



**Halloween Fun Night**  
**Oct. 31**  
 at Child, Youth & School Services, Building 1630 and Dodd Field - fun starts at 5 p.m.

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

## Post to provide medical training for all services

### Plan combines curricula, keeps service-specific training intact

By Michelle Tan  
 Army Times

More than 24,000 Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors will soon be trained here every year under a massive project to move enlisted medical training for all the services to one location.

The Medical Education Training Campus, the result of the 2005 base realignment and closure process, will receive its first students in June 2010 and be fully operational in September 2011, said Col. Karen Cozean, the Army action officer for the METC.

The campus will provide training for combat

medics, corpsmen, radiology technicians and other specialties.

Only aerospace medicine – for those trained to care for flight crews, for example – will not be housed here. Instead, that school will move from Brooks City-Base, Texas, to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"The intent is to integrate the curriculum as much as possible but keep some of the service-specific training intact," Cozean said.

While Fort Sam Houston already is home to Army combat medic training, to create METC,

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Members of the U.S. Army Medical Command Band, dressed in scrubs, dance to the music of "Thriller," made famous by Michael Jackson, during Fright Night Oct. 25 hosted by Fort Sam Houston Commanding General Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, at the Staff Post Road gazebo. Many audience members arrived dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes.

Photo by Esther Garcia

## AFAP Conference success story for Army and Families

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison  
 Army Community Service, Marketing

Leaders and community representatives were ready to tackle issues at the Fiscal Year 2010 Fort Sam Houston Army Family Action Plan Conference Oct. 21

through 23 at the Sam Houston Club. Over 50 issues were discussed and prioritized from housing to behavioral health, as well as recycling.

In its 26th year, AFAP provides a means to support the needs of military Families. Allowing input to leadership

expresses the Army's desire to continually support and improve Families' well-being and quality-of-life as top priorities.

The process allows Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and Families to identify and forward

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Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commander, U.S. Army South, gave observations and impressions about the issues and hard work that went into the annual event.

**EFFECTIVE NOV. 5**

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**M-F, 5 a.m.-10 p.m./**

**S-S, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.**



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# A day on the greens raises some green

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

A golf scramble at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Oct. 16. challenged 30 teams to show their "best ball."

Active and retired military members representing the 470th MI Brigade, 106th Signal Brigade, U.S. Army South, U.S. Army Medical Command and the U.S. Army Installation Management Command West Region, took to the greens after a morning greeting and encouragement from Col. James D. Lee, commander of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, which hosted the Scramble.



Although the day started on a cool note and threatened rain, golfers continued swinging until about 2 p.m.

Teams were recognized for last-place

("bogeys"), longest drives and "closest to pin." All players received certificates, coupons and various donated prizes.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony,

Lee presented an oversized check which was "accepted" on behalf of the Combined Federal Campaign by Spc. Kris McWhirt, a wounded warrior.

Col. James D. Lee (left), 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, and Spc. Kris McWhirt, of the Wounded Warrior Battalion, display an oversized check made out to the Combined Federal Campaign for \$2,025. The brigade and other organizations on Fort Sam Houston sponsored a golf scramble to raise the funds.

### Double Bogey (worst score):

1st Sgt. Michael Quinn, Sgt. 1st Class David Maston, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Potter and Sgt. Brandon Grable.

### Bogey (second worst score):

Sgt. Alicia Lister, Sgt. Nicholas Rayburn, Sgt. Tsuyoshi Sugino and Pfc. Tomas Diaz

### Longest drives:

Samantha Hindmon (female) and Staff Sgt. Brian Crist (male).

### Closest to pin: Capt. Schriener.

**Third place:** Ardy Feike, Bob Feike, Louis Mangini and Joe Zimmer.

**Second place:** Sgt. Anthony Curtis, Samantha Hindmon, Staff Sgt. Derrick King and Spc. Johnny West.

**First place:** Staff Sgt. Brian Crist, Spc. Alan Newton, Spc. Jose Rodriguez and Spc. Kris McWhirt.

## PURPLE HEART MOSAIC AT WFSC



Photo by Heather Allen

The Military Order of the Purple Heart dedicated a memorial mosaic of the Purple Heart medal Oct. 23 at the Warrior and Family Support Center. Constructed at the WFSC, the mosaic features real gold leaf pressed between two pieces of glass, the tiles and marble come from Italy. The mosaic was constructed by Manlio Cavalini, Cavalini Stained Glass Studio.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs)

### Thought of the Week

Make no excuses. You don't have time, because if you use energy that way, you won't have any energy to deal with what you need to deal with, which is overcoming obstacles and obtaining your goals. — Frances Williams

(Source: Bits & Pieces, September 2009)

### Weekly Weather Watch

	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3
San Antonio	 72° Chance of Rain	 63° Chance of Rain	 76° Clear	 77° Clear	 76° Partly Cloudy	 76° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 66° Scattered Clouds	 66° Partly Cloudy	 69° Scattered Clouds	 71° Partly Cloudy	 66° Overcast	 69° Chance of Rain
Baghdad Iraq	 86° Chance of Rain	 86° Partly Cloudy	 80° Chance of Rain	 84° Clear	 82° Chance of Rain	 80° Chance of Rain

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

## News Briefs



### Daylight Savings Time

It's time to fall back. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Nov. 1 at 2 a.m.

### Federal Employees health benefits open season

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Flexible Spending Accounts and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program is Nov. 9 to Dec. 14. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will hold two health care information events. The first event will be Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union, Building 2750, Stanley Road in the conference room for main post employees. The second event will be held Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall for BAMC employees. Employees can make open season enrollments, changes or cancellations through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian Web site at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil) or calling 1-877-276-9287. For more information, call 221-2934/2526.

### SJA office closure

The Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, to include the Claims Division and the Legal Assistance Office, will close Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. for OSJA Organization Day. In case of an emergency, call the On-Call Officer at 393-3042.

### BAMC Flu Vaccines

Brooke Army Medical Center will provide flu vaccines Oct. 30 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for beneficiaries who are 5-years-old and above. The flu vaccine will be offered Nov. 13 and 24 for beneficiaries 18 years of age and up, and Nov. 20 for 5-years-old and up. All beneficiaries may receive their flu vaccine at their enrolled clinic or the BAMC allergy and immunization clinic beginning Dec. 2, during usual clinic immunizations walk-in hours. For a complete list of clinic walk in

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# Year of the NCO

## Fort Sam Houston NCOs focus on leadership development

Story and photo by Lori Newman  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

As Fort Sam Houston celebrates the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer each month, NCOs focus on different aspects of their job.

The purpose of the Year of the NCO initiative is to enhance NCO education, fitness, leadership development and pride in service through implementation of programs and policies supporting sustainment and growth of the NCO Corps.

Last month Fort Sam Houston NCOs focused on mental fitness. This month the focus is leadership.

According to the NCO Creed, all Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership, NCO's will always place a Soldier's needs above their own, communicate consistently with Soldiers and never leave them uninformed, and be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.



Staff Sgt. Moises Solorio, noncommissioned officer in charge, Department of Pastoral Ministry Training, Army Medical Department Center and School mentors Spc. Sarri Lajas-Johnson, pastoral assistant and an aspiring NCO during a training class Oct. 26 at the AMEDDC&S. "A good NCO is able to mold and shape their Soldiers to become good leaders when they become NCOs," said Solorio.

"Leadership is what we witness everyday with our young Soldiers. They understand their mission and show such drive and determination to get the vision their commander sets for them," said U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Houston.

Spc. Sarri Lajas-Johnson, a young pastoral assistant and an

aspiring NCO, was asked what qualities she thought made a great leader.

"A great leader is principled, passionate, determined, professional, understanding, proud and humble," she said.

"My list of great leaders consists of a couple of first sergeants, some church leaders, a few first-line supervisors, my

mother and a teacher. These people made a difference in my life, they inspired me and helped shape my way of thinking," said Lajas-Johnson.

"Because of their leadership I have maintained hope in our foundation as a country and as a Soldier. I have become solid in my convictions of faith and liberty."

"Here at Fort Sam Houston our military members and civilians are all great leaders whether it's providing services to our customers or training our troops for their wartime mission," said Houston.

"We are not all born great leaders, but we can all become great leaders by being passionate but balanced; the most important thing is love, when you love what you do, it will show," said Lajas-Johnson.

In November, Fort Sam Houston NCOs will focus on pride in service and in December they will wrap-up the Year of the NCO.

# HAUNTED HOUSE

Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m. at CYSS Gym

Photos by Emmett Acker

Witches Rachel Campbell (left) and Courtney Cruz take a break from riding brooms and scaring kids at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Services Haunted House for a pizza dinner.

The Predator charges out of the dark at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Services Haunted House.

# WFSC participates in 'Make a Difference Day' building PETs

Story and photos by Cheryl Harrison  
Army Community Service, Marketing

The Warrior and Family Support Center jumped on the band wagon Oct. 24 and participated in "Make a Difference Day" a national, annual event where neighbors help neighbors by participating in a project that will help the community.

Volunteers at WFSC built Personal Energy Transportation vehicles, hand-craned wheelchairs with solid rubber tires for use on dirt and grass. Known as PETs the wheelchairs are shipped to less fortunate disabled people in other countries allowing them better mobility in areas without sidewalks or paved roads.

Wounded warriors, Warriors in Transition, Soldiers and civilians at the center wanted to do something as a way to repay all that has been given to them or "pay it for-

ward," according to Judith Markelz, program manager for the WFSC.

PETs are built entirely by volunteers at 13 sites in the U.S. and in four other countries. For \$250, a PET can be built and delivered anywhere in the world.

The idea for building PETs during Make a Difference Day was born from Markelz's visit with the founder of National Alliance for Veterans, Hector Villarreal, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired). Villarreal presented the idea to Markelz asking "Can you see our Soldiers using this as an opportunity to give back all that has been given to them?"

With picture perfect weather beneath a bright blue Texas sky, about 15 PET volunteers worked with over 15 wounded warriors, WFSC staff and volunteers.

"The local community does a lot for us and it's good to



Spc. Micheal Womack (center) drills holes for the box portion of a Personal Energy Transportation vehicle. Ruby Castellano (left), a volunteer at the Warrior and Family Support Center and Womack, a wounded warrior, are supervised by a PET volunteer as part of the "Make a Difference Day" event.

have the opportunity to do something for others," said Mike Burnside, a wounded warrior since May.

"This is my first experience with anything like this. I think it is a great way to give back.



Mike Burnside, a wounded warrior helps put the finishing touches on a Personal Energy Transportation vehicle at the Warrior and Family Support Center Oct. 24.

Anyone can help by drilling a hole or hammering nails. And everyone who has been here today brings such a good spirit," said Yvette Smith, a volunteer in the assembly line.

Tom Martin, president for PET San Antonio said, "The folks here today are doing something that has such an impact on other people. We send most of our PETs to Mexico where diabetes is a huge problem resulting in

amputation, usually of the legs."

"This is therapeutic for the Soldiers working here to put these (PETs) together, whether it is a Soldier or a homeless veteran they can then say 'hey I can do this.' There are young wounded warriors here today talking to some of

us older veterans and we are establishing relationships. Who knows where that relationship will take them," said Villarreal.

"The guys were awesome! They gave back to the community which was very important to them. Some of the Soldiers stayed for the entire day, from first thing in the morning until three in the afternoon when they finished up. They had such a good time," said Evelyn Jackson, WFSC office manager.

## Ruiz takes reins for WTB from Nieto during change of responsibility ceremony

Story and photo by  
Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

Warrior Transition Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Maria D. Nieto passed the guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Ruiz during an Oct. 26 Change of Responsibility at Brooke Army Medical Center auditorium.

Lt. Col. John Myers, commander, WTB, BAMC, hosted the event and praised Nieto's dedication and devotion to the battalion and her support for warrior ethos, faithfulness, mentorship and commitment.

"She has always been

**"Patient first, Soldier always."**

— *Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Ruiz*

there to meet the challenges of the battalion," said Myers.

Nieto was instrumental in establishing the first-ever Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Sam Houston supporting BAMC wounded warriors, the most acutely ill and injured population in the U.S. Army, averaging about 620 warriors throughout the two year period of her tenure. Since her

arrival, the battalion increased to 100 percent warriors receiving an award.

Ruiz, who is taking the reins from Nieto, has served in the Texas Army National Guard and U.S. Marine Corps for 31 Active and National Guard years combined.

"Patient first, Soldier always," said Ruiz at the conclusion of his remarks.



Lt. Col. John Myers (right), commander, Warrior Transition Battalion, Brooke Army Medical Center, passes the guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Ruiz during a Change of Responsibility ceremony Oct. 26.

Photo by Kelly Schaefer

# Guard members join Texas Rangers along Mexican border

By Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
National Guard Bureau

Texas National Guard members were asked by Gov. Rick Perry in September to support a special group of Texas Rangers called "Ranger Recon Teams" at high-traffic and high-crime areas along the Texas-Mexico border, according to state Guard officials.

"The role of the Texas Joint Counter Drug Task Force Team is to support those operations," said Col. William Meehan, a public affairs officer with the Texas National Guard. "But then, this is something that we have been doing well for nearly 20 years with our counterdrug operations."

The only difference

between this mission and normal counterdrug operations is that the Guard members are supporting the Texas Rangers, in order to reinforce law enforcement along the Texas-Mexico border, Meehan said.

The Joint Counter Drug Task Force, which is made up of about 200 Guard Soldiers and Airmen, may provide aviation, communications, security, medical, logistics, observation and planning support to the Rangers.

Guard members as well as the Texas Rangers and Ranger Recon Teams will be supported by the Operation Border Star Unified Command, which includes Texas Sheriffs, Highway Patrol strike

teams and Department of Public Safety Aviation resources, according to the governor's office.

The effort was launched in early August to address the increase in burglaries in rural homes, ranches and hunting camps in remote areas along the border, said state officials.

Perry said the state's proven border security strategy is based on putting boots on the ground and equipping those personnel with technology, training and funding to stem the flow of contraband across the border.

"Deploying Ranger Recon Teams to high-traffic, high-crime areas along the border will enhance our efforts," he said.



A U.S. Army Soldier of the Texas Army National Guard and Senior Patrol Agent Chad Wamsley, U.S. Border Patrol, observe as Ricky I, a Belgian Malinois detection dog, checks a tractor-trailer truck for indications of drugs or concealed people at the U.S. Border Patrol's Interstate 35 checkpoint north of Laredo, Texas. The U.S. National Guard has helped the U.S. Border Patrol secure the U.S. border with Mexico and is currently working with the Texas Rangers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Photo by Sgt. Jim Greenhill

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issues to Army leadership at all levels. Beginning at the local installation-level conference, delegates, consisting of representatives from the local community, are selected and they then prioritize issues that have been submitted for review.

At the opening ceremony, U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr said, "This is your Army Action Plan and we have a number of issues to discuss. The AFAP has evolved beyond self-help and it is now a formal forum for problems our Families have dealt with. We are one community, one team."

Echoing Garr's comments, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department

Center and School said, "During my four years here I have seen many changes, and the AFAP conference is the force behind many of those changes."

During the three-day conference, delegates, facilitators, recorders, transcribers and issue-support persons looked at submitted issues, prioritized then discussed them.

Subject matter experts were on hand to provide delegates with information and facts on issues in order for the delegates to prioritize and make recommendations.

Installation issues submitted to lead organizations will be reported on at the Commanders' Steering committee.

Issues that can be worked locally will remain at the installation. Those that require higher command

action are forwarded to the major command level conference. If prioritized at that conference, they are forwarded to the Department of the Army conference.

Groups were given issues pertaining to medical/dental, community service, recycling, transportation, housing, education, and training and personnel services. Each group presented the top two to three issues considered the most viable.

During closing remarks, Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commander, U.S. Army South said, "I hope these comments and observations find their way back to the command channel. I thank you for all the hard work and dedication."

Community members who submitted issues to the AFAP conference may



**Photo by Scott Daniels.**

Sgt. Jessica Krzmarzick plays keyboard for the USA Express band during lunch at the Army Family Action Plan conference Oct. 21. USA Express is an Army premiere touring show band produced by the U.S. Army Entertainment Division.

contact the AFAP program support staff at 221-2611 to learn the disposition of their issues if it was not prioritized. Disposition papers on all

2009 issues are available at the AFAP office in the Army Community Service, Building 2797. For more information, call 221-2611/2705.

**Issues prioritized at the AFAP conference:**

- Army and Air Force Exchange Service access for full-time Department of Defense civilians
- A Fort Sam Houston recycling program
- Housing on Fort Sam Houston for larger Families
- Extended hours for Behavioral Health and Counseling services
- Limited operating hours at Watkins Terrace Gate
- Modernization of the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library
- Dedicated space for Army Community Service counseling
- Limited automated handicap access to restrooms on FSH
- Need for distinct blue placard handicap parking signs on post
- Need separate Troop Medical Clinic resources for permanent party Soldiers and Advanced Individual Training students
- Flu vaccine for TRICARE Prime Remote beneficiaries

**METC from P1**

the Air Force will move its training from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and the Navy will move its training from the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill., the Navy School of Health Sciences in San Diego and Portsmouth, Va.

“This is all an attempt to not only make it easy for students but keep the training integrated,” said Col. Kristan Wolf, the Air Force action officer for the METC.

The effort also will save the services money, said Capt. Lori Frank, the Navy action officer for the METC.

The METC will be led by a brigadier general who will serve as the commandant and a colonel who will serve as the deputy commandant. An E-9 will serve as the senior enlisted adviser.

The first commandant will be a Naval officer, the first deputy commandant an Army colonel and the first E-9 an Air Force chief master sergeant. These positions will be rotated through each service, Cozean said.

Officials at the METC expect to teach 7,800 students every day – about half from the Army, 34 percent from the Navy and the rest from the Air Force – and about 24,000 every year, Cozean said. These students will be taught and supported by 1,400 faculty and staff.

When the first classes begin, some of the most basic introductory courses will be taught as one, with Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors learning together in the same class before splitting off into their service-specific



Photo courtesy Joint Program Management Office

training, they said.

“There will be courses that are common to all three services,” Wolf said. “What we want is not just to save money but when we go into theater, we want to be interoperable.”

More than 129 different training programs will be moved to the METC, Frank said.

“I think the training

my corpsmen will be getting is not just as good, its going to be ten times better,” she said. “No other time have they been able to update their curriculum based on best practices.”

Officials are also implementing the latest medical research and lessons learned, Frank said.

Students at the METC

can be there anywhere from four weeks for students learning to be patient administrators, to 52 weeks for the longest program, cytology, the study of cells.

There has been some skepticism about how to consolidate training from each service into one campus, the action officers said.

However, they said the

training will be improved and the end result will be the same.

“A lot of services think

## The Campus

**Projected students per year:**  
24,337 (13,197 Army;  
6,008 Navy; 5,132 Air Force)

**Projected students per day:**  
7,792 (4,033 Army; 2,606 Navy;  
1,153 Air Force)

**Size of complex:**  
1.9 million square feet

**Cost:** \$1.2 billion to build and equip

**Features:** 330,000 square-foot dorms, five medical instructional facilities with classrooms and laboratories, a fitness center and more

**Dining facility:** The 80,000 square-foot dining facility, believed to be one of the largest in the U.S. military, seats more than 2,000 people

we’re going to take away their heritage, but we’re doing our best to keep (that) intact,” Frank said.

# fright night at the gazebo

Photos by Esther Garcia



"Monster Physician" checks a "patient's" heart sounds during the Fright Night Concert at the Gazebo.



Elvis, aka Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, makes a special appearance during Fright Night, singing "Love Me Tender" and "Can't Help Falling In Love." Elvis surprised Sara Valencia, singing Happy Birthday to her. Valencia turned 74 years old on Sunday.



The newly formed Medical Command Band Chorus performs "Carmina Burana," an old orchestral choral arrangement. Led by Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Paarmann and Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey Price, the band performed a medley of Halloween musical selections such as "House of Horrors," "Phantom of the Opera," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Jaws," "Psycho," and "Harry Potter."



Staff Sgt. Joe Williams performs a solo during Fright Night Oct. 25 at the Staff Post Road gazebo.

# Spirit haunts post home or perhaps it's just Stress

Story and photo illustration by Cheryl Harrison and Scott Daniels

For the most part, ghost stories are fun. But sometimes the idea or reality of an unseen 'presence' can be a nuisance. Take, for instance, the occupants of a home on Artillery Post Road here at Fort Sam Houston. This particular home has one such guest, that the Family refers to as Stress.

Preferring to remain anonymous, the lady of the house related their story that began to occur just last spring: During the summer, neighbors told us of strange things that happened to the previous occupants. For instance, the bathroom faucets

would turn on by themselves and of course there were strange noises.

We were told the woman who lived here before us was so afraid that when home alone, she chose to sleep in the kitchen, where the noise wasn't quite as prominent.

But one day while in the kitchen talking with my husband, over my shoulder I heard a whisper, from a masculine voice calling the name 'Corrinne.' It took me a minute to realize I wasn't listening to my husband and when I asked him if he heard that, he responded with 'heard what?'

My daughter has heard "walking" in the attic at night and we've

heard a tapping on an upstairs window. One day we heard the mailbox rattling on the front porch and no one was there.

"There have been so many things that we don't notice it anymore. We blame it on Stress," the lady of the house related with a shaky laugh.

Many nights the noises or Stress will keep the present occupants from getting a good night's rest. Even their pets seem to watch something that isn't there.

"We have looked at what history is available, but nothing seems amiss," she said.

Fear isn't a factor in this ghost story, only more of a disturbing nuisance. The family says they

aren't afraid, "maybe a little creeped out."

"I will say the 'Corrinne' whisper made my skin crawl," added the storyteller.

Believe it or not, it adds to the history, the romance of past Fort Sam Houston dwellers, and the fear of the unknown. Everyone enjoys a good scare, but this Family simply chalks it up to Stress.

When asked if she believed in ghosts the lady of the house on Artillery Post Road said, "I'll cop out with a comment from my Irish ancestry. I won't say I believe, and I won't say that I don't believe, I will say there is something going on, but I don't know what it is."



## AMEDD BAND HOSTS CONCERT AT BOTANICAL GARDENS

Spend an evening with Los Curanderos "The Healers," members of the Army Medical Command Band, and enjoy a variety of Jazz, Blues, Latino, R&B and Country music at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens Nov. 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket, tour the gardens and view the "Big Bugs" exhibit. The bugs stand as tall as 25 feet. Free and open to the public.



**BIG BUGS**



**"LOS CURANDEROS"**



### AUSA Luncheon

The Association of the United States Army will host a luncheon Nov. 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

### Randolph Air Show

Randolph Air Force Base will host an air show Nov. 7-8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Air show is free and open to the public. For DoD cardholders only, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform at 6 p.m., Nov. 6, at the West Flight Line Ramp. For more information, call 652-7469.

### Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and Day Parade

A Veterans Day parade and wreath-laying ceremony will be held Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. The parade begins at noon and marches through downtown San Antonio. For more information, visit [www.usmvpa.org](http://www.usmvpa.org). Free and open to the public.

### Tops in Blue

The U.S. Air Force Services presents Tops in Blue, a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 999-8117 or visit [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com). Free and open to the public.

### FSH Veterans Day Ceremony

The Fort Sam Houston's Veterans Day ceremony will be Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Keynote speaker is Reverend Buckner B. Fanning. Ceremony includes a wreath and banner presentation, gun salute, a

tribute to veterans from the Native American community, and music from the U.S. Army Medical Command Band and the Texas Children's Choir. Free and open to the public.

### Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Ceremony

A Buffalo Soldier Commemorative ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. Speakers are retired Brig. Gen. Toresaser Steele and Reverend Dr. Curtis Michael. Free and open to the public.

### San Antonio Symphony Concert

A Veteran's Day Concert will be held Nov. 11, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle, San Antonio. Ken-David Masur will conduct the orchestra. For more information, call the San Antonio Symphony box office at 554-1010. Event is free and open to the public.





**FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES  
NOV. 2-7**

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary School**

**Nov. 3** Student Council meeting in library, 3-4:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 4** Grades fourth and fifth presen-

tation by Author Alane Rivera in cafeteria, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

**Nov. 5** PTO fall festival, 5-7 p.m.

**Robert G. Cole Middle and High School**

**Nov. 5** JV football at Randolph, 6 p.m.  
Girls JV/V Basketball scrimmage at McCollum High School, 5:30 p.m.

Cole, 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 7** Cross country regional meet at Brooks City Base, TBA  
Girls JV/V scrimmage vs.

**Nov. 6** Pep Rally end of day  
V football vs. Randolph at

Jefferson High School, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**NEWS BRIEFS from P3**

times and update information on the flu fair dates, visit [www.sammc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.sammc.amedd.army.mil).

**Quadrangle closure**

The Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle will be closed Nov. 1-14.

**Health fair**

The 6AF5 Public Health Nurses and other Fort Sam Houston installation and community agencies will host an "It's Your Health" health fair Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Center and School Courtyard, first floor, opposite of the food court. Call 221-6245.

**4th ESC change of command**

The 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command will hold a change of command ceremony Nov. 7

at 11 a.m. at the Quadrangle. The outgoing interim commander is Col. Girard Seitter IV (deputy commander); the incoming commander will be Brig. Gen. Les Carroll. Call 221-5817.

**Retiree Appreciation Day**

Fort Sam Houston Retiree Appreciation Day, Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Willis Hall, Building 2840. Program starts in Blesse Auditorium with briefings from Brooke Army Medical Center and Garrison commanders, a presentation of legislative updates on military benefits from guest speaker retired Air Force Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, followed by a TriCare for Life briefing. A Health Fair with representatives from BAMC will provide information and screenings on the first floor and flu shots will be available. Over 50 vendors will provide information on services and benefits in the courtyard area.



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

**Catholic Services:**

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

**Protestant Services - Sundays:**

8 a.m. - Collective Protestant

11 a.m. - Collective Protestant

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

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

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

**Catholic Services:**

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

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

**Protestant Services:**

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

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

care is provided

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

care is provided

**Samoan Protestant Service:**

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

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

**Catholic Services:**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

**Protestant Services:**

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

**Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:**

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

**Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105**

**Christ for the Intrepid services:**

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

6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

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

**32nd Medical Brigade Student services**

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

**Contemporary Protestant Service:**

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

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

**Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007**

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

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

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

## DECORATING 101



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Moving Spaces or “How to create a home where the military sends you” a special event was held by the Mobilization and Deployment Program Army Community Service Oct. 24 at 103 Artillery Post Road. Guests at the event were treated to a tour of the historical home, offered refreshments and information about seasonal decorating, storage ideas, color schemes and making your home unique. Greta Chaney (center, standing), hostess for the event, told the history of her present ‘home’ before taking everyone on a tour.

## EFMP RESOURCE FAIR



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

The Children's Association for Maximum Potential was one of the many representatives on hand at the second annual Exceptional Family Member Resource Fair held Oct. 22 at Army Community Service along with Military One Source. The event was an opportunity for Soldiers and Families to get information and services to Families with special needs. For more information about the EFMP or the Respite Care program, call 221-0285 or 221-2962.

# A Howl in the Night at the Harlequin Dinner Theater

By **Tiffany Boulez**  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre's Center Stage Academy in collaboration with Child, Youth & School Services' EDGE! Program performed Halloween musical "Shadows of the Night" Oct. 24.

The spark of musical talent is easy to recognize in each of the 35 performers. Every act was filled with powerful voices, choreography and creative costumes. They



Photo by **Tiffany Boulez**

The littlest Zombie strikes a pose at the end of the Spookfest.

performed many hit songs; some even had a Halloween twist, such as "I'm just a Ghoul," "Bring Me To Life" and "Disturbia."

Center Stage Academy is designed and ran by professional instructors that make performing on stage be both rewarding and fun. Theater builds self confidence, improves memorization, concentration and listening skills. It also promotes social skills and fosters creativity. The academy trains students in singing, dancing, showmanship and acting. For more information about this program, contact the Harlequin Dinner Theatre.

The EDGE! program is



Witches, Mummies and Zombies take a bow at the end of the Spookfest.

Photo by **Laura Ruiz**

for military children and offers out-of-school activities for children and youths ages 6 to 18-years-old. Every month participants focus on a different activity that allows them to experi-

ence, develop and grow in fine arts, fitness, life skills and adventure actives.

Students receive three hours of instruction each day in theater arts, photography, kayaking,

horseback riding and much more. For more information about this program call 954-2088.

There will be future performances Oct. 30 and 31. To reserve a seat, call 222-9694.



## Announcements

### Free U.S. Army All American Bowl tickets

The Sam Houston Club will be distributing a limited amount of free tickets for the U.S. Army All American Bowl to authorized DoD I.D. cardholders. The game will be held Jan. 9 at the Alamo Dome. There will be a limit of four tickets per person, on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 226-1663.

### San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo tickets pre-sale

Buy tickets to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo held Feb. 4-21, 2010, prior to them going on sale to the general public on Nov. 1. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ticketmaster.com/promo/msghh5](http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/msghh5) and use the password FTSAM, through Oct. 31 only. Call 221-2606.

### CYSS Basketball registration

Child, Youth and School Services will hold 2009 basketball registration for children 3- to 15-years-old Nov. 2-20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Building 2797. Registration is \$50 and participants must be up to date on their

physicals and shot records in order to register. Children unable to register during regular business hours may register Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CYSS basketball is also looking for volunteer coaches. Call 221-4871.

## Calendar of Events

### **OCT. 29**

#### Trails and Tales of FSH

Trails and Tales of Fort Sam Houston tour, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Army Community Service, Building 2797 at 8:45 a.m. Military or civilian I.D. cardholders only. Call 221-2428.

#### Holiday Job Fair

Holiday Job Fair, 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Have your resume ready to submit to employers that will be on hand. Call 221-0427/2705.

### **OCT. 30**

#### Couples Retreat

Family Advocacy Program will offer a second Couple's Retreat, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Call 221-0349/2418.

#### Battlemind Pre-Training for Families

Battlemind Pre-Training for Families, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail [samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil).

#### Family Fun Day Carnival

The Child Development Center

will host a Family Fun Day Carnival, 2-5 p.m. for Families who attend the CDC. Activities include indoor games, pony rides, moon jumps and a DJ. Refreshments will be sold during the event. Call 221-5002.

#### Spooktacular Performance

Center Stage Academy will present "Shadows of the Night" Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 2:30 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/children or \$8/adults and \$6/children with a military I.D. card. Call 222-9694.

#### Zombie's Night Out

Sam's Sports Bar, located inside the Sam Houston Club, will host a Zombies' Night Out beginning at 7 p.m. DJ music will be provided by FUNTIMEDJ-KARAOKE with Bill and Fran Murdock. A buffet will be provided. Must be 21 years or older. Call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

### **OCT. 31**

#### Combat Medic Run

The 29th Annual Combat Medic Run will be held Oct. 31, 6-11 a.m. at the intersection of Worth and Stanley roads. The event categories are: 10K individual and 5-person guidon team, 5K individual run, 5K 28-Soldier formation run and 2-mile fitness walk. Register on-line at <http://www.active.com>, or stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Packet pick-up will be held Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. No race day registrations. Call 385-8248.

### Halloween Fun Night at Dodd Field

Army Community Service and Child, Youth and School Services are planning a Halloween of fun, food and festive Family time Oct. 31. The fun begins at 5 p.m. on Dodd Field and CYSS, Building 1630, with bouncers, kid's arts and crafts, hot dogs and of course candy! From 7 to 10 p.m. visit the Haunted House in the CYSS Gym. The cost is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. For the grand finale at 8 p.m. the Outdoor Movie Night will feature "The Spiderwick Chronicles." Dress in costume, bring a bucket and plan to trick-or-treat before the movie. For more information, call 221-2418. In the event of inclement weather the movie will be shown in the ACS auditorium at 8 p.m.

#### Basketball instruction clinic

Child, Youth and School Services, Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills program will hold a basketball instructional clinic Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Youth Services, Building 1630, for children ages 6- to 18-years-old with a valid DoD I.D. card. The cost is \$30 and no sports physical is required. Register before Oct. 31 at Central Enrollment Registration, Building 2797, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Participants should wear shorts and basketball T-shirts. Call 221-3381.

### **NOV. 2**

#### Unit Family Readiness Training

Unit Family Readiness Training, 10-11 a.m. at Army Community

Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2705.

#### Doctor Dad

Doctor Dad class Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/2418.

#### Bank Account Management

Bank Account Management class, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

### **NOV. 3**

#### B.E.A.M.S.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills class, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349/2418.

#### Family Readiness Group Leader's Forum

Family Readiness Group Leader's Forum, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2705.

#### Women Encouraging Women

"How to Manage Holiday Stress" Women Encouraging Women workshop, 12-1 p.m. at Army Community Services, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/0600.

#### Basics of Breastfeeding

Basics of Breastfeeding class,

### ACS Outdoor Movie Night

#### Oct. 30 "Monsters vs. Aliens"

8 p.m. at the flagpole

#### Oct. 31 "The Spiderwick Chronicles"

8 p.m. at the field between Youth Services and Dodd Field Chapel

Bring the Family out for these Family friendly films and don't forget the lawn chairs. Free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy will be available. For more information, call 221-2418. In the event of inclement weather the movie will be shown in the ACS auditorium at 8 p.m.

12:30-2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/2418.

#### Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail [samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil).

## Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

### Friday — Oct. 30

#### Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fried chicken, barbecued beef brisket, lemon herb baked chicken, shrimp gumbo, macaroni and cheese, oven-glo potatoes, black-eyed peas, squash

#### Dinner — 5 to 7 p.m.

Salisbury steak, chicken pot pie, shrimp stir fry, fried catfish, cheese manicotti, oven browned potatoes, parmesan tomatoes

### Saturday — Oct. 31

#### Lunch — noon to 1:30 p.m.

Ginger pot roast, chicken cordon bleu, cheese ravioli, beef fajitas, rice pilaf, parsley buttered potatoes, lima beans, Brussels sprouts, sliced beets

#### Dinner — 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbecued roast pork, country fried steak, roast pork, fried catfish, cheese manicotti, baked potatoes, oven-glo potatoes, fried rice, squash, broccoli

### Sunday — Nov. 1

#### Lunch — noon to 1:30 p.m.

Herbed baked chicken, pepper steak, vegetable lasagna, grilled tuna patties, steamed rice, mash potatoes, asparagus, stewed tomatoes

#### Dinner — 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbecued beef cubes, Caribbean chicken breast, salmon croquettes, parsley buttered

egg noodles, lyonnaise rice, rice and cheese casserole, parsley buttered potatoes, succotash, green beans, carrots

### Monday — Nov. 2

#### Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spaghetti with meat sauce, roast turkey, baked stuffed fish, country fried steaks, spaghetti with marinara sauce, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, steamed wild rice ratatouille, French-style green beans, LA-style smothered squash

#### Dinner — 5 to 7 p.m.

Grilled pork chops, fried chicken, veal parmesan, cheese ravioli, spaghetti noodles, oven-browned potatoes, French-fried okra, Creole squash, collard greens

### Tuesday — Nov. 3

#### Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken fajitas, meat loaf, broccoli quiche, pineapple-glazed ham, stuffed cabbage rolls, marshmallow sweet potatoes, Spanish rice, new potatoes, pinto beans, fried cabbage, mixed vegetables

#### Dinner — 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef enchiladas, cheese enchiladas, baked fish amandine, breaded chicken patties, Cantonese pork spareribs, refried beans, mash potatoes, pork fried rice, baked potatoes, Creole green beans, Mexican corn

### Wednesday — Nov. 4

#### Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Breaded pork chops with mushroom gravy, vegetable stuffed peppers, Szechwan chicken, beef pot pie with biscuits, scalloped potatoes, brown rice, baked potatoes, lima beans, turnip greens, sauerkraut

#### Dinner — 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef and broccoli, tuna and noodle casserole, baked knockwursts, breaded veal steaks, hot German potato salad, red beans and rice, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, carrots and celery amandine, asparagus, Brussels sprouts

### Thursday — Nov. 5

#### Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tempura fried fish, Yankee pot roast, chicken parmesan, pork chop suey, cheese manicotti, fried rice, steamed rice, parsley rigatoni noodles, parsley buttered potatoes, yellow squash, green peas and mushrooms

#### Dinner — 5 to 7 p.m.

Sweet and sour chicken, vegetable lasagna, shrimp stir fry, meatballs with brown gravy, baked kielbasa sausage, mashed potatoes, baked egg noodles and cheese, steamed rice, baked parmesan tomato halves, French-fried okra, peas and carrots

*Menus are subject to change without notice*

## For Sale Fort Freebies

**For Sale:** Farouk Chi 2 in 1 digital ceramic curling and flat iron, new, in the box, auto digital technology insures the utmost of precision, straightening hair with perfectly regulated heat, and then, with the flip of a lock, it's a fully functional hair curler, retail price \$199.95, asking \$79. Call 295-9516.

**For Sale:** Eureka Powerline upright vacuum cleaner with attachments, \$20; Croscill full-size reversible comforter set, beige and floral pattern, two pillow shams and dust ruffle, \$35; queen-size comforter set, reversible, navy and floral pattern, two pillow shams and dust ruffle, \$30. Call 495-2296.

**For Sale:** Black wood dinette set with four chairs, \$125 obo; glass top dinette with stainless steel base, four chairs and matching wine rack, \$150; glass top coffee table and matching end tables with stainless steel base, \$100; pink trav-

el system, stroller and car seat, \$100; white portable crib with mattress, \$100. Call 602-1044.

**For Sale:** Two white counter height compact refrigerators, approximate dimensions are 34 inches high by 20 inches deep by 20 inches wide, both work, retail value \$120, asking \$49 each obo. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** BowFlex Extreme, purchased in 2009 for \$1,600; asking \$800. Call 822-6064 evening or 259-6286/6287.

**For Sale:** Dolly, \$15; Christmas tree, 6 feet tall, \$10; television entertainment center with shelves, wood, 8 feet by 4 feet, \$90; exercise bike, \$10; computer desk, \$35. Call 241-1291.

**For Sale:** Decorations for various occasions, birthdays, weddings, baby showers, graduations and more, various prices. Call 412-2151.

**To place a Freebie ad e-mail  
news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax 221-1198.**



# Community

## Calendar of Events

### **OCT. 29** **USO Halloween party**

The United Service Organizations will host a Halloween party Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m. at 203 W. Market St. Open to all military I.D. cardholders. To register, call 227-9373 ext. 11 or e-mail dschultz@uso.org.

### **NOV. 2** **American Society of Military Comptrollers**

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be held Nov. 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kendrick Club, Randolph Air Force

Base. All members and non-members are invited to attend. The guest speaker is Col. Chip Fulghum, Air Education and Training Command comptroller and Alamo City Chapter president. Topic will be "The SMC's of Leadership – with Some AGA's Sprinkled In..." Call 652-1065, to reserve by Oct 30.

### **NOV. 6** **Lebanese Festival**

A Lebanese Festival will be held Nov. 6-8 on the grounds of St. George Maronite Church, 6070 Babcock Road. Activities include food, music, dancing, and kids activities. Festival hours are Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday noon-11 p.m. at Sunday noon-6 p.m. Tickets are \$3, children under 12 years old \$1 and

parking is free. Call 690-9569.

### **NOV. 8** **20th Anniversary: Fall of the Berlin Wall**

A celebration commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the 60th anniversary of the Berlin airlift will be held Nov. 8 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Beethoven Maennerchor Garten and Halle, 422 Pereida, San Antonio. Call 454-7742.

### **NOV. 9** **POW/MIA Remembrance Candlelight Service**

A tribute to American Prisoners of War or Missing in Action will be held Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Cibolo Valley VFW Post 8315, 1000 FM 78, Schertz, Texas. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 658-6325.

### **NOV. 16** **Warrant Officer Association**

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of

the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet Nov. 16, 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chlucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and Family members of warrant officers are invited. For more information, call 295-6596 or 666-9818.

### **DEC. 3** **CivilianJobs.com Career Expo**

The CivilianJobs.com Career Expo will be held Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road. All military and prior military may pre-register at [www.civilianjobs.com](http://www.civilianjobs.com). For more information, call 1-678-819-4172.

### **DEC. 11** **AMEDDC&S Holiday Ball**

The Army Medical Department Center and School will hold the 2009 Holiday Ball Dec. 11 at the Sam Houston Club. Tickets are \$38 per person. For more information, call 221-3899.

## REMINDER CALENDAR

- Oct. 29** Lincoln Military Housing Mayor's Meeting, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Building 407
- Oct. 29** Consolidated Retirement Ceremony, 7:45 a.m., post flagpole
- Oct. 29** Disability Conference, 8 a.m., Sam Houston Club
- Oct. 30** Outdoor Movie Night, "Monsters vs. Aliens," 8 p.m., post flagpole
- Oct. 31** Combat Medic Run, 7 a.m.-12 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field
- Oct. 31** Halloween Party and Haunted House, 5-9 p.m., Youth Center
- Oct. 31** Outdoor Movie Night, "The Spiderwick Chronicles," 8 p.m., Dodd Field
- Oct. 31** Trick-or-Treat hours on Fort Sam Houston, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 4** Fort Sam Houston Health Benefits Fair for FSH employees, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., San Antonio Credit Union, Building 2750 in the conference room
- Nov. 5** "Los Curanderos" U.S. Army Medical Command Band concert, 5 p.m., San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- Nov. 5** Fort Sam Houston Health Benefits Fair for Brooke Army Medical Center employees, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., BAMC Medical Mall
- Nov. 7** Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Army Medical Department Center and School, Building 2841

## 259TH/307TH MP REUNION



The 259th and 307th Military Police will hold their final reunion Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. This will be the final reunion for the men who went through basic training at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis in 1950-1951

