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Second contingent of 14th MI Battalion returns from Iraq

By Capt. Thomas P. Ward
14th MI Battalion

The wait by eager Family members and sleepy-eyed children was finally rewarded after 43 Soldiers marched into the Army Community Service building late May 4.

The Soldiers belonged to the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion, which began its redeployment from Camp Cropper, Iraq, April 28. One of only two active-duty interrogation battalions in the Army, the 14th had deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 10 months ago.

The 14th is conducting a phased redeployment from Iraq in compliance with the Responsible Drawdown, directed by the president.

In March, the first contingent from the battalion redeployed as part of that drawdown and to support pre-deployment training of the 2nd MI Battalion, which will replace the 14th.

The latest contingent arrived in San Antonio before boarding a bus for Fort Sam Houston. After completing a few administrative tasks and turning in weapons, Soldiers received an enthusiastic greeting from Families and fellow members of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Brigade Commander Col. Jim Lee welcomed Soldiers on behalf of the brigade and Maj. Gen. Mary Legere, commander of Intelligence and Security Command, and Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commander of Army South.

"Your year away from home was well spent and saved the lives of Soldiers and civilians alike through your hard work and enduring dedication," Lee said.

"Now that you are home, take time to bask in the glow of the gratitude of your nation and your Family."

Diversions of the flight home caused their return to take longer than expected.

"It was a very long trip and took

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Photo by Gregory Ripps
Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Green re-unites with his wife and new son. The 14th Military Intelligence Battalion Soldier briefly interrupted his 10-month deployment to Iraq to see his son born but returned overseas for six more weeks.

Photo by Steve Elliott
502nd Mission Support Group/Garrison commander Col. Mary Garr talks to a film crew contracted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department about Fort Sam Houston winning the Lone Star Land Steward Award. Filming took place at Camp Bullis May 10.

Fort Sam Houston earns award for environmental protection at Camp Bullis

By Steve Elliott
FSH Public Affairs

When it comes to Camp Bullis, finding a harmonious balance between the needs of the Army and the needs of the environment has long put Fort Sam Houston leadership in a tight spot.

Add to the mix the explosive growth in development that's encroaching upon the once wide-open spaces around the 28,000-acre training area, and it can lead to potential disaster on a multitude of levels.

Located along San Antonio's northern edge, Camp Bullis was once considered to be on the outskirts of the city with few developments around it until the 1990s. Since then, San Antonio has catapulted into becoming the seventh-largest city in the United States and the third-fastest growing city in the nation.

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Supporting Army Soldiers, civilians and their Families with Information Technology

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander

The Installation Management Command is committed to leveraging the power of technology to expand our communication capabilities and enhance our ability to serve and support Solders, civilians, and Families. In today's world, IT is at the core of all we do at work, at home, and at play. Smaller, more powerful, and less expensive IT products hit the market every day. Becoming savvy with state-of-the-art technology helps us work smarter, learn more efficiently, and play harder.

Over the past six months, I have visited many garrisons, listening to many members of the Army Family to better understand how they prefer to receive information and communicate. Because more than 75 percent communicate and retrieve information through the Internet and other electronic means, I now communicate through my Facebook page and the IMCOM Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube sites. This implements the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Feb. 25 memorandum that requires DoD unclassified networks be configured for Internet-based capabilities like YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and Google Apps.

Because IT is so critical to how we do business and communicate, I have made IT one of the focus areas of the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise in my role as co-lead of the SICE board. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 commands, organizations, and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges. Presently, the SICE team is developing plans to modernize and standardize IT services on Army installations. The results will enhance delivery of IT in the deployment process, training, and programs such as Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. Also, look for improved IT to lead to improvements on how we deliver on our promises

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

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Thought of the Week

It is fine to level with people if you don't level them in the process. – Walter St. John

(Source: Bits & Pieces, May 2009)

Weekly Weather Watch

	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
San Antonio	88° Chance of T-storms	85° Chance of T-storms	85° Chance of T-storms	86° Chance of T-storms	88° Partly Cloudy	88° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	80° Clear	77° Clear	80° Clear	77° Chance of Rain	75° Chance of Rain	71° Chance of Rain
Baghdad Iraq	105° Clear	104° Scattered Clouds	104° Clear	105° Scattered Clouds	105° Clear	102° Scattered Clouds

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

News Briefs

Shingles vaccine shortage

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Immunizations Clinic is temporarily out of Zostavax vaccine due to a national backorder. The clinic will receive a shipment in July and will publicize when it arrives. Zostavax is a one-time vaccination recommended for adults 60 years and older for the prevention of shingles. Call 292-5730.

Wilford Hall CAP Clinic moves

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Child and Adolescent Psychology Clinic at Lackland Air Force Base has moved from the hospital's eighth floor to the D lot trailers at Brooke Army Medical Center. Patients check in at Trailer 6, BAMC D Lot. Call 916-4342.

Texas Valero Open

All DoD I.D. cardholders will receive free admission to the tournament May 10-16, compliments of USAA, at the AT&T Oaks Course at the new JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa and TPC San Antonio. No tickets required. Free parking at Retama Park with free shuttle service to the tournament. Call 345-3837.

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 cermony will be held May 14, 1 p.m. at Building 1002. Capt. Jonathan Akers will assume command from Capt. Jennifer Rodriguez. Call 221-6625.

Summer concert

The Army Surgeon General will host a summer concert May 16, 7 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. The

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New security protocol will offer higher level of security at FSH gates

By L.A. Shively
FSH Public Affairs

Fort Sam Houston will update gate access control with the Defense Biometrics Identification System beginning in September.

The current system, implemented last year, only requires scanning civilian credentials such as a driver's license. The new system will expand scanning to all DoD ID Cards used for installation entry, including common access cards.

The new system promises a higher level of security according to Derrick Austin, Air Education and Training Command DBIDS Program Manager, responsible for implementing DBIDS at Fort Sam and (Joint Base San Antonio).

DBIDS is force protection enhancement for identity verification of personnel requesting access to the post, Austin explained. If a CAC is stolen or lost, it can be flagged in DBIDS.

When a person attempts to use that card to enter, the handheld scanner displays a message that the card is not authorized and provides instructions to confiscate card and/or apprehend.

Last year, DBIDS vetted over 3 million access control documents stateside and identified 122,000 individuals attempting access without authorization.

The system also detects duplicate CACs, but allows for use of concurrent military, dependent and civilian I.D. or CAC credentials.

Once the system is installed, registration will be available at various areas throughout the post during business hours and on limited weekends. The entire process takes less than five minutes according to Austin. Registering at Fort Sam will allow entrance onto Lackland or Randolph Air Force Bases.

"Our goal is to make registration convenient for the entire Fort Sam Houston community, by offering registration at locations like BAMC, fitness center, Post Exchange and commissary," he said.

All active duty, family members, DoD contractors and retirees – anyone with permanent base access – will have to register into the Fort Sam Houston DBIDS.

Visitor information can be entered into the database prior to arrival and archived for future visits. DBIDS produces a bar-coded, paper pass for short-term visits, and a DBIDS I.D. card for long term visits.

The DBIDS database interfaces with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, providing data on all enrollees within the post zip code area. Additional information will be added locally during registration; such as unit affiliation, phone number and access level.

Photo by Sgt. Robert Barney
A fingerprint scan is part of the Defense Biometrics Identification System registration process.

DBIDS is not a new system, Austin emphasized. The database has existed since 2001 and the hand-held wireless scanners were used at installation gates in Korea in 2002. Army installations overseas began using the system in 2003; and it was implemented in some areas stateside in 2005.

DBIDS will be installed at Fort Sam Houston from Sept. 27 through Oct. 14.

Registration locations will be operational late October.

People of Nicaragua celebrate ARSOUTH humanitarian mission

By Arwen Consaul
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

The town of Los Sanchez, Nicaragua, celebrated U.S. Army South's humanitarian mission, Beyond the Horizon, with an Appreciation Day May 4.

Beyond the Horizon, a humanitarian and civic assistance mission in Nicaragua, provides focused medical and engineering support to the people of the region.

The Los Sanchez community decided to thank members of Army South, along with Navy engineers, better known as Seabees, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 25, out of Fort McCoy, Wis., for completing a water well April 23.

Photos by Capt. Daniel W. Stockton
Los Alegres del Sur, a Nicaraguan Marimba band, perform in Los Sanchez during the Appreciation Day held in honor of the water well constructed in this community. The water well construction is part of U.S. Army South's Beyond the Horizon mission to Nicaragua.

"We are happy because of the well. It is something that we could never have done by ourselves and we wanted to show our appreciation in some way," said Susana Rocha, with the Comite del Desarroyo Comunal of Los Sanchez.

"The entire community pitched in, 10 cordoba here, 20 cordoba there, and we bought the food and prepared it to show our appreciation and love that we have for our U.S. Army and Nicaraguan army brothers."

During the appreciation day, the entire community came out to thank the members of Army South and NMCB 25. The community even had Los Alegres del Sur, a Nicaraguan Marimba band, perform for the troops.

The community and its lead-

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event is free and open to the public.

FSH spring clean up

Fort Sam Houston spring clean up is May 17-21. Soldiers, post residents and civilian personnel are encouraged to participate by cleaning up inside and outside of their areas. Dumpsters will be available in the housing areas, call 270-7638 for locations.

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. Call 520-533-2320 or 520-533-5952.

USAEC uncasing ceremony

The U.S. Army Environmental Command uncasing ceremony is May 21, 9 a.m. at the main post flagpole.

Quarterly town hall meeting

Lincoln Military Housing residents are invited to attend the Garrison Commanders Combined Quarterly Town Hall Meeting May 21, 4-8 p.m., at the Main Resident Center, Building 407, Dickman Road. LMH will open the new pool and refreshments will be provided. Call 270-7638.

Pay office closed

The Defense Military Pay Office, Building 2263, 1706 Stanley Road, will close at 11:30 a.m. May 21 for its Organization Day. For emergency payments, commanders should call 221-2025.

Military City 5K

The Military City 5K is May 22 at 7:30 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Individual racers, guidon teams and 28-man formations are welcome. Runners may register at The Athlete's Foot, Run Gear Run, Soler's Sports, Fleet Feet, Joseph's Bakery or the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Entry fees before May 15, $20/competitive individuals, $15/non-competitive individuals and $10/non-competitive military. After May 15, entry fees are $30/competitive $20/non-competitive and $15/military. Call 385-8248.

Resident centers pools open

Lincoln Military Housing will open the Harris Heights, Watkins Terrace and Main Resident Center pools May 22. Call 270-7638.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Army Medical Department Center & School will host an Asian Pacific Heritage Month ceremony May 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre.

BAMC Soldiers join the ranks of the elite NCO Corps

By Jen D. Rodriguez
BAMC Public Affairs

Photo by Kelly Schaefer
Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Fox administers the Noncommissioned Officer Charge to 16 new NCO inductees, April 28, during the 2nd Quarter NCO Induction Ceremony.

Through hard work and dedication, 16 Soldiers crossed over to join the ranks of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps on April 28, during the second quarter NCO Induction Ceremony held at the Roadrunner Community Center.

"Today, as you walk through that arch, it is a symbol of a new beginning for you," said Chief Clinical Noncommissioned Officer Sgt. Maj. Michael Fraser and guest speaker. "You have made a covenant with your superiors, peers, subordinates, and the American people. Today is your first step of what can be for you; an illustrious career as a member of the Noncommissioned Officers Corps, the 'Backbone of the Army.'"

With a Sergeant of Arms posted at the entrance of the NCO's Covenant Arch, each inductee with their respective NCO sponsor crossed the line of authority, passing through

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Military Spouse Appreciation Day: ACS recognizes local spouses

By Cheryl Harrison
ACS Marketing

Fort Sam Houston honored men and women who have devoted their lives to keeping the home fires burning May 7 during Military Spouse Appreciation Day, a free event at Army Community Service.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the Friday before Mother's Day of each year Military Spouse Appreciation Day in recognition of the "countless personal sacrifices" military spouses have made in support of the armed forces.

Besides being pampered with makeup tips and manicures during the six-hour event, honorees received lots of information about local services, classes and upcoming events. Refreshments were catered by the Sam Houston Club and bouncies were available for children.

If music and pampering wasn't enough, there were lots of door prizes and a carnation for each of the attendees.

During opening remarks, Brian Dougherty, acting ACS director said, "We want you to know how important you are to us and to everyone here and on Fort Sam Houston. We appreciate everything you do in support of your Soldier."

Photo by Cheryl Harrison
Norma DeJesus is one of the first in line to sign in at the Military Spouse Appreciation Day event May 7 at Army Community Service. Each attendee received a carnation and a bag of goodies including MWR coupons, a T-shirt and gifts.

While husbands or wives take an oath and sign the dotted line joining the military, spouses sign on with the vows they take during their wedding ceremony. In choosing their mates, they choose their military way of life.

The life of a military Family is one of unique challenges.

While others have the luxury of decorating their homes knowing they will be there for the duration; military spouses decorate their homes hoping they will be there for three years.

Their civilian counterparts build a measured network of schools, churches, dentists and doctors; while military spouses must hit the ground running, knowing they have a limited time to make friends and contribute to each new community.

Military spouses come from diverse backgrounds calling Texas, New York, Germany or Korea their birth places, but the one thing they learn is "home" is where the military has sent them.

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Over the years, the task of training combat medics in Camp Bullis' realistic field conditions has also grown in size and importance and is a central feature of the Defense Department's multi-billion-dollar plan to make San Antonio the nation's center of military medicine.

While growth is good for the bottom line of the city and surrounding areas, it has rapidly closed in on this training area which is now surrounded on all sides, save for its northern boundary. Real estate developers and homebuilders still gaze hungrily upon the pristine areas around Camp Bullis in their quest to erect even more gated communities and shopping areas.

So when Fort Sam Houston wins a Lone Star Land Steward Award in the special recognition category from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, it shows the Army can have environmental responsibility live peacefully alongside growth and development.

The Lone Star Land Steward Awards program recognizes and honors private landowners for their accomplishments in habitat management and wildlife conservation.

The program is designed to educate landowners and the public and to encourage participation in habitat conservation. The awards also seek to publicize the best examples of sound natural resource management practices and promote long-term conservation of unique natural and cultural resources.

The Lone Star Land Steward Awards are sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, H. Yturria Land and Cattle, Texas Wildlife Association, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lower Colorado River Authority, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Agricultural Land Trust and Llano Springs Ranch, Ltd.

Camp Bullis is home to several endangered species, including two types of birds (the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo), two cave-dwelling beetles and the Madla's cave meshweaver, which is a small, eyeless spider with reduced pigment.

Photo by Dr. Jean Krejca, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Fort Sam Houston was recognized for managing its deer herd at Camp Bullis, assisted by the TPWD, since 1957. Management for endangered birds includes protection of more than 10,000 acres of dense old-growth woodland for the golden-cheeked warbler.

According to a TPWD press release, FSH was noted for its Karst Management Plan, which guides efficient management of both cave biology and groundwater recharge. Goals for Camp Bullis include maintain-

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almost three days, but boy am I happy to be back," said 1st Sgt. Brandon Washington, who noted everyone returned safely.

The Soldiers got leave, which most planned to spend with their Families. Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Green looked forward to being with his wife and six children, the youngest barely six weeks old.

"I got to come home to see him [being] born, but then I went back," Green explained. This was his first deployment to Iraq with the 14th MI Battalion but his third overseas.

For other Soldiers, such as 1st Lt. Pauline Edwards and Spc. Felix Contreras, both assigned to the 14th MI Battalion briefly before deployment, it was their first time in Iraq.

Photo by Gregory Ripps

Soldiers of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion form up shortly before being released to their loved ones May 4 at the Fort Sam Houston Army Community Service building. These Soldiers redeployed from Iraq after 10 months overseas.

While these Soldiers reintegrate with their Families, the third and final contingent of 14th MI Battalion Soldiers continues to provide intelligence support to U.S. forces in Iraq. The battalion's commander, Lt. Col. Greg Meyer, who likewise remains in Iraq, said "While it is tough to see the team redeploy in phases, everyone, Soldiers and Families alike, has done and continues to do a great job, both here in Iraq and back at Fort Sam Houston."

(Gregory Ripps contributed to this story.)

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of the Army Family Covenant and Army Community Covenant.

The most important components of IT – telecommunications, information assurance and data processing – tie into every aspect of installation management. We use telecommunications to connect Soldiers to their Families by video teleconference when they deploy. Tech-smart Soldiers and Family members use it when they 'tweet' to friends and Family through their Twitter accounts.

Information assurance measures and practices reduce risk and ensure our communication and information remains secure from malicious attacks.

IT enables Soldiers and civilians to communicate with government-issued Blackberries, knowing conversations are secure from unauthorized individuals. Most of us use data processing to manage our bits and bytes of information each day when we work on desktop computers, laptops, scanners and copiers. And, cell phones may be the most powerful device of all since they incorporate all three of these IT components.

Every day, the universe of IT products expands.

Every day, the universe of IT products expands. Mobile handheld devices like the current generation of smart phones open up possibilities only dreamed of a few years ago. Convergence of cell phones, digital cameras, music players, GPS, video games, camcorders, electronic book readers and mobile web browsers rapidly changes how we communicate and interact.

As the IMCOM commander, I am dedicated to embracing these new technologies and adapting them to continue to be ahead of the curve in supporting Soldier, civilian, and Family well-being and mission readiness.

Each generation of Soldiers brings a valuable, new perspective to the Army. It is up to us to stay in step with communication capabilities that are in synch with a quality of life commensurate with service.

We are the Army's home.

ARSOUTH from P3

ers were there from the beginning to support the Beyond the Horizon mission. In the first days of digging wells in Los Sanchez, discovering water proved to be difficult, however that didn't stop the community from providing assistance.

"When our first two well attempts at Los Sanchez failed, it was the local community leaders that really stepped up and made access to another site possible," said Navy Ensign Joe Neal, officer in charge of NMCB 25.

"They really drove it home for us as to how important this mission is. They truly embraced us and made us feel welcome."

Indeed, this mission was important to the people of Los Sanchez. "This well is important to us because it has been over a year since we have had clean drinking water," said Rocha.

"The river that we use to wash our clothes is contaminated and some people develop a rash from wearing the clothes washed in that water."

Not only has this mission been of benefit to the people of Los Sanchez, but it also provides an opportunity to work in partnership with the Nicaraguan military, as well as provide a real-world training environment for U.S. military service members.

"This project is important to the U.S. Navy Seabees because we will have gained valuable water well drilling experience. More importantly though, on a broader scale, by drilling these wells we are adding to the building blocks of a strong, positive and friendly relationship between our countries," said Neal.

The members of NMCB 25 also provided engineering support to two other communities in Nicaragua, Samaria and La Noria. The engineers arrived in Nicaragua March 11 to begin preparations for the digging and construction of the three wells with the final well completion in La Noria on May 21.

"Working with the Nicaraguans on all levels has been excellent," said Neal. "From the Nicaraguan army to our drivers to the local community leaders, it's been exciting and refreshing. If we get another chance to come back and work with the Nicaraguans again in the future, we'd do it in a heartbeat."

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ing balanced ecosystems while enhancing military training and readiness.

Innovations such as cable concrete water crossings and brush management using the low-impact "cedar eater" help conserve water and prevent erosion in sensitive areas. Camp Bullis was also recognized for supporting a wide range of natural resource research.

The award will be presented to 502nd Mission Support Group/Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr at a ceremony at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel May 26. A TPWD film crew was on Camp Bullis May 10 to capture images from around the training area and also feature the colonel talking about FSH accomplishments in environmental stewardship. These will be put into a video to be shown at the awards ceremony.

"We are passionate about the missions of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis," Garr told the film crew. "We're very happy to be recognized for the achievement of our environmental goals."

Since coming to Fort Sam Houston in 2008, Garr has been highly involved in negotiations to protect Camp Bullis and the environment, while ensuring the continuation of vital Defense Department training missions. The colonel was instrumental in putting together some 65 separate goals spelled out in the latest Camp Bullis Joint Land Use Study approved in June 2009.

While the Army had worked with area governments and representatives of the development community to create a JLUS for development around Camp Bullis in 1995, it went largely unheeded. By 2009, a series of related development and environmental issues threatened to derail the mission at Camp Bullis and jeopardize the city's longstanding relationship with Fort Sam Houston.

Two key provisions of the latest JLUS, the dark-sky lighting and commitment to protect endangered species which live on the land, have often come into play when new developments are planned.

Garr has repeatedly spoken out against lighting along the fast-growing Interstate 10 corridor between San Antonio and Boerne, because too much light in the night sky interferes with critical night-vision training.

"Continuing to place high density development within the three-mile light buffer could also create many light issues for military training operations conducted on Camp Bullis if dark-sky lighting is not used," Garr was quoted in a 2009 North Central News article. "Developing this tract may displace endangered species onto Camp Bullis."

Rampant development also forces some endangered species, such as the warbler, to leaves its surroundings and migrate onto Camp Bullis property, rendering it useless for training purposes. Camp Bullis is also home to four other known endangered species – another bird called the black-capped vireo, the Madla's cave meshweaver (a small, eyeless spider with reduced pigment) and two cave-dwelling beetles.

"Golden-cheeked warblers, a federally listed endangered species, have shown a 50 percent increase on Camp Bullis in the past five years," Garr wrote in a 2008 letter to the City's Office of Military Affairs and Planning and Community Development Deparment. About 10,000 of the 28,000 acres of Camp Bullis are habitat or potential habitat.

"We believe this is caused by the large-scale clear-cutting of oak and juniper trees within five miles of Camp Bullis. Increased warbler populations on Camp Bullis trigger further Endangered Species Act restrictions on military training," Garr said.

The colonel also worked with the Nature Conservancy of Texas to enter into a formal cooperative agreement in September 2009 to identify and protect habitat for endangered species surrounding Camp Bullis.

"This cooperative agreement is essential to allowing us to continue our Defense Department training missions at Camp Bullis," said Garr when the agreement was inked. "With The Nature Conservancy's help, we look forward to acquiring conservation easements outside of the camp that will protect habitat for endangered species and ensure a realistic environment for medical field training and tactical combat operations training for units of all branches of the United States Armed Forces."

Chaplains help SAVOAD prepare civilian volunteers to respond to crisis

By Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres
ARNORTH Public Affairs

The Chaplain Ministry Team from U.S. Army North participated in the Community Crisis Response Team training held by the National Organization of Victim Assistance at the San Antonio Baptist Association April 22, at Fort Sam Houston.

Civilian and military community members often are first responders to a crisis that happens in local areas. As such, those who are trained to handle events are critical in getting the right amount of support and information for those who are affected within time.

The ARNORTH Chaplain Team became involved with this training because of their interest in helping military members and survivors maintain resiliency during disaster response operations, said Col. Dan Franklin, chaplain, ARNORTH.

Knowing of this interest, the president of the San Antonio Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster requested the assistance from him to help the SAVOAD develop a plan to address the issue of encouraging spiritual and emotional needs of evacuees at the city-run shelters following disasters. Franklin worked with members of the SAVOAD to develop a plan and the NOVA training is a key ingredient to this plan.

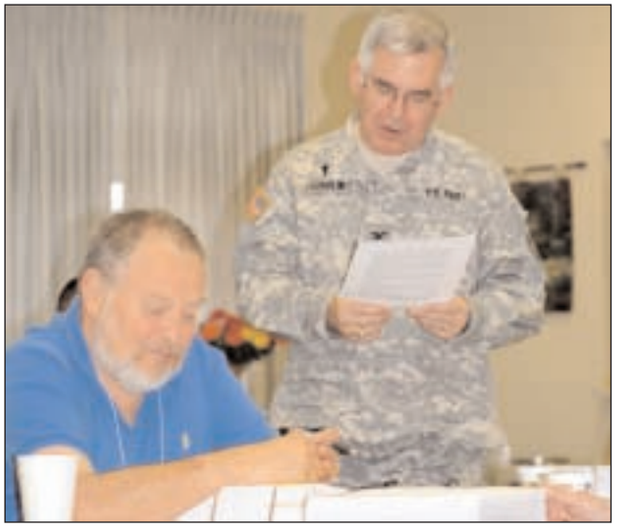

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes
Col. Dan Franklin, chaplain, U.S. Army North, briefs fellow volunteers about a notional topic during the Community Crisis Response Team training at the San Antonio Baptist Association April 22. Franklin, along with fellow Civilian volunteers, can be called upon to assist those who have been affected by any type of crisis.

This training, given one day a week for five weeks, focused on training crisis responders to assist survivors of disasters cope with the emotional and spiritual impact of the disaster. Training modules included understanding the trauma response, the impact of death and loss, understanding stress reactions, dealing with the media and the impact of culture on the trauma response.

"This is a training tool used to effectively help people who have been affected by tragedy and crisis," said Glenn Hall, retired Army chaplain and volunteer.

"This has been one of the best trainings this community has done for its residents."

"This training definitely can help me – not only during times of great tragedy in a community but also in everyday life and events," said Dexter Brown, who works at a hospice.

Volunteer groups such as these are often supporting communities who suffer from great loss of life whether it is from a natural disaster, catastrophic event or a widely publicized death in the community.

"I wanted to do it for my own development and to help prepare me to help the people I work with and definitely work for," said Staff Sgt. Glenn Hambrick, office of the chaplain, Army North.

"This is unique training they are giving us. It is very specific and very details on how to help people through times of crisis. I have not had any

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470th MI Brigade conference focuses on force protection

By Gregory Ripps
470th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

More than 50 of the Army's regional Force Protection Detachment leaders met during the week of April 19 to address common challenges in protecting transiting U.S. forces in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

These intelligence and law enforcement personnel were participating in the Regional Force Protection Detachment Conference, hosted by the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and its commander, Col. Jim Lee. The conference took place at the Hotel Casa Santo Domingo in Antigua, Guatemala, cradle of Mayan history and one of the oldest cities in the Western Hemisphere.

The brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment planned and executed the conference.

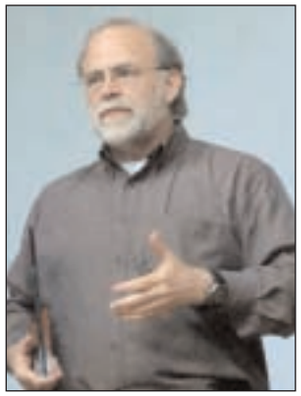
"This conference was critical to the development of the Southern Command and Army Force Protection Detachment programs," said Capt. Jessica Watson, the HHD commander. "We had to create the right conditions. Our Guatemala FPD team and our HHD Soldiers did an outstanding job orchestrating it. We gave program leaders the chance to optimize the engagement."

The force protection mission was born out of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole at the port of Aden in Yemen a decade ago.

The Cole Commission, set up consequent to the attack, prescribed the creation of Force Protection Detachments around the world to maintain vigilance for threats against transiting forces. These detachments consist of joint teams from Army Counter Intelligence, Air Force Office of Security and Investigations, and Navy Criminal Investigations Service.

"The combination of these three skill sets provides a multi-faceted intelligence, investigation, police, law enforcement action-oriented capability designed to engage transiting forces and apprise them of the various threats to their missions and safety," explained Ed Ortiz, FPD coordinator for the brigade. "This conference provided an opportunity to get together to address challenges and find solutions. We expected – and received – great input."

Capt. Jessica Watson, 470th MI Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander, offers information to participants in the Regional Force Protection Detachment Conference in Guatemala April 21.



Courtesy photos

Jules Cabeen, special agent in charge of Force Protection Detachment (FPD) Colombia, addresses participants in the regional FPD conference sponsored by the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade in Antigua, Guatemala.

During the three-day conference, participants discussed multiple issues including, but not limited to, the role of counterintelligence in force protection, operational and strategic policies, and support to contingency operations.

During the first day, Lee and other leaders briefed the gathered service members on policies and procedures from higher headquarters that would assist in execution of their duties. These proceedings established the foundation of understanding for the remaining days, when three breakout groups addressed specific issues.

Each breakout group was tasked to identify

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AFSA CEO tours Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis

By Minnie Jones
FSH Public Affairs

Chief Executive Officer John "Doc" McCauslin of the Air Force Sergeants Association visited Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis May 3-4.

The purpose of McCauslin's visit was two-fold: to look at the quality of life here for Air Force enlisted personnel in areas such as housing, recreation and services; and gather information for a future edition of the AFSA's "SERGEANTS Magazine."

McCauslin met with Army Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Houston, of FSH, and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Toby Tibbits from the 37th Communications Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base.

The highlight of McCauslin's visit was a tour of the nearly completed Medical Education and Training Campus, a joint service facility consolidating Army, Navy and Air Force training into one teaching environment. Students begin with consolidated courses followed by service-specific courses. The campus includes dorms, instructional facilities, fitness center and a dining facility. Air Force students begin training in August.

"This type of facility is awesome and long overdue. This will be a great cost saving for the American taxpayer," McCauslin said. The tour also concluded with the Warrior and Family Support Center and the Center for the Intrepid.

Photo by Minnie Jones
Chief Executive Officer John "Doc" McCauslin (left) met with Army Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Houston (center) and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Toby Tibbits during a two-day tour of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

The following day McCauslin visited Camp Bullis. Paul Dvorak, garrison manager, Camp Bullis Training Site, briefed McCauslin on the support, the camp provides to the military, city and federal agencies.

Air Force Lt. Col. Mark Stehle, 37th TRC, deputy commander, Camp Bullis, discussed improving after-duty hour activities for Airmen training there.

McCauslin also toured the Air Force Cantonment and weapons armory, the Army's Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer, and HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer, the Military Operations in Urban Terrain training and finally the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute, Tactical Simulator.

The tour concluded with Camp Anderson-Peters, named in honor of Airmen who lost their lives escorting convoys in Iraq and where Air Force personnel receive Basic Combat Convoy training.

Mental Health Month Q & A

When is it?

May is Mental Health Month. "Live Your Life Well — Promoting Health and Wellness in the Army" is this year's theme. Commanders and leaders across the Army are encouraged to educate Soldiers, civilians and Family about the Army's behavioral health resources and programs available on Army installations, military treatment facilities and within their local communities.

What has the Army done?

Military life, especially deployments, mobilizations and long separations present challenges. To keep Soldiers, and the civilians and Families that support them healthy in mind, body and spirit and to build resilience and restore balance in their lives; the Army is moving towards a model of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. The focus of the four-pillared CSF program, which offers users a self-assessment followed by confidential self-help modules, is on prevention and building strength and resiliency instead of providing treatment after a problem has already occurred.

Why is Mental Health Month important to the Army?

Stress reactions and behavioral support requirements are at an all time high for the nation. It is imperative that we as an Army Family do all we can to help our Soldiers, civilians and Family manage stresses before during and after combat and deployment. We also must maximize use of our behavioral health providers and do all we can to eliminate stigma for persons who seek or need behavioral health care lasting more than a month.

What does the Army have planned for the future?

At the U.S. Army Medical Symposium and Exposition, May 17-21 in San Antonio, MEDCOM will formally roll out a new Comprehensive Behavioral Health System of Care Campaign Plan. The CBHSOC is nested under the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention to standardize and optimize the vast array of behavioral health policies and procedures across the MEDCOM to ensure seamless continuity of care to better identify, prevent, treat and track behavioral health issues that affect Soldiers and Families during every phase of the Army Force Generation cycle.

Resources:

http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil/

http://www.army.mil/csf/

(Source: OTSG/MEDCOM Public Affairs)

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type of this training before in the military so it will help benefit my ability to assist in more ways than one."

This training was available to volunteers and was sponsored by SAVOAD, the San Antonio Community of Congregations, with funding assistance from the Texas Baptist Convention and the Methodist Healthcare System.

The SAVOAD also offers a four-hour introductory NOVA Course that addresses the need to rapidly integrate volunteers to serve as members of the Crisis Resiliency Team. The course addresses topics such as The National VOAD points of consensus; impact of trauma on individuals; elements of crisis intervention, and spiritual dimensions of trauma.

All volunteers must complete the blocks of instructions in order to serve as a member of the Team.

The SAVOAD recognizes that many volunteers will come with skills and training that far exceeds the training level of the introduction to NOVA course, but it is still essential that all volunteers undergo the training. This ensures that all members of the team have a common level of understanding on the role of the team and the points of consensus, according to SAVOAD.

"We need to ensure that we have a team of trained volunteers who are ready to respond within 24 hours of a request," said Franklin.

Post celebrates the NCO

By Esther Garcia
FSH Public Affairs Office

The Noncommissioned Officer Creed reads: an NCO is a leader of Soldiers, a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army." An NCO has two basic responsibilities always on his or her mind - the welfare of Soldiers and the mission. And, an NCO is loyal to those with whom he serves.

Celebrating the noncommissioned officer, members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club hosted the 3rd Annual Noncommissioned Officer Week.

"The mission of NCO Week is to promote the Corps, build cohesion, enjoy camaraderie and continue to develop our NCO leaders," said Staff Sgt. Erin Hicks, president, Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon Van Autreve Chapter.

NCO week began with an NCO prayer breakfast at Dodd Field Chapel May 4 with Chaplain (Capt.) Denise Hagler, 232nd Medical Battalion as guest speaker.

Riles said during his closing remarks addressing a full house, "This is a sight, a good way to start our 3rd Annual NCO Week."

Riles said, "We are good at our mental fitness, physical fitness, but we don't always work so hard at our spiritual fitness. If we can get those things balanced, that makes for an awesome day."

Later in the afternoon, Staff Sgts. Kevin Conner and Patrick Anderson were the newest members to be inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony held at Blesse Auditorium, and hosted by Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commander, Army Medical Department Center & School.

Riles said, "This ceremony highlights what it means to be an NCO. The SAMC recognizes NCOs who set the highest standards of leadership and excellence. An NCO inducted into the club has demonstrated the abilities that exemplify the characteristics of Sgt. Audie Murphy and his overcoming diversity or adversity through discipline, loyalty and professionalism. Today, we acknowledge two NCOs who display these qualities and will become the newest members of this elite club."

Photo by L.A. Shively
Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles holds the flag originally belonging to his father Holbrook Riles, Sr. flown over Fort Sam Houston May 7. The flag was lowered, folded and presented to him as part of his retreat ceremony on that same day. Riles will be retiring May 14.

Keynote speaker, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend, an honorary member of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, shared a sampling of history of the club. She said when the club was first organized on Fort Sam Houston they had 17 members originally nominated. The board lasted three days, and at the end only one Soldier was left standing. The first Soldier to become a member of the Fort Sam Houston Sgt. Audie Murphy Club was then Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Long, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles.

Townsend spoke about the process of how a Soldier is nominated into the club. She said during the first phase leaders take time to know their Soldiers before they are considered for nomination. They must be a special kind of leader; the best of the best. The second phase requires a unit level commander to sign off on the nomination. Then the nominee must go before a board consisting of Command Sgts. Major, Sgts. Major and a Sgt. Audie Murphy Club member testing Soldiers' knowledge on regulations and applying it to situations. Nominees must board pass before they can be recognized by the club.

Townsend said, "With this great honor comes great responsibility. That responsibility means being the standard bearer, the mentor to other Soldiers and those Soldiers can follow in their footsteps and see the kind of leaders that they are. So the responsibility is great to not just the Soldiers they lead, but to other Soldiers."

The two-day workshop, May 5 to 6 in Bldg. 902, packed the house with Soldiers as well as Air Force NCOs. The workshop began with the history of the NCO dating back to Egyptian times, and included subjects such as duties and responsibilities of the NCO, financial planning, customs and courtesies, leadership, Army writing, NCO evaluations, and much more.

Riles said, "This is held in your honor, get information to take back to your Soldiers to train your junior Soldiers, whether new, old or just review, I ask that you take something back from these two days.

NCO Week continued with NCO Night May 6 at the Sam Houston Club. The evening included drill and ceremony, and dance competitions, and judging.

NCO Week ended with a retreat ceremony honoring the nation's flag and in honor of Riles who is leaving the Army after serving 31 years.

Photo by L.A. Shively
The color guard folds the U.S flag that will be presented to Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles during his retreat ceremony.

Spc. Mikel Lee assists while Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles fires a cannon round in honor of his retirement during his retreat ceremony.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Crosby

Photo by Esther Garcia
Staff Sgt. Erin Hicks presents the Certificate of Achievement and membership card to Staff Sgt. Patrick Anderson, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the newest member inducted into the club. Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, presented Anderson with the club's medallion and his letter of congratulations. Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles presented the Command Sgts. Major letter of congratulations.

Photo by Esther Garcia
Staff Sgt. Erin Hicks presents retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend a gift for her participation in the induction ceremony. Townsend served as honorary sergeant major for the AMEDD Regiment, the first female senior enlisted advisor to the Army Surgeon General, and as command sergeant major for MEDCOM.

Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein presents the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club medallion to Staff Sgt. Kevin Conner, NCO Academy, one of two newest members inducted into the club. The medallion is worn around the neck outside the uniform for official functions.

Photo by Esther Garcia

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Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Carey, Company B, 264th Medical Battalion talks about the history of the NCO, the first topic presented at the two-day 2010 Enlisted Workshop.

Staff Sgt. Jarrod Vining, Commandant of the NCO Academy Sgt. Maj. Karen Archondidis, 1st Sgt. Gerald Dove, and Master Sgt. Reginald Hall sang and danced for prizes during NCO Night at the Sam Houston Club.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Crosby

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issues and offer potential solutions for the U.S. Army Southern Command representative to deliver to the Worldwide Force Protection Conference in May. The final day of the Antigua conference was reserved for Army senior representatives from each combatant command to discuss policy and future personnel moves in support of mission requirements.

The 470th maintains the largest of the all COCOM force protection missions worldwide, with seven detachments serving as "executive agency" FPDs.

Their seven missions span all of South and Central America and the Caribbean Islands, their vigilance ensuring protection for thousands of transiting Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in the SOUTHCOM Area of Operations.

"The combination of these three skill sets provides a multi-faceted intelligence, investigation, police, law enforcement action-oriented capability

"It is important for these personnel to get together annually to discuss those things that enhance each other's missions and share ideas on how to improve their skill," said Lee. "Just as important is the work accomplished in preparation for the worldwide conference in May where issues are presented to high-level bureaucrats who will take issues to Washington and work on providing solutions."

The work completed at the conference was prepared for the SOUTHCOM senior representative, who will take the issues forward.

"We are pleased with the outcome of this conference as it produced some good issues we can all work on to improve the mission support," said Lee.

Alpha Co. Profiles and CFI teams come up big winners in 3rd annual WTB 3-on-3 basketball tourney

By Jen D. Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center
Public Affairs

"May the best team win!" was the battle cry for the third annual Warrior Transition Battalion 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament April 27 at the Center for the Intrepid outdoor court.

WTB Executive Officer Maj. Jennifer Finch thanked the more than 50 spectators in the opening ceremonies for being a part of the magical moments between the warriors and staff members as they played wheelchair and standup basketball.

"We work hard and play hard," said Finch. "Now, we all come together to show them what we can do."

In the opening game, the Slappin Monkies beat the A-Team, 9-4 to move into the finals to play the undefeated Profiles. In a double elimination play, the Slapping Monkies had to beat the Profiles twice for the win.

Despite the game tying twice, 9-9 in the first half, and then again, 11-11 with 2:48 remaining in

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Standing basketball champions are the Profiles' Edward Williams, Eric Martin, Joel Marte, Karl Richard and Peter Rodriguez showing off their first place medals and certificates in the closing ceremonies.

Photo by Jen D. Rodriguez

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the covenant arch to the other side to signify the beginning of a new journey.

NCO Corps inductees from Headquarters and Headquarters Command, Alpha Company, Bravo Company and Charlie Company, were: Sgt. Jennafer Allen, Sgt. Janette Baltz, Sgt. James Carter, Sgt. Alexander De Luna, Sgt. Kevin Gilchrist, Sgt. Larry Johnson, Sgt. Zachary Mau, Sgt. Daisy Molina, Sgt. Nicollete Moore, Sgt. Kaylanda Pinkerton, Sgt. Anthony Profit, Sgt. Richard Sanchez, Sgt. Justin Saint-Jacques, Sgt. Kelly Taylor and Sgt. David Wyatt.

"You will transform from being followers to being leaders," he said. "Only the Army's best and brightest are selected for inclusion into the NCO Corps. From this day forward, you will be looked upon and be respected as leaders and noncommissioned officers."

The ceremony celebrates the newly promoted Soldiers who join the ranks of a professional NCO Corps as well as emphasizes and builds on the pride all members share as part of the elite Corps. The ceremony also serves to honor the memory of those men and women of the NCO Corps who have served with pride and distinction.

Fraser said your journey as an NCO will be in direct correlation with the decisions you make and the actions or lack of actions you take, "therein lies your success. Your success is dependent upon your leadership."

Early in the ceremony with the lights dimmed, a Soldier entered the room carrying a candle signifying the eternal flame which burns in the heart and soul of every NCO in remembrance of those who've come before him, the one that lead our the forefathers to victory, and preserves our rights and freedoms.

Also, three candles depicting the acronym NCO in red, white and blue were also lit by three NCOs reciting the NCO Creed.

The red candle symbolizes the courage and strength of the NCO; it represents the blood shed in defense of our country. White symbolizes the purity and commitment of the NCO; and represents the NCO's dedication to honesty and integrity in both word and deed. The blue candle symbolizes the valor and pride of the NCO; and represents their participation in the many battles fought across the waters of the world.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Fox administered the NCO charge, and Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Polk administered the NCO Oath.

With more than 200 years of service, the U.S. Army's NCO Corps has distinguished itself as the world's most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and daily accounts of "life as an NCO" are exemplified by acts of courage, and a dedication and a willingness to do "whatever it takes" to complete the mission.

NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service in military events ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Window covering safety recall

Lincoln Military Housing wants to ensure that Fort Sam Houston Family Housing residents do not have window blinds that have been recalled.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Window Covering Safety Council announced a voluntary recall Dec. 15, 2009 to repair all Roman shades and roll-up blinds to prevent the risk of strangulation to young children. This recall involves millions of Roman and roll-up blinds.

Although there have not been any issues with the blinds that are currently in housing, in order to emphasize safety, LMH wants to remind residents of safety hazards with corded mini and vertical blinds. Children can strangle in cord and bead chain loops or can strangle themselves by wrapping the cords around their necks.

There have been reports of five deaths nationwide with Roman shades since 2006. Children can get strangled in Roman shades when they place their neck between the exposed inner cord and the fabric on the backside of the blind or when the cord is pulled out and wraps the cord around their neck.

Since 2001, there have been three deaths nationwide with roll-up blinds. Children can get strangled with roll-up blinds when they lift the loop side of the blind and their neck gets entangled in the free standing loop or if they place their neck between the loop and the blind material.

All disclaimers on newly-installed blinds are left on and the warnings are located in the form of a tag on the cord. Additional warnings are located on a label sticker on the bottom and head rail of the blinds if tags are missing.

Residents can obtain recall and general safety information at CPSCs website, http://www.cpsc.gov or call the hotline 800-638-2772.

Residents with Roman or roll-up shades in their homes can contact the WCSC at http://www.windowcoverings.org or 800-506-4636 to receive a free repair kit.

For any questions or additional information, call LMH at 270-7638 or e-mail ftsamhouston-questions@lpsi.com.

WINDOW COVERINGS

Examine all shades and blinds in the home. Make sure there are no accessible cords on the front, side, or back of the product.

Use of cordless window coverings in all homes where children live or visit.

Do not place cribs, beds, and furniture close to the windows because children can climb on them and gain access to the cords.

Make loose cords inaccessible.

If the window shade has looped bead chains or nylon cords, install tension devices to keep the cord taut.

CORDED MINI/VERTICAL BLINDS

Always ensure that inner cord stop devices are within 6 inches from head rail when blind is in the fully lowered position.

Always keep cords and bead chains out of children's reach or install tension devices to keep the cord taut.

Move cribs, playpens, and other furniture away from cords and bead chains. Children can climb furniture to get to cords.

DO NOT tie cords together. Make sure cords do not twist together and create a loop.

(Source: LMH)

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Calendar of Events

May 13

Unit Victim Advocate Refresher Training

The class will is 8 a.m.-noon at the 32nd Medical Brigade, Building 902. This is a mandatory training for all UVA's at FSH. Call 221-1505.

Microsoft Visio

The class will is 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 Termer Financial Readiness

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

Five Love Languages

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

May 14

Family Readiness Support Assistant Forum

The training is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-1829/2705.

May 16

Bike Ride

Enjoy a free leisurely bike ride and outdoor concert at the Fort Sam Houston Medical Museum, Building 1046 on Stanley Road. After the hour ride (5 to 7 miles), participants are invited to listen to the Army Medical Command Band perform outside the museum. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. Both events are open to the public. Call 221-1234.

May 17

Pre-Deployment Planning

The training is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

Savings and Investing

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

Systematic Training of Effective Parenting for Teens

The four-part training is May 17 and 24, June 7 and 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This series will help parents of teens discover specific skills to deal with issues and communicate more effectively. To register, call 221-0349/2418.

May 18

Family Readiness Support Assistant Training

The training is May 18 and 19, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will orient and inform FRSAs about the roles and responsibilities of their position. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

Microsoft Access Level 1

The class is 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Registration required. Call 221-2518.

Stress Management

The class is 11 a.m.-12:30 pm. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/0600.

Credit Reports

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

May 19

Microsoft Excel Level 2

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

Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

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

May 20

Summer Hire Job Fair

Family Employment Readiness Program and Work Force Solutions Alamo will hold a summer job fair 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Army Community Service for military spouses and dependents. Call 221-0427/0516.

May 21

Story Time at the Library

USO and United Through Reading® will host a story time 10 a.m. for children up to 6 years old at the Keith A. Campbell Library. There will also be prizes and refreshments. Call 227-9373.

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.

Movie Night

Free movie night, "Old Dogs," at dusk at the main post flagpole. Popcorn, snocones, and cotton candy will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the movies will be shown at ACS, Building 2797. Call 221-2705/2418.

May 22

Doggie Dip

Dogs of all ages, sizes and shapes are invited to jump in and cool off before the pool opens for humans, 10 a.m.-noon at the Aquatic Center, Building 3300, Williams Road. Doggie-approved treats and prizes will be given away and free nail clipping services will be available. Bring a picture of your pup for a chance to win a prize. All dogs must have proof of distemper combo, lepto and rabies vaccinations to be permitted in the pool. Call 221-1234.

Movie Night

Free movie night "Up," at dusk at the main post flagpole. Popcorn, snocones, and cotton candy will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the movies will be shown at ACS, Building 2797. Call 221-2705/2418.

REMINDER CALENDAR

May 13	San Antonio Military Defense Tech & Intel Career Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sam Houston Club
May 15	Armed Forces Day
May 16	Fort Sam Houston Gazebo Concert, 7 p.m., Army Medical Department Museum
May 17-21	Post-wide Spring Clean Up
May 20	Summer Hire Job Fair, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Army Community Service, Building 2797
May 21	U.S. Army Environmental Command Uncasing Ceremony, 9 a.m., main post flagpole
May 21	Garrison Quarterly Combined Town Hall Meeting, 4-8 p.m.
May 21	Movie Night "Old Dogs," at dusk, main post flagpole
May 22	Movie Night "Up," at dusk, Dodd Field

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COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

May 15

All American Armed Forces Parade

A parade to honor armed forces, law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and mail carriers begins at 7 p.m. in Floresville. Show your support by wearing red, white and blue. Call 215-7606 or 647-5689.

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 18

Spouses Club Luncheon

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area will host a luncheon 11a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club to honor scholarship recipients and give welfare awards to organizations. Call 818-516-3442.

May 19

Book signing, lecture, reception

Retired Col. Mary T. Sarnecky, ANC, will sign her book, "A Contemporary History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps," during a reception at 2 p.m. with a lecture to follow at 5 p.m., in the Army Medical Department Museum Gift Shop, Building 1046.

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 at 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.

MOAA Scholarship Luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America will host a scholarship luncheon 11 a.m. at the Gateway Club, Lackland Air Force Base. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commander, U.S. Army North. Menu choice: roasted sirloin or chicken picatta, cost is $17. To reserve by May 17, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

May 24

Health Fair

An Environmental/Occupational Health Fair by the 6A-F5/ Army Public Health Nurses will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center & School. Information on sexually transmitted diseases, smoking cessation, fad diets, body fat measurements, suicide prevention, infection control and more. Call 221-6245.

Census Bureau in Fort Sam Houston Housing Areas

The Census Bureau will be conducting non-response follow-ups in the housing areas, knocking on residents' doors, beginning May 13, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Representatives will have identification badges and will be wearing orange vests with Census Bureau written on them. For questions, please contact the Residential Communities Initiative Office at 221-0891.

Photo by Jen D. Rodriguez

CFI's Jen Lee maneuvers around Delvin Maston headed for the goal.

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the game; the Alpha Co. Profiles forged ahead for the win, 13-11 and first place bragging rights.

Profiles' players were Peter Rodri-guez, Eric Martin, Karl Richard, Joel Marte and Edward Williams.

The Slapping Monkies placed second, and A-Team, third.

In the wheelchair competition, two CFI teams took to the court, which ended in a swift victory. Team CFI beat the Wheels, 8-2. CFI's players were Jen Lee, JD Wallace, Colton Read, Josh Sweeney, Neil Boyd and Coach Troy Hopkins.

Wheels placed second; Ridin Low placed third.

Other winners included: Standing: most free throws most in one minute, Karl Richard; most free throws in a row, Eric Martin; wheelchair: most free throws in a minute, John Register; most free throws in a row, Eric Martin.

Summing up the day's event in her closing ceremonies, Finch said every participant had lots of fun, displayed teamwork and demonstrated some great competition.

WORSHIP 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

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

Catholic Services:
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11:30 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

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

For Sale: 2000 Harley Davidson Fat Boy, 20K miles, excellent condition, lots of extras, $10,000 obo. Call 295-6943.

For Sale: Sony Trinitron Television, flat front, big back, $125; old Magnavox floor model television, works great, $25. Call 414-0357.

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

For Sale: Hampton Bay aluminum all-weather patio set, includes four chairs, table, umbrella stand, gray, $150; imported rustic solid wood armoire, 80 inches by 46 inches, holds up to 36 inch television, good condition, $200. Call 527-9368.

For Sale: Entertainment center, dark cherry finish, $69; analog television, $49; both $100 cash; 1992 Ford Econoline E-150 custom conversion van, loaded, rust prevention, new alternator, TV/VCR, "as is," $1,299 cash. Call 659-6741.

Garage Sale: May 14 and May 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9922 Autumn Hollow, Converse, Call 662-8887

Free to Good Home: Adult male cat, neutered, Family is PCSing overseas this summer and needs to find a loving home for this indoors only cat. Boots is declawed, fully vaccinated and available immediately. He would do well in a home without other animals. E-mail ronna.trent @us.army.mil if interested.

Wanted: Men's mess dress, 48 regular, 40x32 pants, MS corps, colonel. Call 454-2095.

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Friday – May 14
Lunch –11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Grilled steaks, barbecued chicken, French-fried shrimp, beef stir fry, fried chicken wings, wild rice, macaroni and cheese, baked potatoes
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Grilled tuna patties, meat loaf, chicken cordon bleu, country-fried steaks, cheese ravioli, baked potato wedges, parsley tri-colored pasta

Saturday – May 15
Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.
Rigatoni with meat sauce, rigatoni with marinara sauce, herbed baked chicken, salmon croquettes
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Beef enchiladas, chicken pot pie with biscuits, grilled pork chops, cheese enchiladas, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, steamed rice, fried cabbage, corn, asparagus

Sunday – May 16
Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.
Jambalaya, charbroiled meatballs with brown gravy, vegetable lasagna, roast beef, mashed potatoes, red beans and rice
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Barbecued spareribs, Salisbury steaks, lemon-baked fish, broccoli, cheese, rice casserole, oven-glo potatoes, steamed rice, turnip greens, wax beans, pinto beans

Monday – May 17
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Chicken cacciatore, fried catfish, cranberry-glazed chicken breast, cheese manicotti, baked sweet Italian sausages, wild rice
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Fried chicken, roast pork, Swiss steak with brown gravy, beef lasagna, lyonnaised potatoes, macaroni and cheese, baked potatoes

Tuesday – May 18
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Chicken fajitas, turkey loaf, grilled ham steaks with pineapple sauce, beef stew with biscuits, cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Beef enchiladas, cheese tortellini, Barlow's blackened catfish, pepper steak, chicken gyros, red beans and rice, oven-browned potatoes

Wednesday – May 19
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Ginger pot roast, chicken tetrazzini, lemon-baked fish, breaded pork fritters, macaroni and cheese
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Breaded veal steaks with mushroom gravy, barbecued beef cubes, chili macaroni, cheese manicotti, grilled tuna patties, mashed potatoes,

Thursday – May 20 Asian/Pacific
Meal, Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Schezwan chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, roast beef, beef short ribs (Kalbi), spicy pork, sweet and sour chicken, spicy baked fish, shrimp fried rice, baked potatoes, clear noodles (Jabchae),parsley-buttered potatoes, vegetable stir fry, corn on the cob, Korean zucchini squash, cucumber kimche, cabbage kimche, spinach salad
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Oriental steaks, spicy Italian pork chops, vegetable lasagna, tuna and noodles casserole, grilled pork chops with green pepper and onions, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, Chinese mixed vegetables
Menus are subject to change without notice

Runners and walkers representing Fort Sam Houston supported the

2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

in San Antonio May 1 to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Courtesy photo

Breast cancer survivors and participants from various Medical Command divisions, the Army Medical Department Center & School, and Brooke Army Medical Center were part of an effort that raised over $1,450 in donations for the Komen Foundation. In recognition of National Law Day, the group was accompanied by a member of the MEDCOM Staff Judge Advocate and some folks wore hats to honor Law Day.

Photo by Gregory Ripps

Elizabeth Crist (left), Camilla Weeks (center) and Gina Lee form part of the contingent representing the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown San Antonio.

COLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED AS 'STUDENTS OF THE MONTH'

Photo by Dr. Roland Rios

Each month, Robert G. Cole High School recognizes one student from each grade level for his/her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. Students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. Recipients for April are (front row, left to right) Elizabeth De La Torre, 10th grade; Amber Wessies, 12th grade; N'Dea Spivey, 11th grade; and Jacob Schell, Ninth grade.

FCC PROVIDERS AWARDED CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL

Courtesy photo

Paul Matthews (back row), director, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation presents Fort Sam Houston Family Child Care Providers Carla Rush, Karie Janek and Jerome Allen the Child Development Associate credential April 23 in recognition of their outstanding work with young children at the installation. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to work with Families to develop a child's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment. Far right are Brenda Berry and Donna Williams. Far left is Marilyn Judge. For more information call 221-3828 or stop by the FCC Office, 1630-A Sultan Road, behind the Youth Center.