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### ID Card Office open at BAMC

A new Garrison ID Card Office at Brooke Army Medical Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The office is located next to the TRICARE office in the basement. The office's priority is wounded warriors and their Families; however, card services are available to all eligible personnel.

### Check CAC expiration date

People should call the ID card section for an appointment two to three weeks prior to the expiration date on their Common Access Card. If the card is already expired, then cardholders will need to bring two types of identification, such as a driver's license and Social Security card. One of the two types must be a photo ID. The expired CAC cannot be used as identification. For appointments, call 221-0415 or 221-2278.

### AMEDD commissioning ceremony

The Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program will commission new second lieutenants into the U.S. Army Friday at 2 p.m. in the 32nd Medical Brigade Classroom. AECF provides eligible active duty Soldiers the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing, become a registered nurse and be commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Frank, detachment sergeant, AMEDD Student Detachment, at 221-3887, or Anna Prescott at 221-5582.

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Photo by Olivia Mendoza

## Calling all cars

Fort Sam Houston Police Officer Patrick Suggs calls dispatch for back up. Suggs is one of 49 patrolmen who protect and serve the Fort Sam Houston community. **See related story on Page 5.**



## Summer gazebo concert

A gazebo concert will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo located on Staff Post Road. The concert will be co-hosted by Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston; and Randall Robinson, director, Installation Management Command-West. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of music provided by the U.S. Army Medical Command Band. The public is invited to enter at the Walters gate off of Interstate Highway 35. A valid photo ID is required for everyone age 16 and older.

# New commander to oversee combat medic training

Story and photos by Elaine Wilson  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Lt. Col. Brian Kueter relinquished command of the 232nd Medical Battalion to Lt. Col. John Lamoureux July 12 during a ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field.

"To command the 232nd (Medical Battalion) is to lead the Army's largest training battalion," said 32nd Medical Brigade Commander Col. John Cook, "an organization whose size and complexity sometimes cause me to refer to it as the 800-pound gorilla."

The mission of the 232nd Med. Bn., which comprises seven companies, is the Soldierization and training of the Army Medical Department's "most precious asset — the combat medic," Cook said.

In his speech, Cook spoke highly of Kueter, who is retiring after 21 years of service, commenting that he is leaving behind a "legacy of dedication and professional warrior competence."

During his two-year tour, Kueter helped achieve the highest pass rate for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians in the history of the 68W program and trained record numbers of warrior medics during a time of limited resources, Cook said.

"He flawlessly executed countless weapons qualifications, advanced marksmanship training and field training exercises for thousands of Soldiers for two years without any safety accidents — not one," Cook said.

"You have much to be proud of," Cook told Kueter. "You leave a battalion and its people exponentially better than when you took command."

During his speech, Kueter attributed much of his success to the battalion's Soldiers. "They (Soldiers) all come here as vol-



Lt. Col. John Lamoureux accepts the 232nd Medical Battalion colors from 32nd Medical Brigade Commander Col. John Cook, signifying his acceptance of command July 12 at MacArthur Parade Field.

unteers, and in a short 16 weeks, are NREMT and fully trained to provide life-sustaining care to our most precious of gifts — the American Soldier," he said. "Their skills are world renowned."

Under Kueter's command, more than 11,000 combat medics graduated from the program at Fort Sam Houston, and were "so good at saving lives on the battlefield that over 90 percent of those who are injured come home alive to their loved ones," he said.

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# RAPIDGate eases post entry for authorized companies

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

Strapped to a leg of each Chenega security officer on duty, at any of the entry gates of Fort Sam Houston, is a scanner, meant to identify a vendor, supplier or contractor registered in the RAPIDGate program. The scanner is programmed to identify entrant by photo, fingerprint and barcode, allowing an easier and faster entrance onto the post.

On July 1, the new and more restrictive access procedure, known as RAPIDGate, took effect for vendors, suppliers and contractors requiring routine access to the installation.

The RAPIDGate program is expected to increase post security by identifying authorized workers quickly and accurately, allowing more time for security to focus on other incoming personnel.

Herber Aviles, Chenega security officer, said, "The scanners allow us to make it quicker for the vehicle to gain access to the post. The red laser scans and verifies the identity of the individual two times: a photo, a barcode and, if necessary, a fingerprint."

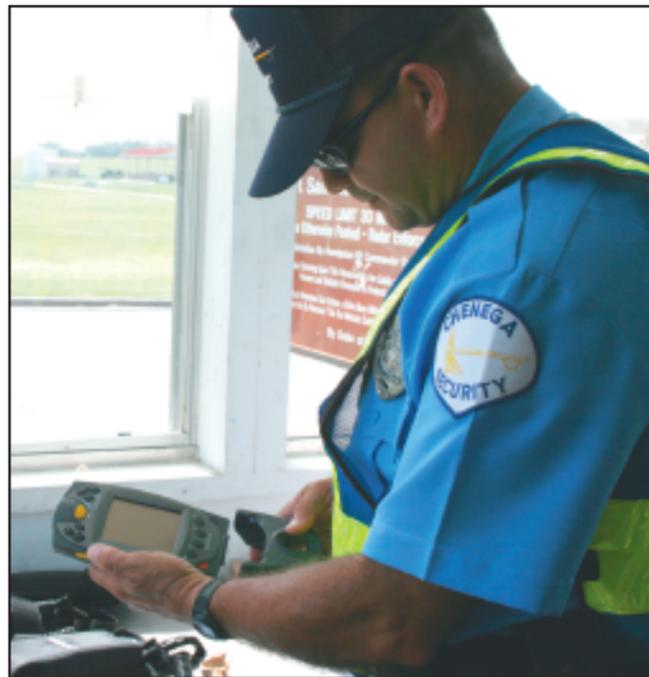
As of Monday, 14 of about 134 possible companies have enrolled in the new program. Companies were notified of the new, quicker method for Fort Sam access, but enrollment is off to a slow start.

Enrollment can be accomplished at the registration stations located in the In/Out Processing Center's Vehicle Registration Office, Building 367; Brooke Army Medical Center Hospital Security Office, Building 3600, Room L43-17; or the Camp Bullis Police Station, Building 5050. An initial fee of \$199 is required for the company enrollment with an annual fee of \$159 per employee who will require access to Fort Sam Houston.

RAPIDGate allows vendors, suppliers and contractors access to the post through all gates, without having to log in for a day pass. As enrollment grows and more company vehicles enter Fort Sam Houston, designated RAPIDGate lanes will be established, so as not to impede normal vehicular traffic entering through the gates.

Commercial vehicles without a RAPIDGate badge must enter through Jadwin, BAMC Interstate Highway 35 and Camp Bullis gates only, and undergo a security screening. As security is tightened, entry will become more restrictive and require more time for processing vehicles without badges.

For more information about access procedures on post, call Alberto Jorge at 221-0110. For more information about the RAPIDGate Program, call 1-877-RAPIDgate or visit <http://www.eidpassport.com>.



Chenega Security Officer Heber Aviles checks the power charge of a RAPIDGate scanner before taking his position at the Walters street entry gate on Fort Sam Houston.

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## Mandatory ethics training

Soldiers and civilian employees must attend one hour of face-to-face ethics training taught by an ethic attorney in 2007, as directed by the Secretary of the Army. The following classes will be taught in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841:

Aug. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
Sept. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m.  
Oct. 17 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
Nov. 15 from 9 to 10 a.m.  
Dec. 3 from 9 to 10 a.m.  
Dec. 14 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Soldiers and civilian employees whose official duties include a procurement function (this includes Government Purchase Card holders and approving officials) must also attend a second hour of acquisition ethics training. This second hour will be taught immediately following the first hour of ethics training in Blesse Auditorium on Dec. 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.

For more information, call Gerald R. Krimbill, Shelby Tanner or Capt. White at 221-2373 or 221-0485.

# Army to launch traumatic brain injury, PTSD education program

By John J. Kruzel  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Within 90 days, all Soldiers will receive information to help them identify symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and mild traumatic brain injury, and they will be urged to seek treatment if necessary, Army officials told reporters at the Pentagon Tuesday.

Mental health care professionals briefed Army Secretary Pete Geren on the new program at the Pentagon Wednesday. And by Oct. 18, the same educational supplement will have been presented to platoon-sized groups of active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers throughout the force.

“The mild traumatic brain injury and the post-traumatic stress disorders — they’re real,” said Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army staff. “They impact Soldiers and impact those Soldiers’ Families. And as a result of that, that impacts the readiness of our great Army.”

During his 37-year career, Campbell said he recalls only two other instances when the Army mandated such extensive “chain training” programs.

According to subject matter experts, mild traumatic brain injury is an affliction that’s become a signature injury of the war on terror, often resulting from Soldiers’ proximity to roadside bombs, mortars and other explosions. Symptoms are similar to those resulting from a concussion, from slower reaction times to emotional and

cognitive problems.

PTSD often occurs from a feeling of helplessness at the time of a severely traumatic event. It manifests itself in three clusters of symptoms: intrusive re-experiencing of the event, numbness or disassociation, and hypervigilance, or the feeling that one is constantly “on edge.”

Traumatic brain injury, which ranges from mild to moderate and severe cases, requires an “injury event,” while PTSD can occur from cumulative effects of combat or extended deployments.

During two 30-minute multimedia presentations that make up the program, Soldiers will learn to identify basic symptoms in themselves and other Soldiers. Afterwards, health professionals will answer troops’ questions. The Army also has produced a video to make Soldiers’ Family Members more sensitive to possible warning signs and treatment options.

Campbell said the program’s main objective is to reverse the tendency in military culture to attach a stigma to mental health care.

“I’m not naive. There is a huge culture issue here, and it is this: that those leaders or Soldiers who seek help could be perceived ... as being weak,” he said. “The whole thrust behind this program is that if you are, in fact, someone who needs help, that desire to get that help is not perceived as a weakness but rather as a strength, as

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Director of Army’s Proponency Office for Behavioral Health

a personal courage to do it.”

Anticipating greater demand on its medical system, the Army is actively recruiting health care practitioners, hoping to gain 270 professionals. Currently, some Soldiers wait up to one month before receiving treatment; the Army is seeking to reduce that amount of time.

“The sooner the intervention is made, the easier it is to treat,” said Dr. (Col.) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, director of Army’s Proponency Office for Behavioral Health. “We don’t want another Vietnam. We don’t want people with chronic symptoms who first present (them) 15, 20, 25 years later when it’s really hard to get rid of the symptoms.”

“We want to take care of them and help the person right away,” she added.

Soldiers and their Families will be able to learn more about the program at [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil). Also, the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be reached at 1-800-984-8523 or via e-mail at [wfsupport@conus.army.mil](mailto:wfsupport@conus.army.mil).

## Senate names Pete Geren 20th secretary of the Army

WASHINGTON — The Honorable Pete Geren became the 20th Secretary of the Army Friday, following his nomination by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

As Secretary of the Army, Geren has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the U.S. Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management.

Geren is responsible for the Department of the Army’s annual budget and supplemental of \$170 billion. He leads a work force of more than 1 million active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers, 230,000 Department of the Army civilian employees and 280,000 con-

tracted service personnel. He has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Caring for Soldiers and their Families has been Geren’s top priority since his days serving as the 28th under secretary of the Army. In an opening statement during his confirmation hearing last month, he reaffirmed that commitment.

“My year as under secretary of the Army taught me much — my four months as Acting secretary of the Army taught me much more,” he said. “I have been inspired by the selfless service of our Soldiers, and humbled by the sacrifice of their Families.”

Geren was the under secretary of the Army until Feb. 21, 2006. He was named acting secretary of the Army March 9.

Geren joined the Defense Department in

September 2001 to serve as special assistant to the secretary of defense with responsibilities in the areas of inter-agency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects. He also served as acting secretary of the Air Force from July to November 2005.

Before joining the Defense Department, Geren was an attorney and businessman in Fort Worth, Texas.

From 1989 until his retirement in 1997, Geren was a member of the U.S. Congress, representing the Twelfth Congressional District of Texas for four terms. He served on the Armed Services, Science and Technology and the Public Works and Transportation Committee during his tenure in the Congress.

(Source: Army News Service)



Courtesy photo  
The Honorable Pete Geren became the 20th secretary of the Army Friday.

## Purple Heart honors Soldier’s sacrifice

By Jen D. Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

There is one military decoration that’s hard to give to a Soldier, let alone for a Soldier to receive.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

This combat military decoration is the oldest military decoration in the world presently in use and the first American award made available to the common Soldier.

“Nobody goes to war wanting to come home with one (Purple Heart),” said Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, at a Purple Heart ceremony July 10 at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio.

“I have given at least a dozen and always hope it is the last one I ever give,” the general said.

“I’m honored to receive it, but this is the one

award I didn’t want,” said Sgt. 1st Class Randolph Stone, 42, a trauma specialist with the 111th Engineer Company, Fort Riley, Kan.

Still, he said, “I’m honored to receive the Purple Heart.”

Stone received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat March 15 while his unit was conducting a route clearance mission in Iraq.

“The vehicle I was riding in was blown up by a 200-pound roadside bomb,” said Stone, who suffered a detached spinal cord, fractured pelvis and paralysis.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Stone entered the U.S. Army Aug. 18, 1983, to make the Army a career as a combat medic. In the future, Stone plans to teach middle school students or to become an Army instructor.

During the ceremony, Stone thanked Family and friends for their support, especially the medical staff.

“I appreciate all the staff and everything they’ve done to help me get better,” he said.

Stone currently resides in San Antonio with his wife, Sandy, and their two sons, Immanuel and Jeremiah.



Photo by Norma Guerra

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, pins a Purple Heart medal on Sgt. 1st Class Randolph Stone July 10 at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio.

# Hunter's Strike tests Soldiers' response to wartime scenarios

Story and photos by Spc. Tim Luukkonen  
314th Military Intelligence Battalion Public Affairs

Train as we fight is a motto commonly heard throughout the Army; it is a mantra Soldiers live by so they are better prepared for combat.

To that end, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 314th Military Intelligence Battalion, is setting up a series of field training exercises that will culminate Sept. 14 and 15 on Hunter's Revenge at Camp Bullis. The first phase of the exercise took place June 30 when Soldiers practiced convoy operations and reacting to improvised explosive devices during Hunter's Strike, staged at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"The purpose of Hunter's Strike was to provide HHC Soldiers real life and challenging training to prepare them for the world and the tactical environment as we fight the global war on terror," said Capt. Christopher Welch. Hunter's strike was focused on assessing where our

Soldiers were tactically and gave us a training plan that we will use to ramp up for over night tactical exercise."

During Hunter's Strike, Soldiers from HHC were assigned one of three iterations throughout the day. Once they showed up at their allotted time and were briefed on the situation, they were given two missions. The first was to pick up casualties injured in a hostile urban environment. The Soldiers planned out their strategy for the casualty extraction and set off in a convoy.

Upon completion of that mission, the Soldiers were then told to mount up again and head out on another convoy. Only this time they were sent out just as a patrol. The Soldiers had to respond to armed civilians and determine who was hostile and who was not, as well as react to an IED.

"It was a great training opportunity for a lot of people who'd never done anything like this before. It was the first time a lot of the junior NCOs were put in charge during a tactical scenario," said Staff Sgt. James Marcil. "We've officially started to crawl with this exercise. Hunter's strike was based on convoy operations and getting us where we need to be.

"It also gave squad leaders a chance to evaluate the shortcomings of members in their squad," he added.

This new type of training differs from conventional combat tactics. No longer are Soldiers forming lines in the field and attacking enemies clearly distinguishable from civilians. Instead, they are forced into an urban environment and must make on-the-spot decisions about who poses a threat.

With Hunter's Strike complete, the platoon sergeants and squad leaders now have an idea of how well their Soldiers are equipped to deal with this new type of combat. The next step is to bring the task to a lower level and have squad leaders train their Soldiers.

"Phase two is our sergeants' time training. Or our home training that we can do as a squad and team. Phase three is the execution of it all," Welch said. "We say



Pfc. Justin Basagic aims his rifle outside of his Humvee while wearing a gas mask. As the driver, Basagic had to keep an eye out for the enemy as smoke obscured his line of sight.



Prior to departure, Sgt. Zdravko Simikic (left) briefs Sgt. Leonard Hathaway about the route they will take to extract wounded Soldiers. The Soldiers used maps and blocks to set up an accurate representation of the area they will be in.



Spc. Peter Lenart runs from his Humvee and engages the enemy. He provided cover fire for his platoon while other Soldiers loaded up the vehicles with wounded comrades.

crawl, walk, run in regards to the level of training a Soldier gets. On Hunter's Revenge, we are looking for something between a walk and run.

"One thing I am looking forward to is setting up a patrol base in an urban environment and maintaining it overnight while cadre act as opposing forces. It might be a long night for the Soldiers. We need to challenge how Soldiers respond to force and take them out of text book scenarios," he said.

## New commander

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Kueter concluded by thanking his wife, retired Lt. Col. Shaun Kueter, and son, Hunter Joe, and said he was excited about taking his family to the "promised land," his hometown of Pocahontas, Ark.

"After 21 years of service to company and battalion command, we simply can't thank this family enough," Cook said.

Cook said he was confident Lamoureux, the former executive officer to the Army surgeon general, would continue the legacy of excellence Kueter leaves behind.

"Today we welcome another great leader," Cook said. "His reputation is impressive.

"His strategic and tactical experience and demonstrated leadership qualities posture him for phenomenal success."

Cook welcomed Lamoureux's wife, Laura, and sons Christopher, Steven and Daniel.

"This incredible family will set the standard in turning America's best into America's best combat medics," he said.

Lamoureux said he felt "privileged to influence the training of America's finest into what I consider the



Col. John Cook, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, awards a meritorious service medal to former 232nd Medical Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Brian Kueter. Kueter, who is retiring after 21 years of service, plans to move his family to his hometown of Pocahontas, Ark.

AMEDD's greatest asset — the combat medic.

"I had the honor of witnessing medics in action on the battlefield and the miracles they perform on a daily basis. I truly feel privileged to influence their training," he said.

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### Regular Board Meeting

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet for a regular meeting July 31 at 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

### Camp Bullis User's Conference

Camp Bullis will host a User's Conference Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting at the Camp Bullis Theater, Building 5900. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Senior staff and NCOs are highly encouraged to attend if they have arrived in the past year and conduct training at Camp Bullis. There will be a slide overview in the morning and a forum and tour in the afternoon. For reservations, call 295-7686 or e-mail [patricia.jennings@us.army.mil](mailto:patricia.jennings@us.army.mil), or call 295-7592 or e-mail [ronald.lane@us.army.mil](mailto:ronald.lane@us.army.mil), or e-mail [mabel.rodriguez@us.army.mil](mailto:mabel.rodriguez@us.army.mil).

### Back to school immunizations

It's not too early to start thinking about back to school immunizations. Brooke Army Medical Center will offer immunizations to beneficiaries ages 6 to 23 every Wednesday in August and September from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BAMC Allergy Clinic, third floor Medical Mall. No appointments or consults are required. Shot records are recommended. Children age 5 and younger should see their primary provider first. For more information, call 916-3011.

# Fort Sam Police: Always on duty to protect, serve

By Olivia Mendoza and Elaine Wilson  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

From speeding tickets to violent crime investigations, the Fort Sam Houston Police Department is always on duty to protect and serve the post community.

The department has about 114 staff members who are dispersed throughout six sections. The majority of the police officers are Department of the Army civilians; almost all are former military with extensive law enforcement experience. A few military police are still assigned.

"We have stringent qualification requirements," said Ray Acuna, chief of police. "All of our officers must be able to complete the physical training test, meet medical and reliability requirements, and must qualify annually on their weapons."

The police department's jurisdiction starts and ends on post. Once off post, the San Antonio Police Department takes over.

Each section of the department has distinct duties, but all are designed for the same purpose – the preservation of law and order and post security.

## Police Administration

This section of the police department, headed up by Linda Furlow, is responsible for processing police reports and inputting information into the Computer Operated Police Suite, which is the Army's police reporting system. If someone receives a parking ticket, for instance, the report

would be entered into COPS and points would be given to the driver. The system tracks the points, and after 14 points, driving privileges may be revoked. This section also checks databases for outstanding warrants and tracks statistics, such as crimes against people and property.

## Desk Operations

Desk Operations, led by Capt. Stephen Kampman, is a 24/7 operation which comprises a dispatcher, desk and alarm officers. This area processes detainees, however, detainees are only held for 72 hours in an on-post detention facility, which requires quick turnaround.

This section also processes all calls, dispatches police to the scene, handles complaints, monitors alarms in protected areas and checks databases for outstanding warrants.

## Patrols

Led by Capt. Larry Davis, Patrols is the support function for the department. Patrol officers provide community policing, traffic enforcement, medical emergency response and animal control. On post, police officers ticket for moving and non-moving violations. Moving violations, such as speeding, are sent to the U.S. Magistrate downtown and have a monetary consequence. Non-moving violations, such as illegal parking, result in points for the driver. Additionally, the officers escort money handlers and provide support for special events, such as Fort

Sam Fiesta and Christmas Along the Corridor. Patrols is the largest of the sections, with 49 patrolmen on staff.

## Plans, training and operations

Capt. Suzanne McGlothin leads the plans, training and operations section. This "small but important section" monitors training, to include obtaining the latest in police training from academies throughout the nation, Acuna said. This section also leads a Special Reaction Team, similar to a SWAT team, which is dispatched to incidents such as a hostage situation, explosion or riot. The officers also operate the Incident Command System, which is comparable to an on-scene command post. They gather on-scene information and relay it to the Installation Operations Center, where the installation leaders gather to determine courses of action.

## Detectives

Whenever a crime happens on Fort Sam Houston, the officers in this section, led by Capt. Pete Vasquez, are the ones to respond. They handle criminal investiga-

tions, which involves piecing together the evidence to reveal the truth. They also spend a lot of time on the road, traveling throughout 62 counties in Texas to track down Soldiers who are absent without leave or who have deserted the Army. The detectives also help keep Fort Sam Houston's youth under control as they head up the Juvenile Review Board, which decides on courses of action for juveniles who have committed a crime such as shoplifting or vandalizing property.

## Traffic Investigations

The officers in this section, led by Capt. Lewis Lem, are the ones to call whenever there's a traffic accident on Fort Sam Houston. There are two officers certified as reconstruction specialists, which means they examine the scene, not unlike the popular "CSI" shows, and try to recreate the cause of the accident. The bulk of their time is spent on traffic enforcement; ensuring on-post drivers obey the rules of the road, such as the hands-free cell phone policy for vehicle operators.



## Fort Sam Houston Police Department helpful numbers:

Emergency 911  
Police Desk Operations (recorded line) 221-2222  
Camp Bullis Police Station 295-7557  
Anonymous Crime Reporting 221-CLUE (2583)

# DMRTI opens state-of-the-art training center

Story and photo by Navy Lt. Brian Haack  
 Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute  
 Public Affairs Officer

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute has a new innovation in tactical combat casualty care training — a brand new, state-of-the-art Tactical Simulation Center.

Two years ago, Capt. Troy Vaughn, officer in charge, DMRTI's Combat Casualty Care Course, had an idea to convert an old run-down warehouse into a state-of-the-art medical training and simulation center. That dream is now a reality.

"I just had an idea for an under-utilized warehouse — the guys (C4's NCOs) made this happen. They did all the grunt work that made this a reality," he said.

Vaughn's staff coordinated with the Navy's Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 22, and morphed the old warehouse into a simulation center. TAC SIM turned out so well that when 232nd Medical Brigade instructors needed a training site to hold their annual "Best Medic" competition, they looked no further than TAC SIM.

Rather than made-up symptoms, TAC SIM challenges students with computerized human simulators. Simulated patients contain a computer program that accurately reproduces measurable physiologic responses to injury and subsequent treatment. They have a pulse; they breathe, bleed and even cry out in pain. Their pupils react to light.

A wide variety of trauma scenarios can be run on the simulators, according to C4's training platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo Flores-Artola, who explains

the value of training with high quality, computer-driven simulators.

"We no longer have to consider the errors inherent to human nature. If an instructor is tired at the end of the day, he can't speed things up, or make it easy on the student just to finish his work day. He has to run the whole simulation in real time, because the patient simulator is not programmed to cheat. The last student of the day gets the same quality of training that the first student got," he said.

If a simulated patient indicates the need for a certain treatment, the student has to perform the needed procedure or the patient could die.

DMRTI's dean of academic support, Nurse Corps Navy Cdr. Jose Gonzalez, said the realism the simulators offer students and faculty is one of the most important improvements to medical training this century.

"They make training more realistic and practical than former methods," Gonzalez said. "If the student thinks a patient needs a certain kind of treatment — a catheter, for instance — they actually have to insert one.

"Then we can evaluate the student's ability on other skills that are related to how using a catheter might change what you know about that patient's condition and what will be done about it," he said.

The TAC SIM also addresses the challenges of pre-hospital care with a brand new urban warfare environment that adds measured stressors including noise, smoke, darkness, foul smells and enemy fire.

"It's all about applying treatments quickly to prolong life until you can evacuate that patient to a surgical level of care," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Struckmeyer, who supervises the tactical

urban warfare environment. "What we do here is add real world tactical problems to the medical challenges. It's noisy and dark; there is smoke everywhere and the place stinks. Just when you think you're on track, someone points a rifle through a doorway and starts shooting at you. Even if you get all the medicine right, you and your patient will die together if you forget the tactical part."

The TAC SIM includes a self-supporting maintenance lab that allows the C4 staff to protect and maintain their equipment. They also can modify training scenarios as needed to make training more indicative of current doctrine; or if needed, they can even write new scenarios that reflect late-breaking emerging doctrine. In other words, they are now able to write and validate training objectives quickly enough to reflect what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Since our mission specifies that we are to focus on emerging doctrine, we are free to include things in our training before it becomes textbook material," said DMRTI Commanding Officer Col. Courtney Scott. "For instance, if a military doctor in Iraq wants to write to tell us about an insurgency terrorism method that is causing a



Students treat simulated trauma patients as part of their training at the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute's new Tactical Simulation Center. Simulated patients are programmed to respond as a living patient would to injuries and medical interventions in trauma room scenarios.

previously unseen brand of injuries, he can tell us what clinical manifestations those injuries have, and what kind of treatments they are applying in the field that seem to be producing successful recovery.

"We can then use that information to write a scenario reflecting this kind of injury, and be teaching it to our students in a matter of weeks."

# Welcome home ceremony honors returning unit

Story and photos by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Army Reserve Soldiers, their Families and employers of the 345th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment who served in Operation Enduring Freedom were honored in a ceremony with a Soldier recognition program enacted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

“Good day to be a Soldier!” said Brig. Gen. Phillip Hanrahan, deputy commanding general, 90th Regional Readiness Command, as he greeted the Soldiers of

the 345th MPAD at the Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony Sunday at the Roadrunner Community Center. “Maj. Gen. James Scholar, commanding general of the 90th RRC, asked me to give you his personal thanks for a job well done and to say how proud he was of the job you did, not only for the command, but for America and America’s Army.”

“To all the Families and friends, as we publicly recognize your wives, husbands, brothers, sisters for what they did on stage, I am thanking you for support of your loved ones. Like the Soldiers, you



Army Reserve Soldiers with the 345th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment receive a standing ovation at the Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony Sunday at the Roadrunner Community Center. The 345th MPAD deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 and planned, facilitated and covered hundreds of media events highlighting the contributions of Soldiers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.



Brig. Gen. Phillip Hanrahan, deputy commander, 90th Regional Readiness Command, presents Lt. Col. Ramon Becerra, former deployed commander, 345th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, an encased American flag during the Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen ceremony Sunday at the Roadrunner Community Center. Waiting to present the warrior-citizen flag and a specially designed commemorative coin and lapel pin set is Command Sgt. Maj. Guy Taylor, 90th Regional Readiness Command, and Lt. Col. Heber Olguin, executive officer, 208th Regional Support Group.

have sacrificed and you have put up with hardships,” said Hanrahan.

The Soldiers of the 345th MPAD planned, facilitated and covered hundreds of media events. They embedded Afghan, international and U.S. media with U.S. forces to highlight the contributions of more than 40,000 Soldiers from many different commands and countries dispersed throughout the area of operations.

The 20-person unit left for Afghanistan March 2006 and returned March 2007. The unit was then split into four teams to provide media coverage throughout Afghanistan.

“The Soldiers of the 345th MPAD encountered countless challenges but emerged with vivid and telling video footage and compelling stories of the heroics of our troops in combat as well as the civil military humanitarian effort that has aided thousands of Afghanistan citizens,” said Lt. Col. Ramon Becerra, commander, 345th MPAD. “I am humbled and privileged to have served side by side with these warriors.”

The Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen program provides appropriate, timely and enduring mementos to Soldiers and their Families acknowledging their contribution in the Global War on Terrorism.



Spc. Brenda Velazquez, 345th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, shows off her welcome home warrior-citizen flag to her daughter, 3-month-old Birdie, and Birdie’s dad, Sgt. Robert Hawk. Velazquez and Hawk, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, met while serving in Afghanistan.

## Eye-catching bout



Courtesy photos

In a May 12 combatives tournament, middleweight contenders Pfc. Kenny Torres, B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, tries to apply a choke to Pfc. Michael Moore, A Co., 264th Med. Bn., as Moore attempts to push up. The fight went for about five minutes with Moore being the victor. The 264th Med. Bn. combatives training is used to instill discipline and and strengthen Soldiers mentally and physically. The training includes ground fighting and self-defense. Tournaments are held about three times a year. The next combatives tournament will be held Aug. 18 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The tournament is free and open to the public. For more information, call 221-1234.



During a lightweight first round bout, Pfc. Hector Rosales (top), B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, applies a cross collar choke to Spc. Gladys Turner, C Co. 264th Med. Bn.

Combatives referee Staff Sgt. Jeff Deickman, 264th Medical Battalion, stops the bout as Pfc. Zachery Wagner, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, submits Pfc. Jason Roth, also from Sheppard, until Roth "taps out" during a June 9 tournament at the Air Force installation.



## Ride 'em donkey

Jared Kirby, son of Staff Sgt. John Kirby and wife, Rebekah, enjoys a ride on Nicodemus who is, according to owner Jerry Cosgray, the third most famous donkey next to Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh and Donkey from the movie "Shrek." Cosgray said he likes to put smiles on people's faces, and he brought Nicodemus, a miniature donkey, to the Warrior and Family Support center earlier in the month to spend the morning with Families. Nicodemus was a hit with the children.

Photo by Phil Reidinger

# 591st MEDLOG trains for upcoming deployment

Story and photos by Shondra F. Thomas  
Commander, 591st Medical Logistics Company

Soldiers of the 591st Medical Logistics Company, led by Capt. Shondra Thomas and 1st Sgt. Michael Brooks, attended the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., in June in preparation for a November deployment to Iraq.

The Joint Readiness Training Center is focused on improving unit readiness by providing highly realistic, stressful, joint and combined arms training across the full spectrum of conflict. The training is mandatory for service members prior to deploying to Afghanistan or Iraq.

The company's mission was to provide area and direct medical logistics support to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.; and deploy multifunctional medical supply and medical maintenance forward distribution teams to Level III facilities and outlying forward operating bases. This included repair, calibration and inspection of medical equipment. Forward distribution teams ensure material is received and requisitions are closed out. All material is prepared for customer pickup or onward movement by ground or rotary wing.

Additional missions included mass casualty operations and a 36-hour convoy lane exercise.

For the company's efforts, the 591st MEDLOG

received a company certificate of achievement along with the following awards: four Army Achievement Medals, seven Certificate of Achievements, and 14 exceptional service/performance coins.

The nomination letter summed up the company's excellence. "The 591st MLC set new standards in all facets of combat health support while training under demanding conditions replicating the Iraqi Theater of Operations. The 591st MLC's outstanding leadership, teamwork, motivation, and tactical agility contributed immeasurably to overall mission success and the assurance that Soldiers deploying in support of the Global War on Terrorism are well prepared for combat."

The company will continue training in preparation for their fall deployment to Iraq.

While geographically located at Fort Sam Houston, the 591st MEDLOG Co. is assigned to the 36th Evacuation Battalion, 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.



(Above) During a mass casualty exercise, Pfc. Cassandra Smith, Spc. Richelle Nanquil and Staff Sgt. Jorge Perez execute aid and litter procedures on a patient with head trauma to prepare him for medical evacuation to the 339th Combat Support Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.



(Left) Spc. Juan Cordova, Pfc. Diamond Bratten and Spc. Andre Baskerville load supplies for delivery to the 101st Airborne Treatment Medical Center and 339th Combat Support Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

# Dream job may be entry away

By Minnie Jones  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Guy Mennen "Sweet Smell of Success" tour rolled into Fort Sam Houston July 12 to give participants a chance to be selected for a weeklong dream job.

The mobile Dream Job Employment Center, set up in front of the Post

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Exchange, featured four interactive dream job-training stations that allowed individuals a chance to win one of six one-week-long

dream jobs. Participants could apply for one of the following dream jobs: exotic car test driver with CarDomain.com, photographer's assistant with Maxim Magazine, World Wrestling Entertainment honorary timekeeper, music press agent with Sony Music, a stand-up comedian with College Humor or a game spotter with GameSpot.com.

Each dream job will last one work week and will occur within the timeframe of Oct. 2 through Nov. 15.



Photo by Kelly Jones

Tommy Taormina, assistant tour manager (center), congratulates Staff Sgt. Eric Wickstrom (right), for completing the World Wrestling Entertainment interactive announcer game. Wickstrom provided play-by-play announcing for a five-minute segment of a WWE match. Upon completion of the segment, Wickstrom was given a DVD copy with his voice-over.

"I'm thrilled to see this type of event being provided here at Fort Sam Houston," said Staff Sgt. Eric Wickstrom. "It's a great opportunity for Soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. It feels really good to see companies and the communities come out and make this possible for Soldiers and their Families."

The Fort Sam Houston Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Better Opportunities for Single

Soldiers; and Army and Air Force Exchange Service sponsored the event, with MWR giving away seven \$100 AAFES gift cards.

Individuals still wishing to participate in the contest have until Friday to start their application. Completed contest entries must be submitted by July 31. For more information on the Guy Mennen "Sweet Smell of Success" tour, visit [www.guymennen.com](http://www.guymennen.com).

## 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.

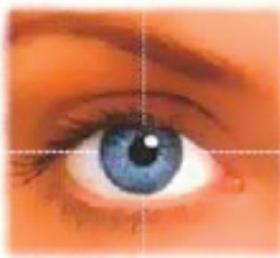


## Health alert

### Protect eyes during sports, other high-risk activities

By Carlla Jones

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine



**ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.** — More than 100,000 eye injuries each year in the United States are estimated to be sports-related. Many of these injuries — more than 35,000 in 2002 alone —

result in visits to hospital emergency rooms. Although most of these injuries do not cause long-term disability or vision loss, a significant number of preventable injuries can lead to the loss of an eye or to severe visual impairment.

Eye injuries in sports happen as a result of direct contact with other competitors and from sports equipment such as bats, balls, pucks, rackets, darts and guns, even air guns. The sports with highest risk for sports-related eye injury for players not using protective equipment are basketball, racquetball, lacrosse, baseball and paintball. Sports that present a medium risk for sports-related eye injuries without the use of protective measures include tennis, football, golf and soccer.

The good news is that almost all eye injuries can be prevented by understanding safety practices and using the proper protective eyewear. Most protective eyewear for sports has protective requirements specified by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, sunglasses and even industrial safety glasses do not provide adequate protection from sports eye injuries. Industrial safety glasses or goggles meeting American National Standards Institute Z87.1 are the best choice for most home shop, auto repair and yard maintenance tasks.

Protective eyewear is only effective if it is used. Use should become a habit during sports and other high-risk activities, like working on the lawn, in the garage, and with household chemicals and tools. Wearing protective eyewear will not only decrease the risk of eye injury, but also provide a good role model for children and others.

When purchasing protective eyewear, make sure the eyewear is specifically designed for that sport or other activity. Check the label on the product to verify that the product has been tested, approved and certified.

If an eye injury occurs, an eye-care professional should be consulted right away. Keep the injured person still and calm to avoid worsening the injury. For chemical injuries, rinse the eye with water for about 15 minutes before transporting the person to medical care. Wash hands thoroughly before touching an irritated or injured eye. Never rub an eye that has a speck or other foreign material in it.

Eye injuries are the leading cause of visual impairment after eye disease. Prevent Blindness America estimates 90 percent of all eye injuries are preventable. Wearing protective eyewear can prevent most eye injuries from occurring. So make vision a health and safety a priority. Protect yourself and the ones you love from eye injury. Wear protective eyewear.

For more information about vision conservation, visit the Tri-service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program Web site at <http://dodvision.com/> or Prevent Blindness America at <http://www.prevent-blindness.org/>.

## Brooke Army Medical Center

### July Wellness Class Schedule

Class	Dates	Time	Place
Asthma Management	Tuesday and 31	2 to 3:30 p.m.	BAMC, Health Promotion Center lower level, Room L31-9V To schedule classes, call 916-9900 and choose option No. 4.
Body Fat Testing	Friday	8 to 10 a.m.	For class information, call Nutrition Care at 916-7261.
Diabetes Management	Today, Friday 26 and 27	Call for more information	To participate, call Lila Kinser at 916-0794.
Weigh for Health - Weight Management	26	1 to 2 p.m.	For class information, call Nutrition Care at 916-7261.
Yoga	Wednesdays	Noon to 1 p.m.	BAMC, fifth floor, Room 531-14
Tobacco Cessation Orientation	31	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	BAMC, fourth floor, Room 413-11 To schedule classes, call 916-9900 and choose option No. 4.

### August Wellness Class Schedule

Asthma Management	10, 17, 24 and 31	2 to 3:30 p.m.	BAMC, Health Promotion Center lower level, Room L31-9V To schedule classes, call 916-9900 and choose option No. 4.
Blood Pressure Management	15	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	BAMC, Health Promotion Center lower level, Room L31-9V To schedule classes, call 916-9900 and choose option No. 4.
Body Fat Testing	16	8 to 10 a.m.	For class information, call Nutrition Care at 916-7261.
Breast and GYN Cancer Support Group	8	9:30 a.m.	For location, call 916-3352.
Diabetes Management	6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21	Call for more information	To participate, call Lila Kinser at 916-0794.
Diabetes Management - Pre-Diabetes	11	Call for more information	To participate, call Lila Kinser at 916-0794.
Diabetic Foot Care	13	1 p.m.	Call, Family Medicine Service at 916-7932 to schedule an appointment.
Weigh for Health - Weight Management	9 and 23	1 to 2 p.m.	For class information, call Nutrition Care at 916-7261
Weigh for Health - Weigh to Stay - Active Duty Military	1 and 8	2 to 3:30 p.m.	For class information, call Nutrition Care at 916-7261
Yoga	Wednesdays	Noon to 1 p.m.	BAMC, fifth floor, Room 531-14
Tobacco Cessation Orientation	15 and 29	3:30 to 4:30	BAMC, fourth floor, Room 413-11 To schedule classes, call 916-9900 and choose option No. 4.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIQUIDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT?

#### IT CAN HAPPEN.

The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service offers this service. For more information, call 221-1612.



## Sports Briefs . . .

**New fitness classes**

A muscle conditioning class, which includes total body strength training, is offered Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

A total body conditioning class, comprising 50 minutes of cycling and 30 minutes of core conditioning, is held Saturdays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call the fitness center at 221-2020.

**Bench Press Contest**

A Bench Press Contest for women and men will be held July 28 at 10:45 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center; weigh in is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$35, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call the fitness center at 221-2020.

**Intramural teams**

Letters of intent for intramural flag football and intramural fall softball are due Aug. 1. A coaches' meeting will be held Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Leagues begin Aug. 20. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

**Varsity flag football**

Coaches and players are needed for the varsity flag football team. Tryouts for players are July 30 through Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Those interested in coaching should send resumes by July 27 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234. For more information, call 221-1180 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

**Varsity basketball**

Coaches and players are needed for the women's and men's varsity basketball teams. Tryouts for players are Aug. 27 through 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Those interested in coaching should submit resumes by Aug. 23 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234. For more information, call 221-1180 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

**Youth soccer registration**

Youth can register for the Alamo Heights/Fort Sam Houston Youth Soccer team through Aug. 31. People can register online at [www.ahfsh.org](http://www.ahfsh.org) or stop by the Youth Center for walk-in registration Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ahfsh.org](http://www.ahfsh.org) or call 828-7071.

# Hooked on fishing

## Sunny days vs. overcast days

By Maj. Cody Roberson  
Special to the News Leader

Most beginner anglers tend to justify the sport of fishing as the perfect way to enjoy the outdoors, and most novice fishermen believe beautiful sunny skies make for perfect fishing weather.

But truth be known, an experienced angler will say the more clouds the better. Does experience ring true at the fishing hole? A serious angler will boast that bass are more active feeders on overcast days than sunny days, but the age old question is why?

A crash course in bass biology is in order. The eye of a bass is slightly different than a human eye, considering it absorbs 100 times more light than a human eye. This enables the fish to see food in dim light conditions. With a larger retina more sunlight is allowed to penetrate the eye which irritates the fish. To avoid the irritation a bass will seek shade, cover, concealment, mudlines or murky water in order to protect its eyes from the sun's penetration and allow for better ambush points for feeding.

It would be safe to assume, sunny or overcast, a true fisherman will be on the water, but the one



who takes home the biggest catch will be the one who focuses on the fish and its weather-induced behavior. Sunny days cause the fish to be less inclined to leave cover and search for food, or less active. An overcast day allows the fish to be a more active feeder as less sunlight penetrates the water. This tip provides a more focused approach to casting locations and understanding of where the fish is more likely to be located on any given day.

For more information about local fishing areas, visit [www.ArmyBassAnglers.com](http://www.ArmyBassAnglers.com) or e-mail Maj. Cody Roberson at [Cody.roberson@us.army.mil](mailto:Cody.roberson@us.army.mil).

*(Editor's Note: Roberson is an avid angler who fishes on the pro-amateur circuit.)*

## Blood is fluid of life

The Brooke Army Medical Center Blood Bank is running critically low on AB negative blood.

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

To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



Staff Sgt. Antoinette Boukouch sings "Killing Me Softly" with help from back-up singers, Ivella Dennis and Theresa Sherman. Boukouch was one of the many Soldiers and civilians who performed in the "BOSS Presents at the Copa" show at the Hacienda Recreation Center.



Photos by Spc. Jonathan Georges



(Above) Decked out in a flashy white tuxedo, Pvt. Marvin Zaph, F Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, belts out "Stand by Me."

(Left) Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker, B Company, Brooke Army Medical Center, introduces pianist Pvt. Christopher Rossi, B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, who tickled the ivories with "Ode To Joy."



(Above) Ben Paniagua, producer and director of "BOSS Presents at the Copa," presents Tom and Dixie Wertz a plaque in appreciation for their support of the show.

(Left) The cast of "BOSS Presents at the Copa" included Soldiers, civilians and a few special guests.

# 'At the Copa'

## BOSS brings New York City night life to Fort Sam

By Ben Paniagua  
Hacienda Recreation Center

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers organization recreated a New York City nightclub, circa 1940s, for the Fort Sam Houston community at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

Even with a rainstorm earlier in the evening, a capacity crowd of about 150 Soldiers, Family Members and civilians packed the auditorium to see "BOSS Presents at the Copa," a fast-paced musical set in the famous Copacabana nightclub.

In its heyday, the Copacabana nightclub was known for its top-notch performers, to include Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong and many others. The performers in the BOSS show paid tribute to these entertainers and the nightclub by performing in their honor.

A variety of Soldiers and civilians were "headliners" and performed a wide range of song and music selections ranging from classical to modern pop.

Master of Ceremonies Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker and Mistress of Ceremonies Ivella Dennis played the owners of the club, "Big Daddy" and "Big Mama," and kept the action on stage moving at a fast pace with comedy and humorous banter with the audience. The show was interactive, with the audience playing patrons of the nightclub.

"I love performing, and being in this show was an experience I will carry with me always," said Pvt. Marvin Zapf, of F Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, who was a vocalist in the show. "It was an awesome experience that I will not soon forget."

The Tracie Lynn Band from Austin, Texas, played back up for all the acts. The Oil and Gas Executive Late Night Players, led by Tom Wertz, also performed. "BOSS Presents at the Copa" is Fort Sam Houston's entry in the 2007 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts. The Fort Sam Houston BOSS program com-

petes against 17 other BOSS programs in the U.S. Army in this Army-wide festival competition. Winners of the festival competition will be announced in September. Four festival judges were in the audience to rate the show, the performances and presentation of the show and cast.

"It was an amazing performance with one of the best concepts for a show that I have ever seen," said Victor Hurtado, artistic director of the U.S. Army Soldier Show and one of the festival judges. "The talent was outstanding, well cast and presented beautifully on stage."

If the entry wins at the festival, the award money will be deposited in the BOSS fund to further improve the quality of life of single Soldiers living on the installation.

Along with BOSS, the show was sponsored by Eisenhower Bank, Balfour Military Rings, Providence, San Antonio Credit Union, Central Catholic, Century 21, TLC Laser Eye Centers, DeVry University and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

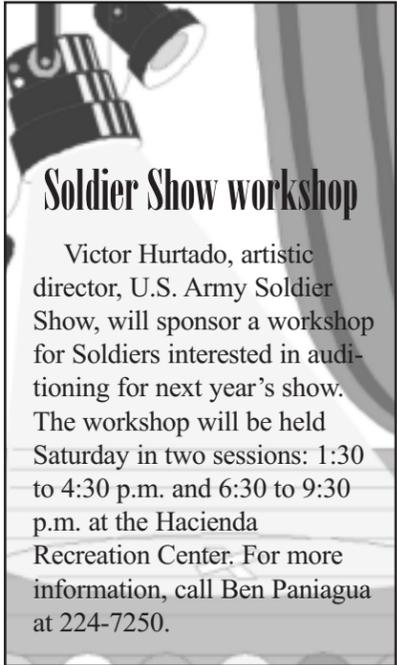
Ivella Dennis passionately sings "I Will Always Love You." Dennis was one of the many talented performers in the "BOSS Presents at the Copa" show, which included a variety of musical acts dedicated to the New York City nightclub. Copacabana was made famous in the 1940 and 1950s by its top-notch performers, to include Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and Louis Armstrong.



Stephanie Sigurdson and Tresa Kirton perform in the "Copacabana" showstopper, using maracas and lavish costumes.



Theresa Sherman puts heart and soul into her rendition of "Everything I Do."



## Soldier Show workshop

Victor Hurtado, artistic director, U.S. Army Soldier Show, will sponsor a workshop for Soldiers interested in auditioning for next year's show. The workshop will be held Saturday in two sessions: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. For more information, call Ben Paniagua at 224-7250.

## Career Clips

**Pandemic Influenza G5 Planning Support, San Antonio** – Supports and assists in development of the Regional Joint Task Force Pandemic Influenza Contingency Plan for Region D, FEMA Regions VI and VII.

**Vocational Instructor, Henderson, Texas** – Performs professional instructional services of vocational and/or occupational subjects, such as business, data processing, secretarial science and trades, which are designed to help inmates/students learn specified subject matter and acquire vocational skills.

*The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Building 2263, Room B099 or by calling 221-1213.*

# FSH Family Housing Neighborhood Watch Program

Fort Sam Houston Family Housing residents are encouraged to establish neighborhood watch programs as a way to better their quality of life and act as a deterrent for criminal activities.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is an organized network of citizens interacting with their neighbors and the police in preventing and detecting crime in their neighborhoods. The program is designed to encourage service members and their Families to actively participate in protecting their own property and the property of their neighbors. This is accomplished by joining community crime prevention programs and reporting suspicious activities to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The objectives of the Neighborhood Watch Program are to enhance the quality

of life in Fort Sam Houston's housing areas by reducing crime and the fear of crime through a cooperative system of surveillance over each neighbor's property, accurate observation and reporting of suspicious activities, awareness of community crime trends and prevention efforts, knowledge of security procedures for housing, and establishing reliable two-way information links between the community and the police.

Fort Sam Houston Family Housing residents interested in participating in a neighborhood watch or establishing one in their community should contact their community mayor or call Lincoln Military Housing at 270-7638 or e-mail [ftsamhoustonquestions@lpsi.com](mailto:ftsamhoustonquestions@lpsi.com).

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

## National Night Out

### *Residents invited to host crime prevention block party*

Lincoln Military Housing will host the annual crime prevention National Night Out Aug. 7. National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention activity designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime.

Residents are welcome to host a National Night Out activity. Registration forms will be distributed in the LMH Quarterly Newspaper and are also avail-

able at the Housing Office located in Building 367. Submit the registration form to the housing office in person or fax to 270-7699. The deadline for registration is Friday.

LMH may be able to sponsor a portion of the block party; however, funds are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Once registered, LMH will arrange for officers and other community leaders to visit the party to meet party hosts and their neighbors.

For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)



Courtesy photos

Camdyn Canfield was ready for "Showtime Roundup" with her cowboy hat and bandanna. Camdyn, along with about 125 children and more than 25 adult and teen volunteers, participated in the Installation Chaplain's Office Vacation Bible School last week with the Dodd Field Chapel's "Avalanche Ranch." The children sang songs, played team-work building games and nibbled on "chuck wagon chow," all part of the daily challenge to celebrate God's love and experience Bible adventures. The week's "roundup" was deemed a big success.

## Bible school fun



The craft team, Gill Madison, Wendy Knight, Chilton Knight, Amanda Gonzalez and Meagan Garcia, prepare for the daily craft activity during "Avalanche Ranch" Vacation Bible School held last week at Dodd Field Chapel.



Children as well as adult and teen volunteers participate in a "Sing and Play Stampede," part of the "Wild Ride through God's Word" portion of Vacation Bible School held at Dodd Field Chapel.

## 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

**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:** 8:30 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

**Protestant Services:**

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

12 p.m. - Worship - Wednesdays

**AMEDD Regimental Chapel**, services will be held at Evans Auditorium, Building 1396, 221-3297

**Catholic Mass:** 8 a.m. - Sundays

**Protestant/Gospel Service:** 9:30 a.m. - Sundays

**Christian education:** 11 a.m. -Sundays

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:**

9:30 a.m. - Sundays at NCO Academy

**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

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

**Contemporary service:**

11:01 a.m. - Sundays

**Web site:** [www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain)

## Religious Briefs . . .

### Chaplain Corps' Anniversary event

The Fort Sam Houston installation chaplain invites the post community to celebrate the Chaplain Corps' Anniversary July 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Salado Park. The event will include free food, games, music and water slide. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Steve Turner at 221-5535.

## Community Recreation

### Bow Hunter Education Class

A two-day Bow Hunter Education Class will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$15 and due on the first day of class. Reservations are required. The Bow Hunter Education Class is mandatory for all bow hunters who wish 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. To register or for more information, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

### 3-D Archery Shoot

The next 3-D archery shoots will be held July 28 and 29. Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m. This competitive shoot includes 30 3-D animal targets placed at unknown distances ranging from 10 to 40 yards in woodland settings. Awards are given to the top three in each class. The cost is \$15 per person for Saturday. Sunday is \$15 per person for competitive and \$10 for non-competitive shoot. Minis and cubs shoot free with a paid adult, and a playground is available for younger children. For more information, call the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center at 295-7577.

### Equestrian Center youth camp

Registration for the Summer Youth Horsemanship Camp will continue until classes are full. Camp is for youth ages 7 to 17 and consists of a one-week session held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The last session ends Aug. 10. The registration fee is \$195 with a \$25 deposit. For more information, call 224-7207.

### Coushatta Casino resort trip

The MWR Ticket Office and the Sam Houston Club will sponsor a trip to the Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La. The bus will depart from the Sam Houston Club Aug. 7 at 7 a.m. and return Aug. 8 at 10 p.m. The cost is \$49 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, overnight hotel accommodations, continental breakfast at hotel and one \$23 coupon from the casino. Patrons must be at least 21 years old and possess a valid photo ID at all times. Make reservations at the ticket office by Aug. 1. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

### Outdoor pool is open

The Aquatic Center outdoor pool is open daily from 12 to 8 p.m. for the summer. Admission is free. For more information, call 221-4887 or 221-1234.

### Summer swim lessons

Registrations for Red Cross swimming lessons will continue until classes are full at the Aquatic Center. Individuals must register in person Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$40 per student and includes lessons, certificate of completion, class photo and T-shirt. Payment is due at time of registration. Lessons are conducted in two-week sessions held Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 221-4887 or 221-1234.

### Golf Course, 222-9386

#### Women's golf clinic

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Course will host a women's golf clinic Aug. 3 to 24, Fridays, from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$120. For more information, call James Benites at 355-5429.

#### Warrior's Monthly Scramble tournament

Register up to four players to participate in the Warrior's Monthly Scramble held the first Friday of each month at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The next tournament will be Aug. 3 with a shotgun start time at 12:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person and includes cart rental, prizes and social following the scramble. Participants must be in an authorized pass or leave status. For more information, call the Golf Club's Pro Shop at 222-9386.

## Dining and Entertainment

### Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

#### All-American Super TGIF

The Sam Houston Club will hold an All-American Super TGIF Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Free food and cold drinks will be available with music provided by a live D.J. For more information, call 224-2721.

#### Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

The Arthur Long comedic production "Never Too Late" will be presented at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre Wednesday through Aug. 18. Performance tickets are \$24.95 for Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$27.95 for Fridays and Saturdays. Doors open for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. To make reservations or for more

### Great Getaways Sweepstakes

Register for a chance to win an all-inclusive grand prize vacation package for two at one of four Armed Forces Recreation Centers. The sweepstakes is open to service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their Families, age 18 and older, through Aug. 31. For more information or to enter, visit <http://www.afrcresorts.com/sweepstakes>.

information, call 222-9694.

### MWR Ticket Office, 226-1663

The MWR Ticket Office has discounted tickets for Splashtown. The tickets are \$8 for daily entrance. Discounted tickets for SeaWorld, as well as many other attractions are also available. The ticket office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, visit [www.fortsamhouston-mwr.com](http://www.fortsamhouston-mwr.com) or call 221-1663 or 224-2721.

### 2007 Military Long Drive

The MWR Long Drive Championship, presented by Cadbury Schwepps, will be held Aug. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. This one-day program is open only to active duty service members, Reserve and National Guard (inactive status may participate). The installation with the most participation will win \$1,000 worth of Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift cards to be used by its respective MWR Directorate. In addition, Fort Sam Houston MWR will offer a \$200 AAFES gift card drawing for each military installation. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place finishers. The top long drive competitor at each of the five geographical zones who records the longest drive will win an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the military

division at the RE/MAX Long Drive Championship in Mesquite, Nev. The active duty service member to hit the longest qualified drive during the Military Division of the RE/MAX Long Drive Championship will win \$10,000 and be featured on the ESPN coverage of the event. Competitors in the MWR Long Drive Championship will pay \$10 per try (six balls). For more information, call 222-9386 or visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/bod/golf\\_club.asp](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/bod/golf_club.asp),

### Missions Family Appreciation Night

USAA will salute Fort Sam Houston with Military Family Appreciation Night with the San Antonio Missions Baseball organization Saturday at Wolff Stadium. The game begins at 6:05 p.m. There will be several pre-game activities for the military. Military Family nights are meant to recognize and thank military personnel in San Antonio and surrounding areas for their service and dedication. Ticket vouchers can be picked up today at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, Golf Club, Sam Houston Club, Library, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or Army Community Service (Roadrunner Community Center). The vouchers may be converted to free general admission tickets at Wolff Stadium or they may be used to upgrade the seats with a small additional payment. For more information, call 221-2601 or 221-2307.

### Silver Stars Military Appreciation Night

Military personnel in the San Antonio area will be saluted July 27 at the Silver Stars vs. Houston Comets Women's National Basketball Association game at the AT&T Center. Enterprise Rental Car will sponsor appreciation night ticket vouchers for military personnel and Family Members. Ticket vouchers are available at the MWR Ticket Office today. Each voucher is good for free admission for two people. The green ticket vouchers may be redeemed at the AT&T Center Box Offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and game night. The free vouchers are limited to two vouchers per person and are available for a limited time only; however, any military personnel or Families who miss out can still purchase a reduced ticket to the game for \$12 at the MWR Ticket Office. For more information, call 226-1663.

## Child and Youth Services

### **Parent Advisory Council meeting**

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Aug. 21 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, attend parent workshops and learn of upcoming events. For more information, call 221-4871.

### **FCC providers**

Family Child Care is looking for Family Members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost start-up plan. For more information, call 221-3828.

### **Off-post childcare options**

The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood program offers military Families more childcare options in the local community. There are two childcare centers and 25 civilian providers in surrounding areas of Fort Sam Houston for use by local Army Families. The centers and providers are monitored to ensure they meet Army standards. For more information, call Family Service Association at 431-7570 or Fort Sam Houston Central Registration at 221-4871.

### **Family Child Care Online**

Family Child Care Online is a marketing tool that allows parents to take a virtual tour of FCC homes. In addition, parents can read about the provider's philosophy of care, hours of operation and background. This online tool can be accessed through Child and Youth Services Central Registration, Building 2797, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Sport physicals**

Patrons interested in summer and fall sports should make appointments for sport physicals now. Patrons will need a sport physical to register. Sport physicals must be valid for the entire sport season. Patrons must be

registered with Child and Youth Services to participate in sports. For more information or registration requirements, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### **Fall football, cheerleading**

Register for fall football and cheerleading for ages 5 to 14. Patrons must be registered with Child and Youth Services. At registration, patrons must provide a current sport physical that is valid through the entire season, Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W-2 form, current shot record for kindergarten through fifth grade, child's Social Security number, two local emergency contacts, \$18 registration fee and \$60 football fee or \$50 cheerleading fee. For registration information, call Central Registration at 221-4871. For sports information, call the sports office at 221-5519.

### **SKIES Unlimited classes**

The Child and Youth Services SKIES Unlimited program offers language, music and sports classes for children ages 6 to 18 who are registered with CYS. The first month's fees are due at time of registration at Building 2797. For fee information, visit the Child Development Center, Building 2530; School Age Services, Building 1705; or Middle School and Teens, Building 1630. For class information, call 221-1723 or 221-4871.

### **Coaches needed**

The youth sports program is in need of football and cheerleading coaches. Interested volunteers must consent to a background check and complete a coach's packet. For a packet or more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### **PCI, Head Start applications available**

Parent Child Incorporated and Head Start is currently accepting applications. This is a free childcare program for Families that meet federal guidelines. For more information, call 221-3788.

## Community

### Events

#### **Freedom Alliance Scholarship**

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors the bravery and dedication of Americans in the armed forces. Freedom Alliance is accepting applications for the 2007-2008 academic year from children of U.S. military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty during the war on terror and in other theaters of operation. Students must be enrolled or accepted at an accredited college, university or vocational school. The deadline for applications is Friday. For more information or an application, visit [www.freedomalliance.org](http://www.freedomalliance.org).

#### **Army 101**

Army Family Team Building encourages spouses, Family Members, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to attend classes about Army life. Classes will be held Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Army Community Service. Level 1 teaches acronyms, rank structure, chain of command, community resources, customs and courtesies and much more. For more information or to register, call ACS at 221-0946.

#### **ASMC July luncheon**

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers invites members and non-members to a Wednesday luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aladco's Restaurant, Sunset Station. The guest speaker will be Julie Johnston, with plans for the Alamo City Chapter's 2009 Professional Development Institute. For reservations, call Master Sgt. Frank Remington at 969-2522 by Friday.

#### **Children's reading hour**

The NCO Wives' Club will host a children's reading hour Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, 2601 Harney, on the corners of Harney at Chaffee. For more information, call Jennifer Koranyi at 437-2788 or e-mail [jennykor@aol.com](mailto:jennykor@aol.com).

#### **Health fair**

There will be a free Diabetes and Weight Management Health Fair Wednesday from 12 to 6 p.m. at Walgreens, 6901 San Pedro Ave. Free glucose testing will be available. A pharmacist will be on site to answer any questions regarding medications. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Claude Hutchison at 931-216-3878.

#### **Home-buying seminar**

The Fort Sam Houston Housing Services Office will sponsor a home-buying seminar July 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Housing Service Office, Building 367. Topics include the home-buying process, loan process, inspections and financial programs. For more information, call Gisela Wallace or Trinita Carmichael at 295-8519 or 295-8539.

#### **MOAA luncheon**

The Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapter will host a luncheon July 26. Social hour begins at 11 a.m., with lunch and program at 11:45 a.m. at the Randolph Air Force Base Officers' Club. The price is \$15 per person. Special guest Air Force Col. Richard Clark, commander of 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, will discuss the mission of the 12th Flying Training Wing and support provided to the war. For more information, call 228-9955 or e-mail [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net). The registration deadline is Monday.

## Events cont.

### FamilyStrong

FamilyStrong will host its first annual Family Fun day for Military Families with special needs children July 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McGimsey Scout Park, 2226 N.W. Military Highway. The event will include Radio Disney, San Antonio Zoo, bubbles, ring toss, face painting, balloons and moon bouncers. Admission is free. Lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For free tickets, call Denisse Cardona at 299-8139, ext. 247, or e-mail [Dcardona@familystrong.org](mailto:Dcardona@familystrong.org). For more information, call Katie Dickman at 222-0989 or e-mail [kdickman@familystrong.org](mailto:kdickman@familystrong.org).

### Garage sale

The next post garage sale will be held Aug. 4 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. A valid Department of Defense ID card is required to participate. Participants may rent tables and chairs on-site from the Outdoor Equipment Center. Table rentals will be on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies last. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts, or food and beverage items is not permissible. To register or for more information, visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

### Military audition, talent show

A military talent show will be held Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Jo Long Theatre, Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry. The overall winner, first runner-up and second runner-up will perform as special entertainment Oct. 14 at the "Our Part of Town" finals. For more information about audition locations and talent show, call 207-3115 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec](http://www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec).

### Seeking Cub Scouts

Boys going into first grade (or 7 years old) through fifth grade are invited to join Cub Scouts Pack 23 at Fort Sam

Houston. Pack 23 offers a fun summertime program that includes water sports, hikes and den meetings. To register a new scout or to transfer a scout into Pack 23, e-mail Jennifer Tucker at [jtuckerpack23@yahoo.com](mailto:jtuckerpack23@yahoo.com). For more information, call Kevin Muravez at 262-6114 or e-mail Peter Moons at [peter.moons@us.army.mil](mailto:peter.moons@us.army.mil).

### Honorary Bat Boys

Send in nominations to be an Honorary Bat Boy for the San Antonio Missions home games throughout the summer. Honorary Bat Boys not only get to help on the field at a game, but also receive a Missions cap, special T-shirt and tickets for Family Members to attend the game. They will also participate in the on-field opening ceremonies at Missions home games on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. This contest is open to military youth male and female, 18 years old and younger, who are authorized commissary and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program access. To register, send in a post card with the nominee's name, age and phone number on a 3- by 5-inch card to San Antonio Missions Baseball Club, Kraft Singles Honorary Batboy, 5757 Highway 90 W, San Antonio, TX 78277.

### Vet treatment facility

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility provides physical examinations and vaccinations for privately owned animals by appointment. The clinic does not provide boarding or grooming services. Walk-ins are seen on a space-available basis. Sick call and vaccinations are scheduled by appointment only. Post registration may be done on a walk-in basis; call ahead of time to ensure the clinic is open. Pet care products may be purchased Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clinic appointment hours are Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for veterinarian appointments and vaccinations, and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for vaccinations only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 295-4260 or 295-4265.

## Training

### Interview workshop

The Family Employment Readiness Program will offer an interviewing workshop Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This workshop will cover topics such as the different types of interviews, preparation and common interview questions. For more information or reservations, call Jennifer Swiger at 221-0516.

## Volunteer

### ASMC community project

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sunshine Plaza

Apartments, 455 E. Sunshine Drive. The project involves light cleaning for senior residents. School students can earn a certificate for up to three hours of community service. For more information or to volunteer, call Teresa Vega at 536-4180 or e-mail [Teresa.vega@brooks.af.mil](mailto:Teresa.vega@brooks.af.mil).

### School supplies needed

Operation Homefront is partnering with Mattress Pro stores in San Antonio to collect school supplies for children of deployed service members. School supplies can be dropped off at any of the Mattress Pro Stores through Aug. 6. For more information, call 659-8039 or visit [www.operationhomefront.net/texas](http://www.operationhomefront.net/texas).

### ASMC 'Dare to Love' Drive

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will be holding a Back to School "Dare to Love" drive. All donations will go to the Rainbow Room, which supplies emergency clothing and supplies for children referred to Child Protective Services. The following supplies are needed: backpacks, erasers, construction paper, scissors, folders and spiral notebooks. ASMC will collect supplies through Aug. 10 and delivery them to CPS Aug. 15. For more information, call Gracie Ayala at 671-0344 or 834-2742.

### Volunteers needed

The Texas State Guard is looking for volunteers, ages 17 to 65; prior military service is not required. The Texas State Guard meets on the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. at the Texas State Guard Armory, 4255 Interstate Highway 35 North. For more information, call Capt. Fred Balderrama, at 830-985-3067.

### Host Families needed

SHARE! is an international exchange student program looking for caring volunteers with or without children to share their hearts and homes with teen ambassadors from abroad for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year. The students are participating in the SHARE! High School Exchange Program to learn first hand about America. These young ambassadors will return to their home countries with a newly acquired understanding of the American point of view and way of life. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738.

### Hosts for exchange students needed

The American Field Service needs host families for foreign high school exchange students who will be arriving this summer. Families will receive the support of local AFS volunteers and staff. For more information, e-mail Diane Soto at [dsoto@afs.org](mailto:dsoto@afs.org) or call 1-866-AFS-USA1.

## Meetings

### SAMC Summer Membership Drive

Calling all Sergeant Audie Murphy and Sergeant Morales Club members to join the local Sergeant Major of the Army Leon Van Autre Chapter. We invite both inducted and honorary members. We are proud to say we have an extremely active chapter and would like to personally welcome all to Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio. For more information, call 332-0722 or 221-9925.

### Chess club

The on-post chess club meets Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall. The club is open to military and their Family Members, civilians and patients; experience is not necessary. Chess sets are provided on site. For more information, call Michael Oakes at 550-3153.

**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 [news.leader@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@samhouston.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.



**For Sale:** Computer desk, \$100; cedar wardrobe, \$200; two 27-inch Zenith console TVs, \$50; 1990 Turbo 760 Volvo sedan, \$3,000 obo. Call 651-9046 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**For Sale:** Set of four 20-inch rims, in great condition, \$400. Call Sam at 254-423-2602.

**For Sale:** 2004 Harley Sportster 1200R, screaming eagle pipes, windshield, sissy bar, etc., \$6,600. Call 639-1039.

**For Sale:** Jazzy motorized wheelchair with detachable foot rest and instruction booklet, \$1,000. Call 661-3765.

**For Sale:** King-size oak headboard with light bridge and storage, two-dressers and night stands, \$600 obo; antique gold accent chair, \$60. Call 490-5240 or cell 213-2182.

**For Sale:** Bicycle rack, \$15; 19-inch color TV, \$20; VCR, \$10; corner computer desk, \$35; exercise model EX-808, \$35. Call Sandy at 241-1291.

**For Sale:** German Shrunck, solid dark wood, in good condition, \$2,400 obo. Call Bob at 221-2800.

**For Sale:** Whirlpool six-cycle washer and dryer, in good condition, \$200 for both. Call Abe at 313-7289.

**For Sale:** Maytag side-by-side refrigerator, \$900; GE washer and dryer, \$350; large entertainment center, in excellent condition, \$500; twin bed with white metal head and footboard, pop-up trundle bed underneath, no mattresses, \$150; kitchen table with four chairs, table extension, \$100. For more information and photos, call 883-5502 or 682-3589.

**For Sale:** Suncast garden shed, 7 feet wide by 7 feet long, extra wide front opening for storing tractors, yard equipment, bikes and furniture, includes floor, in good condition, \$400; Rubbermaid vertical double-deep storage shed, 5.5 feet wide, 6 feet long, 6.5 feet high, \$300. Call Anne or Steve at 945-8577.

**For Sale:** 1992 Ford family travel conversion van, loaded, four reclining captain's chairs and electric sofa bed, trailer hitch, front and rear AC, AM/FM radio, TV/VCR,

automatic locks and windows, roof luggage rack, runs fine, service records available, \$1,795. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** 1985 Mercedes-Benz 500 SEL, sunroof, new tan upholstery, low mileage on rebuilt engine, all power, well maintained, in excellent condition, \$5,500 obo. Call 218-2975.

**For Sale:** Cosco infant highchair, \$25; infant port-a-crib with foam mattress, \$30. Call 494-8089.

**For Sale:** Four BF Goodrich radial T/A tires, size P245/60R15, \$200 set. Call 295-3210 days or 494-3210 evenings.

**Free To Good Home:** Kittens, eight weeks old, two females and one male, litter trained. Call Becky or Patrick at 254-9803.

**Free To Good Home:** Two foster kittens, female and male, eight to nine weeks old, litter trained. Call Kat or Dennis at 616-2239.