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## Briefs . . .

### Harry Wurzbach gate

The Harry Wurzbach East gate, adjacent to The Towers, is designated a visitor access control point. Daily passes will be provided to visitors who wish to enter the post for official business. Drivers must have a current driver's license and, if asked, must provide proof of insurance and registration. Vehicles with expired inspection stickers will not be allowed on post. All passengers, 16 years and older, must also have a valid photo ID card.

### CPAC available to assist

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is available to address general or specific questions or problems employees may have related to pay, leave, ratings, awards, where to locate specific regulations and a variety of other general information. CPAC employees have quick access to records and can provide a speedy resolution to inquiries. For more information, call CPAC at 221-1425.

### Frame, trophy shop relocates

The Around the Corner Frame and Trophy shop will close Aug. 18 to relocate to a new store location next to the UPS store, near the Post Exchange. The shop will re-open Aug. 28.

### OCSC coffee

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a Welcome and Sign-up Coffee Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum, Building 1046, on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley roads. For more information, call Darlene Weber at 277-6624.

### Camp Bullis conference

Camp Bullis will sponsor a Users Conference Aug. 24; registration starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Camp Bullis Theater, Building 5900. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with presentations in the morning and classes and a bus tour in the afternoon. Presentations include range control, safety, scheduling and operations. Outdoor Recreation will host a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the cost is \$3.50. For more information and reservations, call Ronald Lane at 295-7592 or Pat Jennings at 295-7686.

### Women's Equality Day ceremony

A Women's Equality Day ceremony will be held Aug. 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. The guest speaker will be Col. Doris Johnson, chief of clinical operations at Brooke Army Medical Center. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Evans at 295-0561 or 336-4993.

### ESL classes

English as a Second Language classes start Sept. 5 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. ESL classes are designed for foreign-born spouses to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. For more information or to register call 221-2418.

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## SFAC offers home away from home



Sgt. 1st Class Toni Wright observes Thomas Jackson, a volunteer at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, lace a leather billfold, one of many activities offered to Soldiers and their families.

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

After three years and eight months, the Soldier and Family Assistance Center is still going strong. SFAC is "the" place to be for service members recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center from wounds received while supporting operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Soldiers assigned to the BAMC Medical Hold Company and visiting family members quickly adopted the facility as a favorite place to meet and communicate with family, friends and comrades still stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's great. A home away from home," said Sgt. 1st Class Toni Wright. "It is a wonderful place to visit, meet people, watch movies, and a good place to relax and talk to Soldiers. I want to thank everybody who supports it."

The center, located on the second floor of the Powless Guest House across from the Brooke Army Medical Center, first opened its doors December 2003 with borrowed furniture, old computers and a coffee pot from the post lending closet.

Today the center has new carpet, new furniture, a big screen TV, video game machines, computers with Internet access and an area for children to play. Families and Soldiers watch movies, work on the computers, eat, read or sit around with others talking and laughing. The center offers a comfortable environment for Soldiers while they continue with outpatient treatments. It is also a welcome place for their families to learn to be an integral part of their loved ones' recovery process.

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## Program opens doors for wounded warriors

By Elaine Wilson  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

An improvised explosive device may have robbed Delaney Rocky Perez of his military career, but an Army program has given Perez an opportunity to serve again – this time as a civilian.

Perez is the first civil service employee hired at Fort Sam Houston through the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

The program, dubbed AW2, is designed for Soldiers severely wounded in the Global War on Terrorism. AW2 provides information and assistance to aid Soldiers and their families through the recovery process and beyond, from medical evacuation to reintegration into the workforce.

"The program provides a great opportunity for us to recognize and hire warriors, like Rocky, who have sacrificed for our

nation," said Sharon Ferguson, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at Fort Sam Houston. "We're thrilled to bring him on board."

Perez said he is just happy to be working again, particularly after spending the past three years on a physically and mentally challenging road to recovery.

The former Marine-turned-Army officer was injured Sept. 28, 2003, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was riding in the lead vehicle of a convoy when the explosion hit. The second lieutenant's first thought was the rear tire of the Humvee he was riding on had blown out.

"I didn't think we were hit, but then I heard ringing in my ear and saw the Soldier in front of me bleeding from his lip," he said. "Then I tasted blood and could see specks of blood on my glasses."

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## Fort Sam Houston to welcome new command

The Army is reorganizing how it manages installations worldwide with the activation of an integrated command, to be called the Installation Management Command, in early fiscal 2007.

Fort Sam Houston will be home to the new command in accordance with requirements of the recently concluded Base Realignment and Closure process.

The current installation management structure includes four separate organizations: components of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management offices, the Installation Management Agency, the Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The new command will be accountable to the chief of staff of the Army for effective garrison support of mission activities — to serve as the Army's single authority and primary

provider of base support services.

The initiative is part of Army efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most efficient command and control structures to support its modular force. The Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center will remain separate organizations — subordinate commands — under IMCOM. The new command also will consolidate the four IMA regions in the United States into just two — one located at Fort Sam Houston and the other at Fort Eustis, Va.

"This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of Army installation management," said Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the assistant chief of staff for installation management. "It will dramatically improve our ability to effectively and efficiently manage this critical

function with agility to support commanders, Soldiers and their families."

While the new command, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to Fort Sam Houston, the Army staff functions will remain at the Pentagon.

Wilson also said that while the new organization will most likely be smaller than the current structure, it will be an organization that is "committed to managing personnel changes through attrition in order to minimize turbulence."

The Army's intent is that IMCOM will be commanded by a lieutenant general, who would also hold the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on the Army staff. That will not occur, however, until an officer is nominated by the president and then confirmed by the Senate.

(Source: Army news release)

## Income-replacement program launched for reservists, Guardsmen

**WASHINGTON** — The Defense Department this month kicked off a program to help prevent activated reservists and National Guardsmen from facing financial hardships.

The Reserve Income Replacement Program will pay eligible National Guard and reserve members mobilized for extended or frequent periods the difference between their monthly civilian pre-mobilization income and their current total monthly military compensation.

“RIRP is designed to assist those mobilized Guard and reserve members who are experiencing a loss of income while mobilized,” said Tom Bush, principal director of manpower and reserve affairs for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Program payments are not automatic. Guard and reserve members must apply for the RIRP payments through their service personnel offices.

To qualify for RIRP, service members must:

- Be serving on active duty in an involuntary status and have completed 18 continuous months of involuntary active duty, or
- Have completed 24 cumulative months of involuntary active duty within the last 60 months, or
- Be serving on involuntary active duty for a period of 180 days or more that starts within six months of separation from a previous period on involuntary active duty for at least 180 days.

Guard and reserve members serving on involuntary active duty and earning at least \$50 less than their normal civilian income each month must verify eligibility for this benefit through their military service’s personnel system, using a new DD form created for this program, DoD officials said.

Financial records submitted with the RIRP application must include the member’s most recent federal income tax return or other record of earnings that shows gross income during the 12 months before the member’s mobilization, officials said.

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# Care under fire

## New Army combat medic training designed to save lives

Story and photos by Spc. Michael O'Neal  
Task Force Alamo, 36th Infantry Division, Kosovo Force 7

**CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo** — The Army's relentless operational tempo has led to new training requirements for all combat medics.

Combat Medic Advanced Skills Training ensures medics achieve an overall understanding of the differences between garrison and combat trauma care.

Camp Bondsteel was the only overseas location to participate in this course taught via video teleconferencing from Fort Sam Houston in July. The course ended with a practical field exercise administered by qualified instructors.

During the weeklong course, student medics were tested using a simulated combat scenario that involved taking care of wounded Soldiers who sustained injuries from improvised explosive devices and small arms fire. Medics were also given a written test covering the entire course curriculum to validate their mastery of the training.

CMAST was founded on the basic concepts and principles of Tactical Combat Casualty Care, or TC-3, with modifications that include management of the airway, chest trauma, hemorrhage and hypovolemic shock of the battlefield casualty.

The modifications were implemented to address the two leading causes of death on the battlefield. The first is

exsanguination, which is the fatal process of total blood loss from causes such as extremity wounds. Extremity wounds account for more than 60 percent of all wounds on today's battlefield. The second is tension pneumothorax. Even with body armor, penetrating chest trauma leaves a route for air to escape the body quickly, which creates positive pressure on the lungs causing asphyxiation.

"All of these changes are the product of battlefield experience from Soldiers coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan," said Staff Sgt. Frank Johnson, head medic and NCO in charge of Task Force Alamo. "The evaluators were very knowledgeable and very proficient at what they were doing. They were able to give us good instruction without hindering the training. They shared a lot with us, which is very important in a training environment."

To help prepare the medics for the shock of seeing real world combat injuries and to keep the scenarios realistic, make-up was applied to the injured role players. Some of the wounds replicated were amputation, abdominal wounds, sucking chest wounds and burns to the face.

"It's critical that the appearance of the wound is authentic, because they (the trainees) will have to face real life injuries on the battlefield and treat those wounds appropriately," said Sgt. 1st Class Mary Ann Noland, wound applicator, Task Force Medical Falcon.

One of the chief ideas behind this training is to instill "care under fire," Johnson said.

Care under fire is when, "You're receiving direct fire, one of your battle buddies is injured and bleeding to death," Johnson said. "Your first priority is to send rounds downrange to suppress fire. Then you find a safe environment to provide medical care."

Many medics first instinct is too rush to the aid of an injured Soldier on the battlefield, thus putting the medics in harm's way, Johnson said. If the medic is wounded or even killed, other injured Soldiers



Staff Sgt. Frank Johnson, head medic, uses a tourniquet to stop the mock bleeding from Geoffrey Addison's arm injury during Combat Medic Advanced Skills Training in Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

may not receive the adequate medical attention needed.

"One of the reasons this training was so significant is that it threw the medics into a simulated combat situation, put a lot of pressure on them and forced them to think critically while making fast decisions," Johnson said. "This is what they'll have to do, if and when they have to go to combat."

"It (CMAST training) is a good experience because it draws on the tactical aspect of medicine in a field environment," said student medic, Spc. Juan Trevino, A Company, Task Force Alamo. "It is extremely important because practice makes perfect when you have to save a life for real."



Spc. James Barnes (left), combat medic, provides cover while Staff Sgt. Frank Johnson, head medic, and Spc. Juan Trevino transport the injured Soldier to the casualty collection point for medical evacuation.

# IMA welcomes new command sergeant major

Story and photo by Stephen Oertwig  
Installation Management Agency  
Public Affairs

**FORT MYER, Va.** — Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Ash Jr. became the Installation Management Agency's enlisted adviser Aug. 3 during a ceremony at Fort Myer's Conmy Hall.

Ash replaced outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Debra L. Strickland as the command sergeant major and chief advocate for safety, Soldiers and Army base operations for IMA.

Strickland was the first senior adviser on installation management for the IMA director, and had held the position since August 2002. In farewell remarks, she recalled her four years with the organization, starting with standing up a new agency in a mothballed building that had a lot of hanging wires and a precious few walls.

"I thought this was going to be a six-month assignment, but my replacement never showed up," Strickland said with a characteris-

tic deadpan demeanor. "But after a year, I started thinking maybe two years wouldn't be enough."

Strickland will be the first command sergeant major for the Office of the Assistant Chief for Installation Management, and will advise Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, on Soldier matters.

Ash previously was the first command sergeant major for IMA's Southeast Region, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Ash has been in the Army since 1978. He has served in a variety of leadership positions in about every organizational level of the Army organization. He also has served a combat tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Before relinquishing the non-commissioned officer's sword to Ash, Strickland was presented two awards. Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, IMA director, and retired Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, the first IMA director, presented her the IMA Stalwart Award. The Stalwart Award recognizes commitment to the IMA

mission. Lt. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle presented Strickland the Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates Medal. The medal is the highest award authorized by the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association. Rochelle is the previous IMA director.

Macdonald praised the accomplishments of Strickland at the change of responsibility ceremony.

"She focused on being the eyes and ears of IMA and, most important, the voice of the Soldier. From the fledgling days of IMA to present day, she has indeed served the best interests of the Soldier and their families," Macdonald said.

She recalled being asked early on what a command sergeant major would do in a mostly civilian agency. "'Aha, first test,' I thought, and I said, 'Well, this agency was created to make life better for Soldiers and their families, and who else but a command sergeant major should help set the course for that?'"

Strickland said she proceeded to define the IMA command sergeant major job in terms of being



Command Sgt. Maj. Debra L. Strickland (center) relinquishes the noncommissioned officer's sword to Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald (left), Installation Management Agency director, at a change of responsibility ceremony held Aug. 3 at Fort Myer, Va. Macdonald then passed the sword to Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Ash Jr. (right center), incoming IMA command sergeant major. Assisting in the ceremony was Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Henson, Fort Myer color guard NCO in charge.

the Soldiers' representative with the IMA decision makers.

Macdonald also noted the extensive experience Ash brings to the organization. He said Ash brings to IMA "not only a wealth of installation manage-

ment experience as a former garrison and region command sergeant major, but also as a brigade combat team command sergeant major in Iraq who knows exactly what Soldiers need to fight this war we are in."

# Community gathers to prevent crime

By Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Several Fort Sam Houston neighborhoods joined the San Antonio community to host National Night Out activities with the assistance of Lincoln Military Housing. Created 23 years ago, the national event is designed to strengthen citizen participation in local anti-crime efforts.

Neighborhood gatherings promote police and fire department partnerships, opportunities for neighbors to become acquainted, and improve cooperative safety programs such as neighborhood watch

groups. It is a night to celebrate crime prevention success and expand and strengthen programs for the next year with new neighbors in the community.

This year, the post police and fire departments, led by Col. Wendy Martinson, garrison commander and joined by Michelle Czerw, visited event's hosted by Capt. Mark and Wendy Knight, Sgt. 1st Class Robert and Denise Day, Staff Sgt. Daniel and Sandra Juni, Sgt. 1st Class Michael and Elizabeth Paul, Staff Sgt. Rahman and Laquetta Ruston, Staff Sgt. George and Jennifer Koranyi and Master Sgt. Christopher and Jennie Jenkins.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

The Fort Sam Houston National Night Out team assemble at the police station prior to visiting post families. Detective Joseph Cruz accompanied the police department dressed as McGruff, the crime fighting mascot. Fireman Michael Velasquez rode with the firefighters, dressed as Sparky, on the hook and ladder to remind the community about fire prevention.



Photos by Sgt. Natalie Dains

Michelle Czerw presents a Certificate of Appreciation for participation in the Fort Sam Houston National Night Out program to Jennifer Koranyi, Harris Height mayor.



Marvin Wood neighborhood residents welcome McGruff, the crime fighting mascot of the post Department of Emergency Services, and Sparky, the fire department mascot, to their National Night Out party.



Photo by Norma Guerra

## Singer visits BAMC

Country artist Carly Goodwin signs a CD for Lance Cpl. Patrick Myers Friday while visiting with service members who are recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center from injuries sustained in the Global War on Terrorism. Goodwin has traveled through Armed Forces Entertainment on a month-long tour visiting and entertaining troops throughout the Persian Gulf, including Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait.

## Income-replacement

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The first payments under the program will be made at the end of August for members who have completed the application and meet all eligibility criteria.

Congress authorized the program as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2006. The authority for RIRP will expire Dec. 31, 2008.

For more information, visit <http://www.dod.mil/ra>.

(Source: American Forces Press Service)

## Wounded warriors

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Perez reached over to render first aid to the Soldier, "but my right leg wouldn't move," he said.

The roadside bomb had ruptured Perez' right eardrum and riddled his body with shrapnel, one piece missing his main artery by only two centimeters.

Perez was medically evacuated to Baghdad for emergency surgery, then to Landstuhl, Germany. His journey ended at Brooke Army Medical Center, about 65 miles north of his hometown of Three Rivers, Texas. With a prescription of long-term physical therapy in hand, Perez returned to Fort Carson, Colo., knowing his unit was still serving in Iraq. He received an assignment to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in 2004.

With ongoing medical problems, Perez medically retired from the Army in 2006.

His military service may have ended, but his desire to serve did not. "I heard the Army was looking for wounded Soldiers to serve in civil service jobs. I jumped at the opportunity to work in a secure job that is still contributing to the military," he said.



Photo by Elaine Wilson

Delaney Rocky Perez, administrative officer for the garrison commander's office, is the first civil service employee hired at Fort Sam Houston through the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

Perez submitted a resume to the AW2 program, and it wasn't long before he was matched up with a job at Fort Sam Houston, working as the administrative officer in the garrison commander's office.

"Our goal is to get AW2 Soldiers seeking employment connected with employers, whether federal service, a corporation or state or local entity," said Tim Winter, AW2 labor liaison specialist at the program's headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

But first and foremost, Winter said the Army is committed to helping Soldiers stay on active duty. "There are a number of AW2 Soldiers who continue on in the Army, but if that's not the desire of the Soldier, we prefer to keep him in the family as a Department of the Army civilian. We follow the Warrior Ethos, 'I will never leave a fallen comrade.'"

Since Perez was the first at Fort Sam Houston hired under the program, Winter said the process took "good coordination between the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Civilian Human Resources Agency and CPAC."

The hiring process was a challenge, Ferguson said, "particularly since we had never hired anyone through the program here. We had to deal with paperwork issues along with garrison funding restraints," she said, adding that Perez has been the only exception to the garrison's hiring freeze.

With one job placement under their belts, CPAC officials are looking to expand on their success — they have already started the process to hire an amputee.

"These young Soldiers join the military to serve their country, are injured in war, then what do they do? This program allows us to take those Soldiers, who have sacrificed so much, and give them a job opportunity, a chance to use their skills," said Eugene Hill, human resources specialist at CPAC. "It's an opportunity to show how much we appreciate what they've done. And, on their end, it's an opportunity for them to show us what they can do."

For more information on the program, call an AW2 liaison at 1-800-237-1336 or visit [www.aw2.army.mil](http://www.aw2.army.mil).

## Residents asked to keep trash in designated areas

*(Note: In an effort to curb the on-post disposal of bulk items and rubbish in areas not designated for such use, the Aug. 3 issue of the News Leader included an article about proper disposal locations. This week's article includes guidelines for housing residents on Fort Sam Houston.)*

The goal of Fort Sam Houston Family Housing is to improve and maintain Fort Sam Houston family housing for the next 50 years, and assume responsibility and control for every aspect of family housing operations on post.

One such responsibility is the trash removal and recycle program for Fort Sam Houston family housing. Lincoln Military Housing has contracted with C-6 Waste Removal for this service. This is a five-year contract managed by LMH and is not affiliated with the refuse contract managed by Fort Sam Houston's Department of Public Works.

LMH provides refuse collection twice a week and recycling once a week for housing residents. Refuse needs to be placed curbside by 7 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

The refuse removal contractor will not remove certain items from residents' curbs, to include appliances, sofas and other bulk items. Residents with non-hazardous excess trash and items larger than the issued refuse containers will hold may dispose of these items at the dumpster provided by LMH.

Residents should coordinate with their moving company for removal of moving boxes or break them down and take them to the bulk items dumpster. Residents are asked to dispose of these items as quickly as possible.

Currently, renovations are taking place in every village except Harris Heights. Construction dumpsters are placed in the villages at homes that are being renovated. These dumpsters are for construction waste only. Residents are not allowed to use these dumpsters for bulk items or excess household waste.

Residents need to dispose of bulk items or excess household waste in the bulk item dumpster, located at the Lincoln Maintenance Facility, Building 3882 on Gardner Road. The dumpster is open for bulk item disposal from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. This dumpster is for Fort Sam Houston housing residents only.

For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.  
(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

## New housing referral network links military to housing

By David Vance  
Residential Communities Initiative

Housing officials from Fort Sam Houston and Lackland and Randolph air force bases have joined forces in San Antonio to implement a new Automated Housing Referral Network.

AHRN is an online, joint service, no-cost housing recommendation system, linking customers to suitable housing in local communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For local property owners, AHRN is a federally funded, no-cost referral method to market suitable and available rental properties directly to service members worldwide. Additionally, AHRN supports a free home buying and selling process management alternative through its partnership with Moving Station.

AHRN is accessible via computer to qualified service members, their legally designated family members, off-post property managers and housing professionals who monitor, update and retrieve information for their customers.

"Several customers have commented on how AHRN makes finding suitable housing easier and less stressful," said Miriam Johnson, housing specialist.

During a recent housing study that polled service members worldwide, a lack in consistency existed in assembling and dispensing housing data to service members prior to their next duty assignment. Due to this disconnect, nearly 80 percent of household goods shipments required storage when a service member moved to another installation. Storage is expensive and statistically leads to high damage claims of personal property.

AHRN solves the consistency problem by providing a means to access a wealth of information on local rental community housing, to include apartments, town houses, condominiums and single-family homes. The information is particularly important since about 70 percent of service members stationed in the continental United States live off post in either rental properties or privately owned homes.

For housing professionals, AHRN permits them to compile, gather and retrieve stored information at the touch of a button.

AHRN also keeps track of Basic Allowance for Housing data used to submit quarterly and annual reports for BAH verification and validation.

AHRN stations are available at the Housing Services Office. Each station provides a computer, a printer and a telephone to aid customers in obtaining local housing information and contact potential property managers CONUS-wide.

Local property managers rave about AHRN, saying it allows potential residents instant access to properties regardless of their present location. As a result, property managers list thousands of apartment complexes and homes for rent on AHRN, thereby increasing the quantity of rentals accessible to customers.

For more information, visit AHRN.com. Once there, military customers, Department of Defense civilians and housing professionals will be prompted to register for a secure screen name and password, which will be substantiated by their official government e-mail addresses. Retirees and property managers can obtain screen names and passwords verified by the use of any commercial e-mail address.

For more information, call the Housing Services Office at 295-8569 or 295-8519 or visit Building 367 on Stanley Road.

## Army expands childcare options for military families

By Elaine Wilson  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Army has selected Fort Sam Houston and 10 other posts to test a new program that offers military families more childcare options.

Through the Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood program, civilian agencies recruit childcare centers and civilian providers from areas where military families work and live, then train them to meet Army standards.

The program is also being tested at Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Meade, Md.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; and Fort Detrick, Md.

"Fort Sam Houston is an ideal site for a pilot program because we're due to be heavily impacted by Base Realignment and Closure and there will be a higher demand for childcare," said Rhonda DeVries, Fort Sam Houston Child and Youth Services.

The Family Service Association of San Antonio, affiliated with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, has already partnered with the Army to augment off-post childcare. The partnership will ensure care provided in off-post homes and childcare centers meets stringent Army standards.

"Family Service Association of San Antonio is proud to be working on a project that supports both our

military families and local civilian-childcare programs," said Nancy Hard, association president and CEO.

The Family Service Association has recruited two childcare centers and 25 civilian providers in areas surrounding Fort Sam Houston for use by local Army families.

To ensure quality of care, participating centers and in-home providers will be monitored by Family Service to ensure their full compliance with standards, DeVries said.

"We continue to see an extraordinary demand for our on-post childcare services," said M.A. Lucas, director, Army Child and Youth Services. "The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood project will help with meeting this need and extend the high quality of care Army families experience on post into the communities where they live."

For more information, call Family Service Association at 299-2480 or Fort Sam Houston Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723; e-mail [dlee@family-service.org](mailto:dlee@family-service.org) or [avasquez@family-service.org](mailto:avasquez@family-service.org); or visit [www.family-service.org](http://www.family-service.org).



Photo by Esther Garcia

## Scholarships benefit military children

(From left) Master Sgt. Richard Schoenberger, accepting for his daughter, Anna Marie; Madeline K. Mosier; Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander; Bobby Jacobs, commissary store administrator; Laura Rolfe; and Russell Fritz, Fisher House, pose for a photo following the scholarship presentations. Each recipient received a \$1,500 scholarship to the school they will attend in the fall. "Scholarships for Military Children," a program sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and administered by the Fisher House Foundation, is funded by manufacturers and vendors who sell groceries or provide services to the commissaries.

# School start times adjust to bus schedule changes

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District campuses will have staggered start times beginning this school year so that multiple bus runs can be scheduled to transport students. All kindergarten through 12th grade students living on the installation will be transported with the exception of Cole students who live in Watkins Terrace, since they are within walking distance of their campus.

Transportation is also not available for pre-kindergarten students or non-resident transfer students.

The schedule for both the elementary and secondary campuses is as follows:

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary:**

8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. – pre-kindergarten  
7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. – kindergarten

through fourth grade  
7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – fifth and sixth grades

Wednesdays only:

8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. – pre-kindergarten

7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. – kindergarten

through fourth grade

7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – fifth and sixth grades

**Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School:**

8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

These changes are the result of recent budget cuts experienced by the Fort Sam Houston U.S. Army Garrison, which had

been transporting students who live less than two miles from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School since 1976.

“Because our elementary campus is located in a high traffic area without sidewalks, it is unsafe for these students to walk to school,” said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent, Fort Sam Houston ISD. Therefore, we will be providing this service.”

In order to do this, every usable bus the district owns will be used. The new bus schedules may need to be adjusted after school begins, depending upon the number of students riding buses from the various housing areas. As more residents move into the Harris Heights area, additional bus runs will be provided.

When district buses are not available due to regularly scheduled daily bus runs, charter buses will be used to transport students to athletic competitions and activities held away from the district.

Students are expected to follow rules of acceptable conduct and behavior while on district and charter buses. Rules will be enforced in order to ensure safe transportation for everyone. Students who are habitual rule offenders or commit incidents of a serious nature will have their bus-riding privileges revoked.

See **COLE BUS SCHEDULE** on Page 8

## Fort Sam Houston Elementary School bus schedule 2006-2007

Route names will be posted on the buses and include the following:  
Elem 1, Elem 2, Elem 3, Elem 4, Elem 5, Elem 8, Elem/Cole, Elem 9 and Elem 10.

Area stops	A.M. route	Pick up times	Pick up times	Arrive at elem.	P.M. route
Forbush Road and Kimbro Circle	Elem 1,2,3	7 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
Forbush Road between Farr and Meeks Circle	Elem 1,2,3	7:02 a.m.	7:26 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
McMurray Road and Decker Circle	Elem 1,2,3	7:04 a.m.	7:28 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
McMurray and Buckner Court	Elem 1,2,3	7:06 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
McMurray and Frazier Road	Elem 1,2,3	7:08 a.m.	7:32 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
McMurray and Johnston Circle	Elem 1,2,3	7:10 a.m.	7:34 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
McMurray and Rodrigues Circle	Elem 1,2,3	7:12 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	7:17/7:40 a.m.	Elem 1,2,3
Patch and Taylor	Elem 4	7 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:15/7:40 a.m.	Elem 4
Chaffee and Taylor	Elem 4	7:02 a.m.	7:27 a.m.	7:15/7:40 a.m.	Elem 4
Chaffee Shelter No. 2522	Elem 4	7:05 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:15/7:40 a.m.	Elem 4
Chaffee Shelter No. 1221	Elem 4	7:09 a.m.	7:34 a.m.	7:15/7:40 a.m.	Elem 4
Marvin R. Wood 2720 (playground)	Elem 5	7 a.m.	7:23 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Marvin R. Wood 2870 (playground)	Elem 5	7:02 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Marvin R. Wood (Qtrs 3071)	Elem 5	7:05 a.m.	7:28 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Garden Avenue and Birkhead Drive	Elem 5	7:09 a.m.	7:32 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Garden Avenue and Playground 3222	Elem 5	7:11 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Ingram Path and Walter T. Bahl	Elem 5	7:13 a.m.	7:38 a.m.	7:16/7:41 a.m.	Elem 5
Infantry Post	Elem 8	7:15 a.m.		7:35 a.m.	Elem 8
Guest House and Fisher House (Cole/Elem)	Elem/Cole	7 a.m.		7:20 a.m.	Elem/Cole
FSH Campground (Cole/Elem)	Elem/Cole	7:10 a.m.		7:20 a.m.	Elem/Cole
S16W and Graham	Elem 9	7:03 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Graham and New Braunfels	Elem 9	7:04 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Artillery Loop (Qtrs 176)	Elem 9	7:05 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 165)	Elem 9	7:06 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 101)	Elem 9	7:07 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 109)	Elem 9	7:08 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 115)	Elem 9	7:09 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Staff Post Road and Stanley	Elem 9	7:11 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Staff Post Road (Qtrs 13)	Elem 9	7:12 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Hancock Road (Qtrs 2283)	Elem 9	7:14 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 9
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1016)	Elem 10	7:10 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1009)	Elem 10	7:12 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10
Graham and Worth	Elem 10	7:13 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10
Graham and Harney	Elem 10	7:14 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10
Graham and Schofield	Elem 10	7:15 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10
Graham and H.T. Allen (Shelter)	Elem 10	7:16 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Elem 10

**NOTE:** Students need to be at their bus stop prior to the scheduled pick up time. Buses will load and unload in front of the school by the flagpole.

**Afternoon dismissals**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-4	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.
5-6	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.

# Post Pulse: What was the highlight of your summer?



*"I went to the snake farm and held a big snake (80 pound albino boa) for my birthday and found baby lizards at grandma and grandpa's house."*

**Tyler Allmon**



*"When I got my first paycheck."*

**Kathryn Marcum**



*"I played World Cup Soccer at camp."*

**Grayson Bruce**



*"Being able to go to the horse stables every day."*

**Megan Ahearne**

## Cole bus schedule

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### Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School bus schedule 2006-2007

Route names will be posted on the buses and include the following:  
Cole 8, Elem/Cole, Cole 9, Cole 10, Cole 4 and Cole 5.

Area stops	A.M. route	Pick up times	Pick up times	Arrive at Cole	P.M. route
Infantry Post	Cole 8	7:45 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	Cole 8
Staff Post Road	Cole 8	7:45 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Guest House and Fisher House	Elem/Cole	7 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Cole 8
FSH Campground	Elem/Cole	7:10 a.m.		7:30 a.m.	Cole 8
S16W and Graham	Cole 9	7:50 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Graham and New Braunfels	Cole 9	7:51 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Artillery Loop Qtrs 176	Cole 9	7:52 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 165)	Cole 9	7:53 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 101)	Cole 9	7:54 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Artillery post (Qtrs 109)	Cole 9	7:55 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Artillery Post (Qtrs 115)	Cole 9	7:56 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 9
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1016)	Cole 10	7:45 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Gorgas Circle (Qtrs 1009)	Cole 10	7:46 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Graham and Worth	Cole 10	7:47 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Graham and Harney	Cole 10	7:51 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Graham and Schofield	Cole 10	7:52 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Graham and H.T. Allen (Shelter)	Cole 10	7:53 a.m.		8:08 a.m.	Cole 10
Patch and Taylor	Cole 4	7:47 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 4
Chaffee and Taylor	Cole 4	7:49 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 4
Chaffee Shelter No. 2522	Cole 4	7:52 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 4
Chaffee Shelter No. 1221	Cole 4	7:56 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 4
Marvin R. Wood 2720 (playground)	Cole 5	7:45 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5
Marvin R. Wood 2870 (playground)	Cole 5	7:46 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5
Marvin R. Wood (Qtrs 3071)	Cole 5	7:47 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5
Garden Avenue and Birkhead Drive	Cole 5	7:51 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5
Garden Avenue and Playground 3222	Cole 5	7:52 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5
Ingram Path and Walter T. Bahl	Cole 5	7:53 a.m.		8:10 a.m.	Cole 5

The departure time for buses leaving Cole Jr./Sr. High School for all grades is 4 p.m.

## School-based clinic opens Sept. 5

The school-based clinic at Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School is set to begin operations Sept. 5. The clinic will be staffed by Maj. Jeffrey Greene, a specialist in adolescent medicine, and other Brooke Army Medical Center physicians.

The clinic, open one afternoon a week, will allow the attending physician to tend to military children and provide medical care. Parent permission will be required. More detailed information on the types of medical care and parent permission forms will be provided to students and parents after the beginning of school.

In the fall, Greene and Lt. Col. Christopher Dillon, BAMC physician, approached Cole administrators with the concept of a "medical center satellite clinic." The administrators and members of the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Health Education Advisory Council realized the merits of such a concept and welcomed a school-based clinic at Cole Jr./Sr. High School.

Several discussions between the BAMC physicians, district personnel and members of the Health Education Advisory Council were held during the 2005-2006 school year to work out the details. The memorandum of agreement between the district and BAMC was approved by the Board of Trustees at its regularly called meeting in June.

Texas Education Code §38.051 allows a school district to provide for the delivery of conventional health services and disease prevention of emerging health threats that are specific to the district. The permissible categories of services include family and home support and health care, including immunizations, dental health care, health education and preventive health strategies. For more information on the Texas Education Code, visit [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us).

(Source: Fort Sam Houston ISD)

## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

### Weekly Calendar – Monday through Aug. 19

#### FSH Elementary School

**Monday**  
First day of school  
First nine weeks  
**Wednesday**  
Early dismissal  
Kindergarten through fourth grade, 2 p.m.  
Pre-kindergarten, 2:15 p.m.  
Fifth and sixth grades, 2:30 p.m.

**Aug. 17**  
Open house for first through third grade  
Fine arts, 5:30 p.m.  
Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Aug. 18**  
Spirit Day  
**Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School**

**Monday**  
First day of school  
First nine weeks  
**Tuesday**  
Junior varsity and varsity volleyball at Kennedy, 5 and 6 p.m.

**Aug. 17**  
Mandatory meeting for all AP students and teachers, TBA

**Aug. 18**  
Varsity volleyball tournament at D'Hanis, TBA

**Aug. 19**  
Varsity football scrimmage at Marion, 9 and 10 a.m.  
Varsity volleyball tournament at D'Hanis, TBA

## Outstanding service



Photos by Ed Dixon

(From left) Cols. Kenneth McAllister, Christie Smith, Ramon Sanchez, Kent Nabarrette and Matrice Browne are honored for their service to the Army July 28 at the monthly retirement ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field.



(From left) Sgt. Maj. Harry Robinson Jr., Sgt. 1st Class Rick Lopez and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Mitchell are recognized for their service to the Army July 28 at the monthly retirement ceremony.

## AAFES gas stations take Voyager at pump

To help accommodate more military fleet customers and speed up fueling transactions, the Fort Sam Service Station on Schofield Road and the shoppette and gas station on Walters Street now accept Voyager credit cards for payment at the pump.

Previously, Voyager credit cards were only authorized when military customers physically went into the facilities to pay because software limitations didn't allow verification of user information at the pump. This limited the use of the card to the hours the facility was attended. Now, drivers can fill up and pay with Voyager at the pump at any time, day or night.

"The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's finance and technology directorates worked together for the last two years to make this option available," said AAFES General Manager Floyd Wynn. "Adding Voyager to the pump is a way to ensure we are serving the Fort Sam Houston community's needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

(Source: AAFES news release)



Photo by Phil Reidinger

## 208th honors two NCOs

Members of the 208th Regional Support Group gathered at the Stilwell headquarters building July 29 for a ceremony recognizing the service and retirement of two senior NCOs. The ceremony host, Col. Jimmie Jay Wells, 208th commander, assisted by Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Bowen, presented Master Sgt. Marcia Paquel and 1st Sgt. Lelain Self an American flag and certificates of retirement. Self entered service with the Missouri National Guard in 1981 and Paquel began her service in 1975 with the Oregon National Guard.

## Army Community Service

### Financial Readiness – August Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Financial Planning	Today and Aug. 15	2 to 4 p.m.
Checkbook Maintenance	Aug. 22 and 24	2 to 4 p.m.

Financial Planning – Focuses on savings, credit and establishing budgets.

Checkbook Maintenance – Geared toward personnel referred by the command for abusing and misusing check-cashing privileges; however, anyone can attend.

Classes are held in Training Room 1 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

## *Veterinary services*

The treatment facility at the Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic provides physical examinations and vaccinations for privately owned animals. Walk-ins are accepted on a space-available basis for pet registration, microchip services and emergency treatment for chronic conditions. Clinic appointment hours are Mondays through Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 295-4260 or 295-4265.

## SPORTS BRIEFS . . .

**Fort Sam Houston boxing team practice**

The Fort Sam Houston boxing team practices every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center in preparation for the "Boxing at the Brought III" event to be held Oct. 28. The team will increase its workouts Aug. 21 to five days a week, Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Coach Kevin Majors is looking for all levels of boxers to represent the post, not only for October's Boxing at the Brought, but also for local area competitions.

Boxing coordinator John Rodriguez said, "It is important that those who are interested in boxing at the October event start to train as soon as possible. Coach Majors wants to work with the boxers for as long as he can, to train the boxers for the physical aspects of the sport and to teach or improve their skill levels."

The previous two boxing events held at the fitness center drew large crowds and boxing club participants from throughout Texas. Boxers interested in joining the post boxing team can show up at practice or call Majors at 393-5854

or Rodriguez at 221-1532.

**Post soccer team tryouts**

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

**Intramural fall softball**

Intramural fall softball for men's, women's and co-ed teams begins Monday. A coaches and rules meeting will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

**Post flag football team tryouts**

Tryouts for coach and player positions on the post flag football team will be held through Friday at 6 p.m. at Leadership Field. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

**Men's basketball team tryouts**

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

**Women's basketball team tryouts**

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

**Instructors needed**

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center seeks instructors for pilates and yoga classes. For more information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

**Blood is fluid of life**

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

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

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

**Smoke-free, courageous forever**

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



## Post Worship Schedule

**Main Post Chapel**, Building 2200, 221-2754

**Catholic Services:**

4:45 to 5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

**Protestant Services - Sundays:**

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

**Jewish Services:** 379-8666 or 493-6660

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

Shabbat

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

**Catholic Service:** 12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

**Protestant Services:**

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

Sundays

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

**Samoan Protestant Service:** 8:30 a.m. -

Sundays

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

**Catholic Services:**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

**Protestant Services:**

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

12 p.m. - Worship - Wednesdays

**AMEDD Regimental Chapel**, Building 1398, 221-4362

**Troop Catholic Mass:**

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

**Troop Protestant Gospel Service:**

9:45 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

**Troop Protestant Service:** 8:30 a.m. - 32nd

Med. Bde. Soldiers - Sundays

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

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious Education -

Sundays

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education -

Thursdays

**Evans Auditorium**, 221-5005 or 221-5007

**Mormon Services:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Sundays

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

**Contemporary service:** 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

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



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## RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS . . .

### ***Bible study break***

The Sunday afternoon Officers' Christian Fellowship Bible study will not be held during the summer. A Bible study will begin in September with full details to be publicized at a later date. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 385-8451 or e-mail [robert.griffith1@amedd.army.mil](mailto:robert.griffith1@amedd.army.mil).

### ***Chapel to offer youth ministry course***

The Installation Chaplain's Office will hold a youth ministry course Aug. 30 and 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Installation Chaplain's Office, Building 2530. Dinner is included. Learn to map the world of youth, set a compass vision for

youth ministry and develop an itinerary planning process for a spiritual journey in the youth ministry. For more information or for reservations, call Brian Merry at 221-5006 or e-mail [brian.merry@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:brian.merry@samhouston.army.mil).



Photos by Esther Garcia

Genesis Salon and Spa nail technician, Iliana Saenz, who volunteered her time, provides a manicure to Luordes German. German's son has burns on more than 97 percent of his body and is recovering at Brooke Army

Medical Center. The salon and spa treated Soldiers and family members to a day of free haircuts, perms, pedicures, manicures and massages July 30.

## Home away from home

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Tim Schmitz, whose son is an inpatient at BAMC and an amputee, uses the computers to keep in touch with his relatives while his son is undergoing treatment. "This is an awesome facility for our American Soldiers and their families," said Schmitz.

Along with on-site entertainment, the facility also offers off-post events such as a trip to the Genesis Salon and Spa on Bandera Road in San Antonio, which offered a day of pampering to female service members and family members who have Soldiers recuperating at BAMC. They were treated to haircuts, perms, massages, manicures and pedicures, and lunch. Each person was presented with a gift bag and a rose.

"Lynn Otto, a customer at the salon, saw an article about the injured Soldiers and inspired me to do something," said owner of the salon, Geri Aguilar. "I wanted them to feel beautiful and appreciated."

Judith Markelz, program manager for the facility, works nonstop at the center as she answers the telephone, greets visitors, and assists Soldiers and family members with special requests.

In July, more than 4,000 visitors stopped by the center either to attend events or use the facility between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Markelz said.

"The center is open seven days a week, 365 days a year, and we do not close for the holidays. We have 46 volunteers, and

families and Soldiers help out here too. We kind of live like a family in a bad situation," said Markelz.

SFAC is supported by donations and gifts from businesses, civic and veterans' organizations and individual community members. In addition to monetary donations, the center accepts a wide variety of gifts including phone cards, baked goods and special event tickets.

"Other than the two salaried employees, the center is paid for by donations and the support of an incredible community, without which we would not have a Soldier and Family Assistance Center," said Markelz. "But the backbone of the SFAC is those people who bring the cookies every day, week after week, all year. Without this city, we would not survive."

Homemade cookies are the favorite at SFAC. "We are out of homemade goodies all the time. We have 18-year-olds who are still young men and women who eat a lot, and there is a certain amount of comfort in food. It is the universal language and people like to eat," said Markelz.

Although well-equipped, "We also still need things to keep the facility operating day to day. Right now we are in need of new desktops," said Markelz.

"The SFAC is here for all the Soldiers and the Soldiers' families," said Spc. Richard Meyer, who is serving as a volunteer while recuperating from wounds. "It is a wonderful place, run totally by donations. We have every-

thing donated to us on a daily basis."

Meyer said some of the center's more popular items include phone cards, gift cards, baby wipes, diapers, dry formula and bottled water. "We can use everything and anything because everyone has different needs and we try to meet everyone's

needs on an individual basis."

To volunteer or donate items to SFAC, or for information about various Soldier and family support activities, call Markelz at 241-0811.

(Phil Reidinger contributed to this article.)



Judith Markelz, program manager for the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, presents a walking cane to Sgt. 1st Class Juan Urbina. The canes were made and donated by wood carvers from various cities in Texas and distributed by Operation Cane out of Dallas.



Lance Cpl. Oyoana Allende treats herself to a new hair style during Genesis Salon and Spa's free makeover day for Soldiers who are recuperating from wounds sustained while supporting operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



Sgt. 1st Class Toni Wright visits with Charles Crockett at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. Crockett visited the SFAC after delivering tailored shirts and shorts fitted with velcro for Soldiers and Marines recuperating from injuries at Brooke Army Medical Center. Descended from David Crockett's first cousin, John Anthony Crockett, Charles Crockett lives in Salem, Ore. "Heroes are what keeps America going," Crockett said. "We remember yesterday's heroes and we must remember today's heroes."

Photo by Phil Reidinger



Cpl. James West and wife, Megan, from Fort Campbell, Ky., enjoy food donated from the community at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. "We love it. At least we don't have to be stuck in the room," said Megan. The couple plans to make San Antonio their home while James is undergoing treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center for wounds he received while in Iraq.



Margaret Meyer and Spc. Richard Meyer, volunteers at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, prepare for bingo night at the center. Bingo is one of several activities that the SFAC provides for service members and their families.

Members of the San Antonio Jewish Federation, who contribute regularly, serve dinner Thursday to the patrons of the Soldier and Family Assistance Center during bingo night.



Tony Molina, 10 years old, and sister, Celine, 8 years old, find a quiet place to read before the start of dinner and bingo at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center.

# Military introduces new recreational technology

By Shasta Bell

Directorate, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Military installations worldwide are receiving new advanced technology that positions the Department of Defense ahead of the private sector.

The new technology is referred to as the Multi Player On-line Games. MPOG is a video game software program that is played on a high definition, high resolution 26-inch monitor. Its multifunctional capabilities make the program unique and more conducive than other similar programs. Users can surf the Internet, send on-the-spot photos of themselves through e-mail and play popular video games such as Battlefield II.

Popular features of MPOG video games allow users to play in real time without delays and individuals are not confined to sit together at one monitor when playing against each another.

The service also offers convenience to users. People can establish user accounts for a fee or pay as they go. An hour of service on MPOG costs \$7, and payments are accepted by cash, credit or debit card.

MPOG is a component of Alternate Escapes, which provides entertainment and digital-based products in facilities with relaxing and fun environments. It is exclusively offered in recreation and bowling centers as well as other Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities on select military installations around the country.

Locally, MPOG was introduced on Fort Sam Houston

and Lackland Air Force Base in late July. The Hacienda Recreation Center was selected as a facility on Fort Sam Houston where MPOG would be available.

Ten stations have been installed at the facility, and 10 additional MPOGs are expected to arrive in September.

The Hacienda Recreation Center is open to Advanced Individual Training and Initial Entry Training Soldiers, but Army Recreation Machine Program officials predict MPOG will have great success due to the Soldiers' needs resulting from their transitory status.

Ben Paniagua, facility manager of the Hacienda Recreation Center, confirmed the Soldiers' attitude toward the new technology. "The Soldiers love the new computers and think it is a very high quality service we are providing," he said. "They think the price for the use of the computers is a very good deal."

The Army Recreation Machine Program selects the sites where MPOG units will be located. The ARMP is an operational element of the U.S. Army Community Family Support Center.

The selection process is based on several factors such as patron demographics, traffic volume and needs. Each MPOG unit costs \$8,000; therefore, selections are determined after extensive review.

ARMP will monitor installations chosen to operate MPOG for a year before making a determination to expand service on an installation.



Photo by Kathrine Maple

James Root, the U.S. district director for the Army Recreation Machine Program, trains Paul Matthews, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, on the features that Multi Player On-line Games will provide to Advanced Individual Training and Initial Entry Training Soldiers. The e-mail feature that the MPOG provides includes sending instant photos through individual accounts.

### 2006 Combat Medic Fest

The 2006 Combat Medic Fest will be held Oct. 21 from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the MacArthur Parade Field. The Combat Medic Run will kick off the day-long festivities and includes a 5K, 10K and 10 meter run or walk. Other activities includes a parade, arts and crafts fair, live entertainment, games, contests and children's activities. For the first time, the festival will include a barbecue cook-off, "Funniest Soldier on Post" competition and a dance contest. Additionally, the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is seeking food and arts and crafts vendors and participants to enter into the parade and barbecue cook-off. To register as an arts and crafts or food vendor, call 221-5225. To participate in the "Funniest Soldier on Post" contest, call John Rodriguez at 221-1234. For more information on event activities, call 221-3003. The Combat Medic Fest is sponsored by DeVry University, First Command Financial Planning and Hotel Marquis Airport.

## COMMUNITY RECREATION

### American Indian story time

Listen to retired Sgt. David Steele, a local Native American storyteller, as he shares tales of Lakota, Winnebago and other Plains tribes Friday at 4 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Library. For more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387.

### Fort Sam Houston 10-miler #2

The date for the Fort Sam Houston 10-Miler #2 has been changed to Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Brigade Gym. To pre-register, visit <http://www.runawayclub.com/>. For more information, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### New hours at outdoor pool

Effective Monday, the Aquatic Center's hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming only, at no charge, and 4 to 8 p.m. for open swimming. The slides will be closed to the public. On weekends and holidays, the pool will be fully operational with slides and deep end swimming open to patrons from 12 to 8 p.m. Lap swimming is free. All other services are subject to a \$2 admission charge. For more information, call 221-4887.

### Aerobathon

Two hours of nonstop aerobics will be held Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Registration fee is \$10. For more information or to register, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### Outdoor X-posure tubing trip

Experience the Texas tubing tradition at its best with Outdoor Recreation down the

Comal River. The trip will be held Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space is limited, sign up by Saturday. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation, lunch, tube and a photo CD. For more information, call 221-5225.

### Horse riding lessons

The Equestrian Center offers Western, English and jumping lessons for individuals and groups. Participants must be at least 7 years old. The cost is \$25 per person for a group lesson, \$35 per person for a semi-private lesson and \$40 per person for private instruction. Discounts are available for groups of five. For more information, call 224-7207.

### Bodybuilding show

A bodybuilding show will be held Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The competition is open to the public. Men's and women's categories included. Entry fee is \$35. To participate or for more information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### Gun hunter education class

A two-day gun hunter education class will be held Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. The \$15 registration fee is payable on the first day of class. Reservations are required. This class is mandatory for all rifle hunters who want to hunt on Camp Bullis. Firearms cannot be brought onto Camp Bullis. To register or for more information, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

### Bow hunter education class

A two-day bow hunter education class will be held Aug. 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$15 and payable on the first day of class. Reservations are required. The two-day class is mandatory for all bow hunters who want to hunt on Camp Bullis. Attendees should bring their own bows to class each day. The course is open to anyone 12 years old and older. To register or for more information, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

### Special on barbecue grills, smokers

Through Aug. 31, barbecue grills and smokers rented at the Outdoor Recreation Center will include any size ice chest (50 to 150 quart size) and two 10-pound bags of ice at no extra charge. Rental fee for grills and smokers is \$15 per day or \$23 per weekend. They require a 2-inch ball hitch and four-way flat light hookup. Outdoor Recreation has a large inventory of outdoor toys and tools available at low rates. For more information or to reserve a grill or smoker, call 221-5225 or 221-5224.

### AC service

Air conditioning service is available at the Fort Sam Houston Auto Craft Center. The Auto Craft Center has a certified air conditioning technician on staff with 30 years of experience. The cost is \$30 for ac service.

Freon, oil and environmental fees are extra. Pick up a coupon for \$5 off ac service from various MWR facilities or from the Auto Craft Shop's Web page at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com). Appointments are not needed. For more information, call 221-3962.

## DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

### Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

#### Family-style Sunday brunch

Brunch is held the first and third Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The next brunch will be held Aug. 20 and will feature a kids' meal station, chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and international food station. The cost is \$13.95 for nonmembers, \$11.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 years old and under eat free. For more information, call 224-2721.

#### Super TGIF

Join us at Super TGIF for a "Taste of the Islands" Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. at Sam's Sports Bar inside the Sam Houston Club. Sample free Caribbean food, live entertainment and drink specials. For more information, call 224-2721.

### Bowling Center, 221-3683

#### 'Have a Ball' open house

Bring the family to the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Aug. 25 from 5 to 9 p.m. for free bowling. Bowl to the rhythm of music and mesmerizing lights from newly installed bumpers and gutters. Customers who bowl a strike during the fifth and ninth frames will receive a free MWR T-shirt (while supplies last). For more information, call 221-3683. The event is sponsored by First Command Financial Planning and Home Depot.

#### New bumpers and gutters

Bumpers and gutters are now installed at the bowling center. Now bowling novices can enjoy playing alongside experienced bowlers and not be intimidated. Bumpers can retract depending on each player's level of experience and have flashing lights that glow in the dark. It is the perfect addition to bowling parties for kids. For more information, call 221-3683.

#### Family-fun bowling every Friday night

Bring the whole family out to bowl on Friday nights this summer. The Family Rent-A-Lane special is every Friday from 5 to 8:45 p.m. through Sept. 1 at the bowling center. Cost is \$20 per lane, which includes unlimited bowling and shoe rentals. The offer is available to groups up to eight people. Smaller groups and individual bowlers can still enjoy \$5.95 unlimited bowling nights every Friday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. For more information, call 221-3683.

#### Bowl-a-Jam

Bowl to the sounds of great music. Bowl-A-Jam is every Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the bowling center. The cost is \$8 and includes shoes and one order of fries per lane. For more information, call 221-3683.

### Golf Club, 221-4388

#### Warriors Monthly Scramble

Register up to four players to participate in the Warriors Monthly Scramble. The scramble is held the first Wednesday of each month at the Golf Club. Shotgun start time is at 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person and includes cart rental, prizes and social following scramble. Participants must be in an authorized pass or leave status. Register at the Golf Club's Pro Shop, or for more information, call 222-9386.

#### Labor Day golf tournament

Swing into action at the Labor Day Golf Tournament Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Cost is \$35 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Price includes tournament play, cart rental, prizes and an awards banquet after the event. This is a two-person scramble. To register or for more information, call the Pro Shop at 222-9386.

#### Ladies golf clinic

A ladies golf clinic for beginners will be held today, Aug. 17, 24 and 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$120. To register, call 355-5429.

#### Junior golf lessons

Junior golf lessons are held every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Golf Course. Junior lessons are available for youth 7 to 16 years old of any level of experience. The cost is \$7. For more information or to register, call 355-5429.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The latest Neil Simon comedy, "London Suite," will play at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre through Aug. 19. Performance tickets are \$23.95 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$26.95 Fridays and Saturdays. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

### MWR ticket office

Tickets for the San Antonio Speedway are on sale at the MWR ticket office. The cost is \$6 per person. Racing season ends Oct. 21. The ticket office is open through August with extended hours Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

### Seeking Military Idol performers

The 2006 Military Idol competition will be held Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The winner will move on to represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army level of the competition in search of the coveted distinction of U.S. Army "Military Idol." First place winner receives \$500 plus an additional \$500 will go to the Soldier's assigned military unit. For more information, call Ben Paniagua at 224-7250. The event is sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Armed Forces Vacation Club.

## CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

### Youth Services registration

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

### Before and after school registration

Register youth for the before and after school program for middle school and open recreation. Participants must have a Child and Youth Services membership. To register for membership, patrons will need to provide a leave and earnings statement or pay stub, two local emergency designees, \$18 registration fee and youth's Social Security number.

### Coaches needed for soccer, football, cheerleading

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

### Parent Advisory Council meeting

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Family Advocacy will provide a

workshop on child abuse prevention. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff and learn of upcoming events and parent education opportunities.

### Family Child Care Online

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

### Home-based child care

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. FCC offers full-day, part-day, before- and after-school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long-term care. For referral information or child registration, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

## Events

### Rummage sale

The Government Hill Alliance Neighborhood Association will hold a rummage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pigstand on Broadway Street. Spaces are available to sell items for a \$10 fee prior to the day of the sale or \$15 on the day of the sale. To reserve a space, call Florence or Richard at 822-3038.

### Cajun music, Hermann Son's Lodge

The Cajun French Music Association, de Fa Tras Chapter of San Antonio, will host a Cajun dance Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Hermann Sons Hall, 525 South Saint Mary's St. in San Antonio. The dance is located in the third floor ballroom. Donations are \$7 per person, and the public is invited. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the scholarship and cultural programs fund. For more information, call 573-3403 or visit [www.defatrascajun.com/](http://www.defatrascajun.com/)

### Airborne Day celebration

The members of the Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association will host the Airborne Day celebration Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Drop Zone Restaurant located at 1804 Carson St. The event will include food, drinks, videos, raffle and chicken plates for \$5.

### OCSC Welcome, Sign-up Coffee

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a Welcome and Sign-up Coffee Aug. 22 at the Army Medical Department Museum, Building 1046, located at the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley roads. Join the group in the museum's activity room between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for refreshments and the opportunity to sign-up to participate in various groups and activities. Parking is available across the street from the museum's entrance. Plan to visit the museum displays and gift shop. For more information, call Darlene Weber at 277-6624.

### MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter luncheon will be held Aug. 24 at the Randolph Officers Club beginning at 11 a.m. Jean M. Przykucki, deputy chief, infection control and education at the South Texas Veterans Health Care Center, will be the featured speaker. The MOAA and the Alamo Chapter is open to active duty officers, warrant officers, Reserve and National Guard members, former or retired officers and warrant officers and surviving spouses. The cost is \$16. For reservations, call 228-9955 or e-mail [moaa-ac@sbc-global.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbc-global.net). Tickets may be purchased at the door, but reservations are requested.

### 20th annual GrapeFest

The 20th annual GrapeFest, the largest wine festival in the southwest, will take place in the historic Main Street district at Grapevine, Texas, Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 10. Wine lovers and connoisseurs from across the nation will sample award-winning Texas wines. For more information, call 817-410-3185 or visit [www.grapevintexasusa.com](http://www.grapevintexasusa.com).

### Freedom walk

Operation Homefront will sponsor a Freedom Walk 2006 Sept. 11 beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Alamodome in San Antonio. On this same day, throughout the country, in big and small venues, citizens will gather to participate in America Supports You Freedom walks. For more information, call Amy Palmer at 210-659-7756 or e-mail [amy@operationhomefront.net](mailto:amy@operationhomefront.net) or visit [www.operationhomefront.net/texas](http://www.operationhomefront.net/texas).

## Meetings

### Warrant Officer Association meeting

The U.S. Warrant Officer Association, Lone Star Chapter meets the third Wednesday of the month at the VFW 8541

located at 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio. WOA is open to active duty and retired service members of all ranks. For more information, call Suzan Farrell at 221-6532 or 378-0422.

### BAMC chess club

The Brooke Army Medical Center chess club meets Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the BAMC Medical Mall. The club is open to military and their family members, civilians and patients; experience is not necessary. People can bring a chess set, or sets can be provided on site. For more information, call Sgt. Michael Veri at 513-3435 or e-mail [michael.veri@cen.amedd.army.mil](mailto:michael.veri@cen.amedd.army.mil).

### Seamless Transition Program

The Seamless Transition Program is a collaboration between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure continuity and improved coordination of health care and benefits for seriously disabled service members returning from theaters of combat operations. Seriously disabled service members or their families may be entitled to VA benefits while on active duty and can receive case-managed care of their issues. For more information, visit Brooke Army Medical Center, Room 513-7 or call 916-7897.

### BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldiers input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Micaela Reyes at 221-8947.

## Training

### Green to Gold briefings

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

### 'Deployment to Employment' training

The "From Deployment to Employment" training forum will be held Aug. 30 at the HyattRegency, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. This forum will educate Department of Defense service providers about the technology and tools available to help wounded service members. Dr. William J. Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs, will host the forum. For more information, visit [www.bethesda.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp](http://www.bethesda.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp) or [www.tricare.osd.mil/CAP](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/CAP).

### 'PIE' day of training

The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host the first annual "Partners In Equality," a special emphasis program one-day seminar Aug. 31 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Norris Conference Center in the Crossroads Mall at Loop 410 and Fredericksburg Road. The seminar is targeted for managers, supervisors, line staff, military and civilians. The cost is \$35 per person; the deadline to register is Aug. 23. For more information, call 616-8153 or e-mail [carol.branchard@med.va.gov](mailto:carol.branchard@med.va.gov).

### Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army sends up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at the government's expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2007 and remain on active duty while attending law school. The program is open to com-

missioned officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. For more information, officers should contact their local Staff Judge Advocate; on post, call 221-2777.

### Military intelligence recruiting

The 6th Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, seeks Soldiers to fill military intelligence positions at Camp Bullis. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Richardson at 295-7629.

### Army seeks warrant officers

The U.S. Army seeks highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 41 specialties. Current application shortages include military intelligence, special operations, ammunition technician and many more. For more information, call 502-626-0328, 626-0466, 626-0484, 626-0458, 626-0271 or 626-1860; call toll free at 1-800-223-3735, ext. 6 and enter the last four digits of the phone number; or visit [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant).

### Webster University

The Webster University staff is available for all military personnel interested in pursuing a master's degree. The Webster office is located in the Army Education Center, Building 2248, and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 226-3373.

### Army Reserve opportunities

The U.S. Army Reserve is actively recruiting. For more information, call 800-USA-ARMY or visit [www.goarmyreserve.com](http://www.goarmyreserve.com).

### St. Mary's University education office

A St. Mary's University representative is available Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2248, Room 206, to assist individuals interested in a master's degree in teacher certification. For more information, call Iona Million at 226-3360.

### Army online training

Army e-Learning is available for all Army personnel. People can access more than 2,600 distance learning courses to include business skills, interpersonal skills, computer professional and computer user skills, environmental, safety and health courses, 29 foreign languages and more than 80 information technology vendor certification exams. Army e-Learning offers personal mentoring for most IT certifications, in addition to promotion points and college credits. Also included is temporary access to more than 8,000 online books so people can assess their value to the workforce. This is a free service. For more information, visit <https://usarmy.skillport.com/rkusarmy/login/usarmylogin.cfm>.

### Free training available

The Human Relations/Equal Employment Opportunity Office offers the following classes at no charge: Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Diversity, Basic EEO, Disability Etiquette, Communicating with Hearing Instrument Users, Reasonable Accommodation Procedures and Communicating Effectively. For more information or to schedule a class, call Marie Jangaon at 221-9194 or Glennis Ribblett at 221-9401.

## Volunteer

### ASMC sponsor community clean up

The American Society of Military Comptrollers' next community service sweat event will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sunshine Plaza Apartments, 455 E. Sunshine Drive, in San Antonio, where the group will conduct light cleaning for senior citizens. To volunteer, call Joy Berberk at 652-2275 or e-mail

[joy.berberk@agency.afsv.mil](mailto:joy.berberk@agency.afsv.mil) or Master Sgt. Lorrice Jones at 652-6109 or e-mail [lorrice.jones@randolph.af.mil](mailto:lorrice.jones@randolph.af.mil). For more information about ASMC, visit <http://www.alamo-asmc.org/>.

### Endodontics patients needed

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

### USO seeks volunteers

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

### Girls, Boys Town seeks mentors

Father Flanagan's Girls and Boys Town of San Antonio is looking for volunteer mentors to help children improve their reading skills. For more information, call 271-1010 or e-mail [chavezm@girlsandboys-town.org](mailto:chavezm@girlsandboys-town.org).

### Children's Shelter seeks families

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

### ASPCA seeks animal lovers

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invites the public to nominate extraordinary pets and people for its annual Humane Awards. Animals and humans who have furthered animal welfare or engaged in animal heroism in the United States during the past year may be considered for this distinguished and unique honor. There are numerous Humane Awards categories. Nominations can be submitted either via the ASPCA Web site at [www.aspca.org/nominate](http://www.aspca.org/nominate) or in writing to: ASPCA Humane Awards Nomination Committee, Special Events Department, 110 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10011.

### Canine assistant program

Kraft Foods will offer a canine assistant to military families with a member who qualifies to have one. These specially trained dogs assist people with disabilities and cost nearly \$15,000. Kraft pays the entire cost. For more information, call 221-2606.

### Missions bat boy, girl program

Kraft Foods is looking for military children to participate in its honorary bat boy and girl program. Honorary bat boys and girls receive a San Antonio Missions baseball cap and T-shirt, tickets for their families to attend the game, and will participate in opening ceremonies on the field at home games Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The program is open to youth 18 years old and younger who are authorized to use the Defense Commissary Agency and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Youth interested in participating must register by mailing a postcard to the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club, Kraft Singles Honorary Bat Boy, 5757 Highway 90 West, San Antonio, Texas 78277. For more information, call 675-7275 or 221-2606.

**Submission guidelines:**

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

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



**For Sale:** Sauder entertainment center from Woodberry collection, dark wood, 5 feet by 5 feet, fits 36-inch TV, glass enclosed area for stereo equipment, three door areas for CDs, tapes, records, in excellent condition, \$140; or buy it with Sony 25-inch Trinitron TV, \$295; dinette set, table and six chairs, retro-style, black and white padded chrome chairs with large chrome and formica table, \$160 obo. Call 475-9973.

**For Sale:** Brand new Ford F-150 tires, aluminum rims and suspension parts, \$650; MTX 500-watt, two-channel thunder amp and two MTX 10-inch speakers in separate speaker boxes, \$200. Call 822-9646.

**For Sale:** Solid marble corner table, great for knickknacks or plants, like new, \$85 obo; blond solid wood coffee table and matching end table, \$75 obo; solid wood dining table

with two leaves and custom pads, seats six to eight, \$175 obo; iron day bed with hidden trundle, sleeps two separately or together, with mattresses and all linens, \$350 obo; solid wood five-piece bedroom set includes full head board, two night stands, dresser with mirror and chest of drawers, in good condition, \$600 obo. Call 375-5408.

**For Sale:** Seven-foot couch, light colored southwest print, in fair condition, great for dorm or recreational room, \$40 obo. Call 475-9973.

**For Sale:** Bassett cherry wood sleigh bed with crib size mattress, converts to full size, in excellent condition, \$250 obo. Call 662-0795.

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

**For Sale:** Two fiberglass roof top travel storage containers, one for a van and SUV,

\$99; one standard size, smaller needs straps, \$30. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** Sofa and loveseat, cream color, \$100; free rabbits, two males and two females. Call 223-2706 or 295-7637.

**For Sale:** May 1988 to Jan 2006 U.S. Naval Institute "Proceedings" magazines with fourteen slip cases embossed in gold; collection is completed, in excellent condition, \$1,250. Call 455-3146.

**For Sale:** BMW Z4 car bra, fits models 2003-2006, \$75 obo; soft top assembly (covers the convertible top when it is down) for all mustang convertibles fits models 2002-2005, \$100; racquetball racket, \$15; tennis racket, \$15. Call Rita at 295-6321 or 512-589-7286.

**For Sale:** Sony TV stand, gray with two dark glass doors and one adjustable shelf that fits a 32-inch TV, \$65; chain link fence, about

90 feet in length, \$130, will help with delivery. Call 651-9168.

**For Sale:** 2005 Yamaha YZF600 motorcycle, 5,500 miles, in excellent condition, \$7,100 obo. Call Marvin or Lela at 659-2005, leave a message.

**For Sale:** 2000 Kawasaki 900 STX jet ski, many extras, \$5,800 obo. Call 326-5872 or 831-8961.

**For Sale:** Mission oak dining set, includes table with two leaves, sideboard, two arm chairs and six side chairs, \$1,500; dark walnut traditional desk with return, in excellent condition, \$400. Call Patrick at 651-3863.

**For Sale:** 2000 Pontiac Grand Am SE, two-door coupe, 74,000 miles, automatic, ac, power windows and locks, detachable CD face, custom audio system, cruise control, in great condition, \$5,000 obo. Call 391-5629.