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Medical readiness center opens at Camp Bullis

By Steve Elliott
 FSH Public Affairs

A new era in military medical readiness training opened at Camp Bullis June 25, as the U.S. Air Force cut the ribbon on the \$18 million Medical



Photo by Steve Elliott

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, remarks on the grand opening of the \$18 million Medical Readiness Training Center at Camp Bullis Friday.

Readiness Training Center.

The center will host all initial, sustainment and future medical readiness training, increase joint interoperability and knowledge, and expand the scope of current and future medical readiness.

The grand opening also sees the 882nd Training Group relocate from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls to the sprawling 28,000-acre training site on San Antonio's northwest side. An estimated 6,500 Airmen will transition through Camp Bullis this year prior to having boots on the ground at their deployed location.

"This is a dream come true," said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General. "We began Combat Casualty Care Course training at Camp Bullis, and the Army has been graciously hosting us for almost two decades.

"The goal from the beginning has been to have a place that would allow all the services to train together and to know exactly what the equipment sets are going into war," Green said.

"Thanks to 2005 Base Realignment and Closure mandates, we've actually put a training facility out here, combining the assets from the 882nd TRG and Air Force Materiel Command assets from Brooks AFB to establish a single training site."

The new facility includes six class-

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Photo by Steve Elliott

METC Commandant Navy Rear Adm. William R. Kiser (center) celebrates cutting the ribbon, opening the center, along with Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General (left) and AMEDDC&S commanding general and chief of U.S. Army Medical Services Corps Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein (right).

All military medical training roads now start at METC

By Steve Elliott
 FSH Public Affairs

The future of military medical training arrived at Fort Sam Houston in a big way June 30 with the opening of the sprawling Medical Education and Training Campus.

The METC, the crown jewel of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's mandates for Fort Sam Houston, is an integrated campus under a single university-style administration, with more than 100 courses

being taught there.

Rear Adm. William R. Kiser is the METC's first commandant, with Army Col. Larry Hanson as deputy commandant and dean. Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Lambing is the senior enlisted adviser.

"Today marks a significant milestone in the ongoing story of military medicine," Kiser said. "Everywhere our nation sends our finest to serve, our graduates will be there with them

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Independence Day time to reflect on heroism past, present

By Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III
ARNORTH, FSH Commander

I'd like to reflect on heroism as we approach the Independence Day holiday. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence 234 years ago showed remarkable courage and are examples to us in our life and work today. Their heroism is the reason the United States of America exists today.

This July 4, I encourage all of us to be equally heroic in our support to our nation and our Armed Forces by preserving the ideals that made America what it is today.

The challenges that face our nation and its military in the 21st century are different, but no less difficult. Then, as now, we find our nation at war and once again we are asked for service and sacrifice here and abroad.

Natural and manmade crises draw heavily on our national treasure and necessitate courage and clear thinking from leaders at all levels. It is here that each of us can demonstrate the courage and the character that was demanded of our forefathers so long ago.

And of course, beyond the threats to our nation, there are a host of potential threats to us as individuals, teams, and Families during this time of year. These include hazards on the water, roads, and ever-present extreme temperatures of South Texas.

Along with the celebration of our Nation's birthday there is always



Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III

the possibility for tragedy. Leaders must be proactive and help subordinates identify and mitigate risks before tragedy occurs.

There are some great tools available to help leaders keep their people

safe. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has online resources at <https://safety.army.mil>. Start there, get your folks talking about safety and be a hero by preserving our most important resource – our people – through this fun time of year.

All of us are aware of another potential threat out there – suicide.

Our Army is facing a real challenge in this area and we need to tackle it together. Too often, we've seen a permanent solution – suicide – pursued for what otherwise would have been a temporary problem.

Every life lost brings grief to a loved one, a Family, or to a comrade-in-arms and degrades

our capability to defend our nation. No one wants that. I encourage you to be aware of your colleagues and the possible life challenges they may be facing.

I know that many of us do not want to “get personal” with co-workers or subordinates. But frankly, this threat to our ranks will require us to do more in understanding those around us.

Recognize unusual behaviors, rising stress levels and other warning signs that something just isn't right. Be ready and unafraid to act by asking for help if you need it and giving help if asked or needed.

Don't say “I wish I could have done more” when it's too late.

Sources of help to service members, Families and civilians include <http://www.militaryonesource.com> and <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/commandertoolkit.asp>.

But the most important thing you can do is care.

As we approach this holiday weekend, I wish you and yours a very happy Independence Day. Celebrate it knowing that you are an American hero, capable of facing and overcoming obstacles for the betterment of all and be thankful for this great land we call home.

Thank you for being and preserving the “Strength of the Nation.”

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Medical Service Corps Birthday

Celebrate the 93rd Birthday of the Medical Service Corps July 1, noon-4 p.m. at the Lincoln Military Housing Main Resident Center, 407 Dickman Road. Lunch will be served noon-1 p.m. Hosted by the Silver Caduceus Society.

4th of July Salute to the Union

Fort Sam Houston's 4th of July Salute to the Union features 50 cannon fired in succession saluting each of the 50 states. Members of the Sons of the American Revolution in period uniform will ring a commemorative bell 13 times to honor the original 13 Colonies of the United States of America. The Army Medical Command Band is providing patriotic music. The ceremony commences at 11:30 a.m. at the post flag-pole, Stanley Road.

Holiday Hours for Family and MWR Facilities

- Army Community Service 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., July 2, computer lab noon-8 p.m., July 3, closed July 4-5.
 - Bowling Center closed July 4-5
 - Camp Bullis closed July 4-5
 - Child, Youth & School Services closed July 5
 - Jimmy Brought Fitness Center open 5 a.m.-5 p.m., July 4-5
 - Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., July 2-3; closed July 4-5
 - Kids on Site (inside the Jimmy Brought) closed July 3-5
 - Outdoor Equipment Center closed July 3-5
 - RV Park – camp host on duty only
 - Sam Houston Club closed July 2-5
- All other facilities are open as usual.

Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed on July 4, in celebration of Independence Day, and will reopen on July 7 with regularly-scheduled hours.

Armed Forces Voter Week

Armed Forces Voter Week is June 28-July 7. Soldiers are encouraged to see their Voter Assistance Officer or electronically register as an absentee voter via <http://www.fvap.gov>, then print, sign, and mail their absentee registration (FPCA SF-76) to their respective states. The current Federal Voting Assistance Guide recommends mailing FPCA no later than Aug. 15 to receive absentee

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Air Force trauma care consolidates with Army

By Linda Frost
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force's only Level 1 trauma center, Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, discontinues trauma services July 1.

All severely injured trauma patients from San Antonio, Bexar and surrounding counties, and South Texas, will go to nearby Brooke Army Medical Center or University Hospital in San Antonio – the other two leading trauma centers serving the region. Transition began June 22 when the hospital began diverting its trauma patients.

Wilford Hall will remain open and the hospital will continue to operate a fully-accredited emergency department.

However, local emergency medical services will no longer transport trauma patients to the hospital with injuries such as gunshot victims or individuals with life threatening injuries.

The relocation of trauma services is the next of several historic moves as Wilford Hall shifts inpatients and staff to Fort Sam Houston to create the San Antonio Military Medical Center by Sept. 15, 2011, as mandated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law.

As SAMMC becomes one of the largest inpatient facilities in the Department of Defense, Wilford Hall will emerge as the largest ambulatory surgical center, servicing a large beneficiary and trainee population.

Both the San Antonio Military Medical Center and the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center will be staffed and led by Army and Air Force professionals.

"Since this hospital was designated a Level 1 trauma center in 1996, we've been proud to provide comprehensive trauma services to the city of San Antonio and this part of Texas," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Tom

Travis, commander, 59th Medical Wing, and senior market manager for the San Antonio Military Medical System.

"By providing this trauma care, we have also kept our skills sharp for our missions in the largest theater hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the 2005 BRAC law directed that military medical assets in San Antonio be consolidated, and for the past five years, leaders at Wilford Hall and BAMC have studied and planned the implementation of this mandate."

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Fun, safety rolled into one event

By Cheryl Harrison
ACS Marketing

Fort Sam Houston's Safety Office, together with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Army Community Service presented a day of fun and safety awareness for Soldiers, Family members, employees and friends June 23.

This was the first time a Safety Day and Family Fun Day were held together and about 1,500 people enjoyed free food, beverages, pony rides and a petting zoo while attending safety demonstrations and perusing informational booths.

Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group/Garrison commander, welcomed everyone, focusing her comments on the safety aspects of the event.

"We talk about Soldier safety all the time, but we have civilians and a lot of activities involving Family members, particularly during the summer season. Take time to look at the serious side of this fun event. Anything to do with

safety is about saving lives and keeping you safe and healthy."

A popular event, the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade's drunken driving simulation course may have seemed like fun. But it was an eye-opening experience emphasizing drinking and driving is an equation for death.

Participants drove golf carts wearing goggles that blurred drivers' vision equal to consuming two to three beers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration an estimated 11,773 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in 2008. Drunk-driving fatalities accounted for 32 percent of all traffic deaths last year equating to a fatal, alcohol-impaired auto crash every 45 minutes.

When asked if he learned anything after driving the beer-goggle obstacle course, 10-year-old Justin Stevenson said, "I learned not to drive drunk!"

The Family Advocacy Program and the Safe Kids Program hosted a booster seat give away for parents. Children's weight and height



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

The petting zoo was popular with children such as 6-year-old Christopher Lavoy, who had his first opportunity to pet a Brahman bull calf. Children and adults got to pet and feed goats, chickens and the young bull.

were measured to be sure they met state regulations prior to parents getting a booster.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, state law requires all children

younger than 8 years old, unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches, to be in child passenger safety seat system.

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BRAC construction hitting targets as completed facilities begin receiving tenants

By Brian Dwyer
USACE

Grass, sidewalks and landscaping have replaced dirt and construction equipment at several Base Realignment and Closure Act 2005 facilities and other military construction sites, as the number of completed projects on Fort Sam Houston continues to increase.

After reaching the peak of construction activity in 2009, it is anticipated that close to 20 facilities will have been turned over for tenant use by the end of 2010.

Medical Instructional Facility 1 was officially unveiled June 30, and is part of the new Medical Education and Training Campus being built on post. The ceremony also commemorated METC's initial operational capability, since initial training courses began last month.

Subsequent courses will be phased in throughout the summer, the fall and into calendar year 2011 when the campus will become fully operational.

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

The completion of METC facilities is being sequenced to correspond with student arrival intervals. The headquarters/administration building, Dorm 1, the 80,000-square-foot dining facility, and MIF 1 are ready for use. Dorm 1 is one of three 1,200 person dorms. Dorm 2 is slated to be available for occupancy by the end of the summer and Dorm 3



Courtesy photo

Aerial picture shows Fort Sam Houston historic structures, Buildings 2000, 2001, 2007. Buildings 2001 and 2007 were built in 1917 adjacent to the Building 2000 hospital. Building 2001 served as a hospital annex and 2007 functioned as a hospital ward. They both share many of Building 2000's design features and structural materials. Both Buildings 2000 and 2001 were ready for occupancy in 2003. Renovations to Building 2007 were completed in 2002.

is scheduled to be ready for students by the end of the current calendar year.

METC's first courses will take place in MIF 1, which houses classrooms and laboratories, one of five such buildings on the campus. The other four MIFs are also moving closer to completion: courses are expected to begin in MIF 2 in August; construction of MIF 3 is slated to conclude in August; MIF 4 is scheduled for completion in early 2011; and MIF 5 is on track to be finished by the end of September.

Not only is METC construction hitting its marks, but the facilities are being built in accordance with stringent environmental standards.

Earlier this month, Army Corps of Engineers representatives assigned to the METC

project, received notice that the U.S. Green Building Council had certified the METC dining facility as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at increasing energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emission reduction, indoor environmental quality, and improving stewardship of resources.

The METC dining facility is the first project in the METC program to apply for and be LEED certified. Certification is also being sought for other facilities that are part of the METC campus.

Elsewhere on post, other facilities are expected to open their doors this summer. They include: the Primary Health Clinic, which will assume outpatient care responsibilities from Brooke Army Medical Center, and the Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research, adjacent to BAMC that will consolidate research programs from all service branches.

In addition to new construction on FSH, several projects to renovate historic structures are nearing completion or have already been completed.

While these efforts were not funded by BRAC dollars, several of them are associated with BRAC requirements. Building 2265 is one of a group of structures being renovated to accommodate the relocation of

Headquarters Installation Management Command from Virginia. Work on the building is expected to be finished in September.

To the west, the rehabilitation of Building 2000 has created office space for IMCOM's West Region headquarters, which moved into the building from another location on post. The West Region headquarters was created by a 2005 BRAC mandate to combine IMCOM's Northwest and Southwest Region headquarters into a single headquarters. Next door to Building 2000, the renovation projects for Buildings 2001 and 2007 have wrapped up as well.

BRAC construction on Camp Bullis has also concluded. The Armed Forces Reserve Center is finished and a medical field training site for METC students is in the final stages of being readied for use.

The overall military construction workload at San Antonio installations between fiscal years 2006 and 2011 includes 156 contracts worth more than \$3 billion for BRAC and other types of military construction projects. Of these contracts, 76 involve projects on Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

The Joint Program Management Office is overseeing project design and construction for the San Antonio BRAC and military construction program. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Army Corps of Engineers, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and is supported by private sector contractors.

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Sergio Perez, FAP employee and certified Child Passenger Safety Instructor, said, "It is very important that children have the right car or booster seat for their height and weight. Four out of five cars on the road today have improperly installed child safety seats."

Awards in a poster coloring contest for children included first place winners Brandon Andrews and James Washington receiving a bicycle, helmet and bike

accessory each.

Second place winners Hope Hunnicutt, Jessica Washington with third place winners Araceli Higgins and Devante Knowlton received meal certificates and plush frogs. Theresa Whittaker won a bicycle in a separate drawing.

Scott Edgerton, attending with his wife Vicki, said, "This is great and we are enjoying a free lunch. We are glad we stopped."

(L.A. Shively contributed to this article.)



A driver wearing "beer goggles" runs over a cone as he fails to negotiate a simple driving course during Fort Sam Houston Safety Day, June 23. The goggles simulate how a driver sees with just a little alcohol in his system. The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade operated this aspect of the day-long safety awareness event.

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Maj. Douglas Ingold**

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ballot in time to vote in the general election Nov. 2. The Federal Voter Assistance Program recommends overseas voters mail their state ballots by Oct. 2 and state-side voters mail their ballots by Oct. 25.

410th Contracting Support Brigade

A change of command ceremony will be held July 8, 10 a.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. Col. Ted Harrison will relinquish command to Col. William Sanders.

BAMC Troop Command

A change of command ceremony will be held July 9, 8:30 a.m. at the main post flagpole. Col. Linda R. Carmen will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Corinna Dickson. In case of inclement weather, ceremony will be held at Army Community Services, Building 2797.

Concert and Movie Under The Stars

Bring the Family for music and a movie under the stars July 9 at the post flagpole. The evening starts at 7:15 p.m. with a free concert by the Army Medical Command Band that will get the crowd movin' and groovin' with music from all different genres, including blues, rock, classical and pop. Then, grab some free popcorn, cotton candy or a snow cone for the showing of "The Blind Side," at 8:45 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Call 221-2705/2418.

Free Valet Parking Service at BAMC

For Brooke Army Medical Center patients Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. with I.D. card or appointment slip at the BAMC Medical Mall entrance. Additional parking made available for patients in parking lots A and B through the Binz-Engleman Gate and lot D through the IH-35 gate for those who do not want to use this service.

Census Bureau Quality Assurance

The Census Bureau will conduct quality assurance checks Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through July 10. Representatives will carry the black bag and wear the orange vest with Census Bureau written on them with a U.S. Census Bureau badge at all times on Fort Sam Houston. Call the RCI Office at 221-0891.

32nd Medical Brigade

A change of responsibility ceremony will be held July 13 at 8 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field.

AMEDD Museum Lecture

Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient, will speak at the AMEDD Museum Lecture series July 29. His topic will be "The Legend of Dustoff, America's Battlefield Angels."

Movie Schedule

June 25 – Flagpole, "Fame"
 June 26 – Dodd Field, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"
 July 9 – Flagpole, "The Blind Side"
 July 10 – Dodd Field, "The Spy Next Door"
 July 23 – Flagpole, "Shorts"
 July 24 – Dodd Field, "Hachi: A Dog's Tale"
 Aug. 13 – Flagpole, "Star Trek"
 Aug. 14 – Dodd Field, "The Twilight Saga, New Moon"
 Aug. 27 – Flagpole, Disney's "Alice in Wonderland"
 Aug. 28 – Dodd Field, "Astro Boy"

Army North liaisons serve in unique, complex duty

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

For the U.S. Army North Soldiers and officers who serve as state emergency preparedness liaison officers, their work is complex and far removed from typical military life.

The SEPLOs, or state EPLOs, as they're known, are reserve officers who serve in civilian communities in the states they are assigned to and report to the regional EPLOs and regional defense coordinating officers. They coordinate with local, county and state authorities as well as reserve and National Guard units.

"It's not like being in a traditional reserve unit," said Col. Randy Hall, South Carolina SEPLO,

Army North. "You've got to go out and find a unit to do an Army Physical Fitness Test with, or for qualifications and ranges, even to get flu shots and meet other requirements. But we've got a good support network."

Hall and Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Flanigan, his operations noncommissioned officer, work out of the National Guard Joint Operations Center, which is co-located with the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center in Columbia, S.C.

Having liaisons stateside enables the military to respond to events much more quickly, which is crucial when responding to natural disasters and other serious incidents.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Col. Barrett Holmes (left), defense coordinating officer, Region IV, U.S. Army North, gives his guidance to members of his defense coordinating element June 19 in Anderson, S.C., during Palmetto Shield, a terrorism exercise conducted June 16-20 in upstate South Carolina. The DCE, including its state emergency preparedness liaison officers, supported the state of South Carolina in its statewide, full-scale emergency drills, along with more than 100 local, county, state and federal agencies.

METC from P1

serving as a force for good because of the work done here.”

Making history as the world's largest military medical and training institution, METC entered into its initial operating capability with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in June. The first course, Radiography Specialist, actually began in April. Other courses will be phased in during the summer and fall.

“METC will serve as the birthplace for joint interoperability for corpsman, medics and technicians,” said Lambing in his remarks. “The souls that will walk the hallowed halls of this institution will make a difference in faraway lands for centuries to come. In five years, every medic and corpsman under the grade of E-5 will have been educated here at METC.”

The campus will have more than 24,500 students going through its doors each year, with an

average daily student load of approximately 8,000. METC will also employ an operating staff and faculty of more than 1,400.

By service, student breakdown includes approximately 45 percent Army, 31 percent Navy and 24 percent Air Force. The longest program offered is cytology – which is the study of cells – at 52 weeks; and the shortest, at four weeks, is patient administration.

“Today is truly about new beginnings. METC’s mission is to produce the world’s best military healthcare personnel to support the nation and the vision is to be the nation’s leader in military medical education and training,” said Rear Adm. Eleanor Valentin, commander, Navy Medicine Support Command and chair, METC Flag Officers Steering Committee. “This mission and vision guided us to ensure METC provides curriculum and education that preserves each service’s identity while creating an

environment where our enlisted professionals can learn from their counterparts in their sister services.”

Consolidated basic and specialty enlisted training from five separate service medical learning centers have already moved or are in the process of moving to San Antonio. These include the 882nd Training Group from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas (at Camp Bullis as of June 25); the Naval School of Health Sciences at Portsmouth, Va.; the Naval School of Health Sciences in San Diego; and the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

Enlisted medical training mission at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., will also transfer to METC.

The AMEDDC&S will shift 41 enlisted pro-

grams to METC but continue to keep nearly 200 programs and more than half its full-time staff. METC will do entry-level medic training, while AMEDDC&S will continue advanced enlisted medical training, as well as officer and advanced NCO courses.

“METC is more than an institution of higher learning,” said Lambing, who was most recently the Air Education and Training Command chief of the enlisted medical force. “This will become a platform of medical diplomacy on the world stage. Nations across the globe will send their men and women to this campus because METC stands for the best platform the world has even known for producing medics and corpsmen.”

METC’s footprint covers more than two million square feet on Fort Sam Houston and cost more

than \$1.2 billion to build and equip. Each of its three current dormitories will house 1,200 Airmen and Sailors. Two other dorms will be built nearby for Army students, with one housing 1,200 Soldiers and the other 600 Army students.

“I want you to see not just the bricks and stones and mortar and glass, I want you to see the people whose lives will be made better by what transpires in these buildings,” Kiser said. “These buildings are an investment in the health and safety of the men and women who go into

harm’s way. They are an investment for what we in military medicine stand for.

“We will show it is possible to value our heritage and distinctions and still work together towards a common vision,” Kiser said. “Our vision and commitment at METC can be summed up in a single sentence: We will provide America’s uniformed services the finest medics, the finest techs, the finest hospital corpsmen who are well-trained, capable and ready to support the missions of our country anywhere around the globe.”

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“An EPLO can be on the scene very quickly and has extensive knowledge on what assets and resources are available in a state,” Hall said.

Although Army and federal agencies cannot respond to emergencies until specifically requested by the state, the goal is to be able to predict where the resources will be needed if called upon and to preposition the federal assets and resources if possible to provide a more rapid response.

Hall said the work is gratifying and the experience he garners is also beneficial in his civilian employment as director of campus safety at Wofford College.

“It ties directly with my civilian job,” Hall said. “In the police

department, we use some of the same systems. I’m very interested in emergency management, and I’m able to take what I learn as an EPLO back to my civilian job.”

Flanigan, who deployed in January to Sanford, Fla., to support operations in Haiti, said the work is meaningful.

“We were in charge of a ‘flight-following’ cell tracking passengers’ arrival and departure times and monitoring flights,” Flanigan said. “It was a good learning experience and it was gratifying.”

He said more than 200 Haitian orphans were flown to the U.S. while he was working in the cell.

The work is different from traditional military operations because the liaison is not in command of a unit or an area but is there to support civil

authorities, said Col. Brad Reid, chief regional EPLO, Region IV, Army North.

“You have to get used to the idea that the Army is not in the lead role,” Reid said.

In the case of a natural disaster, a state will first apply its resources before requesting federal assistance, though federal, including military assistance, will be available very quickly because of pre-positioned assets and resources under several federal disaster contingency plans.

An assignment as an EPLO, usually for three years, is valuable experience, Reid said.

“It’s a good developmental experience for any officer to move into this realm and then take back the experience to a traditional unit,” he said.

TRAUMA from P3

“The Air Force trauma mission will continue at the same pace as before, but just in a different location, side-by-side with our Army partners,” Travis said.

Wilford Hall trauma surgeons, nurses, and coordinators will now provide trauma care at BAMC as it transforms into the jointly-staffed SAMMC next year.

“We have worked closely with the remaining trauma centers and the city of San Antonio to ensure that there will be no disruption or reduction in trauma care capabilities in the city,” said Maj. (Dr.) Mark Gunst, acting chief of trauma at WHMC.

City officials say San Antonio area emergency medical services have the equipment and training

to handle the change.

Coordination and planning has been an integral part of the process to ensure a smooth transition to two Level 1 trauma centers for the city.

“I really don’t think closing Wilford Hall to trauma will have a huge impact on the city,” Gunst said. “Most people will not notice the difference.”

The WHMC emergency department has handled about 1,200 to 1,500 trauma patients each year.

“In the past few months, we have seen anywhere from 50 to 75 patients and more than half have been transfers from other hospitals,” Gunst said. “It will improve resident training in that the volume at BAMC will be greater and presumably the number of both operative and non-operative cases

will increase.”

Brooke Army Medical Center is able to absorb the additional caseload and continue to provide high quality care for patients with complex injuries, according to Lt. Col. Tim Nunez, chief of trauma at BAMC.

“Although the BAMC Emergency Department is not scheduled to double in size until 2011 with the completion of construction on the consolidated SAMMC tower, BAMC is already prepared for the increased caseload. Renovations have been made in the existing emergency department to support the mission,” Nunez said.

“We are establishing a joint medical team here in San Antonio that is unsurpassed anywhere in the world,” Travis said.

ARNORTH CSM DISCUSSES DISCIPLINE, STANDARDS WITH USAF NCOS



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortez

Command Sgt. Maj. David Wood, senior enlisted leader of U.S. Army North, takes advantage of an opportunity to speak with Air Force noncommissioned officers June 23 at Fort Sam Houston's Evans Theater. "When do we, as professionals, have the opportunity to meet with those who will one day take our place? You are charged, as leaders in our formation, to uphold the traditions of our institutions. Americans have this desire to survive. Your forefathers took a chance on life and came to America with nothing. That's in you. What a great country." Command Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, the senior enlisted leader for the 502nd Air Base Wing, invited Wood and senior enlisted leaders from FSH to speak during a weeklong senior noncommissioned officer enhancement seminar attended by more than 200 master sergeant selects from Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland AFB, Eglin AFB, Brooke Army Medical Center and FSH. The purpose of the seminar, said Lewis, is to prepare the "heroes" for increased responsibility and future challenges.

MRTC from P1

rooms, four dormitories, three multipurpose buildings, a dining facility, a 10,000-square-foot warehouse, and 10 training pads. In addition, five training aircraft have been moved to the site so that students can get training in aeromedical evacuation. Courses ended at Sheppard AFB in April and are transitioning to Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

“The magic of this place is not what the Air Force is bringing,” said Green, who was commander of Wilford Hall Medical Center from July

2003 to July 2005. “The magic is the co-location of the Army’s 68-Whiskeys, the Combat Support Hospital, hopefully one of these days the Navy Fleet Hospital, so that when people come here to train, they see exactly who they’ll be working with and understand how the system comes together.”

The 882nd TRG’s mission is to develop, conduct, and evaluate Total Force military medical service/medical readiness training for 15,000 annually from four uniformed services. As it relocates to Camp Bullis, the group will be made up of the 882nd Training Support



Master Sgt. Ricardo Brown, a medical readiness trainer for the 882nd Training Group, shows the C-130 mockup to Brig. Gen. Darryl W. Burke, 82nd Training Wing commander (center) and Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General (right) during a tour of the new Medical Readiness Training Center at Camp Bullis.

Squadron and the 381st, 382nd and 383rd Training Squadrons.

“The Army trains 400 combat medics out here every 16 days,” Green

said. “The Air Force is going to be bringing out teams, typically around 75 for the expeditionary medical systems and about 50 for the aeromedical evacuation training, with probably two to four courses going each month.”

Green serves as functional manager of the U.S. Air Force Medical Service. He advises the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff, as well as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, on matters pertaining to the medical aspects of the air expeditionary force and the health of Air Force people. He exercises direction, guidance and tech-



Photos by Steve Elliott

(From left) Air Force Col. Lista Benson, 882nd Training Group commander; Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General; and Air Force Brig. Gen. Darryl W. Burke, 82nd Training Wing commander, cut the ceremonial ribbon on the new Medical Readiness Training Center at Camp Bullis Friday.

nical management of more than 42,800 people assigned to 75 medical facilities worldwide.

“In the last seven years that I’ve been involved with this, we’ve seen training progress from where you would have to pretend what it was like going to war to the current expeditionary medical support training where people see what they’re going to see when they deploy,” the general said.

“Our hope is to incorporate other aspects of training and the folks will be exposed to convoy

training, and even see what goes on in prison operations,” Green added.

“The ability to train out here, in terms of field environment and with the actual equipment they will use when they deploy, is unlimited. It’s an amazing thing.

“I am thrilled that after 18 years of planning to be able to see this come to fruition,” Green said. “I commend everyone for the work they have done to make this a reality.”

Varying levels of exchange support available to entire military community

Bring a contractor, Family member, Department of Defense civilian or other visitor onto Fort Sam Houston and the first words out of his or her mouth typically are, "Who can shop at the Post Exchange?"

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services at the PX often apply to a chosen few, the doors to AAFES' fast food and convenience stores, including the Burger King, Popeye's Chicken, and Godfather's Pizza, as well as those located in the Main Food Court, are open to virtually anyone looking for a quick bite to eat.

DoD policy allows all federal government employees, and even installation visitors, to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their

orders are consumed on the installation.

Anyone can purchase single-serve consumables from a Shoppette, an option that is especially valuable late at night considering the Walter's Shoppette is open weekdays until 11 p.m. and Sundays until 10 p.m.

"The 'Snack Avenue' inside most AAFES Shoppettes offers a robust selection of single-serve consumables," said Josie Perez, Walter's Shoppette Manager.

"Candy bars, soft drinks and even hot dogs can be picked up by just about anyone with business on the installation."

Exchange service authorization begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the Fort Sam Houston commander.

Guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) and the Armed Services Exchange Regulations, DoD Instruction 1330.21,

require proper identification of authorized customers, including uniformed personnel and members of the reserve components and Family members, applicable DoD civilians, Exchange

associates, retirees and their dependents who possess a basic Exchange purchase privilege authorization card.

Call 224-2021 for additional guidance as well as information

regarding possible exceptions at Fort Sam Houston.

(Source: AAFES Public Affairs)

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- Texting: 834-4531
- E-mail: FtSamHoustonPolice@conus.army.mil
- Phone: 221-CLUE (2583) Leave a Message
- Phone: 221-2222 Military Police Desk

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5TH RECRUITING BRIGADE



Col. Christopher P. Himsl accepts the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade's colors from Maj. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, during the change of command ceremony June 24 at the Sam Houston Club. The 5th Recruiting Bde. is tasked with the recruiting mission in all or part of 13 states from the Mississippi River across the Great Plains to the California border and includes seven battalions with 48 companies.



Photos by Ed Dixon
Col. Christopher P. Himsl addresses the audience June 24 after accepting command of U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade. Himsl most recently served as the Chief of Analysis and Production for the Intelligence Directorate, US Force-Iraq.



SAN ANTONIO RECRUITING BATTALION



Photos by Ed Dixon
(From left) Lt. Col. Thomas Ellis, outgoing commander, Col. Robert B. Akam, commander, U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade and Lt. Col. George Sarabina, incoming commander of the San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, render a salute during the change of command ceremony June 22.

5TH MEDICAL RECRUITING BATTALION

(From left) Lt. Col. R.G. Dickinson, 5th Medical Recruiting Brigade commander Col. Rafael C. "Gino" Montagno and Lt. Col. Carlene A.S. Blanding stand at attention during the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion change of command at the Alamo June 24. Blanding is the incoming commander, while Dickinson departs. Blanding was most recently the Assistant Chief of Medical Resources/G1 for the Army Medical Department Center & School at Fort Sam Houston.



Photos by Steve Elliott
Medical Recruiting Brigade commander Col. Rafael C. "Gino" Montagno (right) hands the guidon for the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion to Lt. Col. Carlene A.S. Blanding during the battalion's change of command at the Alamo June 24. Blanding is the incoming commander.

TRANSITIONS



COMPANY D, 187TH MED. BN.



Outgoing First Sgt. Arturo Arredondo speaks to his fellow comrades, Family and friends at the change of responsibility ceremony June 26. Arredondo got emotional as he thanked Soldiers he worked with and his Family who supported while assigned as the first sergeant to Company D.



Photos by Esther Garcia
Incoming First Sgt. Billy Moore accepts the guidon from Capt. Jonathan Akers, commander, Company D, 187th Medical Battalion. As the new first sergeant, Moore is the senior enlisted advisor for the commander and responsible for the training and welfare of the Soldiers assigned to Company D.

DEFENSE MEDICAL READINESS TRAINING INSTITUTE



Navy Capt. W. Rich Dalton accepts the guidon from Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection & Readiness, Col. (Dr.) Donald L. Noah for the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute during a change of command ceremony June 30. Outgoing commander Col. John Mitchell, right, relinquishes command. DMRTI is responsible for training thousands of Department of Defense medical officers annually.



Photos by Esther
A color guard consisting of Army, Navy and Air Force personnel carrying the U.S. Flag and flags representing each service present the colors at the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute's change of command at the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle June 30. DMRTI is a tri-service military organization conducting training for active duty and reserve medical personnel who provide world-wide healthcare support.

GREAT PLAINS VETERINARY COMMAND



Sgt. Maj. Dru N. Gartman speaks to the crowd assembled at the Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command change of responsibility ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field June 23. Gartman takes over for Sgt. Maj. Nicole M. Klages as command sergeant major.



Photos by Steve Elliott
Sgt. Maj. Dru N. Gartman (left) and Sgt. Maj. Nicole M. Klages (right) stand at parade rest during the Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command change of responsibility ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field June 23. Gartman takes over for Klages as command sergeant major. Klages is retiring Oct. 1 after 22 years of service. The region includes more than 250 Soldiers and civilians assigned to 44 installations in 15 states.

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

By Det. Sherick D. Watkins
DES/502nd SFS

The Internet is a wonderful tool to find out information about anything and everything.

Unfortunately, personal information can be found out as well.

Every minute, people get e-mails saying "your account will be closed unless you respond immediately," or a popup says "click here to claim your \$100 gift card" tempting users to follow bogus instructions or invitations.

Though many e-mail messages and popup advertisements are legitimate, many are not.

Sending illegitimate types of e-mails or using false advertisements is called "phishing" because predators are "fishing" for personal information, hoping someone will take the bait and fall for an official looking website, or respond to a phony popup and send personal information.

If users do send personal information such as name, date of birth, Social Security number, credit card, or bank

account information then one's identity can possible get stolen.

The identity thief can then charge items to credit or debit cards, open new accounts or use stolen personal information unobserved until a credit or a loan application is denied.

Others use the Internet to lure children into chat rooms, ultimately convincing them to meet them somewhere.

If you feel that you are a victim of fraud, identity theft, or any other crime, contact your local police department or the DES/502nd Security Forces Squadron as soon as possible.

The DES/502nd SFS Crime Prevention Section, in cooperation with the Internet Crimes Against Children, offers a netsmartz® presentation for children in kindergarten through high school. Our D.A.R.E. Officer offers an Internet Safety Course for Parents.

For more information about Internet crime or to schedule an Internet safety course; call 221-0990.

■ One in five child Internet users has received unwanted sexual solicitations and only one in four has told his or her parents.

■ One in 17 children reported being threatened or harassed while using the Internet.

■ About 45,000,000 American children ages 10 to 17 are currently estimated to be online, spending hours every day at their computers.

■ 60 percent of teens have received e-mail or instant messages from perfect strangers and 63 percent of those teens responded.

■ Millions of teenagers own their own blogs. Over half of all blogs are maintained by people ages 13-19.

■ 26 percent of teens say they surf the net unsupervised.

■ 31 percent say their parents check their social networking sites.

(Sources: U.S. Department of Justice, L.A. Times, Georgetown University, Pew Internet Project)

Identity theft: Are you at risk?

How susceptible are you to being a victim of identity theft? Take the following quiz created by Frank Abagnale.

In case some of you missed the movie "Catch Me If You Can," it tells the life story of Frank Abagnale.

Briefly, Frank was the world's greatest forger and con artist. Today, he is the highest-paid consultant in the country, working with banks, financial institutions, and law enforcement to prevent forgery and I.D. theft.

Take the following quiz and add the points to determine your score:

1. You receive several offers of pre-approved credit every week (5 points). Add five more if you don't shred them before putting them in the trash.
2. You carry your Social Security card in your wallet (10 points).
3. You don't have a post office box or a locked, secured mailbox (5 points).
4. You drop off your outgoing mail at an open, unlocked box or basket (10

points).

5. You don't shred or tear banking and credit information when you throw it in the trash (10 points).

6. You provide your social security number whenever asked (10 points). Add five points if you provide it orally without checking to see who might be listening.

7. You're required to use your social security number as an employee or student I.D. number (5 points).

8. Your SSN is printed on an employee badge that you wear (10 points).

9. Your SSN or driver's license number is printed on your personal checks (20 points).

10. You are listed in a "Who's Who" guide (5 points).

11. You carry your insurance card in your wallet and it contains your SSN or your spouse's SSN (20 points).

12. You haven't ordered a copy of your credit report for at least two years (10 points).

13. You don't believe that people root around in your trash looking for credit or

financial information (10 points).

Now add up your points to evaluate your risk. After you review your score, plan your actions to protect your identity. Don't become the next victim of identity theft.

If you scored more than 100 points, you're at high risk. You should purchase a paper shredder, become more security aware in document handling, and start to question why people need your personal data.

If you scored 50-100 points, your odds of being victimized are about average, though higher if you have good credit.

If you scored 0-50 points congratulations. You've got a high security intelligence quotient. Keep up the good work and don't let your guard down now.

(Source: City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Department)

GARRISON ORG DAY

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army North, stopped by the Garrison Organization Day event June 24 to reassure Garrison employees and thank them for all they do for service members and their Families. "We are going to make it through all these changes," he said. "Trust your supervisors and your leaders; we are going to get through this collectively and satisfactorily over the next couple of years." Col. Mary Garr, Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander reiterated Swans' remarks, saying, "What you do as an individual directly tries back to our nation's defense. Remember how important you are, this is your day." Everyone enjoyed Bill Miller barbecue, music, games and prizes.



Photos by Lori Newman

HONORABLE SERVICE

Sgt. 1st Class Bridget Graham, Dental Activity; Col. William Boisvert, Medical Command; Col. Kathryn Gaylord, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research; and Col. William Layden, Army Medical Department Center & School celebrate their retirement during a ceremony June 24 at the post flagpole.



Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Barnes, Company B, 187th Medical Battalion; Sgt. Maj. Nicole Klages, Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command; Maj. Curtis Klages, GPRVC; and Lt. Col. Angelia Wherry, 32nd Medical Brigade celebrate their retirement during a ceremony June 24 at the post flagpole.

Photos by Ed Dixon

470th MI Brigade NCO, Soldier of the Year compete at higher levels

By Gregory Ripps

470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade recently selected its Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and its Soldier of the Year, who went on to compete at a higher command level.

Sgt. Tabitha Sassor is the NCO of the Year, and Pvt. Jodie Griffith is the Soldier of the Year. Both are signal intelligence collectors/analysts assigned to the brigade's 717th MI Battalion at Lackland Air Force Base.

After meeting the physical and mental demands of brigade-level competition, the pair advanced to the more rigorous challenges of the Intelligence and Security Command's Region II competition, June 8-11.

The 14th MI Battalion conducted the competition, which included a physical fitness test, written examination, essay writing and formal appearance before a board at Fort Sam Houston, and warrior training taskings, M-16 weapon qualification, land navigation and a road march at Camp Bullis.

Although neither emerged triumphant at the regional level, both Sassor and Griffith said they gained from the experience. They also said they thought they performed and appeared best at the formal board interview.

"I don't always know



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Pvt. Jodie Griffith prepares an M136 AT4 anti-tank weapon for firing during regional competition at Camp Bullis June 9.

the answers to a 'T,' but I maintained confidence and military bearing throughout," said Griffith.

Sassor described the regional competition as a lot more intense in every area than battalion- or brigade-level competition.

"It was much more hands on," said Sassor, who joined the Army barely two years ago.

"Just getting the training makes me feel much more prepared for deployment. I would definitely like to do it again."

However, Sassor plans to enter officer candidate school in a few months, and that would bar her from NCO or Soldier competitions.

On the other hand, Griffith definitely plans to continue competing and she expresses confidence she will again win at brigade level and again take on the Region II competition.

"The Region II competition was the most rewarding experience I have had in the Army to date," said Griffith, who joined the Army less than

a year ago. "I received amazing training that I would not have been able to receive otherwise.

"I can't wait to take another stab at it!"



Announcements

Repairs at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

Repairs to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center air conditioning units and pool are currently in the works. The indoor pool was drained June 27 for a filtration system upgrade and is scheduled to reopen July 12. Plans to install a new air conditioning system in the gym and upgrades to the existing systems are currently in the design stage. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have questions concerning facility operations, call 221-2020.

EFMP Support Group

Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers a support group Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. at the School Age Service, Building 1705, Dodd Blvd. Facilitated by Mutual Enrichment through Learning and Discovery and is open to Soldiers and military Families with special need members. MELD Special provides child care and dinner. Registration required, call 221-2604.

Calendar of Events

July 1

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

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

New Playground Opens

Don't miss the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. for the newest playground at Fort Sam Houston. The playground is located between the Family and MWR School Age Services and Youth Center building located off Dodd Blvd. Call 221-9854.

Spouse's Orientation Open House

The open house is noon-2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The orientation is designed to introduce Army spouses to available resources, support services and employment opportunities. Information is also available on classes offered at ACS. Call 221-0427/2418.

July 2

Dive-In Movie Night

Stay cool and take in a "Finn on the Fly" at the Aquatic Center. Movie begins at dusk - around 8:30 p.m. Concession stand will be open for movie snacks. Call 221-4887.

July 3

Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament

The golf tournament begins at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club located outside the Harry Wurzbach gate. The fee is \$25/members and \$35/non-members. Call 221-5863.

July 4

Celebrate Independence Day at Randolph Air Force Base

The celebration kicks off at 5 p.m. with activities for the whole family. There will be more than 24 food booths, live music from the Psychedelic Jukebox, children's activities, sports skills events, interactive inflatables, the GameTruck and a fireworks display at 10 p.m. Visitors may not bring coolers, picnic baskets, backpacks, weapons, bicycles, skateboards, personal fireworks or pets onto the base. However, everyone is encouraged to bring blankets and portable chairs. For more information, visit <http://www.randolphfss.com>.

July 6

Microsoft Word Level 1

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

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

The training is 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training provides information on

the virtual FRG and the ability to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and Families. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group Leader's Forum

The training is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training provides FRG Leaders the opportunity to discuss unit FRG Leader issues and share lessons learned in an open forum. To register, call 221-1829/2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

The class is 5:30-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This series will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks. This class helps to identify strategies to more effectively handle anger, resentment and frustration in your personal and professional life. Call 221-0349/0600.

July 7

Microsoft Word Level 2

The class is 8 a.m.-noon at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Word level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

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

ScreamFree Parenting

The class is July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Army Community Services, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/9425.

July 9

Game Night At The Library

Gamers of all ages are invited to Gaming Night the first Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Library. Games are available on Nintendo Wii, PS3 and XBOX 360. Board games and puzzles are also available. Snacks, soda and juice are served. Call 221-4702.

REMINDER CALENDAR

July 4

The Order of Granaderos Y Damas De Galvez Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony, 10-11 a.m., FSH National Cemetery

July 4

4th of July Salute to the Nation, 11:30 a.m., FSH main flagpole

July 4

Celebration and Fireworks, 5-10 p.m. Randolph AFB

July 8

410th Contracting Support Battalion change of command, 10 a.m., AMEDD Museum

July 9

MEDCOM Band Concert, 7:15 p.m. and Movie Under the Stars, "The Spy Next Door," 8:45 p.m., FSH main flagpole

July 10

Movie Night, "The Blind Side," 8:30 p.m. at Dodd Field

July 11

Triathlon No. 3, 6:30 a.m., FSH Aquatic Center

July 13

32nd Medical Brigade change of responsibility, 8 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field

July 15

Dental Command change of command, 8 a.m., FSH main flagpole



Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

Catholic Services:

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Collective Protestant

11 a.m. - Collective Protestant

Jewish Services: 379-8666 or 493-6660

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

Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432

Catholic Services:

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Catholic Women of the Chapel Enrichment or Bible Study - Mondays

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

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

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Wednesdays, child care is provided

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Thursdays, child care is provided

Samoan Protestant Service:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

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

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

Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:

12:30 p.m. - Traditional worship - Thursdays

Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105

Christ for the Intrepid services:

5:30 p.m. - Coffee and fellowship - Sundays

6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

32nd Medical Brigade Student services

Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays

Contemporary Protestant Service:

9:30 a.m. and 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Muslim Juma: 1:30 p.m. - Fridays

Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Thought of the Week

Truth spoken with a smile will penetrate the mind and reach the heart... - Horace

(Source: Bits & Pieces, June 2009)



For Sale: 1984 Mercedes Benz 280E sedan, gold, four door, heated seats, vacuum locks, sunroof, AM/FM/cassette, 201,600 miles, well maintained, needs additional upkeep, \$4,000 obo; bird cage, 34 inches wide by 46 inches high by 23 inches deep, stand on rollers with bottom tray, four dishes, five hanging toys, and four perches, \$100; lawn bench glider with canopy, new, still in box, \$100; two 21 inch by 44 inch cushions for glider, green plaid, \$20 each; 15 bamboo serving lap trays, 12-inches round, \$25; 15 bamboo

serving lap trays, 18 inches by 12 inches, \$30. Call 496-6608.
For Sale: Crème leather loveseat, great condition, \$175; Army P.T. shorts, new, X-large, \$5; two ACU tops, new, large-regular, \$15 each; ACU bottoms, new, large-long, medium-regular, \$15 each; OEM rims for 2005 Chrysler 300 Limited, only used for six months on vehicle, \$350 obo. Call 823-9312 or 310-1616.
For Sale: Three-piece entertainment center purchased at Haverty's, center console has inside space with doors on each side and currently holds a 36-inch RCA TV (included) and four media slots below. Each side piece has a drawer and shelves for plenty of storage, \$600 obo. Call 392-4115.
For Sale: 2006 Honda Rebel 250 cruiser, great condition, \$1,800

obo. Call 833-2714.
For Sale: 2004 Nissan Frontier, King Cab XE, two door, gray, excellent condition, 66,780 miles, power windows and mirrors, CD player, bed liner, no problems, \$9,000. Call 325-8742.
For Sale: 1992 Ford Econoline E-150 custom conversion van, loaded, electronic rust prevention, new alternator, TV/VCR, AC needs compressor, power sofa bed seat and driver's seat, four captain's chairs, serviced regularly, as-is, \$1,199; three gym-style ventilated full-length metal lockers linked together, \$49; 27-inch analog TV, \$49. Call 659-6741.
For Sale: Patio set, all-weather, aluminum frame, tempered glass table, 38 inches by 60 inches, six chairs, green/off white, new, \$200. Call 599-3438 and leave message.

A SOLDIER SERENADED

Delores Walker (left) and Cassandra Small sing "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling" to a Soldier randomly plucked from the audience at the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers' 2010 Festival of the Arts performance, "A Musical Rendezvous," June 20 at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

Photo by Ralph Nordenhold



Weekly Weather Watch

	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
San Antonio	85° T-storms	88° T-storms	92° Chance T-storms	88° Chance T-storms	92° Chance T-storms	92° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	91° Clear	91° Clear	91° Clear	91° Clear	89° Clear	91° Clear
Baghdad Iraq	107° Clear	105° Clear	105° Clear	109° Clear	113° Clear	114° Clear

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



Announcements

Salute to Military Flight

The Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 East Durango Blvd., presents a salute to military flight through July 4. Call 458-2300.

Volunteer Cooking Instructors Needed

The Warrior and Family Support Center is looking for volunteers to teach cooking classes to wounded warriors and their Families. Call 916-9656.

Volunteer Gardeners Needed

The Warrior and Family Support Center is in need of volunteers to help with weeding and general upkeep of the gardens surrounding the facility. Call 916-9656.

Found Property

Have you lost any items on Fort Sam Houston? You can check with the Found Property Custodian at the Fort Sam Houston Police Department. All found property is kept for 45 days and then disposed of, unless owner is identified. There currently is four wallets, 10-bicycles, a backpack, gym bag, weight scale, box of cookware and a suitcase. Call

221-2340 or visit the Fort Sam Houston Police Desk at Building 2244.

Foster a Puppy

The DoD military working dog breeding program is looking for families to foster puppies 12 weeks to 6 months old. For more information, call 671-3686.

Book of Military Nursing

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Publishing is seeking inspirational stories on what it means to be a military nurse. Share your thoughts, pearls of wisdom, words of inspiration or short anecdotes that finish this sentence in 500 words or less: You'll Know You're a Military Nurse When... Visit <http://www.militarynursebook.org> to input your thoughts and comments about military nursing. For more information, call 317-917-4978.

Cloverleaf Communicators

The club meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston San Antonio Credit Union conference room, 2250 Stanley Road. Membership is open to anyone who wants to enhance his or her communications and leadership skills. Call 221-7943/8785.

Basic Motorcycle Rider Course Available

A basic motorcycle rider course is available, at no charge, to service

members who would like to learn how to ride. Visit the Installation Army Traffic Safety Training Program website at <https://airs.lmi.org> (Region=West; Garrison=Fort Sam Houston; Courses=(applicable course)) or call 221-3846.

Calendar of Events

July 3-5

4th of July at Market Square

A celebration will be held July 3-4, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and July 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at historic Market Square in downtown San Antonio. The event includes music, food, arts and crafts, dancing and shopping. Admission is free. Call 733-0120.

July 8

San Antonio Herb Society

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Garden Center at the corner of Funston and North New Braunfels Avenue. The topic of discussion is "All about Dill - 2010 Herb of the Year." Free and open to the public. Visit <http://www.sanantonioherb.org>.

Concert Under the Stars

Colaó will perform at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 555 Funston at North New Braunfels Avenue. Admission is \$5, gates open at 6 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m. Call 829-5100 or visit <http://www.sabot.org>.

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Friday - July 2

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Southern-fried catfish, oven roast beef, meatloaf, grilled liver and onions, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans and potatoes, corn, carrots

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Mushroom quiche, spaghetti with meat sauce, grilled ham steaks with pineapple sauce, breaded chicken patties, hopping John rice, baked sweet potatoes, spaghetti noodles, succotash, zucchini squash

Saturday - July 3

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Breaded pork fritters, stuffed bell peppers, baked chicken, Aztec beans and rice, new potatoes, collard greens, stewed tomatoes and okra

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Roast turkey, cheese tortellini, Salisbury steak, lemon-herb baked fish, mashed potatoes, brown rice, baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts, peas and carrots

Sunday - July 4 Independence Day

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Barbecued chicken, baked pork chops, baked kielbasa sausage, barbecued spareribs, lyonnaised potatoes, macaroni and cheese, harvest brown and wild rice, broccoli, corn on the cob, pinto beans

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Roast beef, broccoli quiche, chicken

cordon bleu, vegetable egg rolls, parsley-buttered potatoes, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, LA-style smothered squash

Monday - July 5 (Federal Holiday)

Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken tetrazzini, breaded veal steaks, chicken stir fry, potato frittata, garlic-lemon roasted potato wedges, harvest wild and brown rice, French-fried cauliflower, spinach

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Spaghetti and meatballs, grilled chicken breast, veal parmesan, cheese manicotti, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, spaghetti noodles, French-fried eggplant, green beans, succotash

Tuesday - July 6

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken fajitas, pollo adobado con papas, beef enchiladas verdes, cheese enchiladas, Mexican pork chops, Mexican rice, steamed rice, fried papas with onions, Mexican charra beans, Mexican corn, broccoli combo, calabasitas con queso

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken enchiladas, cheese quesadilla, beef and bean burritos, roast turkey, fried catfish, refried beans with cheese, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, Aztec beans and brown rice, wax beans with pimentos, asparagus, peas and carrots

Wednesday - July 7

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beef rouladen, roast haehnchen (chicken), jaegerschnitzel, broccoli quiche, bratwurst, spaetzle(noodles), kartoffelbrei (mashed potatoes), baked potatoes, spargel (asparagus), karotten und erbsen (carrots & peas), blaukraut (red cabbage)

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef yakisoba, Swedish meatballs, baked pork chops, barbecued pork chops, broccoli, rice and cheese casserole, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, cauliflower combo, collard greens, summer squash

Thursday - July 8

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arroz con pollo (chicken & rice), gallina guisada (chicken tacos), ajijaco (beef and pepper stew), Caribbean catfish, cheese quesadilla, garlic roasted potatoes, steamed rice, arroz con gandules (rice with pigeon peas), fried plantains, Spanish-style beans, flame roasted sweet corn and peppers, carrots

Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Sweet and sour pork, oven roast beef, breaded chicken patties, potato frittata, baked potatoes, harvest five-grain rice, mashed potatoes, green peas, carrots, oriental mixed vegetables

Menus are subject to change without notice

July 13

American Society of Military Comptrollers

The Alamo Chapter will hold a luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The guest speaker is Chip Atkins, asso-

Operations. The topic is "Auditing in a Wartime Environment." Reserve by July 5, call 652-1065.

July 14

Technology Expo

The Network Enterprise Center is

a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. More than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in video conferencing, broadcast solutions, green IT products, data storage and management and more. Call 443-561-2432.

EFMP: Fulfilling the promise to all Family members

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

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Army Families deal with unique challenges associated with military life, especially when it comes to relocation. Not only do Families have to find a new place to call home, they also have to find new health care and childcare providers, enroll children in new schools and activities and build new networks of friends and support. These challenges are not easy for any Army Family, but for Families with special needs, they are magnified.

Families with members requiring special educational and medical services often have to rebuild a complex system of providers and services to support the health and development of their Family members. Families can put an incredible amount of time and effort into creating a network that enables their Family members to flourish, and then, when it comes time to relocate, they have to start again.

The Army does not intend for these Families to go it alone. The Exceptional Family Member Program, managed through Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, is a comprehensive, coordinated program that provides community support, educational, medical, housing and personnel services to Families with special needs. Families who have questions or need EFMP support are encouraged to go to the

Garrison Army Community Service and speak with the EFMP Manager.

Soldiers with Family members who have special needs are required to enroll in EFMP, so that their needs can be considered during the nominative phase of the military personnel assignment process. Some Soldiers may be reluctant to identify Family members for this program. They may feel that identifying with the program will adversely affect their career. This is simply not true. Army leaders at all levels must help dispel this misconception.

It is also important for Soldiers and their Families to know that the Army's EFMP does much more than provide information for assignment decisions. The EFMP is one way we can keep some of the most important promises articulated in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and family programs that foster an environment in which Families can thrive.

EFMP is currently serving 16 percent of all Army Families, or more than 70,000 registered Family members. The program has provided critical support to Families since its start in 1979.

Over the last 30 years, through initiatives such as the Army Family Covenant, the Army's commitment and promises to Families have become more defined. At the same time, the number of on- and off-post programs and services

available to Families with special needs have increased and become more diverse. As a result of the Army Family Covenant promises and the greater array of programs to manage or coordinate with, we are committed to continually seek new ways to enhance our EFMP support to Families.

The number one request I hear from EFMP Families during my installation visits is for assistance in navigating the variety of services and programs available through the Department of Defense, Department of the Army and other Federal, local and State agencies. When Soldiers and their Families move to a new location, they need to know what is available on and off the installation and how to access and coordinate all the services.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires all of the Armed

Services to provide additional support for Families with special needs. As a part of the Army's response, IMCOM will add 44 System Navigators to the existing EFMP staff at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas.

The System Navigators will help Families connect to the local, State and Federal resources they need. The 26 garrisons include Fort Hood, Fort Lewis, Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell and Schofield Barracks, the five installations with the highest number of EFMP Families. The System Navigators will be trained and in place within the first quarter of FY11.

System navigation is just one of the areas we are looking at through the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan, which grew out of EFMP Summits held in February 2009 and February 2010. For all of the issues we are looking at – Family mem-

ber evaluation, enrollment eligibility, information management, coordination of services, new programs and others – our efforts are guided by the concerns of our Families and a focus on improving Soldier and Family well-being and readiness.

One way Families with special needs can communicate their concerns and recommendations is through the Army Family Action Plan. AFAP is the Army's grassroots effort through which members of the Army community can identify and elevate significant quality of life issues affecting the community to senior leaders for action.

EFMP is also one of the programs that the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise is studying to bring about improvements for Army Families. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 com-

mands, organizations and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges. SICE will determine how we can resource installations with the appropriate number of EFMP staff for the most effective and responsive program.

EFMP has provided and continues to provide invaluable service, but this is an area in which we must always seek innovative ways to enhance support to Families with special needs. Soldiers and Families need to know before they depart for a new installation that they will be able to find the services necessary for the health and well-being of all their Family members. This is part of our promise to Families, for the sacrifices they make, and our commitment to Soldiers, whose strength and readiness is rooted in the strength of their Families.



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Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center staff help a child "saddle up" during a field trip for Exceptional Family Member Program members.