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A TIME FOR REFLECTION



Photo by Lori Newman

A family takes time away for private reflection during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 30. For more photos from the ceremony and other Memorial Day events, turn to Page 13. More photos are also available online at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao>.

SIX JBSA MEMBERS BECOME CITIZENS AT THE ALAMO



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Six Joint Base San Antonio military members and the wife of a service member became American citizens during a naturalization ceremony in front of The Alamo on Memorial Day, May 30. From left are Army Pvt. Santiago Vallinas from Colombia, Army Spc. Joo Lee from South Korea, Navy Seaman Dexter Peonia from the Philippines, Navy Seaman Apprentice Inzali Han from Burma, Navy Seaman Apprentice Glend Yulian Berrocal Seguira from Costa Rica, Airman 1st Class Carla Meza from Mexico and Sandra Figueroa from Columbia and wife of Army Spc. Carlos Figueroa.

FSH first responders react to hazardous chemical spill exercise

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

"Exercise, exercise, exercise! All five-zero elements: Received a 9-1-1 call in the area of building 3201, that's three-two-zero-one on W.W. White Road. Caller reported a violet smoke coming from that building!" squawks the radio system and the 502nd Security Forces Squadron scrambles into action.

First on scene, police cordon off the area, establish entry control points and redirect traffic. An incident command post headed by an incident commander is set up.

The hazardous chemical is identified, a victim count and preliminary assessment is taken, as well as a count of on-scene responders. All information is channeled to the incident commander who coordinates with the fire

department.

"Communication between police and the fire department plays a big factor in any kind of incident," explained SFS officer Neal Allen, who was one of the actors in the scenario. "But where chemicals are involved, the quicker responding forces get there, the more likely they'll be able to save lives."

This particular training

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Photo by L.A. Shively

502nd Security Forces Squadron Officer Douglas Fielder assists SFS Officer Neal Allen who is role playing the victim of a hazardous chemical spill. Fielder questions Allen during the scenario and relays the information to the incident commander.

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JBSA Stage II water restrictions have arrived

The Bexar County index well J-17 has dropped below 650 feet, which is the trigger for Stage II water restrictions in San Antonio and on Joint Base San Antonio military installations.

Watering times/days continue to be once per week. The major change from Stage II is that the watering times are now 3 to 8 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on designated watering days.

As a reminder, the watering days are:

- Address/facility number ends in 0, 1 Monday is the watering day
- Address/facility number ends in 2, 3 Tuesday is the watering day

- Address/facility number ends in 4, 5 Wednesday is the watering day

- Address/facility number ends in 6, 7 Thursday is the watering day

- Address/facility number ends in 8, 9 Friday is the watering day

Other major notes for Stage II restrictions include: new landscaping should be avoided unless material is already on order, government vehicles washing is allowed only twice per month and POVs may be washed only on landscape watering days.

As JBSA continues during this drought, watering rules must be strictly adhered to. The Joint Base San Antonio Drought Management Plan is on the 502nd Air Base Wing website

at <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

For more information,

or to report misuse, call the asset management flight at 221-5063.

(Source: JBSA, Edwards Aquifer Authority)

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of June 1

CURRENT LEVEL* = 646.9'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'



Be prepared for summer PCS season

The summer PCS season is in full swing and the DOD is experiencing difficulties scheduling household goods shipments and working through intermittent connectivity problems with the on-line Defense Personal Property System. To ensure quality customer service during the summer surge season and to mitigate the challenges securing pack/pick up dates, a minimum of three weeks notice, as well as alternate dates will be required for all household goods shipments. Personal property customers are also reminded to contact TMO as soon as possible after receiving orders.

News Briefs

CSF-PREP Open House

A grand opening and open house for the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness-Performance and Resilience Enhancement Program will be held June 2 from 1-4 p.m. in Building 2620, 2802 Harney Path, corner of Scott and Harney across from Rocco Dining Facility. All are welcome to see the capabilities for "Mental Strength for Life" training. Call 808-6089 for information.

FMWRC Uncasing and Deactivation Ceremony

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command will hold a ceremony June 3 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston flagpole.

AAFES Clothing Sales Closure

The AAFES Clothing Sales store, Building 4188, will be closed June 4 from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. due to a scheduled electrical outage.

Technology Expo

Network Enterprise Center will host the Fort Sam Houston Technology Expo June 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Call 443-561-2432 for information.

Wilford Hall Emergency Department Closing

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Emergency Department will close effective June 30 and become an Urgent Care Center effective July 1. Emergency services are still available at Brooke Army Medical Center. For minor illnesses or injuries, call 916-9900 for an appointment with your primary care manager prior to coming to the Urgent Care Center for care.

NEC Fee Schedule

The Fort Sam Houston Network Enterprise Center Fiscal Year 2012 IT Fee Schedule is available. The charges for service reflect the current mandate by the Network Command to use standardized cost models across CONUS Army Installations. Visit NEC website at <http://www.sam-houston.army.mil/nec/policies.aspx> to view the schedule. Call 221-4565 for information.

Carvalho led busy era at BAMC, SRMC

By Dewey Mitchell
BAMC Strategic Communications

Following today's change of command ceremony, Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr. and his wife, Lorraine, will depart for his next command at Northern Regional Medical Command.

We interviewed him about his two years at the helm of Brooke Army Medical Center and Southern Regional Medical Command during the height of Base Realignment And Closure construction and numerous other changes.

Q: As commanding general of BAMC from 2009 to 2011, most of the BRAC construction work has taken place under your command. Will we meet the BRAC deadlines and how do you feel the overall work is going?

A: We will meet the BRAC law that calls for the realignment of inpatient services from Wilford Hall Medical Center to BAMC by Sept. 15. The new construction, integration and outfitting of the Consolidated Tower may extend beyond the Sept. 15 date, but that will not preclude us from meeting the realignment mandate into the newly renovated areas of the hospital.

Q: As we are poised to make the San Antonio Military Medical Center the largest inpatient hospital in the Department of Defense, how would you characterize all the moves still to be made from WHMC to BAMC?

A: We should complete all the inpatient moves by the end of August. As soon as the newly constructed consolidated tower is safe for patient use, we will begin using these new patient areas.

Q: What do you feel were the most significant events that have occurred over the

past two years under your command?

A: Under the Regional Command, the most significant event was the reorganizing and consolidating of two great commands into the largest RMC in MEDCOM. At BAMC, our most significant event is our ongoing integration with the staff from Wilford Hall Medical Center. Everyone is working hard to maximize the synergy between our two organizations.

Q: You have implemented several initiatives to improve patient satisfaction at BAMC, like shorter wait times in the Emergency Room and valet parking. Have you received feedback that these were successful?

A: Yes, I've received positive feedback from our beneficiaries. We value our patients and understand their time is important. Valet parking makes it easier for our patients to get into the hospital. Improved Emergency Room throughput has improved the BAMC experience for those with acute injuries. One-third of the patients are now seen and released from the Emergency Room within 90 minutes of signing in. On the other hand, only rarely do our patients now need to stay in the emergency room longer than six hours.

Q: As you reflect on your many accomplishments at BAMC, is there one that stands out as most important?

A: The face of BAMC is the ER, pharmacy and the primary care clinic. In addition to improving the ER waiting times, we've made improvements in the pharmacy and we implemented the patient-centered medical home model of care at our new Schertz Medical Home. We're also incorporating similar improvements at



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., commanding general of BAMC and Southern Regional Medical Command, enjoys the entertainment at a Hawaiian-themed farewell barbecue that BAMC staff held for him May 27.

the Taylor Burk Clinic at Camp Bullis and the Fort Sam Houston Primary Care Clinic.

Q: What will you and Mrs. Carvalho miss the most from your time spent here in San Antonio and life at Fort Sam Houston?

A: We will miss the BAMC staff, the patients we have had the privilege of serving, and the great people of San Antonio. To a person, the BAMC staff love what they do. To them, it's more than a job; our staff enjoys serving those who serve our country. BAMC is more than a medical center. There's something special about people who serve in military medicine. We're happy to continue in military medicine but will miss the people of San Antonio and BAMC.

Q: Will your experience leading Southern Regional Medical Command be helpful in your next position?

A: I've learned a lot during my time leading SRMC. I look forward to taking this experience with me to face the challenges of NRMC. I anticipate incorporating the best practices of both RMCs to the advantage of NRMC and how I will lead it.

Q: What message would you leave with all of the staff at BAMC and SRMC?

A: I would like to thank our military and civilian staff for the hard work they put into making BAMC and SRMC efficient organizations for the benefit of military beneficiaries. They have every right to be happy with their accomplishments these past two years. Lorraine and I are extremely proud to have served alongside each and every one of these great Americans. I wish our staff continued success as they join ranks with the Air Force for the good of military medicine.

“If you are not criticized, you may not be doing much.”

– Rumsfeld's Rules

Rumsfeld visits FSH during book launch tour

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

Donald H. Rumsfeld sauntered onto the “stage” set for him to a warm and lively applause from nearly 200 military and civilians anxiously waiting to meet the former secretary of defense and get a personalized signature on his memoir, “Known and Unknown.”

The book spans his decades-long career: He served as the 13th and 21st secretaries of defense, a naval aviator, a congressman, ambassador to NATO, White House chief of staff, special presidential envoy to the Middle East, and chief executive officer of two Fortune 500 companies.

After completing his second term as Secretary of Defense, Rumsfeld retired December 2006.

The secretary visited the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange May 26; his next-to-last stop on the first leg of his “forced march” publicity tour, as he called it. He chuckled at the suggestion he was not really retired yet.

“I’ve been busy. I spent four years

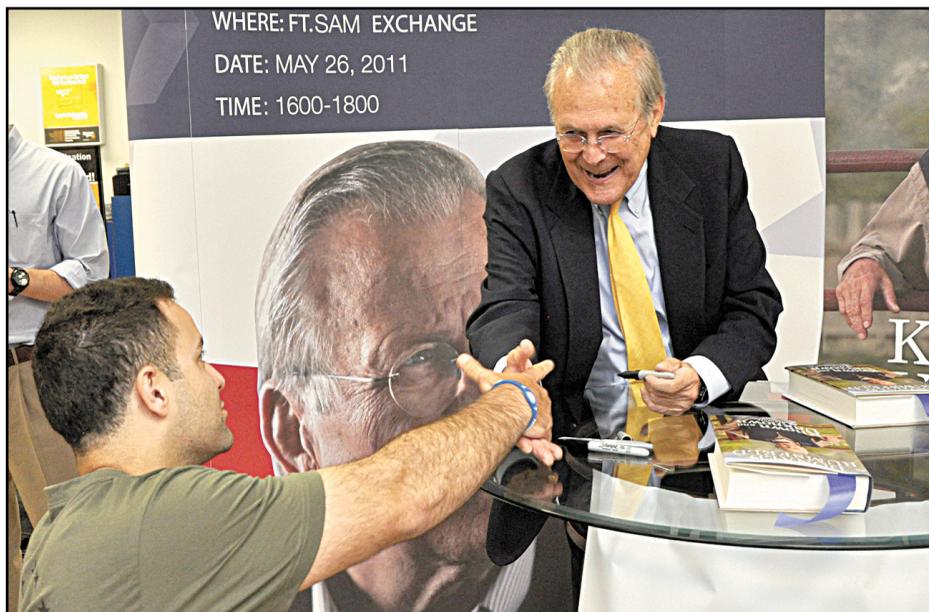


Photo by L.A. Shively

1st Lt. Victor Munoz shakes former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's hand after he signed a book.

writing the book and I've prepared a website to support the book with over 3,000 documents on it,” he said. “Some-

one can actually read the book electronically, go to an endnote and pull up the entire document quoted in the book.”

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‘Pershing’s Chinese’ marker honors refugees’ contributions

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

After nearly 100 years, the contributions the “Pershing’s Chinese” refugees made to Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio were recognized with an historical marker ceremoniously unveiled on Wilson Way, Fort Sam Houston, May 27.

The marker’s location is significant as it stands on the site where the Chinese refugees first set up and lived in a tent city on Camp Wilson, later to be renamed Camp Travis. The refugees returned with Gen. John Pershing from Mexico, who led an expeditionary force against Francisco “Pancho” Villa.

The U.S. Army wanted Villa, who crossed the border and raided Columbus, New Mexico, during the Mexican Revolution. He and his men burned the town down, stole horses, guns and ammunition; then fled back into the Mexican hills.

Camp Wilson was also the mobiliza-

tion site for the National Guard readying for service with Pershing. More than 100,000 members of the Guard from 47 states and the District of Columbia were called up.

“Gen. Pershing saw an opportunity to ensure the Chinese Mexicans who had assisted him against the Mexican revolutionaries would not face persecution,” said Col Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander.

“He persevered to do the right thing for a group of people that had no voice in their future, a trait our military still strives to honor today,” Garr added “The U.S. military is considered a beacon of hope around the world today, much as it was becoming known for back then as well.

“Not only did (Pershing’s Chinese) become productive members of Fort Sam Houston supporting the laborers building Camp Kelly, our first airfield and working in Fort Sam Houston



Photo by L.A. Shively

Col. Mary Garr (right) and Virginia Nicholas unveil the Pershing Chinese marker, honoring the 427 Chinese refugees who came to Fort Sam Houston with Gen. John Pershing in 1917. Brent Boller stands behind Nicholas.

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Preventive Medicine health fair provides a wealth of information

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Students studying in the field of preventive medicine were on hand May 23 at the Willis Courtyard of Building 2840 with exhibits and literature focusing on educating Soldiers and

civilians about current health issues.

The health fair is also an opportunity for the students to get out and talk to the public.

“The fair focuses on health education – a big part of preventive medicine – and getting the word out to Soldiers and

civilians,” said Col. John V. Teyhen, preventive medicine department chief at the Army Medical Department Center and School. “For a lot of these Soldiers, this was the first time for them talking to people and learning how to get the message out.”

Capt. Susan King, an AMEDDC&S student, presented information about skin protection and skin cancer awareness.

Her information recommends applying sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes prior to going outside so the skin can absorb the protection.

“If you are sweating heavily or swimming, reapply sunscreen every 45 minutes.” King said. “If not, then reapply every two hours.”



Photos by Esther Garcia

(From left) Students, Capts. Patty Brunk and Susan King, provide information about skin protection and skin cancer awareness to visitors Janet Bradshaw and Angela Shipley at the health fair May 23.

King also recommends avoiding the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., if possible, due to the higher peak of ultraviolet rays. (Editor's note: In south

Texas, temperatures are at their highest at around 5 p.m.)

Among the exhibits were audiologists who completed on-site hearing device sizing and

passed out appropriate hearing protection. Students also demonstrated machines that monitor high noise levels.

Another exhibit

Capt. Bradley Ellis, nuclear medical science officer, points to his exhibit, a representation of the Fukushima Daiichi reactor before and after it was damaged during an explosion, following the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.



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SOS holds open house to highlight new location

By Cheryl Harrison
Warfighter and Family Readiness,
Marketing

The Fort Sam Houston Survivor Outreach Services held an open house May 19 to heighten community awareness about their move to a new location.

SOS was previously housed in the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797 on Stanley Road, but with the recent joint base merge, they moved to 3387 Patch Road, Suite 206, which also houses the Army Support Activity.

"The open house was held to raise community

awareness about SOS and why we are here," said Felicia Hilliard, SOS support coordinator. "We would like to connect the local community, survivors and our military with information about the SOS program."

While the facility is new for the time being, it's only a temporary home for the SOS program. It will be permanently housed in Building 131 on Stanley Road once renovations are complete in the near future.

Although the new space is not large, everyone appeared pleased with what they saw and

learned about SOS. It offers a warm com-

fortable environment for survivors to attend class-

es and visit with Hilliard and her staff. Private offices afford a secure environment for those seeking aid for personal or sensitive issues, as well as an ideal setting for group discussions.

Several survivors attended the open house, as well as members of senior leadership, including Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan, commanding general of U.S. Army North, and J. Randall Robinson, director of Installation Management Command-West and Frank Blakely, ASA director.

The purpose of SOS is to deliver on the Army's commitment to families

of the fallen, providing long term support and connecting surviving families with resources to help them cope with their loss.

The program uses a holistic and multi-agency approach to delivering services by providing access at garrisons and communities closest to where families live.

Benefits, financial and support coordinators are professionals available to deliver individualized support and attention to survivors across the nation.

"The open house was very successful," Hilliard said. "I felt the support of our survivors, as well as the senior leadership of Joint Base San Antonio."



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Kimberly Rairdan (left) mother of fallen hero U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rhonald "Dain" Rairdan, killed in Iraq Jan. 26, 2005, chats with Rhonda Ballard (right) Region-West Survivor Outreach Services support specialist, during the SOS Open House May 19 at the new SOS location at 3387 Patch Road, Suite 206.

Spouses' Club presents scholarships during luncheon

By Lori Newman
FSH News Leader

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area awarded \$5,200 in scholarships and \$2,000 in welfare distributions during a luncheon at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club May 17.

"There were numerous scholarship ap-

plications this time," explained scholarship chairman Judith Markelz. "The applications were read by 11 people. Each one was read without the name on it, and each one was ranked."

The scholarship recipients were Megan Renz, Cole High School; Rachelle Green, Cole

High School; Michael Maffei, Antonian College Preparatory High School; Maura Mitchell, Canyon High School; and Gretchen Newcomer, Cole High School.

Breanna Burton received an undergraduate scholarship and Michelle Avery received a scholarship to continue the pursuit of her Bachelor

of Arts degree in accounting.

Welfare distributions went to the Warrior and Family Support Center, The Green Spouses' conference and the Rotary Club of West Point for backpacks for wounded warriors.

"I am not only a Soldier, I am also an Army spouse," said Col. Mary

Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander. "I know what it's like to deal with deployments of your spouse, issues with kids; trying to keep the whole household going while the mission is taking place."

"In today's environment we know the mission goes on, but the mission cannot be accomplished without the

support of the military spouse and military family," the colonel said.

"Having a chance to recognize our youth, particularly those who are our future here, for our military and our nation, really helps to showcase what you all contribute to Fort Sam Houston's military every day."

"I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do for our Fort Sam Houston community," Garr concluded.



Scholarship chairman Judith Markelz hands Rachelle Green, Cole High School senior, one of the seven scholarships presented by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area May 17 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Welfare distributions were presented to the Warrior and Family Support Center, The Green Spouses' conference and the Rotary Club of West Point.

Photo by Lori Newman

Fire Explorer teams vie for trophies, bragging rights

By Steve Elliott
FSH News Leader

Teams of teens from throughout South Texas got together May 21 for the 2nd Alamo Area Fire Explorer Competition, testing their skills in a number of grueling events and learning about the skills needed to make firefighting a career.

Fire & Emergency Services Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes participants to career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The program helps young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services.

"As a prior Fire Explorer myself, I can truly say that Fire Service Exploring can completely change the lives of these kids," said Station Chief David Lewis, from the Fort Sam Houston Fire-Rescue Department. "It gave me a sense of duty; it taught me leadership, teamwork, selflessness,

and actually led to a lifelong career in the fire service of which I have enjoyed every second."

Held at the parking lot of the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, five teams representing explorer posts at Fort Sam Houston, Alamo Heights, Poteet, La Vernia and Brandeis High School put their skills to the test in five events: 5- and 3-man pumper races, bucket brigade, bunker gear drill and an obstacle course.

The pumper races involved disembarking from set positions to hook up hoses from hydrants to fire trucks and hit a target in the least amount of time. The bunker gear drill tested how fast the explorers could don all their firefighting gear correctly.

The bucket brigade saw how fast the team could fill a 55-gallon drum with water, while the obstacle course challenged explorers by having to run at full speed and complete different



Photos by Steve Elliott

(From left) Alex Kane, Colton Svabek, Robert Castaneda and Hiram Flores rush to fill the 55-gallon drum with water during the bucket brigade event.

tasks along the course.

The Fort Sam Houston team includes Alex Kane, Colton Svabek, Hiram Flores, Jacob Koyle, Robert Castaneda and Travis

Paden.

"When I first started with Fire Explorers, I thought it would be a great opportunity that could potentially lead to

a career for myself," said Kane, the team chief.

"I've made a lot of friends being an explorer and gained job experience," said the 15-year

old sophomore from Cole High School. "I am definitely looking at becoming a firefighter in the military."

The FSH Fire Explorer post is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) through 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire and emergency services. There are still four slots open for the post.

"Our program is still in its infancy," Lewis said. "We have only been an active post since June 2009, so we haven't had enough time to find out if the explorers will pursue a career in the fire service. We have had one member go on to emer-

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Castaneda and Kane from the Fort Sam Houston Fire Explorer Post take part in the three-man pumper race.

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warehouses and laundries,” Garr said. “They also became the largest Chinese community in Texas, becoming new threads woven into the Texas cultural tapestry.”

“We’re American but we’re very proud of our heritage,” said Carol Eldridge, whose grandfather, Dong Chong Kung, was one of the refugees who came to Fort Sam Houston with Pershing. Eldridge explained that her mother, Josefina Kung Dong, passed on the values her father, Kung, had taught her such as doing things well, getting an education and working hard.

Keeping the family’s cultural heritage alive was also important to her grandfather, Kung, and to his descendants.

“Our grandfather took us to the Chinese New Year’s dinners and cultural activities they would do as a community,” said Mary Jo Vargas-McCabe, Eldridge’s sister. “Even today we celebrate Chinese New Year’s and bring Chinese dishes to my sister’s house. It’s an important part of our lives and something we try to instill in our own children.”



Photo by L.A. Shively

Josefina Kung Dong holds a photo of her father, Dong Chong Kung, one of the Chinese refugees who came to Fort Sam Houston from Mexico with Gen. John Pershing. Dong attended the marker ceremony with daughters Carol Eldridge and Mary Jo Vargas-McCabe.

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exercise, conducted at the Fire Department Training Grounds May 23-26, prepares the SFS to respond to a hazardous material or a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incident, said Assistant Fire Chief John Cupell.

The incident/exercise involved three persons transporting a chemical substance in a large drum. While moving it from vehicle into a building, the drum ruptured and leaked. One person was able to escape the fumes but two were overcome and lay on the ground throughout.

Teams of officers responded. A debriefing after the approximately 40-minute scenario informed and evaluated each team and each team member's performance.

"We have had some



502nd Security Forces Squadron Officers Christophe Pinder and Adrian Lopez role play victims of a hazardous chemical spill.

hazmat releases such as fuel leaks, diesel fuel releases and suspicious white powder to varying degrees," Cupell said, adding that they train for the worst-case scenario.

Cupell explained that after the 2001 anthrax attacks, anyone who saw any type of white powder

on post called in first responders.

The 2001 anthrax attacks the fire chief referred to occurred shortly after 9/11. Letters containing anthrax spores were sent to several national news media organizations and two U.S. senator's offices. As a result, five people died

and 17 others became infected.

Although those attacks did not involve anyone at Fort Sam Houston, people here were on alert, as was the case throughout the U.S., Cupell said.

Although Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio have not been subject to terrorist activities, other threats exist and he firmly believes it is a good idea to stay vigilant.

"We've found unexploded ordinance here and at Camp Bullis," Cupell said.

Bullets and occasional WWII-era munitions are uncovered as a result of erosion. It is removed and destroyed.

"Right outside (the post) is I-35 and the train tracks – all sorts of stuff goes by there that we don't know about."

Teams improved progressively throughout the week, according to SFS



Photos by L.A. Shively

502nd SFS Officer Jason Cook gives Assistant Fire Chief Terry Davis updates on a hazardous chemical spill exercise.

Officer Maurice Nelson, who conducted classes prior to and coordinated each of the exercises. Two spill incidents were executed per day with one team responding per incident.

"One of the things

about being a police officer – we're like the Borg on the 'Star Trek Next Generation' series," Nelson said, laughing. "If one knows something, we all know it. We tend to pass on anything we've learned."

IMCOM Korea, Europe take home Soldier, NCO of the Year honors

By Shayna Brouker
IMCOM Public Affairs

After an exhausting week of rucking, wrestling, shooting and Soldiering, each of the nine best Soldiers and noncommissioned officers in the U.S. Army Installation Management Command received an award for participating in the command's first-ever Best Warrior Competition.

But only two became Soldier and NCO of the Year.

Sgt. Jeremy Brake, an automated logistics specialist for U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, representing the IMCOM Korea region, was named NCO of the Year.

Spc. Jonathan Melendez, a military police officer for USAG Schinnen, Netherlands, representing IMCOM Europe, was named Soldier of the Year for the command.

Sgt. Jacob A. Brewster from USAG Stuttgart and Spc. Paige Plumlee from USAG West Point, N.Y., were the runners-up.

The event took place May 22-26 in the rolling hills of Camp Bullis in northwest San Antonio.

Brake and Melendez will go on to represent IMCOM at the Army-wide Best Warrior Competition in October at Fort Lee, Va.

At the Army level, they will face the same challenges they overcame in Texas, including a board appearance, weapons qualification, 12-mile road march, day and night land navigation, warrior tasks testing and combatives – though likely in cooler conditions.

Fort Lee averages 72 degrees Fahrenheit in October, while the average temperature in San Antonio hovered around 95 degrees

throughout the competition week.

All competitors were winners no less, said Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of IMCOM, addressing the Soldiers alongside IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola.

“Don’t leave this competition thinking you’re not a winner,” Lynch said. “You’re all winners. Non-commissioned officers are the backbone of the Army. Officers might come up with the ideas, but you all are the ones who get it done.”

All nine competitors received a small statue commemorating their experience at Camp Bullis, and the winners were given a shadow box containing a coin from each of the IMCOM garrison commanders as well as a \$1,000 savings bonds from Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation Command.

Both Menendez and Brake credited their family, sponsors, garrisons, regions – and fellow competitors – for getting them this far.

“Winning this competition was very challenging because I had to distinguish myself from all these great warriors,” Menendez said. “I would not have been able to achieve this without the support of my wife, Mary, my parents and the outstanding leadership I have had throughout my military career.”

Brake echoed his sentiment with a nod toward the eight other Soldiers he battled alongside and against over the past five days.

“It’s been a crazy week, everybody,” Brake said. “To the rest of the competitors,

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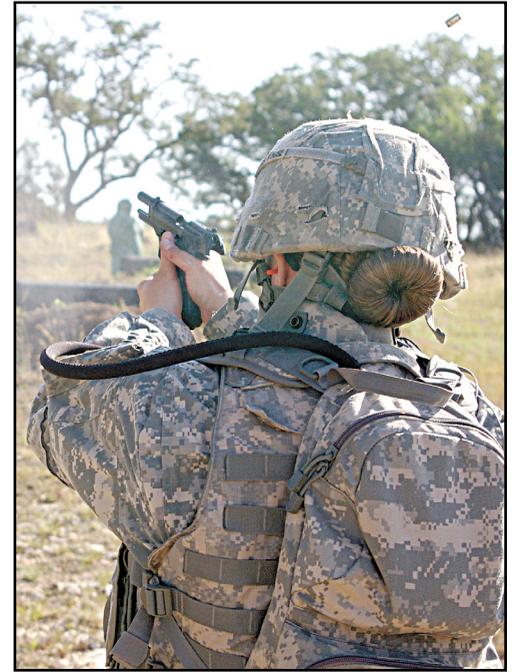


Photo by Sarah Samoraj

Soldiers finished the Best Warrior Competition with the “Mystery Event,” which involved shooting 9mm pistols at the combat pistol qualification course at Camp Bullis May 26.

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you guys are outstanding. Each and every one of you could have been standing up here.”

Ciotola, who led the competition, took time to commend the competitors, highlight the purpose of the five-day event and outline the mission of IMCOM – to support and sustain the Army’s home.

The IMCOM Best Warriors continue a tradition going back to the very beginning of the U.S. Army, Ciotola said.

“Six companies of expert riflemen formed the foundation of what we’ve become – the most feared and revered land fighting force in the history of humanity. And you represent that. That’s who you are. I’m so proud of you,” he said.

“You lift me up, you fill my heart, you have proven my words: That you have boundless potential. Don’t ever be satisfied with what you are.”

For more stories, video and photos of the 2011 IMCOM Best Warrior Competition, visit <http://www.facebook.com/IMCOMBestWarrior>.



Photo by Sarah Samoraj

With 35 pounds in their rucks, nine of the original 10 U.S. Army Installation Management Command Best Warrior Competition competitors ran and range walked through the rocky desert terrain at Camp Bullis, Texas, May 24. The 12-miles of loose rocks and rolling hills proved to be a difficult challenge for the competitors. Staff Sgt. Jacob Brewster, IMCOM Europe Region Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, finished first at 2:55:00.

RUMSFELD from P4

The former secretary of defense foresees his website as a springboard for robust debate between policy makers and intelligence analysts, leading toward more informed decision making.

The Wall Street Journal hailed the volume as the first political memoir of the Information Age.

“If his document-enhanced digital autobiography becomes a model, we’ll know more about how decisions are made.”

The title of his book stems from an answer he gave to a reporter in 2002 concerning the links between Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and terrorists seeking weapons of mass destruction.

“As we know, there are things we know we know. We also know there are

known unknowns. That is to say, we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns: The ones we don’t know we don’t know. And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tends to be the difficult one.”

Then-Defense Secretary Rumsfeld received a Gobbledygook Award by the Plain English Institute for his response.

Troops loved having him visit them.

“I think it’s a great thing for the troops and the military community to see him,” said Steven Melvin who came to meet the man with his friend, 1st Lt. Victor Munoz.

“It’s pretty cool and a unique opportunity to see him, since he was the secretary of defense when the war started,”

Munoz said.

“What more could you ask for from the former secretary of defense,” said Sgt. Paul Becerril, who said he’s followed Rumsfeld’s career for awhile.

“It’s a surprise and a good thing he’s done this for the Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Enrique Castro, adding that he’s grateful to the secretary for donating the funds from the sales of his book to worthy causes.

Proceeds will support the military, their families, the children of the fallen and the troops through the Rumsfeld Foundation which partners with organizations such as the Fisher House Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project and the Green Beret Foundation.

When will he really retire?

“I don’t know – I’m too young to retire,” he said. “I’m only 79 next month!”

BRAC construction program nearing completion deadline

By Brian Dwyer
Joint Program Management Office

After four years of intense construction activity at Fort Sam Houston, there are now less than four months left before the deadline at the end of fiscal year 2011.

The San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure construction program was launched across local installations in 2007 with roughly \$2 billion in projects and more than 6 million square feet of facilities to build or renovate by the end of fiscal year 2011.

Now, only a few of the originally planned 75 facilities remain to be finished before the statutory BRAC completion deadline of Sept. 15, ending one of the most intense periods of military construction in San Antonio's history.

The most prominent San Antonio BRAC projects still to be completed are located on Fort Sam Houston.

The project to expand and renovate Brooke Army Medical Center, which will become the San Antonio Military Medical Center, is maintaining a schedule that would allow it to meet its BRAC completion requirements.

The hospital's new 5,000-space parking structure began operating at the end of March, while work continues at a rapid pace on the seven-story tower addition and interior renovations to the hospital.

As of the end of April, more than 5-million work-hours had been performed on the SAMMC project without a lost-time accident.

The prolific rate of construction progress is evident from the fact that just six months earlier, in November 2010, the project marked 3-million work-hours performed without a lost-time accident.

On the other side of the post, construction is also moving quickly on the campus of facilities being developed to accommodate the relocation of Headquarters, Installation Management Command from the Washington, D.C. area.

The new 168,000-square-foot IMCOM headquarters building is on

track to begin receiving staff members by the end of June. This headquarters building is located in the middle of three historic structures that are being renovated to provide additional space for IMCOM.

One of the buildings is presently occupied, while the other two should be ready for occupancy in August.

Across the street from IMCOM headquarters, a new instructional facility for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, a subcommand of IMCOM, is expected to be ready for tenants by the first part of July.

Nearby, the historic Fort Sam Houston Theater is also being renovated to become part of the IMCOM campus. It will provide a new home for the FMWRC's Army Entertainment



Road work on Liscum Road, which is next to the 502nd Air base Wing headquarters building, visible on the left side of the photo

Division, which produces the traveling U.S. Army Soldier Show.

The refurbished theater is scheduled to be completed in September. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the entire IMCOM campus of facilities is slated for Aug. 19.

Not far away, a new headquarters building for the 502nd Air Base Wing is targeted for occupancy in July.

Under the new organizational structure of Joint Base San Antonio, the 502nd has merged the installation support functions of Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases.

Elsewhere on post, almost all of the 14 facilities that compose the Medical

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The new headquarters building for the 502nd Air Base Wing is targeted for occupancy in July.

Courtesy photos



A time for reflection



Photo by Lori Newman

Photo by Col. Wayne Shanks
 Hundreds of scouts from Alamo Council placed American flags on the graves of more than 100,000 fallen heroes in preparation for Memorial Day remembrance at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 27. Scouts from Troop and Pack 23 (from left) Mark Moran (Pack 23), Chris Shanks (Pack 23), and Patrick Garr (Troop 23) place flags. Both scouting organizations meet on Fort Sam Houston.

Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, commanding general U.S. Army North; U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Brendan C. Frost, guest speaker for the ceremony; U.S. Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez; and U.S. Congressman Francisco Canseco stand during the playing of "God Bless America" May 30 during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart present a wreath during the ceremony May 30. Several San Antonio area veterans organizations participated in the presentation of wreaths at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.
Photo by Lori Newman



Members of the Native American community of San Antonio participate in the wreath laying ceremony May 30 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Memorial Day.
Photo by Lori Newman

Memorial Service Detachment member Ray Gutierrez sounds Taps, as the Lackland Air Force Base Honor Guard fires three rifle volleys during Memorial Day ceremonies at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.
Photo by Lori Newman



Children at the Fort Sam Houston Child Development Center held a Memorial Day program May 26. Service members talked to the children about what Memorial Day means to them. Then, the children presented cards and gifts to the services members who attended the ceremony.
Photo by Lori Newman





1st Lt. Jennifer Istre (left) talks about her exhibit with Col. John V. Teyhen (center), preventive medicine department chief at the Army Medical Department Center and School, and student 1st Lt. Tony John (right) during the health fair May 23. Istre handed out literature to educate people about sexually transmitted diseases.

Photo by Esther Garcia

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provided information about the symptoms of dehydration and the use of supplements for weight loss.

At another table, students demonstrated battery-operated and portable machines to test water and air for contaminants, while another table featured samples in the latest in authorized protective eyewear for military personnel.

Capt. Bradley Ellis, nuclear medical science officer, displayed a representation of the Fukushima Daiichi Incident, the reactor that was damaged following the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The exhibit showed the reactor design before the accident and the steps of the damage after the accident.

“As a nuclear medical science officer, my job is to educate my Soldiers

and the general public about radiation, the hazards of radiation,” Ellis said. “Part of preventive medicine is to put things in perspective about radiation to the public.”

Health promotions from Brooke Army Medical Center also joined the fair with an exhibit about the importance of exercise.

(Capt. Michael Simms contributed to this article.)

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Education and Training Campus are in use, as more training courses continue to be integrated into campus operations.

The facilities being utilized include five Medical Instructional Facilities, three dormitories, a dining facility, and the headquarters/administration building. The METC physical fitness center was made ready for use at the end of April and Navy personnel began utilizing the upgraded aquatic center at the beginning of May.

METC has consolidated the enlisted medical training programs of all branches of the military, providing instruction for a variety of medical specialists, such as combat medics, Navy corpsmen, radiology technicians, and biomedical equipment technologists.

The Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research formally opened earlier this year next to BAMC. This facility was built to combine the research programs of all service branches that are aimed at enhancing combat casualty care.



Courtesy photo

The historic Fort Sam Houston Theater is being renovated to become part of the IMCOM campus and is scheduled to be completed in September. It will provide a new home for the FMWRC's Army Entertainment Division, which produces the traveling U.S. Army Soldier Show.

To the north, certain missions have begun moving into the 181,000 square foot Tri-Service Research Laboratory, even as finishing touches are being completed on

portions of the facility.

The lab is expected to be fully operational by mid-summer. It will house research programs that address the health and safety effects

of exposure to a variety of stressors in the field.

While BRAC has accounted for the bulk of construction activity during the past four years, a substantial number

of Military Construction and Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (SRM) projects have also been taking place at local installations during the same time period.

Combined with BRAC jobs, these additional projects have brought the total amount of construction work occurring between fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2011 to roughly \$3.3 billion in projects that represent approximately 10.8 million square feet of facilities.

Packing \$2 billion of BRAC projects into four years created an enormous surge in construction activity at local installations. Before BRAC, the annual average for military construction expenditures in San Antonio historically was between \$65 and \$100 million.

Even though BRAC construction concludes in September, military construction in San Antonio will not fade away anytime soon.

As much as \$200 to \$300 million in project work has been proposed at local installations for each year from fiscal year 2012 through fiscal year 2015.

While these figures don't approach BRAC amounts, they stand to keep the military's investment in local installations at historically high levels.

Wilford Hall construction affects patient, staff parking

By Sue Campbell
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

Construction of the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and parking garage will soon alter parking accommodations for the medical center's patients and staff.

During recent months, the Highway 90 gate and parking lot B in front of the hospital were closed for construction. On June 8, parking lots A and part of lot C will also be closed.

In anticipation of reduced patient parking, a new 279-space parking lot will soon open just inside the Bergquist

Gate, as well as a 148-space patient parking lot near the MacKown Dental Clinic. Parking in these new lots, and the remaining 404 spots in parking lot C in front of the hospital's clinic entrance, is designated for patient parking only.

"It will be a little further for some of our patients to walk, but step-saver vehicles will patrol the lots to help them to the hospital entrance and back to their vehicles," said Jo Pinto, deputy director, 59th Medical Wing Facilities Management.

"These two areas total 831 designated patient parking spots. We have

also ensured the number of handicapped parking spots for our patients has not decreased," she said.

The new parking areas are all handicapped accessible with ramps and crosswalks across the Wilford Hall Loop to the hospital's clinic entrance.

In addition, most of Bergquist Drive, which leads from the Bergquist Gate to the hospital's main entrance, will be included inside the construction fence.

"Drivers will have to make a right turn immediately after entering the Bergquist Gate," Pinto said. "The main

flagpole entrance will still be open, but the only parking in that area will be a few spots reserved for distinguished visitors. Vehicles will be able to access the main entrance to drop off patients by circling around the construction fences enclosing the old A and B parking lots."

A Composite Healthcare System, or CHCS, terminal will be installed in the information desk at the hospital's clinic entrance to provide patient information. However, the information desk at the main entrance will remain manned and continue to provide patient informa-

tion and visitor's passes for vendors.

In light of all the construction, Wilford Hall staff members are also adjusting to parking changes.

A new overflow lot with 1,400 parking spaces recently opened off Bong Avenue between the Bergquist and Luke East Gates. This lot is open parking for patients, staff and visitors and is also patrolled by step-saver vehicles.

"The shuttle bus that transports individuals between Wilford Hall and Brooke Army Medical Center picks up staff members in this overflow parking lot four times in

the morning each weekday," Pinto said.

In addition, lot D behind the hospital's auditorium entrance, along with the overflow lots that total 365 spaces near the Blood Donor Center and temporary lodging facility, remain open for staff parking.

A program has been established to enforce parking restrictions and citations will be issued to staff members who do not follow parking guidelines.

Call Facilities Management at 292-7171 for more information about Wilford Hall Medical Center construction and parking.

WHMC fertility service moves to BAMC

By 1st Lt. Mandie Yates
59th Maternal/Child Care Squadron

The Wilford Hall Medical Center in vitro fertilization and reproductive endocrinology programs will relocate to Brooke Army Medical Center

June 9. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to relocate all inpatient services to BAMC.

"This move supports upcoming BRAC renovation and construction at BAMC and will provide continued quality care to

our beneficiaries," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Matthew Retzlaff, service chief, reproductive endocrinology. "This will be the first time these services have been provided at BAMC."

The joint programs will be located on the

first floor of BAMC and the phone number will be 916-3658. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The IVF program will offer full diagnostic testing and all therapies for state-of-the-art infertility

treatment.

Reproductive endocrinologists will provide full evaluation and treatment of all forms of infertility, polycystic ovarian disease, premature ovarian failure, hirsutism, recurrent pregnancy loss, reproductive tract anatomic abnormalities, endometriosis, premenstrual syndrome and complicated menopausal

problems.

"Our staff is excited about the move to this new location and our patients can expect the same warm and friendly atmosphere they experienced at Wilford Hall," Retzlaff said. "Our patients are our priority and supporting their physical and emotional needs is our primary goal."

BAMC's 68W course prepares combat medics for wartime

By Jen D. Rodriguez
BAMC Public Affairs

Six Army medics completed the first Brooke Army Medical Center 68W Sustainment Course May 10, placing them one step closer towards being prepared for unexpected situations in wartime.

Army medics Sgt. Jason Crandall, Sgt. Andrew Meyer, Spc. Travis Hogberg, Spc. Christopher Gifford, Spc. Steven Kou and Spc. Mychal Northrip used what they learned in classes from May 2-6 to attend to casualties, while faced with real-time combat scenarios at Al Dora village at Camp Bullis.

"A lot of what we do as medics is perishable skills," said Gifford, who works in pediatrics. "Working at a hospital or clinical environment doesn't offer a whole lot of opportunities to get the hands-on-training that we need to maintain our skills. I like being able to apply those things that I have learned."

Medics were trained on such topics as wound care, mental health, CPR skills and battlefield medicine in preparations for skills validation course.

"The training not only allows the individual being trained to take it in as a serious manner, but to place themselves in the scenario as if it was a real-time situation," said Sgt. Leonard Strazza, 68W (combat medics) sustainment training coordinator for Brooke Army Medical Center.

"Therefore, the Soldier will be better prepared and more confident when they are in an actual situation that mimics the training they receive here

at BAMC," said Strazza, who developed the 68W Sustainment Course from the ground up.

The overall program consisted of a five-day Medical Education and Demonstration of Individual Competence (MEDIC) Tables course followed by a skills validation to give the Soldiers a total of 48 of the 72 hours required by the National Registry.

Strazza said this was the first time that this caliber of training has been offered to BAMC medics.

"Normally in a regular deploying installation, MEDIC Tables are divided up and taught once a week over a period of a year," he said, "However, due to the mission of the hospital for patient care, it's not possible to conduct sergeants' time (one day of training conducted across the Army) at the hospital. So, the BAMC 68W Sustainment Course was developed."

The course enables BAMC medics to keep up their skill standards according to their military occupational specialty and to meet the minimum standards required to maintain their CPR card and Emergency Medical Technician certification.

Based on the Training Circular known as TC8-800, the program not only covers all seven tables listed in the TC8-800, but also covers every area of responsibility a 68W may encounter.

These scenarios include a combat-related scenario with a caravan of military vehicles attempting to make its way through cramped and crowded streets of local nationals' vendors – portrayed by role players – selling their wares



Photo by Jen D. Rodriguez

Sgt. Andrew Meyer and Spc. Christopher Gifford work on casualties to access the type of care required, based on their injuries.

while loud Arabic music blares from two speakers. On a moment's notice, roadside explosions occur signaling a battle between Iraqi police and a group of hostile local nationals in a high-rise building.

In sets of two, the training medics scramble, racing into action to care for casualties, pulling them from a Humvee, while dodging gunfire.

Eventually, the casualties are removed from the vehicle to a temporary safe zone, where the medics encounter additional casualties inside a dark, two-story building.

Realism is brought to life as fake blood spurts from injured Soldier's necks, legs and chest. Working together as a team, the medics administer care using whatever is available in their aid

bag.

"The class was a definite eye opener for those who haven't been deployed," Crandall said. "The simulated combat area gives you a good feel of what it would be like."

Strazza said at each turn, medics were graded on the care of casualties, response to the casualties, taking charge of the situation, thinking out

of the box, and most importantly, learning to stay calm in a chaotic situation.

"Communication is vital in a chaotic situation. If not, the situation takes control of you," advised Staff Sgt. Daniel Ribbentrop, one of the training graders, during the review process. "Remember when people get injured, they look to you (medics). You're the experts."

As the training intensifies, scenarios run the full gamut with local nationals (role players) bum rushing the medics, requesting care for their family members to complaining of Soldiers being in their homes enviably pushing the medics to remain calm even in a combat situation.

The training concluded with each team member giving IVs to their battle buddy.

Referencing the old Army saying "Train As We Fight," Strazza said the goal was to train the medics as close to what they would experience in a situation in real life.

In that respect, he said, the goal was exceeded by great strides.

REMINDER CALENDAR

- June 3** FSHISD last day of school
- June 3** FMWRC Uncasing and Deactivation Ceremony, 9 a.m., post flagpole
- June 3** Movie Night "Iron Man 2," dusk, post flagpole
- June 4** Big Bucks Bingo, 10 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center
- June 4** Quad Quest, 1 p.m., FSH Quadrangle
- June 4** Movie Night "Legend of the Guardians," dusk, Dodd Field

Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

Microsoft Office Classes

June 7 – Excel Level 1
June 8 – Excel Level 2
June 9 – Intro to Computers
Classes are 8 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2518/2705.

Calendar of Events

June 2

EFMP: Positive Behavioral Intervention Workshop

The workshop is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register,

call 221-0600/2962.

Virtual Family Readiness Group

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

June 3

Man of the House

The class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349 or 295-0313.

Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble

Shot gun start at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Cost is \$25/club member and \$35/civilian. Call 222-9386.

June 4

Big Bucks Bingo

Doors open at 10 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 224-2721 or 224-2723.

June 5

Game Time at the Library

Game time is from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 Harney Path. Call 221-4702/4387.

June 6

Unit Family Readiness

The class is 9-10 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

STEP, School Age

Classes are June 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. Call 221-0349.

Scream Free Parenting

FIRE from P7

gency medical technician school and join the Marine Corps and another has joined the Air Force and expects to become a firefighter there."

While the team from Poteet took most of the trophies home this year, Lewis said he's proud of his team's accomplishments.

"This year FSH team

Classes are June 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Bank Account Management

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

Doctor Dad

Classes are June 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

June 7

Federal Resume Writing

The class is 9 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0516/2705.

Re-Entry Workshop

The workshop is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1681/2705.

Immigration and Naturalization Services

Services will be available noon-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1628.

Budget Development

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

Classes are June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

June 8

Overseas Relocation

The class is 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1681/2705.

FAP Commander/Senior Leader Training

The training is 8-10 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

Bringing Baby Home

Classes are June 8 and 22 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/0326.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

Negotiating Conflict

The class is 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349/0326.

2011 All-Army Combatives Tournament

The registration deadline is June 8. Tryouts are June 9-10 in Building 1160. The tournament will be held July 14-24 at Abrams Gym, Fort Hood, Texas. Call 872-1714 or email jbsacombatives@yahoo.com.

June 9

A Midsummer Knight's Read

The event is 1-4 p.m. at Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, 2011 Harney Path. Activities include making a medieval banner. Call 221-4702/4387.

Outdoor Movie Nights

June 3, "Iron Man 2" at the flagpole

June 4, "Legends of the Guardians" at Dodd Field

June 24, "Life as We Know It" at the flagpole

June 25, "Megamind" at Dodd Field

All movies begin at dusk around 8-8:30 p.m. The movie time will get later as daylight remains longer. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Call 221-2418/2704.

A Musical Splendor

This year's entry into the 2011 Festival of the Arts begins at 7 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center, Building 1462 Garden Road. Call 224-7250.

June 10

BOSS Paintball Tournament

The tournament is 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Krossfire Paintball, 10780 Elmendorf-Lavernia Road. Lunch will be provided. Participants must be 10 years or older. Sign up by June 3. Call 221-4242.

June 13

Driver's Education Course

SKIES Unlimited Driver's Education Course is June 13-July 6, 5-7 p.m. at the Family Child Center, Building 1630A Sultan Rd. Students, ages 14-18 receive 32 hours of classroom instruction and 14 hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction. Cost per student is \$365. Register by June 10. Call 221-3381, 771-2148 or 221-4871.

end before the event to ensure they were up for the task."

"During drills, we learn about handling hazardous materials, how to use hoses, CPR training ... pretty much the skills we would need to make firefighting a career," Kane said. "It's all very physically demanding."

"We are looking for new members. Anyone

was an entirely new group of kids with the exception Alex Kane," Lewis said. "It was a new experience for most of them and they did quite well."

"We have drills on the first and third Saturday of each month," Lewis added. "They have been training for this event for the past four drills and they even came in one extra day the week-

interested can contact me at ExplorerAdvisor1876@gmail.com," Lewis said. "We have also combined forces with the MWR HIRED! Program, which allows them to get paid as an apprentice while learning the career field as an Explorer. For that side of the program they need to contact Child, Youth & School Services at 221-3164."



Announcements

Logistics Officer Association Scholarship

The Alamo Chapter of the Logistic Officer Association is accepting applications for the 2011 scholarship program. All Enlisted Personnel and DOD Civilians up to GS-09, seeking advancement in a logistics related career field are encouraged to apply. All application packages must be received by June 27. Call 652-9433 or visit <http://www.loanational.org/chapters/index.php?id=46>.

Gospel Choir Workshop

The Joint Base San Antonio Gospel Choir Workshop is June 7-9 from 6-9 p.m. and a free gospel choir will be held June 10 at 7 p.m. at Lackland Air Force Base Hope Chapel. Call 414-4261 or 643-1227 for information.

Calendar of Events

June 2

National Geographic Explorer Peter Jenkins Speaking

Best selling author and National Geographic explorer Peter Jenkins will speak at 3 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium in Willis Hall, Building 2841. All are invited to attend a listen to his adventures and interviews with former WWII "Code Breakers."

June 4

Quad Quest

A guided tour of the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle will be held at 1 p.m. The Quadrangle is the oldest building on FSH and is open to the public. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy the animals. Call 221-1886 for information.

Vacation Bible School

"PandaMania," a summer event for kid's will be held June 5-9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Children will participate in Bible-learning activities, singing, teamwork-building games and experience Bible adventures. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in each evening from

8-8:30 p.m. To register, visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain> or call 221-5006.

Joshua Springs Park & Preserve Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Joshua Springs Park & Preserve, 716 FM 289 in Comfort, Texas. Walks start between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 830-995-2421.

June 9

Concert Under the Stars

The San Antonio Botanical Gardens continues its summer concert series with Colao. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the preformance beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8. Call 829-5100.

June 11

Sunrise Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Taco Cabana #251, 1130 North Loop 1604 West. Walks start between 6-8:30 a.m.; finish by 11:30 a.m. Call 723-8574.

June 17

Army Birthday Ball

The annual ball hosted by Army South and Installation Management Command begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. Tickets are \$60, must purchase by June 10. Menu choice is dual plate of chicken and beef or vegetarian strudel. Call 221-3919 for information on dress and tickets.

June 20

Warrant Officer Association

The Lone Star Silver Chapter will meet at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

June 22

Lone Star Tactical & Aviation Expo

The expo will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Arnold Hall on Lackland Air Force Base. Call 757-708-4136 or 757-416-6360.

June 23

Veteran Information Program

The "Veteran Educaiton & Train-

Thought of the Week

God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say:

This is my country!

— Benjamin Franklin

Weekly Weather Watch

	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7
San Antonio Texas	97° Sunny	97° Sunny	95° Mostly Sunny	93° Partly Cloudy	94° Mostly Sunny	95° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	84° Sunny	87° Sunny	87° Sunny	88° Sunny	90° Sunny	91° Sunny
Baghdad Iraq	105° Sunny	102° Sunny	104° Sunny	106° Sunny	109° Sunny	108° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Dining Room Breakfast Hours:
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,
weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.

Friday – June 3

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of potato soup, mulligatawny soup, jaegerschnitzel, fried catfish, chicken cordon bleu, grilled chicken breasts, vegetable stuffed peppers, noodles Jefferson, German potato griddle cakes, parslied egg noodles, peas and celery, red cabbage
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Bombay chicken, barbecued beef cubes, grilled pork chops, red beans and rice, oven browned potatoes, steamed rice, honey dijon vegetables, yellow squash

Saturday – June 4

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Asian stir fry soup, cream of mushroom soup, Greek lemon turkey pasta, tropical baked pork chops, Cajun catfish fillets, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, hopping john rice, cauliflower, collard greens
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Herb baked chicken, meat loaf, stuffed fish, manicotti with sauce, rice pilaf, potatoes au gratin, asparagus, carrots

Sunday – June 5

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken egg drop soup, cream of tomato soup, orange chicken stir fry, hamburger yakisoba, vegetable egg rolls, vegan pierogy with marinara sauce, spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, green beans with mushrooms,
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Sauteed shrimp, steak ranchero, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, barbecued pork sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable burgers, mashed potatoes, baked beans, broccoli, sauteed onions and mushrooms, baked sweet potato fries

Monday – June 6

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Zesty bean soup, cream of broccoli soup, beef pot pie with biscuits, honey chicken wings, honey, baked cod, bean burritos, chicken lasagna, jalapeno potato

wedges, Kansas medley, calico cabbage, mixed vegetables
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Asian barbecued turkey, roast turkey, beef enchiladas, Italian broccoli pasta, refried beans, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans

Tuesday – June 7

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mexican rice, cream of chicken soup, beef noodle soup, roast pork tenderloin, herbed cornish hens, beef enchiladas, broccoli-rice- cheese, O'Brien potatoes, wild rice, green beans, California Normandy combo
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday – June 8

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

French onion soup, cream of potato soup, savory baked chicken, Italian rice and beef, breaded pork fritters, pasta primavera, caviar medley rice blend,

mashed potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Vegan pierogy with marinara, braised beef and noodles, ginger teriyaki salmon, hot and spicy chicken wings, potatoes and herbs, brown rice, carrots, green bean combo

Thursday- June 9

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Asian stir fry soup, cream of broccoli soup, Cantonese spare-ribs, barbecued chicken, Swedish meatballs, baked chicken, cheese enchiladas with sauce, lyonnaised potatoes, steamed rice, fried rice, hacienda corn and black beans, vegetable stir fry

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken parmesan, baked spaghetti, spinach lasagna, sweet and sour pork chicken, whole wheat pepperoni pizza, parslied red potatoes, rice pilaf, Italian baked beans, broccoli, cauliflower au gratin
Menus are subject to change without notice

ing Benefits and Opportunities" program will be held 6:15-8:30 p.m. at The Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas St. Meet veteran service advocates and learn about federal, state and local education and training benefits. This event if free. Babysitting services will be available. Reserve a seat by June 20. Call 832-3009 or email veteran2004-VIP@yahoo.com.

June 26

AUSA Golf Tournament

The Alamo Chapter, Association of the United States Army, will host the 14th Annual "For the Soldier" Golf Tournament at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. To sign up as a team or individually, visit the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course or <http://www.alamochapterausa.org>. Call 421-7782 for information.