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## HONORING THE FALLEN: A DAY TO REMEMBER

The Hillmon family spends time mourning the loss of their father and husband, George, an Air Force veteran. They were among thousands who visited the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Memorial Day to remember their loved ones. For more photos, go to

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Photo by Lori Newman



## Accreditation marks milestone for respiratory therapy program

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

A new accreditation is enabling graduates of the respiratory therapy program to walk away with an associate's degree and eligibility for national certification.

The Interservice Respiratory Therapy Program, hosted by Fort Sam Houston's Medical Education and Training Campus and Brooke Army Medical Center, is the only respiratory

therapy program in the Defense Department sanctioned by the Commission of Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

"As an accredited program, we can attract the best and brightest respiratory therapists," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Pedro Lucero, BAMC's chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine. "Once program graduates leave the military or return to a civilian job, they have a marketable

skill set."

The three-phase program, which encompasses classroom and hands-on training, equips Army and Navy students to work with medical professionals who diagnose and treat patients with breathing and cardiopulmonary diseases.

First, students complete several months of general education courses at Thomas Edison State College, followed by a month

of general medical courses. Students then begin 16 weeks of classroom instruction, conducted at METC.

The 16-week phase two – a stringent, hands-on portion – takes place in San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Overall, students learn ventilation therapy, pulmonary function testing, infection control, cardiopulmonary drug administration and critical patient care through a mix of lectures, group activities, demonstrations, hands-on instruction and clinical

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## Army exchange officers, NCOs 're-green' at ARNORTH

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

A small group of U.S. Army exchange officers in Canada are doing everything from training Canadian forces to serving in tactical, operational and strategic positions in the Canadian Armed Forces supporting missions in Libya, Afghanistan, the Arctic and elsewhere.

The group of 21 American Army officers and noncommissioned officers spent a week at U.S. Army North from May 14 to 18

to assess the military personnel exchange program and for "re-greening."

"It's an assessment, which is mandated by regulation; all security cooperation programs undergo an annual assessment," said David Morrison, Army North's Military Personnel Exchange Program manager.

"We also bring them home for 're-greening,' so they can get annual training, medical and dental care, take an Army physi-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

David Morrison, Military Personnel Exchange Program manager, U.S. Army North, covers the class schedule and afternoon appointments slated for a group of U.S. exchange Soldiers May 17 during Army North's MPEP conference.

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# Army Veterinary Corps celebrates anniversary June 3

By Kirk Frady  
 MEDCOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps celebrates its 96th anniversary June 3, although the need for military veterinary expertise had been evolving since 1776, when Gen. George Washington directed that a "regiment of horse with a farrier," be raised.

The Veterinary Corps was formally established by an Act of Congress June 3, 1916. Following the establishment of an Air Force Veterinary Corps in 1949, the Army shared military veterinary responsibilities with its sister service.

In 1979, Congress directed changes to the Department of Defense veterinary missions. The Air Force Veterinary

Corps was disestablished March 31, 1980 and the Army became the executive agent for all DOD veterinary services.

"The Veterinary Corps is a national treasure, composed of diverse engaged individuals protecting the Soldier and supporting the National Military Strategy," said Col. Edward J. Briand, branch proponent chief for the Army Veterinary Corps.

"We provide veterinary public health capabilities through veterinary medical and surgical care, food safety and defense, and biomedical research and development."

The U.S. Army Veteri-



nary Corps continues to significantly impact current operations.

Veterinary unit commanders and their personnel are critical in effecting remarkably low food-borne illness rates. This is a result of veterinary inspection of subsistence in the United States, as well as the approval of safe food sources around the

world. Army veterinarians ensure the health of military working dogs and assist with host-nation related animal emergencies.

Veterinary staff advisors also play key roles regarding issues involving chemical and biological defense.

"The Veterinary Corps has diverse specialties including Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Laboratory Animal Medicine, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Comparative Medicine, and Veterinary Clinical Medicine," Briand said.

"The Veterinary Corps also conducts and oversees all Department of Defense veterinary service activities providing veterinary services to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force in

more than 90 countries."

At home, military veterinary supervision of operational ration assembly plants, supply and distribution points, ports of debarkation, and other types of subsistence operations are critical to ensuring safe, wholesome food for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and their family mem-

bers. The large segment of the Veterinary Corps involved in medical research and development missions contribute immeasurably to the overall military effort.

Vaccine, antitoxin, and antidote development, directed toward the protection of military personnel, has been and will continue to be, heavily reliant on military veterinary expertise.

## Walters Street/Winfield Scott (formerly Scott Road) detour begins June 4

Beginning June 4, there will be a change in how traffic enters the installation via Walters Street. All traffic will enter the installation on the newly constructed lanes and proceed through the new ID check canopy.

After exiting the ID check area, all traffic will follow the marked lanes to Conservation Street (formerly 8th Street, which is located between buildings 4188 and 4189). Traffic will then follow Conservation Street northerly to Humphrey Way (formerly Humphrey Road).

Traffic will then turn left on Humphrey Way and proceed westerly

to Commissary Street (formerly 7th Street). Traffic then turns right on Commissary Street and proceed northerly to Wilson Way (formerly Wilson Street).

Traffic will then turn right on Wilson Way and proceed easterly on Wilson Way.

At this point, traffic will be back on the previous detour route and will follow previous detour signs. Exiting the installation via Walters Street will use the same detour, only in reverse. There will be traffic signs throughout the entire detour.

(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)

## News Briefs

### W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed until June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring access to areas around this location are encouraged to use alternate routes.

### 237th Army Birthday Ball

The 237th Army Birthday Ball takes place at 5:30 p.m. June 15 at the JW Marriott Hill Country, 23808 Resort Parkway. Cost is \$67 per person and parking is free. Call 221-0118 for more information.

### Retirement ceremony for Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patrician Horoho will host a retirement ceremony honoring Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein on at 9 a.m. June 1 at MacArthur Parade Field. Rubenstein retires following 37 years of military service. Inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

### US Army Veterinary Corps 96th Anniversary Celebration

A celebration honoring the 96th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 1 at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum.

### Army Military Clothing Sales to close Mondays

Due to cuts in the Department of Defense budget, the Army needs to close all Army Military Clothing stores on Mondays, beginning June 4. This only affect Army funded military clothing facilities, so it will not impact Lackland or Randolph Air Force Bases. Other hours of operation will remain the same: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### 264th Medical Battalion Change of Command Ceremony

Lt. Col. Timothy Hudson will relinquish command of 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, to Lt. Col. Neil Nelson at 8 a.m. June 6, MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

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Photo by Robert D'Angelo

Staff Sgt. Dennis Downs meets the finish line in the 2-mile run/walk event with daughter Jazmyn and wife, Rebeca.



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

More than 85 wounded warriors participated in non-competitive sports, consisting of a 500-meter swim, 10-mile bicycle ride and a 2-mile run.

# Injured service members show resilience, endurance in annual 'Mini-Try'

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

More than 85 wounded service members took their rehabilitation to the next level during the Center for the Intrepid Mini-Try at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 18.

The 5th annual Mini-Try, a non-competitive sports event, consisted of a 500-meter swim, 10-mile bicycle ride and a 2-mile run/walk. The event was followed by a community brunch for participants, family members, staff and volunteers.

Maj. Terrance Fee, officer-in-charge of CFI physical therapy and mini-try coordinator, explained why it is called the Mini-Try instead of Triathlon.

"A mini-triathlon is basically a triathlon comprised of three separate events," he said. "The word 'try' is just away to let each patient 'try' to achieve their personal goals.

"We do not use this Mini-

Try as a competitive event among the participants, rather a means for each to challenge their own selves and see what they can achieve functionally," Fee added. "Also, the event provides a community event where patients, staff and families can interact in a non-clinical environment."

Participants included Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans from Brooke Army Medical Center and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, as well as soldiers from Canada and the Republic of Georgia.

"I am so proud of my husband," said Amy Juarez, wife of Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Juarez, who was injured in Afghanistan two years ago. "This is his second year competing in this event. The first time, he was only able to participate in one activity, but today he is able to compete in all three."

His mom, Norma Rogers, agreed. "I never thought two



Photo by Robert D'Angelo

Sp. Jack Zimmerman takes part in the 10-mile bicycle course.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Juarez completes a 2-mile run/walk in the Mini-Try held at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston May 18.

They are content with what they have achieved."

Fee noted the event is a joint effort of many organizations, including the Paralympics Military Program, Challenged Athletes Foundation, Operation Comfort, Wounded Warrior Project, Disabled Sports USA, Morale Welfare and Recreation, the 502nd Force Support Squadron, Alamo City Gator Club and the Jason George Memorial Foundation.

years ago he will here doing this; this is amazing."

Juarez was on foot patrol when he was shot by a sniper resulting in his injuries.

"I believe each participant builds a strong sense of satisfaction and accomplishment knowing they have succeeded in doing something that they did not think possible earlier in their rehab," Fee said.

"There are some patients who just received a prosthetic leg a few days ago and will try to go as far as they can but only get a few hundred feet from the race, which is fine.

## News Briefs

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### Wreath Laying Ceremony

Noncommissioned Officer Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Walls hosts a wreath ceremony at the graveside of Sgt. Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

### 32nd Med. Bde. Change of Responsibility, Retirement

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Tharp relinquishes responsibilities of 32nd Medical Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson at 8:30 a.m. June 22 during a ceremony at the post flagpole on Stanley Road.

### 32nd Medical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony

Col. William LaChance will relinquish command of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Col. Johnathan Fristoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

### Holiday Artwork Contest

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland seeks local artists and graphic designers to design cover artwork for the 2012 Holiday in Blue concert program. A JPG design must be received by July 1. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>

### Services Agency Conducts Online Bowling Survey

In an effort to improve the quality and level of service provided to the Fort Sam Houston community, the Air Force Services Agency is conducting a short survey about the post bowling center. Service members, retirees and family members are encouraged to participate. Information from this survey will help with a planned renovation. Click on <http://FTSamBowlingCenterSurvey.questionpro.com>.

### Fitness Assessments Begin June 4

Personnel from the 502nd Force Support Squadron will administer fitness assessments at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Center Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. beginning June 4 for Air Force members on Fort Sam Houston.

# 717th MI Brigade 'Soldierizes' kids' field day

By Gregory Rippes  
470th MIB Public Affairs

Two dozen volunteers from the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion helped Columbia Heights Elementary School with its field day May 17, putting a military touch on this year's event.

Throughout most of the morning, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders enthusiastically executed physical training in the form of pushups and sit-ups, carried each other on litters, and performed an Individual Movement Technique – a relay race with some slight complications – with direction and encouragement from the Soldiers.

Teachers and other school staff members seemed to be delighted at the children's reaction to the men and women in uniform.

"The children are more excited than if I was telling them what to do, like I do every day," said Jose Ramos. "You can see how excited they are; they are



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Children try their hands in the proper use of a litter under the oversight of Sgt. 1st Class James Johnson, a volunteer from Company B, 717th Military Intelligence Battalion, while another child carries a water can. The litter carry comprised one event of Columbia Heights Elementary School's field day on May 17.

jumping up and down."

The 470th MI Brigade has maintained a relationship with the Harlandale Independent School District school in south San Antonio since 2008, when volunteer Soldiers began providing an annual program for the school on the day before

Veterans Day. Last fall, volunteers from the brigade's 717th MI Battalion stepped forward to run the event as community outreach.

"Just two months ago we formalized our relationship," said Maj. Scott Linker, the battalion's operations and training

officer. "We'll be doing three events a year. In addition to Veterans Day and the field day, we'll be doing a careers day in January or February."

Linker noted that elementary school children don't have the exposure to the military that high schools have through recruiter programs, and that's why the 717th picked an elementary school.

"Our Soldiers can provide the children with a positive role model," Linker explained. "At their age, the impression the Soldiers make can last the rest of their lives."

Spc. Terrence Aursby, who coordinated the event, added that, besides members of the battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters company, Company A and Company B leading the physical activities, the battalion's color guard performed opening and closing ceremonies for the school.

"We really appreciate that the Soldiers came," Ramos said. "It's been a blast."

## ARMY, AIR FORCE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES VISIT JBSA, DISCUSS RENEWABLE ENERGY



Terry Yonkers, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics (center front), looks at a display of the floor plans for the renovated Sam Houston Community Center with Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing commander. Terry Frost, acting director, 502nd Force Support Squadron, discusses floor plans with Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment. Frost was conducting a tour of the community center for Yonkers and Hammack, May 21-22, part of an overall tour of facilities around Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Both assistant secretaries were visiting JBSA to discuss worldwide and future energy and environmental initiatives for their respective services.



Photos by L.A. Shively

Terry Yonkers (left), assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics and Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, talk with Bobby Clark (right), the San Antonio area manager for the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Camp Bullis May 22. Greg Nix, an electronics technician with the CACTF, sits at the computer. The CACTF provides realistic urban operations training.

## ARMY VETERINARIAN RECEIVES AUSTRALIAN HONOR



**Courtesy photo**

Lt. Col. James T. Giles (right), who is assigned to the Department of Veterinary Science, Army Medical Department Center and School and attached to Fort Benning's 463rd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) in Afghanistan, receives a Gold Commendation from Lt. Gen. Ash Power, Chief of Joint Operations for the Australian Defence Force. Giles was recognized for providing exceptional veterinary care to the Australian military working dogs. The Australian Defence Force does not currently have a veterinary corps. Veterinary care of their military working dogs is provided by coalition forces. The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps is assisting the Australians in establishing a veterinary corps.

## PERSHING ELEMENTARY THANKS ARMY NORTH FOR MENTORS AND TUTORS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Lt. Col. Shannon Miller (center), along with Capt. Michelle Martinez (left) and Capt. Eduardo Figueroa, admire the hand-written cards they received from the children they mentor and/or tutor at John J. Pershing Elementary School during a volunteer luncheon at the school May 23. School faculty and staff members thanked the volunteers from their partner unit, Army North, with treats, certificates of appreciation and cards from students. Volunteers from Fort Sam Houston mentor and tutor students and participate in activities, such as science fairs, field trips and school programs, as part of the post's Adopt-a-school program. Miller serves as commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Army North; Figueroa commands HHBn's Headquarters Support Company, and Martinez serves as the special assistant to the deputy chief of staff at Army North.

## DOD's only rooftop helipad opens at SAMMC

By Kari Thresher  
San Antonio Medical BRAC  
Integration Office

The first rooftop helipad in the Department of Defense opened at San Antonio Military Medical Center May 22. The new helipad is expected to trim vital time off a trip in which every extra minute can be a matter of life or death for critically injured patients.

"Providing quicker access to the medical center via the helipad is a tremendous new benefit to both our military and civilian patients who are airlifted here and entrusted to our care," said Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, Brooke Army Medical Center commander.

Previously, helicopters delivered patients to a landing pad across the street from the hospital and a waiting ambulance transported patients the



Photo by Dwayne Snader

The SAMMC Consolidated Tower includes a rooftop helipad to facilitate emergency treatment, the only one in the DOD.

remaining distance. Now, after landing on SAMMC's rooftop helipad, patients will be taken by elevator directly to the emergency department.

The ability for helicopters to have rooftop access provides an effective means of transporting injured persons and providing assistance in disaster relief efforts.

While the existing ground helipad will be retained for contingency operations, the rooftop helipad will be the primary landing site when air-medical agencies serving Southwest Texas transport patients to the SAMMC Emergency Department.

Base Realignment and Closure construction transformed San Antonio Military Medical Center into the DOD's only Level I trauma center and is the inpatient tertiary care center for San Antonio and the surrounding area. SAMMC provides trauma and emergency medical care to DOD beneficiaries and area residents.





Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Servello

Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations, is greeted by Sailors while visiting the Medical Education and Training Campus, home to Navy's Corpsmen "A" school. Ferguson toured the San Antonio Military Medical Center, as well as Navy and joint training sites at Naval Technical Training Center, Lackland and METC.

# Navy vice chief visits San Antonio wounded warrior support and joint force training facilities

By Lt. Cmdr. Chris Servello  
VCNO Public Affairs

The vice chief of naval operations toured the San Antonio Military Medical Center and visited Navy and joint training sites during a May 24 trip to the greater San Antonio area.

Adm. Mark Ferguson interacted with patients, staff and family members

at the Center for the Intrepid and Warrior and Family Support Center, and then met with Sailors at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Fort Sam Houston and the Naval Technical Training Center at Lackland Air Force Base.

The VCNO began his day with visits to CFI and WFSC to better familiarize himself with the wounded warrior care and family support offered at SAMMC.

The mission of the CFI is to provide rehabilitation to personnel who have sustained amputation, burns, or functional limb loss; to provide education to military and Department of Veteran Affairs professionals on rehabilitation; and to promote research in orthopedics, prosthetics and physical/occupational rehabilitation.

The WFSC provides coordinated services to patients, next-of-kin and extended wounded warrior family members. Injured service members and their family visit the WFSC to receive emotional support, answers to their questions, and to extend their rehabilitation away from the hospital.

During his visit to METC and NTTC-Lackland, Ferguson had the opportunity to address students, school officials and family members as he toured living quarters, recreational facilities, and various training classrooms at the two sites.

At all-hands calls at both locations, Ferguson discussed the Sailing

Directions from the Chief of Naval Operations. He provided the audiences real-world examples of how today's Navy was putting the tenets of "Warfighting First," "Operate Forward" and "Be Ready" into practice worldwide.

The VCNO also thanked both groups of Sailors for their service and sacrifice. "You have all chosen to serve – to give up comforts and embark on a life of high standards – to be ready when the country is least ready."

In his METC remarks, Ferguson thanked Sailors training to be hospital corpsmen for their hard work, telling them that today's men and women were, "the best we have ever had. You are the most educated, intelligent and physically fit group of Sailors in the history of our Navy."

METC is the primary Department of Defense healthcare education campus and trains enlisted medical personnel in over 60 medical programs, graduating 24,000 joint service personnel annually.

At NTTC Lackland, Ferguson told an audience of Sailors training in the master-at-arms rating, "you are making a difference because you make us safer – you protect us against terrorist and criminal threats."

Sailors attending the MA school are trained and tested in the areas of antiterrorism, security force fundamentals, and basic law enforcement.

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cal practice.

Graduates walk away with an associate's degree in applied science with an emphasis in respiratory care and eligibility to take the national certified respiratory therapy test, which is a stepping stone for a state license, Lucero explained. Army and Navy students have a more than 96 percent pass rate for the CRT, he added.

This accreditation marks a turning point for military respiratory therapists, he said, particularly for reservists. In the past, he explained, reserve respiratory therapists would graduate from the course and return to their former



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

Staff Sgt. Easter Jackson, clinical instructor, explains the functions of a transport ventilator to Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Speight, an Interservice Respiratory Therapy Program student, as Maj. Thomas Zanders, the program's medical director, looks on in the pulmonary department at the San Antonio Military Medical Center May 23.

jobs because, without a credential, they were unable to work in their field.

Now, after earning

their certification, they can score a job in a hospital or department that offers respiratory services.

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cal fitness test, get their Department of the Army photos, get replacement uniforms and equipment, and many other garrison support functions."

Worldwide, more than 100 U.S. Army Soldiers serve in foreign exchange positions, Morrison said.

Serving as an exchange officer in the Canadian Armed Forces has been a rewarding and interesting experience for many of the service members who attended Army North's MPEP conference.

Sgt. 1st Class David Gonzalez, a geospatial engineer, was working with in the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, when his branch manager notified him that he was eligible to work in Canada.

"I came back from Iraq and had an email from branch saying I was chosen," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez, a San Antonio native, was selected

to teach courses for enlisted Canadian "geomatics technician" soldiers at the School of Military Mapping at the Mapping and Charting Establishment in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

He said the assignment is very different from being an instructor at a U.S. Army advanced individual training school.

"It's very open, there," Gonzalez said. "Everybody uses first names, and they don't form up. It's a civilian school in Ottawa – Algonquin College. At the end, they get two-year degrees."

"They get teased a little in school, being from Texas, but they like it there," Gonzalez said.

"There are some challenges to living and working in Canada," said Maj. Brent Sobkowiak, who is working as a planner at a Canadian combat brigade in Steel Barracks, Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, in Alberta, Canada.

"How do I get a Cana-

dian driver's license and license plates?" Sobkowiak asked, to illustrate some of the things he's had to figure out, adding that there are also some professional challenges.

"One of the biggest challenges is understanding the equipment set," Sobkowiak said. "They have less equipment and cycle it to different units to accomplish missions.

Sobkowiak, a native of La Crosse, Wis., said the MPEP position has been a rewarding experience – both personally and professionally.

"I'd definitely recommend the assignment," Sobkowiak said.

The Canadians appreciate the MPEP officers, Morrison said.

"The Canadians place a high value to the contributions MPEP officers make to their organizations," Morrison said. "They appreciate the expertise, experience, skill, enthusiasm and value of our Soldiers – what makes us stand apart from our allies."

# HONORING THE FALLEN: A DAY TO REMEMBER



Photos by Lori Newman

Several veteran and civilian groups present wreaths during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Sgt. 1st Class Duriel Mitchem and Sgt. Shanelle McNair, members of the Joint Services Color Guard prepare to retire the Colors during the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 28.



Thousands of people visited the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Memorial Day to remember their loved ones. Many grave markers are adorned with flags, flowers and other mementos.



(Above) Francisco (Frank) Perez, an 86-year-old World War II veteran, attends the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 28 to honor all combat veterans who have served our nation.



Eleven-year-old Diego Ganzales, a member of Boy Scout Troop 911, makes sure the flag is secure during the Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 28.



Members of the San Antonio community observe a moment of remembrance on Memorial Day to honor fallen service members.



# Joint Base San Antonio Force Support Squadron

## June 2012 Events

### Airman (Warfighter) and Family Readiness

#### New key spouses receive training

Training for newly appointed squadron key spouses takes place June 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 1249. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Deployed spouses meet Wednesday

Hearts Apart, a deployed spouses support group, meets June 6, 4:30 p.m., at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 1249. Call 671-3722 to reserve a spot.

#### Resume writing class helps job seekers

The Ft. Sam Houston Employment Readiness Program offers two federal resume writing classes June 12 and July 10 and a general resume writing class July 3. All classes are 9 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. Registration is required. To sign up, call 221-0516/0427.

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center staff teaches new resume development techniques June 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. To register, call 652-5321.

#### Car buying tips for young drivers

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts a youth car buying class June 12, 10-11:30 a.m. The class is open to ages 15 and older. Topics will cover how to research the value of a used car, what to inspect on a vehicle, how to find the best deal and pros and cons of buying from a dealer or private individual. For more information, call 671-3722.

#### EFMP offers transition workshop

Parents and service providers are invited to a workshop, "Transitioning from Early Childhood Intervention to Public School," June 14, 1:30-3 p.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. The workshop provides tips and a general overview of the transition process from Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) to public school. For more information, call 221-2962/0600.

#### San Antonio Veterans Center offers VA support

Representatives from the San Antonio Veterans Center will host a Veterans Administration Benefits presentation June 15, 10-11 a.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. Veterans transitioning from deployment who face stress, have anxiety or questions about family life, disability claims, education and VA benefits should attend. For details, call 221-1868.

#### Family Life hosts Father's Day basketball tournament

Dads are invited to a Father's Day Basketball Tournament June 15, 6-7 p.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center. The tournament will include two games with two eight-minute quarters running simultaneously followed by a winner's game. Following the games, a fitness expert will provide a short presentation and dads can enjoy some healthy snacks. For more information and to sign up, call 221-0349/3164.

#### Learn to open new doors of opportunity

Mobilization and Deployment representatives will teach an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Level three class, June 19, 20 and 21, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. This class, targeted toward enhancing leadership and professional development skills, offers key ways to open doors of opportunity and to enhance life skills. To sign up, call 221-0918/2611.

#### Summer Safety Day offers tips for hot days ahead

The 2012 Summer Safety Day, June 20, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center parking lot will feature demonstrations to keep families safe this summer. 502nd Mission Support Group security services officers, firefighters and other experts will provide driving demonstrations, water safety tips and other advice on how to beat the heat safely this summer. There will also be free refreshments and fun activities for kids of all ages. For more information, call 221-4543.

#### Community Center hosts Newcomers Extravaganza

The monthly Newcomers Extravaganza is slated for June 26, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg 1395. Service members and their families who are new to Ft. Sam Houston can visit with representatives from post agencies and local businesses to learn more about their new home. There will also be prizes and giveaways. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### Compassion Fatigue Workshop helps caregivers

The Exceptional Family Member Program offers a workshop, "Compassion Fatigue," for caregivers June 28, 1:30-3 p.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. Caregivers will get tips on how to take care of themselves while taking care of others. For details, call 221-2962/0600.

#### Youth learn budgeting skills

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts a budgeting class for youth ages 15 and older June 29, 10-11:30 a.m. The class covers how to make a budget and save for future goals. Call 671-3722 to reserve a spot or for more information.

### Arts and Crafts

#### Father's Day craft classes

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a Father's Day gift craft class June 9, 3-5 p.m. It is open to youth of all ages. Patrons can select a greeting card, photo frame, travel mug, a personalized key or coin holder project. The class fee is \$8 per person, per project. For more information, call 671-2515.

#### Lackland offers free vehicle inspection diagnosis

Lackland Auto Hobby Shop offers a free instant vehicle inspection diagnosis June 23, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Car fluids, gear lube, fuel injection, batter, filters, wiper blades, belts, hoses and lighting will be inspected. Call 671-3549 to make an appointment.

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## Bowling Center

### Skylark Bowling Center hosts musical evenings

Primo's Lounge, located in the Lackland Skylark Bowling Center, hosts an open microphone night June 9, 8 p.m. American Idol contestant Dylan Lozza will also perform. Primo's features Karaoke Night every Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 671-1234.

### Bowling specials available on Father's Day

Bowling and shoe rental are free for Dads at the Randolph Bowling Center June 17, 1-6 p.m. Additionally, family members can bowl at the reduced rate of \$1.50 per game, per person and \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

### Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center now open Mondays

Bowlers are welcome to enjoy the lanes at the Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center seven days a week: Monday, 5-10 p.m., Tuesday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Wednesday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-midnight, Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight and Sunday, 2-9 p.m. The Bowling Center is in Bldg. 2521, Schofield Rd. For more information, call 221-4740.

### Quarter Mania takes over the bowling center

Quarter Mania takes place at the Randolph Bowling Center June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$6 (includes shoe rental for one) and \$.25 a game. There is no limit on the number of games. In addition, watch for the surprise weekly "Quarter Mania" special in the Spare Time Grille. For more information, call 652-6271.

### Lackland bowlers treated to sports and attraction tickets

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts Diamonds-to-End Zones Summer Extravaganza every Wednesday, during open play, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., through August 15. Patrons have the chance to win tickets to sporting events such as Dallas Cowboys football or Scorpions soccer games. Other prizes include Sea World, Fiesta Texas or Schlitterbahn tickets. For more information, call 671-1234.

### Time to go cosmic at Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center

The Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center offers Cosmic Nights Fridays, 10 p.m.-midnight and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight, for \$60 per lane including two hours of bowling, shoe rental, plus soda and a large pizza. For more information, call 221-4740.

## Clubs

### Club membership matters

Everyone who joins a Randolph club before July 13 will automatically receive three months free dues, be enrolled in the free cash-back rewards program, win \$5-\$100 in FSS bucks instantly from a scratch-off ticket, and receive a 902nd Force Support Squadron coupon book valued at \$50. The club is a great place for entertainment and meeting new friends in a fun and safe environment. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Bingo gets extravagant

Bingo Extravaganza takes place at the Randolph Kendrick Club June 4 and 18 with \$15,000 in total jackpots and a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. Customers must have ticket from purchasing bingo machine/cards to proceed to the buffet. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Deck night goes Greek

Randolph Parr Club Deck Night will feature a Greek meal June 7, 5-8 p.m. The meal includes Gyros on the spit with all the fixings, Greek roasted potatoes, Greek chicken pieces with lemon and oregano, Greek salad, grilled pitas, and

**Father & Daughter Date Night**  
**June 16 • 6:30 p.m.**  
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 The evening will include a buffet dinner for the girls, ages two to 15, and an eight-ounce ribeye steak dinner for Dads.  
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Greek yogurt with diced fresh fruit. New Wine will provide the entertainment from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Randolph club members, \$10 for nonmembers and \$3 for children six and younger. All-you-can-eat is an additional \$2.50. This event is sponsored in-part by Randolph Family Housing and Budweiser. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Gateway Club holds general membership meeting

Lackland Gateway Club hosts a general membership meeting for all current members June 12, 4 p.m. Patrons are invited to share their comments, suggestions or concerns. Call 645-7034 for more information.

### Enjoy 2-4-1 steak night at the Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club is offering 2-4-1 steak June 14 and 28, 5:30-8 p.m. Purchase an eight-ounce ribeye for \$13.95 or 10-ounce NY strip for \$18.95 and get one free. The steak dinner includes house salad, choice of mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or rice pilaf and vegetable, bread and beverage. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Celebrate Father's Day early

A pre-Father's Day lunch buffet takes place at Lackland Gateway Club June 15, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Entrees of brisket,

fried catfish, barbecued chicken and jambalaya along with a variety of soups, salads and desserts are featured in the all-you-can-eat special. Prices are \$8.95 for fathers and \$9.95 for all others. A small gift for fathers is available while supplies last. Call 645-7034 for more information.

### Gateway Club commemorates end of slavery in Texas

Lackland Gateway Club features a pre-Juneteenth meal commemorating the abolition of slavery in Texas. The club invites both members and nonmembers to attend a fish fry June 15, 5-8 p.m. Live entertainment and a DJ perform 5 p.m.-1 a.m. The meal price for members is \$7 per person or \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Celebrate Juneteenth with Brenna

Celebrate Juneteenth at the Randolph Kendrick Club June 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m., with a special performance by Brenna. Don't miss this unique sound experience as she combines neo-soul and R&B into a perfect mix. Doors to the Nite Club will open at 6 p.m. and all guests will be asked to show their club card. The cost of this is \$3 for members or \$5 for nonmembers. There will be a drink special and "soul food" for the happy hour buffet. Brenna will perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Father's Day features special buffets for Dads

A special Father's Day brunch takes place at Lackland Gateway Club June 17. Both members and nonmembers are invited to enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring a wide variety of meats, fish, an omelet and waffle bar, side dishes and desserts. Prices per person are \$15.95 for fathers, \$17.95 for members and basic military trainees and their guests, \$20.95 for adult nonmembers, children ages 6-12 are \$9.95 and children ages five and younger eat free. Serving times are 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Coupons are not accepted for this event. Call 645-7034 for details.

Randolph Parr Club to hold a Father's Day brunch and golf special combo June 17 at the Parr Club for Dad and Grandpa. The cost for the brunch and golf combo is \$35 for members or \$37 for nonmembers and Dads will receive a voucher for golf to be used anytime within 30 days. This event is open to all DoD ID cardholders. The seating times are 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and reservations are required. The theme is "sports team," and sports attire is highly encouraged. All Dads and Grandpas can enter their names in a drawing for an I-Pad (must be a club member to win). This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Mongolian Bar-B-Q heats up Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club offers a great selection of meats, vegetables and sauces at their Mongolian Bar-B-Q June 21, 5:30-8 p.m. The price is \$12.50 for members, \$14.50 for nonmembers, children 6-12 years of age pay \$7.75 and children ages 5 and younger eat free. For more information, call 652-4864.

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### Gateway Club offers prime rib buffet

Lackland Gateway Club to hold a prime rib buffet night June 22, 5-8 p.m. Other entrees featured are stuffed pork chops and tilapia with white wine sauce. Soup, salad, side dishes and dessert are included. Prices are \$15.95 per person for members or \$18.95 for nonmembers. To make group reservations, call 645-7034.

### Jamaican you crazy

Randolph Kendrick Club will hold a special Jamaican themed evening June 28, 5-8 p.m. Reggae Music will be provided by SS Productions and there will be tropical drink specials available. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Gyros back by popular demand

Gyros to-go are back at the Randolph Parr Club. Call 658-7445/7446/7447 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. anytime to order. Payment is required at time of order. The cost is \$6.95 for members or \$8.95 for nonmembers. Customers may also order a Greek salad for \$3.25, Greek fries for \$1 and watermelon slices and strawberries for \$2.50. Coupons will be accepted. For more information, call 652-4864.

## Community Programs

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre puts on military drama

Ft. Sam Houston's Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Bldg. 2652 presents "A Few Good Men" June 1-2 and 7-9. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. "A Few Good Men" is a Broadway hit about the trial of two Marines for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay. For reservations, call the Box Office at 222-9694.

### Theater group presents Steel Magnolias

Lackland Performing Arts Group presents Steel Magnolias June 8, 9, 15 and 16 at Arnold Hall Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with curtain time thirty minutes later. Ticket prices are \$20 per person, \$15 seniors ages 65 and older, \$10 technical training students and \$5 for children under the age of 10. Prices include hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar and reserved seating are available. For more information, call 671-2619.

### BOSS celebrates summer bash

Food, music, games and prizes will highlight Ft. Sam Houston's BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Service Members) Summer Bash June 16, 5-10 p.m., at Benner Barracks, Bldg. 272. For more information, call 221-0973/3949.

### Final Friday offers relaxing end to work week

Lackland Kisling Community Center, Bldg. 2008, hosts Final Friday June 29, 3-7 p.m. DJ Suavecito performs and free appetizers are available 3:30-5 p.m. The Hilltop Pub is open for beverage purchases. For more details, call 977-2960.

## Fitness and Sports

### Two-person teams run 10K relay

Grab a teammate and head to Randolph's Eberle Park June 9,

7:30 a.m. The first team member must complete the 5K run route in order for the second team member to tag off and start running the next 5K. This relay run is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. For details, call 652-7263.

### Women learn the art of self-defense

Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center offers women's self-defense seminars June 9 and 16, 2-4 p.m. Topics include the 12 fundamentals of self-defense and what to do if attacked. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. To sign up, call 671-2401.

### Summer triathlon set for June 10

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center to host a triathlon June 10, 6:30 a.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Bldg. 3300. The price is \$20. The triathlon consists of a 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a two-mile run. The registration deadline is June 3. Packets may be picked up at 5:30 a.m. on race day. For details, call 221-1234.

### Families run/walk at 5K

Lackland Gillum Fitness Center, Bldg. 2086, hosts a Father's Day 5K run/walk June 15, 7-9 a.m. The event is open to the entire family. For more information, call 977-2353.

### 10-mile training run offered at Eberle Park

The Randolph Fitness Center to host a 10-mile run at Eberle Park June 23, 7 a.m. This is the first of three marathon training runs. This marathon training run is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. For more information, call 652-7263.

## Golf

### Youth learn to golf

Randolph Oaks Golf Course is conducting a Junior Golf Camp for youth June 11-15, 8 a.m.-noon. The cost for the clinic is \$50 for youth with clubs or \$125 for youth that need clubs. The clubs are theirs to keep. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Shop for Father's Day

Lackland Gateway Hills pro shop holds a Father's Day sale June 17. A discount of 15 percent is available on any single purchase item (some restrictions may apply). There will be hourly product giveaways 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Fathers, sons and daughters play golf

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course holds a Father and Son or Daughter Tournament June 17. Tee times are noon-1 p.m. and the entry fee is \$20. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Junior clinics instill love of golf

Lackland Gateway Hills offers junior golf clinics for youth, ages 6-17. Sessions are June 4-7 or June 18-21. Fees are \$100 for instruction for students with their own clubs, \$200 for those needing clubs and \$300 for students needing adult-sized clubs. Students needing clubs will keep the set given to them in class. For further details, call 671-3466.

## Information, Tickets, Travel

### Cruise the Caribbean with ITT

Lackland ITT offers a seven-day cruise aboard the Carnival Magic November 11-18. The ship sails from Galveston visiting the ports of Key West, Florida and Freeport and Nassau, Bahamas. Rates are \$740.21 per person for inside cabins and \$1,050.21 for balcony cabins. The first payment of \$275 per person plus a \$7 service fee is due at time of booking. Final payment is due by August 20. Call 671-7111 to speak to a travel agent.

### ITT takes casino trip reservations

Randolph ITT is taking reservations for a July 17-18 trip to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, Louisiana. The package includes round trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast and a voucher for \$23 from the Casino. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 10 p.m. the next day. Cost per person is \$55 for double occupancy or \$110 for single occupancy. To sign up, call 652-5640.

### Travel to Europe with great tours

Lackland ITT features a cost saver package with Trafalgar Tours to Italy or Spain. Dates are available this summer June-August. The Italian Dream tour spends eight days in Rome, Venice and Florence. Prices start at \$3,200 per person. The Spanish Explorer tour is a 13-day trip to Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Lisbon and Madrid with prices starting at \$3,500 per person. Both tour prices include airfare, hotel and land transportation. For complete details, call 671-7111.

## Library

### Summer reading is so delicious

Registration for the summer reading program, "Reading is So Delicious," kicks off with a celebration at the Ft. Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library today, 4-6 p.m. The library will host an ice cream party, give out gift bags to each registrant and the first 150 to register will receive a "Reading-is-So-Delicious" t-shirt. The weekly Thursday summer reading program is slated for June 7, 21, 28. For more information, call 221-4702.

Registration is underway at the Lackland Library for this year's summer reading program. The program starts June 11. Each participating child receives a reading log, book bag and t-shirt. For more information, call 671-3610.

The Randolph Library is holding the following contests throughout the summer: Young Adult Reading and Book Review Contest, Design a Bookmark Contest, Poetry Contest, Poster Contest. For more information, call 652-5578. Sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and Randolph Family Housing.

### Library offers Father's Day craft project

The Lackland Library provides craft tables June 15-16 for children to make their own Father's Day gift. Craft materials will be available starting at 1 p.m. each day. For more information, call 671-3610.

# Joint Base San Antonio

## Urban wildlife presentation

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation will be at the Lackland Library June 23, 1-3:30 p.m., with a presentation focusing on cohabitation with urban wildlife. Topics include how to live side-by-side with wildlife, use of non-lethal exclusion techniques and issues related to rescuing and caring for wildlife. For more information, call 671-3610.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Pools open for summer fun

The Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Bldg. 3300, is open seven days a week from noon-8 p.m. Admission is free and each DoD card holder is permitted two guests. For more information, call 221-4887.

The Lackland Chaparral and Medina outdoor pools open June 12 for the season. The Warhawk outdoor pool is currently open for the summer. The Skylark Aquatic Center's indoor pool is open year-round. For complete information on operating hours, fees, policies and passes, go to [www.lacklandfss.com](http://www.lacklandfss.com). Swimming information is found under the Leisure & Recreation tab.

The Randolph Center Pool is open for recreational swimming Monday-Friday 1-8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays 1-6 p.m. The daily entry fee for those who don't have a season pass is \$2 for ages 2 and older. Lap swimming starts June 4 at the South Pool and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.. There is no cost for lap swimming. The South Pool is also open Saturdays noon-8 p.m. for private parties. For more information, call 652-3702/3698.

### Exotic hunting opens at Camp Bullis

Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area welcomes hunters for exotic hunts for hogs, goats and axis deer every weekend in June, 4-10 p.m. For more information, call 295-7577.

### "Learn to Swim" registration open for the summer

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons at Ft. Sam Houston Aquatic Center, which runs June 4-August 3. The cost is \$40 per child, per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m., at the Aquatic Center, Bldg.3300. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson t-shirt and a class picture. To register, call 221-4887.

### Camp Bullis hosts two-day archery shoot

Archers are welcome to register for a 3-D archery shoot June 23-24, 8-10 a.m. at Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area. The competition begins immediately following registration. For details, call 295-7577.

### Keep youth afloat with swim lessons

Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center offers youth swim lessons for children ages three and older. Classes are scheduled to begin June 5 with new sessions starting every two weeks through mid-August. The fee is \$45 for eight 45-minute lessons. Call 671-2413 for details.

## Get fit with water aerobics

Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center, Bldg. 6482, holds water aerobics Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during June. Classes offer a low-impact workout. Sessions meet 5-6 p.m. For more information, call 671-2413.

## Youth Programs

### Pool Bash celebrates end of school year

Teens are invited to "Splash into Summer" June 2, 7-10 p.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston Aquatic Center. The event, hosted by the Middle School Teen Center is open to all teens in grades 6-12. For more information, call 221-3630.

### School Age Services hosts Kids Adventure camps

Ft. Sam Houston School Age Services is registering children for Kids Adventure Camps which run weekly in June, July and August. At the beginning of each session, campers will choose from activities in science, arts and crafts, technology, sports and fine arts. Registration is available at Parent Central, Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. The camps will be held at School Age Services, Bldg. 1703/1705. For more information, call 221-5151.

### Fathers and sons enjoy dunking and doughnuts

Randolph Youth Programs hosts a father/son outing with doughnuts, basketball and fun June 9, 10 a.m., in celebration of Father's Day. Share a delicious doughnut breakfast with Dad and enjoy some quality time together. This free breakfast is open to families with sons 5 years of age and older. Sign up at Youth Programs by June 6. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Middle School Teen Center hosts basketball league

The Middle School Teen Center is registering teens in grades 6-12 today for summer basketball league which runs June 14, 21 and 28, 6-8 p.m. Interested teens must be registered with Ft. Sam Houston Child, Youth & School Services. Teens will sign up and play at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 2515. For more information, call 221-3630.

### Volleyball sports clinic at Lackland Youth Center

Lackland Youth Programs to hold a volleyball clinic June 21-22 for ages 12 and older. Sessions are 9-11 a.m. each day. The participation fee is \$20. Call 671-2388 to sign up.

## Summer Camp registration underway at Ft. Sam

Parents may register their students in K-12 for summer camp on Fort Sam Houston Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Parent Central, Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. Parents and guardians should ensure all registration documentation is accurate and complete to prevent processing delays. Registration checklists and medical action plans are available on WebTrac. For more information, call 221-4871.

### SKIESUnlimited sets dates for summer sports clinics

Parents are invited to sign up their children, ages 4-18, for the SKIESUnlimited Summer Sports Clinics. Soccer and Speed Training Camp for ages 4-5 is June 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon and June 11-15, 9 a.m.-noon for ages 6-18 at the Youth Services Fields. Basketball and Speed Training Camp for 7-18 year olds runs July 9-13, 9 a.m.-noon, the Total A.T.H.L.E.T.E. Development clinic is June 18-22, 9 a.m.-noon for ages 7-18 and the Volleyball Skills Training Clinic for 13-18 year olds is July 16-20, 9 a.m.-noon, all at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 2515. A Football Skills Training clinic for ages 7-18 is slated for July 23-27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Youth Services Fields. Registration is at Parent Central, Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. The cost for each clinic is \$85. For more information, call 221-4871.

### Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports recruits coaches

Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is calling for volunteers to coach age groups ranging from 5-12 during the 2012 football and cheer season. To sign up, call 221-5513/4492.

### Dance classes foster good health and self-esteem

Lackland Youth Programs conduct a variety of Saturday dance classes with ongoing enrollment. Creative movement takes place 12:40-1:20 p.m. and 3:10-3:50 p.m. for children ages 3-5. Ballet for children ages 5-6 is 1:25-2:05 p.m. Ballet and jazz class for youth ages 7-15 is 2:10-3 p.m. Class fees are \$40 per child, per month. For more information, call 671-2388.

### Lackland holds youth guitar lessons

Youth guitar lessons for ages 5 and older are available Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays through Lackland Youth Programs. The participation fee is \$20 per half-hour session. For more information, call 671-2388.

## Youth Horsemanship Camp teaches basic riding skills



Youth, ages 7-17, are invited to spend a week learning horse care and basic riding skills during the Summer Youth Horsemanship Camp in June, July and August., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Bldg. 3550, Trooper Rd. The cost for the camp is \$195. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 224-7207.



Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Fighters demonstrate how the Jaws of Life are used to remove an injured motorist from a badly damaged vehicle.

## JBSA 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Day event kicks off Memorial Day weekend

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

To kick off the Memorial Day weekend, Joint Base San Antonio held the 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Day event May 24.

Airmen from Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases were bused to Fort Sam Houston to attend the event and several service members and civilians rode in on motorcycles.

Michael Waldrop, 502nd Mission Support Group deputy commander, welcomed the Soldiers and Airmen to the annual event.

“It’s these days of summer where we experience the loss of our valuable personnel,” Waldrop said encouraging the service members to be extra vigilant during the summer months when motorcycling and participating water sports and other activities.

“Last year the Air Force lost 18 people during the 101 critical days (of summer), the Navy and Marines lost 31 people and the Army had 54 fatal mishaps,” said Jewell Hicks, director of safety for the 502nd Air Base Wing. “That’s close to 100-plus people whose families will never be the

same.”

This year’s event featured several testimonials, demonstrations and booths offering safety information on a wide variety for topics such as teen driving safety, sexual assault prevention and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Ralph Delgado, a 27-year veteran with the San Antonio Police Department, explained the consequences of driving drunk, from the perspective of the family of a victim and the drunk driver.

Delgado recounted an incident where a young off-duty officer stopped to help a motorist and ended up being hit by a drunk driver. The officer later died of his injuries.

“Be responsible for what you do,” Delgado said. He advised people who have been drinking not to drive, but to call a cab.

“If you get picked up for a DWI, if you don’t go to prison, the whole thing is going to [cost] you about \$17,000,” he said. “Plus, being in the military, it can ruin your career.”



Photos by Lori Newman

Army Spcs. Draya Rutherford and Shaun Brown speak to a representative from Warfighter and Family Readiness about the importance of a properly fitted car seat.

## Motorcycle riders focus on safety

By Phil Reidinger  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

With the theme “Safety Is On You,” 30 motorcycle riders participated in the 32nd Medical Brigade mentor ride May 24. The semiannual ride provides an opportunity for experienced riders to mentor new or novice riders.

The rides begin with mechanical inspections and validation of training, insurance and licenses. The safety inspections include lights, brakes, chains and belts, spokes and tires.

Riders also must possess documentation of attending at least the basic motorcycle training course. Riders must also attend the advanced motorcycle training course within 12 months after the basic riders course. The courses are offered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base.

Active duty and retired military members of Lackland’s Chapter 4 and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston’s Chapter 47 of the Green Knights Motorcycle Club joined the ride, hosted by the 32nd Medical Brigade for Motorcycle Safety Month.

The riders departed Fort Sam Houston travel-



Photos by Phil Reidinger

Lt. Col. Jose Alicea inspects motorcycle owned by 2nd Lieut. Michael Honesberger, Company E, 232nd Medical Battalion prior to the 32nd Medical Brigade motorcycle mentorship safety ride, May 24. The inspection checklist includes lights, brakes, tires, spokes, chains or belts, insurance and completion of motorcycle basic or advanced training course.

ing to La Vernia and back, completing the ride at the post commissary parking lot. The trip route, which used Highway 87, 181, 759 and Interstates 37 and 35, exposes riders to various types of potential traffic hazards.

“You have to be a swivel head out there,” cautioned Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Tharp during his safety briefing. He emphasized specific dangers at intersections, stop signs and traffic lights when riding a bike.

“When you are in traffic you can’t trust what the driver of a car or truck will do. That is why safety is on you – the rider,” he added.

Tharp noted that in the past three weeks, the 32nd Medical Brigade dealt with five motorcycle-related incidents.

Ride safety coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Johannik said 28 deaths in the Army this year were related to motorcycle accidents.

“That’s 36 percent of the deaths in the Army and why we need to reinforce motorcycle safety,” he said.

Air Force Master Sgt. Osvaldo Villarreal, 433rd Airlift Wing, has been riding for two years.

“I have participated in 30 rides,” he said. “Defensive riding, maneuvering through traffic, giving the right of way and the lack of protection on a bike are all topics we reinforce during a ride.”

The lack of exterior protection on a motorcycle provides an emphasis for every rider to use the proper personal protection equipment such as goggles, helmet, long sleeve shirt, full length pants, jeans – not shorts, gloves and boots.



Riders line up to begin the safety ride sponsored by the 32nd Medical Brigade. The ride provides experienced riders the opportunity to mentor novice riders about safe defensive driving, maneuvering in traffic, giving right of way, dangers at intersections and potential hazards posed by various types of roadways such as interstates and rural roads.

# Activities honor Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs Office

Each May, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month recognizes the contributions, traditions and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States and in the Armed Forces.

As host for the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston activities, the Army Medical Department Center and School kicked off the month with a ceremony at the post exchange May 1 and hosted a sampling of Asian Pacific traditional foods in the foyer of Blesse Auditorium May 4.

Celebrations continued with the post APAHM Observance Day at Blesse Auditorium May 23.

The ceremony included a martial arts demonstration by Frank Cade, traditional dance music by the Aloja Grill Dance Troupe, followed by a sampling of tradi-

tional Asian food.

"It is about identifying the great contributions and legacy of the many Asian and Pacific Islanders," said Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe, AMEDDC&S commanding general and host for the ceremony. "Especially those and their families who have served our nation beautifully and sacrificed a great deal, so that we can enjoy all this freedoms and liberties that we have every day, just like the many other ethnic groups that have served our nation."

Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho, commanding general, Northern Regional Medical Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., was born in Hawaii and was the guest speaker. He talked about his upbringing in Hawaii and how he got where he is today.

"My folks sacrificed life's pleasures and luxuries to give their five children education and instill in us to study

hard," Carvalho said.

The general said he had money to pay for only one college semester so he joined the ROTC to finish and get a good education.

"It clicked, the whole military thing clicked for me," Carvalho said. "I loved the discipline."

Activities closed with a presentation to 32nd Medical Brigade Soldiers attending medical

training that included keynote speaker retired Sgt. Maj. Julius Chan and entertainment by the Aloha Grill Dance Troup May 24.

On Fort Sam Houston, there is a street named Calugas Circle in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Jose Calugas. Calugas was the only Filipino to receive the medal in World War II.



Frank Cade demonstrates martial arts at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.

Photos by  
Esther Garcia



Soldiers and civilians join the Aloja Grill Dance Troupe on stage to hula at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at Blesse Auditorium May 23.

## PLEASANTON JROTC VISITS METC



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Medical Education and Training Campus Instructor Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Messanh Ameduite (center), explains to Pleasanton Junior ROTC cadets the importance of sterility in the operating room as surgical technicians prepare to practice their skills on a patient simulator. The cadets visited the Fort Sam Houston Museum, Engagement Skills Training 2000 and lunched with the service members at Rocco Dining Facility during their tour of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 23.

## JROTC CADETS LEARN MILITARY HONORS



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Sgt. Edward Bonertz (right), Military Honors Platoon, presents the U.S. flag to Burbank Junior ROTC Cadet Maj. Emilce Ferreira during a mock presentation about how the unit shows their respect to family members during a military honors ceremony. The cadets visited the Army Medical Department Museum, the Engagement Skills Training 2000, Brenner Barracks and received a briefing of U.S. Army North's Sentinel communication vehicle during lunch at the Quadrangle during their tour of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 24.

## 'RAZZLE DAZZLE' AT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



**Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell**

(Above) Fifteen-year-old Jorion I. Dawson performs of "Moonlight in Vermont" on the alto saxophone. Dawson joined 17 other contestants in the 2012 Festival of the Arts talent contest, "Razzle Dazzle" at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre May 17.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Kevin Cherry busts a move at the "Razzle Dazzle" Festival of the Arts talent contest May 17. Cherry sang "Billie Jean" and dressed the part of late pop star Michael Jackson during the competition at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

## RHODES HONOR SOCIETY VISITS FSH MUSEUM



**Photo by Kathy Salazar**

Pfc. Catharina Perry from the 4/133 Forward Support Company, 36th Infantry Texas National Guard, instructs students from the Rhodes Middle School National Junior Honor Society how to perform an about-face during their tour at the Fort Sam Houston Museum May 29. The students had an educational scavenger hunt at the Army Medical Department museum and ate lunch at the Quadrangle during their tour at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES JUNE 4-9

Robert G. Cole Middle and  
High School

### June 4-9

JROTC Summer Camp at  
Camp Bullis

### June 5

Girls basketball summer  
league, Cole Gym, 5-9 p.m.

### June 7

Girls basketball summer  
league, Cole Gym, 5-9 p.m.



Submit a comment at  
<http://ice.disa.mil>.

# INSIDE THE GATE

## ABC's of Individual Family Support Plan

May 31, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building  
2797, call 221-2962.

## End-of-School-Year Field Day

May 31, 4 p.m. in the field by  
the Youth Center Building 1630,  
for Middle School Teens. This is a  
STRONG B.A.N.D.S event.

## Virtual FRG Training

June 1, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building 2797,  
call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Man of the House

June 1, 12:30-2 p.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building  
2797, call 221-0349.

## Positive Parenting Enrichment

June 4 and 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
Roadrunner Community Center  
Building 2797, call 221-0349.

## Scream Free Parenting

June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 11:30  
a.m.-1:30 p.m., Red Cross Building  
2650, call 221-0349.

## Bank Account Management

June 4, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building 2797,  
call 221-1612.

## Building Effective Anger Management Skills

June 5, 12, 19, 25, July 3 and  
10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross  
Building 2650, call 221-0349.

## ID Theft

June 5, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building 2797,  
call 221-1612.

## Unit Family Readiness Training

June 6, 9-10 a.m., Roadrunner  
Community Center Building 2797,  
call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Excel Level 1

June 7, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner  
Community Center, call 221-2518  
or 221-2705.

## Triathlon

June 10, 6:30 a.m. beginning

at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic  
Center Building 3300, Williams  
Road. Cost is \$20. The triathlon  
consists of a 400-meter swim, a  
10-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run.  
Registration deadline is June 3,  
packet pick-up is at 5:30 a.m. on  
race day. Call 221-1234.

## "A Few Good Men" at Harlequin Dinner Theatre

Performances are Thursday-Sat-  
urday, May 10-June 9. Dinner is at  
6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m.  
Call 222-9694 for reservations.

## Vacation Bible Study

June 10-14 at Dodd Field  
Chapel, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston,  
call 221-5006.

June 16-20 at Freedom Chapel,  
JBSA-Lackland, call 671-4208.

June 18-22 at Randolph  
Elementary, JBSA-Randolph, call  
652-7237.

## Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for  
summer swim lessons which will  
run from June 4-Aug. 3. The cost  
is \$40/child per session. Lessons  
are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or  
10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5
San Antonio Texas	92° Isolated T-Storms	92° Partly Cloudy	96° Partly Cloudy	95° Mostly Cloudy	97° Partly Cloudy	96° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	88° Sunny	86° Sunny	88° Sunny	88° Sunny	87° Sunny	83° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 30

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 654.0'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**

**Stage I - 660'**

**Stage II - 650'**

**Stage III - 642'**

**Stage IV - 640.5'**

**Stage V - 637'**

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



depending on age. Registration is  
available Monday-Friday, noon-7  
p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Ses-  
sions are Monday-Friday for two  
weeks and include eight days of  
instruction, a certificate of partici-  
pation, a swim lesson T-shirt and  
class picture.

## Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired  
Enlisted Association meets at 1  
p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of  
each month at the Lackland Air  
Force Base Gateway Club. Call

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# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## Joshua Springs Park Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk June 2 starting at the Joshua Springs Park and Preserve, 716 FM 289 in Comfort, Texas. Walks start between 7-11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 830-995-2421 or visit <http://web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html>.

## 2012 Federal Recognition Awards

An awards ceremony will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 13 at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade. Bill Taylor, KENS5 meteorologist, is master of ceremonies. Call 565-1860/1861.

## MEDCOM Best Warrior Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho and Command Sgt. Maj. Donna A. Brock will host the U.S. Army Medical Command Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Best Warrior Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. June 8 at the Hilton San

Antonio Airport. Tickets are \$20 and include your choice of a cheeseburger or turkey club wrap served with salad, dessert and iced tea. Attendee must pre-pay and reserve with meal choice by calling 295-2323 no later than June 4. Make checks payable to Hilton Hotel.

## Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military

personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

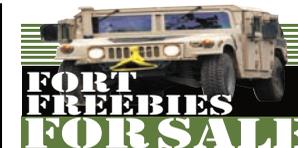
## Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays

from June 2 to Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, June 5 to Aug 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, June 3 to Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during June, July and August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

## Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.



**FOR SALE:** 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix, rolling chassis no motor but still has automatic transmission and complete interior, body is straight, \$1,500; 1967 Mustang Coupe hard top, not running, 289 V8 automatic, needs restoring, body is straight, \$1,800. Call 488-0826.

**FOR SALE:** Solid oak roll top desk, \$1,000 obo; computer table, 30 inches by 72 inches, \$75 obo. Call 860-3781.

**FOR SALE:** REM Martinique king-size bed with wave adjustable base, each side has a remote control that elevates both head and/or foot and activates massage, in excellent condition, \$6,800 retail, asking \$2,999. For details visit <http://www.remsleepsolutions.com/Martinique.asp>. Call 659-6741.  
**YARD SALE:** June 2 beginning at 7 a.m., 11104 Forest Night in Live Oak, Auburn Hills subdivision.

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658-2344 for information.

### Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or

655-0577.

### ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

### Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office,

Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.