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## Briefs

### MEDCOM NCO and SOY Recognition Banquet, Tonight

U.S. Army Medical Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year recognition banquet will be held today, 6 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston NCO Club. Cost is \$23 per person and tickets may be obtained through unit sergeants major.

### FSH Housing Residents' Town Hall Meeting today

Lincoln Military Housing, LCC & Urban Design Associates will host a town hall meeting at the Roadrunner Community Center today at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### B Company, Troop Command, BAMC Change of Command tomorrow

Outgoing commander, Capt. Kelly Turner will relinquish command of Troop Command, Brooke Army Medical Center to incoming commander Capt. Jacob A. Smith at a ceremony tomorrow at 8 a.m. in Bldg. 3640, Troop Command building.

### Post Garage Sale, May 22

A post garage sale will be held Saturday, May 22, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MacArthur Pavilion parking lot located on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Roads. Non-DoD patrons are advised to use the Walters Gate.

### B Company, Academy Battalion Change of Command, May 24

Outgoing commander, Capt. Francisco Romero will relinquish command to incoming commander Capt. Stacey Webb at a ceremony May 24, 9:30 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium.

### A-76 Town Hall Meetings, May 25 and 26

Attention U.S. Army Garrison employees, the next A-76 Town Hall meetings will be held May 25 and 26, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Evans Auditorium.

### BAMC NCO Induction Ceremony, May 26

Brooke Army Medical Center will induct new non-commissioned officers May 26 beginning at 3 p.m. in the BAMC Auditorium.

### Safety Day Ceremony, May 26

A Safety Day ceremony will be held May 26, 10 a.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2729 on Stanley Road. Commanders, directors and Collateral Duty Safety Officers are encouraged to attend.

### Memorial Day Ceremony, May 31

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held May 31, 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Harry Wurzbach Road. The keynote speaker will be Judge John W. Primomo, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas.

## Downtown parade celebrates Armed Forces Day



Photo by Esther Garcia

Pfc. Gina Simonton, assigned to C Company, 187th Medical Battalion and representing Fort Sam Houston joins Staff Sgt. Jason Lamoureux, Lackland Air Force Base, and members from Randolph AFB, Brooks City Base and Air Intelligence Agency at the 3rd Annual Armed Forces Parade held May 15 in San Antonio. See more photos on page 10.

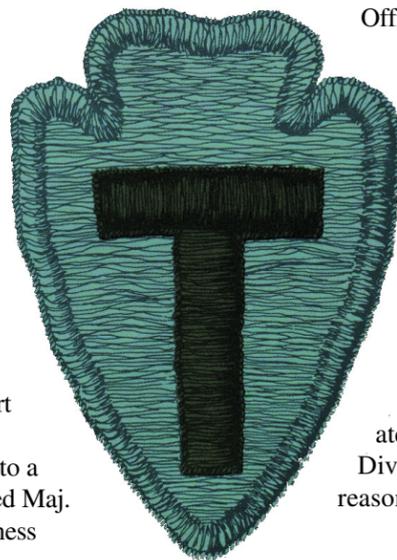
## 49th Armored Division becomes 36th Infantry Division

By Tech. Sgt. Gregory Ripps  
Texas National Guard Public Affairs

The 49th Armored Division became the 36th Infantry Division May 1.

This re-designation aligns the division with the transformation currently under way with the active Army. The division includes about 12,000 Soldiers, which is about two-thirds of the Texas National Guard, and has elements throughout the state.

"The first purpose for the change is to start changing the mindset of the Texas Army National Guard from a heavy armored force to a light, more versatile infantry force," explained Maj. Trey Roberson, Force Integration and Readiness



Officer for the Texas Army National Guard. "The second purpose is to bring back the historic lineage of the 36th Infantry Division."

Other than the re-designation, the division will see few changes, at least not for three or four years.

"The M1-A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks and the M-3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles will remain," Roberson noted. "The only immediate change is the name. Several subordinate units will also change names with the division."

Whereas the letterhead will change immediately, it may be a while before 36th Infantry Division insignia appears elsewhere, which is one reason the formal "re-flagging" ceremony won't take

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## Family practice clinic open at Camp Bullis

By Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A family practice clinic taking care of Soldiers assigned to and training at Camp Bullis is actively enrolling family members and TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in the surrounding area.

The clinic staff includes a family practice physician, a nurse practitioner, and a physician assistant. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military sick call is at 6 a.m.

The clinic offers pharmacy, laboratory,

and radiological services and comprehensive health care in men's and women's health, pediatrics, well baby and immunizations.

The pharmacy clinic supports patients' prescriptions and will honor refill requests from assigned patients. The radiology clinic provides basic plain film x-rays to support patient care. The laboratory performs all required patient care support; laboratory samples are sent to Brooke Army Medical Center for processing. Clinic services include basic childhood and adult immunizations. All deployment related immunizations are done at

McWethy Clinic at Fort Sam Houston. Health care services for both men and women include basic preventive and wellness exams.

With room for 4,500 patients, so far only 650 beneficiaries are enrolled. To enroll, visit the Brooke Army Medical Center TRICARE Service Center or the Cares desk at the Pharmacy. Air Force enrollees should contact the Wilford Hall TRICARE Service Center or call 1-800-406-2832.

The clinic is near Camp Bullis headquarters and the fire station. Exit Military Highway from Loop 1604 and follow the signs to Camp Bullis.

## Task Force recommends plan to prevent sexual assaults

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

A DoD Task Force released details of a sweeping plan it recommends to help prevent sexual assaults within the military and provide the best possible care for victims.

The Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assaults, formed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in mid-February in response to reports of alleged

sexual assaults in Kuwait and Iraq, recommended the establishment of a single office within the DoD to handle sexual assault matters.

Ellen Embrey, director of the task force, told Pentagon reporters May 13 that the office would develop standardized DoD-wide policies regarding sexual assault and help the services and combatant commanders put them in place.

The office would also oversee the implementation of the task force's other

recommendations, outlined in the group's 99-page report. The recommendations are based on focus group sessions conducted at 21 military locations worldwide, as well as personal and telephone interviews.

Based on its review, the task force concluded that: DoD policies and standards focus on sexual harassment, not assault; commanders don't have the guidance, resources and emphasis on prevention and

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# Message to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines



**Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers**  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

The reports of detainee abuse by American Soldiers in Iraq are deeply troubling. Those who have not upheld the high standards of our armed forces must be held accountable.

With honor, the men and women of our armed forces must maintain our focus to secure a stable and free Iraq and to win the global war on terrorism.

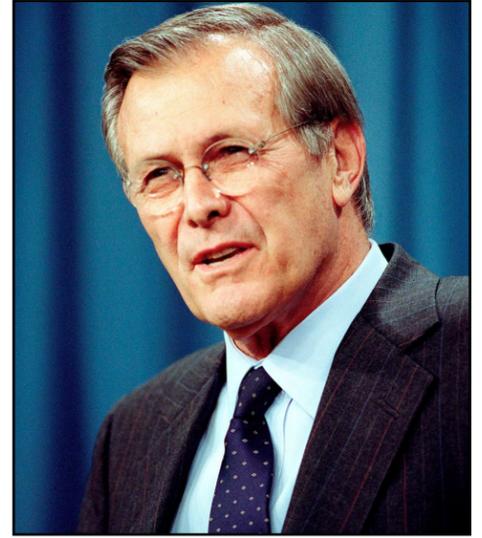
We ask that each of you remember who we are and what we represent. We are Americans, and our actions must uphold the values of our country and the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. Our military

code of conduct requires it, our nation demands it, and the world expects it. Our culture of accountability and responsibility will accept nothing less.

As you serve around the world, stand tall. Be proud of what you are doing to make the world a better place. Your nation is grateful for your unwavering professionalism, selfless service, courage, and sacrifice.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and I are enormously proud to serve with you.

Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense



**Donald H. Rumsfeld**  
Secretary of Defense

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### News Leader Correction:

Retired Brig. Gen. Richard L. Ursone was the 14th Chief of Medical Service Corps and not the 13th as stated in the article featured on page one of the May 13 issue.



## 232nd Medical Battalion hosts former Vietnam era Army medics

Story by Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

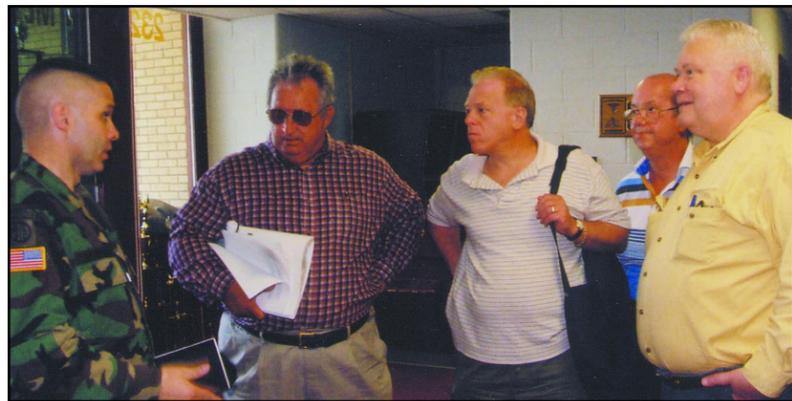
Four former Army medics visited the 232nd Medical Battalion and the 91W program training areas on May 14. The veterans, all assigned to the 8th Medical Detachment, 155th Assault Helicopter Company kin Vietnam enjoyed the opportunity to be with Initial Entry Training Soldiers and the 91W staff instructors. The tour of simulation training center left them spell bound as they observed Soldiers training with human patient simulators that repli-

cated wounds and reacted to treatment by the Soldiers training with them. They were astounded by the contents of the current medic aid bag and the skills of the Soldiers which are much improved since they trained here 35 years ago. Kerry Pardue said, "The medics being trained today will be prepared to go to the battlefield and take care of their men. The training is totally outstanding and we were in awe of the new things this new generation of Army medics are trained to do. This is high tech training at its best."



Photos by Esther Garcia

(Above) 232nd Medical Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Bruce McVeigh welcomes Kerry Pardue, Alan Rosebaum, Bill Pishlo and Lloyd Beemer during their visit to medical training. The former 91A field medic, 91B combat medics and laboratory technician returned to Fort Sam Houston for a reunion and asked to visit training sites they were familiar with during the Vietnam era.



(Left) Maj. Marshall Eidenberg explains the contents of the current medic aid bag to Kerry Pardue, Alan Bill Pishlo and Lloyd Beemer. The Vietnam era medics were fascinated with the complexity of the training they saw while escorted through training facilities by the 91W training program staff.

## Task Force

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response; and efforts to hold offenders accountable are not apparent, due to Privacy Act concerns. The task force also found that although the services have their own programs addressing sexual assault, that no cohesive program exists for the entire Defense Department.

Embrey said task force members found a general confusion about sexual assault and how it differs from sexual harassment. "The majority of people we spoke to did not clearly understand what sexual assault is and what it isn't, or how to go about reporting it, or the avenues available to them," she said. Many people the task force members spoke with also didn't know where to go to get help or what kind

of help to expect, Embrey added.

In response, the task force recommended a far-reaching information campaign to quickly get this information, as well as all new policies, guidelines and command tools developed to address the problem, to the field.

The group recommended that a summit be convened within the next three months to define sexual assault and address the challenge of protecting victims' privacy while enabling commanders to maintain good order and discipline and hold offenders accountable. Embrey said members of the summit, to be made up of senior military and civilian leaders and outside experts on sexual assault, would also

develop a plan for responding to sexual assaults during deployments to remote U.S., overseas and combat locations.

Embrey said sexual assaults challenge the entire nation, and the U.S. military is not immune. "Sexual assault is a crime and it has potentially devastating and long-term effects on victims and their units," she said. "And, therefore, we must do everything we can to prevent sexual assaults from occurring."

She said DoD must also ensure that the systems of reporting, responding and investigating sexual assaults are timely, effective and sensitive to the victims' needs. "And most importantly," she said, "we must ensure that the department's leaders at all levels are committed to mak-

ing the necessary improvements."

Embrey said the task force was encouraged to find that virtually all the commanders and leaders they spoke with "indicated a strong commitment to do the right thing and a willingness to support the changes that would make a difference in this area." She said the task force also found cases in which individual commanders "had taken it upon themselves" to improve sexual assault awareness and response.

Also encouraging, she noted, is that some task force's recommendations for corrective actions are already being initiated. "I am confident that the Department of Defense can and will succeed in addressing this important issue," she said.

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place until Oct. 2.

"It will take time to get the 36th Infantry Division shoulder patch introduced into the Army's supply system," Roberson said. "We also need time to plan the ceremony and complete logistical issues."

Texas Military Forces also want enough time to invite former members of the 36th Infantry Division to the ceremony. The National Guard unit fought in World War I and World War II.

The unit insignia, the T-Patch, was first used during World War I. At that time both Texas and Oklahoma National Guard members comprised the division, and the insignia was designed to represent both. The insignia's arrowhead shape symbolizes Oklahoma, and its large "T" stands for Texas.

"The number '36' was assigned back in the 1920s when the division was reconstituted after World War I," added retired Brig. Gen. John Scribner, Texas National Guard historian. "It is part of the numbering system established for National Guard Infantry divisions by what was then the War Department. Regular Army Infantry divisions go up only to 25."

The 36th Infantry Division participated in seven major campaigns in the European Theater of World War II. It was the first American combat division to land on the continent of Europe in 1943. During 1943, 1944 and 1945, 1944 it led U.S. forces in the invasion of Italy in the Gulf of Salerno, participated in the assault across the

Rapido River and was involved in the breakout of the Anzio beachhead and the race to Rome.

It was the first American combat division to land on the continent of Europe in 1943. In August 1944, the division took part in the seaborne invasion of southern France, then fought its way to Germany. After assaulting the Siegfried Line, the 36th entered Germany in March 1945 and crossed into Austria two months later.

While in Bavaria and Austria, the division took many prisoners, including such notables as Hermann Goering; Nicholas Horthy, Hungary's dictator; and Leni Reifensahl, director of Nazi propaganda films. It also freed two former prime ministers of France, two former heads of the French Army, and Charles De Gaulle's sister, among others. In addition, the unit had the sad distinction of participating in the liberation participating in the liberation of the Dachau, Hurlach and Landsberg concentration camps.

According to National Guard records, the 36th Infantry Division suffered 16,828,16,828 casualties, the ninth highest number sustained by a U.S. Army division during the war. Its members were awarded won 14 Medals of Honor, 88 Distinguished Service Crosses, 2,354 Silver Stars, 5,407 Bronze Stars, 88 Air Medals and 12 Presidential Citations.

After the 36th Infantry Division returned to the states, it was inactivated at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., on Dec. 15, 1945 and reconstituted in the Texas National Guard in 1946. As a part of the Army's reorganization, the Division

was deactivated in 1968, and was reconstituted in the Texas National Guard in 1946. As part of a later Army reorganization, the division was deactivated in 1968.

The 49th Armored Division, organized near the beginning of the Cold War in 1949, was one of only two armored divisions the Army National Guard created. The division mobilized for the Berlin Crisis in September 1961 and deployed to Fort Polk, La., where it remained for 10 months. During this stay, the division staged an immense armor exercise and distinguished itself as the first National Guard unit to fire the Honest John tactical missile.

The 49th was deactivated in 1968 but was reactivated in 1973 with its headquarters at Camp Mabry. In March 2000, the 49th Armored Division took command of the peace-keeping effort in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It made history because it was the first National Guard division since World War II to command regular Army units and the first National Guard division to command a multi-national force, including Regular Army units. The 49th Armored Division remained in command of the force until October 2001.

With the re-designation, the 49th Armored Division fades into history as the 36th Infantry Division begins to shine again.

"The 36th has got a tremendous war record," said Lt. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, adjutant general of Texas. "It's another message that the Texas National Guard is putting on our battle face - that we intend to be fully engaged in the global war on terrorism."

# The best compete for MEDCOM NCO/SOY

(Right) Eighteen Soldiers carrying weapons and basic combat load compete in the annual U.S. Army Medical Command Noncommissioned Officer/Soldier of the Year competition held May 15 at Camp Bullis. The winners of the competition will be announced at the MEDCOM NCO/SOY Recognition Banquet tonight at the NCO Club.



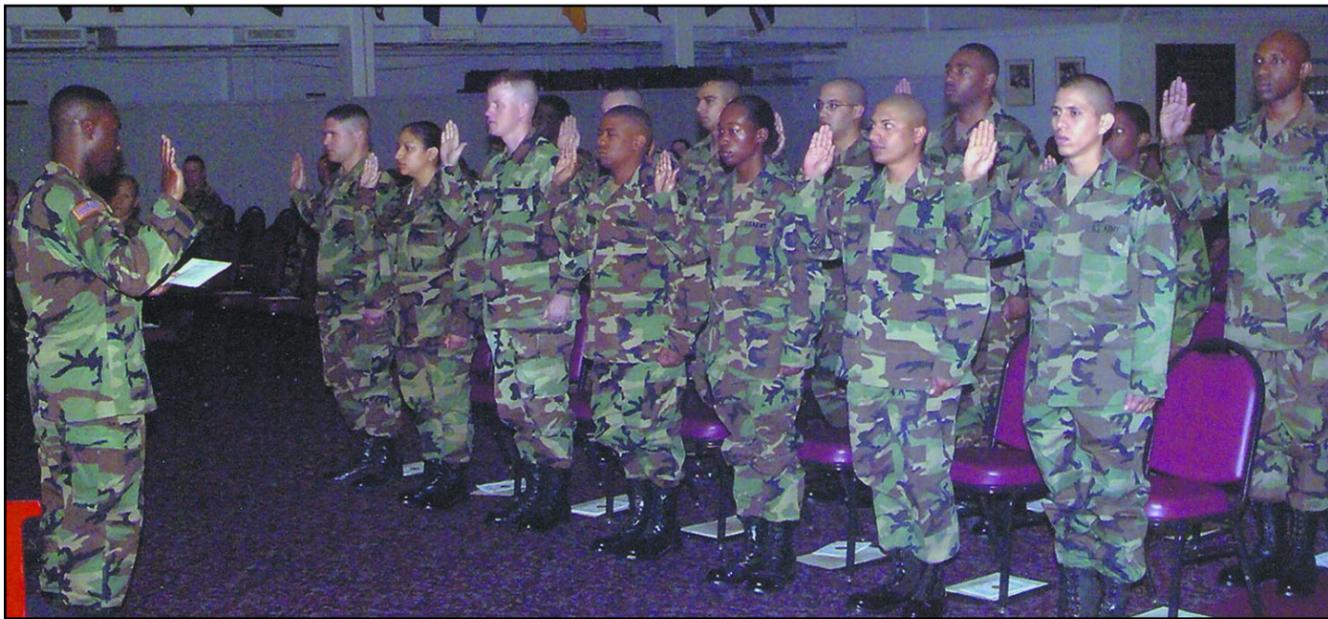
Spc. James LeFebvre, Headquarters, 187th Medical Battalion, competes in the weapons qualification event.

Photos by Spc. Tammie Osborn



Soldiers compete in events that included the physical fitness test and combat medic skills such as first aid, patient carries, obstacle course and land navigation.

# Special Troops Battalion inducts new NCOs



1st Sgt. Antonio Milton, 591st Medical Logistics Company, administers the NCO oath to unit inductees.



(Above) Command Sgt. Maj. Wisivaldo RomanBaez addresses unit NCOs during the last induction ceremony he will host as Special Troops Battalion command sergeant major.



Spc. Harry Smith of battalion headquarters and Sgt. Cristina Mancha, 591st Medical Logistics Company, take the first ceremonial cut of the cake celebrating the promotion of unit Soldiers to the NCO ranks.



(Left) Pvt. Otto Stahl, 591st Medical Logistics Company, Pfc. Miles Hayes of battalion headquarters, Spc. Johnanna Johnson, 440th Blood Detachment, recite the Soldiers' expectations and the responsibilities of the NCO during the induction ceremony May 7.

## 32nd Medical Brigade completes first year of SAT driver's training program

By Lt. Col. Randall Anderson  
Special to the News Leader

The 32nd Medical Brigade recently completed the first anniversary of providing Soldiers with realistic, hands-on training, driving the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV).

The Soldier Awaiting Training (SAT) Driver's Training program began on May 5, 2003 with a class of 25 Soldiers. During the past year, 944 Soldiers have participated in the Defense Driving Course training and the brigade has licensed 666 Soldiers.

The program was initiated by the 32nd Medical Brigade and contracted to Eagle Support Services, Inc. to provide quality, mission-oriented training to Soldiers who were waiting for their formal course to start. Academy Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade manages the program using E Company HMMWVs to support the program. Additionally, the 90th Reserve Command Equipment Concentration Site, Fort Sam Houston, has provided support by augmenting E Company resources.

Eagle Support Services provides six contractor personnel who conduct a four-day driver training program beginning the first workday of each week. The initial day is a defensive driving course consisting of a commander's interview, physical evaluation, and a written exam. Those achieving the highest scores move on to the hands-on driving portion. During this phase, students learn how to properly conduct preventive maintenance checks and services on the vehicle, drive during normal and adverse conditions, ground guide vehicles, instill safety measures, and learn the capabilities of the vehicle. At the end of the fourth day, Soldiers who pass a written test and meet the above standards attain a military installation and daylight driving privileges card on the M998 series HMMWV.

These skills are crucial for today's Soldiers. Some of the Soldiers who graduate from one of the 91 series programs will be deployed directly to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Without this training, the unit would have to spend additional time and resources to train these Soldiers to operate the HMMWV (M998) and HMMWV Ambulance (M997/M996).



Photos by John Gaitan

(Above) Soldiers learn to negotiate a variety of terrain features to acquire experience with off-road operation characteristics of the HMMWV.

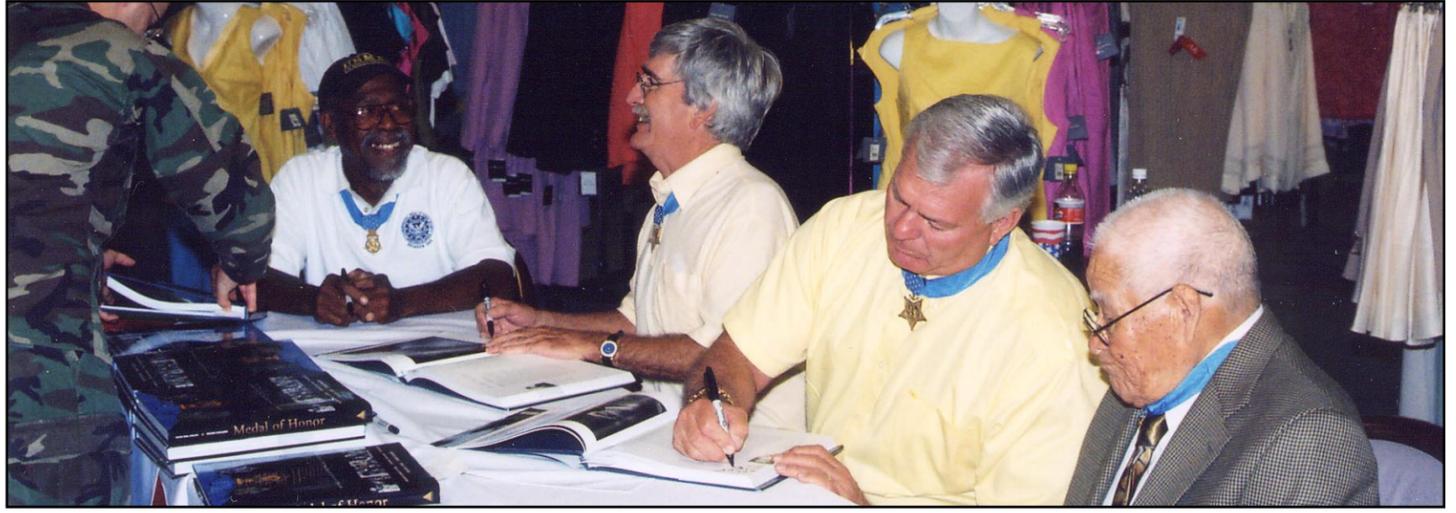
(Right) Soldiers receive instruction from maintenance technicians about vehicle maintenance checks and use of the vehicle logbook to annotate daily and periodic usage and maintenance data.



## American heroes visit post

photo by Phil Reidinger

(Left to right) Medal of Honor recipients Clarence Sasser, Robert O'Malley, Michael Thornton and Jose Lopez greeted the post community at the AAFES main store and autographed books about the Medal of Honor prior to attending a leadership call at the Army Medical Department Center and School on Friday.



(Right) Led by Drill Sergeant Dollie Peters, Charlie Company, 187th Medical Battalion Soldiers wave to the crowd during the Armed Forces Parade held May 15.

(Below) After the events of September 11, 2001 the All American Armed Forces Association was formed to honor the Armed Forces, law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency and medical personnel with an annual parade in San Antonio during Armed Forces Week.

Photos by Esther Garcia



## Talented Soldiers sought for the U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts

By Ben Paniagua  
Special to the News Leader

Do you enjoy singing in the shower? Do you like to sing and dance when nobody is looking? Do you have a knack for telling jokes and being funny? Do you sometimes think you could be the next American Idol? Well, now is the time to show your musical talents while serving your country.

The post is looking for a few good talented Soldiers to help put together a production called "A Soldier Variety Hour." Needed are vocalists, dancers, musicians, comedians, etc. The show will be fully staged and choreographed and the acts will be presented in a highly professional manner with dazzling lights and set. All music and costumes will be provided to those Soldier entertainers selected for the production.

The production will be featured as Fort Sam Houston's entry in the

upcoming 2004 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts competition, which will be held July 22 at the Hacienda Recreation Center. "A Soldier Variety Hour" will feature a multitude of talented Soldiers selected from the Fort Sam Houston Soldier population.

A panel of judges selected at the Washington, D.C. level will travel to all the military installations competing in the festival and will observe the variety shows in person. They will judge and select All-Army winners in the various categories. Awards will be presented to Best Female Vocalist, Best Male Vocalist, Best Specialty Act, Best Master of Ceremonies, Best Musician, etc.

If you are interested in auditioning for this prestigious event, call Ben Paniagua at 224-7250 after 1 p.m. daily except Mondays or e-mail [ben.paniagua@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:ben.paniagua@samhouston.army.mil).

**Friends don't let friends drive drunk**

# 418th Med Log Soldiers spend a day at 'Career on Wheels'

Story and photos by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Education Service Center, Region 20, sponsored career day for first and second graders in the San Antonio area called "Cow Day" on May 13. Cow stands for "Careers on Wheels" and highlighted many job opportunities that do not happen in a traditional office setting. The static display of vehicles included police cars, ambulances, buses, dump trucks, and tractor-trailer rigs.

418th Medical Logistics Company, Special Troops Battalion, displayed a High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle. Sgt. Tania Pereyda and Pfc. Tanis Hooper, assigned to 418th Medical Logistics Company, visited with thousands of children as they explored the inside of the vehicle. Pereyda provided a brief description of the vehicle and how the vehicle is used in the Army. Hooper allowed the children to sit on the front seat of the vehicle and try on an Army helmet. Pereyda and Hooper provided a drawing of the HMMWV for the children to color. The children also received book covers and pencils.



(Above) Sgt. Tania Pereyda gave students pencils and Fort Sam Houston book covers to children visiting the HMMWV display.



( Left) Pfc. Tanis Hooper and Sgt. Tania Pereyda provide a description and use of the HMMWV to students and teachers during Cow Day, Careers on Wheels Day at the Education Service Center, Region 20.

# Army Suggestion Program goes online

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians can now go online to offer Army suggestions — and possibly win some cash.

The Army Suggestion Program, <https://armysuggestions.army.mil>, went online May 17. Logging on requires an Army Knowledge Online user name and password.

While there are several advantages to an Army central online program, the biggest plus is anyone with access to the Web can make a suggestion in a timely manner — no matter where they are, said Brenda Scott, a Suggestion Program official with the Office of the Chief of Staff Strategic Management and Innovations Division.

In the past, deployed Soldiers who came up with good ideas when away from home station would often wait to submit that idea through channels until they returned home, Scott said. The reasons for the wait, she said, were several: getting a copy of Army Regulation 5-17 that outlines submission requirements, keeping the hardcopy submission form clean in the field while filling it out and lack of research resources.

“We have more than 100,000 Soldiers deployed overseas right now and thousands more DA civilians with them,” Scott said. “Any one of them with a suggestion can now go online and submit their ideas without fear of getting the paperwork dirty, and there are

links on the page that give lots of research material.”

The site also has a link to AR 5-17.

There is even a save function that allows suggestors to fill out the submission packet over a period of time rather than during just one session.

The program seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army. Implemented suggestions that save the Army money are often eligible for a cash award. The more money saved, the larger the potential award.

The suggestion must present a problem or situation, propose a solution and state the benefit to the government.

The new Web site also allows supervisors to nomi-

nate a suggestor for recognition as the top suggestor of the year in Soldier and DA civilian categories during the

annual Secretary of the Army Awards ceremony.

Source: Army News Service.

# Public Health exhibit open at AMEDD Museum

Story and photos by Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

In May the Army Medical Museum began offering unique exhibits and programs that highlight special public health topics. The museum is featuring the world of bugs and a diagnostic food laboratory exhibit that illustrates how food is tested and organisms that infect or damage the world's

food supply and affect human health. In June, the museum will present programs highlighting contributions to Public Health. In July, the museum will focus on infectious diseases tracing and combating diseases to prevent sickness and death around the world. In August, the public health program series will close with exhibit about food and water supply safety and efforts to prevent bio-terrorism.

Judson ISD students get a close up look at scorpion, centipede and black widow spider exhibited by the Department of Medical Zoology.



(Above) Lt. Col. William Miller, Medical Zoology Department chief explains to Judson ISD students and faculty how insects react to their environment. He told the students that unlike humans, bugs don't think, they respond to stimuli. That's why roaches scurry away when we turn the lights.

(Left) Veterinary officer Lt. Col. Margaret Carter explains how food is tested for microbes that cause humans to become sick. Carter used the diagnostic food laboratory exhibit to demonstrate the process of food inspection by veterinarians.

## BOSS and FSH Commissary kick off 'Commissary Awareness Campaign'

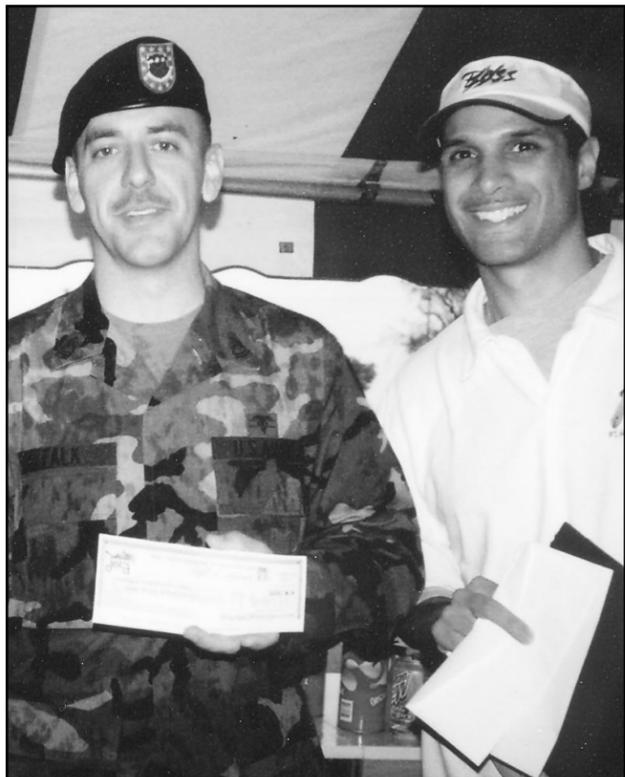


Photo by Spc. Shayla Phyll

Sgt. 1st Class David Falk, first sergeant of Headquarter and Headquarters Company, Academy Battalion was the winner of the \$25 Gift Certificate during the BOSS Commissary Awareness Campaign kickoff held May 11. At right is Staff Sgt. Edward A. Castro, president of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

By Ben Paniagua  
Special to the News Leader

Approximately 145 Soldiers and Sailors stationed at Fort Sam Houston attended the 2004 Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers and Defense Commissary Agency's "Commissary Awareness Campaign" kick off held at the Fort Sam Houston Commissary on May 11.

The Commissary Awareness Campaign is a partnership between the Defense Commissary Agency, the Fort Sam Houston Commissary and the BOSS program. The campaign is design to dispel the myth that the commissary is only for families or retired personnel. Its primary goal is to introduce service members to commissary shopping and to make them aware of the many great bargains they can purchase at the FSH Commissary.

Young servicemen and women learn about the commissary through word of mouth. Often, they don't realize that the commissary is a military benefit they are entitled to use—specifically to help them stretch their paychecks and save money. A single service member can save an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores.

During the kick off, military personnel were treated to a free lunch of grilled hot dogs, chips, sodas and all the trimmings.

The BOSS Program gets one dollar for each serviceman who attends a commissary tours led by BOSS members and the Commissary store director Marty Jackson. At the end of each tour the service members

receives snacks, and a gift bag full of samples and coupons from various vendors. The service members also registered for a \$25 Gift Certificate presented at the end of each tour.

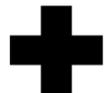
At the end of the campaign, one service member's name will be drawn from those who attended the tours and receive a \$250 Gift Certificate to the Clothing Sales store. In addition, the military unit who sends the most service members on the tours will win a barbeque grill for their unit. The grill was donated as a gesture of appreciation by Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q restaurant, KENS-TV station and Prime Time Incorporated.

Military units still have a chance to send Soldiers to the commissary tours during the week of May 24 – 28 beginning at noon.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Edward A. Castro

Navy personnel check out the grill and sign up for the Gift Certificate drawings during the BOSS Commissary Awareness Campaign. From left Lt. Dennis Thomas, HM1 Charlie Rael and HM2 Xavier Romero.



American  
Red Cross

**Together, we can save a life.**

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## U.S. Army Health Clinic

Camp Bullis, Texas

*Open House*

TRICARE Eligible Beneficiaries • (64 years of age and below)

*Glucose, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure screening*

*TRICARE Enrollment Information*

Comprehensive Family Health Care

**Friday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The clinic is located 3.5 miles off Loop 1604 on Camp Bullis

Take Loop 1604 to FM 1535 Military HWY/Shavano Park exit

Follow the Camp Bullis signs • Note: IH-10 Gate is closed

## Special Forces Recruiters to visit FSH May 25

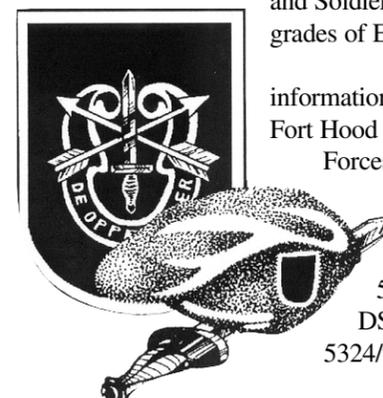
Special Forces are looking for motivated, aggressive Soldiers who are able to work independently or within a small cohesive 12-man team.

Special Force briefings will be held May 25 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., a PT test will be conducted at noon.

If you are interested in attending a Special Forces briefing, call Sgt. 1st Class Piette at 1-(877) 839-9136.

U. S. Army Special Forces is a specially trained organization of carefully selected volunteers. Special Forces are currently accepting applications from Officers in Year Groups 02 and Soldiers in the grades of E-4 to E-7.

For more information, call the Fort Hood Special Forces Recruiting Station at (254) 288-5324/9063 or DSN 738-5324/9063.



# Focus: Getting equipment to deployed troops faster

By Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

This is the eleventh article in a weekly series that examine the 17 Army focus areas outlined by the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoomaker. This one focuses on "Resource Processes."

Every Thursday senior leaders on the Army staff spend an hour validating equipment requirements from commanders to ensure needed capabilities get in the hands of deploying troops.

Additional body armor, more up-armored Humvees and battlefield robots are examples of requests that have been heard and approved by members of the Army Strategic Planning Board.

Getting the right equipment to combatant commanders in a timely manner is only one aspect of the Army's focus area "Resource Processes."

"It's a series of actions that match dollars to desired capabilities," said Lt. Col. Bobby Claflin, an action officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, G8.

Nested in improving the Army's "Resource Processes" is supporting combatant commanders, getting re-deploying troops ready for future mis-

sions and working with other services to ensure money isn't wasted by developing redundant capabilities, G8 officials said.

The Army Strategic Planning Board was first formed after 9-11 with a primary focus on supporting the Global War on Terrorism. And even though it works as a gatekeeper, it ironically has proven to compress equipment-fielding schedules from years to months and even weeks, officials said. Unit commanders from company to theater-level submit operational needs statements to their major commands, and if the MACOMS can't fulfill the requests, they are forwarded to Headquarters Department the Army for resolution, said Col. Mark Averill, chief of ASPB.

"When commanders see a required piece of gear that they need for mission success they can basically write and ask for it," Averill said.

Before requests reach the ASPB's Thursday meeting, Averill hosts a Tuesday meeting where a council of colonels first reviews the requests.

"It's not layers of bureaucracy," said Lt. Col. Michael Komichak, a member of the ASPB. "Instead of walking requests in each of the staff sections and trying to get on the G3's calendar,

we provide a forum where multiple decisions directly impacting Soldiers on the ground can be made within 60 to 90 minutes."

The planning board isn't just driven by requests from commanders, Komichak said. Board members also think forward, he said. They use lessons learned from previous rotations of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to "lean forward" and predict what units will need on the ground, Komichak said.

Among the board members are representatives from the Rapid Equipping Force. They look for off-the-shelf technologies that they can get in the hands of Soldiers as rapidly as possible. An example of a REF product is the "Well-Cam," which is being used in Afghanistan. The Well-Cam is a camera attached to an Ethernet cable that enables Soldiers to safely search wells for weapons caches.

By reprioritizing resources and restructuring other programs, the Army has reinvested \$36 billion towards Army Transformation,

said G-8 officials. Technologies and capabilities are being developed that can be applied to the current force, officials said.

In addition to investing in new equipment, major items that have been used in Iraq and Afghanistan are being repaired through the "setting the force" program.

Through the reset program, all returning units will achieve a sufficient level of combat readiness to be able to conduct future missions, officials said.

"The entire resource process has been evolving from independent processes to a synchronized concert that includes the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the sister services," Claflin said.

## Blood is the fluid of life

The BAMC Blood Bank is running critically low of O Negative blood. Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

Contact the Donor Center to lend a helping hand. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



## Health Promotion Center May Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Back Pain	20	2 -3:30 p.m.
Body Fat Testing	21	8-11 p.m.
Introduction to Weight Reduction	21	Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	21	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	24	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast Health	25	9-10 a.m.
Diabetes Education	25	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast and GYN Cancer Support Group	25	6-7:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	26	Noon to 1 p.m.
Self Care and Health	27	1-3 p.m.

**Note:** Appointments for Diabetes Education are scheduled through the Internal Medicine Clinic at 916-0794. Appointments for the Fibromyalgia Treatment Group require a consult to Behavioral Medicine Clinic. To schedule Winning Combination and Introduction to Weight Reduction, call the Nutrition Care Division at 916-5525. To schedule Back Pain, call Physical Therapy at 916-3247.

# Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

A member of the Aloha Roses and Flowers dance troupe performs the "Virgin Dance" during the Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration May 13 at the Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall. Guests were invited sample Hawaiian delicacies including Namasu with crab meat, white sticky rice, Kaula pig, macaroni and potato salad, Huli Huli chicken, Haupia made from coconut and tea flavored with passion fruit and raw sugar cane.



To kickoff the May 2004 celebration of cultural education and awareness for Asian Pacific Islander Heritage (APIH) Month, the members of the MEDCOM staff received an Aloha welcome as they arrived for work on May 3. An opening ceremony was held in the Wood Auditorium with opening remarks by Brig. Gen. Sheila Baxter, Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Sustainment, Army Medical Command. The program included the reading of the Proclamation signed by Mayor Edward Garza, a cultural display of traditional attire from the countries of Asian Pacific and a video presentation highlighting MEDCOM staff members of Asian Pacific descent. Following the ceremony, staff members enjoyed a variety of food samplings.



Courtesy Photos

(Above) B Company, 187th Medical Battalion is the winner of the 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament celebrating the 2004 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.



(Right) The Cangos were the second place winners at the volleyball tournament.



Courtesy Photos

(Above) Brig. Gen. Sheila Baxter, Assistant Surgeon General/Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Sustainment, U.S. Army Medical Command, accepts the proclamation which proclaims May 2004 as Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month signed by city of San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza.

(Left) Members of the Medical Command Asian Pacific Islander Committee dressed in Hawaiian attire greet co-workers to the opening ceremony at Wood Auditorium.



Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School and Fort Sam Houston presents a copy of the Proclamation for the FSH 2004 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to Maj. Gen. Joseph Peterson, Vice Director for Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff, and keynote speaker, at the opening ceremony held at the FSH NCO Club, May 6.

Photos by Ray Turner



(Above) Matt Taulai and his son, Niclaus, stand by the display board depicting clips of Asian Pacific Americans who contributed to our nation's diverse society.



(Right) Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini and members of the head table were taught the Hawaiian Hula by the youngest (keiki) member of the Hula Halau Ohana Elikapeka, performed at the opening ceremony.



Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini and Maj. Gen. Joseph Peterson congratulate the winners of the 2004 Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Poster and Essay Contest from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Cole Junior/Senior High School. Right to left Emily Rodriguez - Kindergartner; Ben Benobe and Alyssan Cruz-1st grade; Gabriel Cartagena-2d grade; Andrew Guerrero-3d grade; Germaine Herrera-4th grade; Kelsea Thacker-5th grade; Karen Thompson-6th grade; and Matthew Sullivan-8th grade, essay winner.

**Fort Sam Houston  
celebrates  
Asian Pacific Islander  
American Heritage Month**

**"Serving Yesterday,  
Today and Tomorrow"**

**Asian Pacific Heritage Exposition  
Commissary Parking Lot  
Saturday, May 29, 2004  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



Featuring a special appearance  
by NFL's Baltimore Ravens  
#64 Edwin Mulitalo

## Child and Youth Services Central Registration offers many services

### Register for Summer Camp

Summer Camp opportunities for children entering 1st through 5th grade are now available. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723. Parents must provide proof of income, updated shots and physicals. Spaces fill quickly. School age summer camp orientation May 26, 5:30 p.m. at SAS building 1705.

### 3-Day Part Day Preschool Program on hold

The 3-day Part Day Preschool program has been placed on hold due to lack of enrollment numbers. If you are

interested and have questions concerning this program, notify Central Registration to place your name on a list. Fees range from \$151-\$200 per month and will be assessed by calculating total family income.

**Family Child Care offers certified childcare** - The FCC home-based childcare for children ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified childcare providers. Types of care are full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, and extended hour care and long-term care. Referral information and child registration are available

at Child and Youth Services Central Registration, 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**FCC providers sought** - The FCC is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers to offer home based childcare. There is a no-cost start up plan. For information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

**Wait List status** - If your child's name is on the Wait List for full day care at the Child Development Center, check the status of the name on the wait list from the day you complete the form; otherwise your child's name will be purged from the list. To check the status, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

**Instructional classes offered** - If you are interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, piano or gymnastics, call 221-4882, 221-4871, 221-1723. For Babysitter training call 221-4871/1723.

**After School and Weekend Recreation** - School Age Services (1st-5th grade) offers after school and weekend open recreation opportunities and after school hourly care options. Hourly and open recreation must be reserved in advance by calling School Age Services at 221-4466. Children must be registered through Central Registration prior to utilizing the School Age Program. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

# Youth Happenings

**Wanted: Arts and Crafts instructor** - Youth Services and School Age Services are looking for an arts and crafts instructor for the summer. This paid position would be for four 50-minute classes Monday through Friday and two 50-minute classes on Saturdays. Ages of the youth range from 6-18 and are all different skill levels. All materials and supplies will be provided but the planning must follow the coordinated schedule of summer camp weeks. If you are interested, call the Youth Center at 221-3502

**Aerobics** - Youth Services is offering a no cost, low impact aerobics class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. For information, call 221-3502.

**Teen Summer Discovery Camp** - Registration for the Teen Summer Discovery Camp is going on for youth ages 14 and up. This program is for those who are too old for camp and too young to have a job. During this camp, youth will volunteer at a work site two half days and the other day will hike, swim, and travel across South Central Texas.

This volunteer time in a work site provides job experience for each individual. There will be tubing on the Guadalupe River, swimming in Canyon Lake, trips to career interest areas and lots more. The cost for this camp is \$65 per week and includes breakfast, lunch and a snack. For information, call 221-3502.

**'French Fry Friday'** - Every Friday is French Fry Friday. An order of seasoned or regular fries is 50¢. Come on by and eat with us and support the Youth Center.

**Exploring Life for Middle School students** - Youth Services offers an after school program for Middle School

youth grades 6-9. This program is held Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m. YS will pick the child from the elementary or the Jr./Sr. High School and take the child to the Youth Center, provide a snack, work on homework, participate in clubs and participate in fun innovative projects that include the 4-H club, a photography club, a Computer Tech club and others. Work will include areas of interest that both the parents and the students like. This program is free for youth registered with Child and Youth Services at an annual fee of \$18. For information, call 221-3502

**Youth Service Volunteers** - YS is always looking for volunteers for assisting with the youth programs. Coaches, computer skilled people, crafty people and those that just care about kids are needed. If you have a special interest or hobby that you would like to share with kids, you can share it at the Youth Center. For information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

**Saturday Open Recreation** - Open recreation for youth in grades 1-12 is held at the Youth Center on Saturdays. Activities include computer lab, arts and crafts, basketball, pool, ping-pong,

movies, and more. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services to be eligible. For information, call 221-3502. Open recreation hours for youths in grades 1-5, 3-8 p.m.; youths in grades 6-8, 3-10 p.m.; and youths in grades 9-12, 3-11 p.m.

**Parents Wanted** - Parents are needed at the Youth Center every third Saturday of the month from 6-9 p.m. to join the Youth Center Staff team and play basketball against the teens and middle school students. Parents and staff try to out maneuver the teens and score a few baskets. Come join us in a game or two followed by refreshments.

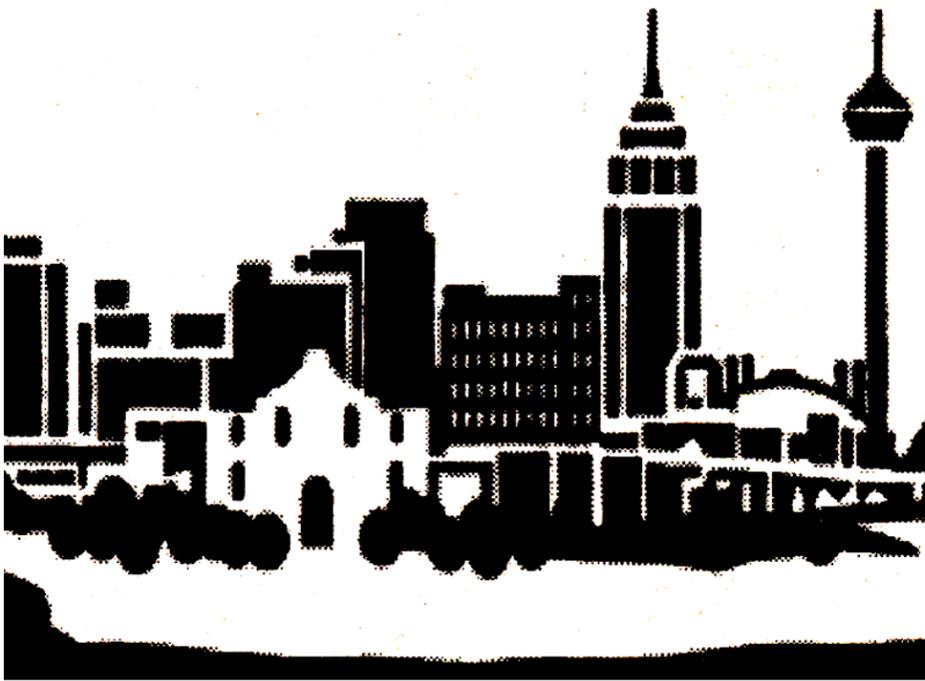
**Tae-Bo** - Join the YS staff as they conduct Tae-Bo Classes every Wednesday from 4:30-5 p.m.

**Saturday Shuttle** - YS offers a Saturday shuttle to and from the Youth Center. There is no cost for this service but parents of children 9 and under must wait for the van and sign them in and out of the van with the YS staff member. The Shuttle schedule is as follows:

3 p.m. - Leave the Youth Center  
3:07 p.m. - Gorgas Circle (picnic tables)

3:10 p.m. - Schofield/Dickman on Schofield  
3:15 p.m. - Reynolds and Dickman on Reynolds  
3:20 p.m. - Officer's Club tennis Courts  
3:25 p.m. - Artillery Post Road at Bus Stop  
3:30 p.m. - Easley/Infantry Post Bus Stop 660  
3:42 p.m. - Patch Road (playground)  
3:46 p.m. - Patch Road Shoppette Parking lot  
3:50 p.m. - Foulois/Scott Road Harris Heights  
3:54 p.m. - Forage/Foulois  
The return Shuttle will leave the Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. for those in 5th grade and below. There is also a shuttle that leaves at 9:30 p.m. for those in Middle School and at 10:30 p.m. for those in 9th grade and up. The shuttle service is only for youth who live on Fort Sam Houston.

# ¿Que Pasa?



## Community events

### Downtown San Antonio Walks, May 22

The Trinity Trekkers Volksmarch Club will host two 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and optional 5-kilometer walk on Saturday, May 22 starting at San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza in downtown San Antonio. For information call David Toth at (210) 521-8684 or e-mail dntoth@sbcglobal.net.

### Auditions for 'Catfish Moon' at the Harlequin May 24-25

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions on May 24-25 for "Catfish Moon," a comedy by Laddy Sartin. Auditions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. both nights with Bruce E. Shirky directing. There are roles for three men and one woman. Other volunteers are needed as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Those who come to auditions should enter FSH through the Walters Street gate. Performances will be Wednesday through Saturday evenings from July 7 through Aug. 7. For information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

### SAROA Awards Luncheon, May 27

The San Antonio Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club on May 27. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Cost is \$10. Chaplain (Col.) Bill Jacobs will speak about Civil War Letters. For information and reservations, call 228-9955.

### Flagpole rededication ceremony at Brackenridge Park, May 29

A flagpole rededication ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 29 at 9 a.m. at the North St. Mary's Street entrance to Brackenridge Park. VFW Post 76, the Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area, and the City Parks Department will sponsor the ceremony. The color guard of the 141st Infantry Regiment will hoist the flag to half-staff. A master bugler will sound taps. Point of contact for the event is Ed Frazer, (210) 681-5353 or emfrazer2@aol.com.

### Health Protection Conference returns to New Mexico, Aug. 9-12

The Seventh Annual Force Health Protection Conference will return to the Albuquerque, N.M., Convention Center

Aug. 9-12, with pre-conference sessions set for Aug. 6-8. For information and registration, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site conference link at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/>.

## Volunteer

### Cultural Homestay International seeks host families

Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange program, has many exchange students waiting to be placed with host families for the upcoming school year. Ideal families should be willing to open their home to the world and accept a new culture into their life. To volunteer, contact Ruth Chislett, CHI Academic Coordinator, at (210) 862-2711 or (800) 777-5724. To learn more about CHI, visit [www.chinet.org](http://www.chinet.org).

### SHARE High School Exchange program seeks host families

The Educational Resource Development Trust/SHARE High School Exchange Program, a non-profit educational foundation seeks host families for exchange students. The students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and will arrive in Texas in August to attend local high schools for the 2004-2005 school year. They are screened, academically prepared, and English speaking when they arrive. Students are also covered by medical insurance and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. Families provide a bed, meals and a caring home and review applications to select the student they feel best matches their family. For information, call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Regional Office Toll free at 1-800-941-ERDT (3738) or visit the Web site at [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org).

## Education

### DMRTI to host course June 21-25

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute will host the Homeland Security Medical Executive Course at the Hilton Austin Airport in Austin, Texas. Course information is available at [www.dmrti.army.mil](http://www.dmrti.army.mil).

### Tuition assistance available for active duty Soldiers

Tuition assistance for active duty Soldiers is \$4,500 per fiscal year with a

cap of \$250 per semester hour to include fees. The current policy of \$4,500 per year is still in effect for the U.S. Army in fiscal year 2004. Soldiers will need a degree plan from the university or college they are attending no later than completion of nine semester hours. This is a regulatory requirement that must be complied with prior to continuing in any college program. Visit the Army Continuing Education System, Bldg. 2248, to review educational goals with a professional guidance counselor. For information, call 221-1738.

### SkillSoft has new On-line Technical Support Portal

SkillSoft has a new On-Line Technical Support Portal. Users can now go to <http://onlinesupport.skillssoft.com> and click on "create a case." Once the information request is complete, an e-mail will be sent with a password and case number. When this is established, the user can go in and track their case. This is in addition to the regular support desk at [support@skillssoft.com](mailto:support@skillssoft.com).

### Direct commissioning program available

The U.S. Army Health Care Recruiting Team is looking for qualified applicants for their direct commissioning program. Anyone working toward a bachelors' degree in any science, nursing, physics, nutrition or engineering may qualify to become an Army officer. The program is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard and civilians. For information, call Capt. Beverly S. Scott at 692-7376, (877) 570-8053 or e-mail [Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil](mailto:Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil).

### Conversational Arabic class offered at Churchill HS

Noha Akkiri, who has taught Arabic in her native Syria, will teach a class in beginning conversational Arabic at Churchill High School beginning June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

She will cover basic vocabulary and simple sentences and will also survey the geography and history of the Arab world. Cost is \$90. Four-week, eight-session class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. For information or to register, call North East Community Education at 657-8866 or visit their Web site at [www.neisd.net](http://www.neisd.net).

### FMEA offers interview workshop May 26

Family Member Employment Assistance will offer an Interview Workshop on May 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Preparing for employment interviews is always important, but now employers are changing the way they ask questions, therefore, preparation is not only important but also crucial. Reservations are required and seating is limited to family members of active duty service members, retired service members and current DoD civilians. For information, call Katja Lunsford at 221-2705 or Patricia Fory at 221-0516.

### NE Community Education announces summer class schedule

Registration is underway for North East Community Education's summer session. Hundreds of classes, ranging from computers to cooking, will be offered in June. Among new classes are ones on controlling fire ants, driving in Mexico, dog grooming, low carb cooking, English

country dancing, making music with a PC and framing pictures. Also on tap are several behind-the-scenes tours and camps for children in June and July.

Classes will be offered at dozens of convenient locations including Churchill and Alamo Heights high schools and the Ruble Center. For information visit the Web site [www.neisd.net](http://www.neisd.net) or call North East Community Education at 657-8866 to obtain a catalog.

### ACES announces new hours

Army Continuing Education System, Bldg. 2248, 2408 N. New Braunfels, announces new hours of operations: Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:15 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to noon and 1-3:45 p.m. The center is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Have your registration information and cost when requesting tuition assistance. Also have a Degree Plan from the school you plan to attend. Guidance Counselors are: Jane Moon, 221-1373, Richard Rodriguez, 221-1429, Hazel Rockeymoore, 221-1634. Reception Desk, 221-1738. Army Learning Center, Clarence Prevo, 221-1117.

## Meetings

### USAWOA - Lone Star Chapter meetings

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Eisenhower and Walzem Road). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former Warrant Officers are invited to attend. For information, call WO2 Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or e-mail [matthew.watterson@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.watterson@us.army.mil).

### Purple Heart veterans sought

Purple Heart Veterans are invited to join the meeting of Military Order of the Purple Heart on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center to learn more about combat related entitlements and claims benefits. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your DD Form 214 and a short biography.

### FSH Sergeants Major Association seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. in the FSH NCO Club. Sgt. Maj. Hector Viczaino, president of the association, extends a cordial invitation to all Active Duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to attend the meetings. For information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Sampson Rush at 221-4129.

### Calling all single Soldiers to join BOSS

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldier input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For information, call BOSS President Staff Sgt. Edward Castro at 221-8760.

# Post worship schedule

## Main Post Chapel, Bldg.

2200, phone number: (210) 221-2754.

### Catholic Services:

4:45-5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

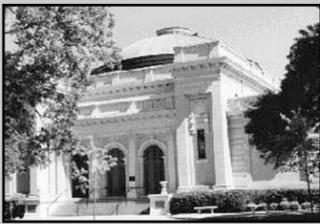
### Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

### Jewish Services: phone numbers: (210) 379-8666 or 493-6660.

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



## Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone numbers: (210) 221-5010 or 221-5432.

### Catholic Services - Sundays:

12:30 p.m. - Bilingual Mass

### Protestant Services:

5:30 p.m. - Contemporary Protestant - Sundays

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

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) -

Wednesdays, childcare is provided

### AMEDD Regimental

Chapel, Bldg. 1398, phone number: (210) 221-4362.



### Troop Catholic Mass: Sundays:

10 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

### Troop Protestant Gospel Services:

Sundays:

11:30 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Soldiers

### Troop Protestant Service:

9 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Soldiers



## FSH Mosque, Bldg. 607A, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007.

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious Education - Sundays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays



## Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Bldg. 3600,

phone number: (210) 916-1105.

### Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

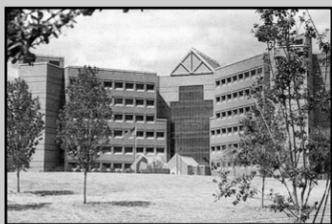
11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

### Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

Sundays

Noon - Worship - Wednesdays



## 232nd Medical Battalion Classroom, Bldg. 1380, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007. Mormon Services:

10:30 a.m. - Sundays

### Web site:

[www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain)

# Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

## Weekly Campus Activities

May 24 - 29, 2004

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

#### Monday, May 24

Kindergarten Room 25 Awards Assembly in Classroom, 8 a.m.

#### Tuesday, May 25

Fifth Grade Awards Assembly in Cafeteria, 2 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 26

First Grade Awards Assembly in Classrooms, 8 a.m.

#### Thursday, May 27

Kindergarten Rooms 13 and 14 Awards Assembly in Classroom, 9:45 a.m.

Kindergarten Rooms 12 and 15 Awards Assembly in Classroom, 10 a.m.

FSHISD Monthly School Board Meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

Third Grade Awards Assembly in Cafeteria, 2 p.m.

#### Friday, May 29

Second Grade Awards Assembly in Cafeteria, 8 a.m.

Fourth Grade Awards Assembly in Cafeteria, 9 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Room 41 a.m. Class Awards Assembly in Classroom, 9 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Room 41 p.m. Class Awards Assembly in Classroom, 1 p.m.

Sixth Grade Awards Assembly in Cafeteria, 2 p.m.

### Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

#### Monday, May 24

Six Weeks Tests: Math and Electives

Senior Awards Ceremony in Moseley Gym, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Senior "Goodbye" Picnic at Salado Park, 11:45 to 1:15 p.m.

Sixth Grade Orientation at Cole, 1:45

#### Tuesday, May 25

Six Weeks Tests: Social Studies

Senior Week Community Service Projects, TBA

#### Wednesday, May 26

Semester Exams: Periods 2, 4, and 6

Senior Week Community Service Projects, TBA

#### Thursday, May 27

Semester Exams: Periods 3 and 7

FSHISD Monthly School Board Meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

Senior Trip to Padre Island, TBA

#### Friday, May 28

End of 6th Six Weeks

Semester Exams: Periods 1 and 5

Senior Meeting at Cole Cafeteria Mandatory, TBA

#### Saturday, May 29

Cole Graduation Practice at Laurie Auditorium, 9 to noon

Cole Graduation Ceremony at Laurie Auditorium, 7 p.m.

# Newcomers' Extravaganza, May 25

Fort Sam Houston residents, especially newcomers to the Fort Sam Houston community are invited to the Newcomers' Extravaganza May 25 at 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797 on Stanley Road.

This Extravaganza is the official "Newcomers' Orientation" for newly assigned personnel to Fort Sam Houston. Everyone—Soldiers, civilians, and family members—will have an opportunity to learn about Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio and participate in drawings, registrations, and social activities.

Attendance to the Newcomers' Extravaganza is mandatory for all permanent party in processing Soldiers in the rank of lieutenant colonel and below within 60 days of their arrival at FSH.

Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow Soldiers and civilian employees administrative time to attend. Children are welcome and strollers are available along with special treats.

For additional information, call the Army Community Service Relocation Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

## Dear Parents...

Do your children need a safety helmet?



# Blood is the fluid of life

The BAMC Blood Bank is running critically low of O Negative blood.

Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

Contact the Donor Center to lend a helping hand. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.





Photos by Katja Lunsford

From left Ingrid Bethel-Constable, Staff Sgt. Brian Rector and his wife, Tiffany enjoy a piece of cake during Fort Sam Houston's Military Appreciation Day at the Roadrunner Community Center May 7.

## Post salutes military families' unsung heroes on Military Spouse Day

By Derry Dauphinee  
Special to the News Leader

An Open House reception was held at the Roadrunner Community Center to celebrate Military Spouse Day on May 7. The center was decorated in a patriotic theme with red, white, and blue balloons, as friendly staff greeted Soldiers, spouses and their children and served cake and punch.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to military spouses to formally recognize their service, sacrifice and unyielding devotion to the Soldiers and the Army. Military Spouse Day was first celebrated in 1984 when then-President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the observance to honor contributions of military spouses. The military now sets aside the Friday before Mother's Day each year to pay tribute to the spouses who play a vital role in the nation's defense.



Evelyn Jackson and Marjorie Loya show the Military Spouse Day certificate, which was presented to military spouses in recognition of their support, sacrifices and tremendous contributions to their families, Soldiers and the Army.

## SACU honors teachers through the ExCEL Program



Courtesy Photo

San Antonio Federal Credit Union announces that it has recognized 95 teachers during the five years that they have honored excellence in education through the 2003-2004 ExCEL Program, with its partner KENS 5 Television.

During the 2003-2004 school year, approximately every two weeks, SACU and KENS recognized an educator from one of the 19 public school districts with a Golden Apple trophy made by the company who creates the Academy Awards, a cash award and featured airtime on Eyewitness News at 6.

SACU and their partner, KENS 5 Television News, honored the 19 area teachers, their principals and superintendents with a banquet held at the Club at Sonterra. Marian Haddad, San Antonio poet and essayist, was the keynote speaker.

Teachers honored during 2003-2004 were Mary Castaneda, South San Antonio ISD; Phyllis Malone, North East ISD; Guadalupe Gutierrez, San Antonio ISD; Laura Herold, Northside ISD; Edna Gonzales, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD; Stephanie Mickey, Lackland ISD; Rosa Garses, Somerset ISD; Rita Hansen, Fort Sam Houston ISD; Richard Sedillo, Southside ISD; Laura Aten, East Central ISD; Robin Davidson, Randolph Field ISD; Nanci Pettersen, Comal ISD; Diana Bradford, Southwest ISD; Gay Bratton, Medina Valley ISD; Ada Aguirre, Harlandale ISD; Mary Wright, Alamo Heights ISD; Laura Codina, Edgewood ISD; Chris Ormiston, Boerne ISD; and Kimberly Saunders, Judson ISD.

SACU is a \$1.7 billion credit union, with 16 branches in San Antonio and two

branches in Houston. The credit union provides convenience to members through a network of more than 100 ATM locations in the greater San Antonio area.

The credit union also provides benefits to members through competitive yields on savings, lower loan rates, and reasonably priced financial services.

## USO San Antonio 'Walk for the Troops' rescheduled

The USO's "Walk for the Troops" originally scheduled for May 1 was cancelled due to rain. However, the USO is still looking for a few good men and women to take part in the 2nd annual walk for the Troops rescheduled for May 22, 8 to 11 a.m. at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre.

Both, individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Registration cost is \$10 and includes refreshments and

an event T-shirt. Participants may pre-register by calling the USO, or register on the morning of the event between 7-8 a.m.

Each year the USO serves more than 104,800 military personnel all across the United States, providing all branches of service with assistance, from family support to entertainment. The USO Council of San Antonio and central Texas is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of United Way/CFC cam-

paigns, individual, civic and corporate donations. To find out more information about donating to the USO, visit [www.alamouso.org](http://www.alamouso.org).

Proceeds from the walk will be used to fund USO programs for our military personnel and their families in the San Antonio and central Texas area. For more information or to pre-register, call the USO at (210) 227-9373, extension 14, or e-mail [loriivymarx@alamouso.org](mailto:loriivymarx@alamouso.org).

## Randolph Roadrunners, Army Nurse Corps Association host walk

By Martin L. Callahan  
Special to the News Leader

The Randolph Roadrunners volkssport club and the Army Nurse Corps Association are hosting a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk and optional 5-kilometer walk starting at Adam's Mark Hotel at 111 East Pecan Street in San Antonio on Friday, May 28. You can check out the Hotel's website at:

[www.adamsmark.com/sanantonio/index.asp](http://www.adamsmark.com/sanantonio/index.asp)

The Army Nurse Corps Association was founded in 1977 as a voluntary organization for the United States Army Nurse Corps members. The organization has about 2,000 members and is dedicated to preserving the history of the Army Nurse Corps. For more information on the Army Nurse Corps Association go online to: <http://e-anca.org/>

The route will be along city sidewalks and paved streets in downtown San Antonio. A portion of the proceeds of this

event will benefit the Army Nurse Corps Association scholarship fund. The start time for the walk is between 7 and 10 a.m., finish by 1 p.m. For more information on this walk call Ellen Ott at (210) 525-8574 or e-mail her at [ellenotter@cs.com](mailto:ellenotter@cs.com) and check out the club's website at

[www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/events.html](http://www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/events.html)



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## Fort Freebies



Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to: [news.leader@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@samhouston.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request. Limit of five items per entry.

**For Sale:** Tickets to the Jimmy Buffett, Alan Jackson, and George Strait concert, May 29 in Dallas (Irving), unobstructed views (2 seats in section 22, 2 seats on the floor), Call Laura at 295-2624 or 379-6106.

**For Sale:** 1997 Ford F150, XLT, Supercab, 4 by 4, alloy wheels, tow, bedliner, cruise, tilt, all power, off road pkg., custom bumper, ABS, cassette, new tires, in great condition, \$8,700 obo. Call 710-8646.

**For Sale:** Roller-skates size 10, \$10; E-Kara Karaoke Cartridge Vol.2, \$5; Hello Kitty Comforter (reversible) plus sheet set w/pillow-cases, full size, \$20. Call (210) 697-9261.

**For Sale:** Kenmore gas grill, \$125; 7' pool table, \$150; couch and loveseat, southwest print, dark colors, \$250; assorted dressers \$10-25. Call 364-1999.

**For Sale:** Outdoor children's play gym, \$125 obo; white wood crib, \$100; crib mattress, \$20. Call 226-1083.

**For Sale:** Two years old white baby crib with mattress in excellent condition, \$75; battery-operated baby swing, \$15; infant car seat, \$25; baby bath tub \$5; front end cover for Volkswagen Jetta (99-up), \$20. Call 325-7538.

**For Sale:** 1982 Oldsmobile Clera, automatic, 4-door, new tires, new shocks, reliable transportation, \$1,150 obo. Call (210) 379-4304 after 5 p.m.

**For Sale:** Yamaha Tenor Saxophone, \$2,000; 10-in-1 complete home woodworking shop with accessories, \$2,000; Sony 400 CD changer, \$175. Call 355-4330.

**For Sale:** New golf club, Adams Golf-GT, tight lie - strong 3 13 degree, \$80. Call (210) 496-9304.

**For Sale:** Three-year-old two story house, 1889 sq. ft., three bedrooms, living room, family room, dining room, garage, covered patio, ceiling fans and much more. Call 651-4707.

**For Sale:** Boston Terrier pup, \$350; Boston Terrier female seal, \$495; 1/2 sch-1/2 pug pup \$75; Chow, housebroken, shots, \$250; Yorkie female pup, housebroken, shots, \$950; doghouses and more. Call 633-3859.

**For Sale:** Basset sofa teal green with wood and brass trim, \$200; heavy wood and metal Bristro set with two chairs, \$50. Call (210) 658-8589.

**For Sale:** Blue flora quilted-pattern sleeper sofa, \$100. Call (210) 221-6631 or 650-9939 after 5 p.m.

**For Sale:** Grey sectional couch, \$150 obo; Whirlpool dryer, \$100. Call 829-8795.

**For Sale:** Oak coffee table, \$70; 2 christmas raindeer, \$100; Weedeater garden tiller 5 H.P., \$250; 14 ft. jon boat, \$650.

## Career Clips



The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.

**Clinical Intake Specialist** - San Antonio. Assist in ensuring TRI-CARE beneficiaries receive the highest quality specialty health care through management of referral/authorization. Meets TRCARE guidelines. Identify and direct beneficiaries to cost-effective medical care according to HMHS standards.

**Instructional Systems Designer** - San Antonio. Conduct analysis of training requirements and programs. Ensure integrity of task analysis. Develop flow diagrams and storyboards. Ability to develop and implement training programs.

**Assco, Authorization Coord.** - San Antonio. Collects, processes, and monitors routine to moderately complex claims and health care services data. Verifies benefits to customers. Knowledge of medical terminology, coding, and ICD-9 coding.

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or Dr. Jurich 916-0864. Offered in Department  
of Behavioral Medicine.



## Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**Post Garage Sale** – The MWR Post Garage Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 22, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Road. To participate in the garage sale you must have a valid DoD ID card. Call 221-2926 or 221-2307 to sign up. Sale is open to the public.

**Army 10 Miler Qualifier #1** – The first qualifier for the Army 10 Miler will be held Sunday, May 23 at 7 a.m., race day registration at 6 a.m. Race starts from the Brigade Gym, Bldg. 1281 Garden Rd. The top ten runners in the male and female military divisions will qualify for the FSH running team. One open mixed and master mixed team will be sent to the Army 10 Miler in October. Download a registration form online at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or pick one up at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

**3-D Archery at Camp Bullis** – The next 3-D shot is May 22-23, check-in from 8-10 a.m. This exciting competitive shoot includes 30 3-D animal targets placed at unknown distances ranging from 10 to 40 yards in a woodland setting. Awards are given to the top three in each class. Gather two to five friends and enjoy this outdoor activity. Saturday's shoot is \$15, all competitive and Sunday's shoot is either competitive for \$15 or non-competitive for \$10. Minis and cubs shoot free with a paid adult and a playground is available. Open to the public. Call 295-7577 for more information.

**Keep Your Heart Healthy** – A free 5K fun run/walk is scheduled for

Saturday, May 29 starting at 10 a.m. outside the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Participants will receive a free T-shirt. Call 221-2020 for more information.

**Summer Reading Club** – Keep your children reading this summer with the summer reading program at the Fort Sam Houston Library. The program is open to children from preschool through eighth grade. Children can read their own books, or check out the great collection at the library and receive prizes and awards for reading 10 or more books or 1,000 pages or more. Registration begins June 2 and continues through July. The library is located at Bldg. 1222 on

Harney Road and is open Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The phone number is 221-4702.

**AC Service Available** – Get ready for the summer heat with an AC service at the Auto Craft Shop. The cost is just \$30 for service plus the cost of Freon and a \$2 environmental fee. R-12 and 134A refrigerants are available. The Auto Craft Shop is located at the corner of Schofield and Funston Roads and is open Wednesday-Friday from 1-9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 221-3962 for more information.

**60 Days of Fitness** – A motivating fitness and weight loss program to help you

safely lose 15 pounds in 60 days using a point system. This self-paced program requires you to workout 45 out of 60 days and includes a seven-page fitness assessment, body fat analysis and body measurements. Also attend two 30-minute weight loss classes. Cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. Call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

**New Weight Loss Classes** – Celebrate National Physical Fitness month with the new weight loss/nutrition classes offered through the Fitness For Your Health Office located in the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. A certified nutritionist teaches half hour classes on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Thursday at 7 and 11:30 a.m.

### 4th Annual Fisher House Benefit Golf Tournament



Fisher Houses

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### 4th Annual Fisher House Benefit Golf Tournament

June 3, 2004 • 1:00 p.m. shot-gun start

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#### Mail entry form to:

Ms. Christen Jensen or Coleta Perugini  
Brooke Amry Medical Center Auxiliary  
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Phone#- 210-527-9165 - Ms. Perugini  
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