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Soldiers take part in 'Today' show segment

Story and photos by L.A. Shively
 Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Army and the Air Force were part of the mix joining Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb for the July 29 edition of the "Today" show's "Today Takes a Vacation" series broadcast from the River Walk in San Antonio.

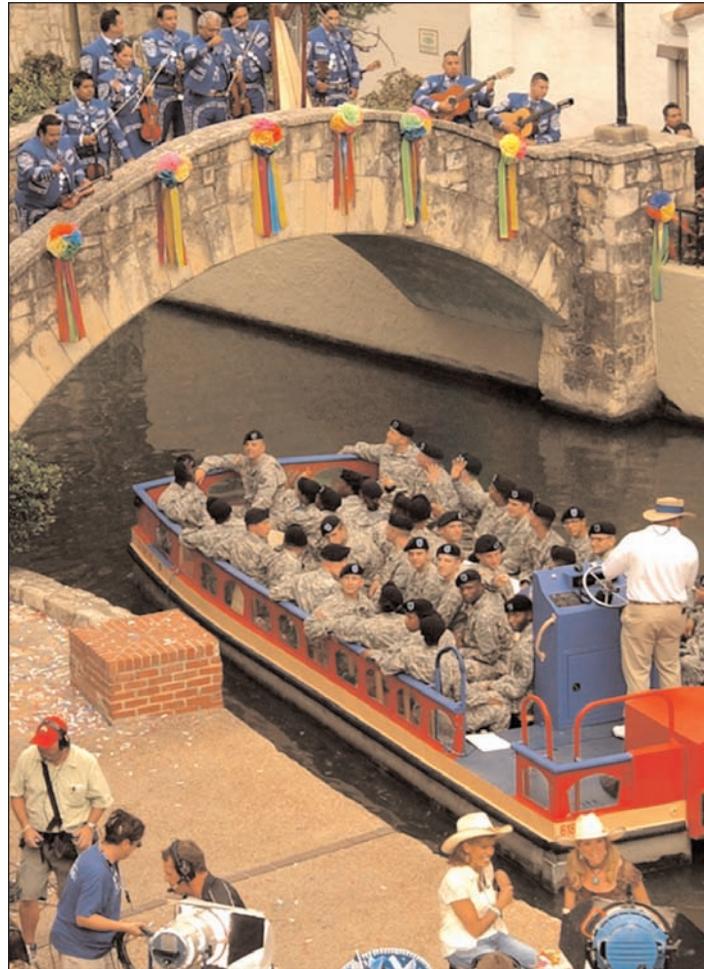
Soldiers waiting to start combat medic training, from G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, took time off from

instruction and boarded a river boat that floated through the set of the show, holding colorful signs and shouting, while Mariachis sang, danced and a bevy of San Antonio citizens waved and cheered, itching for their 15 seconds of broadcast fame on national television.

"San Antonio has art, culture, history, and our military is certainly part of our assets,"

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Soldiers from G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion ride on a river boat past Hoda Kotb and Kathie Lee Gifford July 29 during a segment of the "Today" show's "Today takes a Vacation" from the San Antonio River Walk.



14th MI Bn. deploys to Iraq

Story and photo by Gregory Rippes
 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

Approximately 150 Soldiers of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion boarded an aircraft on Kelly Field July 26 on their way to Iraq.

Earlier they said goodbye to their Families at Fort Sam Houston before boarding the four buses that took them to the air field.

They will provide interrogation support to the commander of Multinational Forces Iraq and expect to be in country for

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Spc. Jessica Prewitt is all smiles as she greets her 4-year-old daughter, Shaylah, after she arrives at the Roadrunner Community Center. Eleven Soldiers of the 440th Blood Support Detachment returned home Aug. 3, after a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan. Prewitt's Family drove from Ruidoso, N.M., to welcome her home.



440th BSD Soldiers return home from Afghanistan

Story and photos by Minnie Jones
 Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Eleven Soldiers from the 440th Blood Support Detachment, Fort Sam Houston, returned home Tuesday afternoon in style from Afghanistan to a crowd of Family members and friends waving American flags and holding welcome posters, at the

Roadrunner Community Center to celebrate their homecoming.

The Soldiers, who arrived in a stretched Hummer limousine, were first greeted by Lisa Swingholm, Family Readiness Group leader, 440th BSD, who gave each member a big hug and an Hawaiian lei, before they headed into the crowd of welcomers who had been waiting patiently

outside of the center for their arrival home.

The Soldiers from the 440th BSD were deployed back in May to Afghanistan in support of Enduring Freedom for 15 months. While there the Soldiers were divided between Bagram and Kandahar Airbases.

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Governor signs two bills supporting Soldiers, Families

Story and photos by Phil
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Governor Rick Perry
joined local Texas state
legislators to sign two
Texas Senate bills sup-
porting Texas veterans

and their family mem-
bers. The ceremony took
place July 31 on the
University of Texas–San
Antonio campus.

Surrounded by mem-
bers of San Antonio mili-
tary services and veter-
ans groups, Perry signed

Senate Bill 93 related to
the Hazlewood Legacy
Act that provides an
exemption of tuition and
fees, other than the
deposit and student serv-
ice fees for up to 150
semester credit hours to
an eligible Texas veteran.

Also excluded are any
fees for books, lodging,
board or clothing.

This legislation clari-
fies how the Texas veter-
an can establish his or
her eligibility for
Hazlewood Act benefits;
it does not make distinc-

tions between citizens
and legal residents on
educational benefits for
veterans. Therefore, the
bill aligns the state bene-
fit with the GI Bill.
Additionally, the legisla-

See **BILLS SIGNED P9**



Texas Governor Rick Perry thanks the Texas legislators for their support of military service members, their families and veterans. During the most recent legislative session lawmakers passed two bills that provide educational and tuition assistance. Senate Bill 93 includes an exemption of tuition and fees, other than the deposit and student service fees for up to 150 semester credit hours to an eligible Texas veteran.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 19	Aug 10	Aug 11
San Antonio	101° Clear	99° Clear	95° Clear	97° Partly Cloudy	94° Partly Cloudy	99° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	89° Clear	91° Clear	91° Clear	95° Clear	98° Clear	96° Clear
Baghdad Iraq	109° Clear	111° Clear	114° Clear	107° Clear	107° Clear	105° Clear

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

Hometown star

Fort Sam Houston personnel who want to share news of their accomplishments and achievements with Family members and friends back home can participate in the Army and Air Force Hometown News Program.

Whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or a Department of Defense civilian, you can fill out the Hometown News Release, the Department of Defense Form 2266, and forward it to Public Affairs. PA will then forward the form to the Air Force News Agency for distribution to every media outlet within a 50-mile radius of the zip code specified on the form.

Complete the DD Form 2266, posted on the Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Web site at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>, and submit it to PA by fax at 221-1198 or e-mail to HometownNews@samhouston.army.mil.

For more information, visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>, call 221-1139 or 221-0546.

News Briefs

Housing resident Self Help program change

The Self Help program for Fort Sam Houston Family Housing residents is changing. Effective Aug. 15, residents can go to their community center for filters and light bulbs during normal business hours. Residents will need to bring in their old filter or light bulb to receive a replacement. Self Help at the Maintenance Shop, Building 3882, on Garden Avenue will change as well. For small hand garden tools and touch-up paint, residents will continue to go to the Maintenance Shop. However, Self Help will only be available Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. If residents have questions or concerns, call Lincoln Military Housing, 270-7638.

Ethics training

Ethics training will be held Aug. 10 and Sept. 3 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium, Building 2841. The training is mandatory for all persons filing an SF 278, Public Financial Disclosure Report or OGE 450, Confidential Financial Report; warranted contracting officers; and those who are directed by their supervisors or commanders. The training can also be taken online at http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_training/2008AET_New/. Call 221-2373/0485.

14th Anniversary Regimental Social

The Army Medical Department Center and School's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles, will host the 14th Anniversary Regimental Social Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All are invited to attend. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 336-5023.

Suicide Awareness Prevention

Suicide Awareness Prevention Day "Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone" will be held Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Stanley Road. The topic will be depression, warning signs and symptoms. For more information, call 221-0133/1254.

412th CSB activates to support Army North

Story and photo by Lori Newman
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

The 412th Contracting Support Brigade activated and Col. Jeffrey Morris took command July 30 during a ceremony at the Quadrangle.

"Two very important and significant things are happening today; first, the fifth of seven contracting support brigades is being activated, and second, a great leader is taking command," said Brig. Gen. Camille Nichols, commanding general, U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command and host for the ceremony.

The 412th CSB of the Expeditionary Contracting Command was established to plan and execute contracting support for U.S. Army North in support of Army and

joint operations throughout the NORTHCOM area of responsibility.

"We are very excited about what the 412th will do for Army North and the Army. I know the 412th will be successful in its mission because the Army has put some of its very best contracting Soldiers here to begin this brigade's legacy," said Nichols.

The 412th CSB consists of four battalions: the 900th headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C.; 901st headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas; 902nd headquartered at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and 904th headquartered at Fort Irwin, Calif. Each battalion's mission is to deploy world-wide, serving as a combat multiplier for contingency operational and sustainment contracting. The battalions

See 412th CSB SUPPORT P11



Brig. Gen. Camille Nichols, commanding general, U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, presents the colors to Col. Jeffrey Morris, commander, 412th Contracting Support Brigade, during the activation and assumption of command ceremony July 30 at the Quadrangle.

591st Medical Logistics Company passes guidon

Story and photo by Lori Newman
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

The 591st Medical Logistics Company guidon was passed from one commander to another July 31 during a ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston flagpole. Capt. Shondra Thomas relinquished command of the 591st MLC to Capt. Chad Gagnon.

Lt. Col. Keith Rigdon, commander, 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, hosted the ceremony.

Rigdon addressed Gagnon, saying, "Command is a tremendous opportunity in which you touch many lives of both Soldiers and their Families. Remember, your Soldiers are our nation's treasure. They are the sons and daughters of our nation's mothers and fathers, who entrust you to train them, to lead them, to take care of them so they can perform their job and contribute to accomplishing the mission at ultimately winning the Global



Capt. Shondra Thomas relinquished command of the 591st Medical Logistics Company during a ceremony July 31 at the Fort Sam Houston flagpole.



Capt. Chad Gagnon, incoming commander, 591st Medical Logistics Company, assumes command of the 591st MLC July 31 during the change of command ceremony.

War on Terrorism.

These Soldiers will look to you for leadership, guidance, coaching, teaching and mentoring ... do the right thing and always lead by example. It is an incredible task but I have no doubt that you will succeed."

The 591st MLC is composed of two officers, one warrant officer and 85 non-commissioned officers and Soldiers assigned to Fort Sam Houston. Their mission

is to provide direct support for Class VIII supplies, single vision optical fabrication and repair and bio-medical equipment repair and maintenance.

The Soldiers of the 591st MLC are trained and ready to provide combat health support to America's war fighters on the battlefield and also provide relief to citizens of the United States during a national disaster or homeland defense mission.

"During my tenure we have embraced and overcome many challenges. As a unit not only did we set the standard, but we exceeded the standard. I will never forget or take for granted the time we utilized to make our mark," said Thomas. "Capt. Gagnon, I wish you the best of luck. Take care of my Soldiers and they will take care of you.

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Beyond the Horizon reaches to Trinidad and Tobago

By Arwen Consaul
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Army are caring for rural patients in the communities of Toco, Valencia, and San Fernando, located in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, as part of Beyond the Horizon 2009, a humanitarian and civic assistance mission hosted by U.S. Southern Command through Aug. 20.

“We appreciate the invitation to cordially work together with Trinidad and Tobago Region Members of Parliament, Government Ministries, Mayors, the Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force/Regiment, Civic Organizations, and local Communities,” said Lt. Col. Dennis Freytes,

“This humanitarian operation will foster a strong partnership with the United States; assist in meeting common goals for peace, progress, democracy, and security of the Caribbean.”

mission commander, U.S. Army South. “We are committed to sustaining a long lasting friendship and partnership for the prosperity; the good of all.”

While in Trinidad and Tobago, members of the Walter Reed and Madigan Army Medical Centers, in Washington, D.C., Delaware Army National Guard Medical Detachment, West Point Medical Center, Utah Army National Guard

Medical Detachment and Dental Team, and Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio will be conducting Medical Readiness Training Exercises.

Since the beginning of July the Specialty Cataract Surgical MEDRETE has screened 238 patients for eye cataract surgery and performed the procedure on 93 patients. All surgeries are conducted by U.S. and Trinidad and Tobago



Courtesy photo

Members of the Puerto Rican National Guard work side-by-side with the Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force to renovate an orphanage in Arima.

surgeons at the Mount Hope Hospital in Trinidad and Tobago.

The other exercises

focus on general medicine, dental, optometry, treating approximately 500 to 800 patients

per day.

In conjunction with the MEDRETEs, members of the Puerto Rico National Guard's 215th Engineering Battalion renovated five schools and an orphanage. Two orphanages in the city of Arima are under reconstruction in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force.

“This humanitarian operation will foster a strong partnership with the United States; assist in meeting common goals for peace, progress, democracy, and security of the Caribbean,” Freytes said. “In the end, we should, together, make a peaceful collaborative effort for the future of the families of the Americas.”

~Maj. Wayne Guzman
contributed to the story

Joint Exercise



Staff Sgt. Jose Moreno, (sitting) from San Antonio, briefs Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commander, U.S. Army South, and Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, on the components and capabilities of the command post of the future operating system during Panama Exercise 2009 Event II training. Event II training conducted here July 20-24 is a computer exercise rehearsal between the Multi-National Force-South Contingency command post and their main command post. The major objectives of the training were Battle Command Systems training, communications architecture testing, battle rhythm events, and the integration of U.S. Southern Command personnel into the MNF-S exercise staff.

Photo by Maj. Benjamin Garrett

'Grill Sergeant' strikes again

By Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Vertinez

Special to the News Leader

The "Grill Sergeant" nukes it again. Sgt. Edmund Perez Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston, landed a spot presentation on WOAI, "San Antonio Living" with host Shelly Miles July 24.

"I can not believe it," said Shelly Miles. "You mean to tell me that all this beautiful food was cooked in a microwave," she said in amazement.

"Yes ma'am," replied Perez. "These types of foods are mostly pre-heated or pre-cooked and available to the single Soldiers living in the barracks at Fort Sam Houston."

"As hard to believe as it is, these meals are not just easy to cook, but most of them are also very healthy as well as delicious. These meals are definitely more economi-

cal and more fulfilling," said the "Grill Sergeant."

He explained that a lot of single Soldiers have the facilities and the means available to prepare their own meals. However, they are limited as to what and how they can cook them.

"Single Soldiers living in the barracks share a common area kitchen that is available to them. They can cook meals in the microwave in the common area they share. But because of fire codes and the fire hazard that a stove represents, they do not have one available in their individual rooms," said Perez. "The Soldiers, however, do have a full-service kitchen with a refrigerator, stove and dinette in the barracks main lobby, which they can use at their convenience. They are welcome to use it at all hours, day or night since some of the Soldiers work night shifts. The only requirement is that they clean up after themselves and leave it better than they found it.

Along with all these amenities, the barracks offer a more comfortable setting for outdoor cooking, almost like barbecuing in your own backyard."

Benner barracks, named after Pfc. John A. Benner, a Soldier who risked his own life to save his comrades in a fire back in 1922, houses over 1,000 single Soldiers, some of which have become resident experts in microwave cooking themselves. Just ask Pfc. Shane Smith who has just recently departed for a tour in Korea. "Personally, I didn't do much cooking, but I know of Soldiers who have a barbecue every weekend that are really, really good cooks, like my roommate," said Smith. "They (the Soldiers) get out there by the basketball courts and bring steaks, sausages, burgers and hot dogs and make this barracks really feel like home."

"Sergeant Grill" as Miles, the host from the



Photo by Laura Breeden

WOAI San Antonio Living Host Shelly Miles with "Grill Sergeant" Sgt. Edmund Perez Jr. showing his "nuke-it" recipes before the audience.

"San Antonio Living" show calls him, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. and has been featured in a special segment called, "The Grill Sergeants" on the Pentagon Channel.

Perez has developed a program he calls "Nuke It." He teaches soldiers at Fort Sam Houston and viewers of the Pentagon Channel how to cook healthy meals using the microwave.

Caprese BLT

- 1 package Thick Cut Pre-Cooked Bacon
- 1 Tomato; beefsteak, preferred
- 1 head Romaine Hearts or Baby Spinach Leaves
- 2 slices sourdough or Pullman bread
- 1 oz Mayo
- 1 oz Dijon
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil for drizzle
- Kosher Salt
- Fresh Cracked Pepper

Prepare bacon according to package directions; drain on paper towel and set aside. Toast bread until proper doneness; dress with mayo and Dijon. Slice tomato approximately 1/4" thick. Drizzle olive oil on greens and slices of tomato, season with salt and pepper. Complete sandwich and serve
Note: Add a basil leaf and a slice of fresh mozzarella for a BLT Caprese Sandwich.

Buffalo Chicken Salad

- 1 package Fresh Baby Greens
- 1 Chicken Breast, breaded, cooked, frozen
- 1 bottle Franks Hot Sauce
- 1 ounce Butter
- 1 pint Raspberries
- 1 ounce Salad Topper
- 1 ounce Fat Free Ranch
- Kosher Salt
- Fresh Cracked Pepper

Prepare chicken according to package directions, cut into strips and set aside. Place butter and hot sauce in a microwavable container; heat for 1 minute; pour over cut chicken and toss to coat.

Wash greens and spin to dry; season with salt and pepper, and toss with dressing, place on serving platter. Toss salad topper and raspberries, place chicken on top of greens and serve.

"Grilled" Ham and Cheese 2 slices of sourdough or Pullman bread; any kind you like

Collamer receives American College of Rheumatology award

Story and photo by Jen D. Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

Reserve Air Force Capt. (Dr.) Angelique Collamer received the 2009 American College of Rheumatology Distinguished Award, one of only 10 recipients to be honored in Philadelphia during the 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology, Oct 16-21.

Collamer is a physician, teacher and researcher currently in the Rheumatology Clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center.

"I was excited and surprised to hear that I had been chosen, and that I've been recognized as one of the top fellows in the country," said Collamer, who has served for nine years,

including four years of active duty while attending medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

"It's so special to be included in this select group. This honor will follow me throughout my career," she said.

Formerly known as the Rheumatology Fellow Award, the award recognizes clinical and research fellows who are in a rheumatology fellowship training program and who have performed meritoriously. Awardees receive a \$1,500 stipend from the American College of Rheumatology.

According to Dr. Daniel F. Battafarano, chief of Rheumatology, who nominated her, "Dr. Collamer's devotion to academic excellence, clinical



Reserve Air Force Capt. (Dr.) Angelique Collamer performs a joint examination on Maj. Mitchell Osburn's knee at the Brooke Army Medical Center Rheumatology Clinic.

rheumatology, research and scholarly activity, and contributions to the community is extraordinary. She truly demonstrates humble academ-

ic rheumatology while providing holistic medical care with a sense of commitment to the community."

Collamer graduated from

the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium training program in June.

Her achievements include publishing "Psoriatic skin lesions induced by tumor necrosis factor antagonist therapy with a literature review and potential mechanisms of action" in "Arthritis & Rheumatism" as well as "The treatment of ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis with etanercept" in "Clinical Medicine: Therapeutics."

"I love being able to work with patients, especially our active duty military members, and the privilege of helping them to improve their health and well-being," she said.

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said Robert “Bobby” Salluce, director, Community Relations and Strategic Initiatives for the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau.

He said the city is also “Military City USA” and known for the Alamo, Randolph and Lackland Air Bases, as well as Fort Sam Houston.

“Getting military members onto the show was an idea that came up at the last minute and we thought what a great way to bring the Soldiers and Airmen out to communicate their importance to our city and our country,” Salluce said.

“It gave us an opportunity to show our support and for Americans

to see the Soldiers they support daily,” said Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Davis. The Miami, Fla. native said he really enjoyed himself. “The weather was just right and everything worked out as planned.”

Although Davis originally enlisted thinking he would serve only three years, after 16 he knows he’ll stay Army. “I like being around other Soldiers and serving our nation.”

The group arrived early in the morning, before the sun rose, and as they waited to board the boat and get directions from the “Today” show crew, Master Sgt. Reginald Hall spent the extra time motivating his Soldiers, singing and getting physical.

“I love training Soldiers, I love chanting the Army songs and cadences and the spirit of the Army – I love it all,” Hall said.

Several Soldiers challenged themselves with inclined pushups, feet planted on raised 3-foot wall and hands on the ground.

Hall, who hails from Albany, Ga., and is in charge of the advanced training track in the Department of Combat Medic Training, said he has been in the Army exactly 18 years and one month, and is looking at doing 23 years.

While Hall and his Soldiers sang, passersby stopped, listened, and then thanked the Soldiers for their commitment and sacrifice.

“It was very refreshing to see Americans showing love to their Soldiers and Airmen. It was a great opportunity. The boat was kind of tight, but the Soldiers were talking to each other and cheering each other on. Morale is very good.”

“I thought it was pretty exciting. I’m not used to publicity and fanfare so it was kind of fun,” said Spc. Chris Ryan, in training as a combat medic.

Ryan, a certified paramedic in Dallas, said he loved his field enough that he chose to enlist a little later in life in order to serve other Soldiers.

He said it was a good idea to get out into the public so they know he and his fellow Soldiers are approachable. “We



Photo by Leslie Shively

Hoda Kotb points at Kathie Lee Gifford because she has a buzzard on her head July 29 during a segment of the “Today” show. Soldiers from G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion were invited take part in the show, riding on a river boat on the San Antonio River Walk.

are more personable to the public instead of being on the news with all the bad stuff that is

broadcast. They can see the good stuff we do as well.”

440th HOMECOMING from P1

Their mission was ensuring that vital blood product inventories were being maintained and resupplied to surrounding divisions, medical units and other operations.

During their deployment, the 440th BSD had three Soldiers apply for and accepted to Officer Candidate School, while two others completed their Bachelor's Degrees..., "an amazing feat considering the optempo and workload," said Maj. Matthew Swingholm, Medical Services, commanding officer of the deployment.

Waiting inside the decorated center for the returning Soldiers, were personalized goody bags made by Family members and others donated from several organizations throughout the United States. Also in the center was a table full of food and refreshments.

The Soldiers marched in and took their seats at the front of the center. After viewing a short fun video of the deployment, Lt. Col. Keith Rigdon, battalion commander, 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Fort Hood, took to the podium.

With a promise to keep his comments brief, Rigdon started by thanking everyone for attending the welcome celebration. "It is a great day, especially when you get Soldiers back from such a long deployment, and get them back safe and sound."

He went on to talk to the Soldiers about making sure that they take their time integrating back into garrison life, and to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them here at Fort Sam Houston with assisting them with integration.

In closing, Rigdon said, "The



bottom line is that we are proud and honored to be here with you today, we are proud to be part of your ceremony, and I'm honored and tickled to death to get you home." The crowd cheered and applauded and the Soldiers were released to be with their Families.

"Soldiers of the 440th BSD did a superb job and received many accolades from forward surgical teams located throughout Afghanistan," Swingholm said.

"Everyone worked together well and got along the entire 15 months. If asked whether

they would've made the same choice again, all the Soldiers would do it again. Many did comment on the fact that 15 months was too long, but overall, it was a very successful mission and many memories were made."

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MEDLOG-six signing out.”

“First and foremost I would like to thank the Soldiers of the 591st. The Soldiers, staff and leaders have been a great help in welcoming me to the company. I look forward to working with each of you in the future,” said Gagnon.

“Shondra, I would like to say you have done a fantastic job, I am honored to have you as the commander of the 591st, I greatly appreciate your leadership and contributions to the unit as well as your contributions to the battalion,” said Rigdon. “Thank you for a job well done.”



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BILLS SIGNED from P2

tion allows a veteran to transfer unused Hazlewood Act benefits to his or her child. The legislation allows the spouse of a fallen veteran to utilize the unused benefit if the veteran was killed in action, missing in action, or totally disabled.

The second bill signed, Senate Bill 297, allows non-Texas veterans and their Families to immediately pay in-state tuition and fees at a public university or college without requiring that they wait the one year to establish Texas residency. Additionally, if a military parent is deployed to a combat theater, that parent's children are exempt from paying resident tuition at a public institution of higher education while that parent is deployed.



Texas Governor Rick Perry signs Texas Senate Bills 93 and 297. Senate Bill 297 allows non-Texas veterans and their families to immediately pay in-state tuition and fees at a public university or college without requiring that they wait the one year to establish Texas residency. Additionally, if a military parent is deployed to a combat theater, that parent's children are exempt from paying resident tuition at a public institution of higher education while that parent is deployed.

14th MI Bn. DEPLOYS from PI

one year.

The battalion cased its colors July 22 in an official ceremony marking temporary relocation from FSH to Iraq in the post's historic Quadrangle. Casing the colors symbolizes a pause in the unit's life cycle at its home station. On arrival in Iraq, the unit will uncase its colors and assume responsibility for the mission.

"The very soul of a military unit is symbolized in the colors under

which it fights, for they record the glories of the past, stand guardian over its present, and ensure inspiration for its future," said Col. James Lee, commander of the 470th MI Brigade, in a speech at the casing ceremony.

The 14th MI Battalion is a subordinate unit of the 470th MI Brigade, headquartered on FSH. The battalion, reactivated Oct. 16, 2008, carries the lineage and honors of a battalion originally activated in November 1965. Prior to reactivation last year, Soldiers

anticipated deployment and trained continuously the last 10 months.

"Their training was complex and executed at multiple installations providing realistic conditions similar to those found in Baghdad," Lee said. "These Soldiers will face many hardships. Yet, despite challenges, these Soldiers will look their enemy in the eye, question them, gain intelligence for commanders."

Lt. Col. Greg Meyer, battalion commander, said the battalion's Soldiers and their Families worked hard over the last year getting ready for their mission. "We are looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to our nation's success in Iraq," said the



Photo by Gregory Ripp

Soldiers of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion board a charter aircraft at Kelly Field the night of July 26 on their way to Iraq. Approximately 150 members of the Fort Sam Houston-based interrogation battalion will serve in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom for at least a year.

San Antonio native.

"Many of us have already invested a lot in the future of that country."

"Like every deploy-

ment away from home, it will be a bitter sweet occasion as we leave our Families and loved ones for a year," Meyer contin-

ued. "However, we have a great team and will rely on each other as great teams do."

Faithful Service



Photo by Ed Dixon

(From left) Chief Warrant Officer Richard Root, 470th Military Intelligence; Chief Warrant Officer Nadja Root, U.S. Army South; Sgt. 1st Class Wade Petree, U.S. Army Medical Command Band; Lt. Col. Angeliqe Lawyer, U.S. Army Medical Command; Lt. Col. Robert Durkee, U.S. Army Medical Command; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rousseau, U.S. Army Medical Command Band; Sgt. 1st Class Darius Dowdy, William Beaumont Army Medical Center; and Staff Sgt. James Jackson, 214th Fires Brigade, Fort Sill, Okla., are honored for their military service during the retirement ceremony July 30 at the post flagpole.

412th CSB from P3

also provide command and control of trained and ready contingency contracting teams that support the war fighting commanders' ability to accomplish their strategic operational and tactical missions.

"Starting something new is not an easy task and it requires very talented people to take on an idea, a vision; to plan it and build a high performing organization around it. Col. Jeff Morris

is just that person to bring the 412th into reality," Nichols said.

"Jeff, I ask you to be fair, focused and responsive; be true to your beliefs and the Army values and only say 'no' if you absolutely have to."

The key to the assumption of command is the passing of the colors; the colors represent the heritage and history of the unit and the unity and loyalty of its Soldiers. They are the commanders' symbol of authority and represent his respon-

sibilities to the organization. Where ever the commander is, there also are the colors.

"What we are going to try to do now with this brigade is use the value of a combined group of teams to do more than they were before. Fortunately, I think we have the right people in place to do that. I am confident in the combine ability of these patriots to do world-class contracting world-wide," said Morris.

Back-to-School



SUPERINTENDENT'S BACK TO SCHOOL MESSAGE

Summer vacation offers an opportunity to reflect, renew and re-energize. It is my sincere hope our Fort Sam Houston Families have had an opportunity to

spend some quality time with loved ones this summer. With our military Families facing such varied challenges and demands on their time, those strong relationships are needed now more than ever.

Our Fort Sam Houston School District personnel believe in the importance of strong partnerships as well. Effective partnerships based upon shared beliefs help our



students be more successful and allow so many opportunities for learning for both our students and staff. Here's a glimpse of partnerships and support in action that directly benefit our district:

- With two "Exemplary Partnerships" Awards earned in 2005 and 2006, the school district and the Fort Sam Houston installation hoped to bring home the Military Child Education Coalition's top award, the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award, this summer. Although we didn't earn the top prize this year, MCEC's Executive Director, Dr. Mary Keller, rec-

ognized our outstanding collaboration, commitment to military Families, and active coordination of numerous efforts in support of our students.

- Fort Sam Houston Independent School District's application submitted under the 2009 Department of Defense Education Activity's Promoting Student Achievement at Schools Impacted by Military Force Structure Changes grant competition was selected for the maximum award possible for our school district size — \$1,606,060. Grant funds will be utilized in support of students' academic achievement, especially in the area of math and science, to engage stu-

dents in challenging, satisfying and interesting school work, and to increase our students' age appropriate mastery of 21st Century technology skills.

- The Texas Legislature assisted all Texas school districts who serve military children recently by enacting the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Signed into law by Governor Rick Perry, the compact helps to reduce school challenges when dealing with enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation issues due to frequent relocations as a result of military service to our country. As of July 24 states have signed the compact, which is now operational. FSHISD personnel and

parent representatives were active partners involved in support of this legislation and attended its signing ceremony in the governor's office.

Partnerships come in many sizes and shapes. However, there is no more important partnership than that of the parent and teacher working together to benefit a child.

Thank you for your support of our almost 1,450 students, our staff, and our district. Your involvement in your children's education is critical to their success. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer vacation, and we'll see you in the classroom Aug. 24.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gail Siller

Fort Sam Houston Schools earn 'Recognized' accountability rating

After seeing continuous growth in the academic performance of students, it is not surprising that the Texas Education Agency recently announced that Fort Sam Houston Independent School District earned "Recognized" accountability ratings for Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Robert G. Cole Middle and High School as well as the school district.

This second highest rating possible measures a number of quality academic excellence indicators, including student performance on the state-mandated

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test. Under the current standard, a "recognized" rating currently indicates at least 75 percent of all students met the TAKS passing rate standard, including ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, English Language learners, and students receiving special education services.

The Texas Education Agency rates school districts and campuses each year as exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable or academically unacceptable. The ratings are based largely on

student performance on the TAKS test. Drop-out and completion rates were also factored into middle and high school ratings.

"We are so proud of our students' hard work and our staff's dedication," said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent, FSHISD.

Test results provide useful district, campus, and grade-level data to staff for planning, development, and adapting district instructional programs. In addition, student performance results provide useful information for parents on

individual progress and instructional needs.

The number of schools and districts that achieved a "Recognized" rating increased with slightly more than one-third of the state's districts and campuses earning this rating.

"A new growth measure called the Texas Projection Measure, gives schools credit for the academic growth of students and also increased a school or district's chance of earning a top rating," said Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

Registration continues on both campuses

The military installations of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis comprise the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District. Children of military personnel residing on these installations are eligible to attend pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The Fort Sam Houston Elementary School includes grades Pre-K to Fifth; Cole Middle School includes grades sixth-eighth and Cole High School includes grades ninth to 12th.

Students who attended Fort Sam Houston Elementary School or Robert G. Cole in May

2009 have already been registered and need not re-register unless the student was (1) withdrawn at the end of May by his or her parents or (2) whose parents had not been assigned quarters as of Aug. 24.

Parents with students already residing on the installation should bring a copy of their Lincoln Housing Lease Agreement to registration. Parents with students not currently living on the installation but with an anticipated move-in date during the 2009-2010 school year should contact the Lincoln Housing Office

prior to registration to request a permission form be faxed to the FSHISD District Office at 368-8741.

Parents are requested to bring the following to registration:

- Immunization records
- Copy of birth certificate
- Social security card for the student
- Report card from the previous school, if applicable
- Other school records from the previous school
- Proof of residency
- Driver's license of the parent or guardian

Please note that all district and campus

offices will be closed the morning of Aug. 18, for district convocation. Offices will re-open at 1 p.m.

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Parents may register their students through Aug. 21, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A change in state law allows all Pre-K aged children of active duty military personnel to receive a public school education. Students must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1 and all children of active duty military personnel who

reside on the Installation or will move into housing within the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend. District transportation is not provided for Pre-K students due to safety concerns.

Children must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten and 6-years-old on or before Sept. 1, to enroll in first grade.

Robert G. Cole Middle School and High School

In order to better serve parents and students, registration will be conducted with a coun-

selor on an appointment basis. Appointments can be made by calling 368-8734. Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes.

Middle School Registration Dates

Aug. 11 sixth grade
Aug. 12 seventh grade
Aug. 13 eighth grade
Aug. 14 All Levels

High School Registration Dates

Aug. 11 ninth grade
Aug. 12 10th grade
Aug. 13 11th grade
Aug. 14 12th grade

Parents who are not able to register their children on these dates may do so on Aug. 24 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Online school district policies answer parents' questions

The policies governing the operation of Fort Sam Houston Independent School District are available online at www.fshisd.net.

"We encourage our parents to visit our district home page as often as they can for the policies governing our school district, as well as for other pertinent information," said Dr. Gail Siller, Superintendent.

Fort Sam Houston ISD's Policy Manual is divided into seven sections, each devoted to a separate area of school governance. The sections include: A - Basic District Foundations; B - Local District Governance; C - Business and Support Services; D - Personnel; E - Instruction; F -

Students; and G - Community.

Policies are labeled either Legal or Local. Legal policies track the language of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, federal and state statutes, State Board of Education rules, the Texas Administrative Code and other regulations.

Local policies have been approved by the local FSH Board of Trustees and are deemed essential to effective district governance and management particular to this district. Local policies that are preceded by



a Legal policy in the same code generally expand on, or qualify, the legally referenced provisions. Other Local policies stand alone, portraying the school board's stated intentions in areas not otherwise addressed by law.

Fort Sam Houston ISD

utilizes the services of the Texas Association of School Boards to develop and maintain both legal and local policies. TASB is used by over 90 percent of the school districts in Texas for policy services and staying current with federal and state law, case law, State Board of Education rules, and other legal authorities affecting the governance of Texas school districts.

"When reviewing the policies, parents will obtain a complete understanding if they review both Legal and Local sections," added Siller. "If they have questions, they can contact the campuses or district administration office."

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Administration Building	368-8700
Superintendent	368-8701
Associate Superintendent	368-8703
Business	368-8705
Food Service	368-8745
Operations (Maintenance / Transportation)	368-8719
PEIMS Coordinator	368-8707
Technology Infrastructure Coordinator	368-8709
Technology Instructional Coordinator	368-8755
Fax	368-8741

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School	368-8800
Principal.....	368-8899
Assistant Principal (grades 3-5)	368-8805
Assistant Principal (grades PK-2)	368-8806
Counselor (grades 3-5)	368-8808
Counselor (grades PK-2)	368-8817
Special Education Coordinator	368-8818
Fax	368-8801

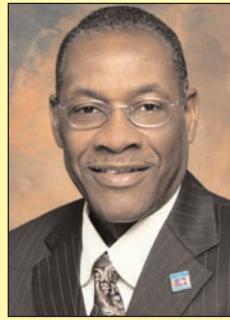
Military Special Education Cooperative.....	368-8771
Fax	368-8776

Robert G. Cole Middle/Senior High School.....	368-8730
Receptionist.....	368-8733
Principal.....	368-8774
Assistant Principal for the Middle School	368-8736
Assistant Principal for the High School.....	368-8742
Counselors' Office	368-8734
Fax	368-8731

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District's shared beliefs drive actions

District instructional staff met for two days this summer to develop a shared understanding of the district's new core beliefs. No one individual wrote these beliefs. The District Design Team developed the first draft, and then various groups including teachers, parents, community members and administrators added their input, concerns, suggestions, and changes before being approved by the district's school board.

"Our vision is that Fort Sam Houston ISD will be a great learning organization where

each student every day engages in interesting, challenging, and satisfying work that results in profound learning," said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent.

"To achieve this goal, the district must have a shared beliefs system in place," Siller shared. "Not something in which only one or two people believe, but beliefs that we all can support and use to drive our daily actions."

"Our shared beliefs should stir our hearts, engage our mind, and compel us to act," said Siller. "They should define who we are

and who we want to be."

As part of the process, teachers listened to a variety of student voices from the Fort Sam Houston community on the topic of beliefs.

"Leadership is in everyone," stated ninth grade student Chris Lamoureaux. "Teachers help to bring out leadership in their students."

Elementary fifth grade student Dai-Von Lewis shared, "Don't go easy on me because I have done all these other good things. I want you to push me to go the extra mile because when

it comes to being a leader and struggling with something, I'll know I've been given that boost to help me go forward."

In the early stages of the district's transformation work, the superintendent and school board engaged in discussions of why change was needed. An initial assessment of our district's capacity to transform was completed and conversations around book studies and conferences guided thinking about the social, global, and demographic forces which require public education to transform itself into a true

learning organization.

"Working with the District Design Team and various other groups, we now have a set of core beliefs that will be used not only to drive our daily actions but also in discussions with district staff, parents, board members, and the community as our district works to achieve its goals," said Siller.

With a focus on the future, each school will establish their own Campus Design Team this year, joining the District Design Team to fashion a blueprint for redesigning our school system.

Public notification of nondiscrimination in career, technical education programs

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in the Human Services Career Cluster; the Marketing, Sales and Service Career Cluster, and the Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster. Admission to these programs is open to all FSHISD enrolled secondary students and is based on student interest.

It is the policy of FSHISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as

required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of FSHISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of

1973, as amended.

FSHISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Jayne Hatton, associate superintendent, Title IX coordinator, and Section 504 coordinator, at Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, 1902 Winans Road, San Antonio, TX 78234, 368-8703.

FSHISD BELIEF STATEMENTS

We exist to serve the military child.

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We are a Family of lifelong learners who respect and honor individual differences, diversity, and talents.

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We believe a safe and caring environment fosters the emotional and social well-being of students.

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We believe that every teacher is a leader; every leader is a teacher.

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We inspire our students to their highest level of learning.

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We, the school community, provide engaging, challenging, and meaningful work for learners.

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We prepare students to be leaders by instilling character, competence, and creativity.

Fort Sam ISD offers free and reduced-price meals

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

The national School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The household size and income criteria identified in this article will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the



income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms will be distributed to all households, along with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children.

Applications also are available at the office of each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year. A new application must be submitted

each school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-priced benefits, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a SNAP or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "NONE," "No Number" or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security

number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

The housing allowance for military personnel living in privatized housing will be permanently excluded from income when determining household eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent, FSHISD, 1902 Winans Rd. San Antonio, TX 78234.

Household eligibility for free and reduced-price meals shall remain in effect beginning on the date of eligibility for the current school year and ending on a date during the subsequent school year. Also, if a household

member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown below. For additional information, district residents can write the Food Service Department at 1902 Winans Road, San Antonio, TX 78234; or call 368-8745.

Meals are served every school day. Students in pre-K through fifth grade can prepay or purchase their meals at the cost of \$1.75 per lunch and .80 cents per breakfast. Students in grades six to 12 can prepay or purchase their meal at the cost of \$2 per lunch and .90 cents for breakfast. An on-line payment system is now available for both schools and can be accessed from the district's Web site at www.fshisd.net. Reduced-price school meals cost .30 cents for breakfast and .40 cents for lunch.

The following is the newly revised chart of fed-

eral annual income qualifying guidelines for the free and reduced-price meal program.

Family Eligibility Income Chart

Household Size	Annual Free	Annual Reduced
1	\$14,079	\$20,036
2	\$18,941	\$26,955
3	\$23,803	\$33,874
4	\$28,665	\$40,793
5	\$33,527	\$47,712
6	\$38,389	\$54,631
7	\$43,251	\$61,550
8	\$48,113	\$68,469
9	\$52,975	\$75,388
10	\$57,837	\$82,307
11	\$62,699	\$89,226
12	\$67,561	\$96,145
<i>For each add'l family member</i>		
<i>add:</i>	<i>+\$4,862</i>	<i>+\$6,919</i>

Note: In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Current district Web site informs parents, students

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District provides parents with up-to-date information about the district and its schools at www.fshisd.net. The Web site utilizes eChalk, a national leader in school Web site development, and allows teachers and administrators to collaboratively create a dynamic and up-to-

date site.

Each campus and the district office maintain a site and each campus site is easily accessible from the district site. The sites use a pull-down menu system and are divided into main areas such as About Our School, Staff Directory, Offices, Policies and Procedures, School

Resources, and Clubs and Organizations.

"The district's Web site has several unique features," said Dr. Roland Rios, district instructional technology coordinator. "PCS Central," billed as the "one-stop Web site for military Families on the move," provides valuable information for our Families transi-

tioning into the district. Another powerful feature is the ability to translate Web pages into another language. This feature is located at the bottom right hand corner of the district home page.

A new feature this year will be the ability for parents to "subscribe" to the child's class page. Once

subscribed, parents will receive e-mail notification anytime new information is posted to the class page. This feature will be up and running shortly after the school year starts. Another new development is the addition of student accounts for all middle school students. This will allow our middle school

students to e-mail teachers and access "private" areas of class pages for electronic homework submission and student-friendly online discussions.

The site is intended to be a joint community effort, so feedback and suggestions are encouraged. You will find an e-mail link to our Web master on the site.

Fort Sam Houston ISD

BUS SCHEDULE



Area Stops	Route # AM & PM	Elementary K - 5	Middle School 6 - 8	High School 9 - 12
Forbush Rd. & Kimbro Cr.	1, 2, 3	7:15	Students	Students
Forbush Rd. between Farr Cr. & Meeks Cr.		7:17	Walk	Walk
McMurray Rd. & Decker Cr.		7:18	TO	TO
McMurray & Buckner Ct.		7:20	and	and
McMurray & Frazier Rd.		7:21	From	From
McMurray & Johnston Cr.		7:23	School	School
McMurray & Rodrigues Cr.		7:24		
Arrive at School		7:30		
Chaffee & Taylor	4	7:18	7:38	7:43
Chaffee Shelter # 2522		7:19	7:37	7:42
Chaffee (Qtrs 854)		7:20	7:35	7:39
Chaffee Shelter # 1221		7:21	7:34	7:37
Arrive at School		7:27	7:51	8:00
Marvin R. Wood 2720	5	7:22	7:40	7:45
Marvin R. Wood 2870		7:24	7:41	7:46
Marvin R. Wood (Qtrs 3071)		7:26	7:42	7:48
Arrive at School		7:30	7:51	8:00
Garden Ave. & Birkhead Dr.	6	7:14	7:30	7:35
Garden Ave & Playground 3222		7:16	7:33	7:36
Ingram Path & Walter T. Bahl		7:17	7:34	7:37
Walter T. Bahl & Birkhead Dr.		7:19	7:37	7:38
Arrive at School		7:24	7:48	7:53
Patch Rd. & Foulis Pass	7	7:19	7:30	7:35
Patch Rd. & Birkhead Dr.		7:20	7:31	7:37
Forge Ave. & Birkhead Dr		7:21	7:32	7:38
Forge Ave. & Foulis Pass		7:23	7:34	7:39
Arrive at School		7:28	7:44	7:49
	AM ONLY			
Powless Guest House	Elem	7:15	7:15	7:15
FSH Campground	Middle	7:20	7:20	7:20
Arrive at School	Cole	7:30	7:35	7:40
	PM ONLY			
FSH Campground	Bus 2		ROUTE 7	ROUTE 7
Powless Guest House	Bus 2		ROUTE 8	ROUTE 8
Infantry Post	8	7:15	7:38	7:45
Arrive at School		7:27	7:52	8:00
S16W & Graham	9	7:01	7:35	7:35
Graham & New Braunfels		7:02	7:36	7:36
Artillery Loop (Qtrs 176)		7:04	7:37	7:37
Artillery Post (Qtrs 165)		7:05	7:38	7:38
Artillery Post (Qtrs 101)		7:06	7:39	7:39
Artillery Post (Qtrs 109)		7:07	7:40	7:40
Artillery Post (Qtrs 115)		7:08	7:41	7:41
Staff Post Road & Stanley		7:09	7:45	7:45
Staff Post Road (Qtrs 13)		7:12	7:46	7:46
Hancock Road (Qtrs 2283)		7:16		
Arrive at School		7:30	8:06	8:11
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1016)	10	7:14	7:43	7:43
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1009)		7:15	7:44	7:44
Graham & Worth		7:18	7:45	7:45
Graham & Harney		7:19	7:46	7:46
Graham & Schofield		7:20	7:47	7:47
Graham & H. T. Allen (Shelter)		7:21	7:48	7:48
Arrive at School		7:30	8:08	8:13

Bus service for FSH students outlined

The Fort Sam Houston School District makes school bus transportation available to Fort Sam Houston Elementary students, with the exception of pre-kindergarten students, and to Cole students who live two or more miles from school. This service is provided at no cost to students. Bus routes and any subsequent changes are posted at the school. Further information may be obtained by calling 368-8720.

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely.

When riding school buses, students are held to behavioral standards established in the Fort Sam Houston I.S.D. Student-Parent handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Follow the driver's directions at all times.
- Wear seatbelts at all times when riding in a district van or car.
- Be seated while the vehicle is in motion.
- Observe classroom conduct.
- Be courteous, use no profane language.
- Enter and leave the vehicle in an orderly manner at the designated bus stop nearest home.
- Keep books, band instrument cases, feet, and other objects out of the aisle.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to self.
- Keep the bus clean.

- Do not fight, push or shove.
- Do not bring pets on the bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Do not deface the bus or its equipment.
- Do not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or outside of the bus.
- Do not smoke or use any form of tobacco.
- Upon leaving the bus, wait for the driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus.

The bus driver is authorized to assign seats when he or she feels it necessary to ensure student safety and order. When a student, by undisciplined behavior, contributes to the problem of safe transportation of others, the following procedures for corrective action will be enforced:

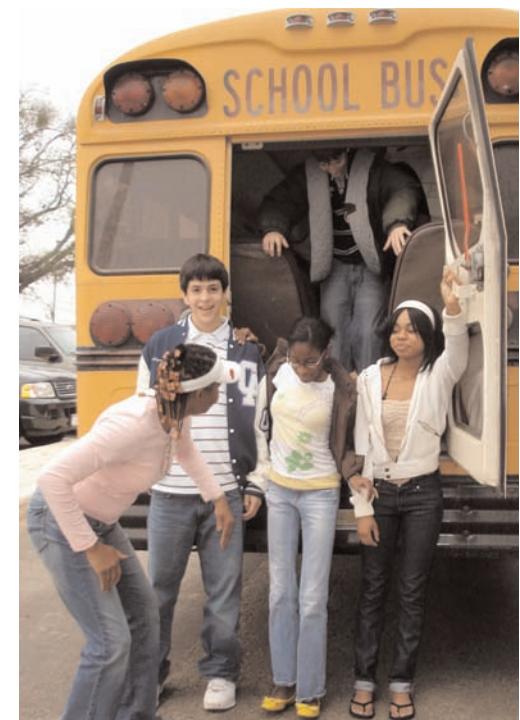
- First and Second Offense:** The school bus driver will advise the student, record the infraction and report the student/incident to the campus assistant principal. Parents will be contacted.
- Third Offense:** Bus-riding privileges

will be suspended for one week.

Fourth Offense: Bus riding privileges will be suspended for two weeks.

Fifth Offense: Bus riding privileges will be suspended for the remainder of the school year. A discipline hearing with campus principal will be held to determine if further disciplinary consequences are warranted.

Any severe infraction of safety rules, which endanger life or property, will be immediately reported directly to the campus assistant principal who may remove the student from privileges immediately. Any student causing severe infractions who cannot be controlled by the bus driver may be turned over to the Department of Army Civilian Police after notifying FSHISD transportation.



Robert G. Cole High School students practice bus evacuation procedures under the direction of their Robert G. Cole Middle School bus driver.

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School 2009-2010 School Supply List

Pre- Kindergarten

- 1 - box of tissues
- 1 - school bag (large enough to hold papers and a library book – no book bags with wheels)
- 4 - Elmer's School glue (not "gel" or "no run" glue)
- 4 - sticks Elmer's School glue
- 1 - pocket folder (solid color)
- 1 - box gallon Ziploc bags – boys only
- 1 - box sandwich or quart bags – girls only
- 1 - box Crayola Classic markers
- 1 - kindermat
- 1 - package construction paper (variety pack 9 inch by 12 inch)
- 1 - box Crayola water colors
- 1 - box Crayons
- Refill of baby wipes (hand wipes)
- Change of clothes

Kindergarten

- 4 - glue sticks
- 1 - Fiskar scissors – round tip
- 1 - package construction paper (variety pack 9 inch by 12 inch)
- 1 - backpack (no wheels) – with student name on it (large enough to hold papers and library book)
- 1 - package of Crayola-brand water color paint set – 8 colors
- 4 - packages Crayola Classic markers (fat ones)
- 1 - package paper bags – girls only
- 1 - box Ziploc quart or gallon bags
- 8 - boxes Crayola crayons – 16 count
- 2 - boxes of tissues – 200 count
- 1 - package manila paper
- 1 - bottle hand sanitizer
- 2 - bottles of Elmer's glue

- 1 - package of pencils – Boys only
- Change of clothes
- No supply boxes*

First Grade

- 3 - spiral notebooks - no design, wide-ruled, 70 pages
- 1 - package three by five white index cards
- 1 - 1 inch three-ring binder - no design
- 1 - box of tissues – 200 count
- 3 - folders with brads and pockets - no design
- 1 - box baby wipes
- 1 - box Ziploc bags gallon-size - Boys
- 1 - box Ziploc bags quart-size - Girls
- 1 - bottle Elmer's glue
- 1 - three-pack glue sticks
- 1 - pink pearl eraser
- 24 - No. 2 yellow pencils – no design
- 2 - boxes Crayola crayons - 24 count
- 1 - Crayola Classic markers - wide tip
- 2 - Crayola watercolor paint set
- 1 - pair Fiskar scissors
- Change of clothes

Second Grade

- 1 - ream white copy paper
- 7 - Mead hard-cover composition books - no spirals
- 48 - yellow No. 2 pencils - No Eagle brand
- 2 - boxes Crayola crayons – 24 count
- 1 - plastic shoe box (no taller than 4 1/2 inches)
- 1 - Fiskar scissor – sharp point
- 2 - boxes tissue – 200 count
- 2 - white school glue – 8 ounces
- 4 - glue sticks
- 4 - pocket folders with brads- red,

- yellow, green and blue
- 1 - package assorted color 9 inch by 12 inch construction paper (no tablets)
- 2 - packages Crayola-brand markers
- 1 - package Crayola-brand colored pencils
- 1 - backpack
- 1 - package Ziploc quart freezer bags – Boys only
- 1 - package Ziploc gallon-size freezer bags – Girls Only
- 1 - package baby wipes
- 2 - packages manila paper 12 inch by 18 inch
- 4 - pink pearl erasers
- 1 - package of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 - bottles anti-bacterial sanitizer

Third Grade

- 48 - yellow No. 2 pencils - (No Eagle brand)
- 1 - pencil box 5 inches by 8 inches (small plastic)
- 1 - 12-inch ruler – inch and metric – wood only
- 2 - boxes Crayola crayons – 24 count
- 2 - Elmer's glue – 8 ounces
- 2 - boxes kleenex – 200 count
- 2 - reams white copy paper (letter size)
- 1 - Fiskar scissor –sharp point
- 10 - pocket folders (2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow, 2 orange, 2 red) no designs please
- 4 - spiral notebooks – 70 page wide- ruled, no design
- 1 - package assorted 12 inch by 18 inch construction paper (no tablet) – Boys only

- 1 - package 9 inch by 12 inch manila paper – Girls only
- 2 - pink pearl erasers
- 1 - bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 - pencil box 5 inches by 8 inches (small plastic)
- 1 - box Crayola markers – classic wide tip
- 1 - dozen eraser caps for pencils
- 1 - roll paper towels – Girls only
- 1 - gallon Ziplock bags – Boys only
- 1 - wet wipes
- 2 - packages notebook paper (wide rule)

No three-ring binders or trapper keepers –

No names on supplies for third grade

Fourth Grade

- 1 - supply box – small
- 30 - yellow No. 2 pencils (not Eagle or mechanical)
- 1 - 12 inch ruler – inch and metric markings (wooden)
- 1 - box Crayola crayons – 24 count
- 1 - Elmer's glue – 8 oz.
- 2 - boxes tissues – 200 count
- 2 - packages wide spaced notebook paper
- 1 - package Crayola fine point markers – 8 color
- 1 - Fiskar scissor – sharp point
- 10 - pocket folders with brads (solid colors)
- 6 - wide-ruled spiral notebooks (70 page)
- 1 - roll paper towels
- 1 - box colored pencils – 12 count
- 1 - bottle waterless hand sanitizer (pump)
- 4 - highlighters (wide/yellow)

- 1 - box quart sized freeze lock baggies – Girls
 - 1 - box gallon sized freeze lock baggies – Boys
 - 2 - red pens
 - 2 - glue sticks
 - 2 - reams 20 pound white copy paper
 - 1 - package 9 inch by 12 inch construction paper – Girls
 - 1 - package 9 inch by 12 inch manila paper - Boys
- No notebooks, No trapper keepers*

Fifth Grade

- 1 - zipper pouch
- 24 - No. 2 pencils
- 2 - highlighters
- 10 - red checking pens
- 1 - box colored pencils – 12 count
- 2 - 1 inch three-ring binder
- 2 - boxes tissues – 200 count
- 1 - package of re-enforcements
- 5 - folders with three-brads and pockets
- 2 - packages tab dividers with pockets
- 5 - spiral notebooks – 70 pages
- 2 - packages wide-lined paper
- 1 - glue stick
- 1 - roll paper towels
- 1 - ream (500-count) white copy paper
- 1 - hand held sharpener with lid
- 5 - cloth book covers

Note:

Supplies must be replenished throughout the year

Robert G. Cole Middle 2009-2010 School Supply List

Sixth Grade

- 4 - spiral notebooks (70 pages each)
- 1 - five-subject notebook (wide-rule, 200 sheets, eight-pocket, poly cover, heavy-duty back by Exceed – available at Wal-Mart)
- 1 - set of five individual dividers
- 2 - pocket folders with brads
- 2 - packages wide-ruled three-ring notebook paper
- 5 - 1 1/2-inch binders (one for each subject)
- 1 - pencil pocket with binder holes
- 1 - set of colored pencils
- 2 - red pens
- 1 - package of No. 2 pencils

- 1 - pair of scissors
- 2 - glue sticks
- 1 - ruler
- 1 - pack of Pink Pearl erasers
- 2 - packages of Expo markers (for white board work)
- 2 - large boxes of tissue
- Optional: locker shelf

Seventh Grade

- 5 - 1-inch ring binders
- 1 - 70-page spiral notebook (reading)
- 1 -150-page spiral notebook
- 2 - three-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 - homework pocket folder
- 5 - packages of wide-ruled three-

- ring notebook paper
- 5 - packages of tab dividers
- 1 - zippered pencil and pen bag
- 1 - package No. 2 pencils
- 2 - packages blue or black ink pens
- 3 - red grading pens
- 1 - package colored pencils
- 1 - package dry-erase markers (black)
- 1 - package of three glue sticks
- 1 - package transparent high-lighters
- 1 - ruler (centimeters and inches)
- 2 - large boxes of tissues
- 1 - two-subject spiral notebook
- Optional: locker shelf

Eighth Grade

- 5 - 1-inch three-ring binders
- 1 - 150-page spiral notebook
- 1 - tablet 1/4 inch graph paper
- 4 - packages wide-ruled three-ring notebook paper
- 2 - packages of tab dividers
- 1 - package of No. 2 pencils
- 2 - packages blue or black ink pens
- 1 - package red grading pens
- 1 - package colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 - package dry-erase markers (black)
- 2 - packages of transparent high-lighters
- 3 - large boxes of tissues

Optional items:

Eighth graders taking Algebra I are encouraged to purchase a T183+ calculator. If students cannot purchase a personal calculator, they will be issued one in class.
- Locker shelf

*Note: Some supplies will need to be replenished during the year. Elective classes may have additional minimum requirements determined by the nature of the elective.
All middle school students will be issued a school locker and allowed to carry a backpack (no wheels).*

2009 - 2010 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12



This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Education Code, Chapter 38, Health & Safety, Subchapter A, General Provisions.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccines	Kindergarten	7 th Grade	8 th - 12 th Grade
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis ¹ (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)	5 doses or 4 doses ²	3 doses ³ 1 Tdap/Td booster ⁴	3 doses ³ 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 10 years ⁵
Polio ^{1, 6}	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ^{1, 7, 11} (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses ⁷	2 doses ⁷
Hepatitis B ^{1, 8, 11}	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella ^{1, 9, 11, 12}	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose ⁹
Meningococcal ¹		1 dose	
Hepatitis A ^{1, 10, 11}	2 doses		

Footnotes

- ¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.
- ² Five doses of a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis containing vaccine, one of which must have been received on or after the 4th birthday; however, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.
- ³ Three doses, including one dose on or after the 4th birthday.
- ⁴ Students will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap only if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.
- ⁵ Students will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their previous dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.
- ⁶ Four doses of polio vaccine one of which must have been received on or after the 4th birthday; however, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.
- ⁷ Two doses of MMR vaccine with the 1st dose on or after the 1st birthday. For the 2009 - 2010 school year, 7th - 12th grade students are required to have two doses of a measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine. Refer to the phase-in schedule to determine when the 2-dose MMR requirement goes into effect for 7th - 12th grade.
- ⁸ Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax[®]) are acceptable for individuals 11 - 15 years of age. Dosage and type of vaccine **must** be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax[®])
- ⁹ Two doses received on or after the 1st birthday. Refer to the phase-in schedule to determine when the 2-dose Varicella requirement goes into effect for 8th - 12th grade.
- ¹⁰ Two doses with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday.
- ¹¹ Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.
- ¹² Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Schools and child-care facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they can be excluded from attending school if an outbreak occurs.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com.

For children needing medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school or child-care facility.

Provisional Enrollment

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel have validated it. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.



Maria Schwartz, a licensed vocational nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center Allergy/Immunology Clinic, gives an immunization shot to 6 1/2-year-old Catherine Waibel in preparation for first grade at Cambridge Elementary School.

BAMC clinic offers back-to-school immunizations

Story and photo by Jen D. Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center's Allergy/Immunology Clinic is offering back-to-school immunizations.

"We are offering these services as an extension of the other primary care clinics," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kirk Waibel, a pediatrician and the clinic's officer-in-charge.

"We want to ensure that parents have plenty of opportunities before school starts, so that parents won't have to take their children out of school to get it done," he said.

Many schools will not allow children to be in class, until they meet the state immunization requirements. Under state and federal guidance, if an immunization is not documented in the medical record, it did not occur and schools will require the student to receive the immunization again.

The clinic offers back-to-school immunizations Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:30 to 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 to 3:45 p.m., on the third floor above the medical mall

clinic entrance.

Eligible beneficiaries, 6-years and older, qualify for immunizations in the Allergy/Immunology Clinic regardless of the clinic in which they are enrolled.

Waibel said children may also receive immunizations at their assigned clinics. Children 5-years-old and younger should go to their assigned primary care provider for well-child immunization screening. Parents should bring in copies of previous immunization records.

Clinic staff will explain procedures in detail to the child and parent. "The patient will be given an option to sit in a chair or lay on the bed with their parent if it will help them to be more comfortable while receiving the injection," he said.

A topical freeze spray can be applied to the injection site prior to the shot, which helps to decrease pain.

Contact BAMC's Allergy/Immunology Clinic at 916-3011 or visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize for state requirements.

Students should 'dress for success'

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District prides itself on high academic and behavioral expectations. The district believes that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and good grooming. The Dress Code is in effect for all elementary, middle and high school students while attending school functions or school sponsored activities on or off school grounds.

"Parents are strongly encouraged to work closely with the school to enforce moderate hairstyles and high standards of dress for their students," said Isabell Clayton, principal, Cole Middle and High School. "Parents will be serving the welfare of our students and helping us as educators by emphasizing standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, and decency in dress and grooming."

The following are FSH dress code guidelines:

- Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional hairstyles (spiked hair or extreme

hairstyles) that are considered to be distracting or disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited. Students may wear natural hair colors only.

- Halter tops, exposed midribs, strapless or low cut tops, exposed backs, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, tank shirts and sleeveless athletic shirts are not permitted. Shirts and blouses must extend below the waistband, but cannot extend beyond the student's fingertips when the student is standing. Shoulder straps on clothing must be worn on the shoulder.

- Underwear shall not be visible or exposed.

- Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory (alcoholic beverage, sex, tobacco, drugs, gang, satanic, promoting violence, lewd, vulgar, obscene, disrespectful, etc.) is prohibited at the discretion of the campus administration.

- Appropriate footwear is required. Footwear that has toes or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar

materials is prohibited. Footwear with wheels is prohibited.

- Shorts will be permitted provided that the shorts are neatly hemmed and conservative and modest in appearance and must extend beyond the student's fingertips when the student is standing or as determined appropriate by an administrator. Over-sized athletic shorts are prohibited. Bicycle shorts, gym shorts, basketball shorts are prohibited for students in grades sixth to 12th. Form fitting and skin-tight shorts, pants, or body stockings of spandex worn alone, or other similar materials worn alone are prohibited.

- Pants and shorts shall be worn securely at the waist. Sagging is prohibited. Excessively worn, torn, frayed, over-sized or long clothing is not permitted. Underwear shall not be visible or exposed. Pants or shorts held up by drawstrings or elastic are prohibited for students in grades sixth to 12th. Warm-up suits, sweat suits or wind pants except dur-

ing Physical Education classes are prohibited in grades sixth to 12th. At the discretion of principal for students in grades sixth to 12th, appropriate fitting warm up pants may be permitted during times of inclement weather.

- Dresses, skirts, skorts and split-skirts will be permitted provided that they are neatly hemmed, conservative, and modest in appearance and must extend beyond the student's fingertips when the student is standing or as determined appropriate by an administrator. Excessively high slits in skirts will not be permitted.

- Body piercing ornaments and other similar ornaments will be worn on the ear only.

- Visible tattoos must be covered.

- Hats, caps, or other head apparel ("do rags," bandanas) are not permitted with the exception of Junior ROTC, PE classes with permission of the teacher, or those that meet medical needs of students. Hoods on hooded sweatshirts, shirts, and jackets may not be worn during instructional time or while in the building.

- Any apparel or attire that

is considered to be distracting or disruptive to the educational environment (pajamas, lounging undershirts, pajama style clothing, temporary or permanent cosmetics, ornamental dental applies, "grills" house shoes, shower shoes, hair curlers, sunglasses, spikes or chains of any type) or is considered a safety concern is prohibited.

While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion as to the appropriateness of dress, grooming, or determining whether or not a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, the final determination will be made by the campus administration. Students who choose to violate the dress and grooming code will be sent to an administrator for clarification or disciplinary action. Parents will be contacted and requested to bring a change of clothes so that the student will be in compliance with the dress code. Repeated violations of the dress code will be construed as insubordination and further disciplinary consequences will be incurred by the student.

Parent-Teacher Organizations support students, Families, and staff

The Fort Sam Houston Elementary Cougar Cub Parent-Teacher Organization and the Robert G. Cole Middle and High School Cougar Pride Organization are gearing up for another great year. Parents are encouraged to join their parent organization. Executive Committee members will be available to speak to parents at Open House and other

school-sponsored events.

"Both organizations have an active volunteer program that offers a wide range of options for parent participation," said Jayne Hatton, associate superintendent. "Volunteers are an important ingredient to a successful school year."

Each Friday is "Spirit Day." Students are encouraged to wear green or gold on that day.

Both organizations will sell "spirit wear" throughout the year. More information will be available at Open House and other school events.

The organizations sponsor several fund raising events throughout the year. All monies collected benefit the students at the school. In previous years, the elementary PTO has purchased keyboards, a

poster machine, and a portable speaker system to be used at school-sponsored events. Money has also been used to support the Accelerated Reader program. The Cougar Pride Club supports both academic and extracurricular activities, raising money for scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors.

Registration paperwork



Elementary parent, Erica Skipper, completes registration paperwork with the assistance of receptionist Elisa Fuentes at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.

New federal ethnicity, race data reporting requirements

New guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education will be implemented in all Texas public schools beginning this school year. Schools will collect data for students and staff related to ethnicity and race that is different from current practices.

The information will be used for state and federal accountability reporting as well as reporting to the Office of Civil Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In addition, for school year 2009 – 2010 only, districts will collect ethnicity data based on prior year requirements.

“We expect families to have questions about the new federal ethnicity and race reporting guidelines,” said Gail Siller, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District superintendent. “However, our district will try to make this

transition as smooth as possible for our parents.”

“Using 2000 census standards, students and our staff will be identified in both ethnic and racial classification,” said Siller.

Under new standards, ethnicity is defined as either Hispanic/Latino or Not Hispanic/Latino. Race is categorized as one or more of the following: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, or White.

During the week of Aug. 31 parents and staff will receive a survey and be asked to complete the survey and return to their child’s school no later than Sept. 4.

Questions related to the new data collection requirements can be addressed to Janet Bolin at 368-8707 or e-mailed to jbolin@fshisd.net.

Background checks on school volunteers ensure student safety

Background checks, common in schools, churches and summer camps, are done in the spirit of ensuring student safety. Those who would like to volunteer at our schools should obtain a criminal history form from any school office or on the district’s Web site at www.fshisd.net.

Completed forms should be turned in to the appropriate school office a minimum of one week prior to the event. Once a volunteer is approved, the

appropriate school will be notified.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is very fortunate to have active and supportive parents and community volunteers. “Volunteers are essential to the operation of our schools.” said Tonya Hyde, elementary principal. “Our volunteers represent the character of our community often serving as chaperones on field trips or supporting other school events.”

BAND PRACTICE



Cole students prepare for a year of musical events under the guidance of Jon Philippus and Dan Vasquez.

2009-2010 Regular bell schedule

Middle and High School

First Period 8:30 to 9:18 a.m. (48 minutes)
(announcements)

Second Period 9:23 to 10:09 a.m. (46 minutes)

Third Period 10:14 to 11 a.m. (46 minutes)

Sixth Grade

Lunch 11:05 to 11:35 a.m. (30 minutes)

Fourth Period 11:40 a.m. to 12:26 p.m. (46 minutes)

Fifth Period 12:31 to 1:17 p.m. (46 minutes)

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Fourth Period 11:05 to 11:51 a.m. (46 minutes)

Lunch 11:56 a.m. to 12:26 p.m. (30 minutes)

Fifth Period 12:31 to 1:17 p.m. (46 minutes)

High School

Fourth Period 11:05 to 11:51 a.m. (46 minutes)

Fifth Period 11:56 a.m. to 12:42 p.m. (46 minutes)

Lunch 12:47 to 1:17 p.m. (30 minutes)

Middle and High School

Sixth Period 1:22 to 2:08 p.m. (46 minutes)

Seventh Period 2:13 to 2:59 p.m. (46 minutes)

Eighth Period 3:04 to 3:50 p.m. (46 minutes)

2009 – 2010 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Test Dates

State-Mandated Content Area Assessment

	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade
March 3		Writing			Writing		Reading	English Language Arts	English Language Arts
April 6			Math			Math			
April 7			Reading			Reading			
April 27	Math	Math		Math	Math			Math	
April 28	Reading	Reading		Reading	Reading				Math
April 29			Science			Science	Math	Science	Science
April 30						Social Studies		Social Studies	Social Studies

FOOTBALL PRACTICE



Coach Brian Sotak demonstrates technique to Cole linemen.



Coach Howard Baer explains a play to the Cole defensive linemen during practice.

**Tax-Free
Weekend
August 21-23**

ROBERT G. COLE HIGH SCHOOL 2009 COUGAR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Head Coach: Larry Lansom

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/15/09**	MEMORIAL	AWAY	9 / 10:00 AM
08/20/09**	POTH	AWAY	6 / 7:00 PM
08/28/09	S.A.C.	HOME	7:30 PM
09/05/09	ST. ANTHONY	AWAY(IWC)	7:30 PM
09/11/09	MARION	HOME	7:30 PM
09/18/09	KARNES CITY	HOME	7:30 PM
09/25/09*	COMFORT	AWAY	7:30 PM
10/02/09*	BROOKS	HOME	7:30 PM
10/09/09*	HARPER	AWAY	7:30 PM
10/16/09*	JOHNSON CITY	HOME	7:30 PM
10/23/09	OPEN		
10/31/09*	BLANCO	AWAY	7:30 PM
11/06/09*	RANDOLPH	HOME	7:30 PM

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/27/09	S.A.C.	AWAY	6:00 PM
09/03/09	ST. ANTHONY	HOME	6:00 PM
09/10/09	MARION	AWAY	7:00 PM
09/17/09	KARNES CITY	AWAY	7:00 PM
09/24/09*	COMFORT	HOME	6:00 PM
10/01/09	CORNERSTONE	HOME	6:00 PM
10/08/09*	HARPER	HOME	6:00 PM
10/15/09*	JOHNSON CITY	AWAY	6:00 PM
10/22/09	OPEN		
10/29/09*	BLANCO	HOME	6:00 PM
11/05/09*	RANDOLPH	AWAY	6:00 PM

* DENOTES DISTRICT GAME ** DENOTES SCRIMMAGE

ROBERT G. COLE HIGH SCHOOL 2009-2010 LADY COUGAR VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Head Coach: Joella Allen

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAM(S)	TIME(S)
8/7	Scrimmage	Cole	JVV	8 a.m. to 6p.m.
8/11	Karnes City/Gonzales	Karnes City	JVV	4:30 & play on
8/12	Sabinal Tournament	Sabinal	JV	TBA
8/13	Dilley	Dilley	JVV	TBA
8/14	Stockdale	Cole	JVV	3 and 4 p.m.
8/14	Sabinal	Cole	JVV	6 and 7 p.m.
8/18	Medina	Medina	JVV	5:30/6:30 p.m.
8/21	Keystone	Keystone	JVV	5 and 6 p.m.
8/25	Utopia	Cole	JVV	TBA
8/28	Medina	Cole	JVV	5:30/6:30 p.m.
9/1	S A Stacy	Lackland	JVV	5 and 6 p.m.
9/5	Cole Tourney	Cole	V	TBA
9/8	Sabinal	Sabinal	JVV	6 and 7 p.m.
9/11*	Blanco	Blanco	JVV	4 and 5 p.m.
9/15*	Harper	Cole	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.
9/18*	Randolph	Cole	JVV	5 and 6 p.m.
9/22*	Johnson City	Johnson City	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.
9/25*	Comfort	Comfort	JVV	4 and 5:30 p.m.
9/29	BYE- OPEN			
10/2*	Brooks	Brooks	JVV	4 and 5 p.m.
10/6*	Blanco	Cole	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.
10/9*	Harper	Harper	JVV	4 and 5 p.m.
10/13*	Randolph	Randolph	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.
10/16*	Johnson City	Cole	JVV	4 and 5 p.m.
10/20*	Comfort	Cole	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.
10/23	BYE- OPEN			
10/27*	Brooks	Cole	JVV	5 and 6:30 p.m.

* DENOTES DISTRICT GAMES

Texas Legislature expands list of tax exempt school supplies on Tax Free Weekend

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on Aug. 21, 22 and 23 – the state's annual tax holiday. The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which saves shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. For more information before you shop, visit <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs> or call 1-800-252-5555. Parents and students should also review the school districts dress code before purchasing clothes to be worn at school to ensure compliance with dress and grooming requirements. Backpacks priced

under \$100 to be used by elementary and secondary students are exempt. A backpack is defined as a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption does not apply to items reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local taxes during the annual sales tax holiday. Effective this year, in addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school

supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

Binders
Book bags
Calculators
Cellophane Tape
Chalk
Compasses
Composition books
Crayons
Erasers
Glue, paste and sticks
Highlighters
Index Cards
Lunch boxes
Markers
Notebooks
Pencil Boxes
Pencil sharpeners



Pencils
Pens
Protractors
Rulers
Scissors
Index Card Boxes
Writing tablets
Legal Pads
Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila
Paper: loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper

Tax-Free

- Baby clothes
- Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students
- Belts with attached buckles
- Boots – cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats – baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers – adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys – baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes – sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks, and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Swimsuits
- Underclothes
- Work clothes and uniforms

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- Accessories (generally) – barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
- Backpacks – unless for use by elementary and secondary students
- Baseball cleats and pants
- Belt buckles (without belt)
- Boots – climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
- Buttons and zippers
- Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
- Dry cleaning services
- Football pants
- Golf gloves
- Handbags and purses
- Handkerchiefs
- Hard hats
- Helmets – bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
- Ice skates
- Jewelry
- Laundering services
- Leather goods – except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
- Pads – football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
- Personal flotation devices
- Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
- Roller blades and skates
- Safety clothing, glasses
- Shoes – bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

Elementary student arrival and departure procedures ease transitions

Almost all students riding a school bus will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the school with the exception of the special education buses which will be in the back parking lot. All students dropped off or picked up by privately owned vehicles will do so at the back parking lot of the school.

Elementary staff have established some simple arrival and departure guidelines for parents. Two lanes exist to drop off and pick up students. There is no parking in this area. Adults should not leave their vehicle unattended. A staff member will escort children to and from the car. All parents are asked to remain in their vehicles and

allow school personnel to assist their child(ren) in and out of vehicles.

Arrivals

Parents dropping children off at school will drive through one of two lanes in the designated area in the parking lot at the back of the school. Staff will be on hand to direct children to the appropriate gate. Pre-kindergarten children have a designated area where they will join their teacher. Pre-K teachers will check to see that every child is accounted for and remains in the designated safe zone.

Departures

If a pre-K child has a sibling in kindergarten through fifth grade, all siblings will stand in

the designated pre-K safe zone to await parent arrival. All other kindergarten through fifth grade students will stand in designated lines. We will ask brothers and sisters or those riding with one adult to stand in the line together to expedite pick up.

“Students will line up underneath canopies and other shaded areas. We encourage parents to provide a drink or snack while their children await pickup,” said Tonya Hyde, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School principal. “This is especially helpful early in the school year, due to extended wait periods associated with establishing new procedures.”

Securing the School Grounds

The back gates will be kept locked during the school day. The gates will be unlocked for student arrival and dismissal. Gates will be unlocked at 7:15 a.m. The first bell rings at 7:45 a.m. This gate will be locked at 7:47 a.m. Students arriving after 7:47 a.m. are not expected to have sufficient time to get to class prior to the tardy bell. Parents must use the front parking lot and escort their child to the office. Students arriving in homeroom classes after 7:50 a.m. are considered tardy and must be signed in at the front office by their parent.

Students who have not been picked up after designated pick up times will be taken to the

front office. Parents picking up their child late must sign their child out in the school office. At all times throughout the day, parents must sign in and out in the front office. These procedures are in place for the safety of children. Parents are not allowed to routinely pick students up prior to 3 p.m. school dismissal.

“We ask that parents have patience as we learn which children will ride together. Parents can help by asking children to join each other in the line on the ramp. We expect that it will take about a week to get everyone in the routine for these procedures,” said Hyde.



Courtesy photo

Members of the U.S. Army South winning softball team gather around their two trophies, one for a winning season and one for winning the Fort Sam Houston Softball tournament. (Standing, from left) Jose Rodriguez, Lt. Col. James Jones, Mike Barker, Sgt. 1st Class David Jones, Sgt. Terry Crow, Sgt. William Barton, Michael Salone, Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Santiago, William Storm, Sgt. 1st Class Enrique Rivera and Lt. Col. Esmeraldo Zarbazal. (Kneeling, from left) Sgt. Jason Longoria, Sgt. 1st Class Roger Garcia, Staff Sgt. Ragnar Jamieson, Sgt. Christopher Richardson, Sgt. Carlos Sanchez. (Not pictured, Sgt. 1st Class Robin Franks)

U.S. Army South wins softball tournament

By Arwen Consaul
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

Triple digit heat didn't keep the U.S. Army South softball team from achieving victory during the Fort Sam Houston annual softball tournament held July 9.

After posting a 12-1 regular season record, ARSOUTH hit the ground running during the double-elimination round-robin finals. The team won their first six games against teams from around post during the two-week finals tournament. However, ARSOUTH did hit a stumbling block during their final two games.

"We lost our first game 21-17," said Jose Rodriguez, ARSOUTH passport agent and team coach.

"We had the perfect record," said Sgt. 1st Class Roger Garcia, Operations noncommissioned officer in charge in the international operations directorate. "The other team had to beat us twice in

order to win. They didn't."

Army South beat the San Antonio Recruiting District softball team in the final elimination game 27-13.

During an awards ceremony following the ARSOUTH victory, Lt. Col. Scot Storey, commanding officer of Special Troops Battalion, presented the first-place trophy to team members.

According to Rodriguez, team dynamics served to unite members of ARSOUTH.

"We have players from all the directorates, G-1, G-3, the motorpool and G-4," Rodriguez said. "Playing softball brings different directorates together and helps make the command feel smaller."

"The team builds cohesion among each other," agreed Garcia. "I know where to go if I ever need something."

The 12-member softball team is comprised of players from Army South, the Army's component of U.S. Southern Command.

Warriors in dodgeball competition

Story and photos by
Jen D. Rodriguez, and
Master Sgt. Carlos Garcia
Brooke Army Medical Center
Public Affairs

It took a combination of fancy footwork, agility and a game plan for a dozen teams to avoid being hammered by sailing yellow and blue balls, July 28, during the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior in

Transition Battalion second annual dodgeball competition.

The teams, comprised of warriors from all Armed Forces, Family members, staff and support personnel assigned to the WTB, took to the Center for the Intrepid outdoor courts, with one goal in mind; to win.

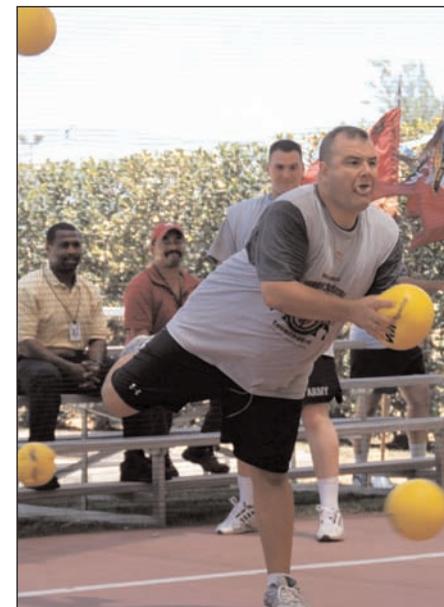
In the finals, Wolf Pack beat the Spartan Slayers for first place, and the

gold; Spartan Slayers, placed second for silver. The Pain Killers beat the Deceptacons for third place, and the bronze.

Lt. Col. John Meyers, WTB commander, summed up the games, saying our focus for these games is to build professional relationships and a sacred trust between the warriors and the WTB staff.



Marine Cobras rush to the center line to retrieve the balls against the Pain Killers of A Company.



Ronald Bailey puts his game face on as he dodges several flying balls at once, during a friendly game between Warrior in Transition Battalion officers and non-commissioned officers.



Photo by Jen D. Rodriguez

A Company, Wolf Pack: Dale Wellington, Laron D. General, Damon B. Williams, Angela Schatzan, Eric L. Martin and Peter Rodriguez, placed first in the second annual Warriors in Transition Battalion dodgeball competition on July 28 at the Center for the Intrepid outdoor court.

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Friday – Aug. 7

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Barbecued spareribs, barbecued beef brisket, baked chicken, onion-lemon baked fish, fried catfish, red beans and rice, lyonnaised potatoes, macaroni and cheese, steamed wax beans with pimientos, corn on the cob, seasoned collard greens

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Roasted pork, beef lasagna, fried shrimp, baked herbed fish, broccoli quiche, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, seasoned black-eyed peas, okra and tomato gumbo, steamed green beans

Saturday – Aug. 8

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken stir fry, breaded veal steaks, lemon herb baked fish, spaghetti with marinara sauce, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, fried cabbage, steamed zucchini squash, steamed wax beans

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Chili macaroni, fried chicken, baked chicken breast with orange sauce, cheese manicotti, steamed rice,

baked sweet potato halves, lyonnaised rice, steamed Brussels sprouts, seasoned corn, vegetable stir-fry

Sunday – Aug. 9

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Roast beef, rice frittata, baked stuffed fish, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, steamed new potatoes, seasoned green peas, steamed cauliflower, stewed tomatoes

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Roast turkey, baked tuna and noodles, char-broiled meatballs with brown gravy, cheese ravioli, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, steamed carrots with almonds, Harvard beets, cauliflower combo

Monday – Aug. 10

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Italian broccoli pasta, roast fresh ham, baked Cornish hens, mustard dill fish, mushroom quiche, rice pilaf, baked potatoes, baked sweet potato halves, steamed broccoli, French fried okra, steamed corn

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fried chicken, baked chicken, meat loaf, oven glo potatoes, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, seasoned green beans, seasoned pinto beans, steamed carrots

Tuesday – Aug. 11

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beef fajitas, chicken fried steaks, pepper steak, roast turkey, cheese tortellini, Spanish rice, cornbread dressing, steamed rice, baked potatoes, fried cabbage, Spanish style beans, steamed peas and carrots

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken enchiladas, cheese enchiladas, grilled pork chops with sautéed onions, beef stew, scalloped potatoes, lyonnaised rice, baked potatoes, seasoned pinto beans, steamed yellow squash, steamed Brussels sprouts

Wednesday – Aug. 12

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Beef stroganoff, apple glazed corned beef, teriyaki baked chicken, Cajun baked fish, cheese ravioli, German potato cakes, garlic buttered potatoes, egg noodles, baked potatoes,

steamed asparagus, creamed-style corn, steamed mixed vegetables

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Baked knockwurst, Swiss steak with brown gravy, baked stuffed fish, Caribbean chicken breast, cheese manicotti, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, Franconia potatoes, seasoned sauerkraut, seasoned lima beans, okra and tomato gumbo

Thursday - Aug 13

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken stir fry, grilled pork chops, breaded pork chops, vegetable egg rolls, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, fried rice, seasoned black-eyed peas, steamed zucchini squash, Chinese fried cabbage

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Cantonese spareribs, baked Cornish hens, broccoli quiche, chili macaroni, Filipino rice, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, steamed rice, vegetable stir fry, buttered succotash, steamed green beans

Menus are subject to change without notice



Announcements

Baseball, softball hitting lessons

Child, Youth and School Services in conjunction with SKIES Unlimited will hold softball and baseball hitting lessons for children ages 5-18, March to November, Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m. at the School Age Service Gym, Building 1705. To register, call 221-4871.

Guitar lessons

Child, Youth and School Services in conjunction with SKIES are providing both acoustic and electric guitar lessons Tuesdays 12-4 p.m., Wednesdays 1-5 p.m., Thursdays

12-3 p.m., or Fridays 12-5 p.m. at the Middle School and Teen Center, Building 2515. To register, call 221-4871.

Swim lessons

The Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center in conjunction with the American Red Cross is offering swim lessons for children 16 years and under. Morning classes, 9-9:45 a.m., 11-11:45 a.m., evening classes 7-7:45 p.m., at the Jimmy Brought Gym. All sessions have a parent and child class at 11:15-11:45 a.m. for children 4 years and under. Each session includes eight days of lessons, class photo, T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Registration is \$40 for ages 16 and under and \$35 for parent and child classes. Registration held daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Call 221-1234 or 221-4887.

Youth horsemanship camp

The Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center hosts a camp for children ages 7-17, Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$195. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at registration, which is ongoing. Call 224-7207.

H.U.G.S. playgroup

H.U.G.S. playgroup for parents and children birth to 5 years old meets each Tues., 9-11 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721 for interactive fun play. Registration is not required. Call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

English as a second language class

English as a second language will be offered at the Army Community Service Building 2797 beginning Aug. 10, 5-8 p.m. and held each Monday and Wednesday. This class is free and designed especially for foreign-born spouses to improve reading comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. Classes are appropriate for the beginner, intermediate and advanced student with individualized group instruction. To register, call 221-1681 or 221-9698.

Forever Plaid

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Forever Plaid" a musical by Stuart Ross and James Raitt, through Aug. 29, Thursday through Saturday evenings. Doors open at

6:15 p.m., show beginning at 8 p.m. To make reservations, call 222-9694. The box office is open Tues.-Fri. 12-5 p.m. and Sat. 1-5 p.m.

Center Stage Academy's "Musicgate"

It is the year 2045. The children of the future know music only through digital downloads. They long to learn about the days of radio, records, live instruments and live concerts. And then they discover... the "Musicgate." A device which allows them to travel back in time to different decades of music where they discover Oldies, Rock and Roll, Motown, Disco, New Wave, and much more. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children; Military with I.D. are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Performances are 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694.

"Powerhouse Divas"

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Powerhouse Divas," a dynamic cabaret-style lounge act. Performances are Sat. 10:15 p.m.-2 a.m. through Aug. 29. A cover charge of \$3 for military with a valid I.D. card or \$5 for all others applies. A full service cash bar is available. Patrons must be 21 years old to purchase and consume alcohol. Late night karaoke follows the show. Call 222-9694.

New hours for the Library

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial

**ACS Outdoor
Movie Night**
**Aug. 14 - "Over the
Hedge"**
**8:20 p.m. at the post
flagpole**

**Aug. 15 - "Race to
Witch Mountain"**
**8:20 p.m. at the field
between Youth
Services and Dodd
Field Chapel**

Bring the Family out for these Family friendly films and don't forget the lawn chairs! Free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy will be available. For more information, call 221-2418. In the event of inclement weather the movie will be shown in the ACS auditorium at 7 p.m.

Library will extend its operating hours beginning Sept. 1, Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Mon. and holidays. Call 221-4702.

Bowling Center closure

The Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center will be closed Aug. 17-20 for maintenance. The Bowling Center will re-open on Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience. Call 221-4740.

EFMP Support Group

Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers a support group each Wed., 6-7:30 p.m. at School Age Service, Building 1705, Dodd Blvd. Open to Soldiers and military Families with special need members. MELD Special provides childcare and dinner. To register, call 221-2604.

Issues needed for AFAP 2009 Conference

People are invited to submit issues for inclusion in the 2009 Fort Sam Houston Army Family Action Plan conference to be held Oct. 21-23. Issues can involve housing, childcare, recreational activities, post security or any other areas of concern important to quality of life. No issue is considered insignificant or unimportant. Issue forms are located throughout the post, at Army Community Service, Building 2797, e-mail samh.afap@conus.army.mil, or call 221-0275.

Calendar of Events

AUG. 6

Employment Readiness offers resume class

Resume writing class, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Interviewing skills, techniques, and how to dress for success will also be topics of discussion. To register, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

See MWR P27

MWR from P26**Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness**

Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness class, 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

Car buying class

Car buying class, 1-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class will teach you how to prepare to buy a car and walk you through the process of buying a car. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

Influential Leadership seminar

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES program is offering a free

Influential Leadership seminar, 5-6 p.m. in the CYS Services conference room located in Building 2797, Stanley Road. The class is open to children 12-18 years old. Registration deadline is Aug. 5. To register, call 221-4871.

AUG. 7**Word 2007 Level 2**

Microsoft Office 2007 Word Level 2, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, in the computer lab. Basic computer skills and pre-registration required. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Getting Ready for Childbirth

Getting Ready for Childbirth class, 1-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Warrior Scramble

Fort Sam Golf Club will host a Warriors Monthly Scramble, 1 p.m. shotgun start. Register one to four person teams at the Golf Club Pro Shop. A registration fee of \$25 will apply. Call 222-9386

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Texas Hold'em Tournament, 6 p.m. until completion at the Sam Houston Club. Prizes will be awarded to the top eight players. A participation fee of \$20, to include a meal and drinks is due at the time of registration. To register, call 226-1663.

AUG. 10**Excel 2007 Level 1**

Microsoft Office Excel 2007 Level 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, in the computer lab. Basic computer skills and pre-registration required. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Credit Management class

Credit Management class, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Learn how to manage your credit cards and debt, and the importance of protecting your credit history. To register, call 221-1612.

AUG. 11**Post-Deployment Planning**

Post Deployment Planning training, 9-10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is designed to increase the spouse's ability to face reintegration with resilience and strength, allowing smoother reunions. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Re-entry workshop

Re-entry workshop, 10-11 a.m. at Army Community Service,

Building 2797. This workshop will be an asset to anyone coming from an overseas assignment with cultural adaptation, teen culture, financial adjustments, and emotional factors. To register, call 221-2418.

Debt Liquidation

Debt Liquidation class, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class will help you to get out of debt, develop a budget you can live with, and reduce the stress that comes with being in debt. To register, call 221-1612.

Survivor Outreach Services Focus Group

The Survivor Outreach Services will hold a focus group from 9-10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The purpose of these focus groups is to discuss issues and concerns of

surviving spouses and Family members. The information obtained from these meetings will be forwarded to the senior Army leadership to help with developing better services and streamline the assistance process for Families. For more information, call 22-0275.

AUG. 12**Bringing Home Baby**

Bringing Home Baby class Aug. 12 and 26, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. Join this two part series and learn how to care for your newborn baby when you take it home from the hospital. To register, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Care Team training

Care Team training, 10-11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service,

See MWR P28



Community

Announcements

Fort Sam Houston Night at the Missions

The San Antonio Missions Baseball will host a Fort Sam Houston Night every Saturday home game during the season. Tickets are \$6 and include a reserved seat in the Fort Sam Houston section. Tickets may be purchased through the Morale Welfare and Recreation Ticket Office located in the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Call 226-1663.

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund extended

After a tremendous response,

and in an effort to reach more eligible candidates, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund application deadline has been extended to Aug. 14. Children of military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled (100 percent VA disability rating) are eligible. They must also be a high school senior, high school graduate, or registered as a full-time undergraduate student and under the age of 26. To apply visit www.fascholarship.com and complete the application. For more information, call 1-800-475-6620.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

Hosts a study group for the boards Tues. and Thurs., noon to 1 p.m., Building 1151. Call 221-5417 or 849-1643.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meets the first and third Thurs., 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Open to military, civilians and Family members interested in developing and enhancing leadership and communications skills. Call 221-8785, 221-6517 or 916-3406.

Tutoring available

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center offers tutoring in the subjects of Freshman English Composition and College Algebra to service members and their spouses, every Mon.-Wed.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., on an appointment and first-come first-served basis. Call 221-1738.

Volunteer at SAMM Shelter

The Fort Sam Houston Black Employment Special Emphasis Program committee is committed to helping others. The committee adopted the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry (SAMM) Shelter as one of its community outreach projects. Call 221-7709.

SAT and ACT Test Prep Software

Members of military Families or veterans interested in receiving free SAT/ACT PowerPrep™ software, visit: www.eknowledge.com/military.

School supply drive

Alamo City Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers, will sponsor a "Back to School" drive from July 15-Aug. 30 for the Dare to Love Foundation, Child Protective Services.

To make a donation of school supplies, contact 536-2067 at Brooks-City Base; 221-1309 at Fort Sam Houston; 292-7364 at Lackland

AFB; or 652-4408 at Randolph AFB.

Calendar of Events

AUG. 8

Military Family movie night

"Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" will be shown Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Brackenridge Park, 3700 North Saint Mary's St. Free admission, popcorn and more.

SEPT. 21

"Our Part of Town – Military" Talent Show

A City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department-sponsored talent show for the community. The Our Part of Town talent show was initiated to celebrate the arts by showcasing talent in the San Antonio area. The military category was introduced in 2005 to give active duty military members the opportunity to share their talents with community. The top three scoring acts in each district show compete in the final show for a \$1,000 cash prize per respective category. Military members compete for a separate \$1,000 cash prize in a show featuring for military participants only. The OPOT Military talent show will be held Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry. For a complete set of rules and application, visit www.sanantonio.gov.parksandrec.

MWR from P27

Building 2797. This training will focus on the Care Team's responsibilities and provide guidance on how to handle issues volunteers will face such as dealing with family's reactions. This training is recommended for Casualty Assistance Officers, Casualty Notification Officers and Battalion Care Team volunteers. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Overseas Orientation

Overseas Orientation for anyone relocating overseas, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The register, call 221-2418 or 221-2705.

Single Parenting

Single Parenting, Aug. 12 and 19, 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. This two-part parenting class provides skills uniquely designed for single parents. Topics will include children, separation, dating, finances and more.

Mandatory Initial First-Term Financial Readiness

Mandatory Initial First-Term Financial Readiness class, 12 p.m. at the Learning Center. To register, call 221-1612.

AUG. 13

Quarterly Spouses' Orientation

Quarterly Spouses' Orientation, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This event is designed to introduce Army spouses to available resources, support services, employment opportunities, as well as the opportunity to sign up for classes or training offered to the Soldier and entire Family. Call 221-2705 or 221-0516.

Five Love Languages

Five Love Languages series Aug. 13, 20 and 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class will improve your understanding of you partner and explore your communication styles in depth. To register, call 221-0349.

AUG. 14-15 GM Military Discount Promotion

General Motors is teaming up with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to showcase the new Chevy Camaro. The car will be on display at the Outdoor Movie Nights Aug. 14, at the post flagpole and Aug. 15 at Dodd Field. Free food and games will begin at 8 p.m. In addition, the Camaro will be on display at the Army and Air Force Exchange Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Patrons will also have the chance to register for a vacation package to Orlando, Fla. Call 221-0012.



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For Sale Fort Freebies

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. 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 and employment ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless the submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

For Sale: 20.6 cubic foot GE non-frost refrigerator, \$220. Call 216-4027 or 907-440-1141.

For Sale: 2001 Ford Ranger, Sports Edge model, good condition, good runner, 71k, \$3800. Call 813-431-7109.

For Sale: 2004 Ford Mustang V-6 coupe two-door convertible, 48K miles, new tires, new battery with extended warranty, Mach 3 Stereo System, six-CD changer, \$8,500; rowing exerciser \$50; Power Built Pro-Advance men's right-handed, 2-10 irons, \$175. Call 666-0502 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: Miniature toy poodle, ten-weeks-old, apricot/red color, shots, de-wormed, house trained, very playful, great with children, comes with a large supply of food and accessories, \$250 obo. Call 367-5220, ask for Fay.

For Sale: Electric dryer, \$85; two-drawer metal filing cabinet, \$15; book shelf, \$25; entertainment center, \$45; bike carrier, \$15. Call 241-1291.

For Sale: Kodak digital camera, eight megapixel, uses SD card, excellent condition, \$50; Emerson 20-inch flat screen HDTV, \$200; Pentair II pool cleaner, good condition, \$175. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: Medium-size dog carrier, \$15; 16-inch speed scroll saw, \$30; computer desk, \$25; two-drawer metal filing cabinet, \$15; wall unit, light colored wood, 80 inches by 36 inches by 23 inches, \$85. Call 241-1291.

For Sale: Apartment-size refrigerator, black, \$45; Extreme exerciser, \$50; book shelf, dark brown, \$35; computer desk and chair, \$50; rotating floor fan, \$25. Call 241-1291.

For Sale: Set of five 22-inch Gitano & Cooper extra load 114V tires, 305/40R22, \$1,200 obo. Call 689-5433 or 292-4183.

For Sale: Set of five Jeep Rubicon rims, mint condition, \$450; Tamron 28-300mm lens for Cannon camera, \$450. Call 887-4630.

For Sale: La-Z-Boy double rocker recliners with table, beige, very good condition, \$300 obo. Call 662-8887.

Free: Rolls of good carpet and padding, variety of sizes and colors. Call 931-206-2969.

Free to good home: Kitten, friendly and playful. Call 670-9167.

Lost: Small Radio-Flyer tricycle at Fort Sam community garage sale on Stanley road last Saturday. If found, call 317-1630.

W O R S H I P SCHEDULE

main post chapel, building 2200, 221-2754

Catholic Services:

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Collective Protestant

11 a.m. - Collective Protestant

Jewish Services: 379-8666 or 493-6660

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

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

Catholic Services:

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

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

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

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

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

Samoan Protestant Service:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

Web site: www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain

brooke army medical center

Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105

Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:

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

Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105

Christ for the Intrepid services:

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

6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

32nd Medical Brigade Student services

Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays

Contemporary Protestant Service:

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

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

Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints:

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

REMINDER CALENDAR

- Aug. 7** Warriors Monthly Scramble Gold Tournament, 1:30 p.m., FSH Golf Club
- Aug. 11** Windstar Casino Trip, departs from Sam Houston Club, 7 a.m.
- Aug. 16** Triathlon #6, Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, 6:30 a.m.
- Aug. 19** Health and Wellness Fair, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Aug. 24** First day of school, FSHISD
- Aug. 25** Newcomer's Extravaganza, Army Community Service
- Aug. 27** Consolidated Retirement Ceremony
- Aug. 29** 5K Fun Run/Walk, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, 9 a.m.
- Aug. 29** Triathlon Championship, Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, 6:30 a.m.

Thought of the Week

The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of become yourself. — Anna Quindlen
(Source: Bits & Pieces, Aug. 2009)