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Briefs . . .

IT service delays

Due to the loss of contractors within the Directorate of Information Management, information technology customers should expect major delays in the deployment and repair of IT hardware and software equipment and relocations, to include services to Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley. Customers should also expect delays in replacing leased systems; deployment and relocation of computers, copiers/printers and peripherals; deployment and response time for IT and telecommunications projects; responses to IT and telephone work orders; and customer support for deployment, installation and support of BlackBerry wireless devices.

Technology expo

The 2006 Fort Sam Houston Technology Expo will be held today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The event will include exhibits demonstrating the latest in network operations services, information assurance, hardware and software and much more. The expo is free and open to the community. For more information, call Marie Miller at 888-603-8899, ext. 222.

Mandatory training

A Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army and Operations Security training session will be held Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Theater. People should arrive early to sign in. The training is a mandatory requirement for Department of Defense personnel, to include contract employees. For more information, call the Garrison Security Office at 221-1906, 221-1859, 221-9500 or 221-9611.

Health fair

A health fair, called "Build a Healthy Community," will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the food court area at Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center and School. A variety of services and information booths will be available. The fair is sponsored by Preventive Medicine 6A-F5. For more information, call Capt. Shelton at 221-6245.

5th Recruiting Bde. change of command

Col. Dorothea Wallace will relinquish command of the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade to Col. Francis Caponio during a ceremony July 20 at 9 a.m. at the Fifth Army Quadrangle.

Summer Gazebo Concert

Brig. Gen. David Rubenstein, assistant surgeon general for force sustainment, U.S. Army Medical Command, will host a summer gazebo concert July 23 at 7 p.m. at the gazebo on Staff Post Road. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the sounds of the Army MEDCOM Band with hits from the Beatles and Elvis, as well as music from the movies "Zorro," "Titanic" and "Indiana Jones." The band will also perform more traditional music by Johann Strauss. The MEDCOM Dixieland Band will be the featured performers of the concert.

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Photo by Elaine Wilson

(From left) Maj. Gen. George Weightman, outgoing commander of the Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston; Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, U.S. Army surgeon general; and Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, incoming commander, inspect the assembled troops Tuesday during the change of command ceremony. Pfc. John Stewart, a wounded combat medic, rides up front as he was invited to accompany the generals on the inspection.

Fort Sam welcomes new commander

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

After nearly two years at the post helm, Maj. Gen. George Weightman turned over the command of Fort Sam Houston and the Army Medical Department Center and School to Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw during a ceremony Tuesday at MacArthur Parade Field.

Czerw didn't have to travel far for the ceremony; he is the former commander of the Dental Command at Fort Sam Houston.

The host commander and reviewing officer for the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, welcomed Czerw to his new command.

"He's an exceptional, outstanding officer with the skills to excel in this

command," he said. Kiley also praised Weightman's leadership in the face of tough challenges such as Base Realignment and Closure, which will nearly double the population at Fort Sam Houston.

"George Weightman led the Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston with skill, grace and great ease, which is a testament to his brilliant leadership," said Kiley shortly after the ceremonial transfer of the colors signifying the leadership change.

"The community thanks you; they're going to miss you," Kiley said, adding that he was anticipating a great future for Weightman at his new assignment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

As for the outgoing commander,

Weightman said he has "never had a more intense learning experience."

Faced with challenges like the A76 study, Army Transformation, BRAC and recent funding issues, Weightman said, "It's incredible what has been accomplished. We have great leaders, incredible, talented and hard working. This place hops."

Weightman highlighted a few of his accomplishments that will earn him his "15 minutes of fame," such as the requirement for Soldiers to wear reflective belts during physical training; the approval of a waiver to forbid use of cell phones by on-post drivers, even with hands-free devices; and the opening of the Harry Wurzbach gate, the accomplishment that earned the loudest applause from the audience.

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Hanson assumes command of DENCOCM

By Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The U.S. Army Dental Command welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony. Monday morning at MacArthur Parade Field, with Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, U.S. Army Medical Command and the surgeon general of the U.S. Army, as host for the ceremony.

Outgoing commander, Col. Russell Czerw, relinquished command to Col. Larry Hanson, Dental Corps commander, bidding farewell to the command, but not the area. Czerw is the new Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander.

Following the change of command, the Czerw family — wife, Michelle; daughter, Danielle; and son, Brandon — were escorted onto the field for Czerw's promotion to major general. Czerw's family participated in the pin on of rank, presentation of beret and the general officer belt.

As Kiley took the podium he said, "Russ is an outstanding dentist, Soldier and commander. I've known a number of superb commanders, but none better than Russ."

"Accepting the responsibility of the rank of major general is a big step from colonel. I know you will do a great job," said Kiley. "And Larry will excel as the DENCOCM commander."

As the outgoing DENCOCM commander took the podium, he said, "It has been an extreme privilege to command this group of Soldiers. Assuming the duties of the DENCOCM was a dream come true. DENCOCM staff, you are the 'A' team."

As Czerw wrapped up his comments he gave the incoming DENCOCM commander a word of advice, "Col. Hanson, I know you will do a superb job. A word of advice, buckle up tight, you are about to take the command ride of your life!"

Hanson comes to Fort Sam Houston following two years as commander of the U.S. Army Dental Activity and Southeast Regional Dental command, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Accepting the command for the DENCOCM, Hanson said, "DENCOCM, we remain an Army at war. We must continue on, ensuring we have trained and ready Soldiers to care for those in the field."

The ceremony concluded with the Army song and the departure of the colors.

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Commander's farewell

Dear AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston personnel,

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your commanding general, and I certainly could never have risen to the challenge without the extraordinary efforts of our superb military and civilian work force. You are all directly responsible for positioning our Army Medical Department to meet the emerging needs of our great Army.

Together, we have pioneered the Improved First Aid Kit, the Combat Application Tourniquet, and introduced detainee health care operations, medical ethics and critical

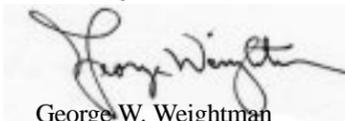
thinking in the curriculum through both traditional classroom and distributed learning initiatives.

Today, it is common knowledge that our combat medics are saving lives every day on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Tremendous demands were placed on you and you responded with talent, compassion and genuine caring for Soldiers and their families. You do so much for so many on and off the battlefield. Many of you have gone in harm's way, earned Purple Hearts and mourned the loss of our fellow Soldiers. It is the men and women, military and civilian, who carry out innumerable tasks to ensure our mission

accomplishment. Thanks again to all of you for the role you play every day in the lives of our service men and women who lay their lives on the line for freedom.

As Joan and I depart, we will take with us memories of our time here at Fort Sam Houston. You have our deepest thanks and you will always remain in our hearts!

Sincerely,



George W. Weightman
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding General



Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman

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Reserve Marines deploy in support of OEF, OIF

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Surrounded by military duffel bags of all shapes and sizes, about 100 Reserve Marines said good-bye to their loved ones July 5 at the Marine/Navy Reserve Center at Fort Sam Houston prior to leaving for deployments in support of the nation's war on terror.

The Marines, from the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Alabama and Alaska area, will join 11,000 Reserve Marines currently on active duty worldwide in support of various operations.

Prior to their departure overseas, the Marines will first receive pre-deployment training at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

The majority of the Marines departing were old hands at deployments since most of them have two or three under their belts.

"This is my fifth time to be deployed," said Gunnery Sgt. Oscar Gutierrez. Gutierrez deployed to Saudia Arabia in 2002, to Iraq in 2003 and to Africa in 2004. He had just returned in October from his last deployment.

"I will support our boys in any way we can to successfully complete the mission," said Gutierrez. "I am there working for them."

His 12-year-old daughter, Leslie, clung to her father. "I'm sad," she said.

His wife, Debbie, said she fully supports her husband and the cause he's supporting.

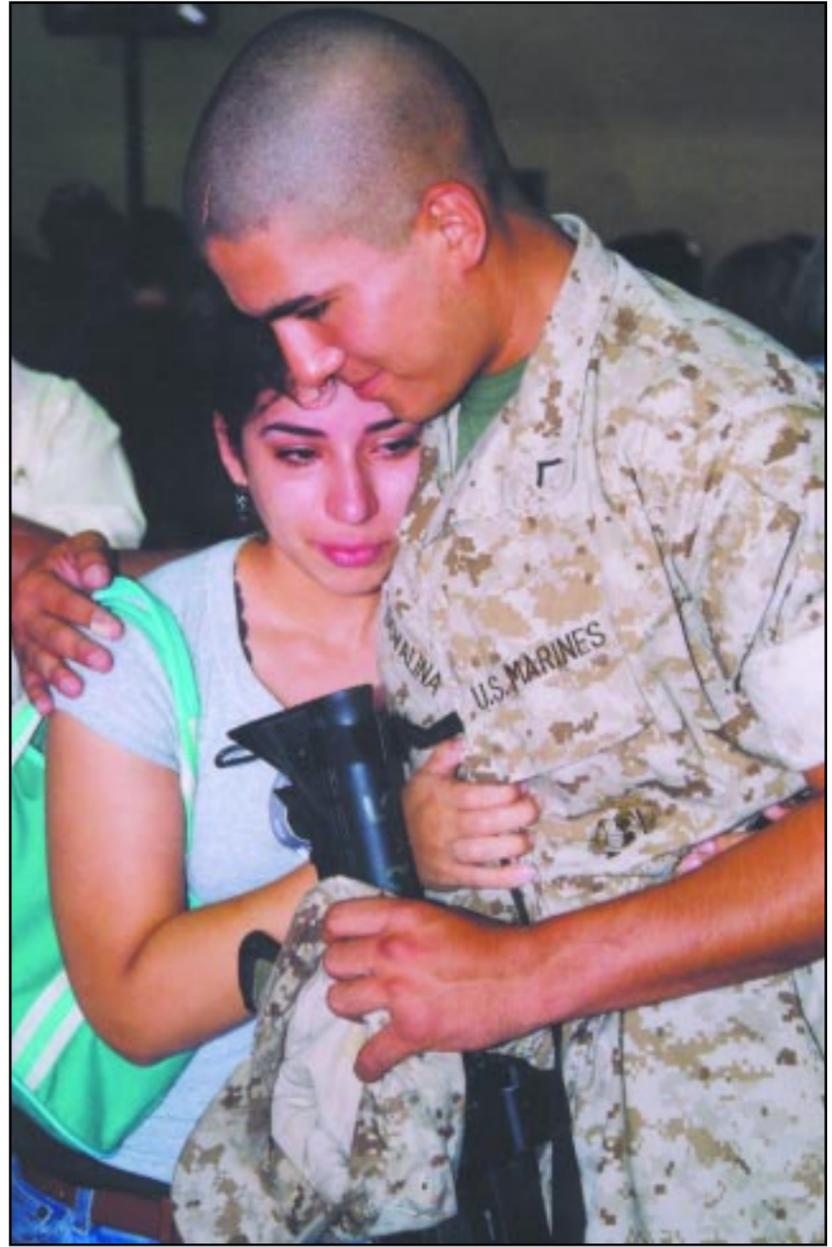
The deployment is a first for Pfc. Marcus Dovalina. "I am a bit nervous, but excited at the same time," he said.

His girlfriend, Jennifer Marichal, who wrapped her arms around Dovalina tightly, said, "It is not good, and it won't be easy without him."

"Yes, we are worried, but he is not alone," said Guadalupe Bernal, Pfc. Andrew Bernal's grandfather. "He has his buddies and the officers with him and the Lord will be with him. He is in good hands. We will miss him, and are looking for his safe return."

The Marines assigned to the command specialize in being the eyes and ears of the infantry ground combat commanders. They insert via air, sea and land, and operate primarily behind enemy lines, reporting enemy activity in their assigned areas. Members of the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion also served in Iraq as part of Task Force Tarawa during Operation Iraqi Freedom I in 2003.

The Marines will have orders for one year but could be on active duty for up to two years under the current Reserve Presidential Recall Authority.

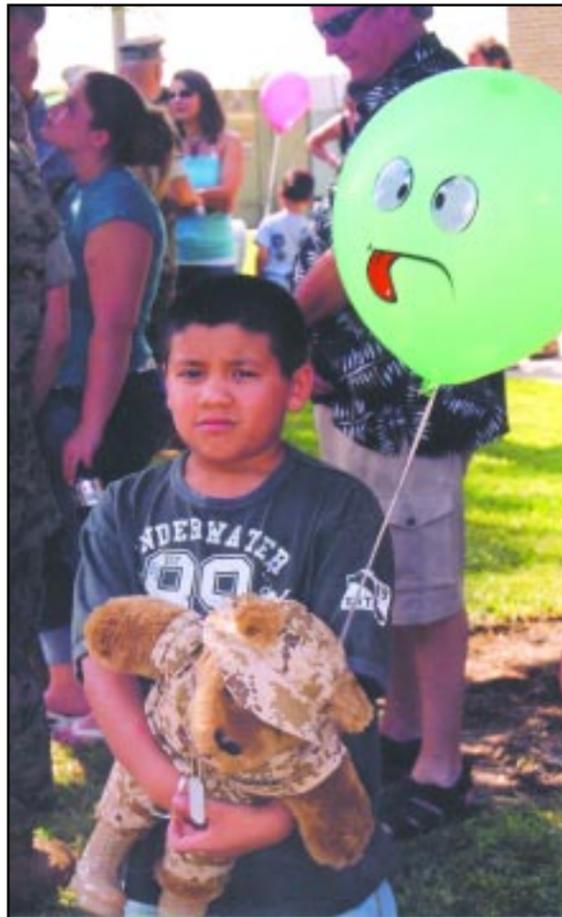


Pfc. Marcus Dovalina tries to comfort his girlfriend, Jennifer Marichal, July 5 while he waits at the Marine/Navy Reserve Center for the bus going to Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., where he will receive training for a follow-on deployment in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



(Above) Gunnery Sgt. Oscar Gutierrez, on his fifth deployment, gets a last hug from his family; wife, Debbie; and 12-year-old daughter, Leslie, before he boards the bus with about 100 other Reserve Marines on their way to California for pre-deployment training.

(Right) Jesse Jimenez tries to hold back his tears after his father, Gunnery Sgt. Michael Jimenez, boarded a bus at the Navy/Marine Reserve Center for deployment in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He is clinging to a Marine bear, a gift from his father, and a balloon that depicts how he's feeling inside.



(From left) Gunnery Sgt. Cody Abel, Staff Sgt. Stan Levan, Lance Cpl. Sean Heffernan, Staff Sgt. J.D. Jones and Sgt. Jay Black check out new equipment that will be transported with them in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Ceremony honors Fort Hood Soldier, fallen comrades

Story and photo by Michael Dulevitz
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

A Purple Heart ceremony at the Fisher House Monday honored a 4th Infantry Division Bradley fighting vehicle commander who sustained burn and blast injuries while serving in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Pio Paau, a native of American Samoa, served in Bulldog Troop, 7th Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Paau's commander, Lt. Col. David Thompson, presented Paau with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Paau's wife, Nina, and the rest of his family joined him for the ceremony.

It was Thompson's first time seeing Paau since a visit with him at the combat support hospital shortly after the April 11 attack. Members of the unit's rear detachment joined Thompson in honoring their injured Soldier. The ceremony remembered his fallen comrades and paid tribute to his family for always being there for him.

"It is an honor to be here today to present these medals to Staff Sgt. Paau," Thompson said. He stressed Paau's commitment to duty and to his Bradley crew, emphasizing that their mission in Saba al

Bor, Iraq, could only be categorized as a success because of the unit's departure from the area. Saba al Bor is now guarded and protected by members of the Iraqi security forces.

"It's an honor for me to be here today as a Soldier, as an officer and as a man," Thompson said. In an emotional tribute to Paau and the other members of Bulldog Troop, Thompson spoke about the heroism and dedication to duty that he witnessed in the theater of operations, noting that his team had done an excellent job, as had those who served with them and those who served before them.

Paau was injured while on patrol in Hajlash, Iraq, north of Saba al Bor, when his Bradley was hit by a 600-pound C-4 explosive buried deep in the ground. The device was set off by an insurgent with a remote device. Paau was blown out of the hatch of the vehicle flying 30 feet in the air before coming to rest in a ditch. He suffered third-degree burns to his hands and legs.

Spc. Devon Gibbons, the driver of the Bradley, was the only other team member that survived the blast. He died June 23 at Brooke Army Medical Center succumbing to the massive injuries he sustained in the blast. Three members of Paau's team died immediately as a result of the blast.



Lt. Col. David Thompson personally thanks Staff Sgt. Pio Paau for his sacrifice and bravery after presenting him with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge during a ceremony Monday at the Fisher House.

"I want to thank everyone for being here today," said Paau. Near tears, he added, "and since I am now the only survivor of

my crew, I ask that you remember them and their families everyday in prayer, as well as all of those serving in harm's way."

Army providing 'unprecedented' mental health support to troops

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Soldiers who undergo the most intense, realistic training before deploying to combat tend to experience the fewest associated mental health problems, the Army's surgeon general told Pentagon reporters during a roundtable session Friday.

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Kevin Kiley compared deploying Soldiers to football players preparing for a big game. Those who "put on the pads every day and try intercepting every day" are more prepared for the rigors of the game.

Troops returning from combat deployments demonstrate that similar preparation

helps steel them for the stresses they inevitably face, Kiley reported. "The ones who were the most distressed said they needed more, tough training," he told reporters.

The Army's emphasis on what Kiley called "battle-minded training" recognizes basic facts about combat, he said. "It's hard. It's dangerous. It's scary," Kiley said. And by preparing for those realities, Soldiers are more prepared when they're exposed to them, he said.

Regardless of what some headlines might lead people to think, most Soldiers don't have mental-health problems during or after their deployments. "When our Soldiers return home, most will experience a brief readjustment period and a

successful home transition," Kiley said. "The majority of troops are and will remain mentally healthy."

But that said, Kiley acknowledged that deployments - particularly those that expose troops to prolonged combat - put heavy stressors on even the most healthy troops. Some will need short- or long-term counseling to help with their transition, he said.

He estimated that 15 to 30 percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress or other mental-health issues. "This is not unusual after combat," he said.

Early diagnosis and treatment is the key to keeping these symptoms in check and preventing them from becoming full-blown disorders, he said. Toward that end,

the Army provides its members mental-health support that begins before they deploy and continues throughout their deployment and after they return to their home stations.

"More than any time in our history, our Soldiers and our commanders are armed with information about combat and its impact on mental and behavioral health," Kiley said. "We have more resources available at home and in the theater of operations than ever before."

Kiley cited examples of that support:

- Routine use of pre- and post-deployment health screenings and assess Soldiers' mental as well as physical health;

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School registration dates

Elementary school

Registration for new students attending Fort Sam Houston Elementary School will be held July 27 and 28 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Students can meet their teachers Aug. 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. and an open house will be held at the elementary school Aug. 17 and 22 at 6 p.m. For more information, call ???-???.

High school

Registration for new students attending Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School will be held Aug. 1 for seventh and 10th graders, Aug. 2 for eighth and 11th graders, Aug. 3 for ninth and 12th graders, and Aug. 4 and 7 for grades seventh through 12th. Registration appointments can be made starting July 24 by calling Jane Morin at 368-8734 or Robin Meilinger at 368-8775.

School board members needed

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is accepting nominations for its five-member board of trustees. Board members are nominated by the garrison commander and appointed by the State Board of Education. Military personnel, their spouses and post civilian employees may serve. Applications must be submitted by July 21. For more information, call Brenda Berry at 295-4806 or Keith Toney at 221-9613.

Commander welcomes new Soldiers, Sailors

Story and photo by Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Prior to relinquishing command of the Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston Tuesday, Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman took time to welcome seven new Army and Navy recruits at the San Antonio Military Entrance and Processing Station.

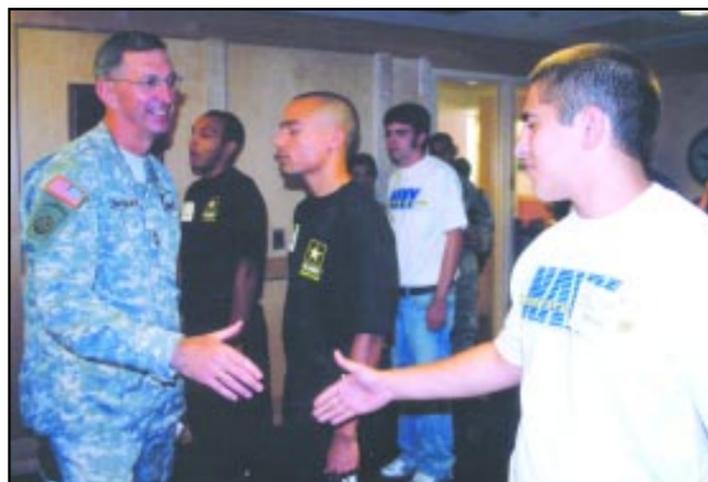
Weightman administered the oath of enlistment and met with family members of the new Soldiers and Sailors prior to their departure for basic training.

He thanked the young men and women for their desire to serve their country and reminded them that military service is a great place to continue their education and develop skills they will use during careers for the rest of their lives.

"Don't overlook educational opportunities in the Army and Navy while you are serving. You will find there are many ways to increase your education either through the Internet or at education centers located at your duty stations," he said.

He talked to each of the family members, some of whom were retired military, and thanked them for their support of their spouse's, son's or daughter's decision to join the Army and Navy.

"Serving in the military is a family decision. I know that you will continue to be supporting families during their tours of duty," he said.



Maj. Gen. George Weightman welcomes nine Army and Navy recruits as new members of the nation's armed forces following their swearing-in ceremony Monday at the San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station.

The San Antonio MEPS, commanded by Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mery-Angela Katson, is located on Stanley Road. Army 1st Sgt. Marilyn Wood is the station's senior NCO. The station is responsible for the entrance processing for all branches of the armed services in 69 counties in south Texas and operates eight Military Entrance Test Sites in Austin, Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Harlingen, Laredo, McAllen, San Angelo and San Antonio.

Mental health

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- A new post-deployment health assessment to assess mental and physical health three to six months after a Soldier redeploy;
- Mental- and behavioral-health specialists in theater who provide education, support and treatment, as needed, for deployed troops;
- Mental health advisory teams that have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan four times to assess how troops are doing and how well the Army behavioral health services offered to them are working; and
- Follow-up treatment and short- or long-term counseling, as needed, to help Soldiers readjust after returning from a deployment.

In addition, Kiley will soon co-chair a new task force to examine mental-health issues in the armed forces. The 14-member task force, half of its members from within the Defense Department and half from outside the department, will submit a report to

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in May, recommending ways to further improve mental-health care for service members and their families, he said.

As it provides more mental-health services to its members, the Army is helping to erode the stigma that has been associated for too long with seeking those services, he said. He noted the irony that a Soldier who thinks nothing of getting long-term treatment for a broken ankle or other physical ailment might be hesitant to care for "the most complex and fragile organ," the brain. Making mental-health screenings and services an integral part of the Army's health-care program is helping to change that culture, Kiley said.

"Our efforts in education, prevention and early treatment, in my experience, are unprecedented," Kiley said. "My goal is to ensure that every deployed and returning Soldier receives the very best health care that they need."

Lincoln Military Housing joins Fort Sam in National Night Out

Lincoln Military Housing will host the annual crime prevention National Night Out Aug. 1.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention activity designed to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime prevention programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police and community relations; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime.

Residents are invited to have

block parties. LMH may be able to sponsor a portion of a block party; however, funds are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. LMH will arrange for officers and other community leaders to visit those registered to host a block party.

Registration forms are available at the Housing Office located in Building 367. Residents may submit registration forms to the housing office or via fax to 270-7699.

For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

Chaplain goes 'beneath the shadows'

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

When presented with an idea of "why don't you write a book about ..." whatever the subject matter, most people would turn tail and run. However, Benson was not only drawn to the idea, he successfully wrote and published a book.

But it was a different story at first. The prospect started when a friend suggested to Lt. Col. James Benson, Fort Sam Houston Garrison chaplain, to write a story about the bullet that killed "your great-great uncle William Wright." Not only did he say it was too unbelievable, but he was not sure he knew how to market such an idea.

Of course, with most good stories, they do not just fade away into the archives of the mind, but they tend to fester into possibilities. That was the case with Benson. He found the idea of writing interesting and had even done so, but never went as far as publishing anything. Yet, the thought was there, "beneath the shadows" one might say.

As the excitement of a Civil War story grew, Benson had the idea of a co-author and he knew just the person to ask. Lee Ann Newton was a long-time family friend; their families shared a history together with their children, their travels and the Army life. Newton confessed to always having a dream of writing and verbalized that dream often.

On a vacation together about seven years ago, Benson thought it was time to broach the topic with Newton.

When he found the time to ask her, he said he had an idea about a Civil War story and her first reaction was to ask what kind of story. Eerily, she answered her own question because she already knew. With her desire to write and Benson's idea of researching the battlegrounds of that war, a partnership was formed and a book idea was born.

Seven years after the original idea, "Beneath the Shadows," the first book in a trilogy, is now a reality. The book is fiction, a story of Mattie Wright, who hears voices from the grave and asks her embittered granddaughter to unravel the mystery of her grandparents, an African prophecy and the connection they have to herself. As they search through letters and Civil War memorabilia, the granddaughter is transported back in time.

Benson said the characters came into play during a re-enactment at the battlefield in Perryville, Ky. Benson and Newton role-played, speaking as the two main characters. They argued, cried and resolved conflicts as the story metamorphosed.

Benson said, "This book idea began as a bizarre and unusual idea. It is a spiritual journey in a sense, a book of time travel, romance, history and self-searching."

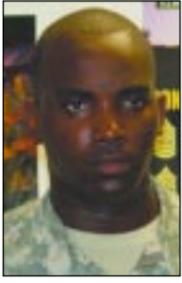


Lt. Col. Jim Benson, Fort Sam Houston Garrison chaplain, at his office desk in the Main Post chapel, takes advantage of a few quiet moments during his duty day to check e-mails and answer phone messages.

Benson said he is excited to see this work in print. It has taken seven years of off-duty time to bring the idea to fruition. Not to mention during those off-duty hours helping his wife raise their two daughters, being a husband and deployments while serving his country. "Beneath the Shadows" will be released in September. For more information about the book, visit www.newtonandbenson.com.

Troop Salute

264th Medical Battalion



Soldier of the Week

Name: Staff Sgt. Sheldon Groover
Unit: B Company
Career Field: 91Q pharmacy specialist
Time in service: Eight years
Future goals: To attend Advanced NCO Course and obtain a bachelor's degree
Reason for joining the Army: Family tradition (father)
Latest accomplishment: Selected Drill Sergeant of the Quarter for the 264th Medical Battalion.



Spotlight your unit

The Public Information Office welcomes articles, photos or story idea submissions for the Fort Sam Houston News Leader.

To submit a story or idea or for more information, call 221-0615, e-mail news. leader@samhouston.army.mil or stop by the office in Building 124 (second floor).



Photo by 1st Sgt. Dwight Wafford

187th Soldiers spend time with children

Thirty-five Soldiers, drill sergeants and family members of C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, visit with children from the Mission Road Developmental Center Saturday. The Soldiers joined weekend activities and enjoyed lunch with the children and staff. The center provides care to developmentally disabled children in the San Antonio area. The developmental center is led by Chaplain Jim De Hoog, who schedules groups to attend weekend functions and to assist with improvement activities such as painting.

Sports Briefs . . .

'For the Soldier' tournament

The Alamo Chapter Association of the U.S. Army will sponsor the "For the Soldier" golf tournament Monday at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The tournament will help the chapter's continuing efforts to provide support to Soldiers and community programs. People can sign up their team or enter individually at www.alamochapterausa.org. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Correa at 771-3514.

Boxers, coaches needed

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center seeks individuals interest-

ed in participating as boxers and coaches in Boxing at the Brought III. The event will be held in October. Boxers and coaches must be registered with USA Boxing and training 30 days prior to the event. Pre-registration and pairing of boxers will begin Sept. 28. For more information on USA Boxing registration and Boxing at the Brought III, call the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Branch, Boxing Club at 221-1532 or 221-1342 or e-mail douglas.stanley@samhouston.army.mil or john.m.rodriquez1@samhouston.army.mil.

Summer soccer camp

An Alamo Heights Fort Sam Houston summer soccer camp will be offered July 31 to Aug. 4 and includes a free ball and T-shirt. For more information, call 828-7071 or e-mail sfirth@challengersports.com and reference the Alamo Heights Fort Sam Houston Summer Soccer Camp or visit <http://www.ahfsh.org>.

Intramural fall softball

Intramural fall softball for men, women and co-ed teams begins Aug. 14. Letters of intent are due Aug. 1. A coaches and rules meeting will be held Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Intramural flag football

The intramural flag football season begins Aug. 21. Letters of intent are due Aug. 1. A coaches and rules meeting will be held Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Post soccer team tryouts

Tryouts for coach and player positions on the post soccer team will be held Aug. 14 through 18 at 6:30 p.m. daily at Leadership Field. Resumes or letters of intent for coach positions are due Aug. 7. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Post men's basketball team tryouts

Tryouts for coach and player positions on the post men's basketball team will be held Sept. 5 through 8 at 6:30 p.m. daily at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Resumes or letters of intent for coach positions are due Aug. 25. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Post women's basketball team tryouts

Tryouts for coach and player positions on the post women's basketball team will be held Sept. 5 through 8 at 6:30 p.m. daily at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Resumes or letters of intent for coach positions are due Aug. 25. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament scores

The results of the July 2 Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament are as follows:

Net Score Winners

First place - 62

John Reddy

Jim Mitchell

Second place - 70

Luis Camacho

Jose Lopez

Third place - 70

Gary Simons

Eric Collins

Gross Score Winners

First place - 62

Brian Rutledge

Rick Rutledge

Second place - 64

Mike Arnold

Dan Yandon

Third place - 68

Jerry Birdsong

Steve Moring

Closest to the pin winner was John Reedy – prize was a Wilson sand wedge. Net and gross score winners received gift certificates to the Fort Sam Houston Pro Shop, with prizes totaling \$350.

(Source: Morale, Welfare and Recreation)

Smoke-free, courageous forever

Attend smoking cessation classes in the Health Promotion Center and learn how to find the courage to give up the nicotine habit forever, whether you smoke, dip or chew. Become one of our graduates and earn your "wings." Visit the Health Promotion Center, Room L31-9V, Brooke Army Medical Center, or call 916-3352 or 916-5538.



Post Worship Schedule

Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

Catholic services:

4:45 to 5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Protestant services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant
11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

Jewish services: 379-8666 or 493-6660

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

Protestant services:

10 a.m. - Worship service - Sundays
12 p.m. - Worship - Wednesdays

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

Troop Catholic Mass: Sundays:

11 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers

Troop Protestant gospel service:
9:45 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

Troop Protestant service:

8:30 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

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

Catholic service:

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant services:

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

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, child care is provided.

Samoan Protestant service:

12:30 p.m. - Sundays

FSH Mosque, Building 607A, 221-5005 or 221-5007

10:30 a.m. - Children's religious education - Sundays

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

7:30 p.m. - Adult religious education - Thursdays

Evans Auditorium, 221-5005 or 221-5007

Mormon service:

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Sundays

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

Catholic services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 2530, 295-2096

Contemporary service:

11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Web site:

www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain

Religious Happenings . . .

Guitarist needed

The Army Medical Department Center and School Regimental Chapel is looking for a guitar player for the Protestant Sunday service from 7 to 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-4362 or fax 221-3103.

Bible study break

The Sunday afternoon Officers' Christian Fellowship Bible study will not be held during the summer. A Bible study will begin in September with full details to be publicized at a later date. A Tuesday study will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Room 1408 of Willis Hall, Building 2841. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 385-8451 or e-mail robert.griffith1@amedd.army.mil.

Chapel youth group

The Fort Sam Houston chapel youth group will break in July and start back Aug. 27 with a new school year kick-off program. For more information, call Joanne Benson at 599-0157 or joeyntx@satx.rr.com.

Outdoor pool charges admission fee to offset expenses

Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation, along with other organizations in the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Sam Houston, have been dealing with budget constraints and, as a result, are having to make difficult decisions.

Due to a lack of available operating funds, MWR had to decide whether or not to close the Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Aquatic Center for the summer. However, instead of closing the pool, the directorate decided to charge a nominal \$2 fee to purchase the necessary supplies and chemicals needed to operate the pool safely.

“MWR had the choice of closing the pool for the summer or charging a small fee to help offset the expenses for supplies needed to operate the pool,”

said Doug Stanley, MWR sports specialist. “The Aquatic Center is still a fantastic value for the military community.”

The \$2 admission fee applies to patrons 13 years and older who enter the Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Aquatic Center, to include non-swimming adult chaperones. At this time the \$2 fee is not being rolled into a season pass fee and will need to be paid each time a patron uses the facility. MWR will continually evaluate the need to charge this nominal fee; however, there is no timeline as to when the Aquatic Center can and will stop charging this fee.

“The San Antonio community does not have many facilities or parks where families can go and have fun for hours and have access to a water park environment complete with slides for only \$2,” Stanley said. “MWR would have preferred not to charge a fee; however, our Soldiers and families are still entitled to enjoy our tremendous programs and activities offered at the Aquatic Center.

“The Community Recreation Division of MWR will continue to offer top quality services and activities at the pool and other MWR facilities throughout the summer,” Stanley added.

The outdoor swimming pool is open from 12 to 8 p.m. seven days a week during the summer and closes after the Labor Day holiday. For more information on the Aquatic Center, call 221-4887.

(Source: MWR)



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Bruce Wilkes, (Left) a 'listener' with the retirees' activities group at Brooke Army Medical Center, pays a \$2 admission fee to Fabian Rodriguez, Cole High School student and lifeguard at the Outdoor Aquatic Center. Admission fees went into effect recently, in an effort to help with recent budget restraints.



Photos by Elaine Wilson

(above) Maj. Gen. George Weightman and his wife, Joan, greet people at the receiving line. "No matter how proud I am of what has been accomplished, I'm even prouder of my family," Weightman said during his departure speech.

(Left) Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley passes the Army Medical Department Center and School colors to Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, signifying Czerw's acceptance of command of the AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston.

New commander

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Although Weightman had the highest praise for leaders and the on-post organizations, his speech was focused on his pride in Soldier medics.

Weightman invited one of those medics, Pfc. John Stewart, on the pass-and-review of the troops on the parade field. Stewart was injured while deployed to Iraq and is recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center.

During his speech, Weightman described the incident that injured the medic. He said the Soldier was riding in a Bradley fighting vehicle when an improvised explosive device detonated. Fire broke out in the back of the vehicle where Stewart and an Iraqi interpreter were sitting. Three other Soldiers were in the front of the vehicle. The door jammed so Stewart had to yank the hatch open. The medic pulled the passengers out and, despite his own injuries, provided aid to the wounded while the fire blazed nearby.

"They all lived because of his efforts," Weightman said. "(Stewart) is what the AMEDD Center and School turned out and his story is what we are about today – placing concerns for others above ourselves."

Weightman said Fort Sam Houston is fortunate to have Czerw in charge. "I've served with Russ in three assignments; he just returned from Iraq so he knows what is needed."

The new commander, a native of Utica, N.Y., said he was excited about the future. "It's an extreme honor and privilege to take command," Czerw said. "I'm already impressed, extremely impressed by the talent, professionalism and selfless service."

Czerw thanked the Soldiers on the field for their service and addressed Stewart directly. "Your story brought to light why the school exists, why the faculty does what it does today. You are a shining example of so many others."

Czerw pledged to stay committed to maintaining the high standards and excellence of the AMEDDC&S.



The Army Medical Department Center and School Color Guard stands at attention while cannons are fired to render honors at the change of command ceremony.

Czerw has a doctor of dental surgery and a master's degree in strategic studies. He wears the Expert Field Medical Badge and served as a task force commander for dental, preventive medicine, veterinary and combat stress control units in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



The U.S. Army Medical Command Band approaches the reviewing stand during the pass in review, led by Chief Warrant Officer William Brazier.



Col. Bradley Freeman, commander of troops for the change of command ceremony, leads the presentation of the national, the Army, the regimental and the Army Medical Department Center and School colors to the reviewing officer, Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley.

DENCOM

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Photos by Cheryl Harrison

Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley presents the colors to Col. Larry Hanson in acceptance of the responsibility of the Dental Command during the change of command ceremony Monday.



Col. Russell Czerw, outgoing Dental Corps commander, (Left); Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command and Army surgeon general; and Col. Larry Hanson, incoming DENCOM commander, salute the colors during the playing of the national anthem by the Army Medical Command Band.



Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command and the Army surgeon general (left), and Michelle Czerw, pin the rank of major general onto the collar of incoming Army Medical Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, during a ceremony Monday.

(Right) Lt. Gen Kevin Kiley administers the oath during the swearing in of Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw as the 25th U.S. Army Dental Corps chief.



(Left) The colors are presented at Monday's change of command ceremony on MacArthur Parade Field.



Photo by Ed Dixon

New DENCOM sergeant major

Sgt. Maj. Richard Orona accepts the U.S. Army Dental Command colors from Col. Larry J. Hanson as Sgt. Maj. Steven Spadaro completes his service as the command's senior NCO. Hanson hosted the DENCOM change of responsibility and retreat ceremony at the main post flag pole Monday recognizing the service of Spadaro that spanned five years and welcoming Orona as the new sergeant major. DENCOM is responsible for the operation of six regional dental commands, the Army Dental Laboratory, 28 dental activities and 21 dental clinics. Prior to assuming responsibility as the DENCOM sergeant major, Orona served as the senior NCO of the Western Region Dental Command at Fort Lewis, Wash.

2006 Combat Medic fest

The Combat Medic run has been rescheduled and is no longer held in July. It is now the featured event at the Fort Sam Fall Fest Oct. 21. The merging of both events translates into the best festival ever. Activities begin at 7:15 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the MacArthur Parade Field and include the Combat Medic Run's traditional 5K, 10K and 10-mile run or walk, a parade, barbecue cook-off, arts and crafts fair, live entertainment, games, contests and children's activities. More information is coming soon. To register as an arts and crafts or food vendor, call 221-5225. For information, call 221-3003 or 221-9904.

Community Recreation

Post garage sale

The next post garage sale will be held Aug. 5 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot. There is no cost to participate, but individuals selling items must pre-register by calling 221-2601 or 221-2523. A valid Department of Defense ID card is required to participate. Participants must bring their own tables to the event or may rent them from the Outdoor Equipment Center by calling 221-5224.

Therapeutic massage

Therapeutic massage is available at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center by appointment only Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Services include neuromuscular therapy, lymph drainage therapy, decongestive physiotherapy, Swedish massage, Reiki, herbal body wraps, hot stone massage and Myoskeletal Alignment Techniques. For more information and to make an appointment, call Theresa Medellin at 221-9915 or 710-7457 or Douglas Stafford at 710-7925.

Children's music, sing-along time

Children 2 to 5 years old can have fun singing popular kids' songs with Owen Duggan, a local singer, songwriter and musician, at the Children's Music and Sing-Along Time at the Fort Sam Houston Library July 29 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387.

Bow hunter education class

A bow hunter education class will be held Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$15 and is payable on the first day of class.

Reservations are required. The bow hunter education class is mandatory for all bow hunters that want to hunt on Camp Bullis. Attendees should bring their own bows to class each day. The course is open to anyone age 12 and older. For more information and to register, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

Equestrian summer youth camp

Register for the Equestrian Center Summer Youth Horsemanship Camp for youth ages 7 to 17. Camp consists of a one-week session held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Registration fee is \$175 and a \$25 deposit is required. For more information, call 224-7207.

Swim class registration

People can register for Red Cross swimming lessons from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. The cost is \$35 per person for two-week lessons. Classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. through Aug. 4. For more information, call 221-1234 or 221-4887.

Instructors wanted

The Outdoor Recreation Center seeks contract instructors to lead classes, trips and programs of outdoor recreational activities. Call Jeffrey Heagerty at 221-5225 or e-mail jeffrey.heagerty@samhouston.army.mil.

Outdoor pool open

The Aquatic Center is open daily from 12 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 221-4887 or 221-1234.

Outdoor X-posure tubing trip

Outdoor Recreation will sponsor an Outdoor X-posure float trip down the Comal River July 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To participate, pre-register by Friday. The cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation, lunch, tube and a photo CD. For more information and to register, call 221-5225.

New travel trailers

New 22-foot Mallard travel trailers are now available for issue at the MWR Travel Camp. The units have three beds that can accommodate two adults and are fully contained with a shower, toilet, three sinks, refrigerator, freezer, stove, oven, microwave, air conditioning and hot water heater. Rates are \$100 per night, \$200 for the weekend or \$400 for a week. A down payment of \$100 is required to make reservations. To view the interior of the trailers or make reservations, call 221-5502 or stop by the Travel Camp at 3514 W.W. White Road.

AC service

Air conditioning service is available at the Fort Sam Houston Auto Craft Center. The Auto Craft Center has a certified AC techni-

cian on staff with 30 years of experience. Cost is \$30 for AC service. Freon, oil and environmental fee are extra. Pick up a \$5 off coupon for AC service from various MWR facilities or get it from the Auto Craft Shop web page at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com. For more information, call 221-3962. No appointment is needed.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Family-style Sunday brunch

A family-style brunch will be held Sunday. Brunch includes a kids' meal station, chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and an international food station. Cost is \$13.95 for nonmembers, \$11.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 years old and under eat free. For more information, call 224-2721.

Super TGIF, 'Down-Home Barbecue'

Enjoy live entertainment, free barbecue and a \$2.75 drink special at Super TGIF, "Down-Home Barbecue" Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Sam's Sports Bar in the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call 224-2721.

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Eighties day

Bowl for 80 cents a game and rent shoes for 80 cents every Sunday from 2 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-3683.

Family fun bowling

The Family Rent-A-Lane special is every Friday from 5 to 8:45 p.m. through Sept. 1. The cost is \$20 per lane and includes unlimited bowling and shoe rentals. The offer is available to groups up to eight people. Smaller groups and individual bowlers can still enjoy unlimited bowling for \$5.95 every Friday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. For more information, call 221-3683.

Golf Club, 221-4388

Ladies golf clinic

A ladies golf clinic for beginners will be held Friday, July 21 and 28 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$120. For more information and to register, call 355-5429.

Junior golf lessons

Junior golf lessons are scheduled every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Junior lessons are available for youth 7 to 16 years old of any level of experience. Cost is \$7. For more information and to register, call 355-5429.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The latest Neil Simon comedy, "London Suite," will play at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre Wednesday through Aug. 19. The play comprises four vignettes that take place in the same room of a London hotel. The production features humorous interactions between a cast of characters; little criminals; a long suffering bellboy; a mother and daughter; two characters from Neil Simon's previous play, "California Suite," a doctor; and an American couple attending Wimbledon. Performance tickets are \$23.95 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$26.95 Fridays and Saturdays. Military discounts available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

Open auditions

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre is holding open auditions July 24 and 25 for the production of "The Rainmaker," a comedy by N. Richard Nash. Auditions will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights. There are roles for six men and one woman. Other volunteers are needed as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday evenings Sept. 6 to 30. For more information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

MWR Ticket Office

The MWR Ticket Office has extended its hours of operation through August and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

NAF property and equipment sealed bid auction

Non-Appropriated Funds will accept sealed bids for used property and equipment located at the NAF and Morale, Welfare and Recreation warehouse. The property may be viewed and sealed bids submitted beginning Monday through Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The bids will be opened July 20 at 8 a.m. The purchaser is responsible for removing the property within three days after notification of being the highest bidder. In addition, sealed bids will be accepted for a 1990 Ford F-350 passenger van with known transmission and brake problems. For more information, call the Fort Sam Houston warehouse at 221-4449.

Child and Youth Services

Youth Services registration

Youth Services registration is Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Central Registration, Building 2797, Stanley Road. Central Registration takes walk-ins and appointments. To register, parents need to bring current shot records, name and telephone number of two local emergency contacts, physical exam or well baby check completed within the last 12 months with physician's signature affixed, child's Social Security number and proof of total family income such as a current leave and earnings statement or pay stub. There is an \$18 annual registration fee per child, maximum \$40 per family of three or more registering participants. For more information, call Roxanne Lacy at 221-4871 or Arlene Alvarez at 221-1723.

Summer camp registration

Summer Camp registration for middle and high school teens, grades six through 12 is ongoing at the Roadrunner Community Center, Central Registration, Building 2797. Registration is required for camps even if currently using the program. A one-week non-refundable deposit will be required. A current Child and Youth Services membership is required to participate. For membership registration, parents

must bring a current leave and earnings statement or pay stub and two local emergency designees. An \$18 registration fee is required for membership. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Football, flag football, cheerleading registration

Central Registration is currently accepting registration for football, flag football and cheerleading for youth ages 5 to 12 years old. Tackle football (ages 7 to 12) is \$60, flag football (ages 5 to 6) is \$45 and cheerleading (ages 5 to 12) is \$50. Participants must have a Child and Youth Services membership. To register for membership patrons will need to provide a leave and earnings statement or pay stub, two local emergency designees, pay an \$18 registration fee and a sport fee, provide current shot records for kindergarten to fifth grades and a sport physical within the last year, and child's Social Security number.

Coaches need for soccer, football, cheerleading

The Child and Youth Services Sports Program is recruiting volunteer coaches for soccer, football and cheerleading. All volunteer coaches are required to undergo a background check. For volunteer information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723. For more information, call 221-4882 or 221-3502.

Before and after school registration

Central Registration will be onsite at School Age Services, Building 1705, for before and after school program registration Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

with the last registration at 5:30 p.m. Participants must have a Child and Youth Services membership. To register for membership patrons will need to provide a leave and earnings statement or pay stub, two local emergency designees, \$18 registration fee, current shot records and a physical within the last year, and child's Social Security number.

Splash Pad availability

The Splash Pad, a sprinkler park located in the Dodd Field area, is reserved for School Age Services Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The Splash Pad is available for birthday parties for a \$25 dollar fee. Reservations have priority at the Splash Pad. For party reservations or more information, call Youth Services at 221-4882 or 221-3502.

Pre-kindergarten Jump Starter program

A Pre-K Jump Starter program will be held in the fall for patrons who would like a part-day enrichment program for preschool children 4 and 5 years old. To participate, patrons must be registered with Child and Youth Services. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Parent Advisory Council meeting

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, learn of upcoming events and attend parent education opportunities.

Events

'Ready To Learn' workshops

KLRN in partnership with local libraries will host the "Ready To Learn" workshops now through August throughout San Antonio. The workshops help prepare children for school. Sessions are free and open to parents and children up to 8 years old. Each session includes a free book and activity to take home. For more information and workshop locations, call Melissa Galvan at 270-9000, ext. 2256 or visit <http://www.klrn.org/Learning/ReadyToLearn/workshops.aspx>.

Squiggy to speak about MS

Actor David L. Lander, best known for playing Squiggy on TV's "Laverne & Shirley," will speak about Multiple Sclerosis Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Cowboy Dancehall, 3030 NE Loop 410 and Interstate Highway 35 in San Antonio. Lander will kick off the Valero MS 150 bike ride at the Cowboys Dancehall with a retro 50s-style party called "Leather, Grease and Bobby Socks" at 5:30 p.m. to help raise MS awareness. To pre-register, call 800-344-4867 and press 1. For more information, call Ashley Altieri at 202-955-6222, ext. 2567 or e-mail aaltieri@spectrumsience.com or Lauren Wilson 202-955-6222, ext. 2548 or e-mail lwilson@spectrumsience.com.

Free Academy Band concert

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band will host a free concert July 23 at 4:15 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle, San Antonio. Music of Academy Award winner John Williams, composer of "Star Wars," "Jaws," "E.T." and "Indiana Jones," will be presented. Tickets are available at National Furniture stores or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope requesting the number of tickets to Air Force Academy Band Concert, P.O. Box 781812, San Antonio, TX 78230.

Auditions for 'The Rainmaker'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold auditions July 24 and 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for "The Rainmaker," a comedy by N. Richard Nash. Bruce E. Shirky will be directing. There are roles for six men and one woman; however, volunteers are needed as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday evenings from Sept. 6 to 30. For more information or directions to the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, call 222-9694.

Labor management conference

The Texas Labor Management Conference will be held July 25 to 27 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel, 123 Losoya St.; the cost is \$225 per person. Keynote speakers will include Stephen M. Gower, president of The Gower Group, Inc.; Lt. Cmdr. Joseph J. Leonard, U.S. Coast Guard; Stephen R. Sleight, director, Strategic Resources; and Art Rosenfeld, director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. For more information and registration, visit www.txlmc.com or www.sanantonio.feb.gov; fax registrations to 616-8155.

'Americans with Disabilities' celebration

The annual celebration of "Americans with Disabilities" will be held July 28 at 10 a.m. in La Villita Assembly Building, 401 Villita St. Mikail Davenport will be the featured speaker of the event. The celebration is sponsored by San Antonio Independent Living Services and commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act by former President George Bush in 1990. There will also be an ADA picnic July 29 at 10 a.m. at the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind, 2305 Roosevelt Ave. For more information, call Marisa Ortiz-Renter at 281-1878 or e-mail mortiz@sailstx.org.

Force Health Protection Conference

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will sponsor the ninth annual Force Health Protection Conference Aug. 8 through 11 in Albuquerque, N.M. Workshops will be held Aug. 6 and 7. For more information and registration, visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/>.

Meetings

The 547th Engineering Battalion reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association reunion will be Aug. 10 through 13, in the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis. For more information, call Spencer Tunstall at 609-877-3783.

Training

NCOA job fair

The Non Commissioned Officers Association will host a national job fair July 26 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road. The event is free and open to the public. Dress appropriately (military uniform are OK) and bring plenty of resumes. There will be two free informative seminars with more than 60 companies in attendance. For more information, call Tony White at 653-6161, ext. 222 or visit www.militaryjob-world.com.

Green to Gold briefings

Fort Sam Houston's Education Center will sponsor Green to Gold briefings for Soldiers interested in the ROTC program. Briefings are Aug. 23 and Sept. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. in the Army Learning Center, Building 2247, Stanley and New Braunfels roads. The ROTC cadre from a San Antonio local university and the 12th ROTC Brigade will be available to answer questions.

Health career scholarships available

The United Health and PacificCare Foundations' African American Scholars Program offers 30 \$2,000 scholarships to African American students pursuing careers in the health care industry. To qualify, applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or "B" average and reside or attend schools in California, Georgia, Maryland or Texas for the 2006-2007 school year. For more information about the African American Scholars program and to download an application, visit www.pacificare.com/aahs. The deadline for applications is July 31.

Volunteer

School supply drive

Randolph-Brooks, Clear Channel Radio and the Communities in Schools is hosting a school supply drive now through July 28 at all Randolph-Brooks locations. Radio remotes will be held July 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Summit Branch, 6475 Baywater Drive, and July 28 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Creswell Center, One Randolph-Brooks Parkway.

Endodontics patients needed

The Department of Endodontics at Lackland Air Force Base is seeks patients in need of root canal therapy. Applicants must be a military retiree, family members of active duty or retiree and have recently been diagnosed by a dentist with an endodontic condition requiring root canal therapy. Patients will be selected for treatment based on the needs of the endodontic training program. Eligible patients must obtain a written consult from their referring dentist and fax it to 292-6431 or bring it to the MacKown Dental Clinic during normal duty hours. For more information, call 292-7214.

Neighbors helping neighbors

The Arena District Neighborhood Association is currently accepting donations for the first annual back to school, back to basics collection drive. Children's hygiene and school products are needed. The last date to donate is July 28. For more information, call 534-2103 or visit www.geocities.com/arenadistrict or arenadistrict@yahoo.com.

Volunteers need for AAU track, field

Volunteers are needed for Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field events for area youth today, Friday and Saturday. All volunteers will receive complimentary breakfast and lunch. All events will be held at the Alamo Stadium. For more information, call Joe Barnes at 336-8100, Augustus Bray at 669-6471 or e-mail staausatx.rr.com.

USO seeks volunteers

The United Services Organization Council of San Antonio has volunteer positions available in the following areas: the airport reception center, the downtown community center, events and programs, and the business office. For more information, call Julie Nichols at 227-9373, ext.12 or e-mail jnichols@alamouso.org.

Children's Shelter seeks families

The Children's Shelter seeks new foster and adoptive parents to care for children in Texas. Children's ages range from newborn to 17 years old. The Children's Shelter is a nationally accredited agency that provides a safe haven and emergency care for children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. For more information, call Alejandra Chavez at 212-2500, ext. 6701 or e-mail achavez@chshel.org.

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort

Freebie, e-mail to news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 295-0512. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.



For Sale: Stationary bike, \$20; heavy duty rowing machine, \$40; weight bench with barbell with extra weights, \$80. Call Richard or Linda at 658-8589.

For Sale: Ford F150 extended cab bed liner, like new, \$95. Call Dean at 221-3549.

For Sale: American bulldog puppies, CKC, seven weeks old, first shots, males, parents on site, \$500. Call 823-6350.

For Sale: Four pairs new BDU's, medium size short, \$20 each; new boots size 9R, one pair, black, \$20. Call 648-5907.

For Sale: 1993 Plymouth Voyager SE, fair condition, runs, \$1,000; Farberware China Sydney roses with gold trim, 35-piece complete set, \$45; porcelain dolls, \$10 to \$15 each; baby clothes, \$.50 each; baby toys, \$1 to \$8 each. Call 478-0322.

For Sale: Twin size silver metal loft bed with mattress, full size computer desk and built in shelves under the bed, safety rails on both sides, \$100. Call 545-5634.

For Sale: GE 24.9 cubic foot, side-by-side refrigerator, white, new, \$800 obo. Call Jack or Cathy at 658-1643 and leave a message.

For Sale: G4 Kirby vacuum cleaner attachments, \$150 obo; sofa sleeper, \$175. Call 680-1079.

For Sale: Ethan Allen stereo/TV cabinet, 56 inches wide by 53 inches high by 21 inches long, \$200 obo; pale yellow armchair with footstool, \$100; sofa table with parquet top, \$100; brown velvet sofa with matching throw pillows, \$150 obo;

glass top coffee table with green wrought iron base, \$100. Call Lynn at 271-0541.

For Sale: Bar with two bar stools, \$200; two black video rockers, \$30; brown glider chair, \$40. Call 650-0337.

For Sale: Two concert tickets to Soul to Soul II with Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, July 23, 7:30 p.m., section 124, row 21, seats 9 and 10, \$209. Call 313-6804.

For Sale: Red Brigg & Straton lawn mower, 3.5 HP Classic Murray, 20-inch throttle-free design, runs great, \$65; nice cushy light beige rugs, 12 feet by 12 feet and 12 feet by 14 feet, and one rose rug, 12 feet by 14 feet, \$45 each; table saw by Sears, heavy duty, \$275. Call Turner at 657-0584.

For Sale: Four-piece Ashley family room furniture set, good condition, black

and tan striped sofa, love seat, coffee table and end table, \$500. Call Anetia at 531-4625 or 647-0980 or for pictures, e-mail alports26@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Couch and love seat, over stuffed, navy blue, excellent condition, \$300. Call Ilona at 385-9588.

Three Family Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday at 146 Bolerio, Universal City, across from H.E.B, household goods, clothing, computer items, electronics, 1989 Ford van and more.

Free To Good Home: Boxer mixed puppy, female, four months old, brown with white chest, walks well on leash, gets along with other dogs and cats, will include shots and other dog amenities. Call Eva at 385-0415.