

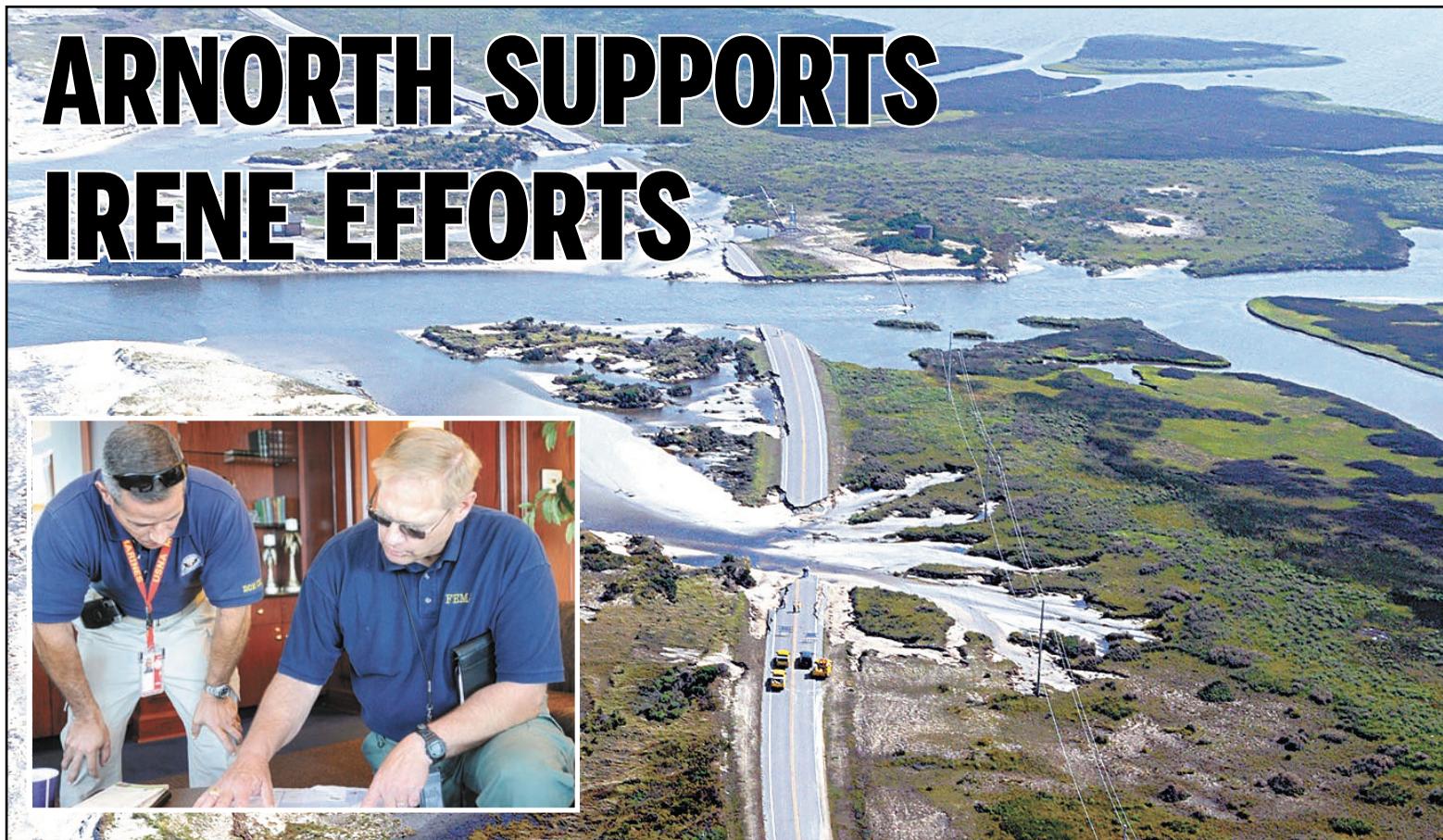


*"One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!"*

## ARNORTH SUPPORTS IRENE EFFORTS

(Right) Officials from U.S. Army North and Federal Emergency Management Agency got a bird's-eye view of a washed out Highway 12 along the North Carolina coastline Aug. 28 as they flew in a UH-60 helicopter to conduct an initial damage assessment of North Carolina. The helicopter was from the 3rd Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade, which conducted the flight mission in support of FEMA, the overall lead for the federal response effort for Hurricane Irene. (Inset, left) Ernie Matacotta, a planner with U.S. Army North's Region IV Defense Coordinating Element, reviews a flight plan Aug. 28 with Glen Sachtleben, a FEMA operations officer. FEMA officials conducted initial damage assessments over North Carolina. For story and more photos, turn to Page 10.

Photos by Randy Mitchell



## Community College of the Air Force accreditation team visits METC

By Lisa Braun  
METC Public Affairs

In a step forward to providing degree-credit programs to military students attending the Medical Education and Training Campus, an accreditation team from the Community College of the Air Force spent Aug. 23 through 25 reviewing affiliation candidacy status

for several of the METC enlisted medical technical courses and also toured the campus.

CCAF is a federally-chartered, degree-granting institution serving more than 320,000 active, guard, and reserve enlisted Air Force personnel.

Additionally, the school partners with more than 90 affiliated Air Force

schools, 82 education service offices around the world, and more than 1,500 civilian academic institutions.

With virtually all military enlisted medical training being consolidated at Fort Sam Houston as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission

See METC, P6



Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, commandant, Medical Education and Training Campus, accompanies members of the Community College of the Air Force and subcommittee members from the Air University Board of Visitors on a tour of METC.

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# Holiday safety: The choices we make now affect us our entire lives

By Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter  
Commander, 502nd Air Base Wing

When you think about the Labor Day weekend, what comes to mind?

Images of past vacations with family and friends? Summer's end and a return to the classroom? The first kickoff of the college football season? Or is it a loved one who is no longer with us?

The difference between a great memory of this holiday weekend and one we'd rather forget often comes down to the choices we make and the risks we take.

Don't drink and drive, use a designated driver. We all know that's the right thing to do, yet each day hundreds, if not thousands, choose to get behind the wheel anyway.

While some make it to their destination without incident, others end up causing accidents that claim innocent lives. It's likely many of us have family, friends and co-workers who've been hurt or killed by drunk drivers ... I do.

July 11, 1997. On that day, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Jackson graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

It was a proud moment for him and his wife, Hiroko, as she and four other members of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base watched him accept his diploma.

I have a photo of them, smiling broadly for the camera before the ceremony started, celebrating this significant milestone.

I can't look at the photo without getting choked up – for you see,



on the drive back to Spangdahlem, when they were only five miles from home, Tech. Sgt. Terry Jennings' Isuzu Trooper was hit head on by an 18-wheeler, driven by a drunk driver who fell asleep at the wheel.

Jennings, Staff Sgt. Kevin Sullivan, Senior Airman Angela Fralick and Mrs. Jackson were killed instantly.

Miraculously, then-Staff Sgt. Teresa Hall survived despite serious injuries that required her to spend over year at Wilford Hall Medical Center for rehabilitation.

I still remember the gasps and screams in the theater at Spangdahlem as my squadron commander told us what happened ... shock, anger, sadness and a thousand other emotions coursed through us all.

We wanted answers, wanted to know why this happened, wanted to understand why a

trucker would choose to drink and drive, but no answer could bring back the members of my squadron. Four lives cut short and thousands of lives changed forever.

So what can we do to ensure the memories we share with co-workers on Tuesday are ones of good times shared with family and friends and not the tale of a tragic accident?

First, we can make good risk management decisions and make responsible choices.

If you're planning to spend time outdoors, make sure everyone is properly hydrated...this is a record-setting summer for high temperatures and it's easy for

folks to get overheated, particularly children.

If you're going to fire up the grill, make sure it's in good working condition and be extra careful given the dry conditions.

If you're heading to the lake or beach and will be in a boat, wear the appropriate safety gear. Sadly, every year many deaths on the water are caused by the lack of flotation devices.

Finally, if you're going to be operating a motor vehicle, on the water or on the road, please don't drink and drive. Buckle up and arrive alive.

And on Tuesday, I look forward to hearing your stories ...

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level  
as of Aug. 31

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 640.8'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**

**Stage I - 660'**

**Stage II - 650'**

**Stage III - 642'**

**Stage IV - 640.5'**

**Stage V - 637'**



## Weekly Weather Watch

	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6
<b>San Antonio Texas</b>	101° Mostly Sunny	99° Partly Cloudy	96° Partly Cloudy	98° Partly Cloudy	99° Mostly Sunny	97° Partly Cloudy
<b>Kabul Afghanistan</b>	69° Light Rain	69° Light Rain	77° Mostly Sunny	85° Sunny	88° Sunny	89° Sunny
<b>Baghdad Iraq</b>	109° Sunny	106° Sunny	107° Sunny	109° Sunny	112° Sunny	112° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

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### BAMC Valet Parking Closed

Brooke Army Medical Center no longer offers valet parking service. This temporary service was offered during the period of 2005 Base Realignment Closure construction and renovation to lessen stress for patients with appointments. The new 5,000-space parking complex is open and provides parking space for patients and staff. The first level of the garage has 800 spaces designated for patient parking with access to shuttle service through Sept. 23.

### FSH Museum Closure

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed Sept. 4-6. Normal hours of operation resumes Sept. 7. Call 221-1886.

### Exchange Optical and Optometry Shop Closures

The optical and optometry shops in the FSH exchange will be closed Sept. 6-8 for renovations.

### 502nd MSG Legal Office Closure

The 502nd Mission Support Group Legal Office located at 2271 Reynolds Road, Fort Sam Houston will be closed Sept. 6 for Joint Base San Antonio legal training. Normal operating hours resume Sept. 7. For emergencies, call 295-8817.

### Camp C.O.P.E. Registration

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will serve as host for Camp C.O.P.E., a program designed to help children ages 4-17 cope with the effects of war and deployments. Camp C.O.P.E. will be held 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Robert G. Cole High School. There is no cost to participate. Registration forms are available at FSHISD schools and online at <http://www.campcope.org>.

### Armed Services Blood Drive

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research will sponsor a blood drive Sept. 22-23 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall. Call 916-2115 or 916-7228 for information. For appointments visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil> sponsor code: USAISR.

### Spouses' Conference

The "It's Not Easy Being Green" spouses' conference is Sept. 22-23 from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Military spouses from

# IMCOM civilian attains Senior Executive Service rank

By Shayna Brouker  
IMCOM Public Affairs

Greg Kuhr, director of Installation Management Command Facilities and Logistics at IMCOM headquarters on Fort Sam Houston, joined the Senior Executive Service ranks Aug. 23.

Selection into the SES is reserved for the most dedicated federal professionals, but for Kuhr, the promotion is simply another chance to serve.

"For me, it's all about service," Kuhr said. "I had engrained in me at West Point this Army value of selfless service and giving one's self to a greater cause, and I think most people feel that way. Everybody wants to give. That's what drives us, frankly. That creates a work ethic."

IMCOM Commanding General Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, who graduated with Kuhr from the U.S. Military Academy in 1977, lauded Kuhr's humility, reflected on their similar careers as engineer officers and congratulated him on becoming an SES.

Lynch highlighted the program's purpose of ensuring that "the executive management of the Government of the

United States is responsive to the needs, policies, and goals of the nation and otherwise is of the highest quality." He then led Kuhr in reciting the oath of office, marking his official promotion to SES.

Before coming to IMCOM Headquarters, Kuhr was chief of staff for IMCOM's Pacific Region from September 2003 to August 2010.

Prior to his civilian service, he served 26 years in the Army before retiring from his post as director of facilities, engineering and logistics at Fort Benning, Ga., in September 2003.

One of his most memorable assignments includes a six-month assignment as chief of task force with the St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after one of the upper Mississippi River's worst floods in history in 1993. The task force repaired levees and flood control structures on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

"The impact on people and homes was significant, so it was important to fix the levees and flood control works to get people back into their homes," said Kuhr, who is a regis-



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch (left) administers the oath of office into the Senior Executive Service to Greg Kuhr at IMCOM headquarters building Aug. 23.  
**Photo by**  
**Luke Elliott**

tered professional engineer in Virginia.

Another highlight of his career was providing military support for Army forces in Korea as commander of the USACE Far East District in Seoul from July 2000 through June 2002. He worked on the Land Partnership Plan, which involved a major movement of Army units south to the Camp Humphreys and Daegu areas.

"Working in a foreign country and engaging with Korean contractors was challenging, but exciting," he recalled.

Now, as the director of IMCOM's Director of Facilities and Logistics, G-4, he and his staff are charged with managing Army infrastructure to meet

Army mission requirements while also seeking the most cost-efficient, sustainable way possible in this era of constrained fiscal resources.

It's a challenge he looks forward to. After all, it's another chance to serve.

Kuhr credited his mentors Pacific Region Director Debra Zedalis, "a wonderful leader," and former Pacific Region Director Stan Sokoloski, as well as his wife, Paulette, and adult sons, Mark and Will, with supporting him throughout his career.

"It's a privilege and an honor to be selected for this position," he said. "I will continue to do what I'm doing, and I sincerely appreciate the confidence the CG has in me."

## Combined Federal Campaign 2011 kicks off Sept. 1



2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign and the new campaign kicks off Sept. 1, providing members of the Joint Base San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston communities a chance to donate to numerous charities.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Despite a very tough economic year in 2010 and a drop in charitable giving across the country, Federal civilian,

military and postal employees pledged more than \$281.5 million to the CFC. The amount raised was the second highest in the CFC's 50 year history and only less than half a percent below the record set in 2009 of \$282.6 million.

In San Antonio and surrounding areas, more than \$5.5 million was raised in 2010 for a wide variety of nonprofit agencies and organizations. The CFC Kickoff Break-

fast for Fort Sam Houston takes place at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club at 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road.

The CFC was created by President Kennedy to streamline and facilitate the process for Federal employees to donate to charities. Every year, there is a "season" during which Federal employees can donate to the charity of their choice from a list of vetted organizations. Alternatively, they can donate to the general fund, which is split evenly amongst all eligible organizations.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year.

Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season (Sept. 1 to Dec. 15) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

For a list of this year's agencies, click on <http://www.cfc-sanantonio.org/Pages/Federation%20Intro.html>.

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all branches of service are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.

The two-day event offers guest speakers, informative classes, food, prizes and free child care. Register by Sept. 16 at <http://militaryfamilies.wufo.com/forms/its-not-easy-being-green-spouse-conference/> or call 221-9826 or 221-2585 for information.

### Army's Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, active duty commissioned officers, second lieutenant through captain, may attend law school at government expense. Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program), to determine their eligibility.

Interested officers should review the AHRC website for branch specific contact information at <http://www.hrc.army.mil> or contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for more information: Army North and Fort Sam Houston at 221-0484, Army South at 295-6325; Army Medical Department Center & School at 295-9893; or Medical Command at 221-8400.

### Gas Line Installation

City Public Service will be constructing a gas line through Oct. 9. Construction will be off N. New Braunfels Road near the Quadrangle, proceed through the Infantry Post area and continue up to Building 4011. Call 221-1983 or 221-4277 for more information.

### Government Vacation Rewards now accepts Military Star® Card

Government Vacation Rewards, a travel benefits program available through the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, announced that the Military Star® Card will now be accepted when service men and women purchase airline tickets online.

Government Vacation Rewards is the only online travel retailer to accept the Military Star® Card for all travel-related products and services. Benefits include no booking fees, a best price guarantee, military rates, and loyalty programs.

For more information, and to book travel or vacation packages, visit <http://www.MWRExchangeVacations.com>, or <http://www.GovVacationRewards.com/military>

# Former WNBA player Angela Tisdale joins Army team

By Lisa Masters  
San Antonio Recruiting Battalion  
Public Affairs

Army values and opportunities encouraged former Women's National Basketball Association player Angela Tisdale to serve her country and enlist Aug. 22.

An Austin native, Angela is the daughter of James and Evon Tisdale and is the youngest of five children. She attended De Valle High School in Austin and was a four-year starter for the Cardinals, her high school basketball team.

In her senior year, the team won the District 25-4A championship and qualified for state regional quarterfinals. Additionally, she was also named academic all-state.

She continued her basketball career at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where she majored in general studies and minored in communications. As a point guard for the Baylor Bears, Angela continued her winning ways on the

court, helping Baylor win the 2005 NCAA Championship.

After graduation, Angela was drafted by the Chicago Sky of the WNBA in 2008. Most recently, she took her talents overseas and played in Turkey, Poland, Bulgaria and Israel. Her basketball prowess again helped her win a championship, this time in Bulgaria.

And on Aug. 22, Angela enlisted on another team, the United States Army.

When asked why she decided to enlist in the Army at age 26, she said, "I feel the Army is the best way to take care of my family. My dad passed in 2009 and playing basketball overseas did not give me the benefits and stability that the Army offers."

Angela discussed her options with her cousin, a recent Army retiree who suggested she inquire into the options and benefits the Army has to offer.

When asked what she expects to receive from an Army career she said, "Great train-



Former Women's National Basketball Association player Angela Tisdale stands with her Army recruiter, Staff Sgt. Deanna Franklin from San Antonio East Recruiting Company, Forum Station, just after the Oath of Enlistment was read. Tisdale's ship date is Feb. 14, 2012 and she has selected MOS 68R, Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist.

Photo by Gary Geraci

ing, the opportunity to work with integrity and be the best at whatever I do."

Angela took her cousin's advice and eventually contacted Staff Sgt. Deanna Franklin, from San Antonio East Recruiting Company, Forum Station, and has never looked back.

Tisdale has decided to become a veterinary food inspection specialist, MOS-68R.

As an important member of the veterinary servicing team, the Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, under the direction of a Veterinary Corps officer,

inspects food designed for human consumption, while also supervising food inspection and combined veterinary service activities.

Tisdale is scheduled to ship to Fort Sill, Okla., Feb. 14, 2012 for basic training and then head to Fort Sam Houston for eight week training as a 68R.

Angela's passion for basketball remains strong and stated: "My future goal is to join the Army World Class program as a player for the women's basketball team."

# Two infantrymen honored with Purple Heart medals

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

Two infantrymen were honored for their bravery and selfless sacrifices during two separate Purple Heart ceremonies held at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Warrior and Family Support Center recently.

Pfc. Kyle A. Hockenberry received his Purple Heart medal and certificate at BAMC Aug. 10 from Brig. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, deputy commanding general of Maneuver, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, Kan.

Hockenberry was assigned to Troop B, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, serving as an infantryman in Afghanistan when he stepped on a pressure-plate improvised



Photo by Kelly Schafer

Staff Sgt. Keith A. Harris receives his Purple Heart medal from Ashton B. Carter, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, at Warrior and Family Support Center Aug. 18, as his wife, Melisa, looks on.

explosive device, resulting in his combat injuries June 15.

Staff Sgt. Keith A. Harris was presented with his Purple Heart medal and certificate on

Aug. 18 by Ashton B. Carter, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, at the Warrior and Family Support Center.

Harris, an Oklahoma native and cannon crewmember, was injured June 18 in Afghanistan while conducting dismounted combat operations when he was injured by an improvised explosive device resulting in his combat injuries. He was assigned to Alpha Battery, 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, and 10th Mountain Division.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration and the oldest military honor in the world in use.

# 14th MI Battalion completes mission readiness exercise

By Gregory Rippes  
470th Military Intelligence Brigade  
Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion completed a mission readiness exercise at Camp Bullis during the week of Aug. 14, as they continue to prepare for deployment overseas.

“This was our final collective training exercise to validate that we are ready and prepared to execute our assigned mission in Afghanistan, which is to conduct interrogation and debriefing operations in support of the theater commander,” said battalion commander Lt. Col. Kris Arnold.

Primary battalion activity took place on Camp Bullis in the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility, which approximates the overseas facility where the battalion will perform its mission.

Detainees are brought to such a facility overseas for interrogation.

In the IDTF on Camp Bullis, role players take the parts of detainees and interpreters to lend further realism to the training scenarios.

Capt. Kenneth Carel, 14 MIB operations section, explained that a typical interrogation involves an interrogator, a detainee, and an interpreter. He also said that the battalion is required to monitor all interrogations to ensure they adhere to regulatory and oversight requirements.

Besides interrogation and analysis, the exercise validated other aspects of the battalion’s intelligence mission, including: counterintelligence; collection, management and dissemination of intelligence information; and documentation and media exploitation.

“Documentation and media includes almost anything that contains words found on a detainee that might prove useful to an interrogator or an analyst,” said Staff

Sgt. Daniel Lowe of the DOMEX cell.

“We examine this property for clues as to the nature of the detainee,” Lowe added. “For example, if he told an interrogator he was only a farmer, but had a thumb drive in his pocket, he might be hiding something.”

Lowe noted that a strict chain of custody is maintained on this property to ensure no one tampered with it or that no one confused it as belonging to someone else.

Throughout the week-long exercise, along with practicing their intelligence specialties, the Soldiers of 14th MI Battalion followed routines like those of Soldiers deployed into a theater of operations.

They also received assistance from elements



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Two Soldiers from the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion analyze intelligence (foreground) while others familiarize themselves with a map of Afghanistan Aug. 17 during a military readiness exercise at the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility on Camp Bullis. The battalion spent a week validating its readiness to accomplish its interrogation mission when deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

within the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and other units.

“This exercise saw a significant increase

in support to facilitate the validation process,” Arnold said. “Individuals and subject matter experts from five different

units and organizations came together to observe and provide feedback to the Soldiers being evaluated.”

## METC from P1

ruling, the new METC tri-service school house educates and trains medics, technicians and corpsmen from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard.

“We’re committed to meeting or exceeding the standards set for accreditation by the Community College of the Air Force. They help us to train to a higher level,” said Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, METC commandant.

“Every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Coast Guardsman will feel a tangible benefit from our continued affiliation with the CCAF.”

The Air University Board of Visitors, which oversees CCAF and sent a subcommittee to participate in the campus tour, approved a “mission transfer” of the credit-awarding courses for the 882nd Techni-



Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, commandant, Medical Education and Training Campus, accompanies members of the Community College of the Air Force and subcommittee members from the Air University Board of Visitors during a tour of the radiology technician program.

cal Training Group upon consolidating with METC from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas to ensure the continued award of CCAF credit to Air Force students.

The credit also applies to Navy and Coast Guard students participating in METC programs that include Air Force students.

Any portion of curriculum not granted credit by CCAF will remain eligible to receive American Council on Education recommended credits.

“With the activation of the Medical Education and Training Campus in San Antonio came the need for CCAF to certify METC as a CCAF-

affiliated school. This process has several steps and takes one or more years to complete,” said Dr. Bruce Murphy, chief academic officer for Air University.

“The Board of Visitors subcommittee was impressed with the METC’s progress on accomplishing its mission of educating the world’s finest corpsmen, medics, and techs,” Murphy added. “They also complemented Rear Admiral Kiser and his team for their leadership in bringing about the vision of combined education and training for all services.”

Sixty-eight Air Force courses affecting 18 CCAF degree programs moved from Sheppard Air Force Base as part of the BRAC consolidation effort.

The METC consolidation also brought together four other major



Photos by Dewite R. Wehrman

Retired Adm. Vern Clark, a former Chief of Naval Operations and member of the Air University Board of Visitors subcommittee, observes Corpsman 2nd Class Rowena Gilmore, a surgical technologist instructor, trains a student, Corpsman Recruit Zahira Pineda, in a mock operating room procedure.

learning institutions; those include the Army Medical Department Center & School at Fort Sam Houston; the Naval School of Health Sciences in San Diego; the Naval School of Health Sciences in Portsmouth, Va.; and the Navy Hospital Corps School in Great

Lakes, Ill.

With the approval of the Air University Board of Visitors, METC will assume affiliation status in the fall and will continue awarding credit to Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard students completing the CCAF-approved courses.

## 264TH MEDICAL BATTALION DELIVERS SCHOOL SUPPLIES



**Photo by Esther Garcia**

East Terrell Hills Elementary School Principal Tina Reck, Vice Principal Gizelle Henrickson (center) and military leaders from the 264th Medical Battalion watch as Marcus Ray, a third grader, selects what he needs for school from a table full of school supplies Aug 25. The 264th Medical Battalion collected and delivered the supplies to the school. Adopted by the 264th Medical Battalion, East Terrell Hills Elementary School is part of the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-a-School Program, where a unit provides military resources as needed to the school throughout the year providing support with educational programs and activities. Coordinating with the school, 2nd Lt. Jeremy Baum, executive officer, learned which school supplies are most needed. Baum then enlisted the support of the cadre from each of the companies and within two weeks collected the school supplies. Reck said with the way the economy is today, they are not getting many donations. "Lots of parents are coming up to me that they couldn't afford supplies, so this will help," Reck said.

# 32nd Medical Brigade pays tribute to women trailblazers

By Deyanira Romo Rossell  
502nd FSS Marketing

Service members took a moment to remember that the opportunity for women to serve their country is a gift provided by some very brave pioneers who came before them.

The life and legacy of these trailblazing women like Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman was celebrated at the Hacienda Recreation Center Aug. 25 by the 32nd Medical Brigade, in commemoration of the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote.

Equal opportunity leaders from the 32nd Medical Brigade costumed as famous women from the past appeared on the stage, providing a histori-



**Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell**  
Sgt. 1st Class Dina Van Houte portrays Amelia Earhart in the 32nd Medical Brigade's celebration of Women's Equality Day.

cal refresher on the role they played in opening doors for women in the United States. Soldiers with the 187th, 232nd, and 264th Medical Battalions soaked in the history lesson.

"I loved the presenta-

tion. I loved how it depicted the controversy and problems women faced and how they were determined to fight for their rights even when they had little or no support," said Pfc. Annise Velasquez. The 23-year old was raised by a single mom with a clear focus on self-sufficiency and confidence.

"Coming from a single-parent home, I learned that you don't have to have a man to survive. I can become something great in this world on my own," she added.

Velasquez is in Company C of the 187th Medical Battalion.

Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on Aug. 26, in honor of the historic victory for women's suffrage 91 years ago.

In a proclamation, President Barack Obama

stated, "I call upon the people of the United States to celebrate the achievements of women and recommit ourselves to the goal of gender equality in this country."

Pvt. Reva Garcia, also with Company C, was glad her unit took time out of their busy schedule to pause for a moment and remember how far women have come in the United States.

"I am the first female in my family to serve in the military. So, this remembrance just makes me grateful for those who sacrificed to make my service possible."

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Ashford, 264th Medical Battalion, reminded the troops that the folks putting on the skit represent them every day as their equal opportunity leaders.

## HONORING WOMEN'S EQUALITY



**Photo by Steve Elliott**

Command Sgt. Maj. Earlene Y. Lavender (right), command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Environmental Command, accepts the proclamation announcing Women's Equality Day on Fort Sam Houston from Sgt. 1st Class Melanie Johnson, FSH Equal Opportunity Advisor, during the Women's Equality Day commemoration at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center Aug. 26. The proclamation was from the City of San Antonio and signed by Mayor Julian Castro. Lavender was the guest speaker for the event, which also included several patriotic songs from Army civilian Robin Farland, as well as a rendition of Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman."

# Lose something lately? Check with the 502nd SFS Lost, Abandoned and Unclaimed Property program

By Joseph N. Cruz  
502nd SFS Office of  
Investigations

Fort Sam Houston has a lost, abandoned and unclaimed property program responsible for tracking items turned in to the 502nd Security Forces Squadron's Base Defense Operations Center at Building 2244, in accordance with AFI 31-206 and DOD 4160.21-M.

The BDOC will not take custody of property (except for weapons) left with another installation agency, for example, personal property left in or around barracks, exchanges and commissaries.

Items turned in to the BDOC are logged in and attempts are made to locate the owner. If

the owner is not located, the property will be held approximately 45 days before it is transferred to the Base Property Disposal Board for disposal authority.

The Base Property Disposal Board may choose to dispose of the property by turning it in to the Defense Reutilization and Management Office; donating the property to a military or private charity or as otherwise directed by the installation commander or staff judge advocate office.

The property can be destroyed, converted to government use or through a no cost contract with a local business/agency.

If you lost something on Fort Sam Houston

you should first check in the area you possibly lost the item i.e. the Main Exchange, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, BAMC or Building 2244.

For more information, call 221-2222/2340 to inquire about or claim any of the items listed below:

- Numerous wallets
- Numerous ID holders and ID tags
- Air Security Operations ID badge
- Audiovox DVD player
- Motorola cell phone
- Silver necklace
- Silver wedding band
- Coby CD player
- Twin headphones
- Coby headphones
- Cloth/ rope bracelet
- Set of ACUs and Army PTs, along with wallet

- Nemesis RX sunglasses
- Two key rings
- Child's prescription glasses
- Camera
- Mongoose bicycle
- Timex watch
- Honda keys
- Chevrolet keys
- Blackberry cell phone
- Toyota key
- Chevy/ Chrysler U.S. Government keys
- Armitron watch
- Gold band ring
- Silver band ring
- Key on lanyard
- Backpack.

In order to claim any of these, a person must have a form of photo identification (military CAC/ID, state ID or driver's license or passport) and be able to identify the property.

# WHMC labor, delivery ward moves to BAMC Sept. 6

By Sue Campbell  
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The Hauth Birthing Center at Wilford Hall Medical Center closed Aug. 29 and is scheduled to re-open at Brooke Army Medical Center Sept. 6. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to relocate all inpatient services to BAMC.

The Hauth Birthing Center opened its doors in February 2001 as a labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum, or LDRP, unit. At that time, the center included 23 LDRP beds, six ante partum beds, and two operating rooms, averaging 150 to 170 deliveries each month.

Boasting a reputation as a worldwide tertiary referral center, it has also been a premier tri-service teaching facility.

In January 2006, the center transitioned to eight designated labor rooms and 15 designated post partum rooms in preparation for the move to BAMC.

The center will be located on the 5th floor.

The new birthing center at BAMC will initially open with five labor rooms, three antepartum rooms and seven postpartum rooms with the capacity to expand in the future.

"We are looking forward to working in collaboration with our Army partners and are excited about the move," said Kim Hatfield, Hauth Birthing Center civilian element leader.

"We are dedicated to continue providing the same high-quality, patient-centered care our patients have come to expect and deserve."

# Army North springs into action during Hurricane Irene

From U.S. Army North Public Affairs

Army North's headquarters sprang into action Aug. 25 as Hurricane Irene closed in on the eastern coast of the United States. The command's operations center in the historic Quadrangle became a hub of activity as the Soldiers, along with their civilian partners, managed the mountain of information on the track of the monstrous storm.

This kicked off a flurry of activity as the command commenced issuing instructions to land-based forces preparing to respond in anticipation of requests for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency – the overall lead for the federal response effort for Hurricane Irene.

"It's ironic that we were in the middle of a major disaster response training exercise in Indiana at the time of the hurricane," said Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North.

"However, we were able to reach out and quickly move our experts in Indiana and get them to where they were needed most – providing aid to our fellow Americans during their time of need."

The onset of the hurricane coincided with Vibrant Response 12, a U.S. Northern Command field training exercise conducted by U.S. Army North that kicked off Aug. 18 at Camp Atterbury, the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex, and other venues in Indiana.

The exercise, which was in its final stages, focused on one of the most dangerous scenarios – responding to a nuclear attack.

Elements from Army North's Contingency Command Post and the 167th Theater Sustainment Command, which is based out of Fort McClellan, Ala., quickly moved from the exercise in Indiana to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey to receive federal troops responding to the disaster.

Army North quickly deployed nine of its 10 Defense Coordinating Elements, each led by a defense coordinating officer, to join with the FEMA Incident Management Teams across the northeastern U.S.

The command also sent elements from the exercise in Indiana to augment the DCEs, which were fanned out from North Carolina, New York and Massachusetts, to FEMA's National Response Coordination Center in Wash-

ington D.C.

"The direction of the FEMA administrator, Craig Fugate, was for all agencies to lean forward and be ready," said Bill Donaher, a plans and operations officer with Army North's Region I DCE, about the advance preparation and the whole of the government effort. "Clearly they were – from the general population to the local governments and state governments and up to the federal partners."

The Army North military disaster response experts were sent to advise both FEMA and state officials on federal military response capabilities.

"The ability of Region II DCE to move operations from Manhattan, N.Y., to relocate to Albany, N.Y., and be integrated into the Joint Field Office within 12 hours is a testament to the Department of Defense's commitment to support our Federal partners and better serve the American people in their time of need," said Navy Lt. Clelia Anderson III, joint regional medical planner, U.S. Northern Command.

"Failure was not an option, and under the leadership of the Region II defense coordinating officer (Army North), the team refocused our efforts and came together to ensure that the relocation of the tactical operations center and main operations center was

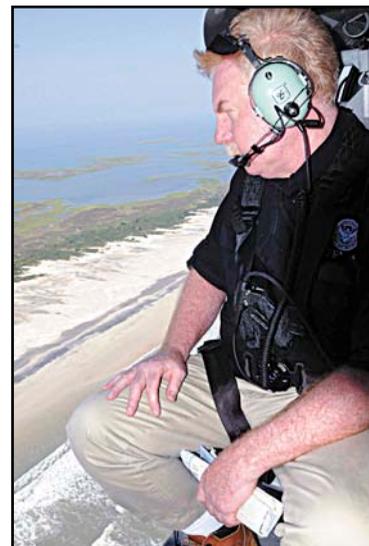
seamless to the Federal partners and the American people," Anderson added.

In all, more than 6,500 active-duty service members have been on standby since Aug. 27, ready to assist potential states affected by Hurricane Irene.

In New Jersey, nearly 100 troops from U.S. Army North and U.S. Northern Command provided command and control for military forces supporting efforts in the northeast.

"The states involved, and FEMA, tell us what they need and we provide it," said Army Lt. Col. Kem Fleming, an operations officer with Army North.

Army North deployed two headquarters elements – Joint Task Force-51, comprised of elements of the CCP, from Fort Sam Houston, and Joint Task Force-Civil Support from Fort Eustis, Va. – to help synchronize any federal response efforts. The states' National



Michael Byrne, a federal coordinating officer with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, views damage along the North Carolina coastline Aug. 28. Byrne conducted the assessment along with Col. Barrett Holmes (not shown), the defense coordinating officer for U.S. Army North's Region IV Defense Coordinating Element. A UH-60 helicopter crew from the 3rd Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade flew the mission in support of FEMA, which is the overall lead for the federal response effort for Hurricane Irene.

Photos by Randy Mitchell

Guard forces responded quickly as did the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps to support the entire government's response effort.

The teams worked throughout the weekend to identify potential DOD needs. Once identified, the command placed the appropriate forces on Prepare to Deploy Orders, or pre-positioned the forces so as to provide for a rapid response if called upon.

In the DSCA mission, it is extremely important to be flexible. This allows the team to provide the required support where it is needed," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Bailey, operations noncommissioned officer, DCE, Region II, based out of New York City. "In the supporting role, the DCE has to be flexible to ensure that the people of the affected area receive timely support and materials."

In the end, Hurricane Irene did not pack as much punch as originally expected, and the need for federal forces diminished. It was vital though, to ensure the support was there if needed.

"Working operations it's very important to 'set' the region prior to an emergency," said Sgt. 1st Class LaMarr Payne, operations NCO, DCE, Region IV.

"Our job was to provide the necessary support to local and state officials in North Carolina," Payne added. "They knew that the necessary assistance was available, if needed – at the right time, in the right place."

The Hurricane Irene recovery activities marked the first time that dual-status commanders were used to provide



Soldiers and Airmen from Joint Task Force-Civil Support augment the staff of Army North's Region IV Defense Coordinating Element Aug. 28 to plan and execute Title X support to Hurricane Irene relief efforts in anticipation of requests for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is the overall lead for the federal response effort for Hurricane Irene.

# Numerous local events pay tribute to 9/11 tenth anniversary

## Alamo Plaza commemoration

This observance is at Alamo Plaza from 7:30 to 9:05 a.m., Sept. 11. The morning ceremony pays tribute at the exact moments when, 10 years ago, so many lives were lost.

After a welcome from San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro, remarks will be given by the Commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. Edward A. Rice and Army North commanding general, Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, as well as the chiefs of the San Antonio Police and Fire Departments.

Special seating is available for Gold Star families (who have lost immediate family members in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan), and other special guests. The commemoration is open to the public, and all are welcome. A joint service color guard will be featured, as well as patriotic music from a combine Army/Air Force band.

## 2011 Freedom Walk & Run

Sponsored in part by Operation Homefront of Texas, join Fort Sam Houston at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Sept. 10 to honor military families and first responders, while remembering the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This is a non-competitive event. Strollers and pets are welcome on the one-mile walk or 5K run.

Runners will leave the starting line at 8:30 a.m. and are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes prior for late registration and a safety briefing. The first 500 registrants receive a T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.fortsamhoustontexas.com/vsm/pages/408/5-817201150126.pdf> and can be dropped off at the fitness center. For more information, call 221-1234 or visit <http://www.operationhomefront.net/texas>.

## 9/11 Reveille & Taps

All Lackland Air Force Base military personnel are welcome

to "fall-in" for a 9/11 Remembrance Reveille and Taps ceremony at 6:30 a.m., Sept. 9 at the 37th Training Wing flagpole.

## AFRISA Remembrance Ceremony

The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency at Lackland Air Force Base holds a remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m., Sept. 9 in the Bernard A. Larger Auditorium of Building 2000. A guest speaker is scheduled along with a reception.

## NCO Academy 9/11 Remembrance Run

The Robert D. Gaylor Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Lackland Air Force Base hosts a 9/11 Remembrance Run Sept. 11 to honor the lives lost during the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. For more information, call 671-0321 or 671-3766.

## Randolph AFB 9/11 commemoration ceremony

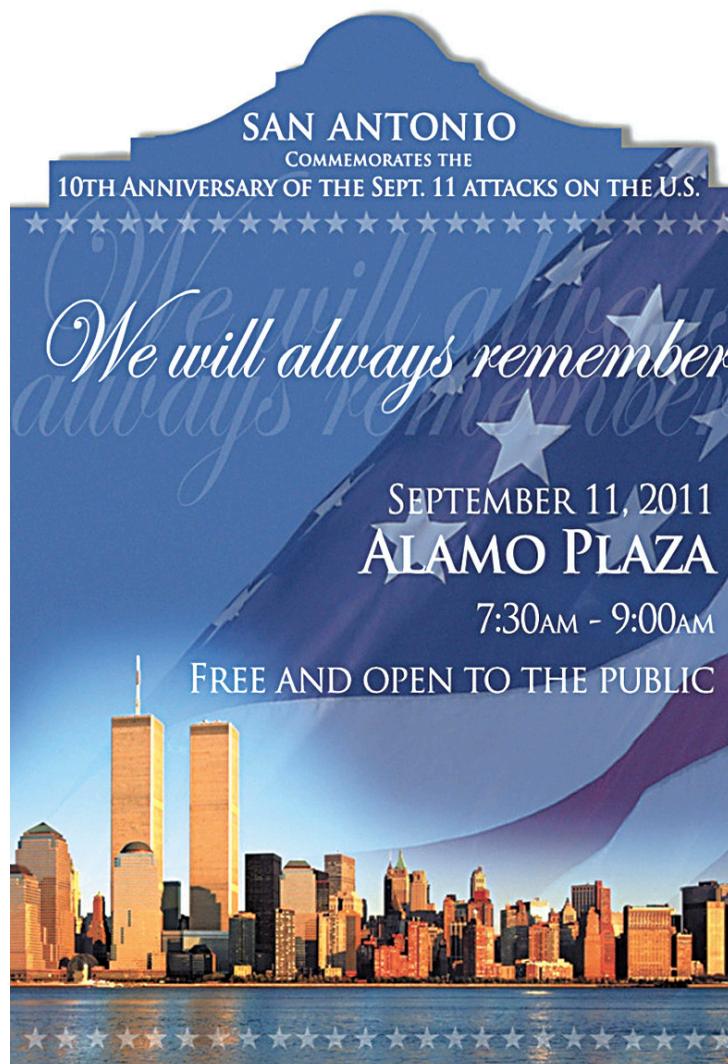
On Sept. 9, retired Air Force Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Charles Baldwin will speak at the Randolph Air Force Base theater at 9 a.m. Sept. 9, reflecting on 10 years of change since 9/11. Baldwin was in the Pentagon when one of the hijacked commercial airplanes hit the building.

The event's theme is entitled "Stones Cry Out... Again: A Ten Year Commemoration of 9/11." The Air Force Band of the West will be present and play selected songs, including the Air Force Hymn, at the commemoration.

The commemoration will last one hour, and parking is limited around the theater. Prompt arrival is expected. All who have access to base are welcome to attend.

## Tunnel to Towers 5K Run

The Stephen Siller Tunnels to Towers Run starts at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Alamo-



The race pays tribute to Fire Fighter Stephen Siller who, having worked all night, was off duty Sept. 11, 2001 when he heard the first plane had hit the World Trade Center. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear, then took his final heroic steps to the World Trade Center.

When he drove his truck to Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, it was already closed to traffic. With 60 pounds of gear strapped to his back, he ran through the tunnel, hoping to meet up with his own company, Squad 1. Siller perished in the towers with 342 other NYFD firefighters.

Early registration is \$25 and costs \$30 the day of the race. The 5K run begins on North Alamo Street at Peacock Al-

ley, across the street from the Federal Building at 9:05 a.m. The race finishes in front of Dillard's on Alamo Street, near Pat O'Brian's.

Online registration at [http://www.tunneltotowersrun.org/san\\_antonio.aspx](http://www.tunneltotowersrun.org/san_antonio.aspx) and closes at 10 a.m., Sept. 10.

## Converse 9/11 memorial service

The William M. Randolph American Legion Post 593 and the city of Converse hosts a 10th anniversary memorial service Sept. 11, beginning at 8 a.m., in Converse City Park, 305 School St., to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. A reception follows the ceremony at the Legion Post, 326 W. Legion Drive in Converse. Public is encour-

aged to attend the ceremony and reception.

## Universal City 9/11 Heroes Walk

Universal City hosts its third annual 9/11 Heroes Walk from 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 11 at the Universal City Park Pavilion at, 302 North Blvd. The event is free. For more information, call 659-0333, ext. 721. To download a registration form, click on <http://www.universal-citytexas.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=580>.

## Castle Hills Baptist Church 10th Anniversary Memorial Service

The Castle Hill First Baptist Church, located at 2220 NW Military Highway, holds a 9/11 10th Anniversary Memorial Service from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 11. The service will include the unveiling of the Castle Hills First Responders Monument which will be placed at the Castle Hills Fire Department. A continental breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m., with the memorial service and unveiling at 10:30 a.m.

## Seguin Patriot's Day Celebration

Seguin has its 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Commemoration from 7 to 10 p.m., at Central Park in downtown Seguin. The event honors all present and past military, law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS.

## 9/11 Heroes Run

The first Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes 5K Run in San Antonio takes place at 5 p.m., Sept. 11 at the Al Becken Pavillion in McAllister Park, located at 13102 Jones Maltsberger Road.

Cost per person is \$25 and includes a T-shirt, commemorative dog tags and an entry for other prizes, including TRX workout machines.

This 9/11 Heroes Run was created after the combat death

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of Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion.

Before his second deployment to Iraq, Travis spent a day and night with the firefighters of Rescue One in New York City, which lost nearly all their men during the 9/11 attacks. Manion came home with a hat that said "9/11 Never Forget." He gave it to his dad to wear while he was gone.

For more information, click on <http://www.911heroesrun.com> or <http://www.travismanion.com>.

### **Run for Remembrance 9/11 Relay & Ultra-marathon**

Sponsored by the nonprofit group Soldier's Angels, this event will take place at Olmos Park on Devine Drive starting

at 10 p.m. Sept., 10. Live music and fun precede a nighttime run at Olmos Basin Park in San Antonio.

Teams made up of nine runners will run a relay race (one-mile loop) for 9 hours and 11 minutes, or a single ultra-marathoner will run the duration.

At 7:46 a.m., Sept 11, there will be a moment of silence for Flight 11 and the North Tower victims followed by the National Anthem with color guard. Awards will begin to be distributed after that.

At 8:03 a.m., another moment of silence will be observed for Flight 175 and the victims of the South Tower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. More awards will be handed out until 8:37 a.m., when a moment of silence is

observed for Flight 77 and the victims of the Pentagon.

The event ends the morning of Sept. 11 and will be followed by an awards ceremony and a San Antonio-style breakfast with patriotic music, and a Color Guard presenting our ensign for the National Anthem.

All funds raised from the events will go to the work of Soldiers' Angels in support of military personnel, veterans and military families. Go to <http://www.runintexas.com> and click on "Run for Remembrance" to download a PDF entry form. The start and finish lines, as well as check in, will be in the parking lot on the west side of Devine Drive at the corner of Friedrich and Devine.

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**Austin museum opens 9/11 exhibit**

The Texas Military Forces Museum observes the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack with the grand opening of an exhibit recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of the Texas National Guard.

The exhibit, properly titled "9-11 and Beyond: The Texas National Guard in the War on Terror," will open Sept. 10 at the Texas Military Forces Museum, on Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas. An F-16 aircraft exhibit opens at 9 a.m., to precede the 11 a.m. ceremony, followed by the gallery opening at noon.

During the past 10 years, more than 23,000 men and women from the Texas Army and Air

National Guard have deployed to the battlefronts of Iraq or Afghanistan – many of them more than once. This new exhibit will highlight the significant role they played in the War on Terror.

The Texas Military Forces Historical Foundation still invites financial assistance to ensure this ambitious exhibit become, in the words of Jeff Hunt, museum director, "a worthy testament to the accomplishment of our troops ... as well as an effective educational tool." Anyone interested in contributing may visit the museum website at <http://www.texasmilitary-forcesmuseum.org>.

Camp Mabry is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of the Missouri-Pacific Expressway and 35th Street in Austin. For more information, call (512) 782-5659.

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command and control over both active-duty and reserve-component (National Guard and Army Reserve) forces. The dual-status commanders for the response missions were appointed in New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island.

It marks a significant change in how the Department of Defense coordinates its disaster response activities.

The dual-status commander concept was created in 2009 with the objective of streamlining operations among federal and state assets and to focus on coordinated efforts of the active-duty and reserve-component forces.

This is largely a result of lessons learned following Hurricane Katrina, which also directly led

to the creation of the 10 standing Defense Coordinating Officers/Elements that are co-located with the 10 FEMA regions to better coordinate Defense Support to Civil Authority missions since 2006.

A majority of the DCOs, who lead the element, are former Army brigade commanders who bring a wealth of knowledge and leadership experiences to the position. They have been called upon many times in the past to provide DSCA, to include the three nearly simultaneous hurricanes in 2008.

"We cannot fail our fellow Americans when we respond to a disaster such as Irene," Swan said. "We have to be ready when our government asks us to respond.

"This is our most important mission!"

**Rocco Dining Facility Menu Building 2745, Schofield Road**

*Dining Room Breakfast Hours:  
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,  
weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.*

**Friday – Sept. 2**

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken gumbo soup, cream of broccoli soup, Creole macaroni, chipper fish, meat loaf, breaded pork chops, vegetarian burritos, brown rice, O'Brien potatoes, fried cabbage, carrots, corn on the cob  
**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Chicken pot pie with biscuits, barbecued beef cubes, cheese tortellini, lemon baked fish, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, spinach, cauliflower

**Saturday – Sept. 3**

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Chicken noodle soup, cream of tomato soup, baked chicken, hamburger yakisoba, pork chops with pineapples, cheese manicotti, wild rice, baked redskin potatoes, herbed broccoli, peas and carrots, Brussels sprouts

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Blackened fish, chicken fajitas, stuffed green peppers, vegetarian nuggets, steamed rice, garlic-roasted potato wedges, squash and carrot medley, pinto beans

**Sunday – Sept. 4**

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Vegetable soup, cream of mushroom soup, roast beef, chicken enchiladas, pasta primavera, stuffed fish, southwestern rice, mashed potatoes, waxed beans, corn on the cob  
**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Grilled steaks, breaded shrimp, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, Cajun chicken sandwich, vegetable pizza, grilled cheese sandwiches, baked potatoes, sauteed onions and mushrooms, mixed vegetables, broccoli, french fries

**Monday – Sept. 5 Holiday Hours**

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Cream of potato soup, French onion soup with croutons, Chinese five-spice chicken, meat loaf, cheese tortellini, spicy brown rice, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots  
**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Chicken tetrazzini, Caribbean fish, eggplant parmesan, Kansas medley rice, mashed potatoes, asparagus, squash and carrot medley

**Tuesday – Sept. 6**

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Texas tortilla soup, cream of mushroom soup, roast turkey, beef stew, broccoli-rice and cheese, tamale pie, baked sweet potatoes,

cornbread dressing, steamed rice, Mexican rice, pinto beans, Mexican corn, carrots

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Herbed baked chicken, barbecued pork chops, spicy baked fish, beef fajitas, cheese enchiladas, red beans and rice, rosemary roasted potato wedges, refried beans, stir fry cabbage, corn O'Brien, spinach

**Wednesday – Sept. 7**

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Cream of potato soup, chicken gumbo soup, baked chicken and rice, fish parmesan, beef lasagna, meatball stroganoff, vegetable lasagna, oven browned potatoes, caviar medley rice blend, parsley egg noodles, lima beans, vegetable stir fry, Brussels sprouts

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Grilled hamburger steaks, chicken

cacciatore, lemon-baked fish, breaded pork fritters, sweet potatoes, black beans and corn, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fried cabbage

**Thursday – Sept. 8**

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Chicken vegetable soup, cream of broccoli soup, oven baked fried chicken, Cajun baked catfish, barbecued spareribs, meat loaf, hopping john rice, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, steamed rice, mustard greens, corn on the cob, green peas

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Braised pork chops, chicken and Italian vegetable pasta, cheese enchiladas, chili macaroni, southwestern rice, O'Brien potatoes, savory squash, black-eyed peas, broccoli

*Menus are subject to change without notice*

## Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

### Announcements

#### After-School EDGE! Program

After school extracurricular activities with the EDGE! program begin Sept. 6, Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Parent Central, Building 2797. Call 221-0497.

#### Rambler 120 Team Challenge

The Rambler will begin at 6 a.m. Oct. 15 at Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. Event includes a 22-mile bike ride, six-mile run, two-mile raft trip and a mystery event, register by Sept. 30. Call 652-6508 or visit <http://randolphfss.com>.

#### Bird and Small Game Hunting Permits

Permits for bird and small game hunting are on sale now. The Cost is \$50. Requirements are DOD ID card; hunter education card; make, model and caliber of weapon(s); and vehicle registration. Call 295-7529/7577.

#### HIRED! Program

Now accepting applications through Sept. 12 for children 15-18 years old. Call 221-3164.

#### Scuba Classes

Two-week course, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought, Building 320 Wilson Road. Certification class at Canyon Lake. Cost is \$250. Call 221-1234 for information.

#### Driver's Education Class

SKIESUnlimited will offer a driver's education class for youth 14-18 years old Oct. 17-Nov. 10, Monday-Thursday 5-7 p.m. at Cole High School in Room 5, 4001 Winans Road. Call 221-3381 or 771-2148.

#### SKIESUnlimited

Sign up for September classes in now, including guitar and piano lessons, Spanish and art classes and more. Call 221-3381 or 771-2148 for information.

#### Youth Fall Sports

Register now at Parent Center in the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 Stanley Road, for football, cheerleading and soccer. Call 221-4871.

#### Microsoft Office Classes

Sept. 6 – Word Level 1  
Sept. 7 – Word Level 2  
Sept. 8 – Excel Level 1

Classes are held at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 from 8 a.m.-noon. Registration is required. To register, call 221-2518/2705.

#### Combatives Conditioning

Mondays and Fridays, 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center at the METC Campus. Call 808-5708/5709.

#### Zumba Classes

Classes are held at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center, 3569 Williams Way, Building 1369. Call 808-5709. The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center offers classes

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. Call 221-1234.

### Calendar of Events

#### Sept. 1

##### Unit Family Readiness

The class is 9-10 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Bring a sack lunch. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

##### "Noises Off"

The concept is a play within a play. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. with 8 p.m. show time at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Call 222-9694.

##### Building Effective Anger Management Skills

The six-part series takes place

Sept. 1, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Classes are Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6. Call 221-0349.

#### Sept. 2

##### CARE Team Training

The training is 1:30-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Bring a sack lunch. To register, call 221-1829/0946 or email [samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil).

#### Sept. 6

##### Budget Development

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

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### Announcements

#### Employment Initiative Program Job Fairs

The South Texas Employment Initiative Program, a coalition of the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the Department of Labor/Veterans' Employment and Training Service, the Texas Veterans Commission and the Alliance for Veterans and Families, assists veterans with immediate assistance and/or training and then connecting them with

employers who are ready to hire. The EIP is supporting three career fairs: Texas Veterans Commission Career Fair and Workshop at the Live Oak Civic Center in Universal City Sept. 21; the Military Officers Association of America Career Fair and Workshop at the Marriott Riverwalk Oct. 26-27; and the Non Commissioned Officers Association Career Fair and Workshop at the Norris Convention Center Nov. 15. All three career fairs are open to current and prior service military personnel, active duty and Reserve, who are seeking employment.

#### Neanderthal Trail Run

Register for the Neanderthal Trail Run sponsored by Troop Support

Company. The 11-Kilometer (about 7.1 miles) run will be held Dec. 2, beginning 6:30 a.m. from Building 5130 Wilkerson Road on Camp Bullis. People must register prior to race day, cost is \$30/civilian and \$20/military with ID card, fee includes T-shirt. Call 295-7697 for information.

#### Basic Skills Education Program

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center Basic Skills Education Program is designed to teach and refresh basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Learners must be self-motivated individuals who desire to increase their capabilities in basic skills in a rigorous learning

environment, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. Call 221-1738 to enroll or for information.

#### Cloverleaf Communicators Club

The Cloverleaf Communicators Club is open to military, family members and civilians who are interested in developing or enhancing their leadership and communications skills. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 for information

or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

#### Toastmasters Club

The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month noon-1 p.m. in the Joint Program Management Office conference room 1A, Building 4196. Call 663-4814 or 850-420-1610 or visit <http://www.futurespeakers.freetoasthost.org>.

#### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired

sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212 for information.

#### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-5194.

#### Sept. 3

##### Castroville Walk

The Chamber of Commerce will

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# Cole Cougars offense rolls in season opener

In an offensive showcase by both teams, the Robert G. Cole High School Cougars overwhelmed the Goliad Tigers 54-42 at Cougar Stadium Aug. 26 in the season opener for both schools. For the Cougars, Tyreese Davis scored

three touchdowns, two rushing and one kickoff return; Wykeyhe Walker added two, one receiving and a kickoff return. Kendrick Taylor, Bryce King, and Devon Reed all added long touchdown runs as the Cougars racked up more than

600 yards of total offense. Cole had the game well in hand, leading 54-26, when the Tigers scored two late touchdowns to make the final score slightly closer. The Cougars next game is at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at St. Anthony.

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### HUGS playgroup

This playgroup for parents and children up to age 5 meets Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. at the Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515 Funston Road. Registration is not required. Call 221-0349/2418.

### Sept. 7 Virtual Family Readiness Group

The training is 9-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946 or email samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

### Basics of Breast Feeding

The class is 10-11:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/0657.

### Scream Free Parenting

Classes are Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This four-part series will focus on "Five Truths Every Parent Needs to Know." Call 221-0349.

**Movie Schedule**

**Sept. 9,** "Mars Needs Moms," rated PG at the flagpole

**Sept. 23,** "Thor," edited, rated PG-13 at the flagpole

**Sept. 24,** "Rango," rated PG-13 at Dodd Field

**Oct. 7,** "Shrek: Forever After," rated PG at the flagpole

**Oct. 8,** "Soul Surfer," rated PG at Dodd Field

Movies begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Call 221-2418/2704.

### Mandatory First Termer Financial Readiness

The class is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

### Truth or Consequences

This three-part series is Sept. 7, 14, and 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Middle School and Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

### Sept. 20 Hiring Heroes Career Fair

The career fair is 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road.

### Sept. 24 Club Championship

The championship will be held Sept. 24-25 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Entry deadline is Sept. 18. Call 222-9386.

### BOSS End of Summer Bash

Better Opportunities for Single Service Member will hold an end of summer event 5-9 p.m. at Benner Barracks. Call 221-4242.

### Oct. 1 Doggie Dip

The doggie dip is 10 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300 Williams Road. Call 221-4887.

## COMMUNITY from P14

host a 6k and 10k volkswarmch walk starting at the Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace St. in Castroville. Walks start between 8-11:30 a.m., finish by 2:30 p.m. For information, call 830-538-3142 or visit <http://www.castroville.com>.

### Sept. 10 433rd Airlift Wing 60th Anniversary

The 433rd Airlift Wing, Alamo Wing, will hold a 60th anniversary celebration, at the Gateway Club, Lackland Air Force Base. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$35. Call 925-4331 for reservations or visit <http://www.433aw.afrc.af.mil/>.

### Sept. 17 Pet Vaccination Clinic

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility will offer a vaccination clinic 8:30-11:30 a.m. at their facility, Building 2635, 2915 Schofield Road. All canine and feline vaccines, heartworm and FeLV/FIV tests, microchips and fecal exams will be available for pets of active duty, retirees and military family members. No sick calls will be accepted. Appointment can be made starting the first week in September, call 808-6101/6014.

## REMINDER CALENDAR

- Sept. 7** 502nd ABW Active Shooter/Mass Casualty Exercise
- Sept. 9** Movie Night, "Mars Needs Moms," 8:30 p.m., FSH flagpole
- Sept. 10** 2011 Freedom 1 Mile Walk & 5K Run, 8:30 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
- Sept. 11** 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony, 7:30-9 a.m., Alamo
- Sept. 17** Quad Quest, 1 p.m., FSH Quadrangle
- Sept. 20** Hiring Heroes Career Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sam Houston Club
- Sept. 22-23** Armed Services Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., BAMC Medical Mall



**For Sale:** 2006 Harley Davidson Soft-Tail Deluxe, Stage 1, 2,400 miles, showroom condition with lots of chrome, \$14,500. Call 262-3892.

**For Sale:** 2003 Toyota Tacoma limited, 20K miles, \$17,000 obo; solid desk, \$45, truck front grill with reversible hitch, like new, \$375; cargo security shade for medium SUV, \$50; ladies' clothes, sizes 1x,2x,3x, \$1 each. Call 633-3859.

**For Sale:** Oak entertainment center, \$150 obo; Beanie Babies, various styles and Prices; SUV cargo cover, \$50. Call 550-7371.

**For Sale:** Kid's chairs, \$5 each;

two antique wheels, \$100 for both; Cardioglide exercise machine, new, \$175; 150-gallon butane/propane tank, \$450 obo. Call 633-2247.

**For Sale:** Decorating for various occasions, reasonable priced; medium-size dog carrier, \$15; boy's boots, size 10, \$25; maternity clothes, 1 new pant set size 2XL, women's size 18 up, fair prices; ladies' red leather boots, Size 7 1/2, \$50. Call 412-2151.

**For Sale:** Toddler car seat, \$25; Knick-knack tables, \$12; oak coffee table, \$95; Kid's bike, \$35; Little Tikes desk with seat, \$15. Call 219-4327.

**For Sale:** Shelves, \$45 obo; baby monitor, \$20; English/Spanish talking table, \$20; riding toy, \$12. Call 289-3130.

**For Sale:** Stetson brown felt hat, size 7, \$75; bass guitar and amplifier, \$400; 4 foot wide truck bed extender, \$225. Call 633-0347.