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

## DOGGIE DIP

Kristyn McCulley and her Boston Terrier, Mia, take a break from the kiddie pool at the Fort Sam Houston Doggie Dip. It was Mia's first try at swimming. See story and more photos on page 17.

Photo by  
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Romo Russell



## Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care surveys 59th Medical Wing

By Maj. Blaise Quirao-Pasayan  
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Just days after transitioning from an inpatient hospital to a multi-specialty ambulatory surgical center, an initial accreditation survey of the 59th Medical Wing was conducted from Sept. 26 to 29 by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

The re-designation of Wilford Hall Medical Center to Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center took place Sept. 15.

The AAAHC is a private, non-profit

organization and develops standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research.

It is also the official accrediting organization for all U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard ambulatory care facilities.

"Over the past 12 months, we've reinvigorated the quality of our self inspection program and strengthened our organization's compliance culture," said Gary Forthman, director of 59th MDW Compli-

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## 470th MI Brigade Soldiers help build houses

By Gregory Rippes  
470th Military Intelligence  
Brigade Public Affairs

Ten Soldiers from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade swapped their soft caps for hard hats for a day to help some people have a house to live in.

The volunteers from the brigade's headquarters and headquarters detachment and its 401st MI Company on Fort Sam Houston, who normally operate computers and communication equipment, were out Sept. 23 wielding hammers, saws and paint brushes to assist Habitat for Humanity in a new hous-

ing subdivision in southwest San Antonio.

The organization builds "simple, decent and affordable" houses using donated materials and volunteer labor and sells them to qualifying families at no profit.

The brigade members volunteered as part of BOSS, which stands for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Sgt. Timothy Powers, the brigade's BOSS representative, explained that BOSS focuses on quality-of-life issues and recreational activities as well community service.

"Actually, I have very little ex-

perience doing this type of work," said Sgt. Nicholas Hicks. "But I've done BOSS volunteer work before and always have a fun time."

The volunteers arrived early at the site to get started before temperatures rose. They were assigned to one of two house leaders, who each led a team working on a specific house.

Pete Garza, house leader for one of the sites, said he tries to find a job with which each person feels comfortable. His team consisted of UPS employees along with the Soldiers.

Even members of the family

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Photo by Gregory Rippes

Sgt. Fred Hill helps to secure a board while Sgt. Nicholas Hicks operates a power saw. They and eight other Soldiers from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade aided Habitat for Humanity in building houses in southwest San Antonio Sept. 23.

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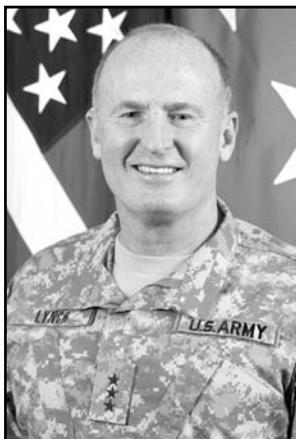
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# Army Family Covenant: the commitment endures

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch  
Commander, Installation  
Management Command



Four years ago this month, the Army announced the Army Family Covenant, which promised to provide Soldiers and Families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

To help Soldiers and families stressed by years of war, the Army substantially increased funding for programs in areas such as Soldier and family services, behavioral health, housing, child care, education, and employment.

Today, headlines about defense budget cuts are prompting people to ask whether the Army is going to keep its promises.

The short answer is yes. Leaders change and situations change, but the Army's commitment to Soldiers and families endures.

Under the AFC, the Army developed and enhanced a range of programs that build Soldier and family strength, resilience and readiness.

These programs include Survivor Outreach Services, Child, Youth and School Services, New Parent Support, the Military Spouse Employment Program, Strong Bonds, and the Wounded Warriors Sports Program.

Under the AFC, the Army has provided new and renovated housing for thousands of families and single Soldiers and constructed more than 150 new child care and youth centers.

The Army has increased the number of Military Family Life Consultants, who provide confidential non-medical counseling for Soldiers and families, and the

number of behavioral health care providers, who provide behavioral health services before, during and after deployment.

Under the AFC, the Army has worked hard to reach the whole Army Family, including geographically dispersed Soldiers and family

members.

Toward that end, the Army supports a number of services away from installations, such as community-based child care and Army National Guard Family Assistance Centers, and provides Army OneSource, which enables 24/7 access to information and services regardless of location.

At a time when the Army is restoring its balance, the AFC has been the catalyst for enhancing and standardizing the quality of support for Soldiers and families.

And now it is time to ensure our investment has made a difference in the lives of Soldiers and families.

Program review has been built into the Army Family Covenant from day one. It has always

been part of the AFC plan to assess program effectiveness, consolidate, and make adjustments, to ensure there is no overlap or gaps between programs.

So the current fiscal situation does not change our course but it

does put more gas in our tank. It intensifies the need to streamline and make sure we continue to provide the most valuable programs.

For the programs under the AFC umbrella,

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## Weekly Weather Watch

	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11
<b>San Antonio Texas</b>	91° Partly Cloudy/Wind	88° Partly Cloudy	87° Isolated T-Storms	80° Scattered T-Storms	86° Scattered T-Storms	88° Partly Cloudy
<b>Kabul Afghanistan</b>	74° Sunny	71° Mostly Sunny	68° Showers	70° Mostly Sunny	70° Sunny	72° Partly Cloudy
<b>Baghdad Iraq</b>	93° Sunny	94° Sunny	93° Sunny	93° Sunny	94° Sunny	98° Mostly Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

## News Briefs

### **METC Call Boxes Operational**

The emergency call boxes located throughout the Medical Education and Training Campus walking campus are now operational, according to 502nd Security Forces Squadron officials. When the call boxes are activated a call will be announced at the SFS/FES Emergency Communications Center with the location of the emergency. The 911 dispatcher will have the capability to communicate directly with the caller.

### **FSH Museum Closed Oct. 9**

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed on Oct. 9 observance of the Columbus Day federal holiday. The museum will reopen to visitors Oct. 12.

### **FSH Retirement Ceremony**

The Fort Sam Houston Installation Retirement Ceremony is traditionally held on the final Thursday of each month at historic Quadrangle. Military and civilian personnel from all branches of service are invited to participate. For dates and further information, call 221-9562.

### **5th Recruiting Brigade Change of Responsibility**

Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice A. Thorpe took the top enlisted spot in the 5th Recruiting Brigade's headquarters Oct. 6, accepting the brigade colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Milton Rhodie during a change of responsibility ceremony at the Evans Theater. Rhodie, who has been the command sergeant major of the brigade since August 2010, will become the brigade command sergeant major at the U.S. Army's 2nd Recruiting Brigade in Huntsville, Ala. Thorpe recently served in a joint assignment as the command sergeant major of Eastern Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, Ill. The 5th Recruiting Brigade oversees the recruiting mission for all or part of 13 states, including Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.

### **National Public Lands Volunteer Day at Camp Bullis**

Volunteers are needed to spread mulch, move rocks, plant seeds, help slow erosion and learn good Hill Country stewardship techniques from

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# Deputy defense secretary presents Purple hearts

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

Spc. Deven Schei and Pfc. Milton Jenkins were honored by Brooke Army Medical Center for their combat-related injuries during a Purple Heart ceremony Sept. 28 at the Warrior and Family Support Center.

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of BAMC and Southern Regional Medical Command, hosted the event along with Deputy Secretary Of Defense William J. Lynn III, who presented the Purple Heart medals and certificates.

On July 2, 2010, Schei, assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), was injured in Afghanistan when his convoy was attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade while conducting a dismounted patrol resulting in his combat injuries.

Jenkins, an infantryman, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), when he was struck by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan Sept. 17, 2010, while conducting a dismounted patrol resulting in his combat injuries.



Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III congratulates Army Pfc. Milton Jenkins after presenting him with the Purple Heart during a ceremony at the Warrior Family Support Center at Brooke Army Medical Center Sept. 28.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey

Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III congratulates Army Spc. Deven Schei after presenting him with the Purple Heart.

# Artillery officer awarded Purple Heart

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

Field artillery officer 1st Lt. Erik Phillips was honored for his bravery and selfless sacrifices during a Purple Heart ceremony Sept. 23 at the San Antonio

(From left) Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center and Southern Regional Medical Command, along with Audrey and Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, stand at attention next to 1st Lt. Erik Phillips during his Purple Heart ceremony Sept. 23 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenrieth (right), Phillip's father-in-law also stands at attention next to him as his wife,

Emily, was communicating via teleconference from Fort Bragg, N.C., during the ceremony.

Photo by Kara Carrier



Photo by Karla Seijas

Scott Copus climbs into the VIA van, while Tim Rodeffer waits to get in outside the IMCOM headquarters building.

# Employees save money, environment with van pool

By Karla Seijas  
IMCOM Public Affairs

More than a dozen Installation Management Command employees ride to and from work for free in a VIA Van Pool, thanks to the U.S. Army Mass Transit Benefit Program.

"It's less wear and tear on us, less wear and tear on our wallets, and less wear and tear on the environment," said passenger Debbie Martin, an IMCOM

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If an employee chooses to ride public transportation to work by means of the San Antonio VIA bus system they are also eligible to receive benefits through the MTBP, which covers the cost of a monthly bus pass.

The MTBP originated April 21, 2000, via Executive Order 13150, "Federal Workforce Transportation." The executive order requires Federal agencies to provide employee incentives to use public transportation in their commute to and from work.

All Army employees (military and civilian) are eligible to use the MTBP mass transportation fare subsidy when using public transportation or van or car pools for their work commute. The MTBP goal is to reduce the air pollution and traffic congestion while expanding commuting alternatives.

For more information, email ASAFM-MTBP@conus.army.mil.

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8 a.m. to noon Oct. 15 at the Camp Bullis hike and bike trail as part of the National Public Lands Day. Dress for outdoor conditions and bring water, snacks, work gloves and sunscreen. Drive through the entry control point on Military Highway and take first right at Wilkerson (first paved road) and proceed to paved parking lot. Tools will be provided. Call 388-2067 or 295-27761 for more information.

JBSA NCO Induction Ceremony  
The Joint Base San Antonio NCO Induction Ceremony is at 6 p.m., Oct. 6, at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. For reservations or more information, call 925-3704.

### USAJOBS Downtime Notice

On Oct. 6, the Office of Personnel Management will assume control of USAJOBS. USAJOBS is the government's official site for posting vacancy announcements and hiring information. During this change in control the timeliness of vacancy announcements and referrals may be delayed as the new system is brought on line. USAJOBS will be offline from Oct. 6 to 12. People seeking federal employment through USAJOBS will be unable to see posted announcements or apply for federal jobs. Announcements opened prior to Oct. 6 may remain open through the moratorium period, but must not close before Oct. 13. Call 221-2526 for more information.

### Complete Joint Base Travel Survey; win prizes

The JBSA Origin-Destination Travel Survey is underway. It will identify the travel patterns of military, retiree, and civilian populations at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases. Target audience is JBSA personnel (active duty, reservists, DoD civilians/contractor), retirees, and dependents 18 years and older. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JBSAsurvey>, complete the survey. Each respondent will receive a coupon for a free cup of coffee at the JBSA AAFES Express stores (formerly known as the Shoppette) and will also be automatically entered into a raffle to win one of three prizes: \$100 Gas Card, \$50 Exchange Gift Card and \$50 Exchange Gift Card.

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# AETC reinforces information, operations security standards

By Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins  
AETC Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials recently turned up the heat on service organizations to reinforce operations security standards ... not even trash is safe from scrutiny.

Dr. Jim Crissinger, AETC program manager for critical asset risk management and operations security programs, and his team implemented the use of dumpster diving across the command starting in early September to analyze potential security threats.

According to Crissinger, the results thus far have been revealing.

"Across the command, we found some disturbing trends, unfortunately. We found a lot of identifiable information (in the trash)," Crissinger said. "We found award packages, performance reports, travel vouchers, financial pay information, loan applications, resumes, VIP itineraries, recall rosters, physical

security information and even some information about morale and disciplinary problems.

"Those are things we should not have found (in the trash)," he said.

Crissinger noticed some positive trends as well. He said one example is his team checked 12 dumpsters at one of the bases and were unable to find any violations.

"We identified the issues and now we're going to take the necessary steps to resolve them," he said.

The command has begun to increase efforts to reinforce operational and information security, which are now Department of Defense compliance-directed items.

"It's a trickle-down effect and we're reinvigorating and re-educating our folks," Crissinger said.

The efforts will come in the form of constant reminders by way of email, localized briefings and distribution of critical

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Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins

(Standing) Dr. Jim Crissinger, Air Education and Training Command program manager for critical asset risk management and operations security programs, and his inspection team of (from left) Cathey Green, Tech. Sgt. Juan Rodriguez and Master Sgt. Donald Alexander inspect trash pulled from a dumpster for operations security violations. In the few bags of trash the team inspected, three security violations were found.

# IMCOM welcomes new resource management director

By Shayna Brouker  
IMCOM Public Affairs



Photo by Shayna Brouker

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch and his wife, Sarah, chat with Brig. Gen. Curt Rauhut and his wife, Julissa (center), at a welcome ceremony at the IMCOM Academy Sept. 29.

IMCOM when you're back home," he said.

"With every challenge, even in a budget-constrained environment, comes an opportunity," Rauhut said in a recent interview.

"This may be a chance to take a look at IMCOM both internally and holistically to see, 'Are we structured for the future to provide some of the best services to our Soldiers, Family members and civilians?'" Rauhut said.

"I think these are going to be challenging times, but also a time that lends itself to increased opportunities to better serve our Soldiers."

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, IMCOM commanding general, said Rauhut's experience commanding a

finance brigade and battalion, serving as controller for NATO and his most recent experience at the Army's Office of Business Transformation makes him exactly the right person for the job.

"Curt has been looking to see if there's a better way to do business, which is what we do now all the time," Lynch said. "So, having Curt join the team is absolutely perfect for us right now. To both of you, welcome."

Rauhut is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and attended Jacksonville State University in Alabama, Syracuse University and the Naval War College. He served in Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia and deployed twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

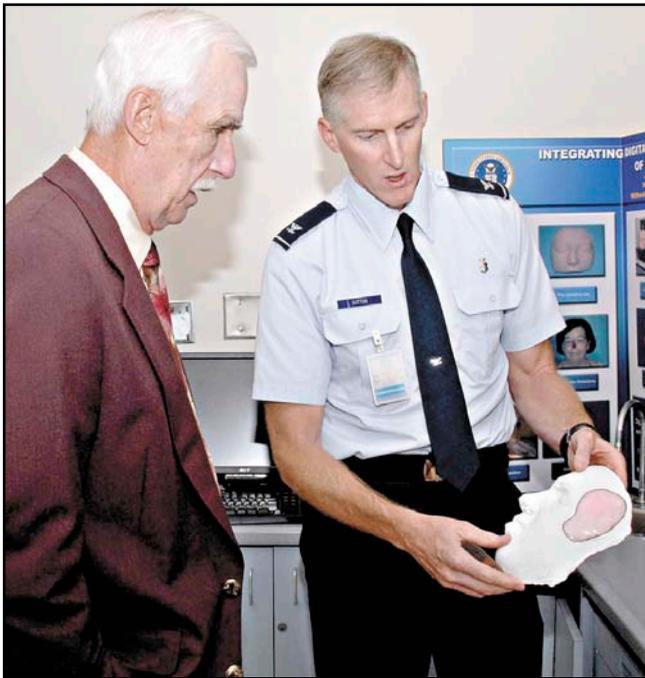


Photo by Harold China

Col. Alan Sutton, director, Maxillofacial Prosthetics, 59th Dental Training Squadron (right), briefs Dr. James Kuhar on techniques used to fabricate surgical templates on Sept. 28, 2011, at MacKown Dental Clinic, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Kuhar is a surveyor with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care survey team, which evaluated 59th Medical Wing facilities Sept. 26 to 29 for ambulatory health care accreditation.

## AAAHC from P1

ance and Quality Management. "The effort to sustain a high-quality health care delivery system has been a team effort throughout the 59th MDW."

The survey involved a comprehensive assessment of the 59th MDW's compliance with AAAHC standards and focused on the facility's delivery of patient care, including its organizational functions and processes for the provision of care.

Survey activities included a walkabout inspection of the facility from the 9th floor to the sub-basement and included site visits to external facilities such as the Reid and Kelly Clinics, Joint Warfighter Refractive Surgery Center, Blood Donor Center, Base Exchange and

Commissary Satellite Pharmacies, as well as the MacKown and Dunn Dental Clinics.

While the surveyors identified several findings during their facility inspection, they were impressed with the way Joann Pinto and her facility management team was able to efficiently resolve deficiencies on the spot and quickly initiate work orders.

The survey was further accomplished through observations, patient and staff interviews, and document and record reviews. Throughout the survey process, several findings were noted but none considered by the surveyors as being "show stoppers."

Along the way, the surveyors gave high marks to programs such as the infection control and prevention,

bloodborne pathogen, records management, quality improvement and patient safety programs. Areas that also stood out and left a good impression on the surveyors included mental health, Kelly Clinic, dental services, audiology and the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility.

The survey ended with a summation conference where each surveyor provided a brief overview of their findings and recommendations. Their approach was consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help the organization improve its care and services.

As the AAAHC survey closed out, 59th MDW Commander Maj. Gen. Hepburn expressed his appreciation to wing members.

"Considering the enormous amount of transition our organization has experienced as a result of BRAC and stand-up of the San Antonio Military Health System, your preparation for the inspection and resulting success was truly phenomenal," Hepburn said. "Thanks for your dedication to our patients and our vital mission."

The AAAHC will now review information obtained during the survey and any other relevant information supplied by the organization before making an accreditation decision.

Typically, a decision is rendered within four to eight weeks post-survey. The possible outcomes of the survey range from three-year, one-year or six-month accreditation, to being denied accreditation.

# Dempsey vows to maintain, strengthen U.S. military

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen transferred responsibility as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey during ceremonies at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., Sept. 30.

Dempsey vowed to maintain and strengthen the military during his term.

Dempsey is the 18th chairman, and he thanked his predecessor and his wife, Deborah, for their patriotism and friendship.

“Although you’re a sailor and I’m a soldier, in the tradition of the horse cavalry, I want you to know that I will be proud to tell people that I rode with Mike Mul-

len during some of the most challenging times in our nation’s history,” Dempsey said.

The oath of office Dempsey swore as he became the new chairman is the same all commissioned officers take upon getting promoted or assuming a new position. He spoke of that oath in his remarks.

“You’ve all heard me ... swear an oath to our nation and to the ideals that define it as those ideals are embodied in our Constitution,” the general said. “The oath reflects the sacred trust that exists between the military forces of the United States and the people of the United States. I will live up to that oath and I will maintain that trust.”

Dempsey said the

U.S. armed forces “are powerful, responsive, resilient, versatile and admired.”

Those soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen provide leaders with a wide range of options to counter threats and crises. “And when sent to do the nation’s bidding, we are an unambiguous signal of our nation’s resolve,” the new chairman said.

“Our people – America’s sons and daughters – are our decisive edge,” Dempsey added. “We’ll change and we’ll be challenged, but when I complete my tenure as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I intend to be able to say exactly the same thing: We will be the joint force the nation needs us to be, so help me, God.”



Navy Adm. Mike Mullen (left), outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, congratulates the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, during the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff change of responsibility ceremony on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., Sept. 30, 2011. Mullen retired after 43 years of service and Dempsey became the 18th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the ceremony.

Photo by Tech.  
Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey

## **AFC from P2**

the majority of which are run by Installation Management Command, customer feedback is a critical part of our ongoing evaluation.

We gather customer feedback partly by looking at which services are used most often, and partly by asking customers about their experiences, through garrison focus groups and surveys such as the Army OneSource Army Family Covenant survey, just completed Sept. 1.

We will be asking for feedback again in January, when Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees will receive a survey on their needs, usage and satisfaction with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

I urge everyone to take this and every other opportunity to tell us about the programs and services that are valuable to you. Your feedback impacts decisions about programming.

Like every other government organization, every business, and every family, we are taking a close look at our use of resources

during this time of fiscal uncertainty.

We have to determine the most efficient, most effective ways to reach out to the entire Army Family and provide support in the areas of greatest need.

But we are starting from a clear, non-negotiable bottom line: the Army will keep its promise to Soldiers and families.

## **Edwards Aquifer Level**

in feet above sea level  
as of Oct. 5

**CURRENT LEVEL \* = 644.0'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**

**Stage I - 660'**

**Stage II - 650'**

**Stage III - 642'**

**Stage IV - 640.5'**

**Stage V - 637'**



## FORT SAM HOUSTON BIDS FAREWELL TO SEPTEMBER RETIREES



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Families, friends, comrades and loved ones say farewell to a group of military and civilian retirees Sept. 28 during the installation retirement ceremony at the Quadrangle. Retirees are (from left) Lt. Col. Larry Martin Jr., U.S. Army South; Lt. Col. Agustin McLamb-Quinones, U.S. Installation Management Command – Central Regional Command; John Donohue, U.S. Army North; J.D. Ramirez, U.S. Army North; Maj. John James, U.S. Army North; Maj. Martha Diaz, Headquarters, Southern Regional Medical Command; Maj. Michael Boussetot, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade; Hermilla Martinez, Institute of Surgical Research; Sgt. 1st Class Scott Bynum, 187th Medical Battalion, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School; and Dora Barnhardt, U.S. Army North.

## ASSISTANT AIR FORCE SECRETARY VISITS METC



Photo by Lisa Braun

Daniel Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, paid a visit to the Medical Education & Training Campus dental program Sept. 29 where he is shown a training aid by Lt. Col James Kutner, METC Air Force dental assistant program director. Ginsberg also received an informational brief about METC and toured the pharmacy and radiology programs.



# New TRICARE Prime enrollees pay adjusted annual fees

Military retirees enrolling in the TRICARE Prime health plan after Oct. 1 will begin paying slightly higher annual fees, Pentagon officials announced Sept. 29.

The fee change for fiscal 2012 means the plan will cost \$260 per year for members and \$520 per year for members and family.

The increase amounts to an additional \$2.50 per month for individual



members and \$5 per month for members and family, officials said. Active duty service members receive health care with no out-of-pocket costs.

Annual fees for retirees enrolled in TRICARE

Prime prior to the Oct. 1 change will remain at \$230 and \$460 until Oct. 1, 2012, officials said. Retirees in Tricare PRIME have a catastrophic cap of \$3,000, and TRICARE Prime copays are not changing, they added.

"We are committed to offering the best possible health care system for our entire military family," said Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant

secretary of defense for health affairs. "This modest annual fee increase allows us to responsibly manage our costs in line with other secretary of defense initiatives announced earlier this year."

Survivors of active duty deceased sponsors and medically retired services members and their dependents will be exempt from an annual increase, effective from

the time they renew their enrollment or first enroll in TRICARE Prime, officials said, noting that the TRICARE benefit is among the nation's most affordable health care plans.

All service members, military retirees and their eligible family members have TRICARE benefits regardless of prior health conditions.

"The department is committed to maintaining the same unique health care protection we have

always offered our warriors, both current and retired," Woodson said.

"To sustain our military health system we are working hard to streamline, become more efficient, and achieve cost savings," Woodson added. "Together, we can manage our costs responsibly and continue to provide care for our service members, retirees and their families."

*(Source: Department of Defense)*

## IMCOM from P3

Family and MWR programs employee.

Kelly Sandifer, who works in IMCOM resource management, saw a VIA vanpool van on Fort Sam Houston and became intrigued. He decided to start a vanpool service for IMCOM employees.

Sandifer had good rea-

son to start a vanpool; previously he drove over 62 miles a day (each way) in his own vehicle between home and work.

"I was able to sell my extra car, and when you add up fuel, oil changes, tires, and insurance, it's a huge savings; over \$500 per month for me," Sandifer said.

It's not just about money; the approval

of van pools is another positive step the command is taking to reduce our impact on the environment. The program has already taken nearly three dozen cars off the road, reducing traffic, congestion, parking issues, and most importantly, pollution and harmful emissions.

Each vanpool group can have four to 15 em-

ployees. Members of the vanpool can volunteer to serve as a driver if they wish. Once a group is officially enrolled, the vanpool coordinator receives a fleet gas card, which is funded through the MTBP, and a 7-, 12- or 15-passenger van, which is provided by Enterprise Rent-a-Car and paid for by the MTBP.

Participants have to

commit to riding in the vanpool at least 50 percent of each month.

Service to the vehicle and insurance is also provided by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. For most situations, there is no cost to the employee for participating in the program.

If an unforeseen scheduling conflict occurs and a vanpool

rider has to leave their place of business, the Certified Auto Ride in an Emergency program is offered for a fee of five dollars per year.

Fort Sam employees can contact the Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program at ASAFM-MTBP@conus.army.mil to learn how to start a vanpool in their organization.

## 470TH from P1

who plan to live in the house were there. Brigade Soldiers at this site cut lumber and erected the framework for the walls of the house.

"I have watched shows and thought it would be great to build a house," said Sgt. Derek Jones, pausing in between pounding nails. "This is my first time. Now I hope to do it often."

The house where Powers worked was farther along in its stage of construction. He and two other Soldiers from the brigade worked on the roof.

"We'll probably do it again in a month," said Powers.



Sgt. Derek Jones drives in a nail to reinforce a wall frame. He and nine other Soldiers from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade helped to build houses in southwest San Antonio Sept. 23 in support of Habitat for Humanity.



Photos by Gregory Ripps

Sgt. Timothy Powers (left), Spc. Andrew Burke and Spc. Jay Pardo (on ladder) strategize their work on the roof of a house during a Habitat for Humanity project.

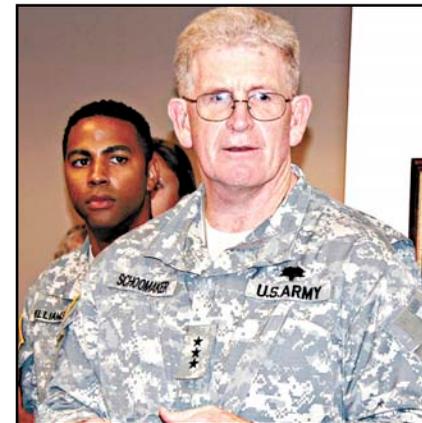
# Army surgeon general visits USAMITC

By Kenneth Blair Hogue  
USAMITC Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Army Surgeon General and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command, paid a visit to the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center recently to get a closer look at the upcoming technologies being tested prior to implementation in Army Medicine.

Schoomaker and his staff toured the Enterprise Service Desk, which began deployment in 2008 and held as the standard in military call centers, according to ESD chief Catherine Altherr.

The Army surgeon general then toured the Video Network Center and participated



Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, the U.S. Army's Surgeon General, addresses USAMITC personnel at the end of his visit to the command.

Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue

in a multi-point video teleconference using a new technology that can connect patients in remote locations with providers or specialists at large hospitals, taking away the need for patients to travel long distances.

After a mission briefing from USAMITC commander Lt. Col. Beverly Beavers, Schoomaker

presented coins to several outstanding USAMITC staff members.

"We've made tremendous strides in standardizing support across the entire Army Medical Department," the surgeon general said, praising the work USAMITC does. "You've done a tremendous job."

# Energy awareness doesn't stop when you leave FSH

By Jerry A. McCall  
502nd Civil Engineer Squadron

The average monthly energy bill for an Air Force base is nearly \$1 million, and the Department of Defense is the single largest energy consumer in the United States, accounting for about 90 percent of the federal government's energy use.

According to the deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, the DOD has made saving energy a priority in everything it does.

"We are committed to improving our energy performance for mission reasons, (and) we're taking energy into account in everything we do," said Dorothy Robyn at the 2011 Washington En-

ergy Summit Sept. 29.

"Saving energy is a force multiplier," said Robyn, who manages and oversees permanent military installations worldwide and manages installations programs that involve energy, the environment, safety and occupational health. "Because the Defense Department is a technology leader, we think we can be a solutions multiplier in the country's effort to wage an energy revolution."

Created in 1991, Energy Awareness Month highlights ways people can conserve energy at work and at home.

An energy policy letter was issued in the spring of 2010 for Fort Sam Houston, containing 18 conservation goals and initiatives.

Among them are:

- Create a culture of conservation,
- Plan to upgrade or demolish energy wasters,
- Identify and correct after-hours energy consumption,
- Set up strict thermostat settings of 68 to 72 degree Fahrenheit for heating seasons and 76 to 78 F for cooling seasons, with a 10-hour comfort-time window,
- Consolidate appliances to central break rooms, and
- Establish Energy Star compliance for new equipment.

Of these goals, the most important is the first one – creating a culture of conservation. If everyone adopts a culture of conserva-



Air Force graphic

tion, the rest will fall into place automatically. And if everybody used energy conscientiously, we would likely not be importing foreign oil.

Most of the guidelines provided are matters of common sense. Is it wise to open windows while the air conditioning or heat is on? Of course not.

Here are a few simple

things everybody can do:

- Turn off lights when not needed,
- Turn off computer monitors after you log off at night,
- Unplug chargers after charging your phone or other electronic de-

vices, and

- Walk and use stairs when possible

Be sure and check out the Energy Awareness Month booth at the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange Oct. 14 and the Joint Base San Antonio display at Randolph Air Force Base Oct. 26.

"As the largest energy user in the federal government, the Air Force

must find ways to reduce our energy consumption, especially given the current economic environment, said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz in a joint message Oct. 3.

"To ensure Airmen always have reliable, secure access to energy when and where the mission requires, we will pursue an energy posture that is resilient, robust, and ready to support our global missions.

Energy awareness cannot stop when you leave the post, nor should it stop at the end of Energy Awareness Month.

If we adopt a culture of conservation, it won't.

*(Cheryl Pellerin from American Forces Press Service contributed to this article.)*

# San Antonio softball stars shine at Armed Forces Championships

By Tim Hipps  
IMCOM Public Affairs

Several San Antonio athletes won medals and accolades at the 2011 Armed Forces Softball Championships played Sept. 18 through 24 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., between all-star teams from the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Sgt. April McGarity, the 2010 Army Female Athlete of the Year stationed at Fort Meade, Md., is from San Antonio. McGarity was named to the Armed Forces All-Tournament Team and the All-Interservice Team that will compete at the Amateur Softball Association of America's National Championships Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 in Okla-

homa City.

Senior Airman Alexis Vincent of San Antonio helped the All-Air Force women (7-1) win the gold medal and was selected to the All-Tournament and All-Interservice squads.

Sgt. Martha Simon of Fort Sam Houston played for the silver medalist All-Army women (6-2).

Manager Steve "Pup" Shortland of Randolph Air Force Base led the All-Air Force men's squad (7-2) to a third consecutive gold medal with a 20-19 victory in extra innings over All-Army (6-3) in the final game of the triple round robin tournament.



Photo by Tim Hipps

Sgt. Martha Simon of Fort Sam Houston helps All-Army to a 14-6 victory over All-Marine Corps on Sept. 21 in the 2011 Armed Forces Softball Championships at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

The All-Air Force men rallied from 10 runs down with six outs remaining in regulation to defeat All-Army with back-to-back home runs with two outs in the bottom of the eighth.

## SAMMC CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Combinacion Perfecta plays Latin music during San Antonio Military Medical Center Hispanic Heritage celebration Sept. 30 at the medical mall. Maj. Rosemarie Rodriguez, SAMMC pathologist, was the guest speaker of the event. She emphasized the importance of the Hispanic culture and the value of its customs.

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

## Protect your family, home

Members of the 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron and Fire Emergency Services are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association to promote fire safety during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15.

This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

520nd CES/FES will hold several activities on post throughout the week including static displays, fire safety house tours, fire drills and fire extinguisher training culminating with an open house at the FSH Fire Station Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In 2010, public fire departments responded to 1,331,500 fires in the United States, according to a NFPA news release.

Those fires caused an estimated 3,120 civilian deaths, 17,720 injuries and more than \$11.5 billion in property damage.

About 80 percent of structure fires occurred in residential properties and 85 percent of all fire-related deaths occurred in the home.

"Nearly all deaths can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a

home fire escape plan," said Fire Chief Curtis Williams, 502nd CES/FES.

"Fire is a dangerous opponent, but by anticipating the hazards, you are much less likely to be one of the nearly 18,000 people injured by fire each year."

"While preventing home fires on Fort Sam Houston is always our number one priority, it is not always possible," Williams said.

"Fort Sam Houston's residents need to provide the best protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire," Williams added. "This can be achieved by developing an escape plan which you practice regularly and equipping homes with smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers."

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities at Fort Sam Houston, call the Fire Prevention Office at 221-4798 or 221-5452.

To learn more about other ways to protect your home from fire, visit NFPA's website at <http://www.nfpa.org> and the Fire Prevention Week website at <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.

(Sources: 502nd CES/FES, NFPA)



Photo by Michael O'Rear  
Joining Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter (center), 502nd Air Base Wing commander, as she signs the proclamation are (from left) Fire Inspector Rick Campos, Lackland Air Force Base Fire Department; Deputy Chief Gil Lozano, Fort Sam Houston Fire Department; Assistant Chief Eloy Uresti, Randolph AFB Fire Department; Sparky the Fire Dog; Fire Inspector Sherry Salone (FSH), Fire Inspector Cody Fein (LAFB), and Assistant Chief Dana Pelletier (FSH). Fire Prevention week takes place Oct. 9 to 15 at Joint Base San Antonio installations.

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, such as a furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.

- Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.

- If people smoke, they should smoke outside. Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

- Blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.

- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.

- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.

- Gather everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through the home and inspect all possible ways out.

- Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of the home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.

- When building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.

(Source: 502nd CES/FES and the NFPA website)



Photo by Lori Newman  
Firefighters show the tools of the trade to open house attendees.



Photo by Lori Newman  
Emergency Medical Personnel will be on-hand at the Fire Prevention Open House to answer questions and show people their equipment.



Photo by Steve Elliott  
Firefighters protect and serve the Fort Sam Houston community. Be sure to safeguard your home so this does not happen to your family.

## FACTS ABOUT HOME FIRES

- On average, seven people died in home fires every day. Adults 65 and over face the highest risk of fire death.

- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half actually practiced it.

- Two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. About one in five smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries.

- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

- Automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80 percent.

- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and was tied for the third leading cause of home fire deaths.

- Unattended cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires.

- Households using electric ranges have a higher risk of fires than those using gas ranges.

- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

- The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.

- In recent years, Canada and the United States have required that all cigarettes sold must be "fire safe," that is have reduced ignition strength and less likely to start fires.

- U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 18,900 smoking-related home fires each year between 2005-2009, causing an average of 660 deaths, 1,270 injuries and \$492 million in direct property damage.

- On average, there are 35 home candle fires reported per day. More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

(Source: NFPA)

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Oct. 10	Static display in the Post Exchange lobby,	8-10:30 a.m.
Oct. 11	Static display in the AMEDDC&S lobby, Fire Safety House tours at the Child Development Center, Fire Safety House tours at the Middle School Teen Center,	8-11 a.m. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 3:30-4 p.m.
Oct. 12	Static display in the BAMC Clinic lobby, Fire extinguisher training in Building 4196, Fire truck on display at the Marvin R. Wood playground, Fire truck on display at Parent Child Incorporated/Head Start, Building 1720, Fire truck on display at the Watkins Terrace Community Center, Fire truck on display at the Child Development Center, Fire Safety House at Dodd Field,	8-11 a.m. 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 9-9:30 a.m. 9:30-10 a.m. 10:15-10:30 a.m. 2-4 p.m. 3:30-4 p.m.
Oct. 13	Fire extinguisher training in Building 4196, Story Time at the Keith A. Campbell Library,	8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 10-10:30 a.m.
Oct. 14	Fire Safety House demonstration at FSH Elementary School, Camp Bullis Fire Station open house,	8-10 a.m. 10:30-11 a.m.
Oct. 15	Open house at the FSH Fire Station,	9 a.m.-noon



Photo by Lori Newman

The Fire Prevention Open House provides fun and useful information for all ages.

# Flu shots available at JBSA installations

Flu vaccinations will be available Wednesdays to all TRICARE beneficiaries at the Army Community Service/Roadrunner, Building 2797, Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, October through November, except for Nov. 2.

The influenza shot is also available Nov. 5 during the Retiree Appreciation Day at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

The Wilford Hall Immunizations Clinic is also ready to assist in the prevention of this illness and to help active duty members accomplish their mandatory flu vaccine requirement by offering a variety of ways to expedite your vaccination.

Similar to last year, a fast-track service is now being offered in the Wilford Hall atrium every Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This service is for flu shots only and for individuals older than 2 years of age. Children 6 months to 2 years of age will need to receive the vaccine in the Immunizations Clinic.

The clinic will provide outreach programs at the Lackland and Randolph Base Exchange on alternating Saturdays during the month of October. In addition, a mobile flu shot unit, using one of the blood donor center buses, is available to provide convenient service to various work places.

The Department of Defense has authorized TRICARE beneficiaries to use TRICARE retail network pharmacies for the administration of the

## Dates and times are listed below:

Oct. 12,	11 a.m.-4 p.m.,	5 years and up
Oct. 19,	11 a.m.-4 p.m.,	18 years and up
Oct. 26,	11 a.m.-4 p.m.,	5 years and up
Nov. 4,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	18 years and up
Nov. 5,	8 a.m.-noon,	all ages (AMEDD C&S Retiree Appreciation Day)
Nov. 9,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	5 years and up
Nov. 16,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	18 years and up
Nov. 18,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	18 years and up
Nov. 23,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	5 years and up
Nov. 30,	9 a.m.-4 p.m.,	18 years and up

seasonal influenza vaccine without co-pay.

To find a network pharmacy, call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 or check online at <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy/>.

If active duty personnel prefer to use the local network pharmacy to get vaccinated, they must bring their receipt or proper documentation to their unit to get it entered into their record.

Call your local net-

work pharmacy before you go to make sure you and your children can receive the vaccination at the same location. Some locations may have age restrictions.

For more information on TRICARE, log onto <http://www.tricare.mil/faqs/question.aspx?ID=1441>.

For more information about the flu vaccination, log onto [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/flu\\_vaccine\\_updates.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/flu_vaccine_updates.htm) or call 916-7FLU (7358).

## PHILLIPS from P3

and certificate. He gave words of praise for courage, dedication and sacrifices made to defend our country and preserve our freedom.

Before the ceremony, Schoomaker mentioned his relationship with Phillips and why it was a personal matter for him to be there at the ceremony.

He told the audience he knew his father-in-law, Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenrieth, from a previous assignment who was a neighbor and a good friend. Bobenrieth's daughter, Emily, is married to Phillips.

"I didn't want to meet you [Sgt. Maj. Bobenrieth] here [at SAMMC] like this, but I know he [Phillips] is in good hands," Schoomaker said.

Phillips was assigned to Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while conducting a mounted patrol resulting in his combat injuries Aug. 17.

"Thank you for your support," Phillips said. "I am lucky to be here and grateful for the opportunity to be recognized with you all today."

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.

# FSH Aquatic Center closes, goes to the dogs

By Deyanira Romo Rossell  
502nd FSS Marketing

Bikini-clad Zhenya is all about sporting the latest swimsuit fashions, but prefers basking in

the sun rather than getting wet. Life is good when you are a petite portable pug.

While Zhenya preferred the poolside, about 50 of her fellow

canines hit the water at the Fort Sam Houston kiddie pool.

The annual closing of the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center took place Oct. 1 and ended with the customary Doggie Dip, where the dogs have their day in the sun and the water.

Nine-year-old Trinity Webb and her Great Dane, Harley, were new to the annual dip, but quickly made friends and jumped into the pool. For Harley, the water was about knee high, but still a welcome treat.

"We have never done anything like this before," Webb said, splashing water on her giant pet. "I think it's fun."

Some of the dogs visited the mobile spa for a nail trim and others were entered into a

photo contest.

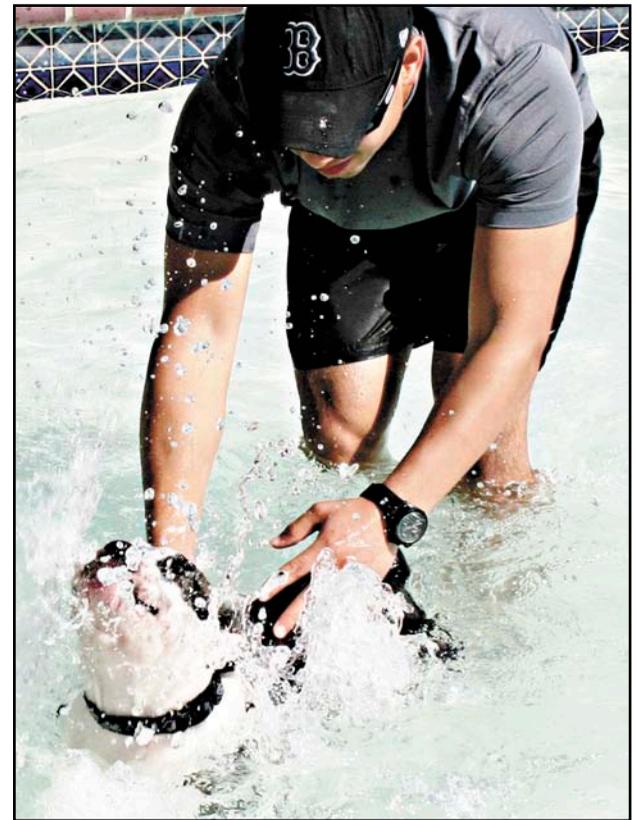
After the votes were counted, Yukon, a Siberian Husky, won the contest and took home a getaway to a local pet resort. Each dog went home with a doggie bag, closing another swim season for man's best friend.

"The Doggie Dip is a great way for us to close out the pool season," said Paul Kotchman, Operations Manager, Community Service Flight, 502nd Force Support Squadron.

"Dogs are very important family members too and we want to give them an opportunity to enjoy our recreational activities as much as possible," Kotchman added. "All of the dogs had a great time."



Harley, a Great Dane, and his owner, 9-year-old Trinity Webb, cool off at the Doggie Dip at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center kiddie pool.



Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Bailey, an Old English Bulldog, had a blast splashing in the kiddie pool with her owner, 1st Lt. Leo Pacheco, during the Doggie Dip.



# Cole High School hosts first college, career day

Fort Sam Houston's Robert G. Cole High School hosted its first ever college/career day Sept. 30, with more than 40 representatives from organizations taking part.

Included were military recruiters, college ROTC programs, beauty colleges, college admission offices, the NCAA, the Department of Public Safety, as well as representatives from various medical disciplines at Brooke Army Medical Center available.

Twenty classrooms were packed throughout six morning sessions, as the entire ninth through 12th grade student body had their individual "passports" stamped in the presentations they each chose to attend.

The college/career day was the brainchild of Cole's senior spon-

sors, and had been in the works since last spring.

"The day was a total success," said Cole principal Isabell Clayton. "Looking into each session, it was wonderful to see all of our students totally engaged."

At the end of the day, students were asked to fill out a short questionnaire on what they had learned in the sessions.

The answers were varied and interesting as expected, with many indicating new interests for their futures.

The vast majority reflected a common theme: "I didn't realize I will

have to work so hard in college. It's time for me to get on the ball!"



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Capt. Hillary Thomas, BAMC cardiology fellow student, speaks to a student at Cole High School during the Cole High School College and Career Fair day Sept. 30, as other students' experiment using a medical simulator on the mannequin. As part of BAMC's adopt-a-school partnership with Cole High School, many of the presenters at the career day event included professionals from BAMC. Careers represented from BAMC included nursing and nursing research, physical therapy/occupational therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, respiratory therapy, pathology, and the graduate medical education simulation center.

## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

#### Oct. 10

No school – Columbus Day

#### Oct. 12

Hispanic Heritage Luncheon, join your child for lunch as we honor and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

#### Oct. 13

Hispanic Heritage Month program at 9 a.m. "Tell Me a Story" event at 5:30 p.m.

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

#### Oct. 10

No school – Columbus Day

#### Oct. 11

Varsity Volleyball vs. Brook Academy at Cole, 5 and 6 p.m.

#### Oct. 12

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery for 12th graders  
Preliminary SAT for 10th and 11th graders

#### Oct. 13

JV Football vs. Natalia at Natalia, 6 p.m.  
Senior class college visit

#### Oct. 14

JROTC Corpus Christi Drill Meet  
Josten's "Cap, Gown, and Announcements" presentation to the Senior class during advisory in Cole Mall  
Varsity Football vs. Natalia at Cole, 7:30 p.m.

#### Oct. 15

JROTC Corpus Christi Drill Meet  
Cole Band UIL Marching Contest at East Central HS XC at Seguin

## NEWS from P4

### **JBSA Holiday Chorus Open Auditions**

The USAF Band of the West is holding open auditions for the Joint Base San Antonio Holiday Chorus. Concerts are 3 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18 at the Edgewood Theatre for the Performing Arts at 607 SW 34 Street. Rehearsals will be weekly in November. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil> or <http://www.Facebook.com/bandofthewest> or call the audition hotline at 672-5030. Audition dates and places are: Lackland Air Force Base: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Skylark Community Center's Longhorn Room, Building 6576, 1560 Luke Blvd. Call 671-2021 or 3191 for more information. Fort Sam Houston: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Dodd Field Chapel, Rooms 139 and 141, Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd. Call 221-5010 or 5666 for more information. Randolph AFB: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Randolph Arts and Crafts Center, second floor, Building 895, J Street West. Call 652-2788.

### **Military Retiree Appreciation Day**

Fort Sam Houston Retiree Services hosts the 2011 Military Retiree Appreciation Day from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at Blesse Auditorium, Building 2841. The event is open to all military retirees and their dependents. Services provided include a health fair, legal services, TRICARE information, ID card as-

sistance and much more. For more information, call 221-9004.

### **AETC First Sergeants Symposium**

Air Education Training Command hosts the First Sergeants' Symposium from Nov. 14-18 at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy Auditorium on Lackland Air Force Base. The symposium will be taught by the Air Force First Sergeant Academy cadre and is CCAF accredited. Attendees must complete the online registration at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=00-DP-AE-54>. The symposium is open to master sergeants and selects, as well as highly motivated technical sergeants. All registrants should be vetted through their chain of command and first sergeant before signing up. This is a unit-funded temporary duty. Call 671-6077 for more information.

### **Water restrictions still in effect for JBSA**

Despite the recent rains, Joint Base San Antonio military installations remain under Stage III water restrictions. Watering is restricted to the one designated day per week, determined by house addresses, from 3 to 8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m. Click on <http://www.502abw.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123262499> for more information.

### **Camp Bullis Smoking Ban**

Smoking is prohibited in the training areas at Camp Bullis. This includes all areas beyond

the Range Control gate, with the following exceptions: Units with permanent fixed facilities may establish designated smoking areas within the confines of those facilities. These include the Soldier Medic Training Site, FOB Warrior, DEMSET, Medical Readiness Training Center, INSCOM Detention Training Facility, TAC-SIMM, Officer Basic Course, Camp Anderson-Peters and the CACTF. The designated smoking area must be in a location that is free of vegetation, and must be within the confines of the facility. A fire extinguisher must be in place. Units and individuals utilizing Camp Bullis training sites or training areas are prohibited from establishing designated smoking areas, and are prohibited from allowing their unit members to smoke. This includes individuals who may be in the training areas for recreational purposes, such as hunting. Smoking is prohibited in the Camp Bullis Cantonment Area, except in designated smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles, both government and privately owned, in all areas.

### **Hispanic American Heritage Month**

The post will celebrate Hispanic American Heritage Month Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Blesse Auditorium. Call 221-9543.

### **Joint Base San Antonio Energy Fair**

Joint Base San Antonio and its partners at Defense Transformation Institute and Grainger Industrial Supply are hosting the Joint

Base San Antonio Energy Fair at Randolph Air Force Base's Kendrick Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26. The fair will have energy and utility managers from Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph AFBs discussing the sustainability goals of the installations, their innovations, and relevant technologies. JBSA supports more personnel than any other installation in the Department of Defense and is one of the largest energy users in the DOD. Participants include Schneider Electric, CPS, General Electric and the Texas A&M Center on Applied Technology. DTI has formed a JBSA Energy Innovation Center which they are bringing together to discuss future potential JBSA projects. Booths will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis; call 394-9430.

### **Cars with DV Plates Can Park in Handicapped Spaces**

According to Fort Sam Houston Regulation 190-8 and Texas Criminal and Traffic Law Manual (Section 681.008), disabled veterans can park in any handicapped space. Section 504.202 of the manual requires the disabled veteran's license plates to display the letters "DV." Law enforcement officers on Fort Sam Houston will look for either the national symbol (wheelchair) or the "DV" letters on license plates when checking handicapped parking spaces.

### **Combined Federal Campaign**

Fort Sam Houston's campaign goal is \$1,343,389. Pledge now through Dec. 15. Call 221-2207.

## AETC from P4

information lists that will provide a wealth of information explaining what needs to be protected and how to maintain proper operations security.

Personnel across AETC can also expect continued random inspections of their trash.

"We're going to go through thrash and dumpsters to see what personal identifiable information or critical information may have been discarded improperly," he said. "It's not fun to crawl around a dumpster but at the same time, if we can preclude information from being divulged and protect people's privacy we'll do it."

Crissinger said anyone – military, civilians and contractors – found to be responsible for security violations may be subjected to disciplinary actions from their commander.

"If we find (sensitive information) with your name on it I'm going to take that information back to your chain of command," he said.

"What we're trying to do is protect our information and our personnel," Crissinger said. "AETC personnel need to understand that the information we are finding can lead

to identify theft and may jeopardize operational readiness."

Crissinger said one of easiest ways to protect information and avoid possible punishment is to shred – and in some cases burn – sensitive information such as paperwork or documents with social security numbers and deployment information.

"By destroying and shredding the information, you're going to eliminate the majority of these problems," he said.

Another security concern identified in the command is email.

"Before you click the send button, make sure you know who you are sending it to and that you're using the proper security measures to ensure the information is protected," Crissinger said.

According to Col. Mark Morris, chief of AETC Operations, Readiness and Intelligence Division, security is a linchpin for mission success and it requires everyone's help in order for it to work. "Attention to detail is critical to insuring security of all forms of information and being a good wingman to each other is one of the best ways to protect each other," he said. "Security is a team effort."

## Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

### Announcements

#### Gun Stand Drawing

A drawing will be held Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. for gun stands. Hunters who purchase a Camp Bullis gun hunting permit before Oct. 15, will automatically be entered in the drawing. Those selected will be given their choice of a stand and the weekend they want to hunt based on available dates. The drawing is open to all DoD cardholders who

hold a hunter education card or certificate from a state or province. Call 295-7529/7577.

#### 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>.

#### Stage Fright

The Center Stage youth performers will entertain with some howling good tunes Oct. 16, 21-23 and

30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. To reserve a seat, call 222-9646.

#### 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.

#### Teen Armed Force Actions Plan

This is an opportunity to let teachers, school leaders and Fort Sam Houston commanders know

how to improve military family life. Submit issues and applications to participate in the conference by Oct. 25 to school leaders, Child, Youth and School Services Programs or email [jbsa.afap@gmail.com](mailto:jbsa.afap@gmail.com). The Teen AFAP conference will be held Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon at the Sam Houston Club.

#### Youth Center Haunted House

The Youth Center will hold a haunted house Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29 and 31, from 6-10 p.m. in Building 1630, Watkins Road. The cost is \$2, and is open to all ages. Call 221-3502.

#### Microsoft Office Classes

Oct. 11 - Word Level 1  
Oct. 12 - Excel Level 2  
Oct. 13 - Word Level 2

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

### Calendar of Events

#### Oct. 6

##### Scream Free Parenting

Classes are Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register,

#### Movie Schedule

**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.

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### Announcements

#### Employment Initiative Program Job Fairs

The South Texas Employment Initiative Program assists veterans with immediate assistance and/or training and then connecting them with employers who are ready to hire. The EIP is supporting career fairs: 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. Career fairs are open to military personnel, active duty and Reserve.

#### Neanderthal Trail Run

Register now 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. Must register prior to race day, cost is \$30/civilian and \$20/military with ID card, fee includes T-shirt. Call 295-7697.

#### 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.

#### Tinnitus clinical trial

Does ringing, buzzing or roaring in your ears overwhelm you? Wilford Hall is conducting a Tinnitus Retraining Therapy clinical trial, funded by the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communications Disorders. Participants will be treated with tinnitus retraining therapy, which includes low-level sound therapy and directive counseling, or

the standard care typically given for persons with severe tinnitus in military medical facilities. To participate, interested individuals must have severe tinnitus and near normal hearing, be 18 years or older, speak and understand English, consider tinnitus overwhelming, be willing to participate in an 18-month research study, and be eligible to receive care at a Department of Defense medical

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### Cole High School homecoming, tailgating party

A free tailgate party for the Cole High School Cougars is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the gym/football field parking lot. There will be games, booths and food for sale, as well as entertainment from the school band and cheerleaders. The homecoming game against the Randolph High School Ro-Hawks starts at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming coronation of the king and queen takes place during half-time.

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call 221-0349 or 295-0313.

**Oct. 7****Man of the House**

The class is noon-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Lunch is provided. To register, call 221-0349.

**CARE Team**

The training is 1-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

**Oct. 11****Key Caller**

The training is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

**Re-Entry Workshop**

The class is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This workshop is ideal for anyone returning from an overseas assignment. Call 221-1628/2705.

**Negotiating Conflict**

The class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2055.

**Immigration and Naturalization**

I&N Services will be available noon-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner

**Jewish High Holy Days Services**

Services at Fort Sam Houston for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of 5772/2011 are scheduled as follows:

**Kol Nidre, 6:45 p.m. Oct 7**

**Yom Kippur, 9 a.m. Oct 8**

**Yom Kippur 5772 ends 7:47 p.m. Oct. 8**

All services will take place in the Fort Sam Houston Main Post Gift Chapel, Building 2200, on Wilson Street. For more information, call 379-8666 or 493-6660.

Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1628/2705.

**Buyer Beware!**

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1612.

**Oct. 12****Army Family Team Building Level 1**

The training is Oct. 12 and 13 from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. To register, call 221-2611.

**Bringing Baby Home**

Classes are Oct. 12 and 26, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

**Overseas Orientation**

The class is 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1681.

**Oct. 14-15****Oktoberfest**

The festival will be held Oct. 14 from 5-11 p.m. and Oct. 15, noon-11 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Oktoberfest is fall family fun with a tent full of children's activities, an authentic biergarten and all the schnitzel you can eat. Call 221-9904.

**Oct. 25****Holiday Job Fair**

The job fair is 5-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This fair is open to the entire Fort Sam Houston community. Call 221-0516/0427.

**Oct. 27****Old Haunts, New Buildings Tour**

The tour begins at 9 a.m. from the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 and finishes at 1 p.m. Newcomers will enjoy this guided bus trip to become familiar with their new home. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. Call 221-5002.

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facility. For more information, call 292-5420 or 292-5421.

**Stilwell House**

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577 for more 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. 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. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.

**Calendar of Events****Oct. 8****NAMI Walk**

The National Alliance for Mental Illness San Antonio will host a walk starting at 7:15 a.m. from the Brackenridge Park Koehler Pavilion. Call 734-3349 for information.

**Oct. 12****Fire Extinguisher Training**

Training will be held Oct. 12-13 at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in Building 4196, Conference Room 5. Fire safety/extinguisher training is required for all personnel on a yearly basis. Call 221-2727/5452.

**Oct. 13****Tell Me A Story**

"Giraffes Can't Dance" will be

**REMINDER CALENDAR**

- Oct. 10** Federal Holiday, Columbus Day
- Oct. 14** Hispanic American Heritage Month Event, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Blesse Auditorium
- Oct. 14** Oktoberfest, 5-11 p.m., MacArthur Field
- Oct. 15** Oktoberfest, noon-1p.m., MacArthur Field
- Oct. 25** Holiday Job Fair, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center
- Oct. 29** Combat Medic Run, 7:30 a.m., MacArthur Field

read at 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Gymnasium. Admission is free. To reserve a spot email [PtoP.SamHouston@MilitaryChild.org](mailto:PtoP.SamHouston@MilitaryChild.org), include name, phone number and email address.

**Oct. 15****McAllister Park Walk**

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers Volksmarch club will host a 6K and 10K walk starting at the McAllister Park, Salado Creek Trailhead/Dog Park parking area, 13102 Jones Maltsberger Rd. Walks start between 8-11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 658-2160 or print the walk brochure at: <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers/>.

## 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 – Oct. 7

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Bean soup, cream of chicken soup, Creole chicken, beef stroganoff, cheese French bread pizza, blackened fish, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, collard greens, glazed carrots

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Honey-glazed Cornish hens, beef stir fry, baked salmon, vegetable stuffed peppers, redskin potatoes, long grain and wild rice, Brussels sprouts parmesan, corn on the cob

### Saturday – Oct. 8

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

French onion soup, cream of mushroom soup, turkey pot pie with biscuits, grilled ham steaks,

parmesan baked fish, vegetable egg rolls, brown rice, Franconia potatoes, parsley potatoes, herbed green beans, cauliflower combo

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Beef tacos, barbecued chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian pasta and broccoli, Mexican rice, garlic-roasted potato wedges, hacienda corn and black beans, spinach

### Sunday – Oct. 9

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Cream of broccoli soup, tomato and rice soup, Swedish meatballs, sesame chicken breasts, chopstick tuna, grilled citrus chicken breasts, vegetable curry, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, succotash, broccoli

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Grilled turkey patties, Southwestern shrimp linguine, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chipotle chicken panini sandwiches, vegetarian burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, mashed potatoes, sweet potato fries, vegetable stir fry, cauliflower combo, baked beans

### Monday – Oct. 10

#### Columbus Day

**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, baked chicken, chili macaroni, Caribbean fish, vegan pierogy with marinara, brown rice with tomatoes, mashed potatoes, carrots, broccoli

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Oriental pepper steak, roast pork tenderloin, macaroni and cheese, parsley potatoes, spinach, corn, peas and carrots

### Tuesday – Oct. 21

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Texas tortilla soup, cream of chicken soup, hot and spicy chicken, Yankee pot roast, grilled turkey patties with onions, beef enchiladas, red beans and rice, O'Brien potatoes, Mexican rice, green beans, refried beans, mixed vegetables

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Jerk turkey, hamburger yakisoba, chicken fajitas, vegetarian nuggets, rice pilaf, sweet potatoes, Spanish rice, cauliflower au gratin, Brussels sprouts combo, pinto beans, cauliflower

### Wednesday – Oct. 12

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Cream of mushroom soup, minestrone soup, braised beef cubes, grilled pork chops, chicken parmesan, vegetable pizza, mashed potatoes, parsleyed egg noodles, mustard greens,

corn, lima beans

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Santa Fe chicken, meat loaf, Cajun baked fish, breaded pork fritters, vegetable egg rolls, steamed rice, lyonnaised potatoes, carrots amandine, broccoli

### Thursday – Oct. 13

**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Cream of broccoli soup, chicken egg drop soup, pineapple chicken, vegetable pizza, baked salmon, pepper steak, steamed rice, fried rice, garlic-roasted potato wedges, Brussels sprouts, pinto beans, broccoli combo

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Chicken enchiladas, Mexican chicken, beef fajitas, bean burritos, lemon-baked fish, Spanish rice, steamed rice, Spanish-style beans, carrot and celery amandine, Mexican corn, green beans

*Menus are subject to change without notice*

**For Sale:** Computer desk, \$17; new bike helmet, \$20; skateboard, \$20; color TV, \$35 obo; New Wyndmere Ultrasonic Nebulizer, \$35. Call 313-0061.

**For Sale:** 1993 Cutlass Cierra, navy blue, automatic, 6-cylinder, 4-door, power locks/windows, new

brakes, new battery, runs good, clear title, registration and vehicle inspections are up to date, the air condition doesn't work, \$1,100. Call 845-2694 or 845-2707.

**For Sale:** 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King FLHR, red hot sunglow, 9K miles, \$3K in accessories, dealer serviced, garage kept, \$16,250. Call 833-8581.

**For Sale:** Sewing machine with cabinet, \$45; three-piece living room set includes sofa, loveseat and coffee table, \$175; electric dryer, \$60; four-drawer filing cabinet, \$35; lamps, inner table and bookshelf, call for prices. Call 241-1291.

**For Sale:** Rascal electric leg lift wheelchair, price negotiable. Call 661-3765.

