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MAJ. GEN. RUSSELL CZERW
APRIL 30, 8 a.m.
MacArthur Parade Field**

"One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!"

502nd Mission Support Group stands up

By Steve Elliott
FSH Public Affairs

One of the last pieces of the Joint Base San Antonio puzzle moved into place April 26 as the 502nd Mission Support Group officially stood up during a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston's historic MacArthur Field.

The new unit will eventually replace the U.S. Army Garrison at FSH when it reaches full operational capability Oct. 1. Joint Base San Antonio will cover nearly 67 square miles; have more than 80,000 full-time employees performing 211 missions; support 145,000 students and include a retiree community of more than 250,000.

While physically located on three different sides of the city, the 502nd MSG joins the 802nd MSG at Lackland Air Force Base and the 902nd MSG at Randolph AFB to

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Photo by Steve Elliott

The 502nd Mission Support Group flag unfurls behind Col. Mary Garr, 502nd MSG/Garrison commander and Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing, after the group's official activation at Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Field April 26.

ARNORTH (Fifth Army) named senior command at FSH

The U. S. Army North (Fifth Army) has received orders from the Secretary of the Army to assume the role of senior mission command at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis effective April 30.

Fifth Army, in its own lineage and current occupancy of the Quadrangle, recognizes the historic importance and value of Fort Sam Houston and its mission.

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, the commanding general of ARNORTH (Fifth Army), assumed command in December 2009.

As the U.S. Northern Command Joint Force Land Component Command, ARNORTH (Fifth Army) is charged with specific mission tasks:

- Homeland defense and defense support of civil authorities missions.
- Provide training and readiness oversight of state National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams and training assistance to the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Consequence Management Response Forces.
- Conduct the Army-to-Army theater security cooperation with Canada and Mexico.
- Coordinate the activities of defense coordinating officers and their elements assigned in each Federal Emergency Management Agency region.
- Task organize up to two task forces that, with augmentation, can become joint task forces and deploy within the operational area to command and control DoD forces responding to homeland defense or civil support operations.

Fort Sam Houston is home to more than 50 units from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Included in those units are U.S. Army South, U.S. Army Medical Command, U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School and the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

(Source: ARNORTH)

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SOS Program holds Family Day for surviving Family members of fallen service members

By Cheryl Harrison
ACS Marketing

Twelve Families of fallen service members gathered at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 24 under a blue Texas sky to support each other and learn about outreach programs available to them.

The Survivor Outreach Services Program has one sole purpose: to deliver on the Army's commitment to support the Families of fallen service members who

died while on active duty. SOS is a holistic and multi-agency approach to providing access to support services at garrisons and communities closest to where Families live.

Jennifer Koranyi, Survivor Outreach Services coordinator, began planning the Family Day months ago in an effort to get as many of the Families together as possible. Her compassion for Families is the driving force behind the program.

"I have such a large

area, with Families north of Austin and as far south as Harlingen. I knew getting them all together was not possible. But if I could get one or two then I have made a step in the right direction and it is worth it," Koranyi said.

Pony rides, a bounce for the kids, face painting, hot dogs, cold drinks, popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones were available at the event. But, more importantly, Families met each other

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Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Twelve Families of Soldiers killed while on active duty attended a Family Day at the Equestrian Center April 24. Survivor Outreach Services held the event for Families to meet one another and spend quality time together.

WHMC Neurosurgery Flight moves to BAMC, no change in care

By Sue Campbell
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Neurosurgery Flight is scheduled to move to Brooke Army Medical Center May 3. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to move all WHMC inpatient care to BAMC and form the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

"This move is part of the BRAC plan to establish an inpatient center at BAMC where all military trauma will be conducted," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) David Garrett, chief of neurosurgery at WHMC. "The subspecialties associated with the trauma mission are moving a few weeks ahead of the merger of the trauma departments and general surgery so any new chal-

lenges associated with our consolidation can be solved before WHMC moves all trauma services to BAMC."

The two military neu-

rosurgery departments consolidated as a SAMMC service with one chief in 2008. The consolidation occurred to help cover deployments and other

military missions, which affected the different services at various times.

Five Air Force neurosurgeons and an administrative technician will

move from WHMC to the BAMC neurosurgery department on the second floor. All inpatient

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Thought of the Week

In business, willingness is just as important as ability. — Paul G. Hoffman

(Source: Bits & Pieces, April)

Weekly Weather Watch

	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
San Antonio	83° Partly Cloudy	92° Chance of Rain	86° Chance of T-storm	85° Partly Cloudy	85° Chance of T-storm	83° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	75° Chance of Rain	77° Chance of Rain	78° Scattered Showers	80° Scattered Showers	86° Scattered Showers	80° Chance of Rain
Baghdad Iraq	89° Partly Cloudy	91° Partly Cloudy	87° Chance of Rain	78° Chance of T-storm	80° Scattered Showers	84° Chance of Rain

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

News Briefs

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.

Traffic Flow Around MacArthur Parade Field

April 30 traffic flow around Arthur MacArthur Parade Field will be altered from 6-10 a.m. due to cannon firing and military parade activities. Use caution in the area as there will be many pedestrians, Soldiers and vehicle movements. Worth Road will be closed April 29 and 30. Dickman Road adjacent to MacArthur Parade Field will be closed 8-9:30 a.m. Vehicles will be detoured along Stanley and Dickman Roads via Old BAMC. Parking around the Army Medical Department Center & School will be limited due to a large number of guests attending the AMEDDC&S change of command ceremony.

Training Support Company Change of Responsibility

The Training Support Company will hold a change of responsibility ceremony May 7 at 1:30 p.m. at their area of operations at Camp Bullis. First Sgt. Rosalba Chambers will relinquish responsibility to Sgt. 1st Class Dietrek Louis. Call 295-7724.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony

The Army Medical Department Center and School Command Sergeant Major will host a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction ceremony May 4 at 3 p.m. at Blesse Auditorium. Inductees are Staff Sgts. Patrick Anderson, Brooke Army Medical Center and Kevin Conner, AMEDD Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

BAMC Soldiers in Training Physical Therapy Clinic Relocating

The Brooke Army Medical Center Soldiers in Training Physical Therapy Clinic will be closed May 13-14 as it moves onto main post, Fort Sam Houston. The SIT/PT clinic will open in its new location in Building 1385, 2965 Koehler Road (former 264th Medical Battalion headquarters) on May 17. Call 916-3066.

Joint Base San Antonio largest initiative in DoD

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form the support infrastructure for Joint Base San Antonio, the largest joint base initiative in the Department of Defense. The three mission support groups fall under the 502nd Air Base Wing, headquartered on Fort Sam Houston.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick is commander of the 8,000-person 502nd ABW, which consolidates 49 installation management support functions for a military community with an annual operating budget of more than \$850 million and a \$10.9 billion plant replacement value. The wing also supports in excess of \$4.5 billion in directed Base Realignment and Closure and other major projects.

"Today is about team work and it's about moving forward," Patrick said after the ceremony.

"Today is about making Joint Base San Antonio a raging success. I can't tell you how excited I am to work with such professionals, particularly at this installation.

"At Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases, we did a similar reorganization with the 37th Training Wing, 59th Medical Wing and 12th Flying Training Wing," Patrick said.

"For the last couple of months we've had an opportunity to find out how we take core processes to support our 211 partners on these three installations with municipal services," he said.

Joint basing was mandated by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in 2005 to consolidate functions at adjacent and nearby installations under one military service to optimize management.

Throughout the Department of Defense, 12 military locations will be affected by joint basing. Air Force has lead on six of the joint bases, Navy has lead on four and Army has lead on two. The Air Force was directed to



Photo by Steve Elliott

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general of the Army Medical Department Center & School and Fort Sam Houston, greets Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing, after the 502nd Mission Support Group's official activation April 26.

be the executive agent in San Antonio.

Joint Base San Antonio is unique in that it is the only one to have two Air Force bases. Only one other – Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia – has installations that don't share an actual fence line.

"If we do this right, Joint Base San Antonio will be the standard for all the other joint bases throughout the Department of Defense," said Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander of Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB.

"You think about Fort Sam Houston and its history and see this is a great post. It will continue to be a great post when this is all done. Period. End of story. That's our goal, as a

team, and I'm going to stress that – teamwork, teamwork, teamwork."

"This is a great day for the joint force, both the Air Force and the Army. Today, we officially start the process of joint basing in San Antonio," said Randall Robinson, director of the Installation Management Command-West Region.

"This union will join the strategic and operational capabilities of the Army and the Air Force and will form an even more powerful military asset for the defense of this great nation.

"Fort Sam Houston is known throughout the military and the nation as home to many major commands," Robinson said to the audience at the ceremony. "This is the future home of the Army's Installation

Management Command. Look at the signal that this sends. We don't have an Army base, we don't have an Air Force base, we have a joint base."

Joint Base San Antonio will service more DoD students than any other installation, have more active runways than any other installation, host more widely diverse tenant units than anywhere else and house the largest hospital in the DoD.

"Today represents the opportunity for us to move forward for all three installations," Patrick said. "Think about the power in what we can do for our nation. We are attacking the enemy and defending our network with our cyber warriors. We are producing combat medics to help save lives on the battlefield. We are teaching pilots how to be instructor pilots. Every young man and woman who comes into the Air Force marches across the parade field at Lackland AFB."

The consolidation preserves core mission capabilities by keeping operational expertise within operational units, according to the 502nd ABW website. Services retain their respective missions and this move respects the history of each installation and maintains their relevance in the new structure of customer support.

"Successful organizations don't just happen, they are built by great leaders," Lorenz said.

"There have been three successful leaders who have been instrumental in the success of Fort Sam Houston and the transformation of Joint Base San Antonio," Lorenz said.

"First, I'd like to single out a good friend and a friend to everybody – I know that because I've been to all the Fiesta events with him and everybody gives him a great big hug – and that is Maj. Gen. Russ Czerw," Lorenz continued.

"He's been instrumental in

U.S. Army South conducts joint humanitarian exercise in Nicaragua

By Arwen Consaul

U.S. Army South Public Affairs

U.S. Army South, along with U.S. Navy combat engineers, are working together with the Nicaraguan National Assembly to construct three waterwells in Los Sanchez, Samaria and La Noria from March 21 until May 21 as part of Army South's Beyond the Horizon mission.

Beyond the Horizon is a humanitarian and civic assistance mission in Nicaragua, providing focused medical and engineering support to the people of the region. The mission provides an opportunity to work in partnership with the Nicaraguan military, as well as provide a real-world learning environment for U.S. military service members.

The engineering projects for this mission are being conducted by U.S. Navy combat engineers, better known as Seabees, from Naval Mobile Construction

Battalion (NMCB) 25, out of Fort McCroy, Wis. The engineers arrived in Nicaragua March 11 to begin preparations for the digging and construction of the three wells.

"These wells are important because they provide the community with much-needed potable water in a central location," said Navy Ens. Joe Neal, officer in charge of NMCB 25. "By digging this well, we provided the town of Samaria with a fresh water source. Prior to this, the locals had to walk to the river for potable water which was some ways out."

Nicaraguan army Lt. Rodolpho Otero, a force protection officer providing security for the Seabees, spoke with many locals who stopped by to talk with the military and the civilians engineers.

"Everyone agrees that this well was very much needed for this village and the people living in the surrounding area," Otero



Three U.S. Navy Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25, out of Ft McCoy, Wis. work on a water well drilling project in Samaria, Nicaragua for U.S. Army South's Beyond the Horizon 2010.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Robert Lee

said. "The locals are all very happy to see Americans working with the Nicaraguan military on this project."

Since construction began on March 21, the engineering detachment, along with support from Army South and the Nicaraguan army, has completed the well at Samaria and has already begun construction on the well in Los Sanchez.

Though the timeline is tight for the construction of three water wells, Neal also points out that this is a great opportunity to meet the people of Nicaragua.

"This mission gives us opportunities to interact with local people and the Nicaraguan army while getting real world training for future missions," Neal said. "It also gives us chances to interact with the

local populace showing that both countries are working together."

The construction of the final water well in La Noria is scheduled to be complete in May. The three water wells constructed in partnership with Army South, NMCB 25 and the Nicaraguan army will bring lasting benefits to the local community.

U.S. Army South commander takes reins of JTF-Haiti

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commander of U.S. Army South, took over the reins of Joint Task Force-Haiti April 25.

Trombitas has commanded U.S. Army South since Nov. 9. Before that, he was the special assistant to the commanding general of Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, who had served as commander of the task force in Haiti since January, said farewell in a message to his troops. He said it was a privilege to work with all U.S. military services, side-by-side with 18 militaries from the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force and with hundreds of non-governmental agencies helping provide aid following the devastating earthquake.

"I believe no one can come to Haiti and remain

unchanged," Keen said in a farewell article in *The Responder*, the newspaper serving JTF-Haiti. "I know I have certainly been personally and professionally affected by what I saw and experienced since Jan. 12."

"The children of Haiti have hope because of the overwhelming response of the world, a response led by America and the U.S. military," he said.

For instance, the U.S. Army has delivered nearly 9 million ready-to-eat meals and 7 million bottles of water to Haiti in support of humanitarian efforts there since January, according to the Army G-4.

"You can all look back on this experience with pride and satisfaction knowing you saved lives and gave hope to the people of Haiti," he told service-members.

At the height of the humanitarian-assistance mission in Haiti, about 22,000 U.S. forces were assisting in the effort, including 7,000 land-based troops, with the remainder operating aboard 58 aircraft and 15 nearby ships. Currently, about 2,200 U.S. troops remain in Haiti, and Keen said that number is expected to drop to about 500 by June.

The drawdown can be attributed to the ample assistance being provided by non-governmental agencies, Keen said. In addition, Keen announced at a press conference Monday that beginning this month, the Louisiana National Guard will conduct a five-month exercise focused on helping to rebuild Haiti.

As part of the "New Horizons" exercise, the Guard will be engaged in projects exceeding \$2 million, to rebuild



Photo by Pvt. Samantha D. Hall

Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general, JTF-Haiti, takes a minute to talk with a group of children March 21.

facilities such as school classrooms and emergency operations centers that could help with future disasters, Keen said.

Trombitas graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1978. His first assignment was with the 2nd Armored Division. He has commanded the U.S. Special

Operations Command in Korea and the U.S. Military Group in Colombia.

(John Kruzal of the American Forces Press Service contributed to this article, along with J.D. Leipold of the Army News Service and The Responder newspaper staff of JTF-Haiti.)

Biometrics team demos force protection device for Colombia

By Gregory Ripps
470th MI Brigade Public
Affairs

Culminating a four-month initiative March 25, a biometrics team from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade was in Colombia to demonstrate a device that could help the Colombian military improve force protection.

Col. Jim Lee, brigade commander, and Pedro Nunez, U.S. Army Southern Command's liaison officer to Colombia, began the initiative.

Lee directed Shawn Porter, the brigade biometrics division's identity operations manager, to work on a biometric collection system to help the

A biometric collection system uses computer science to recognize individuals through physical traits

Colombians with force protection issues.

"Clearly, a new capability and strategy was needed," Porter said.

A biometric collection system uses computer science to recognize individuals through physical traits, which allows for identity access to restricted areas.

Porter explained that their objectives included stopping or deterring unknown individuals from entering and leaving Colombia's operational bases, and inter-

dicting persons of interest at local checkpoints.

Beginning last November, the biometric working groups began to develop a biometric device that would attain those objectives. In addition, they specified that the device would be light weight, include all the biometric modality components, and be Spanish language-capable.

Their efforts resulted in deployment of one biometric system for test and evaluation with the Colombians. It is up to



Shawn Porter, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Biometrics Division identity operations manager, demonstrates a biometric device for members of the Colombian military. A brigade working group developed the device to assist the Colombians in force protection by identifying people through physical traits.

Courtesy photo

the Colombians whether they would like to pursue this capability.

"U.S. Southern Command, in coordination with the brigade's

biometrics division, is trying to sustain the current progress of this initiative and capitalize on future capabilities for the Colombians," Porter said.

"As the biometric enterprise matures and advances, the Colombians can advance their forensics capability."

BAMC Purple Heart recipients receive praise for valor, courage, honor

By Jen D. Rodriguez

Brooke Army Medical Center
Public Affairs

The text of the citations still ring true today for Sgt. Ryan Mack and Spc. James Burnett, who received Purple Heart military decorations April 20 at the Warrior and Family Support Center garden.

The Purple Heart citations read "Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."

Mack and Burnett were honored for their combat-related sacrifices and praised for their courage, valor and honor by more than 30 people, including Family members, fellow Soldiers and

friends.

The Intrepid Winds from the 323rd Army Medical Command Band, and Mike Lester, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Purple Heart Association Chapter 1836, were also in attendance.

"A Soldier's willingness to serve is because we believe in our country," said guest speaker Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commander of Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center.

"You defended our country. Thank God for people like you."

Command Sgt. Maj. Donna M. Simmons, command sergeant major, Brooke Army Medical Center, also assisted with the presentation.

The Purple Heart is an American decoration, the



Spc. James Burnett is presented his Purple Heart by Brigadier Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commander of Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center.

oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first American award made available to the common Soldier.

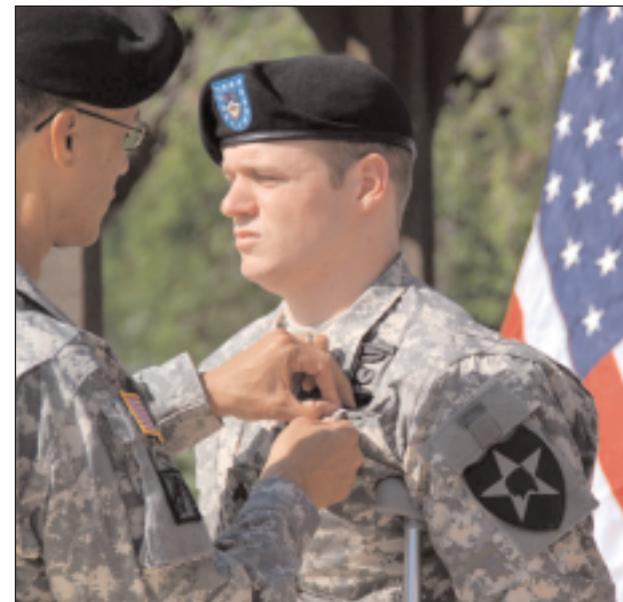
"I signed up to join the military, but my Family didn't. I'm thankful for them always being there and supportive," said Mack, who attributes his recovery to his Family,

especially his wife Blair who held his hand.

"That meant a lot," Mack said.

Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Mack served as an infantryman in Afghanistan.

On Feb. 26, while on a



Sgt. Ryan Mack is presented his Purple Heart by Brigadier Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commander of Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center.

mounted patrol, his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device resulting in his combat injuries.

Blair, along with Mack's parents, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Mack, also attended the ceremony.

A native of San Antonio, Burnett was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, serving as a combat medic in Afghanistan.

On July 17, 2008, while manning a tower, he came under direct fire resulting in his combat injuries.

Burnett's parents, Larry and Donna Burnett attended the ceremony. His mom pinned Burnett's Purple Heart.

The medal was Burnett's second.

Carvalho said the WFSC garden was a fitting place for the ceremony, "to meditate or reflect on those who serve or gave their lives," he said.

Burnett agreed with the general, saying "I appreciate everyone for being here today. But, we still have people in the fight. They need your support too."

Photos by Jen D. Rodriguez

Military launches improved system to compensate personal property moves

By Army Maj. James F. Lowe
U.S. Transportation Command

After extensive testing and evaluation, the military has launched an improved system to better compensate service members who personally move household goods on military orders.

All services began using the new system April 15. Moves initiated prior to that date will continue to process under the terms in place at the time of initiation.

Members can make final moving plans with their local transportation office.

“Personally Procured Move, or PPM, gives our service members a choice. They may elect to personally move some or even all of their personal property and receive an incentive for doing so,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Ronald Coleman, deputy director of Transportation Command’s Defense Personal Property System.

PPM replaces Do it Yourself, or DITY, moves. The new system calculates for reimbursement using a “best value” method. Most moves will fall into one of three scenarios:

- Service members will receive 95 percent of the “best value” the government would pay to move the goods as an incentive;
- Actual Cost Reimbursement will pay service members actual cost not to exceed the “best value” of the move

and is used for pre-approved special handling such as assembly and disassembly and packing fragile items; or

- When a government-furnished moving service is not available, ACR pays the actual cost for the entire move subject to service headquarters pre-approval.

Some moves will not qualify for the new system. Rules for moves can be found in the DPS Smart Book at <http://www.move.mil>.

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3RD ANNUAL NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 4 Prayer Breakfast, 6-7:30 a.m.,
Dodd Field Chapel
- May 4 Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction
Ceremony, 3-4 p.m., Blesse Auditorium
- May 5-6 Enlisted Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,
32nd Medical Brigade Classroom,
Building 902
Register by April 30 at <https://invitations.afit.edu/2010EnlistedWorkshop/anim.cfm>.
Call 221-8256
- May 6 NCO Night, 5-7 p.m., Sam Houston Club,
Cost is \$5, RSVP by April 29.
Call 221-7629/5736.
- May 7 Retreat Ceremony, 5 p.m., Main post flagpole

NCO Week is to promote the NCO Corps, build cohesion, enjoy camaraderie and continue to develop NCO leaders. Contact your unit first sergeant or command sergeant major for more information regarding these events.

Fort Sam remembers, commemorates Holocaust during Days of Remembrance ceremonies



Photo by Amanda Stephenson

Anna Rado, guest speaker at the Holocaust Days of Remembrance ceremony April 22 at the Hacienda Recreation Center holds a framed photo of the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle presented to her as a gift for sharing her story about her imprisonment in the Auschwitz Death Camp in Poland.

By Lori Newman
FSH Public Affairs

Fort Sam Houston Soldiers and civilians learned about the Holocaust during Days of Remembrance ceremonies held throughout the post.

Gerd Miller was the guest speaker for an event held April 21 at the Sam Houston Club.

“Being able to hear from people who have lived through [the Holocaust], whether as survivors, or in the case of today’s special guest, as a liberator for those who were able to survive those horrific experiences is extremely important because as time passes the farther it recedes into our history,” Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group/Garrison commander said.

Miller, born in Cologne, Germany, came to the United States at

age 16 with his family. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as part of a group trained in Army Military Intelligence; chosen because he could speak German fluently.

Miller helped liberate the Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany and the Mauthausen Camp in Austria. After the war, he also worked in Heidelberg, Germany, to help assemble the documentary evidence for the Nuremberg Trials.

“All together the Nazis killed somewhere between 10 to 11 million people,” Miller said.

To put the number of people killed during the Holocaust into prospective Miller said, about 3,000 people died on 9/11 ... if 3,000 people were killed every day; seven days a week – 52 weeks a year, it would take almost 10 years to kill 10 million people.

Miller described his experiences during World War II to the audience who listened intently.

He described going through the camp in Dachua, seeing decaying bodies laying over fences and stacked on top of each other, going through the gas chambers, which were labeled “Showers,” and the crematoriums still burning the dead bodies. He also described seeing a train with 40 railcars full of bodies.

“As we came toward the city of Dachau the first thing we noticed was this horrible, horrible smell,” he said.

“Dachau was originally built for 5,000 people. The camp had 32,000 people in it. Most of those people were truly walking skeletons.”

Garr told the audience about growing up in Germany and having friends whose parents survived the Holocaust.

She reminded the audience about other events throughout history such as the killing fields in Cambodia and Sunnis’ killing Shiites’ in Iraq and the Middle East.

“Unfortunately we don’t always realize or think about how genocide is still taking place,” Garr said.

Students from Robert G. Cole High School participated in the ceremony lighting candles to remember those who died in each of the concentration camps.

The 232nd Medical Battalion also hosted an event April 22 at the Hacienda Recreation Center. About 150 Soldiers learned about the horrors of the Holocaust by listening to stories told by survivor Anna Rodo about her imprisonment in the Auschwitz Death Camp in Poland.

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Robert G. Cole High School students (from left) Taylor Williams, 11th grade; Jameson Wong, 12th grade; Michael Chambers, 12th grade; Michael Scott, 10th grade; and Stephanie Aviles, 11th grade light candles representing the lives lost in each of the concentration camps.

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Rado was 12 years old when she and her family were captured in 1944.

Even though she, her brother and her sister survived the concentration camps, her parents were killed.

After her liberation,

she returned to Hungary; but Hungary became controlled by the Soviet Union and she and her surviving family were imprisoned again, this time for trying to escape communism.

Twelve years after the end of World War II, Rado and her family

were able to leave Hungary and emigrate to the United States and eventually San Antonio.

"I have told my story many times, and every time I talk about it, I get very emotional," Rado said. "We must learn not to hate, and I don't hate anyone, except Hitler and



Photos by Lori Newman

Col. Mary Garr (right), 502nd Mission Support Group/Garrison commander, presents Gerd Miller (center), guest speaker, a proclamation signed by Mayor Julian Castro in honor of the Fort Sam Houston Days of Remembrance ceremony as Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Houston looks on.

[Dr. Josef] Mengele. I am very happy now with my life and my family who keeps me going."

"I was very inspired by her speech," Pfc. Jiho Lee, Company C, 187th Medical Battalion said. "She taught me about how to treat other people

by erasing hate."

"I learned about the Holocaust; things I didn't know and I think I am better for it," he said.

"There are too many out there who say the Holocaust never happened. The Holocaust did happen. Millions and mil-

lions of innocent lives were lost unnecessarily and many other atrocities are [still] happening across the world. We cannot forget; we cannot turn a blind eye," Garr said.

(Ben Paniagua contributed to this article.)

Army South prepares for NSPS conversion

By Arwen Consaul
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South will convert its National Security Personnel System employees to the General Schedule May 23.

Employees under the Acquisition Demonstration Project, Scientific and Technology Reinvention Laboratories, physicians and dentists and other health care professionals will not be converted to GS.

“The Defense Authorization Act 2010 passed in September 2009 delineated that NSPS positions needed to be classified under the GS system and will no longer fall under NSPS rules,” said Audrey Golding, chief, Civilian Human Resources Branch with Army South.

“Because we are transitioning and moving fast, many

people will have questions and concerns about converting to the GS system,” Golding said.

“However, performance expectation under the GS system shouldn’t be any different than the current NSPS system. We are still going to be required to evaluate performance and achieve Army goals.”

The first step in converting a position from NSPS to GS is determining the appropriate grade. Many Army organizations show the “GS Equivalency” on their NSPS position descriptions.

If the NSPS position description does not contain a GS equivalency statement, the director with Delegated Classification Authority will determine the conversion grade based on the duties being performed and according to GS classification rules.

Once the transition occurs

employees will receive an SF-50 that identifies their Pay Plan their grade (GS-1 through GS-15) and their step (1 through 10).

Golding also pointed out that no employee will lose pay after the conversion and that future GS employees will be evaluated on the Total Army Performance Evaluation System.

After conversion, the TAPES rating period for all transitioned GS employees will be from Oct 1, 2009 to Oct. 31, 2010. There will be an interim review conducted by May 21.

The rating cycle for the following year begins Nov. 1 and the TAPES will then break down evaluations based on the pay grade of the GS employee. For pay grades of GS-13 to GS-15 the rating cycle begins July 1 to June 30.

For those GS-9 to GS-12 the



Courtesy Photo

All Department of Defense employees under the National Security Personnel System must be transitioned to the General Schedule system by Jan. 1, 2012. Army South is set to have employees transition May 23.

process will be from Nov. 1 and ends Oct. 31 and for those below GS-8, the evaluation process will be from May 1 to April 30.

Another difference between

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Once the grade of the position has been determined, salary will be set to one of the steps within that grade as follows:

1. If the NSPS base salary matches a step within the grade, the employee will be placed on that step.

2. If the NSPS base salary is below the first step of the grade, the salary will be increased to match Step 1.

3. If the NSPS base salary falls between 2 steps within the grade, the salary will be increased to match the higher step.

4. If the NSPS base salary exceeds step 10 of the grade, the salary will remain unchanged, and the employee placed on retain pay indefinitely.

For more information about the NSPS to GS conversion, please visit: <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/nsps/repeal.html>

DoD NSPS Website at: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/>
NSPS Connect at: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nspsconnect>

CARING PLEDGE

Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Simmons and Commanding General Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho sign the Army Medicine Healthcare Covenant in a ceremony in the Medical Mall April 20. In part, the covenant pledges that we are committed to delivering maximized physical and behavioral health promotion, improved quality outcome-focused care and services, and improved access and continuity of care.

Photo by Kelly Schaefer



OUTREACH from P2

and were presented with information on programs available to help them move forward.

Nicki Cuellar, widow of Sgt. Bacilio Cuellar said, "I have lived here for two and a half years and did not know about this program until a friend showed me their newsletter. That's how I found out about this event

today. I am so glad to know they [SOS] are there for us."

Koranyi said after the event, "I think the event was a great success. Everyone who came enjoyed the day, and had the chance to meet and talk to other surviving Family members, that alone was worth it all."

Representatives from The Children's Bereavement Center of

South Texas, the Trevor Romain Foundation, the Tragedy Assistance Programs for Survivors, Gold Star Mothers, Military Family Life Consultants and Fort Hood's SOS coordinator and an SOS Financial counselor were on hand to provide information to the Families.

For more information about FSH's SOS, call 221-1841/2418.

NNEUROSURGERY from P2

and outpatient services will move, with some neurosurgery still handled at WHMC, on a case-by-case-basis.

"There will be no change in care for military beneficiaries and we will probably be able to increase overall numbers because many of the duplications being performed simultaneously in two different military centers will now be eliminated," Garrett said. "Neurosurgery is typically a low-manned special-

ty and having two neurosurgeons on call, one to cover BAMC and one to cover WHMC, is spending a labor resource that can be better done with consolidating our manning in a single location."

Neurosurgery has been a service at Wilford Hall since the 1960's.

"There was once a neurosurgery residency program at Wilford Hall and Dr. David Dean, now a neurosurgeon at BAMC, was once a resident in that program," Garrett said. "The last head of the neurosurgery resi-

dency program was Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Meyers, who later served two terms as the Air Force Surgeon General."

Astronaut Michael Collins was treated by Meyers at Wilford Hall in the late 60's. The incident is described in his book, "Carrying the Fire: An Astronaut's Journeys."

More recently, the WHMC Neurosurgery Flight became one of the first departments in the country to perform vagal nerve stimulation for the treatment of major depression.

PHOTO FINISH



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Bill Yates, program support assistant, Warrior and Family Support Center, gives wounded warrior Capt. Ed Bailey a helping hand as wounded warrior Lt. Mark Bressler runs along side during the 5K Run/Walk Against Violence April 25. Sixty-five adults and children attended the event, which was held in support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

HORRIFIC HISTORY LESSON



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Sgt. Chris Garcia examines a wall displaying a history of the Holocaust — the persecution and genocide of Jewish people in Europe under the Nazis. Garcia was among Soldiers of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade to visit the Holocaust Memorial at the San Antonio Jewish Community complex April 7 during the Days of Remembrance, an annual eight-day period for remembering and drawing lessons from the Holocaust.

AFAP addresses Army Families' needs, concerns

By **Camilla Weeks**

470th MI Brigade
Family Readiness Support
Assistant

Army Families that have issues have an avenue at hand for resolving them through the Army Family Action Plan program.

The AFAP program was created in 1983 with the advent of the first AFAP Planning Conference.

In 1984, during the Year of the Army Family, the first AFAP was published as a program to help the Army address the needs and concerns of its Families. Its creation helped the Army recognize the importance of Army Families today.

AFAP allows every sector of the military to have a voice in raising quality wellbeing concerns to leadership. Some issues are dealt with at the local level while others are forwarded to higher commands for resolution.

AFAP is a vehicle for

providing input from the people of the Army to Army leadership. It's a process that lets Soldiers and Families say what's working, what isn't and what they think will fix it.

It alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their attention and gives them the opportunity to put plans quickly into place to work toward resolving the issues.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli told last January's AFAP conference that the Army continues to focus on strengthening Soldiers and Families to meet the challenges of a long war with repeated deployments.

"The 'big idea' is that we want to move from treating medical and behavioral issues after the fact to where we are assessing potential issues and building Soldier and Family resilience," said Chiarelli.

At the same confer-

ence, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of Installation Management Command, also spoke about the Army Family Covenant, which the Army unveiled in 2007 to institutionalize the Army's commitment to providing Soldiers and Families – active, guard and reserve – a quality of life "commensurate with their quality of service."

"We are delivering the Army Family Covenant with a focus on five specific areas," said the general.

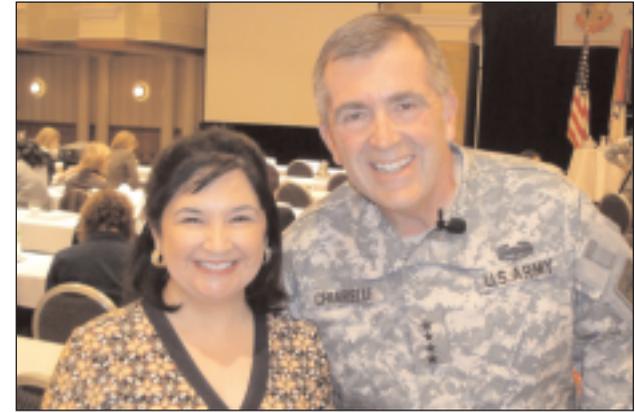
"Standardization and funding of existing programs and services; increasing accessibility and quality of health care; improving Soldier and Family housing; ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care; and expanding education and employment opportunities for Family members."

At an April meeting, Lynch attended, 15 specific issues were addressed. He said it

appeared two-thirds could be closed.

He emphasized that the AFAP program was a great forum to raise issues that can be resolved at a lower level and to forward to the appropriate higher level those that can't be resolved at a lower level.

Army Family members are encouraged to contact their unit's Family Readiness Support Assistant with their needs and concerns so that the AFAP program can address them.



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Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli meets with Camilla Weeks, 470th MI Brigade Family Readiness Support Assistant, during the Army Family Action Plan national conference in Arlington, Va., last January. Lower-level AFAP conferences are held at different times of the year.



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Family members can ask questions during town hall meetings, but they can raise issues or state concerns anytime through their unit's Family Readiness Support Assistant so they can be addressed by the Army Family Action Plan.

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MILITARY & FIESTA



Military ambassadors wave to the crowd while riding on the military float during the Battle of Flowers Parade April 23. Representing the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, the ambassadors attended more than 60 fiesta events in the community.



Members of the Joint Service Color Guard march in the Battle of Flowers parade April 23. The JSCG supported numerous fiesta activities in the community.



(Left to right) Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, Fort Sam Houston commander; Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, Army North commander; and Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, deputy commander, salute as the National Anthem is played at the Vietnam Memorial Service. Czerw, keynote speaker, said at the conclusion of his remarks, "Honor those who gave of themselves to allow us this week this day."



Military leaders representing the Armed Forces participate in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo April 19 carrying wreaths as they walk to the Alamo where a ceremony is held in honor of the defenders of the Alamo.



Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander, Air Education and Training Command and his wife, Leslie, wave to the crowd during the Flambeau Parade. As the 2010 military coordinator, Lorenz attended several Fiesta events representing the Armed Forces in the community.



Fort Sam Houston leaders representing their commands participate in the Texas Cavaliers River Walk Parade April 19. The parade is one of three major parades held during Fiesta.



On behalf of the commanders of Fort Sam Houston, Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, commanding general, Army North, presents a framed commemorative gift containing pictures of well-known landmarks of the post to Mary Begia, president, San Antonio Fiesta Commission, during a reception April 18 hosted by the commanders of Fort Sam Houston.

Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw and his wife Michelle, show off their shoes, as tradition, prior to the start of the Flambeau Parade April 24, an evening event. Participants are often challenged by the crowd to show their shoes.

Photos by Esther Garcia



Staff Sgt. Kathia McConnico, Brooke Army Medical Center, serves as guard for the Joint Service Color Guard during the Vietnam Memorial Service at Auditorium Circle April 25. McConnico is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the guard.



Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 366, pose with guests from the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Association during the annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service April 25 which honors all veterans.



Fiesta Royalty military ambassadors with Miss Fiesta San Antonio and the princesses enjoy a moment of fun while waiting for the Flambeau Parade to begin.



The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Band out of Albany, Ga., marches in the Flambeau Parade April 24.



The U.S. Army Medical Command Band performs in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade April 19. The MEDCOM Band supported numerous Fiesta activities including the day and night parades.



Navy leaders and military ambassadors Petty Officers Brent Booze and Kristen Steele represent the Navy at the Pilgrimage to the Alamo April 19. The Navy celebrated San Antonio Navy Week with a variety of activities during Fiesta.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' information forums to be held at Fort Sam Houston

Members from the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group studying issues associated with implementing a repeal of the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" visit Fort Sam Houston May 6.

Passed by Congress in 1993, DADT is a law mandating the discharge of openly gay, lesbian, or bisexual service members. Defense Secretary

Robert M. Gates established the working group to begin a review should a repeal of the law occur.

Members of the Comprehensive Review Working Group are conducting Information Exchange Forums (IEF) at several military installations around the world, including Fort Sam Houston, as one means to obtain the input of service members and their families about issues associat-

ed with repeal of the policy, including impacts, if any, on military readiness, military effectiveness and unit cohesion, recruiting/retention, and family readiness.

The forums will include 250 to 300 randomly selected service members. Following the IEFs, working group members will conduct small focus groups with service members to focus on specific questions.

The working group encourages participants to engage in an open and honest discussion but participants should understand the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" remains in effect and service members should not disclose confidential information at these events.

A plan of action to address the issues involved with implementation of a repeal of the

law will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense no later than Dec. 1, 2010.

The mission of the working group is not to engage in debate about whether to repeal the law, but to gain a better understanding of how a repeal might affect service members and their families.

Service members and their families can participate in the DoD Compre-

hensive Review Working Group Online Inbox at <http://www.defense.gov/dadt>.

The website is computer access card-enabled and is another means for the working group to be informed of the issues associated with the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

(Source: Department of Defense)

Army South Soldier reenlists in UH-60 Blackhawk above Haiti

A U.S. Army South Soldier reenlisted while flying in a UH-60 Blackhawk more than 300 feet above Port-au-Prince, Haiti on April 24.

Army Spc. Sarah Lystra, an administration specialist with U.S. Army South, took advantage of her deployment to Haiti

to conduct her reenlistment ceremony in a helicopter from the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment deployed from Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.

"At first I wasn't going to reenlist but after weighing all of my options this was the best

decision for me and my Family," Lystra said. "Since I made that decision, I wanted my first reenlistment to be a unique and memorable experience."

Not only was this event a memorable experience for Lystra, it also was unique for her reenlistment officer, Army Capt. Christopher

Feliciano, a political military analyst with Army South.

"It is always an honor to have a Soldier request you as their reenlistment officer and this is my first time to administer the oath during a deployment and also in a Blackhawk," Feliciano said. "This unique reenlistment not only boosted

her morale, but it boosted mine as well."

Coming from a joint service Family with her father and brother serving in the U.S. Navy and her husband in the U.S. Air Force, Lystra commented that it was fitting that she reenlisted during her deployment in a joint environment with Joint Task Force-Haiti

supporting Operation Unified Response.

While she says the different branch-of-service jokes are plentiful among her Family members, they still support her choice of service to the United States.

"We are a military Family and we are all

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providing quality base support and service for all the organizations here. Russ, your leadership on the post and in the community has forged an unbeatable team.

“Randy Robinson, the director of IMCOM-West, and his team have guided this joint basing initiative from start to finish. Your vision and leadership has set the conditions for the success that the 502nd will now carry forth,” Lorenz said. “This is important because the IMCOM headquarters is going to be right here on Joint Base San Antonio. We have a great opportunity in the future to learn from each other.

“Finally, I’d like to acknowledge someone who’s become a friend of mine, and who is someone I admire and I am glad she is standing right there ... Col. Mary Garr,” Lorenz said as he acknowledged the colonel’s role as commander of troops for the ceremony’s formation and as commander of the FSH Garrison.

“Mary’s done an incredible job. Working

for one boss is hard enough, but working for three or four is really difficult to do. We would not be here today without your determination, dedication and leadership. Thank you for all you’ve done,” Lorenz said.

“The Army’s confidence in this remarkable installation is made clear by the fact that just in the last several years, the Army has invested \$2 billion in construction at Fort Sam Houston,” Robinson said. “This will be the poster child for the Department of Defense when people look at Joint Base San Antonio and say ‘They do it right.’

“General Len Patrick is an outstanding and seasoned leader who is the right person to take this organization forward and take care of all our service members and their families,” Robinson added. “IMCOM is committed to the success of our joint base and the opportunity to leverage the process to create an even better place for our service members and their families to live.

“With our community and civic leaders that have been in lockstep with us, I pledge to you



Photo by Steve Elliott

Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick is commander of the 8,000-person 502nd Air Base Wing, which consolidates 49 installation management support functions for a military community with an annual operating budget of more than \$850 million and a \$10.9 billion plant replacement value.

and the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, that we will not lose the historical identity of these three installations,” Patrick promised the assembled military and civic leaders and other guests.

“Fort Sam Houston will still be called Fort Sam Houston, Lackland will still be called Lackland and Randolph will still be called Randolph. The history of the U.S. military is here.”

“While we know there are other joint bases across the country, we also know that the great people of San Antonio and their pride in

I pledge to you and the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, that we will not lose the historical identity of these three installations

— Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick

Military City USA, will make ours the best joint base in our great nation,” Lorenz said.

“I stand before you wearing a uniform representing the U.S. Air Force, but I am forever cognizant on how closely the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force histories are linked. The creation of the 502nd Air Base Wing and the 502nd Mission Support Group are the cornerstones that bring great opportunity, great anticipation, and more importantly, great expectations of what we will be

able to accomplish tomorrow.

“Those of us in Air Force blues salute our Army teammates and count it a privilege to stand with you in the coming days to forge a future of unmatched success,” Lorenz said.

“We are dominant on the ground and dominant in the air. But imagine what we can do with our combined capabilities under one flag at Fort Sam Houston – together under the flag of one great nation.”

FSHISD NEWS

COLE HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy photo

Each month Robert G. Cole Middle/High School recognizes one student from each grade level for his/her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for March 2010 are (front row left to right) Tae Gallegos, 7th grade; Dayne Howell, 6th grade; Kelli Coleman, 8th grade; (back row left to right) Jamie Douglas, 9th grade; Patrick Joers, 11th grade; Ben Miller, 12th grade; and Emily McLamb, 10th grade.

Elementary students participate in 'Tell Me A Story' event

By Jayne Hatton
FSHISD

Elementary students and their parents listened as Deborah Seabron, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District School Board president, read "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot," by Margot Theis Raven at a recent Tell Me A Story event April 15.

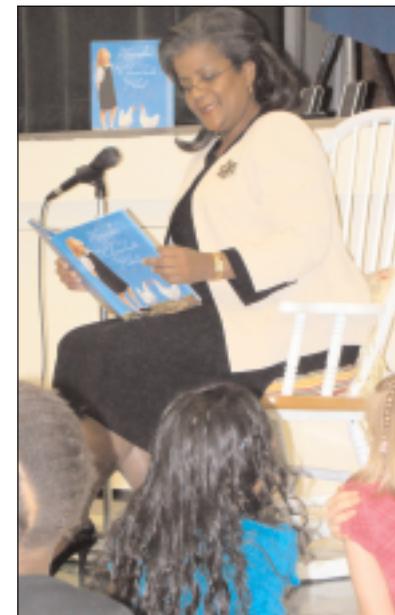
The Military Child Education Coalition Tell Me A Story initiative was created to foster skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of

pride and accomplishment, and a caring community through the use of literature.

"Each Tell Me A Story event features a selected book. Parents and children sit together to hear a story, break into small groups for a discussion or activity and then leave with a copy of the featured book," Stephanie Schell, Fort Sam Houston Parent to Parent Coordinator said.

"Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot"

See **STORY P19**



Courtesy photo

Deborah Seabron, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District School Board president, reads "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot" to elementary students during a Tell Me A Story event April 15.

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is a story of the Berlin Airlift, a humanitarian rescue mission that utilized British and American airplanes and pilots to fly in supplies to the people in West Berlin.

It is the true story of a 7-year-old girl who lived

in West Berlin during the airlift and of Air Force Lt. Gail S. Halvorsen, the American pilot who dropped chocolate from the sky, and became known as the Chocolate Pilot.

"At the time of the airlift, I was a simple pilot," Halvorsen said.

"I didn't know the full significance of what was being played out in the skies over East Germany, but I did know that people were hungry, and they needed help."

"Tell Me A Story events encourage discussions among children and their parents," Seabron

said.

"Geared toward children ages 4 to 12, literature gives parents a way to address difficult topics with their children and provides strategies and skills for resilience so needed in our world today."

CONVERSION from P10

the NSPS system and the GS system is pay for performance.

"In the GS system you can get rewarded three ways," Golding said. "There is the performance bonus, a time off award or quality step increase. The first two awards do not affect the employees overall annual pay."

A quality step increase is a performance bonus awarded to the employee

at the time of the performance. It can only be awarded once in a 52-week time period.

A general step increase from 1 to 10 is based on time. To increase from step 1 to 4 takes one year. To increase from step 4 to 7 is two years and an increase from Step 7 to 10 takes three years in grade. A general step increase, however, is not guaranteed under the GS system:

"If an employee is not

performing a supervisor can delay their step increase," Golding said.

Since the GS system is also based on time in grade, many employees were concerned about when their time would start under the conversion.

"Employees last equivalent increase will be determined by certain pay action, such as performance pay-out in 2010, reassignment, or date the employee was assigned to the organiza-

tion, said Golding. "The date for within-grade increase will differ based on individual circumstance."

Golding recommends that employees use their NSPS objectives as a starting point for implementing objectives under TAPES.

"The GS system is still performance driven and all converted employees will need to have new job objectives to base their performance on," Golding said.

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Friday – April 30**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Fried chicken, barbecued beef brisket, lemon-herb baked chicken, shrimp gumbo, macaroni and cheese, oven-glo potatoes, steamed rice, LA-style smothered squash, carrots, pinto beans

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Salisbury steak, chicken pot pie, beef stir fry, fried catfish, cheese manicotti, steamed rice, oven-browned potatoes, cauliflower, southern green beans, baked parmesan tomato halves

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

Yankee pot roast, chicken cordon bleu, cheese ravioli, beef fajitas, rice pilaf, parsley-buttered potatoes, lima beans, Brussels sprouts, sliced beets

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbecued roast pork, country-fried steaks, roast pork, tuna noodle casserole, cheese manicotti, baked potatoes, oven-glo potatoes, orange rice, yellow squash, broccoli, peas and carrots

Sunday – May 2**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Shrimp stir fry, southern fried fish, baked ham, vegetable lasagna, baked fresh sweet potatoes, fried rice, steamed rice, cauliflower combo, spinach

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Beef and broccoli, Caribbean chicken breast, Monterey chicken, vegetarian chili macaroni, steamed rice, cottage-fried potatoes, baked potatoes, wax beans, succotash, turnip greens

Monday – May 3**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, roast turkey, baked stuffed fish, country-fried steaks, spaghetti with marinara sauce, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, wild rice, eggplant parmesan, French-style green beans, LA-style squash

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Grilled pork chops, fried chicken, veal parmesan, cheese ravioli, spaghetti noodles, oven-browned potatoes, steamed rice, collard greens, French-fried okra, cauliflower au gratin, collard greens

Tuesday – May 4**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken fajitas, meat loaf, broccoli quiche, pineapple-glazed baked ham, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, Spanish rice, red beans and rice, marshmallow sweet potatoes, turnip greens with bacon, calabasita squash, pinto beans

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef enchiladas, cheese enchiladas, baked fish amandine, breaded chicken patties, Cantonese pork spareribs, refried beans, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, wild rice, green beans Creole, broccoli, Mexican corn

Wednesday – May 5 "CINCO DE MAYO"**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken tortilla soup, cream of broccoli soup, pork calabasita, chicken gorditas, cheese quesadilla, beef enchiladas, caldo de res, Mexican rice, pinto beans, fried potatoes with onions, fiesta green beans, oven-roasted corn on cob, jalapeno cornbread, guacamole, pico de gallo, sopapillas with honey, Mexican wedding cookies, Tex-Mex chocolate cake,

fruit salad, Aztec salsa salad, spring salad

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Baked knockwursts, breaded veal steaks, beef and broccoli, red beans and rice, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, hot German potato salad, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, carrots and celery amandine

Thursday – May 6**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Tempura fried fish, chicken bulgogi, spicy pork, pork chop suey, Yankee pot roast, breaded chicken patties, steamed rice, fried noodles, parsley-buttered potatoes, vegetable stir fry, club spinach, green peas and mushrooms, cucumber kimche salad

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Sweet and sour chicken, vegetable lasagna, shrimp stir fry, meatballs with brown gravy, baked kielbasa sausage, mashed potatoes, baked egg noodles and cheese, steamed rice, baked parmesan tomato halves, French-fried okra, cauliflower combo

Menus are subject to change without notice

FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAY 3-8

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School	High School, all day AP Statistics exam, noon
May 4	May 5
Student Council meeting, 3-4:30 p.m.	AP Calculus AB and BC exams, 8 a.m.
May 5	5th grade parent presentation
College/University Day wear your College University T-shirt	"The Road Ahead: Middle School" at Cole Middle School mall, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Fifth grade parent presentation "The Road Ahead: Middle School" at Cole Middle School mall, 5:45-6:30 p.m.	Cole Middle School Theater Production "Pedro de Urdemales" in Fine Arts Building, 6:30 p.m.
Progress reports sent home	Cole Middle High School Art Show at Moseley Gym, 7-8:30 p.m.
May 7	May 6
PTO meeting in Room 51, 8 a.m.	AP English Literature and Composition exam, 8 a.m.
Fifth grade Track and Field Day at Cole High School	JROTC Spring Awards Ceremony in Cole Gym, 7-8 p.m.
Robert G. Cole Middle and High School	May 7
May 3	AP U.S. History exam, 8 a.m.
Regional Track Meet at Judson High School, all day	May 8
May 4	Band Banquet at Cole Middle School Mall, 6:30 p.m.
Regional Track Meet at Judson	

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Announcements

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"The Dixie Swim Club," a comedy about lasting friendships by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, April 22-May 29 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652 on Harney Road. Tickets are \$29/Thursdays and \$32/Fridays and Saturdays, military members and students \$26/Thursdays and \$29/Fridays and Saturdays. The house opens for the salad bar and

cocktails at 6:15 p.m., buffet, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. The box office is open noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 1-5 p.m., Saturdays. Call 222-9694.

Cure for the Summertime Blues

Keep your child active all summer through The EDGE! Program. June 7-Aug. 20, The EDGE! Program will operate Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children first-12th grades can sign up for classes and activities including kayaking on Canyon Lake, painting, cooking, hiking in area parks and visiting local attractions such as the San Antonio Botanical Gardens and Aquarena Springs. Week-long camps are also available. The EDGE! Sports Performance Camp will be led by 2000 Olympic sprinter Curtis

Johnson, to help children develop inner and outer strength and condition them for any sport. Boot Camp, grades sixth-12th, challenges children to overcome obstacles both on and off the field. Horse Camp teaches children proper horsemanship and participants will get familiar with riding and caring for horses before they close out the week with a trail ride. In addition to its summer programs and camps, The EDGE! will continue to offer the First Tee Golf Program and Fort Sam's Most Talented programs on their regularly scheduled days and times. All participants must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Parents can begin enrolling their children in June activities May 3 at Parent Central, Building 2797 or visit WebTrac, <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/SamHoustoncys.html>. Call 221-9854 or 771-2148.

Fiesta Bowl

Continue to celebrate the spirit of Fiesta one more day with a couple of bowling games with the whole Family for under \$15. From noon-2 p.m., first game is free and additional games are just \$1, plus free

shoe rental. Limit three games per person. Call the Bowling Center at 221-4740.

Calendar of Events

April 29

Microsoft Word Level 3

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Word Level 1 and 2 and registration are required. Call 221-2518.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class will be held 10 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Call 221-1612.

April 30

TGIF Taco Night

Stop by Sam's Sports Bar inside the Sam Houston Club, 5-7 p.m. for free tacos, music by a DJ, drink specials and a chance to win great prizes. Must be 21 or older. Call 224-2721.

Operation Baby Shower

The Family Advocacy Program

will hold the Second Annual Operation Baby Shower 2-6 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This free event is for expecting parents as well as with children under 1 year old. This fun-filled event includes baby gifts, parenting information, demonstrations and games. Open to all I.D. card holders, registration is requested. To register, visit <http://operationbabyshow-er2010.wufoo.com/forms/operation-baby-shower-2010/>. Call 221-0349/2418.

May 1

Post-Wide Garage Sale

The post-wide garage sale will be held 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Items will be sold from individual homes as well as the MacArthur Parade Field parking lot at Worth and Stanley Rd. All sellers must register before April 29 through the MWR Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center. Participants may rent tables and chairs from the Outdoor Equipment Center on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call 221-5224/5225.

Kuk Sool Won Korean Martial Arts Seminar

A martial arts seminar will be held 1-4 p.m. at the Middle School and Teen Center, Building 2515. Special guest Kuk Sa Nim, grandmaster of the World Kuk Sool Association, will present a special lecture and a training session with World Kuk Sool Won Masters will follow. Participants will receive a copy of the World Kuk Sool Won

Association "50th Anniversary & Masters' Exhibition" DVD. The event is open to the public and all ages are invited. Call 221-9854.

May 3

Bank Account Management

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

Unit Family Readiness Training

The training will be held 9-10 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will define the phases of the deployment cycle, identify stresses and Soldier and Family issues related to deployment. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

May 4

Introduction to Computers

The class will be held 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills will be introduced to the novice computer user. Registration is required. Call 221-2518.

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

The training will be held 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training provides information on the Virtual FRG and the ability to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and Families. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group Leader's Forum

The training will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training provides FRG leaders the opportunity to discuss issues and share lessons learned in an open forum. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Budget Development

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

MWR WALL OF FAME



Photo by Steve Elliott

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general of the Army Medical Department Center & School and Fort Sam Houston, and his wife, Michelle, stand near the plaque dedicated in appreciation to his contributions to Fort Sam Houston in a ceremony April 22 at the MWR Wall of Fame.

REENLISTMENT from P16

proud of each other's service," said Lystra.

While Lystra stated that she is excited about her future military career, she's already

thinking about how to conduct her next reenlistment ceremony.

"I'll have to come up with another way to top this one. It will be hard," Lystra said. "I think it's important that Soldiers

make their reenlistment memorable because it's an important and personal commitment that shouldn't be taken lightly."

(Source: ARSOUTH)



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Rick E. Black

Capt. Christopher Feliciano, political military analyst, U.S. Army South, administers the oath of reenlistment to Spc. Sarah Lystra, administration specialist, U.S. Army South, while flying 350 feet above Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



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/>.

Cloverleaf Communicators

The club meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 11:45

a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston San Antonio Credit Union conference room, 2250 Stanley Road. Membership is open to anyone who wants to enhance his or her communications and leadership skills. Call 221-7943/8785.

Basic Motorcycle Rider Course Available

A basic motorcycle rider course is available, at no charge, to service members who would like to learn how to ride. Visit the Installation Army Traffic Safety Training Program website at <https://airs.lmi.org> (Region=West; Garrison=Fort Sam Houston; Courses=(applicable course)) or call 221-3846.

Weight Loss Surgery Study

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Bariatric Clinic is looking for overweight individuals with Type 2 diabetes to participate in a research study, "Sleeve gastrectomy versus medical management for remission of diabetes in mild to moderately obese patients." Military medical beneficiaries age 18-65 are invited to participate, with the exception of active duty members. Call 292-5915 for more information.

Feel Like You Have the Flu?

The Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program is conducting a research study to learn more about H1N1 influenza and other causes of flu-like symptoms. People birth to 65-years-old with fever and cough or sore throat for 48 hours or less at

eligible to participate; patients 18 years and older may volunteer for blood draws (\$50 compensation for each blood draw). Call 916-6083 or page 513-0936.

San Antonio Military Defense Tech & Intel Career Fairs

Three technical and intelligence career fairs: May 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kendrick Club, Randolph Air Force Base; May 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sam Houston Club, Fort Sam Houston; and May 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kislung Community Center, Lackland Air Force Base. All military, civilians and contractors with experience in information technology, software engineering, aerospace, logistics, contracting/acquisition, law enforcement, communications, finance, intelligence, analysts, homeland security, cyber security, project management, electrical engineering, network administration, linguists, systems administration and human intelligence are invited to attend. Must have military I.D. of common access card. Active federal security clearance preferred. Free resume critique from CareerPro Global. Bring resumes to hand out to employers. Pre-register at <http://www.transitioncareers.com>.

Calendar of Events

April 30

Free Family Movie Night

Victory Worship Center Church will host a Family movie night from

7-11 p.m. at the church campus, 8373 Culebra Road, Suite 101. The event is free and open to the public, includes food, games, and door prizes. The family-rated movies will begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring a game, lawn chair or blanket. Call 647-8920.

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. Cost is \$20, special price for FSH only. To register, call 582-1931.

Historic Clarksville Walk

The Colorado River Walkers volksmarch club will host a 6k and 10k walk starting at the Whole Foods Market, second floor patio, 550 Bowie Street, Austin, Walks start between 8 a.m.-noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 512-345-5337 or visit <http://www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/>.

May 2

Hunt, Texas Canoe and Walk Event

The BTC Oddsports volksmarch club will host a 5k walk, 10k walk and 1,500 meter canoe event starting at the Bear Creek Scout Reservation, 125 Ranger Road in Hunt, Texas. Event starts between 8 a.m.-1 p.m., finish by 4 p.m. Call 204-9301 or visit http://faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm.

May 7

Leadership Simulcast Training

A one-day leadership simulcast training will be held 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lackland Gateway Club. The simulcast provides leadership advice 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 DoD employees. Cost is \$25. Call 671-7187.

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For the Soldier Golf Tournament

Association of the United States Army, Alamo Chapter will sponsor a "For the Soldier" Golf Tournament 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Sign up as a team or individually at <http://www.alamochapterausa.org> or pick up a registration form at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Pro Shop. Call 383-2728.

May 20

NCO Wives Club Scholarship Banquet

The Fort Sam Houston NCO Wives Club will host a scholarship banquet, 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Guest speaker is Professor Shruithi Vele, University of Texas San Antonio. Cost is \$15 for the luncheon, all are invited to attend. Call 314-6377, 413-8821 or 333-0821 for tickets by May 13.

REMINDER CALENDAR

- April 29** Consolidated Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 7:45 a.m. main post flagpole
- April 29** Mayors Meeting, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Main Resident Center, 407 Dickman
- April 30** Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony for Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, 8 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field
- April 30** Operation Baby Shower, 2-6 p.m., Army Community Service, Building 2797
- May 1-31** Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- May 1** Post-wide Flea Market and Garage Sale, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- May 7** Military Spouse Appreciation Day, noon-6 p.m., Army Community Service, Building 2797
- May 7** Mother's Day Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Community Centers
- May 7** Warriors Monthly Scramble Golf Tournament, 1:30 p.m., FSH Golf Club, \$25 entry fee
- May 7** Brooke Army Medical Center Blood Drive
- May 13** Commanders Army Community Service Training, 8-10 a.m., Building 2797
- May 13** Summer Job Fair, 3-6 p.m., Army Community Service, Building 2797
- May 15** Armed Forces Day



W O R S H I P SCHEDULE

**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



Religious Briefs

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.

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May 5 Microsoft Excel Level 1

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

Rear Detachment Commander Training

The training will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is for rear detachment commanders, unit leadership and Family Readiness Group volunteers. To register, call

221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

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



For Sale: Seven-piece king bedroom set, \$400; three-piece oak entertainment center, \$450; four-piece oak coffee table set, two end tables, sofa table, \$350; china cabinet, \$300; solid cherry executive desk, secretary and two-drawer legal file cabinet, \$375; iJoy 320 massage chair, \$400; Life-gear inversion table, \$100. Call 830-947-4302.

For Sale: 2006 Mustang GT, black, automatic, leather seats, shaker hood, factory fan blade, 18-inch wheels, only 15K miles, \$18,900. Call 317-1630.

For Sale: Patio set, all-weather,

aluminum frame, tempered glass table 38 inches by 60 inches, six chairs, green and off white, new, \$200. Call 599-3438, leave message.

For Sale: 2002 Volvo S60, clean, loaded, leather, sunroof, five-star crash rating, 30 miles per gallon, 105K miles, runs great. \$6,700. Call 683-8421.

For Sale: Living room set includes sofa, loveseat, two end tables and center table, paid \$1,416, asking \$950; dining room set, table, four chairs and bench, paid \$398, asking \$250; Whirlpool washer and dryer set, paid \$840, asking \$490. Call 237-5530.

Free: Boxes for shipping, many sizes, packing material too, clean, all in great shape. Call 771-7480.

Yard Sale: Multi-family yard sale May 1, 7:30a.m.-1 p.m., 513 Dickman, Fort Sam Houston.