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Patrick assures Army civilians about future of jobs, Fort Sam Houston

By Steve Elliott
 FSH Public Affairs

With several major events occurring at Fort Sam Houston last week – the activation of the 502nd Mission Support Group, the change of command at the Army Medical Department Center & School and the senior command of the post transferring to Army North – some Department of the Army civilian workers may be wondering what the future holds for them.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing, spent time with a standing-room only crowd of Army civilians April 29 to assure them that things will stay pretty much the way they are now, just with a few name changes.

"We are a team," Patrick said to the people assembled at the post's Evans Theater. "It doesn't matter what uniform you wear."

The 502nd MSG now serves most of the same functions the Army Garrison does, and there are similar units at Lackland (802nd MSG) and Randolph (902nd MSG) that

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– Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing

are the mechanisms that keep Joint Base San Antonio rolling.

"The garrison was reorganized into a mission support group," Patrick said. "Col. Mary Garr is now dual-hatted, as she is garrison commander, carrying the garrison flag, and also 502nd MSG commander, carrying a 502nd MSG flag."

Patrick became the 502nd ABW commander last year after being in charge of the 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base.

"Every civilian that works for the garrison is still Army. On Oct. 1, you'll change your CAC (computer access cards) and become Air Force civilians," Patrick said. "Trust me, throughout all the joint bases, for every civilian, this is an emotional event. I want to take away some of the angst from that."

With the Oct. 1 transfer, the

Air Force won't own Fort Sam Houston, but it will operate it, Patrick explained. The 502nd ABW is responsible for supporting a total of 211 diverse mission partners throughout Joint Base San Antonio installations.

"Your job should not change, whether you work for what's now called security forces or the civil engineering squadron or the force support squadron," Patrick assured the assembled civilian workers. "There will be growing pains. Trust me, when I put Lackland and Randolph together, the cultures for the training and flying worlds were as different to each other as the differences between the Air Force and Navy."

"It's going to take time. I'm

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PASSING THE COLORS



Photo by Lori Newman

Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein (left) incoming commander of the Army Medical Department Center & School receives the command colors from Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker signifying passage of responsibility from outgoing Commander Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw (right). For more coverage of the April 30 ceremony, see pages 14-15



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Czerw shares thoughts with FSH community

By Lori Newman
FSH Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw took command of Fort Sam Houston and the Army Medical Department Center & School in July 2006. He was also named chief of the Army Dental Corps. "In the beginning, I didn't know what to expect," Czerw said. "I didn't have any idea that I would have four roles of responsibility: commander of the AMEDD Center & School, commander of Fort Sam Houston, chief of the Army Dental Corps and the chairman of the flag officers steering committee."

Under Czerw's command, Fort Sam Houston has seen an influx of \$2.8 billion in construction on Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

These projects include improvements to Brooke Army Medical Center, updates at Camp Bullis, building the Medical Education Training Campus from the ground up, creation of the Battlefield Health and Trauma Center, and construction of the 12,000-square-foot Warrior And Family Support Center and Center for the Intrepid, just to name a few.

"Through the flag officers steering committee, we were able to bring the Medical Education and Training Campus to Fort Sam Houston, establishing the foundation for the home of military medicine," Czerw said.

METC houses the largest consolidation of



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw

service training in
Department of Defense

history, with programs available for the Army, Navy and Air Force enlisted medical personnel, one of many projects fulfilling the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act. Classes begin in June.

Czerw credits a great team of people at the AMEDDC&S for many of the improvements to the organization. During his tenure, the AMEDDC&S evaluated how combat surgical hospitals and surgical teams were

built; developed better equipment, techniques and procedures for combat care; and established the Improved First Aid Kit.

The items in the IFAK help save the lives of 90 percent of injured

Soldiers on the battlefield, Czerw noted.

AMEDDC&S also completed an eight-year re-engineering of the 68-Whisky (health care specialist) combat medic

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Thought of the Week

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination — Nelson Mandela

(Source: Bits & Pieces, April)

Weekly Weather Watch

	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
San Antonio	90° Partly Cloudy	90° Partly Cloudy	86° Mostly Cloudy	90° Chance of T-storm	88° Mostly Cloudy	88° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	73° Chance of Rain	77° Chance of Rain	78° Chance of Rain	75° Clear	78° Chance of Rain	78° Scattered Clouds
Baghdad Iraq	91° Clear	100° Partly Cloudy	102° Clear	96° Scattered Clouds	107° Scattered Clouds	102° Scattered Clouds

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

News Briefs

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.

Road closure

Second Street will be closed just south of the Meigs Road intersection to just north of the intersection with Ainsworth Road until further notice. This closure is due to construction of the FMWR Academy. For more information, call 295-3961.

SIT/PT 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. The SIT/PT clinic will open in its new location in building 1385 at 2965 Koehler Rd. May 17. Call 916-3066.

AMEDDC&S change of responsibility

A change of responsibility and retirement ceremony for Army Medical Department Center & School Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles will be held May 14, 8 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Call 221-8108 or 221-6860.

Company D, 187th Med. Bn. Change of Command

A change of command ceremony will be held May 14, 1 p.m. at Building 1002. Capt. Jonathan Akers will assume command of Co. D, 187th Med. Bn. from Capt. Jennifer Rodriguez. Call 221-6625.

Gazebo concert

The Army Surgeon General will host a gazebo concert May 16, 7 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. The event is free and open to the public.

CI recruiting brief

A U.S. Army Counterintelligence Special Agent Recruiting Team briefing will be held May 18, 1-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This presentation concerns career field MOS 35L (CI Special Agent), to include criteria for entry into 35L, how to apply for reclassification, as well as the missions, assignments, and training opportunities. Presentations are primarily directed at the enlisted force personnel in grades E4 through E6. For more information, call 520-533-2320 or 520-533-5952.

Army South cares for Haitians in need

By Pvt. Samantha D. Hall
11th Public Affairs Detachment

People seemed to come out of nowhere. Hundreds of Haitians living in the Roche-à-Boteau area lined the road, waiting for the April 26 opening ceremony to conclude so they could get treated.

As patients gathered outside the gates, those inside the makeshift clinic got anxious. So, they abruptly ended the ceremony and began seeing patients at St. Joseph's school in the first of three exercises to be completed over the next several weeks.

Conducted as part of Joint Task Force-Haiti led by Army South, the exercises are bringing

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— Emanuel Claude, mayor of Roche-à-Boteau

doctors, nurses, medics and support staff to the Port Salut area outside of Port-au-Prince to help residents of the devastated island, hit hard by a magnitude 7.0 earthquake in January.

Approximately 30 Army Reservists of the 94th Combat Support Hospital from Little Rock, Ark., and the 965th Dental Corps from Seagoville, Texas, are providing medical care to people in the rural areas outside Port-au-Prince, said Lt. Col. Paul Phillips III,

chief medical officer, from the 94th CSH.

"I'm grateful that they are helping us," said Emanuel Claude, mayor of Roche-à-Boteau. "I'm very happy that the Americans are here." Claude said.

Canadian Maj. Brian Roach, civil affairs, United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti or MINUSTAH, attended to determine what ways his organization could assist with aftercare support following this and future exercises.

Roach said he and



Photo by Pvt. Samantha D. Hall

Army Lt. Col. Paul Phillips, III, chief medical officer, 94th Combat Support Hospital, deployed from Dallas, Texas, checks an infant while the grandmother waits to sign in. Phillips is part of the MEDRETE in Roche-à-Boteau, Haiti.

his organization want to expand coordination with non-governmental organizations and the government of Haiti and attended the first day of the exercise to see the process in action. He

said his goal is to attend all the exercises and gather as much information as possible to build upon the program.

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Hurricane rehearsal readies responders

By Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes
ARNORTH Public Affairs

In order to prepare for the possibility of a Category 5 hurricane threatening the east coast of the United States, U.S. Army North and various military and civilian agencies rehearsed coordinating supply package deployments, food and water distribution and assistance to local residents of affected areas.

Designed to help organizations support citizens before, during and after a hurricane and other disasters, the 2010 Joint Force Land Component Command Interagency Hurricane Rehearsal of Concept exercise at Fort Belvoir, Va., executed April 29.

Although Category 5 hurricanes are rare, three hit the U.S. since record keeping began.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes

Ted Monette, director of federal coordinating officers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, briefs the Hurricane preparation and response capabilities of FEMA during the 2010 Joint Force Land Component Command Interagency Hurricane Rehearsal of Concept exercise April 29 at Fort Belvoir, Va. The exercise is designed to develop emergency response through coordination of multiple agencies and organizations to help support and assist hurricane-affected areas.

There was the 1935 Labor Day storm that hit the Florida Keys and killed 600 people. Hurricane Camille ravaged the Mississippi coast in 1969, killing 256 and causing \$1.4

billion in damage; and in 1992 Hurricane Andrew hit southern Florida killing 43 and causing \$30.5 billion in damage.

"The time to meet is not at

the state after a disaster happens," said Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, Army North. "If you look at the forecast for the hurricane season, it is highly possible we will be seeing each other again in the summer."

Colorado State University's weather forecast team predicts an above average season with a total of 27 storms: 15 named storms and eight hurricanes – with four at category 3 or higher this year. Hurricane season begins June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30.

"You can't have assets in two places at one time," said Swan. "The most challenging part is that we [won't] know where the hurricane is headed. We rely on our interagency partners and our local and

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Bluebonnet Babies, Family Advocacy Program hold successful baby shower

By Cheryl Harrison

Army Community Service
Marketing

With the Army Community Service auditorium at Building 2797 looking more like a balloon-filled musical baby land, the second annual Operation Baby Shower April 30 was deemed a huge success by everyone who attended.

"This is a great event that focuses on our expectant military Families," said Mary Scott, event coordinator and New Parent Support Educator. "And that is what it's all about, our Soldiers and their Families."

With more than 350 in attendance at the four-hour event, the moms-to-be waded in and new mothers rolled in the strollers for the festivities and played baby shower games all afternoon, hoping to hear their number drawn for one of hun-

dreds of giveaways.

Even new dads got into the fun with their own door prizes, but only if they were willing to try on the empathy belly and get the heavy and uncomfortable feeling of being pregnant. Lots of dads were game and took the opportunity to experience, in a fun way, a pregnant woman's discomfort.

"I think a lot of the ladies that came out today were happy with the event," said Ashley Duran, Family Advocacy Program educator. "They received lots of free gifts and outreach information. A lot of military Families don't have immediate Family nearby and it was fun to see the pregnant or new moms have an opportunity to interact with each other."

Many gifts were donated by a group of ladies who were on hand to give lots of baby gifts and door prizes. The Blue Bonnet



Capt. Josh Chase grins as he tries on the empathy belly. Dads who were willing to try on the belly got their name in the hopper for a special "manly" baby shower gift.

Babies, a non-profit organization, gave handmade gifts for the new babies, which thrilled and touched the hearts of the moms.

This San Antonio-based group started up in 2004 and have been clicking their crochet and knitting needles ever since. They are a group who enjoy crafting for charity, giving out layettes, baby blankets, bottle warmers and lap throws, among other items.

The group began working on gifts for this year's shower a year ago, and the new parents who attended the shower reaped the benefits of their hard work. Each pregnant or new mom received handmade gifts and also had the opportunity to win one of the many door prizes the



Photos by Cheryl Harrison

The Blue Bonnet Babies, a San Antonio based non-profit organization, provided many baby items and door prizes for the new moms and moms-too-be at this year's Operation Baby Shower held April 30 at the ACS.

group created.

The group has expanded nationwide and crafters send their creations to San Antonio to be given at downtown San Antonio hospitals, Fort Sam Houston and Brooke Army Medical Center and even to wounded warriors.

Soldiers at the Warrior and Family Support Center, Fisher Houses or recovering at BAMC receive handmade lap quilts, labors of love by a group of ladies whose names they may never know, but whose heart is in the gifts they create.

The Blue Bonnet group meets once a month to fill diaper bags to be distributed to new babies in San Antonio hospitals, and at

Fort Sam Houston and Lackland Air Force Base. Each diaper bag holds items made by five to 20 people. At each meeting, 20 to 30 bags are filled for distribution.

"When we were here last year, we didn't have near as much and we wanted to be here this year.

This way we get to see the people who receive our things," said Lyn McMeely, spokesperson and co-creator of Blue Bonnet Babies. "We began preparing right after last year's shower. In February, we started to receive boxes from all over the nation, just for today's event. This has been our biggest project so far. It is really special."



A popular shower game at the Operation Baby Shower was Plinko. Melanie Hayes lines up her chip in the hopes of getting high points, as the more points she gets the bigger the baby gift she can receive.



Desiree Hillman enjoys creating a page for her baby's scrapbook during Operation Baby Shower.

WHMC Inpatient Services begin shift to BAMC with Pediatrics

By Kari Thresher
BAMC Marketing

The first of many inpatient wards has successfully moved to Brooke Army Medical Center from Wilford Hall Medical Center.

This movement is a major milestone in the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure law that requires relocation of all inpatient services from Wilford Hall to BAMC before Sept. 15, 2011.

BAMC inpatient pediatric services began



Photo by Dewey Mitchell

Pamela Joy Ayer, 2, was the first patient admitted to Brooke Army Medical Center's new Pediatric ward. Her parents are able to stay with her as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments. Here, her father, Greg Ayer, reads to her.

admitting April 27, with 2-year-old Pamela Joy Ayer as the ward's first

patient. Pamela was born at Wilford Hall, and at 17

months was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer.

She and her parents are "frequent fliers" in the pediatric ward due to her visits for chemother-

apy and are happy to see the familiar faces of the doctors and nurses who have relocated to BAMC.

This time, they will stay for five days of treatment. Pamela's mother,

Air Force Staff Sgt. Irene Rodriguez, says they like the new unit at BAMC because it is "a lot more spacious and the clinics

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PATRICK, from P1

not going to come in and say, 'It's going to be this way,' the general said. "We'll have to figure out how to keep the Army identity with the Air Force nomenclature."

Patrick said that one positive coming from joint basing is the ability to take a practice that works at one installation and make it work at all three.

"If there's an issue going on, I want to be able to take the best minds from the bases to solve the problem. I don't want to re-invent the wheel, I want to steal the best idea and have everyone use it," Patrick said. "If it takes 45 minutes to an hour to get a CAC card at one place and it takes 15 minutes at another, we're figure

out how to make it 15 minutes everywhere.

"Some things will remain Army. We're standing up the Army Support Activity that will do some mission stuff and we're figuring out how to interact with them," the general said. "They're not a mini-garrison or mini-mission support group."

Patrick also talked about the meteoric growth Joint Base San Antonio is experiencing, especially at and around Fort Sam Houston. He related that the 502nd ABW is gaining about 190 new positions and more job growth is expected as a result of BRAC moves.

"All the military installations in San Antonio are growing. We train about 140,000 people a year, not only here, but on Lackland and

Randolph AFBs as well," he said. "We going to support a military community of about 80,000 DoD civilians and military members. This is a huge operation.

"I've been asked, 'How am I going to operate all that?'" Patrick said about overseeing the two Air Force bases and one Army post, along with all their satellite locations. "Col. Garr is still going to be the face for Fort Sam Houston for day-to-day operations. I've got colonels at Randolph and Lackland that will be the face for the day-to-day operations at those bases. My staff and I will set the policy and give them resources. If Colonel Garr or the other colonels need me, that's when I'll go put together a meeting with them."

In addressing the fact



Photo by Steve Elliot

Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, 502nd Air Base Wing commander, speaks to a full house at his commander's call for garrison civilians at the Evans theater April 28.

that none of the three installations actually share a fence line, Patrick also shared his appreciation for the

breadth of Fort Sam Houston's military history.

"I live and work on Fort Sam Houston. After we activated the 502nd ABW, I moved into Staff Post #9," the general said. "I've lived and worked in San Antonio since 1999 and been

around joint basing for a while, but it wasn't until I moved onto Fort Sam Houston that I got the full scope of the military history here.

"You celebrated the 100th anniversary of military flight by Lt.

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CZERW, from P2

Military Occupational Specialty, making training more relevant to combat in today's theaters of operation. Initial Entry Training was expanded from 10 weeks to 16 weeks and 68Ws must now qualify with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to maintain their MOS.

Czerw educated local, city and state officials about Fort Sam Houston's and Camp Bullis' importance to San Antonio and Texas.

"I never realized that I would learn so much about being an environmentalist and about what was going on at Camp Bullis," the general said.

He credits Jim

Cannizzo, FSH environmental lawyer, and Phil Reidinger, the post's public affairs officer, for their efforts with city and state officials to protect Camp Bullis from encroachment by local developers, affecting the habitats of the golden cheeked warbler and other endangered wildlife around the vital training area.

Czerw used the analogy of learning to drive to help people understand the importance of Camp Bullis.

"If you sat at a table with a driver's manual, you could probably pass the written portion of the test, but until you actually get behind the wheel, out on the highway, you really don't know how to drive," he said. "It's the same thing with our medics. They do all the didactic work in the

buildings on Fort Sam Houston, but then they take that knowledge with them up to Camp Bullis.

"We put them in an environment using forward operating bases and modern-day simulators, and we stress them with the types of injuries they may encounter on the battlefield, because perhaps in six months they will be in places like Iraq or Afghanistan," he added.

"Medical education and training is the primary mission on Fort Sam Houston," Czerw said. "That is why Fort Sam and Camp Bullis are so extremely important. In order for one to survive, they both need to survive."

The general praised city officials like former San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger and current

Mayor Julian Castro for their support of the military and the missions of Fort Sam Houston.

"We in the military must continue to reach out to the citizens of San Antonio," Czerw said. "Let them in, work with them and accept them. They want to come in; they want to help us do the right things."

Czerw addressed the issue of joint basing saying, "Even though part of the Army nomenclature is going to change, this is still Fort Sam Houston. It is still going to be Army-centric; it's just going to be supported by the Air

Force.

"Everyone just needs to understand the ultimate goal; that's to have the Air Force support those tenants on the installation, so they can complete their missions," he said. "This can work. We had a great start putting it together, but it's going to take continued teamwork."

Czerw also stressed the importance of Families.

"We enlist Soldiers, but we reenlist Families because a Soldier is not going to stay in the military if they don't get buy-in from their Family," he

said. "In the last three years, the Army put their efforts into taking care of military Families, to give them the quality of life that they deserve.

"If you look at the Center for the Intrepid, you probably would not have a good business case for its existence, but the Army is about doing the best they can to bring back those wounded Soldiers to a sense of normalcy," Czerw said. "If it's one or if it's 10 or if it's 1,000, we need to build structures wherever

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KOS offers child care at fitness center

By Amanda Stephenson
FSH MWR

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Venture Point initiative have taken away one of the most common excuses parents have for not exercising regularly: "I don't have anyone to watch my kids."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony April 30 unveiled the new Kids On Site Child Care Center located inside the fitness center, offering convenient, hourly, on-site child care for parents and guardians using the facility.

Funded by the Army Family Covenant, the center offers a public service that allows Fort Sam Houston parents to take time out for themselves during their busy day – whether it's squeezing in 30 minutes on the treadmill, a few laps in the pool or relaxing in the sauna.

KOS features age-appropriate activities and toys for children 6 weeks to 12 years old in



Photo by Amanda Stephenson

(Left to right) Lucian Kimble, program manager at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center; Chaplin (Maj.) Vernon McClearn; Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander; Terry Frost, deputy director, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Fort Sam Houston parent, Mindy Helton, and her son, Korbin, and Brenda Berry, chief of Child, Youth & School Services on Fort Sam Houston cut the ribbon at the new Kids On Site Child Care Center at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

six distinct play areas: the Creation Station, the Library and Computer Center; Dramatic Play and Music Center; Science and Sensory Center; the Manipulative and Group Activity Area and a Dedicated Infant Area.

The suggestion for a child care facility inside the Jimmy Brought was proposed more than a year ago by a member of the FSH community through the Community First/Army Family Action Plan.

"Military families

often face single-parent situations due to deployments or long work hours and trying to maintain personal fitness can be a challenge," said Col. Mary E. Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander.

"When you expose children at a young age to the importance of exercise, they're more likely to make it a priority in their lives," Garr said.

For more information on registering a child with CYS Services, call 221-4871.

Company B, 232nd Medical Battalion Soldiers get 'phased'

By L.A. Shively
FSH Public Affairs

Soldiers from Company B, 232nd Medical Battalion celebrated moving from Phase IV status to Phase V status April 23, marking transition from a very tightly controlled and regimented lifestyle to a more relaxed, independent environment.

The celebration was battalion wide.

"We did a company run, just for morale and esprit de corps that included battalion staff.

After the run, we did a ceremony to officially transition the Soldiers," said 1st Sgt. John Blas, Company B's first sergeant.

Most Soldiers in the 68W Healthcare Specialist or Combat Medic pipeline are coming straight from boot camp where the daily routine is very structured. Phases I through III are accomplished at that time.

Phases IV and V are marked during Advanced Individual Training for the 68Ws. Transition to Phase V usually occurs three



Photo by 1st Lt. Shawn Brooks

Company B, 232nd Medical Battalion First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. John Blas, left, and Commander, Capt. Lovie Mathis, right, participate in a company "phasing" ceremony.

weeks after arrival at Company B.

Soldiers moving to Phase V earn the privi-

leges of wearing civilian clothes and going off post.

Occasionally a program will have a Phase V plus criteria according to Blas. Phase V plus allows Soldiers to drive.

In order to earn Phase V status, Soldiers must maintain an 80 or above grade point average, pass the Army Physical Fitness Test with at least 60 points in each event, and not have any Uniform Code of Military Justice actions on record.

Transition is meant to empower Soldiers, mak-

ing them more responsible for their actions, forcing them to set priorities, manage time, make the right choices and adjust to military life outside of a training environment.

"As a class they're becoming more mature and getting ready to graduate as combat medics," Blas said.

Although currently Company B has 414 Soldiers assigned, not everyone met the criteria that allow Phase V privi-

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PATRICK, from P6

Benjamin Foulois here recently. He was an Army aviator, not Air Force. The house he lived in is right next door to where I live today," Patrick related. "A couple of doors down from that is Gen. Blackjack Pershing's house, who chased Pancho Villa along the border. Down from there is Arthur MacArthur's house, where a young Douglas stuck his tongue out at the workers while they were working on the house – two Medal of Honor winners living in the same house!

"Staff Post #13 is where Billy Mitchell lived, who got court-martialed for saying we should have a separate service. Geronimo was in the clock tower after we captured him. Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders trained here," the general said. "I didn't know any of that until I moved here. When I tell Air Force officers about this, they are floored by what Fort Sam Houston means to our military.

"Many people have worked very hard to get to this point," the general said. "There are powerful opportunities here and what we look like today may not be what we look like in the future. These are truly exciting times."

CZERW, from P7

er we can, to help those who sacrificed so much.

"This goes back to the Army Family Covenant; we all owe our Soldiers – whether they're a private or a general – the best services that we can possibly provide," the general said. "It's the same thing with the community covenant, if we don't have community buy-in, we are not going to get the support we desperately need. San Antonio is the epitome of a community that supports its military.

"Soldiers get their strength from Family, and Families get their strength from the community," Czerw said. "All of this adds up to being the strength of our Army and our nation."

Valero Texas Open and USAA Salute Our Military**May 13 -16****TPC San Antonio**

All military I.D. cardholders and immediate Family receive complimentary admission to the Valero Texas Open and complimentary parking at Retama Park, as well as access to the USAA Military Appreciation Pavilion located between #17 & #18 fairways (all food and beverage included). All USAA Military Appreciation Pavilion attendees will receive complimentary admission to the Valero Texas Open Concert Series in "The Backyard," adjacent to #10 & #18 fairways.

**Robert Earl Keen May 13****Kevin Fowler May 14****Wade Bowen May 15**

Retreat and Concert



Photos by Esther Garcia

Left, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw accepts a shell casing from Staff Sgt. David White after a cannon was fired in Czerw's honor during his retreat ceremony, April 28



Above, (From left) Spec. Andrea Shelhart, JROTC Cadet Brandon Czerw, and Sgt. Gerson Jackson fire a cannon as a salute to retiring Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw during his retreat ceremony, April 28. Left, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw sings "Amarillo by Morning" during a concert at the gazebo in his honor. The Medical Command Band provided music for the April 28 concert.

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are right next to each other.”

A total of about 150 nurses, technicians, staff and residents made the move from Wilford Hall to BAMC's fully renovated Pediatrics wing on the fifth floor.

“Everybody from every corner of the hospital has worked really hard to make this come together,” said Col. (Dr.) Mary Pelszynski, commander of the 59th Maternal/Child Care Squadron.

The Pediatric Ward is staffed for 16 pediatric patients and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit is staffed for six patients.

Inpatient pediatrics at BAMC also has a dedicated pediatric sedation unit so that procedures requiring intravenous sedation can be performed and recovered in this area.

Other Wilford Hall pediatric subspecialty clinics have relocated to BAMC, fifth floor, East Bed Tower to support inpatient unit including Endocrinology, Gastroenterology,

Hematology/Oncology, Pulmonary, Nephrology, Child Neurology, Infectious Disease and Pediatric Surgery.

The Tri-Service Cystic Fibrosis Center has also moved to BAMC.

Wilford Hall Pediatric Cardiology, Genetics and Special Baby Clinics will remain at Lackland Air Force Base. The Pediatric Wellness Center will also remain at Wilford Hall.

The Labor and Delivery Unit, Newborn Nursery, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will remain at Wilford Hall until August 2011.

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leges, explained Blas, who said about 80 per cent of the company moved forward.

“That’s above average,” Blas said, adding that the rest of the company will continue to aim toward meeting the goal.

Soldiers are counseled that at the first permanent duty station no platoon

sergeants will be telling them what to do. Self discipline is an important element of a successful career in the Army, Blas said.

Combat Medic training is 16 weeks of intense classroom and hands-on instruction beginning with cardiopulmonary resuscitation, progressing toward the National Registry for Emergency Medical

Technicians exam.

After NREMT certification, training focuses on specific Army Combat Medic skills, culminating with a 14-day Field Training Exercise at Camp Bullis.

“They are challenged to maintain their professionalism and never forget they are Soldiers 24 hours a day,” Blas said.

(1st Lt. Shawn E. Brooks, B-232nd Medical Battalion Public Affairs officer, contributed to this article)

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The exercise was also attended by the mayor of Roche-à-Boteau Emanuel Claude and his party, MINUSTAH Uruguayan nurses and doctors assisting in the exercise, and MINUSTAH Soldiers.

“We’re going to be providing level one, basic primary care, for the populace at Roche-à-Boteau,” said Lt. Col. Clara Moses, MEDRETE officer in charge, 94th CSH.

Empty school rooms were transformed into doctors’ offices, a dental station, a reception area and a pharmacy.

Each medical station, except for reception, had one doctor and several nurses on hand.

“There’s no air conditioning; there’s no electricity; there’s no lights. So we’re having to work with what we have. It’s a little austere,” Phillips said.

“We’re looking at instant care today,” said Sgt. Aronzo Charley, a dental technician with the 965th.



Photo by Pvt. Samantha D. Hall

U.S. Army Soldiers, Uruguayan soldiers and the official party of Roche-à-Boteau salute while the U.S. and Haitian national anthems are played during the opening ceremony of the Medical Readiness Training Exercise.

Sgt. Tammy Turner, patient administrator, 94th CSH, signed in each patient, gave them a number and directed them to the next stop.

“If they have a headache, I send them to a doctor,” Turner said. “If they are pregnant or just had a

child, I’m going to send them to [obstetrics].”

Though the line wrapped around the building and down the street, doctors, nurses and those assisting anticipated treating 400 to 500 patients the first day.

ARNORTH, from P3

state officials to help provide us information on what is going on in order for us to determine where to place assets.”

Throughout the exercise, regions rehearsed phases of operations and available supporting elements.

Those “affected” reviewed their own capabilities, while those not directly affected by the notional hurricane ran through providing backup scenarios.

Swan said private corporations as well as federal, state, local sectors must work together to determine the success of relief and support.

“I encourage all elected officials local, state and federal to participate in these exercises and drill so they understand what support and assets they have once they request assistance for their area,” Swan added.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided information on emergency response measures. Lessons learned from past hurricanes such as Katrina provided best practice takeaways for current events with Haiti relief and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

“Support for response is more of an art than science. It requires a lot of trust and confidence in our partners, and more importantly will maintain the public’s trust and confidence in their government, local and state agencies.”

Fort Sam Houston bids farewell to Czerw, welcomes Rubenstein

By Lori Newman
FSH Public Affairs

“Ceremonies like this are occurring throughout the Army constantly. They really have important meaning because they demonstrate continuity of leadership and commitment of Soldiers throughout the Army.”

— Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of the Army Medical Department

More than 600 Soldiers stood in formation on MacArthur Parade Field, while cannons boomed and the band played during a ceremony April 30 to bid farewell to the commanding general of Fort Sam Houston and the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School.

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw turned over command of the AMEDDC&S to Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, as Czerw retired after more than 23 years of military service.

“Maj. Gen. Czerw is the kind of leader who does what’s right and what needs to be done. He does it with grace and a personal touch,” said Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of the Army Medical Command. “He has set a sterling example in his career, one that we can all aspire to emulate.”

“His leadership of the schoolhouse, doctrine devel-

opment and inter-service consolidation and integration at Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio has really been without precedence.” Schoomaker said in praising Czerw. “He has been a Soldier, statesman, professional clinician and a leader during war and peace. He has displayed distinguished military service, professional competency, integrity and moral courage.”

“I stand here today very proud that I have had the honor and the privilege to lead Soldiers,” Czerw said. “The AMEDD Center and School is foundation upon which the Army Medical Department is built. This institution is a collection of brilliant, dedicated, motivated individuals who are all about the Soldier.”

He thanked all the people who have influenced his life and his career and his family for their love and support and praised the young Soldiers for their efforts in the schoolhouse and their honor on the battlefield.

Schoomaker addressed Rubenstein saying, “I know you are going to enjoy this opportunity immensely and I know you are up to the challenge.”

Rubenstein is a Texas native, who most recently served as the Army deputy surgeon general and is the chief of the Army Medical Service Corps. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1977 and the Army War College in 1997. He earned a Master’s Degree in Health Administration from Baylor

University and a Master’s Degree in Military Art and Science from the Army’s Command and General Staff College.

“Few possess his range of experience and expertise,” Schoomaker said. “He will fully fill the boots of his predecessor.”

“General Schoomaker, I pledge that when you call, the AMEDD Center and School will be ready,” Rubenstein said. “Whether training medical Soldiers, developing battlefield doctrine or sending our own into harm’s way, when we are needed, we will be there.”

In addressing the commanders, leaders and Soldiers of the Army, Rubenstein said the AMEDDC&S would continue to provide the very best

medical support, equipment and doctrine to ensure quality care on the battlefield, in garrison and around the world.

“I will never forget that the single greatest sin a commander can commit is to send an untrained Soldier into combat,” Rubenstein said. “We will care for our Soldiers and we will care for our Families.”

“I give you all of my drive, experience and concern,” Rubenstein pledged to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, civilians and contractors who make up the AMEDDC&S. “We will work together, train together and provide value to the Army and the Army Medical Department together. We will also have fun together.”

“Ceremonies like this are occurring throughout the Army constantly,” Schoomaker said. “They really have important meaning because they demonstrate continuity of leadership and commitment of Soldiers throughout the Army.”



Photo by L.A. Shively

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker (left), commander Army Medical Command congratulates retiring Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw as the Distinguished Service Medal is pinned on his chest by retired Gen. Ralph E. Haines, Jr. Michelle Czerw stands to the right.



Photo by L.A. Shively

The U.S. Army Medical Command Band marches past the reviewing stand during the ceremony.



Photo by Lori Newman

The Fort Sam Houston Honor Guard Mounted Riders deliver shell casings and bouquets of roses to be delivered to Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw’s family and to Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein’s family. Rubenstein took command of the Army Medical Department Center & School.



Photo by L.A. Shively

JROTC Cadet Brandon Czerw, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw’s son, sheds a tear during his father’s emotional retirement speech. His sister Danielle is also moved.



Photo by L.A. Shively

Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein (left) incoming commander of the Army Medical Center & School and Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, outgoing commander AMEDDC&S salute the colors as they pass the reviewing stand during a march in review of all units assembled.



Photo by L.A. Shively

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker (left) pins the Secretary of the Army Public Service Award on Michelle Czerw (right). Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw is center.



Photo by Lori Newman

San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro greets Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw and his wife Michelle after the conclusion of Czerw’s change of command and retirement ceremony.



Photo by Lori Newman

Sgt. Dow E. Evans, Soldier of the Year, presents an AMEDDC&S coin to Sarah Farmer, Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein’s daughter. Patricia, Rubenstein’s wife is to her left and William, Rubenstein’s son is to her right.



Photo by L.A. Shively

Left, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw and his wife Michelle watch as his general officer flag is cased, signaling Czerw’s participation in this last official ceremony on the occasion of his retirement.



Photo by Lori Newman

From left, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker and Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein render salute during the National Anthem.



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From left, Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein, Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw “troop the line” to inspect the assembled troops.

FSHISD NEWS

Cole academic teams take first in regional, advance to state

By Robert Hoffmann
FHISD

Robert G. Cole High School's University Interscholastic League academic teams participated in regional competition at Texas State University in San Marcos April 23 and 24. When the final results were announced, Cole took first place in science.

A first in Cole history, the team

of Michael Sees, Megan Renz and Taylor Kane advances to the state meet in Austin May 6-8.

Kane scored a 3-1 win in Lincoln Douglas Debate April 23 with 111 speaker points during the four preliminary rounds, qualifying her for the quarter-final round.

This is the first time a Cole student had scored at that level. However, she lost the quarter-final round to Blanco while arguing for

the negative side.

On April 24, Sees placed first in science and also had the top score in chemistry. Renz placed third in science with top score in biology.

Rebecca Lavender placed 26th out of 44 contestants in Calculator Applications and Renz placed 11th out of 44 in Math.

The Cole UIL academic team is headed by long-time Cole teacher Nancy Hildenburg.

FSHISD NEWS

Notice of public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. May 20, in the Professional Development Center located at 1908 Winans Road to discuss the school district's budget.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations 2.2% decrease.
Total expenditures 2.2% decrease.

Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation; less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$7,000,000
Interest and Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$20,000

Early registration begins for new pre-k and kindergarten students

Early registration for new students for the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs takes place May 14. Registration is in Room 4, located on the green ramp from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enroll in pre-kindergarten and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

The criteria for enrollment in the school's pre-kindergarten (for 4 year olds) is:

Parent is active duty and resides on the installation

Student resides on the Installation

Students entering public school for the first time must submit a birth certificate or its equivalent, child's immunization record, proof of residence (i.e. Lincoln Military Housing Lease Agreement), child's social security number, and parent's driver's license.

Required immunizations are: DTaP (at least four doses, including a booster on or after fourth birthday); polio (at least four doses, unless third was given on or after fourth birthday); measles, rubella, and mumps

(two doses of MMR; first dose received on or after first birthday, completed before kindergarten); hepatitis B (three doses in series, completed before kindergarten); hepatitis A (two doses in series, completed before kindergarten); chicken pox (two doses or dated documentation of disease).

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are full-day programs. Transportation is provided for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for pre-kindergarten students.

HONORABLE SERVICE



(From left) Lt. Col. John Myers, Brooke Army Medical Center; Master Sgt. David LeCroy, BAMC; Sgt. 1st Class Orlando Urdiales, U.S. Army Medical Command Band; and Staff Sgt. Tonyo Sylvester, 187th Medical Battalion pose for a photo after a consolidated retirement ceremony April 29 at the main post flagpole. Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring, commander, Mission Installation and Contracting Command, hosted the ceremony.

Photo by Ed Dixon

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Friday – May 7

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Barbecued spareribs, barbecued beef brisket, baked chicken, fried catfish, steamed rice, red beans and rice, lyonnaised potatoes, macaroni and cheese, wax beans with pimientos, corn on the cob, collard greens

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Roasted pork loin, beef lasagna, chicken pot pie, barbecued roast pork loin, broccoli quiche, rice pilaf, baked sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, green beans, okra and tomato gumbo

Saturday – May 8

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken stir fry, breaded veal steaks, lemon-herb baked fish, potato frittata, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, brown rice, fried cabbage, zucchini squash, wax beans

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Chili macaroni, fried chicken, barbecued ham steaks, cheese manicotti, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, lyonnaised rice, Brussels sprouts,

seasoned corn, vegetable stir-fry

Sunday – May 9

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rice frittata, baked stuffed fish, chicken fajitas, roast beef, refried beans with cheese, new potatoes, Spanish rice, cauliflower, stewed tomatoes, green peas

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Baked tuna and noodles, charbroiled meatballs with brown gravy, broccoli cheese and rice, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, carrots with almonds, Harvard beets, green beans with corn

Monday – May 10

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Veal parmesan, chicken and dumplings, braised spareribs, mustard-dill fish, mushroom quiche, spaghetti noodles, rice pilaf, candied sweet potatoes, broccoli, French-style green beans, corn

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Beef lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fried chicken, baked chicken, meat loaf, oven-glo potatoes, steamed

rice, macaroni and cheese, French-fried okra, mixed vegetables, cabbage

Tuesday – May 11

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beef fajitas, fried chicken, pepper steak, barbecued pork chops, ham hocks, blackened catfish, cottage-fried potatoes, browned rice, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, pinto beans, carrots

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken enchiladas, cheese enchiladas, stuffed pork chops, Salisbury steaks, scalloped potatoes, lyonnaised rice, baked potatoes, refried beans with cheese, yellow squash, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower au gratin

Wednesday – May 12

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beef stroganoff, apple-glazed corned beef, jerky-style chicken, chicken stir fry, cheese ravioli, German potato cakes, garlic-battered potatoes, parsley-buttered egg noodles, wild rice, asparagus,

cream-style corn, mixed vegetables

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Baked Knockwurst, Swiss steak with brown gravy, stuffed fish, Caribbean chicken breast, cheese manicotti, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, Franconia potatoes, sauerkraut, lima beans, okra and tomato gumbo

Thursday – May 13

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tempura fried fish, Creole macaroni, breaded pork chops, baked cheese and egg noodles, sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, fried noodles, mashed potatoes, zucchini squash, Chinese fried cabbage, black-eyed peas, baked potatoes

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Baked Cornish hens, broccoli quiche, spaghetti with meat sauce, Cantonese spareribs, chipper perch, baked potatoes, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, cream-style corn, green beans, vegetable stir fry

Menus are subject to change without notice.

Building 2745, Schofield Road

News Leader survey online

Visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao>. For more information, call 221-0615 or 221-2030.



Announcements

May Movie Night Schedule

May 7 - "G-Force," post flag-pole

May 8 - "Disney's Earth," Dodd Field

May 21 - "Old Dogs," post flag-pole

May 22 - "Up," Dodd Field
Movies begin at dusk. In the event of inclement weather, the movies will be shown at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-2705/2418.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"The Dixie Swim Club," a comedy about lasting friendships by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, through 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 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. All participants must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Enroll at Parent Central, Building

2797 or visit WebTrac, <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Samhoustoncym.html>. Call 221-9854 or 771-2148.

Calendar of Events

May 7 Spouse Appreciation

The event will be held noon-6 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The free event will offer a variety of vendors and refreshments will be served. Call 221-2705.

Getting Ready for Childbirth

The class will be held 1-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

May 9 Mother's Day Brunch

A Mother's Day brunch will be served 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The cost is \$18.95/members, \$21.95/non-members, \$8.95/children 6-11 years old and children 5 and under are free. Call 226-1663.

May 10 Family Readiness Group 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.

Using Credit Wisely

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

Doctor Dad

The class will be held 5:30-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This four-part series will teach how fathers can be involved in every aspect of their children's lives. Call 221-0349.

May 11 Microsoft Word 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 Word Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

Post-Deployment Planning

The training will be held 9-10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Debt Liquidation

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

Women Encouraging Women

The group meets noon-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Training Room 1. The topic of discussion will be "How to Fall in Love and Land on Your Feet!" Bring a lunch and a friend. Call 221-0349/0600.

May 12 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.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

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

Overseas Orientation

The class will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2418/2705.

May 13 Five Love Languages

The three-part class will be held May 13, 20 and 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/9425.

May 21 Poker Fever

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament be begin at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. There is a \$20 entry fee, which includes a meal and unlimited soft drinks. Players have a chance to win cash and prizes. Call 226-1663.



Announcements

BSEP/GT Improvement

Do you need a higher General Technical score? The FSH Education Center is now registering Soldiers for on-duty May and June Basic Skills Education Program/GT improvement classes. Class seats are limited to the first 15 confirmed enrollments. Call 221-1738 for more information.

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., Kisling Community Center, Lackland Air Force Base. All military, civilians and contractors with experience in information technology, software engineering, aerospace, logistics, con-

tracting/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. or common access card. Active federal security clearance preferred. Bring resumes to hand out to employers. Pre-register at <http://www.transitioncareers.com>.

Calendar of Events

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.

May 15 Walk and Roll Fest

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk May 15 starting at the Hemisfair Plaza, 200 South Alamo. Walks between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., finish by 1 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers>.

All-Texas Lonestar Convention

The Alamo Classic Chevy Club will host the All-Texas Lonestar Convention May 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Stone Oak Comfort Inn, Loop 1604 and Highway 281. Classic cars from the '50s will be on display. The event is free for the military community. Visit <http://www.accc.siteblast.com/> for more information.

May 16 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.alamochapter-ausa.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 Shruthi 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.

FSH Historic Society

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston will meet May 20, 11:30 a.m. at the Stilwell House 626 Infantry Post. Maj. Jack Stallworth will speak about the use of drones by the military. Call 527-9513.

REMINDER CALENDAR

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- May 7** Army Military Spouse Appreciation Day, noon-6 p.m., 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
 - May 16** Fort Sam Houston Gazebo Concert, 7 p.m., Army Medical Department Museum
 - May 19** ONE Welcome Briefing, 2-4 p.m., Building 122 Conference Room
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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.



For Sale: 2006 Sunray deluxe redwood playground with three swings, slide, covered observation deck, trapeze and climbing wall, \$400; Hampton Bay aluminum all weather patio set, includes four chairs, table and umbrella stand, \$150; imported rustic armoire, 80 inches by 46 inches, holds up to 36-inch television, \$200; Thomas The Train play table, 48 inches by 32 inches, with under table trundle, \$50; all items in good condition. Call 527-9368, leave message.

For Sale: Living room set includes sofa, loveseat, two end tables and center table, paid \$1,416, asking \$800; dining room set, table, four chairs and bench, paid \$398, asking \$250; Whirlpool washer and dryer set, paid \$840, asking \$450. Call 237-5530.

For Sale: Student desk, \$10; paper shredder, \$5; Santa Fe tortilla press, \$5; car buddy, \$10; stationary exercise bike, \$15. Call 653-5302.

For Sale: Maytag Performa washer and dryer, working condition, \$200 for both; Twin/full bunk bed with mattress, \$85; four-drawer dresser, \$40; 28-inch color TV, \$150. Call 875-3760.

For Sale: Maytag electric washer and GE electric dryer, \$375 for both. Will deliver to Fort Sam

Houston. Call 589-3498.

For Sale: Just For Men hair color, medium brown, five boxes, never used, \$6.50 retail, \$2 each. Call 771-7480.

For Sale: 1992 Ford Econoline E-150 custom conversion van, 305 V-8, electronic rust prevention, new alternator, good tires, TV/VCR, as is, \$1,399 cash; entertainment center approximately 4 feet, 6 inches high by 4 feet wide by 25 inches deep, glass doors, shelving for components, two storage drawers and cabinet with double doors, dark cherry finish, \$69; analog television, \$49; both for \$100 cash. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Front grill for regular-size truck, \$475; two antique iron wheels, \$100; metal tool box for truck, \$100; red fire hydrant with pump, \$200;

Yorkie, female, 2 years old, registration papers, \$395. Call 633-3859.

For Sale: French Provincial dress with bookcase, \$95; solid wood coffee table, \$100; Little Tikes 2 step wagon, \$40; Cardiogliders, new, \$175; custom-made pet house, \$175 obo. Call 633-2247.

For Sale: 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee, four doors, runs great, mint condition, \$6,500 obo; 80-gallon air compressor, new, \$850; power wheelchair, six wheels, six color panels, \$3,500. Call 440-5062.

For Sale: GE Potscrubber dishwasher, white, \$150; various party decorations, all occasions, reasonable prices; boy's clothes, sizes 3 and 4; boy's shoes, sizes 10 and 11; women's clothing size 18 and up. Call 412-2151.



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