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“HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE”

U.S. senators, representatives, post and community leaders, and wounded warriors help break ground Saturday for the new Warrior and Family Support Center.



Photo by Charles Parish

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## Breaking ground for wounded warriors

By Minnie Jones  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

A long-awaited vision came true Saturday on an empty lot located across from the Fisher Houses on George Beach Road — a groundbreaking for a new building for the Warrior and Family Support Center.

Senators, representatives, Soldiers and more than 100 citizens attended this groundbreaking event in support of the

many wounded warriors who come through Fort Sam Houston's gates for rehabilitation.

The WFSC will provide a nurturing and comfortable environment where returning heroes and their families can rest and recover. The new 12,000-square-foot building will replace the 1,200-square-foot space currently housed on the second floor of the Powless Guest House.

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander,

Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, welcomed the crowd, "President Theodore Roosevelt once said, 'A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that, no man is entitled to, and less than that, no man shall have.'

"In my mind, Roosevelt would approve

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Photo by Esther Garcia

## Latin-style gazebo concert

The 323rd Army Latin Band and Jazz Combo spice it up at a rehearsal for a gazebo concert to be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at the gazebo on Staff Post Road. The concert will be hosted by Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of Latin music, to include Salsa, meringue, mambo and cha-cha-cha, along with other selections. The public is invited to enter at the Walters gate off of Interstate Highway 35. A valid photo ID is required for everyone age 16 and older.

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# TRS members must re-register for health care plan by Sept. 30

By Bonnie J. Powell  
TRICARE Communications and Customer Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — National Guard and Reserve members participating in the TRICARE Reserve Select health care plan must sign up for the restructured TRS by Sept. 30 to continue their coverage.

TRS was authorized by Congress in 2005 as a premium-based health care plan for National Guard members and reservists. The revamped version, effective Oct. 1, is affordable and simpler, with one premium level instead of the current three-tier system.

National Guard members and reservists can find out more about the updated plan through the "My Benefits" portal at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

"There have been many improvements in reserve-component pay and benefits in the past few years," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall. "TRS is a robust health care plan. It represents a substantial benefit available to our Reserve and National Guard service

members and their families."

Monthly premiums are \$81 for the service member and \$253 for member-and-family coverage. TRS offers coverage comparable to TRICARE Standard and Extra.

The revamped program also includes expanded survivor coverage, continuously open enrollment and much more. Gone are service agreements and differing qualifications for each of the three tiers.

There are only two qualifications under the restructured program. First,

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# Captains now eligible for \$25K retention bonus

By Lt. Col. Maura Gillen  
Army Human Resources Command

WASHINGTON — A critical skills-retention bonus of \$25,000 or more is available to more than 16,000 regular-Army captains who agree to remain on active duty beyond their initial active-duty service obligations.

The bonus is part of a "menu of incentives" targeting officers willing to remain on active duty an additional three years. The other incentives include graduate school, military schooling, branch or functional area transfer, or post of choice.

"The incentives are aimed at retaining the incredible experience resident in the Army's company-grade officers. This program recognizes how important their skills are as the Army strives to fill increased requirements in key grades and branches," said Col. Paul Aswell, officer division chief in the Directorate of Military Personnel Management, Army G1.

Requirements for captains and majors have increased by nearly 6,000 since 2004,

but the officer shortage is not the result of higher attrition, according to Aswell. In fact, company-grade officer retention now is at virtually the same level it was before

Sept. 11, 2001.

He explained that the Army is growing to increase capabilities and reduce long-term stress, and needs more mid-grade officers.

"It takes the Army 10 years to 'grow' a major," Aswell said. "To 'grow' the active officer force, we must

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## News Briefs

### SJA office closure

The Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, to include the Claims Division, will close today from 12 p.m. to close of business in observance of Organizational Day. The Legal Assistance Office will be open for notary services only. For emergencies, contact the on-call officer at 393-3042. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class James Jordan at 221-0484.

### Green to Gold briefings

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center will host Green to Gold briefings for Soldiers interested in the Green to Gold ROTC program today at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Building 2247, at the corner of Stanley and New Braunfels Avenue. Learn about the Active Duty Option, the Full Scholarship Option and the Two Year Non-scholarship Option. Army ROTC school cadre and 12th ROTC Brigade Recruiting Office personnel will be available to answer questions. For more information, call 295-2005.

### Audie Murphy Induction Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School; and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles, command sergeant major, Fort Sam Houston and AMEDDC&S, will host the Fort Sam Houston Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony Friday at 4 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium. The inductees are Sgt. 1st Class Gregorio Villanueva, Headquarters Company, 32nd Medical Brigade, and Staff Sgt. Russell Burnham, Training Support Co., 32nd Med. Bde. The guest speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Paskos, commandant, AMEDD NCO Academy. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Clay Istre at 332-0722.

### Legal Assistance Office closure

The Fort Sam Houston Legal Assistance Office will be closed for most services Tuesday to Thursday, with the exceptions of powers of attorney and notarial services, to accommodate attorney training requirements. The office will close from 12 to 1 p.m. each day for all services. The office will resume normal operations Sept. 28. For more information, call 221-2353 or 221-2282.

### Senior Leader EO training

Senior Leader Equal Opportunity Training will be held Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. in Wood Auditorium, Building 2792. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ricky Evans at 295-0561 or Sgt. 1st Class Rosalba Chambers at 221-4240.

# Workshops, career fair open door to workforce for Soldiers

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

Wounded warriors were assisted in resume writing, interviewing and proper dress Monday in an effort to prepare them for the next day's career fair and the job market.

Workshops in resume writing, interviewing tips and dressing for success were held in the Sam Houston Club by members of the Army Career and Alumni Program, Human Resources, Army Community Service and the Office of Personnel Management, as well as others. About 30 people took advantage of the opportunity to create or update resumes and receive sound advice as they prepared for the career fair.

Spc. Richard Meyer, A Company, Warriors in Transition Unit, was on hand to have his resume tweaked by Randy Norman, ACAP volunteer. Meyers said, "They have done an outstanding job with my resume. I thought it just needed minor surgery, but it turned out to be major surgery."

Meyer, a member of the Mississippi National Guard, was serving in Iraq when he received injuries to his spine. Not only is he recovering from injuries while serving his country, he also lost his home during



From the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, (from left) Suzan Randall, human resource assistant, and Linda Hayes, human resource officer, provide information on what their office has to offer to wounded warrior, Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Loriaux, Tuesday during the Hiring Heroes Career Fair.

Hurricane Katrina.

Mike Main, Directorate of Human Resources, said, "We have the Directorate of Information Management

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# Software charts threats, hazards

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

Fort Sam Houston first responders joined counterparts from Converse Fire and Police Department, Garden Ridge Fire Department, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases and San Antonio Fire Department Sept. 11 to 13 at the Directorate of Emergency Services to learn how to plot incoming hazards and threats using a sophisticated software called Cameo.

Cameo has the capability to plot incoming threats such as hazards, criminal threats and bomb threats, anything that is a threat to the installation assets and personnel.

"It is a fantastic program, definitely a step off from the old age when you manually plotted everything. This system gives us face to face with the threat, how we can take care of it properly as fast as possible," said Staff Sgt. Marisela



Staff Sgt. Marisela Gonzales learns how to navigate a sophisticated software called Cameo during a three-day course Sept. 11 to 13 at the Directorate of Emergency Services attended by fire and police department personnel from the surrounding community. The software plots incoming hazards and threats.

Gonzalez, with security forces at Randolph AFB. Gonzalez will now train all of the desk sergeants at Randolph to get them up to speed on the program.

"We've been using this program for the past few years, so for us, it is only a refresher course. But since we

haven't had an exercise in two years, we decided to attend the class," said Capt. Suzanne McGlothlin, of the Fort Sam Houston Police Department. "We use this program in all of the exercises on post."

McGlothlin said the three-day class is also in preparation for a full-scale exercise at Fort Sam Houston with fire, police and medical response scheduled for Oct. 16 to 18.

"This is also in preparation for us because we are first on the scene, we plot the plume, plot the hazard, isolate the areas, protect assets, property and personnel. We have to know what the hazard is and how to control it," said McGlothlin.

Once a hazard or threat is inputted, Cameo gives a calculated scientific picture of what the hazard

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### SAEDA, OPSEC training

#### Garrison, tenant unit personnel

A Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army and Operations Security training for garrison and tenant unit personnel will be held Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Evans Theater. The session is the last for the fiscal year. The training is mandatory for Department of Defense personnel on Fort Sam Houston, to include contract employees. For more information, call 221-1906, 221-1859 or 221-9500.

### AMEDDC&S

A Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army and Operations Security training for Army Medical Department Center and School personnel will be held Oct. 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. The training is mandatory for Department of Defense personnel on Fort Sam Houston, to include contract employees. For more information, call Harold Larvins at 221-8841 or e-mail harold.k.larkins@amedd.army.mil.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon

The Eighth Annual Tell-A-Friend Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be held Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Anthony Wyndham Grand Heritage Hotel, 300 E. Travis St. The guest speaker will be Lillian Shockney, a two-time survivor of breast cancer who serves as the administrative director of the Breast Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, call Susie Ferrise at 916-2261, Sandy Terrazzino at 916-4457 or Donna Ward at 884-0561 by Sept. 28.

### Hispanic Heritage Month event

The Fort Sam Houston community will commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lorena Gonzalez, and Rumba Dreams will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$11, which includes a lunch buffet. For tickets, call Master Sgt. Ricky Evans at 295-0561 by Oct. 2.

### Combined Federal Campaign

The 2007 Combined Federal Campaign at Fort Sam Houston will run through Nov. 21. To make a change in someone's life, give one gift at a time by contacting a unit CFC representative.

### Operation Rising Star

The Hacienda Recreation Center, with the assistance of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, will present Operation Rising Star Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The finals will be held Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-7250. For more details on this event, see Page 18.

# Environmental office clarifies reporting violation

## Drinking water remains safe for consumption

By Elaine Wilson

Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis have received a reporting violation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Between January 2004 and July 2007, the post failed to report to TCEQ the results of tests conducted on drinking water to measure the level of disinfectant. Disinfectants, such as chlorine, kill dangerous bacteria in drinking water.

The reporting requirement was implemented in January 2004 by the TCEQ, unbeknownst to the Environmental Office.

"We didn't know there was a requirement for a report," said James Graham, chief, Directorate of Public Works/Environmental and Natural Resources. "A letter was mailed here in 2004 but may have been sent to the wrong office. We never received it."

Although the TCEQ reporting requirement wasn't met, Graham emphasized that the water quality has been safe all along. "We've always monitored the drinking water and maintain a database of results," Graham said. "We just did not know to send those results to the state."

Fort Sam Houston was notified of its failure to submit the reports for the first time in July, so for more than two years, "We didn't know we were delinquent in that particular requirement," Graham said.

DPW immediately rectified the problem by sending in the missing data to the state and has complied with the requirement to publicly post the violation (see right).

For more information on the violation or on the drinking water quality at Fort Sam Houston or Camp Bullis, call Kelly Kane, Directorate of Public Works, at 295-9765.

### Fort Sam Houston

#### Notice of Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting Violations

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified FORT SAM HOUSTON that we have violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set forth in Chapter 30, Section 290, Subchapter F. We are required to properly disinfect water before distribution, maintain acceptable disinfection residuals within the distribution system, monitor the disinfectant residual at various locations throughout the distribution system, and report the results of that monitoring to the TCEQ on a quarterly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water is safe from microbial contamination. During the time period beginning January 30, 2004 through July 30, 2007, we did not complete all reporting for Disinfectant Residual Monitoring & Reporting, and therefore the TCEQ cannot be sure of the safety of your drinking water at that time.

#### To correct the problem:

The deficiency in this case involved a failure to report monitoring test results to TCEQ. All required monitoring tests were conducted. Therefore we believe this failure to report results to TCEQ did not affect water quality as our monitoring results verified that the drinking water was in fact safe. As of August 30, 2007 we have completed all Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DL QOR) for the periods of January 30, 2004 through July 30, 2007 and reported the results to the TCEQ. We have completed and documented all required Disinfectant Residual Monitoring for the time period stated above but failed to report our Disinfectant Residuals to the TCEQ. This has been corrected and should not happen again.

#### For further information contact:

Kelly Kane  
Directorate of Public Works  
2202 15th ST. STE 7  
Fort Sam Houston TX 78234-5007

Public Water System ID# 0150116 (Fort Sam Houston)

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Public Water System ID# 0150118 (Camp Bullis)

# Radiology specialists march to success in competition

B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, hosted its first annual drill and ceremony competition Sept. 4 at MacArthur Parade Field.

For the competition, the company divided its Soldiers by classes that represented their Military Occupational Specialty, to include pharmacy, laboratory and radiology specialists.

Each class formed several platoons for the competition. The laboratory specialists had three platoons, the pharmacy specialists had two and the radiology specialists had four. The platoons performed 10 stationary and nine marching movements along with a freestyle drill.

The classes were evaluated and eliminated by a panel of NCOs. The three-day elimination process left one class per MOS to participate in the company's final competition - Class 68K05-07, laboratory specialists; Class 68Q05-07, pharmacy specialists; and Class 68P06-07, radiology specialists.

The radiology specialist class earned the highest overall score and was awarded the Commander's Drill and Ceremony Streamer.

"These types of functions promote esprit de corps and establish the building blocks of warrior ethos," said Capt. Jenny Stewart, company commander.

(Source: B Co., 264th Med. Bn.)



Courtesy photos



(Above) Class 68P06-07, radiology specialists, won the first annual B Company, 264th Medical Battalion drill and ceremony competition held Sept. 4 at MacArthur Parade Field.

(Left) Capt. Jenny Stewart, commander, B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, presents the Commander's Drill and Ceremony Streamer to Platoon Sergeant Sgt. Robert Carr on behalf of Class 68P06-07. The class, comprising radiology specialists, excelled in the competition, which included 10 stationary and nine marching movements along with a freestyle drill.

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service members must be selected reserve members of the Ready Reserve. Second, they must not be eligible for, or currently covered by, the Federal Employee Health Benefits program, either on their own or through family members.

Reserve Affairs sent a letter in August to reserve-component service members currently covered by TRS, explaining the program changes and how to continue coverage. As of early September, only 15 percent of about 11,000 current members had completed and submitted the new TRS request forms.

To continue TRS coverage, all current members must go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs>, print out the new TRS request form, sign it and return it to their regional contractors by Sept. 30. If payment is usually made by check, the first month's payment also must be included. Members who pay electronically do not need to include a payment if they meet the deadline.

National Guard members and reservists can find out more about the updated plan through the "My Benefits" portal at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil). Reserve-component points of contact, identified at [www.defenselink.mil/ra/html/tricare.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/html/tricare.html), can answer additional questions.

## Hospitals to consolidate hematology, oncology clinics

By William Prevo  
Brooke Army Medical Center

The Brooke Army Medical Center Hematology/Oncology Clinic will relocate to Wilford Hall Medical Center Wednesday. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to form the new San Antonio Military Medical Center Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

"This move supports upcoming BRAC renovation and construction at BAMC and will provide continued quality care to our beneficiaries," said Julia Woodul, project integrator with the San Antonio BRAC Integration Office.

The SAMMC Hematology/Oncology Clinic will be located in the C and D wings of Wilford Hall's sixth floor and the phone number will be 292-7311. The clinic is scheduled to return to BAMC in 2010 once facility renovations and final transitions are completed.

The gynecology and oncology outpatient clinic will remain at BAMC. All gynecology and oncology chemotherapy will be administrated at Wilford Hall.

**BONUS from P2**

keep officers who in the past have left active service."

An earlier version of the plan unveiled in May was reviewed by senior leaders. The final plan increases the number of officers eligible for the bonus, up from 7,000, and includes a higher basic bonus and targeted higher amounts for officers in critical branches.

The bonus is available to captains with dates of rank of April 1, 2002 or later, based on the original accession branches listed below.

- The basic \$25,000 bonus is available to officers who were originally commissioned in air defense, engineer, finance, signal, quartermaster, nurse corps and select medical service med-

ical functional areas.

- Officers commissioned in adjutant general, armor, chemical, military police and ordnance are eligible for a \$30,000 critical skills-retention bonus.
- Officers commissioned in aviation, transportation, infantry, field artillery and military intelligence are eligible for a \$35,000 CSRB.

Aswell said he is confident that the new incentives will increase active-duty, company-grade officer-retention rates to historic levels.

"We've done a number of studies, including a very specific study on the value of a bonus to active-duty officers," he said. "We're confident that the incentives we're offering will make a difference to those junior officers we really want to keep on active duty."



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## BAMC eases process for scheduling mammograms

By Susie Ferrise  
Breast Cancer Nurse Coordinator

The reasons vary why some women do not go for their routine mammograms. Some complain of discomfort during the procedure, some don't have the time and other women are worried about the cost. In one recent survey, the most common reason women gave for not getting a mammogram, believe it or not, is that they just "didn't think about it."

Scheduling a mammogram at Brooke Army Medical Center has recently gotten easier. BAMC has implemented an easy, user friendly self-referral policy for mammograms. Women can now call and make appointments for a screening mammogram without a provider's referral. Women with a primary care manager within the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, who are at least 40 years old, due for an annual mammogram and are not currently experiencing any breast symptoms, can call and schedule an appointment. The direct line for scheduling is 916-3726 or 916-4229.

Additionally, in observance of National Mammography Day, the Women's Imaging Clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center will be open to



provide screening mammograms on a walk-in, self-referral basis. The clinic will accept walk-in patients Oct. 19 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Women's Imaging Center, located on the first floor of the hospital.

Mammograms play an important role in the early detection of breast cancer. A regular mammogram is the one thing a woman can do to lower her chances of dying from breast cancer, and yet recent statistics show that less women are getting mammograms than last year. Recently, the American Cancer Society reported that the rate for annual mammograms is down by 1.8 percent. This translates into millions of women who are not receiving this valuable preventive screening exam.

The second leading cause of death in American women is breast cancer. The American Cancer Society reports that about 220,000 women will be diagnosed this year with breast cancer and about 40,000 women will die from the disease. Breast cancer, if found early, has a five-year survival rate of 96 percent.

For more information about breast health and early detection, call Susie Ferrise at 916-2261. To schedule a mammogram, call the Women's Imaging Center at 916-3726.

### National Breast Health Awareness Month Breast cancer survivor to share story at luncheon

October is National Breast Health Awareness Month. Because all women are at risk for developing breast cancer, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston and the local American Cancer Society will partner to increase awareness of the importance of screening and early detection of breast cancer.

The 8th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be the kick-off event for a year-long American Cancer Society campaign to encourage women to take care of their health by including mammograms as part of their annual health care.

This luncheon will be held Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Anthony Wyndham Grand Heritage Hotel, 300 East Travis Street. The guest speaker will be Lillie Shockney.

Shockney wears many hats. She is the administrative director of the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center in Baltimore, Md., a nurse, author, renowned speaker and breast cancer survivor. Additionally she and her mothers are co-founders of the Mothers Supporting Daughters with Breast Cancer Organization.

The cost of the luncheon ticket is \$15 and must be purchased prior to Sept. 28. To purchase a ticket, call Susie Ferrise at 916-2261, Sandy Terrazzino at 916-4457 or the American Cancer Society at 595-0216.

### 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.

# Parade kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month festivities



Photos by Esther Garcia

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers President Spc. Milfred Williams (center) waves to the crowd during the 26th Annual Guadalupe Street Parade Saturday. Joining Williams is BOSS Vice President Sgt. Rea Fuentes (left); BOSS Treasurer Staff Sgt. Rhonda Nimblette; and BOSS member and driver of the Humvee, Staff Sgt. Lakika Patton. Diez y Seis de Septiembre, the 16th of September, signals the beginning of Mexico's battle for independence from Spain. It was on this day in 1810 when Father Miguel Hidalgo de Costilla led the first revolutionary forces against the Spaniards. This national Mexican holiday has been officially celebrated as Mexico's Independence Day since 1825.



Waving to the crowd at Saturday's parade are (from left) Master Sgt. Yvonne Terry, Brooks City-Base; Tech. Sgt. Magdalena Cortez, Lackland Air Force Base; Staff Sgt. Yvonne LaQue, C Company, Brooke Army Medical Center NCO of the Quarter; 1st Lt. Jennifer Ferrer, Randolph Air Force Base; and Capt. Paul

Jackman, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. The parade is a celebration of the 197th anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain.



**CAMEO from P3**

can do, where it is going to travel based on the wind and the weather and decide if shelters need to be in place, or if there is a need to evacuate. The information is captured and fed to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and

Security which will, in turn, feed the information to higher commands so they can make informed decisions.

Plotting a hazard begins with the desk lieutenants, who are already trained in the software. They will alert command personnel who set up the incident command post. Once ICP is in their vehicles, they open their lap tops and start plotting. When the command van takes over, the desk sergeant then goes back to business as usual and the ICP takes over and then expands to the Installation Operations Center.

"We've been missing all the details and I feel the details can get us a long way. Everything we do, plotting coordinates, staging, everything is done manually. This is more of an inside overview and more specific street details, and that's what matters ... details," said Gonzalez.

**WORKSHOP from P3**

and Information Technology folks help us out with the set up of computers and about 25 volunteers who review and tweak those resumes that the Soldiers need a little help with."

Also for the wounded warriors and Family members, the Warrior and Family Support Center provided refreshments. And, with the help of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, "we collected about \$2,000 to provide refreshments for the volunteers," added Mains.

During the second day of the career fair, about 80 registered vendors were on hand to accept resumes and applications, some did on-the-spot interviews, but mainly they were there to talk with prospective employees, take applications, and in some cases even make job offers.

In opening remarks Tuesday, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, said, "I promise not to be long because the focus today is on these great Americans who are here to day. Napoleon wrote, 'Ambition is the main driving power of man. A man expands his abilities as long as he hopes to rise.' These comments apply to the women as well as the men in our service. Thank you for providing hope and

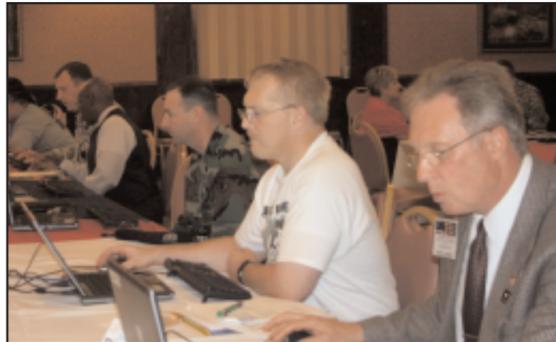


Photo by Cheryl Harrison

A series of specialty classes and workshops were held Monday to help service members prepare for the Hiring Heroes Career Fair. About 25 volunteers were on hand to help potential applicants create or simply tweak resumes, using computers provided by the Directorate of Information Management and Information Technology.

opportunity for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who swore when they raised their hands to protect our country, our way of life and were wounded carrying out their duties while upholding that important oath."

"At least 75 percent of the folks I spoke with today said it was a very productive career fair and they had good leads to follow-up with," said Main at the end of the Tuesday's event.

This was the fourth Hiring Heroes career fair held in San Antonio. A fair held in March culminated with 40 percent of the applicants receiving job offers.

## Sports Briefs

### Golf tournament

The San Antonio Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association will host its 22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday at Randolph Oak Golf Course, Randolph Air Force Base. Complete details and entry application are available on the Chapter's Web site at [http://home.att.net/~alamondta/golf\\_flyer2007.htm](http://home.att.net/~alamondta/golf_flyer2007.htm). For more information, call Stephen Rohrbough at 262-7026.

### 5K Fun Run/Walk

A 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The registration fee is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### Fort Sam Houston Army Dillo

The Fort Sam Houston Army Dillo will be held Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Brigade Gym. To register or for more information, call 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### Ping Demo Day

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Course is partnering with Ping Inc. to host a "Ping Demo Day" Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ping representatives will assist golfers in selecting their perfect set of clubs. Ping Golf will also bring in the latest golf technology including an \$80,000 ball-

launch monitor and more than 500 of the newest golf clubs for golfers to test. For more information, call 221-5863.

### Soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Garrison post soccer team will be held Oct. 9 through 12 at 6 p.m. at the Leadership Field. Coaches send in resumes by Monday to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234. For more information or to register for a team, call 221-3185 or e-mail [earl.t.young@us.army.mil](mailto:earl.t.young@us.army.mil).

### Lock up valuables at gym

Several wallets have been stolen at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Gym visitors are advised to lock up their valuables. The Jimmy Brought offers free lock boxes in the gym entrance and also rents out lockers on an annual basis. For more information, call 221-2020.

### Fitness classes

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

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

## Sports Day



Courtesy photo

Pfc. John Kinder participates in a game of "ultimate Frisbee" during the B Company, 264th Medical Battalion's Sports Day. During the annual event, Soldiers competed in a variety of sports, to include flag football and basketball. Class 68P06-07 had the highest overall score and took home the Commander's Cup.



Photo by Esther Garcia

## Students thank first responders

In commemoration of 9/11, Cole High School Student Council members stopped by the Fort Sam Houston Police offices to say thank you to members of the Fort Sam Houston Police and Fire Department, security forces from Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases and members of the San Antonio Police Department who were attending a training class on post. "The students wanted to honor the first responders on the installation who protect them daily and present them with cookies, cake and a thank-you banner," said Roland Rios, principal, Cole High School. "We thought it would be nice to thank them and give them something because they do so much for us," said Emily Gilman, student council president.

# Elementary pays tribute to 9/11

By Kathy Maxwell

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Fort Sam Houston Elementary students, parents and staff participated in the America Supports You "Freedom Walk," in support of Soldiers serving around the world and in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Freedom Walk began with the morning program in classrooms where students recited the Pledge to the American flag and Texas flag. Sandi Vasquez, first grade teacher, played Taps to signal the beginning and the end of the Freedom Walk. A moment of silence followed as the students, staff, parents and grandparents paused to reflect on the contributions of those brave men and women answering the

call to protect our nation.

Patriotic songs performed by Lee Greenwood and other well-known recording artists provided a background for the walk. Students carried American flags and wore red, white and blue to demonstrate their patriotism. The Cougar Cub Parent-Teacher Organization hung banners along the fence line reflecting patriotic messages.

Tonya Hyde, elementary principal, said, "This event gives us an opportunity to reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11 and celebrate the contributions of those serving in the military. It is also a time to teach



Teresa Lozoria's pre-kindergarten students wave flags in support of the brave men and women in the military Sept. 11.

students a little history since many of the elementary students were not even born or were too young to remember 9/11."

## Fort Sam Houston ISD announces no phone service

Phone service to Fort Sam Houston Elementary and Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools will be disrupted Tuesday and Wednesday. The school district will be relocating the phone system provided by AT&T. There will

be no phone service, fax service or voice mail during this transition.

On Monday, each campus will send home a flyer with important information for accessing the campuses during the two days. A tempo-

rary phone number will be provided for parents to call.

This relocation is part of the current construction project and will provide additional service for the new middle school building, media building, gymnasium

and field house, and technology center.

If there is a change to this event, it will be posted on the district Web site at [www.fshisd.net](http://www.fshisd.net).

(Source: Fort Sam Houston ISD)

Fort Sam Houston  
Independent School District  
Weekly Campus Activities  
Monday to Sept. 29

Fort Sam Houston Elementary  
School

Wednesday

Progress reports sent home

Sept. 27

FSHISD school board meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

Sept. 28

Early dismissal, students released at 11 a.m.

Spirit day

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

Monday

Book fair

Tuesday

Book fair

Volleyball vs. Jourdanton at Cole, freshman, 5 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Book fair

Junior ROTC blood drive

Sept. 27

Book fair  
FSHISD school board meeting in Professional Development Center, 11 a.m.

Junior varsity football at Centerpoint, 6 p.m.

Sept. 28

High School pep rally – advisory schedule

Volleyball at Cotulla, TBA

Homecoming parade, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football vs. Centerpoint at Cole, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 29

Cross Country Texas State Classic in San Marcos, TBA

Homecoming dance at Roadrunner Community Center, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

# Cole Middle, High School commemorate 9/11

By Jayne Hatton

Associate Superintendent, Fort Sam Houston ISD

Robert G. Cole Middle School students, parents and faculty filled the Moseley Gymnasium to pay tribute to the brave men and women who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001.

The program, led by middle school assistant principal, Elizardo Hernandez, echoed the sentiment and thoughts of the audience. "Although we're sad when we think of that tragic day, we know we are a more united and stronger country. We applaud and appreciate the sacrifice of our men and women of the armed services."

A multimedia presentation honored military personnel who continue to fight for our freedom. The event concluded with band members leading a brief walk to the front of the middle school building, ending with a group photo of all the middle school students.

Robert G. Cole High School recognized law enforce-



Cole students present a banner of appreciation to Fort Sam Houston law enforcement and firefighters Sept. 11.

Courtesy photo

ment and firefighting personnel, the first responders, who protect and serve our community. Representatives from the Cole High School Student Council expressed their gratitude for the hard work and commitment to the safety and well-being of others.

## Eight student 'Essays of High Merit' published in book

By Jayne Hatton

Associate Superintendent, Fort Sam Houston ISD

Eight students were selected to have their "Essays of High Merit" be publicized in the book, "Celebrating What is Important to Me," to be released in February.

Last year students Calci Bell, Erin Darnauer, Ja'Cobie Evans, Tiffany

Peugh, Jasmine Plummer, Bree Randle, Matthew Sabin and Sarah Tran submitted a nonfiction essay consisting of 250 words or less, competing with other students throughout Texas. Winning essays also will be entered in a final competition for a prize of \$3,000.

Creative Communications sponsored the essay competition. Thirty-eight

essays from fifth grade students were submitted last year as part of a class writing project led by Kathy Maxwell, fifth grade language arts teacher.

Kathy Maxwell said, "The essays reflected student interest and personal experience. It's no surprise that a large number of our student's essays were selected for publication. The essays truly were a work from the heart."

## School briefs

Meeting to discuss financial accountability rating

A public meeting of the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will be held Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. in the Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road, San Antonio. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the district's community of its superior achievement rating based on School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. School FIRS is the Texas Education Agency's system developed to monitor and improve the management of the district's financial resources.

Board meeting

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

Cole parent volunteers needed

Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools are seeking parent volunteers for the 2007-2008 school year. The Cole Cougar Pride Club invites parents to join the "Cougar" family, volunteer in their area of interest and show some Cougar spirit. For more information or to volunteer, call Amy Newcomer at 379-5576 or Tammy Sees at 241-6303.



Courtesy illustration

Pictured is an architectural rendering of the future Warrior and Family Support Center. The new 12,000-square-foot building will replace the 1,200-square-foot center currently located in the Powless Guest House.

#### BREAKING GROUND from P1

of what we are doing here today for our wounded Soldiers. He would be proud. Not only are we taking care of the Soldier, but we are also taking care of their entire family," Czerw said.

Since opening their doors in December 2003, the WFSC (formerly the Soldier and Family Assistance Center) has accommodated more than 180,000 visits from wounded warriors and their Families – Families members who have left their jobs and home to come to Fort Sam Houston to help with the rehabilitation of their loved ones.

The current space used by the WFSC had outgrown its space, due to the length of the war and an increase in wounded warriors. The additional influx required a permanent facility to meet all of the WFSC operations.

The new building will provide a "living room" environment, a place for social interaction and recreation between the wounded warriors and their Families. It was designed with the wounded warrior's requirements in mind – fully wheelchair-accessible with an atmosphere that will encourage healing. The new facility will have a computer classroom, kitchen, dining room, conference room, adequate bathrooms, and storage and social-gathering areas. It also will provide opportunities in training for new job skills.

Jayne Webber-Hardy, the mother of Army Sgt. Matthew Webber, a member of the Michigan National Guard, died of injuries he sustained while serving in Iraq.

Webber-Hardy explained how the center helped her during her stay and how she would have been lost without the assistance and help provided by Judith Markelz, WFSC program manager, and her staff.

"This new building is absolutely the most wonderful, precious gift of healing that you as a community, the sponsors and parents can give to these Soldiers and their Families," Webber-Hardy said.

Spc. Francesca Duke, a wounded warrior injured by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Ramadi, Iraq, is now an outpatient receiving treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center. She recalled her first encounter with the WFSC. "The Warrior and Family Support Center is where my mother and I found solace – It is one of the beginning steps in aiding in the recovery process for all heroes injured in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. This is your home away from home," Duke said.

When asked about how she felt about today's groundbreaking, Markelz said, "I'm thrilled for our wounded warriors and their Families; this is a place to honor them, a place where they can come and be themselves, this is a gift from us and from the Huffman foundation.

Steve Huffman, president of Huffman Developments and the Returning Heroes Home Board of Directors, attended the ceremony along with U.S. Senator John Cornyn; Representatives Lamar Smith, District 21; Charles Gonzalez, District 20; and Ciro Rodriguez, District 23; and Honorable Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

Huffman, the president of Huffman Developments and president of the Returning Heroes Home Board of Directors, helped organize the effort to build the facility, and the fund has raised more than \$800,000. Construction of the \$3.5 million building is scheduled for completion in 2008, and Huffman expects that the remainder of the funds will be raised by the end of the year.

This project is just one of many pledges under the new Army Medical Action Plan that Soldiers returning home from fighting the battles of war will not have fight a bureaucracy to obtain health care and other services during the recovery at BAMC and transition afterwards.

"I have never seen a more collaborative and successful team. The plans were completed, reviewed and submitted to Washington for approval within one week. From the time the plans left the post and sent to Washington, it was approved and accepted in record time by Pete Geren, the secretary of the Army. This project was a clear reflection of the efforts of the entire team. Wendy Martinson (commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston), Randy Robinson (director, Installation Management Command-West Region) and their outstanding staff," said Huffman.

"Why did we get involved? The answer is simple – the men and women, our warriors and their Families who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we can enjoy the liberties and freedom that we too many times take for granted."

Most importantly, the new WFSC will be a community support system, meeting the



U.S. Army Spc. Francesca Duke, injured by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while serving in Ramadi, Iraq, speaks during the ceremony. Duke recalled her first encounter with the Warrior and Family Support Center.

physical and emotional needs of America's wounded warriors and their Families, while the warrior receives medical and physical care on their road to recovery.

For more information on the WFSC, visit the Returning Heroes Home Web site at <http://www.returningheroeshome.org/>.



Photos by Minnie Jones

Randall Robinson (left), director of Installation Management Command-West Region; Lester Huffman (center), Huffman Developments; and Steven Huffman, president, Huffman Developments, talk after the Warrior and Family Support Center groundbreaking ceremony.



U.S. Senator John Cornyn and wife, Sandy, attend the groundbreaking ceremony Saturday for the new Warrior and Family Support Center.



Judith Markelz, program manager of the Warrior and Family Support Center, accepts a gift from Returning Heroes Home Board of Directors. The gift was a decorated hardhat for the groundbreaking.

## MWR Community Recreation

### Fall Fest

The Fort Sam Houston Fall Fest will be held Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event provides a variety of games, food booths, activities and entertainment. The festival's parade begins at noon in front of the old officer's club on Dickman Road. Sprint will be on hand with NASCAR race simulators. Experience driving one of six NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Trucks in either the Dale Earnhardt, Jr. #8 or Tony Stewart #20 cars. Sprint will give away prizes for the top three racers in the simulators. For more information, call 221-3185.

### Cottages at Canyon Lake

The cottages at Canyon Lake are available for public use. Reservations are being accepted for the new 1,200-square-foot facilities. The new three-bedroom cottages are fully furnished and equipped with central heating and air conditioning, a barbecue pit and kitchen

with appliances. Each cottage has a parking space, front porch and picnic table. For more information or to make a reservation, call 830-226-5357 or 888-882-9878.

### Golf Course, 222-9386

#### Junior golf clinics

Junior golf clinics will be held each Sunday in September from 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 10 to 17. The fee for each session is \$7 per student which includes golf balls. For more information, call James Benites at 355-5429 or 222-9386.

### Bowling Center, 221-3683

#### Bowlers wanted

The bowling center is taking registrations for fall and winter adult bowling leagues. For more information on individual leagues and start dates, call the bowling center at 221-4740.

## Dining and Entertainment

### Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

#### Super TGIF

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the

Sam Houston Club Friday at 4:30 p.m. with drink specials, free food and Latino music. For more information, call 224-2721.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," a comedy by Neil Simon, through Oct. 6. Tickets are \$28 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$31 Fridays and Saturdays. Doors open for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

### MWR Ticket Office, 226-1663

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



### Operation Rising Star

The Hacienda Recreation Center, with the assistance of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, will present Operation Rising Star Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The finals will be held Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Contestants will be critiqued by a panel of judges ranging from vocalists to local TV personalities. The audience will vote for the favorite contestant the night of the finals and enter into drawings for prizes including T-shirts, free music downloads, MP-3 players and a portable DVD player with an Apple iPod dock. For more information, call 224-7250.

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## MWR

### Child and Youth Services

#### Parent/staff vs. youth basketball games

The Youth Center will host parent/staff vs. youth basketball games Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Gym. Refreshments will be served at the end of play. For more information, call 221-3502.

#### 'Camp Operation Render Comfort'

"Camp Operation Render Comfort" is a one-day event Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Southwest Mental Health Center. The event is for children who have lost a loved one while in service. The camp offers children activities and games to help share their experiences, explore their feelings and find a path to comfort and healing. Parents also participate in workshops to learn supportive ways to help children through the healing process. There is no charge for children or families to attend the camp. Registration is ongoing through Oct. 3. Space is limited. For more information, visit [www.swmhc.org](http://www.swmhc.org), or call 295-4806 or e-mail [keith.a.toney@us.army.mil](mailto:keith.a.toney@us.army.mil).

#### Parent Advisory Council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Oct. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. The Family Advocacy Program will give a workshop on Internet safety for children and parents. For more information, call 221-4871.

#### FCC providers

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

#### Off-post childcare options

The Army Child Care in Your

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

#### Family Child Care Online

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

#### CYS needs instructors

Child and Youth Services is recruiting instructors for driver's education, cooking, leadership skills, mentoring, tutoring, voice, guitar and Spanish. For more information, call 295-4806 or 221-1103.

#### Sport physicals

Patrons interested in winter sports should make appointments for sport physicals now. Patrons will need a sport physical to register. Sport physicals must be valid for the entire sport season. Patrons must be registered with Child and Youth Services to participate in sports. For more information or registration requirements, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

#### SKIES Unlimited classes

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

## Quick thinking



Photo by Kathrine Maple

U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Wendy Martinson presents Child and Youth Services employee Paul Hightower with the Commander's Coin for his quick actions and knowledge of the Emergency Action Plan. Hightower was one of several lifeguards who helped save a child from drowning July 12 at the Aquatic Center.

## Religion

### **Jewish High Holy Day services**

Services for the Jewish Holy Days will be held as follows: Kol Nidre, Friday at 6:30 p.m.; and Yom Kippur, Saturday at 9 a.m.

Services will be conducted by Norton Shectman, Jewish lay leader of the Fort Sam Houston Jewish community. All services will be held at the Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, located on Wilson Avenue on Fort Sam Houston.

Personnel planning to attend services should make prior arrangements with their supervisors. Questions concerning religious practices may be addressed to the Jewish lay leader.

Soldiers needing transportation to and from services can call Shectman at 493-6660 or 379-8666. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Benson at 221-2755 or Iva Winslow at 221-2754.

### **Islamic observance of Ramadan, Eid-UI-Fitr**

Muslim military personnel will observe Ramadan, the Holy Month of Fasting, and Eid-UI-Fitr, the Festival of Fast Breaking, for 29 or 30 days. Religious practices for Muslims during the month of Ramadan include daily fasting from about 90 minutes before sunrise until after sunset. Eid-UI-Fitr is a three-day festival of thanksgiving and rejoicing, and is celebrated at the end of Ramadan. The Festival of Eid-UI-Fitr begins Oct. 11, depending on the lunar calendar. A liberal leave policy is recommended to allow service members and Department of Defense civilians to observe the celebrations. For more information, call 221-2755 or e-mail james.benson@us.army.mil.

### **PWOC Bible study**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to participate in the fall Bible study classes. Classes are held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Childcare is available up to age 5. For more information or a list of classes, call Paulette Jordan at 462-7676.

### **Bible club for children**

The Installation Chaplain's Office will hold a mid-week Bible club Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Register students at Dodd Field Chapel, 1721 Dodd Blvd., between Cole High School and School Age Services. For more information, call Robb Wood at 221-3749 or e-mail robb.wood@us.army.mil.

### **Community Extravaganza**

The Collective Protestant Gospel Service will host a "Reaching out to the Community," Extravaganza Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel, 1721 Dodd Blvd. The event will feature family fun, food, games, music and guest speakers. For more information, call 221-5010.

### **Women's retreat**

The Gift of Grace women's retreat will be held Nov. 2 and 3 at the Hyatt Resort in Lost Pines, Texas. The retreat will start Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. with a gathering social and prayer and end Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. with a service. The suggested donation is \$40 per person. Spouses of deployed and wounded warriors are invited at no charge. For more information or to make a reservation, call Brian Merry at 221-5006 or e-mail brian.r.merry@us.army.mil.

### **Chapel service contracts**

The U.S. Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region Contracting Center-West at Fort Sam Houston, is soliciting for the following chapel services: Catholic priest, choir director, pianist, musician, organist, keyboard player and youth ministry specialist. The solicitations will close Tuesday and awards made Sept. 28. For more information or to obtain a copy of the solicitation, call Dee Johnson at 221-3751 or Wendy Hercules de Samuels at 221-3802.

The Installation Chaplain's Office is offering the following non-appropriated fund contracts: Protestant bass guitarist, nursery attendants, gospel choir director, gospel percussionist, nursery coordinator, gospel bass guitarist, choir director and parish coordinator. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Turner at 221-5535.

## 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.

**Samoa 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**

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

**Protestant Service:** 9 a.m. - Sundays

**Christian education:** 10 a.m. - Sundays

**Gospel Service:** 11 a.m. - Sundays

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

9:30 a.m. - Sundays at Evans Auditorium

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

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

Sundays

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

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

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

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

**Web site:**

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

# Why commissaries don't double coupon

By Lynda Valentine  
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary patrons continually ask one question: "Why doesn't the commissary double coupons like civilian grocery stores do?"

The answer is simple. Commercial stores operate at a profit by marking up the grocery items they sell. By law, commissaries must sell items at cost – not for profit.

If a shopper redeems a manufacturer's coupon for 25 cents and a commercial store doubles it to 50 cents, the manufacturer pays the store only the value of the coupon, which is 25 cents. The additional 25 cents comes out of the store's built-in profit margin. Many local stores can double coupons, knowing that while they may lose money on a few items, they make up the difference in their overall markups. DeCA, however, has



no such profit margin to make up the difference for a doubled coupon, so commissaries honor only the amount on the coupon that the manufacturer will rebate.

Many patrons confuse the commissary surcharge with profit. The 5-percent surcharge, added to a shopper's total purchase at check-out, is mandated by Congress and used only to build new commissaries and renovate existing ones. DeCA can-

not use the surcharge fund to purchase groceries for resale or to pay the salaries of commissary employees. Neither can it be used to offset costs associated with doubling coupons.

For more information about using coupons at the commissary or to find coupons online, visit DeCA's Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

(Source: DeCA news release)

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

## COMMUNITY Events

### MOAA picnic

The Military Officers Association of America Chapter will celebrate Oktober Fest with a picnic supper Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Eberle Park, Randolph Air Force Base. Tickets are \$20 per person and MOAA-AC polo shirts will be available for \$25. For more information or reservations, call 228-9955 or e-mail [mooaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mooaa-ac@sbcglobal.net) by noon Monday.

### Valero Texas Open

Golf San Antonio and the Valero Corporation have provided a limited number of free tickets for military volunteers to attend the Valero Texas Open Oct. 4 to 7 at the La Cantera Resort Course in San Antonio. Military personnel can volunteer to work at the Texas Open and receive special PARTner perks. To sign up for the PARTners program online, visit [www.golfsanantonio.org](http://www.golfsanantonio.org) and click the link "2007 PARTner application." For more information, visit the Fort Sam Houston MWR Web site and click on the Valero Texas Open logo.

### Craft Fair

The 17th Annual Holly Days Craft Fair will be held Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16245 Nacogdoches Road. Admission is free. For more information, call 654-3411.

### Paintball Adventure

People interested in organizing a paintball activity with co-workers or friends can call or stop by the Lackland Outdoor Adventure Center. For information on future tournaments and events, call outdoor recreation on Lackland Air Force Base at 925-5532.

### Skeet and Trap Range

Open skeet shooting is available at the Randolph Air Force Base Skeet and Trap Range. The range is open Wednesdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The range offers shotguns for rent and five stand skeet shooting for enthusiasts to test their skills. Skeet tournaments are held throughout the year. Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shooting Association card to participate. For more information, call 652-2064.

## Meetings

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will meet today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting at 12 p.m. All members are invited to attend; new members should call ahead. For more information, call Sgt. 1st. Class Diana Istre at 221-9925.

### NMIA luncheon

The National Military Intelligence Association luncheon will be held

Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kelly Base Club. Lunch will be available for a nominal fee. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Craig Koziol, commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. For more information or reservations, call 1st Lt. Konstantin Finkin at 977-4959 or 969-4959, or 2nd Lt. Tiffany Stone at 977-5136.

### FamilyStrong

The FamilyStrong Military Families monthly focus group will be held Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 711 E. Josephine, in the Center for Health Care Services Building. For more information, call Norma Arriaga at 299-8139, ext. 247.

## Training

### Army Knowledge Online Training

Army Knowledge Online hands-on training will be held Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 2841, Room 2105C; Wednesday and Sept. 27, and Oct. 17 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Building 2841, Room 2105C. Training will include: My account, user profiles, white pages, searching, quick links, self service, files, sitemap and knowledge network. For more information, call Julie Gueller at 221-6203 or e-mail [julie.gueller@us.army.mil](mailto:julie.gueller@us.army.mil).

### Special emphasis programs

The Federally Employed Women Alamo City Chapter #123 will host "What is Sexual Harassment" training Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chafee Road. The guest speaker will be Maria Preda, Special Emphasis Program manager. Lunch will be available for a nominal fee and the event is open to the public. For more information or reservations, call Roz Wise at 820-8201 or Carol Rouse 699-9363.

### English as a Second Language

Classes for English as a Second Language will be sponsored by the Region 20 Education Center and Army Community Service

Relocation Assistance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. There are beginning, intermediate and advanced classes for foreign-born spouses to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary, and pronunciation and instructions on citizenship information. For more information, call 221-2418.

### Army E-Learning Program

The Army E-Learning Program now has 30 Rosetta Stone foreign language courses and 2,600 other courses available, to include new course content on Lean Six Sigma; the Army has now included the Books 24/7 features that provides a user more than 4,000 Business Professional titles, over 6,000 titles in IT Pro and nearly 350 in office essentials. All reference books are free to authorized users. For more information, call Julie Gueller at 221-6203.

## Volunteer

### USO seeks stories

The United Services Organization and San Antonio College English and History classes are looking for stories from anyone involved in past war efforts. The stories will be compiled by the USO for the Library of Congress "Veteran's History Project." For more information, call Luis Sandoval at 227-9373, ext. 11, or e-mail [lsandoval@alamouso.org](mailto:lsandoval@alamouso.org).

### Volunteers wanted

The Equal Opportunity Office is seeking volunteers, military or civilian, to serve as ethnic observance/special commemoration committee members for the following events: the Eighth Annual American Indian Heritage Month Pow Wow, a meeting will be held Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 141; and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday and African American/Black History Month, a meeting will be held Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 141. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ricky Evans at 295-0561 or e-mail [ricky.lovon.evans@us.army.mil](mailto:ricky.lovon.evans@us.army.mil).

## Fort Freebies

### Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. Freebies are intended for personal house-

hold 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@samhous-

ton.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.

**For Sale:** AKC miniature schnauzer puppies, two black females and two salt and pepper females, all shots, dewormed, tails and dewclaw removed, puppy kit. Call Hector at 803-546-4026 after 5 p.m.

**For Sale:** Maytag gas dryer with two month service plan; glass dining table with six chairs and bakers rack; Ashley living room sofa and oversized chair with ottoman; bedroom set, includes dresser with mirror, armoire, two night stands and head board; oak computer desk with hutch; all items in great condition. Call 493-2910 or 535-2249 or e-mail Getmysale@yahoo.com.

**For Sale:** TD 40 car dolly with spare tire and tie-downs, \$350. Call 830-779-5360.

**For Sale:** 1992 Ford Magnum conversion van, loaded, \$3,000. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** King-size bed, brass, sealed, head and foot board, excellent condition, \$150. Call 462-9683.

**For Sale:** 2004 Ford Mustang, V6 coupe, two door convertible, loaded, 43K miles, new tires, \$14,500; baby crib with mattress, \$30; rowing exerciser, \$50; Ping one iron, \$30. Call 666-0502 after 6 p.m.

**For Sale:** Sewing machine with cabinet, \$45; couch, \$55; five piece dinette, \$85; computer desk, \$35; complete single

bed, \$150. Call Sandy at 241-1291.

**For Sale:** Official baseball/fast pitch softball umpire equipment: mask, chest protector, shin guards, ball strikeout clicker, belt ball bag and official ASA bat ring, hats and more. Call 403-2125.

**For Sale:** Whirlpool refrigerator, side-by-side, ice and water dispenser on door, good condition, \$450; dining set, white wash wood table with leaf extension, 90-inches long by 40-inches wide, with six chairs; china cabinet with beveled glass doors, 16-inches deep by 63-inches wide by 75-inches high, \$800. Call 522-1937.

**For Sale:** Kimball upright console piano, excellent condition, \$1,100. Call 370-3123.

**For Sale:** Bedroom set, head and foot board, chest of drawers, dresser with mirror, night stand and mattress, \$350; oval table with six chairs, \$100. Call 946-6650.

**For Sale:** Blue Ox tow bar system, cables, step-down hitch, \$350 obo. Call 860-9217.

**For Sale:** 1995 Pontiac Bonneville, V6, A/C, \$1,750 obo; 1996 Chrysler Sebring convertible, V6, A/C, all power, \$2,000 obo. Call 815-2582.

**For Sale:** White wicker fainting couch with cushion, \$100; Pentair Legend II pool cleaner, \$250; king size comforter set and

sheets, palm tree design, \$75; Canon AE-1 program 35MM camera, includes two lenses, flash, and other extras, \$200. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

**For Sale:** 2004 Harley Davidson STD engine, soft tail with lots of extras, 7,700 miles, \$13,000. Call 316-4363.

**For Sale:** Twin sleigh bed with matching dresser, mirror and nightstand, \$300; twin comforter with dust ruffle, \$20; ladies' clothes, size 10/12, \$25 each; girls clothes, size 16, \$5 to \$15. Call 826-0882.

**For Sale:** 1990 RV Holiday Rambler Alumalite XL, 29-foot, sleeps six, goose neck hook up, fifth wheel, new tires and battery, \$6,000. Call 830-303-3288.

**For Sale:** Set of four 20-inch XON Cyclops rims from 2005 Avalanche, fits any newer Chevy/GMC truck/SUV, \$900 obo. Call 945-7627.

**For Sale:** General Electric four burner, self-cleaning and timer, \$150 obo; General Electric dishwasher, \$75. Call Julie at 618-8457.

**For Sale:** 1997 Starcraft Venture pop-up tent trailer, \$2,000 obo. Call 497-6693.

**Free to Good Home:** Black and white kittens, born Aug. 2, friendly and playful. Call 264-6379.