflower, beets

**Monday – April 19****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken cordon bleu, mustard-dill baked fish, spaghetti and meat sauce, beef stew, cheese manicotti, spaghetti noodles, mashed potatoes, parsley new potatoes, rice pilaf, carrots Normandie, asparagus, eggplant parmesan

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Roast pork, Salisbury steaks, cheese tortellini, chicken parmesan, spaghetti

noodles, baked sweet potato halves, steamed rice, green beans, Oriental mixed vegetables, cauliflower

**Tuesday – April 20****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Beef enchiladas, cheese enchiladas, chicken in orange sauce, fried catfish, roast beef, refried beans with cheese, parsley-buttered new potatoes, steamed rice, baked potatoes, Mexican corn, broccoli, Spanish-style beans

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Monterey chicken, baked-stuffed fish, beef fajitas, breaded veal steak, baked macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, five-grain wild rice, refried beans with cheese, carrots, zucchini squash

**Wednesday – April 21****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

"Fiesta Meal"  
Split pea soup, beef rice soup, fideo, chile rellenos, Mexican pork chops, Greek meatballs with sauce, chicken Souvlaki, baked pork chops, potato-scallion latkes, Spanish rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, stewed tomatoes, jalapeno cornbread, pico de gallo, chili

gravy

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Baked polish sausage with sauerkraut, country-fried steak, baked ham with pineapple sauce, beef stir fry, barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, cottage-fried potatoes, corn O'Brien, Brussels sprouts, yellow squash

**Thursday – April 22****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken chow mein, Yankee pot roast, savory baked chicken, blackened catfish, potato frittata, baked potatoes, steamed rice, parsley-buttered new potatoes, wax beans, Japanese vegetable stir-fry, carrots

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Salisbury steaks, sweet and sour pork, fried shrimp, turkey porcupines, broccoli quiche, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, steamed rice, Chinese mixed vegetables, spinach, stewed tomatoes

*Menus are subject to change without notice*



**For Sale:** Simmons Beauty Rest king-size mattress and matching box springs, very good condition, buyer must pick up, near 1604 and 281, \$35 or gift card you haven't used yet to reputable establishment. Call 771/7480.

**For Sale:** Craftsman 1/2 HP garage door opener with key pad, \$75. Call 315-486-0375.

**For Sale:** BMX 12-inch boy's cross-road terrain-style bike, \$45; dining table, wood top with black frame and legs, with four chairs, brown seat cushions with black legs, \$150. Call 262-3007.

**For Sale:** 65-inch Aspect television, lower portion is speaker stand, very good condition, \$650; brown Graco stroller, new fabric, clean, great shape, \$50. Call 971-219-7341 or 503-953-6345, on post.

**For Sale:** Maytag electric range with glass top, \$175 obo; Maytag

Quiet Series 300 dishwasher, \$90 obo; both units are 3 years old, white, have all the latest options and are in excellent working condition. Call 249-1675.

**For Sale:** Running boards for a Ford F150 extended or crew cab pickup, black with chrome, \$175. Call 386-6390.

**For Sale:** 1992 Ford Econoline E-150 custom conversion van, loaded, rust prevention, new alternator, good tires, "as-is," can be seen at the Lemon Lot, \$1,400 cash firm; entertainment center, room for multiple components, glass doors, two storage drawers and cabinet with double doors under television, dark cherry finish, \$50; or with analog TV, \$100. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** Set of four used aluminum alloy tire rims, 18.5 inch diameter, 16-spoke (eight pair), silver matte finish, not "spinners," \$75 set. Discount for active duty military. Call 221-9182/0984.

**For Sale:** Zenith floor model television, analog, good working condition, \$30 obo; maroon rug, 8 feet by 10 feet, good condition, \$30 obo; weight bench with leg extension, good condition, \$30, obo. Call 722-4329.



## Religious Briefs

### PWOC Spring Retreat

The San Antonio Area Protestant Women of the Chapel invite the public to join us at our first combined Spring Retreat April 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, 1721 Dodd Ave. Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston PWOCs will combine to praise and worship God in spirit and in truth. The workshop is entitled, "Walking with God," the guest speaker is Minister Paulette Jordan, former Fort Sam Houston PWOC president. Child care will be provided for children newborn to 5 years old. A light breakfast and

lunch will also be provided. To register, call 310-3022, 290-8719 or 314-6860 or e-mail samhouston@pwoc.org.

### PWOC Weekly Bible Studies

Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold weekly morning Bible study Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and an evening study Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, 1721 Dodd Ave. There are seven different Book Studies available. The studies are innovative, interactive and taught by spirit-led women. The chapel provides free childcare for children up to 5 years old and a home school facilitator during PWOC. All children must be registered with the Child Development Center. Call 863-6361 or e-mail samhouston@pwoc.org.

### Thought of the Week

Better to eat bread in peace than cake amidst turmoil. — Slovakian Proverb

(Source: Bits & Pieces)



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

#### Catholic Services:

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

#### Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Collective Protestant

11 a.m. - Collective Protestant

#### Jewish Services:

379-8666 or 493-6660

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

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

#### Catholic Services:

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Catholic Women of the Chapel Enrichment or Bible Study - Mondays

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

#### Protestant Services:

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

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Wednesdays, child care is provided

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Thursdays, child care is provided

#### Samoan Protestant Service:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Web site: <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>

### Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105

#### Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

#### Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

#### Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:

12:30 p.m. - Traditional worship - Thursdays

### Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105

#### Christ for the Intrepid services:

5:30 p.m. - Coffee and fellowship - Sundays

6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

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

#### 32nd Medical Brigade Student services

Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays

#### Contemporary Protestant Service:

9:30 a.m. and 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Muslim Jumma: 1:30 p.m. - Fridays

### Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007

#### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays