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BACK ONE  
HOUR  
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Sgt. Joshua Jimenez, 557th Medical Company, representing Europe Regional Medical Command, climbs over an obstacle during the Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition Oct. 26 to 28 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Thirty-two teams from throughout the Army competed for the title of Army's best medic.

Photo by Lori Newman



## Grueling 72-hour competition tests Army's best medics

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Sixty-four Soldiers from across the Army competed to earn the title of best medic during a grueling 72-hour competition Oct. 26 to 28 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

The Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark Jr. Army Best Medic Competition, now in its second year, originally evolved from the Expert Field Medical Competition.

The 32 two-Soldier teams were challenged both physically and intellectually to test their tactical medical proficiency, physical fitness and leadership skills.

"These Soldier medics may be competitors today, but they will be heroes tomorrow," said Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general and commanding general, U.S. Army

Medical Command.

"The combat medic is the key component in the greater than 90 percent survival rate of our combat wounded."

After meeting only a month ago, Staff Sgt. Andrew Balha from Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colo. and Staff Sgt. Alexander Folsom from Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Wash. representing Western Regional Medical Command earned the title of best Army medic.

"Honestly, I was really surprised [we won]. I didn't think it would be us," Balha said.

It was Balha's first time competing in the best medic competition; Folsom competed last year.

"This year's competition was much more physically demanding. It had a lot more medical

tasks than last year," Folsom said. "There was a great improvement to the competition overall."

The first day each team received a written test, which they were allowed to carry with them throughout the events.

Teams rotated between the physical fitness challenge, obstacle course and the M-9 and M-4 stress shoots.

Balha liked the fact that the Soldiers could choose the order in which they competed in each day's events.

"You didn't have to go to one point, you had choices. It kind of rewarded forward thinking," he said.

Folsom credited Balha for his planning.

"It kept us in the front pretty much the whole time," Folsom said.

The team managed to

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## AIR COMMANDO LAID TO REST



Photo by Steve Elliott

Tech. Sgt. David Teets, a member of the JBSA-Lackland Honor Guard, presents a flag to Lora Wall, the mother of Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, who was laid to rest Oct. 26 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Wall's widow, Verna George Teer (right) and his sister, Lea Ann McCall (left) also received flags. See Pages 12 and 13 for story and more photos.

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# Safeguarding personally identifying information – It's your responsibility

By **Karen Frey**  
Joint Base San Antonio  
Privacy Act Officer

Due to recent breaches involving Personally Identifying Information, or PII, throughout Joint Base San Antonio, all military and civilian members, along with contractor personnel, must take responsibility for protecting all such information.

All government offices handle personal information. It is imperative leadership ensures all personnel understand what constitutes PII and learn how to properly handle such sensitive information.

PII is defined as "information that directly

identifies an individual." Examples include names, addresses, Social Security numbers, home or cell telephone numbers and email addresses.

It is vital to protect this information because it can easily result in identity theft.

Identity theft happens when an individual's personal information is used without authorization in an attempt to commit fraud or other crimes.

How can JBSA members protect Personally Identifying Information?

First, do not leave PII items such as performance reports, recall or personnel rosters in an area that could result in their loss or theft.

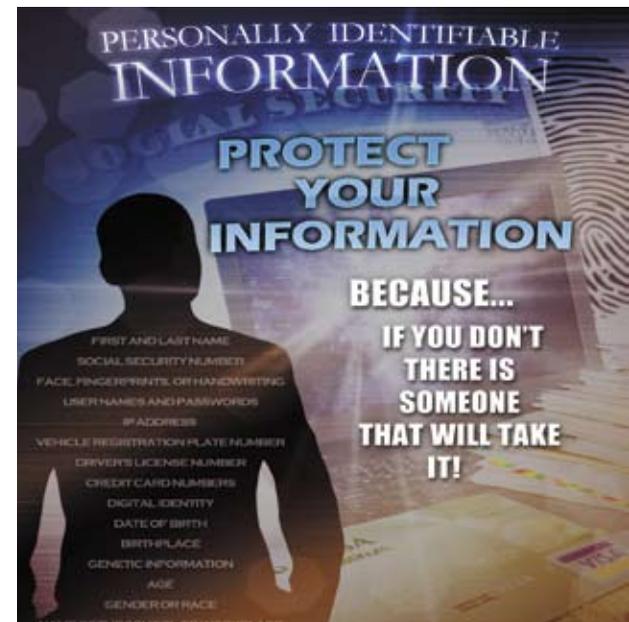
Once a person is done using this information, it needs to be disposed of. But don't just throw it in the trash. Destroy the material by shredding it, so the personal data is not recognizable and beyond reconstruction, or place it in an approved, locked recycle bin.

Always keep in mind, if you are not watching what you throw away, someone else probably is.

DOD Instruction 5400.11-R, DOD Privacy Program and AFI 33-332, Air Force Privacy Program establishes the current DOD and Air Force guidance on PII.

The Air Force has mandated that all "For Official Use Only" and PII information sent via email must be signed, encrypted, and "FOUO" must be included in the subject line (i.e., FOUO – Recall Roster).

In addition, the following Privacy Act statement should be placed at the beginning of the email



Graphic by William Parks

According to the Bureau of Justice website, 7 percent of households in the United States in 2010 (about 8.6 million households) had at least one member age 12 or older who experienced one or more types of identity theft victimization.

message: "The information herein is For Official Use Only (FOUO) which must be protected under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. Unauthorized disclosure or misuse of this PERSONAL INFORMATION may result in criminal and/or civil penalties."

However, do not indiscriminately apply this

statement to all emails. Use it only in situations when you are actually transmitting personal information for official purposes within the government.

Everyone is at risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. The monetary and emotional cost of repairing an individual's identity can be expensive, requiring years to recover.

Be diligent in protecting PII. Those found guilty of unauthorized disclosures of PII could face criminal and civil penalties.

If you are witness to an unauthorized disclosure of PII data, report it immediately to your supervisor and/or chain of command. Additionally, all PII breaches must be reported to the Joint Base San Antonio Privacy Act Officer.

For additional information on acquiring secure recycling bins for your office, PII training and/or Commander's Call presentations, call 808-0159.

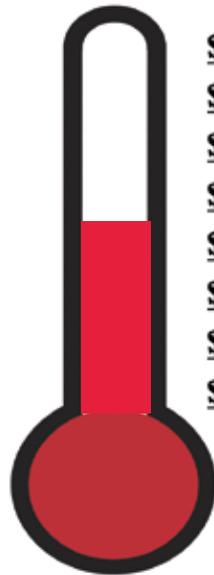
## Combined Federal Campaign goals

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Target: \$1,411,250.00

Total Contributions: \$561,640.00

Percent of Target Achieved: 40%



\$ 1,411,250.00

\$ 750,000.00

\$ 700,000.00

\$ 600,000.00

\$ 500,000.00

\$ 200,000.00

\$ 100,000.00

\$ 25,000.00



### Weekly Weather Watch

	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7
San Antonio Texas	82° AM Clouds PM Sun	82° Partly Cloudy	77° Scattered T-Storms	77° Mostly Sunny	76° Sunny	78° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	66° Sunny	67° Sunny	66° Mostly Sunny	65° Sunny	65° Mostly Sunny	66° Sunny

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

### Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Oct. 30

**CURRENT LEVEL \* = 648.8'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



# News Briefs

## Flea Market, Yard Sale

The quarterly flea market and yard sale is from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 3 at the METC 5 parking lot, across from the Army Medical Department Museum. Spots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Housing residents are welcome to sell their personally-owned items from their homes as well. Call 221-5225 for more information.

## Army Benefits Center-Civilian's Newest Benefits Tool: eRetirement

Retirement is an important milestone in an employee's life. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian offers the new eRetirement web application, located in the Employee Benefits Information System, which allows an employee to easily fill out a retirement application. Army-serviced employees, within one year of retirement, can fill out an application on the ABC-C secure website at <https://www.abc.army.mil> with a Common Access Card and then selecting the EBIS icon or web link. Next, employees enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number. Click on the eRetirement button and complete all the forms listed. Once finished, print each form individually, review closely and sign any applicable forms. Finally, send the application to the ABC-C at 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS, 66442. ABC-C reviews the application closely and sends a letter stating the application has been received. For more information on eRetirement, contact a benefits counselor at 1-877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The San Antonio Military Medical Center Cancer Committee presents "Recent Trends in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Lung Cancer" from 12:15 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the fourth-floor auditorium. Topics include epidemiology and diagnostic workup, pathology of lung cancer, surgical interventions, chemotherapy and biotherapy, role of radiation therapy and nursing interventions. This activity has been submitted to Army Nurse Corps for nursing continuing education and for Office of the Surgeon General continuing medical education. Approval is pending. Call 916-1312 or 916-4212 to register.

## Retiree Appreciation Day

A retiree appreciation day is

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Sgts. Zachery Becker and Joseph Hernandez, representing 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., begin the M-9 stress shoot Oct. 26 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

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garner two of the eight bicycles left for competitors to use to get from one event to another.

The physical fitness challenge and the obstacle course tested each competitors' strength and agility, while the M-9 and M-4 stress shoots allowed each team to demonstrate their marksmanship skills.

Inclement weather caused a three-hour delay during the first day of competition.

Once the rain stopped, the teams reset to where they left off. The teams who were unable to complete all of the day's events were allowed to

finish them on day two.

The advanced night land navigation course began at 11 p.m.

Teams were flown by helicopter and inserted into the innermost parts of JBSA-Camp Bullis. Once on the ground, each team had to locate grid coordinate locations using terrain association and topographical maps.

Day two brought new challenges for the competitors.

The teams navigated through the urban assault course engaging mock enemy, treating casualties and watching each other's back.

Three combat casualty lanes tested the competi-



Spcs. Ian Nunag and Justin Rios, representing the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., low crawl while pulling a casualty. This was one of many challenges the 32 two-Soldier teams faced during the Army Best Medic Competition.



Sgt. Ryan Savoy and Spc. Caleb Rhodes, representing the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., perform combat casualty care during the Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition Oct. 26 to 28 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

tors' ability to perform casualty care in close quarters and evacuate wounded safely.

"One of the medical lanes was pretty demanding," Folsom said.

"We were carrying an approximately 200-pound man up about a 90-degree incline," explained Balha. "It was pretty physically demanding. I think that was the toughest part.

"Being physically prepared is the key," he said.

The night combat medic lane tested each teams' ability to perform medical tasks under the cover of darkness using the tactical simulator for military medicine.

The competition concluded on day three with the competitors' turning in their written exam, more combat casualty care, a litter obstacle course and a timed 2.7 mile buddy run.

"I congratulate all of the competitors for their efforts in this competition and their contributions every day to our Soldiers and their families," Horoho said.

Priscilla Clark, widow of Command Sgt. Maj.

Jack Clark, also sent a letter of congratulations to the competitors.

"Congratulations to all the teams for being chosen to compete in this prestigious competition," she wrote. "Please know that you represent the very best that the Army Medical Command has to offer."

To the winning team she wrote ... "This

distinction will be highly regarded throughout your military career as well as in your personal achievements."

Both Folsom and Balha said they would encourage other Soldiers to compete in the Army's Best Medic Competition.

"This competition showed me a good way to train my Soldiers," Balha said.



Photos by Lori Newman

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Staff Sgt. Alexander Folsom from Madigan Army Medical Center. Folsom and Staff Sgt. Andrew Balha (center) from Evans Army Community Hospital, who represented Western Regional Medical Command, were the winners of the 2012 Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition.

# JBSA acts on surplus initiative, creates local savings

By Robert Goetz  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph  
Public Affairs

An Air Force initiative is allowing organizations throughout the service to obtain a variety of supplies in their own backyard – forgoing the use of their government purchase cards.

Known as the Air Force Unit-Purchased Supplies Efficiency Initiative, the program identifies surplus items on an installation – from office supplies and furniture to building materials and tools – and repurposes them to create local savings.

James Williams, 902nd Logistics Readiness Squadron director, said the initiative identifies supplies through unit “6S” events – sort, straighten, sweep,

standardize, sustain and safety.

“The idea is for all units to do an inventory of their surplus supplies and make them available for redistribution using local SharePoint sites,” he said.

Williams said Joint Base San Antonio members are able to obtain supplies at any JBSA location through the initiative.

“Mission partners across JBSA are working together to assemble teams to conduct the inventories and establish online listings using in-place capabilities such as SharePoint or electronic bulletin boards to make surplus supplies visible,” he said.

First Lt. Joshua Frederick, 902nd LRS officer in charge of plans and integration and 502nd

Air Base Wing point of contact for the initiative, said Randolph is “100-percent complete” in conducting 6S events, which began in late September.

“For the most part, it’s office supplies that are available, but there are also tools such as hammers, as well as lumber and other materials,” he said. “If you go to one of the websites and see something you can use, just call the POC who is listed and set up a time to go pick up the goods. We’ve loaded all supplies on the sites.”

First Lt. Anthony Lemons, 802nd LRS flight commander and 502nd ABW POC, said the initiative is gaining traction at Lackland.

“There have been an increasing number

of people contacting me with items to add to the list,” he said. “I haven’t seen a ton of stuff reutilized, but it is happening. I think more people will come to use the site as fewer funds are available to groups and squadrons in the future.”

Herb Alonzo, the 502nd ABW point of contact at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, said the location is still working on a SharePoint site, but the initiative is moving “in the right direction.”

“We have been doing something similar (to JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph), but without the SharePoint site, and it seems to be doing well,” he said. “We have recycled approximately \$75,000 in good furniture that was destined for the Defense

Reutilization and Marketing Office.”

Lemons said the initiative should prove beneficial by saving money and eliminating waste.

“With budget cuts leaving us with less money and people still needing things, this is a great way to move resources to where they are really needed.”

Frederick urged JBSA active-duty members and civilian employees to take advantage of the program by obtaining already-purchased supplies and by adding to the stockpile.

“If you see excess supplies in your work area, get together with your POC and have the items placed on a SharePoint site,” he said.

Frederick said the initiative will be an “ongoing process.”

These are the SharePoint sites that have surplus supplies available for official government use across JBSA:

Headquarters Air Education and Training Command – <https://eis.aetc.af.mil/hq/A47/Lists/SAF%20Excess%20Inventory%20List/Available%20Items.aspx>.

JBSA-Randolph, 12th Flying Training Wing – <https://randolph.eis.aetc.af.mil/12FTW/AFSO21/default.aspx>.

JBSA-Lackland, 802nd LRS – <https://lackland.eis.aetc.af.mil/802MSG/lrs/Lists/SAF%20Excess%20Inventory/Available%20Items.aspx>.

JBSA-Randolph, 902nd LRS – <https://randolph.eis.aetc.af.mil/902msg/lrs/Lists/SAF%20Excess%20Inventory/AllItems.aspx>.

For more information, call 652-4033, 671-3436 or 221-9818.

## CORPSES, WITCHES AND NINJAS, OH MY!



**Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell**

(From left) Mia, Adriana and Javier Noyola take a moment to sit on the hay bales and enjoy the festivities at the Lincoln Military Housing Monster Bash Oct. 24. Along with a costume contest, about 100 housing residents enjoyed dinner and a pumpkin patch.

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scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 at Willis Hall, Building 2841, located on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Roads. Military retirees and their families can learn current information about topics such as benefits, entitlements, health care and special services available for them. Various BAMC clinics and civilian health care providers will lead the health fair portion. Call 221-9004 or visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/hra/Retirement.aspx>.

### Flu Shots Available On and Off Post

Seasonal influenza vaccines are offered at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for Department of Defense beneficiaries 5 years and older from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 21 and 28. Vaccines for DOD beneficiaries 18 years and older are administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. Retirees can get the vaccine at the Army Medical Department Center and School from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3. Beneficiaries can also get the vaccine at no cost at one of 45,000 network pharmacies that administer vaccines to TRICARE beneficiaries. Find a participating pharmacy at <http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare/pharmacy>, or by calling Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303.

### Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu shots are available for all active duty personnel at the main immunizations clinic at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This is a mandatory requirement and must be completed by Nov. 21. Flu shots will be available for all Department of Defense beneficiaries in the WHASC atrium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Active duty will have priority. Patients with booked appointments may also receive the vaccine with their primary care manager. For more information, call 292-4278.

### Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair

All Federal employees are invited to attend the upcoming 2012 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different health care insurance options available to Federal employees. FEHB Open Season is from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. The first fair is from 9 a. m. to

# Secretary of the Air Force visits basic military training leaders, trainees

By Nathan Simmons  
AETC Public Affairs

In the wake of ongoing investigations into professional misconduct that occurred at basic military training, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley met with BMT leaders at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 23.

"It was important for me to talk to the commander and military training instructors about their experiences, and the status of corrective actions that have been put in place the last several months," Donley said.

"I want their sense of the direction we need to go to ensure the misconduct that has occurred here doesn't happen

again."

Donley met with MTIs for an hour-long feedback session in which they discussed current challenges and the way ahead.

Col. Deborah Liddick, commander of the 737th Training Group, said the secretary wanted to stress the importance of what MTIs do.

"Secretary Donley expressed his pride in the cadre and his gratitude for their critically important role in developing Airmen," Liddick said. "He said that they set the standard for the Air Force, one Airman at a time."

The 737th TG has implemented 13 measures as a result of an internal review of basic military training, which



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

(From left) Air Force basic military trainee Alexander Silva, 37th Training Wing commander Col. Mark D. Camerer and trainee Spencer Marks have lunch with Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley Oct. 23 at the 326th Training Squadron dining facility. During his visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Donley met with Airmen from the 37th Training Wing. Silva and Marks are assigned to the 326th TRS's Flight 675.

include unannounced daily visits from BMT leadership with an emphasis on nights and weekends, disallowing "closed-door" counseling sessions, and doubling

the number of MTIs assigned to controlled quarters after lights out to increase accountability. More changes are on the horizon.

"AETC plays a critical

role – as the recruiting, BMT and tech training environments reflect an individual's first interaction with the Air Force," Donley said.

"Most of our MTIs have conducted themselves in an exemplary and professional way. A few have not, and they have tarnished the image of the MTI corps," the secretary added.

"We are taking measures that will prevent this from reoccurring."

The secretary said the role of military training instructors cannot be understated, as they are vital in shaping and molding each new Airman, and getting them on the path to success in the Air Force.

Investigations surrounding misconduct at BMT are ongoing, and Air Force leaders continue to hold Airmen safety and accountability as top priorities.

## 5th Recruiting Brigade: recruiting the strength of the U.S. Army

By James E. Frost  
5th Recruiting Brigade  
Public Affairs

As Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston continues to grow with new units and missions, there are few organizations that have been here as long as the U.S. Army's 5th Recruiting Brigade.

Since the end of World War II, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston has been home to Army recruiters who help spread Uncle Sam's famous words, "I Want You For The U.S. Army!"

Located in a quiet corner of the installation, behind a row of historic homes, the brigade headquarters in Building 2006 was once a hospital. Some might

remember being born in the three-story brick structure since it was once the obstetric ward of the station hospital.

Today, the well-seasoned building is surrounded by beautiful lawns, but the work going on inside is fast and furious.

Since the overall strength of the U.S. Army depends on the quality of its people, recruiters know their vital and indispensable mission is to get great people in the right careers to ensure the Army keeps rolling along.

"Our recruiters focus on precision missions," said 5th Recruiting Brigade commander Col. L. Wayne Magee Jr. "This allows us to get the very

best people to join our ranks.

"Our recruiting operations are constantly refined to ensure our leaders have what they need to maintain our superb reputation as the most powerful and technologically-advanced Army in the world."

To accomplish their mission, the 5th Recruiting Brigade leadership team directs operations across 13 states, ensuring thousands of young men and women know about the Army career opportunities and what it takes to become "Army Strong" personally and professionally.

The team is responsible for numerous recruiting activities across a 968,446-square-mile area stretching from



Photo by James E. Frost

5th Recruiting Brigade commander Col. L. Wayne Magee Jr. and Command Sergeant Major Maurice A. Thorpe offer mentorship advice to brand new Soldiers attending skills training at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The leaders shared stories of their Army experiences and thanked the Soldiers for serving their nation, honoring their families and for choosing Army Strong lives.

the Great Plains to the California border. The brigade has seven recruiting battalions divided into 48 companies

and 333 stations. Recruiting battalion headquarters are

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## METC COMPETES IN 'PHARMACY OLYMPICS'



Photos by Lisa Braun

In honor of American Pharmacists Month, teams of instructors and staff from the Medical Education and Training Campus Pharmacy Technician program and staff from the Department of Defense Pharmacoeconomic Center competed in a game of "Pharmacy Jeopardy," one of the competitions held during the first METC and PEC Pharmacy Olympics Oct. 17. The competition consisted of four teams comprised of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and civilians. The competition tested the teams' pharmaceutical knowledge answering "Jeopardy"-formatted questions and their skill in identifying medications, calculating formulas and compiling the perfect prescription. (Left) Staff Sgt. Erica McMillan goes against the clock counting pills as Hospital Corpsmen Glenn Barron looks on. (Center) Capt. John Lusk, Chief Hospital Corpsmen Carlos Martinez and Master Sgt. Alejandro Galvan try to identify different capsules and tablets by size, shape and identifying markings. (Right) Staff Sgt. Stephen Iles tries his hand at speed counting.

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## STILWELL HOUSE VISITORS



**Photo by Kathy Salazar**

Members of the Franklin Park community listen to John Manguso (center) talk about the Stilwell House while visiting Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Oct 23. The house was built in 1888 and named in honor of Gen. Joseph Warren Stilwell, who resided there between 1939 and 1940, during his assignments as Military Attache in China from 1935 to 1939, and in command of all U.S. forces in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. The visit included a windshield tour of the post with stops at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Museum, Brenner Barracks and lunch at the Rocco dining facility.

# Fall back to safety on road, in home

By Tech. Sgt. Hilary Chadwick  
JBASA-Lackland Safety Office

Often considered as a chance to get an extra hour of sleep, there are also safety issues that come along with the change from daylight saving time to standard time on the first Sunday of November.

On Nov. 4, about 1.6 billion people will turn their clocks back an hour, marking the end of daylight saving time. The U.S. does not require states to observe daylight time, but federal law specifies that daylight time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March until 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November in areas that do not specifically exempt themselves.

Daylight saving time is observed throughout

the U.S. with the exception of Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Carnegie Mellon University scientists conducted a seven-year study which revealed that during the weeks following the the return to standard time, pedestrian deaths soar at 6 p.m.

Pedestrians are three times more likely to be hit and killed by cars after the switch than in the month prior.

During this time, the risk of being killed by a car rises by nearly 200 percent for every mile walked, according to the study.

More deer are struck by cars after the time change. Deer movement peaks at dawn and dusk, and many more



drivers are on the road at these times after the time shift. Deer usually move in family units arranged in a single file. If a deer is crossing the road, more are close behind.

Setting the clock back an hour is also a good time to consider home safety. Change smoke detector batteries in the home. A working smoke

detector more than doubles the chances of surviving a home fire. It is estimated that more than one-third of all smoke detectors in the home have dead or missing batteries.

With a few precautions and a little extra vigilance, the end to daylight time need not be a dangerous time of year.

## Allen Road closure Nov. 5 through 20

Officials from the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron have announced that Henry T. Allen Road will be closed in the mid-block area between the two main streets of Scott and Funston Roads from Nov. 5 to 20. People can access that area from each side of the streets. To access east and west traffic, motorists should follow posted detour signs which will be posted. For westbound traffic, detour along Funston Road to Schofield Road and then to Scott Road. For eastbound traffic, follow the detour northbound along Scott Road to Schofield Road and then to Funston Road. The pharmacy is accessible from H.T. Allen Road via a parking lot driveway which is 100 feet east of Schofield Road. The AAFES employee parking area is accessible from either side along H.T. Allen Road.

# AMEDDC&S hosts graduate school research day

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

More than nine platform presentations and 18 poster submissions from faculty and students with the Academy of Health Sciences Graduate School were featured at the second annual Graduate School Research Day Oct. 23 at the Army Medical Department Center and School's Willis Hall.

"Research Day is an opportunity for graduate programs and faculty to share their research with not only their colleagues and students, but also the local community," said Col. Josef Moore, dean of the Graduate School, Academy of Health Sciences and professor, Army-

Baylor Department of Physical Therapy Program. "Research is an important aspect of our mission."

"We've seen the program grow in terms of abstract submissions and involvement from our campus-based and hospital-based programs," said Lt. Col. Forest Kim, deputy director and assistant professor Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health &

Business Administration. "In future events, we hope to further involve our partners from local graduate programs outside the military."

1st Lts. Andrea Hudson, Randall Schmidt, Sarah Bolin, Mark Bishop, Lt. Cols. Michael Loughren, Joseph O'Sullivan and Dr. Arthur Johnson took the best platform presentation award for their presentation on "Comparative Resuscitation

Measures for Bupivacaine Toxicity Utilizing Lipid Emulsions in Swine (*Sus Scrofa*)."

The best poster presentation award went to Lt. Col. Reva Rogers and Maj. Renee Cole for their presentation of "Hydration Status of New and Experienced Officers Prior to Army Physical Fitness Testing." Rogers and Cole are professors with the nutrition master's degree program.



By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

The Vietnam era was a tumultuous time in the United States, and service members returning from grueling jungle combat against communist forces many times faced a homecoming they were not expecting: some were spat upon, some jeered and shunned and others were discriminated against.

No, it was certainly not the homecoming one would expect for their returning war veterans and, yes, our nation's heroes.

This treatment is not something that can be erased or taken back. However, the opportunity exists to honor those who served and sacrificed by recognizing them for their service to the nation.

The welcome back the Vietnam veterans received was, at times, a far cry from the welcome home today's Soldiers' experience.

Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Monreal, who serves as a watch NCO with U.S. Army North, was serving as an infantryman in the Kunar Province, Afghanistan, when an anti-tank round detonated near him. Monreal, who calls Corpus Christi his home, lost his left leg below his knee Aug. 24, 2010.

He said he was impressed with how the veterans who preceded him helped

to welcome him home and through his tumultuous experience.

"Three days after I lost my leg, I arrived at Walter Reed," Monreal recalled. "When I got there, there were crowds of people waiting to greet me – including many Vietnam veterans.

"They shook my hand, asked me what I needed. It was overwhelming for me. They made sure what happened to them wouldn't happen

to me. All the stuff we have today, we have because of them."

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community wants to join a grateful nation in thanking and honoring its Vietnam War veterans and their families – the fallen brothers and sisters, the wounded, those who

were held as prisoners of war and those listed as unaccounted for – as well as the organizations that served or supported the Armed Forces.

The Army team at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is inviting the public to a Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony, parade and reception Nov. 7. The ceremony will be held at the Staff Post Parade Field at 4 p.m., followed by a reception for veterans and their families from 5 to 7 p.m. in the historic Quadrangle.

Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam veteran, will serve as the guest of honor.

The official ceremony will incorporate military and civilian leaders, along with military units and City of San Antonio personnel and equipment, into a military-style ceremony complete with troops, music, police honor guards and fanfare.

The grounds will have static displays of

Vietnam-era equipment, welcome home signs and banners, yellow ribbons and helicopter flyovers, all meant to offer a celebratory environment to finally welcome these heroes home the right way.

Immediately following the ceremony on Staff Post Field, guests will be asked to line the "Corridor of Thanks" as the Vietnam veterans walk into the historic Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle.

The procession will have signs, music and a "ticker-tape" atmosphere. Inside the Quadrangle, veterans will be celebrated again at a reception complete with food, well-wishers, community leaders and Vietnam-era music.

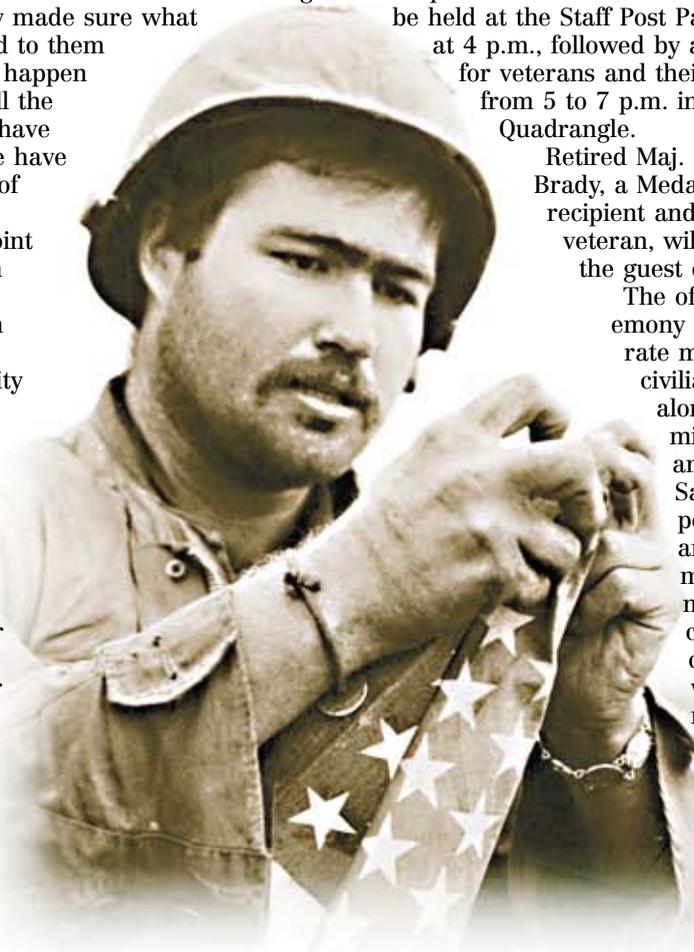
All of these events are intended to ensure our Vietnam heroes are shown how appreciated they really are. The reality of what they faced when they came home was the complete opposite of what is the accepted norm for the current generation of service members.

Hector Villareal, a Vietnam veteran who returned to the states in October 1968, said he received a warning from the military before returning, but it didn't prepare him.

"Before we were released from our respective bases, we were informed not to wear our uniforms as our country was in turmoil and was not proud of our sacrifices," Villareal said.

"As we came in, we were pegged by the civilian world and welcomed with statements like 'child-killers' and 'rapists.' We were called out as 'dopers' and 'druggies' and the scum of the earth."

Villareal, chairman and co-founder of the San Antonio Coalition for Veter-



2012 is the 30th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., which was dedicated Nov. 13, 1982.

**CALDWELL:**

## We will give our Vietnam veterans the 'Welcome Home' they deserve

By Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV  
Commanding General, U.S. Army North and  
Senior Commander of Fort Sam Houston and  
Camp Bullis.

In May, President Obama declared 2012 as the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War – remembered by many as one of our nation's most painful experiences.

When my father returned from Vietnam in 1968, he didn't come back to cheers and fanfare, as our men and women in uniform do today. My father came home from war in a taxi cab, dressed in civilian clothes.

The anti-war sentiment in America was so hurtful that many service members were reluctant to be seen in public wearing their uniforms.

Many Vietnam veterans recall sealing their medals in a plastic bag, stowed away in a duffel bag, only to be opened many years later. Most have never even mentioned their war-time service to our nation.

One of our local veterans, Fred Castaneda, best describes his homecoming using a phrase from a History Channel documentary: "A rejection by an ungrateful American Public."

When I met with him in August, he had a sticker he carries with him in his notebook, echoing the slogan of the Vietnam Veterans of America, which reads: "Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another."

We won't. America cannot be more proud of the accomplishments of our Vietnam veterans, both during the war and after.

Vietnam vets were among the first to man our nation's first "Vet Centers." They were also among the first to speak publicly about the burden of post-traumatic stress, a phenomenon that has plagued Soldiers since ancient times. They fought for many of the institutions today's veterans

take for granted, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs — now a cabinet-level position.

Many have gone on to lead fulfilling and successful lives: three Vietnam veterans – all U.S. senators – have run for president; a Vietnam vet mapped the human genome; and Vietnam vets serve as CEOs in our nation's most prestigious businesses.

Though many have been maligned in popular media, most Vietnam veterans have gone on to enrich the lives of all of us.

We as a nation are not proud of the way we treated our Vietnam veterans upon their return home. But now, we have a chance to make things right.

On Nov. 7, the Army team at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the City of San Antonio will give our Vietnam veterans the "Welcome Home" they deserve.

We invite you to join us here at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, at Staff Post Field, adjacent to the historic Quadrangle, for a much-deserved "Welcome Home" for these patriotic men and women. The people of San Antonio are welcome to help us pay tribute to these extraordinary Americans.

Our Vietnam-era veterans – Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force – are free to "come as they are." However, if you can still find your uniform, it would be a great opportunity to finally wear it with pride – even if it's just a piece of your uniform, such as a medal or a hat.

This is a chance for us, as a community, to finally do justice for these brave patriots. Help us to give them their long-overdue welcome home at 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at historic JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

*(Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV's father, retired Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell III, is a proud Vietnam veteran and also a former commander of Fifth Army at Fort Sam Houston.)*

## Combat medic recalls major battle of Vietnam War

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

Nearly 50 years ago, an Army officer was heading into work one day when front-page headlines about an upcoming Army deployment to Vietnam caught his eye.

Without hesitation, George Kelling marched into the general's office at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, where he served as a general's aide, and volunteered to go. He had orders that same day.

A few months later, the Missouri native and father of two deployed as a combat medic with the 1st Cavalry Division to Vietnam, where he soon became embroiled in one of the most significant and deadliest battles of the war: the Battle of Ia Drang Valley.

Kelling first traveled with his unit overseas to An Khe, where he helped set up base camp in the Central Highlands of Vietnam in the fall of 1965. He took part in several small operations, but recalls a lull in action that he now sees as the calm before the storm.

The North Vietnamese

had been planning an offensive calling for the destruction of Special Forces camps at Plei Me, Dak Sut and others, as well as the seizure of Pleiku city.

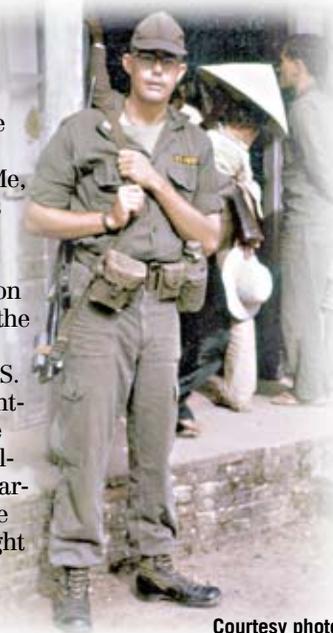
The Plei Me operation was unsuccessful and the 1st Cavalry's 1st Brigade began pursuit. U.S. troops also had pinpointed a North Vietnamese base near Ia Drang Valley, and flew into a clearing in the middle of the valley, where they fought for three days against the People's Army of Vietnam.

Kelling's skills as a medic soon came into play. He was placed at a medical clearing station, where patients were stabilized and readied for further evacuation after initial treatment at a battalion aid station.

He vividly recalls the massive influx of casualties from the battlefield – most times preceded by the whooshing sound of a chopper rotor.

"They'd take ammunition in and come back with wounded," he said of the Army helicopters. "We'd see up to 60 patients arrive at one time."

The injuries, Kelling noted, were mostly gun-



Courtesy photo

shot wounds with some fragment wounds from grenades and mortars.

"The wounds were generally at close range," he said. "If you got hit, you got hit pretty bad."

Kelling vividly remembers blood and screams of pain, but said he kept his focus on his mission: saving lives.

He recalls one balmy night in 1966 when a doctor asked him to assist with an amputation of a Soldier; he didn't hesitate to say yes. They set up in a tent and lifted the flaps to ward off the 102 degree heat. When

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### THEN AND NOW

	THEN (1970)	1990	NOW (2010)
U.S. Census	203,302,031	248,709,873	311,591,917
Texas	11,198,655	16,986,510	25,145,561
San Antonio	654,153	935,933	1,327,407
Overall Military	3,064,760	2,043,705	1,425,113
Army	1,322,548	732,403	565,463
Air Force	791,349	535,233	333,370
Navy	691,126	579,417	325,123
Marine Corps	259,737	196,652	201,157

For most of U.S. history, less than one percent of the population served in the military, except for brief periods when the country was at war.

# Vietnam veterans continue to serve at Army South

By Sgt. Tamika Exom  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Veterans continue to contribute and serve their country long after taking off their uniforms, and for 16 Department of Defense civilian employees at U.S. Army South who served in Vietnam, this is still the case.

It's fitting that these 16 employees work here because Army South played an important training role during the Vietnam War. Army South, formerly known as the U.S. Army Caribbean Command, ran the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Fort Sherman, Panama, from 1951 to 1999.

JWTC trained hundreds of U.S. personnel in infantry and aviation tactics and jungle operations before being deployed to Vietnam.

As these proud Ameri-

cans continue to serve and give back, the Army wants to ensure they and all veterans are taken care of and not forgotten.

This year, the Army is working with DOD and other government agencies as part of its campaign: "Once a Soldier, a Soldier for life" to improve services to Soldiers and returning veterans as they transition to civilian life.

R. Keith Lane, a command safety officer at Army South, who served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966, described his experiences with the Army as positive to include his coming home.

"I didn't have a bad experience," said Lane, as he recalled coming home 10 days early, alone and without his unit.

Lane returned home

early to attend his father's funeral, which, unfortunately, he missed.

Edgar Terrazas, a command interpreter/translator at Army South, recalls feeling some lack of gratitude and recognition; but nevertheless, he wanted to continue to serve his country as a civil service employee.



Terrazas served in the U.S. Air Force as a records custodian for a USAF advisory team at Bien Hoa from 1972 to 1973.

"The sacrifices we made were many," said Terrazas, whose sacrifice included missing the first year of his child's life while in Vietnam. "We relied heavily on letters and pictures then. There was little communication, or communication was far and infrequent."

Born in Bolivia, Terrazas recalled feeling "relieved – as well as a great deal of pride. I felt like I paid the price to be here and to say 'I am an American.'"

As U.S. President John F. Kennedy once said: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

## AMERICA'S WARS: FROM VIETNAM TO TODAY

### Vietnam War (1964–1975)

Total service members: 8,744,000

Serving in-theater: 3,403,000

Battle deaths: 47,434

Other deaths in service (theater): 10,786

Other deaths in service (non-theater): 32,000

Non-mortal wounded: 153,303

Living veterans: 7,391,000

### Gulf War (1990–1991)

Total service members: 2,322,000

Serving in-theater: 694,550

Battle deaths: 148

Other deaths in service (theater): 235

Other deaths in service (non-theater): 1,565

Non-mortal wounded: 467

Living veterans: 2,244,583

### America's Wars Total (1775–1991)

Military service during war:

41,892,128

Battle deaths: 651,031

Other deaths in service (theater):

308,800

Other deaths in service (non-theater): 230,254

Non-mortal wounded: 1,430,290

Living war veterans: 16,962,000

Living veterans: 23,234,000

### Global War on Terror

Total service members (Worldwide) (as of September 2011): 1,468,364

Deployed to Iraq (Operation New Dawn) (as of Dec. 31, 2011): 0

Deployed to Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) (as of June

2011): 45,000

Battle Deaths: 5,078

Other Deaths (theater): 1,378

Non-mortal wounded: 48,104

(Source: Department of Defense and Veterans Administration and America's Wars: U.S. Casualties and Veterans at <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0004615.html#ixzz29TjZ1bn>)

## WELCOME from PT1

ans, said that returning veterans did not share their experiences – or try to get help.

"We knew we were not the same in mind and heart, but we believed that that was part of war so we 'sucked it up' and buried our memories, awards and decorations," Villareal said.

Tony Martinez, commander of the Austin Chapter of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, said that he tries to deal with his feelings about his time in Vietnam, and his return to the United States, but that he isn't very successful.

"I feel a little like there is a wall there that I can't bring down. We were the best that America had to offer then," Martinez mused with a shrug.

He said it is good that the nation is finally recognizing the sacrifices made by Vietnam veterans, but he has mixed feelings about Vietnam anniversary ceremonies.

"I think it's a good thing, but it is a little late," Martinez said. "They treated us really bad. I don't know if I could just come back and say, 'you know, it's OK.' I lost too many friends to just let it go. Who's talking for them?"

For many veterans, traveling through many cities was gut-wrenching but finally returning to San Antonio from Vietnam was not bad.

"I never had a problem in San Antonio," said James Lazo Jr., senior vice commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8936 in San Antonio. "It's a military town. We sup-

port each other, and they showed me that support when I returned to my civil service job at Kelly Air Force Base."

Lazo, who served as a fire direction control/forward observer in the 173rd Airborne in Vietnam, said he is looking forward to the welcome home ceremony.

"I think it's great that Vietnam veterans are being recognized, and it's definitely a morale booster for all veterans, regardless of wars," Lazo said.

"We still carry our scars with us, whether they are physical, mental or emotional, and it's reassuring to hear that we did the right thing – that our service was honorable in the eyes of our country."

Villareal, a Vietnam draftee who chose to stay

in the Army and retired as a lieutenant colonel, said he hoped the Welcome Home ceremony is just the beginning.

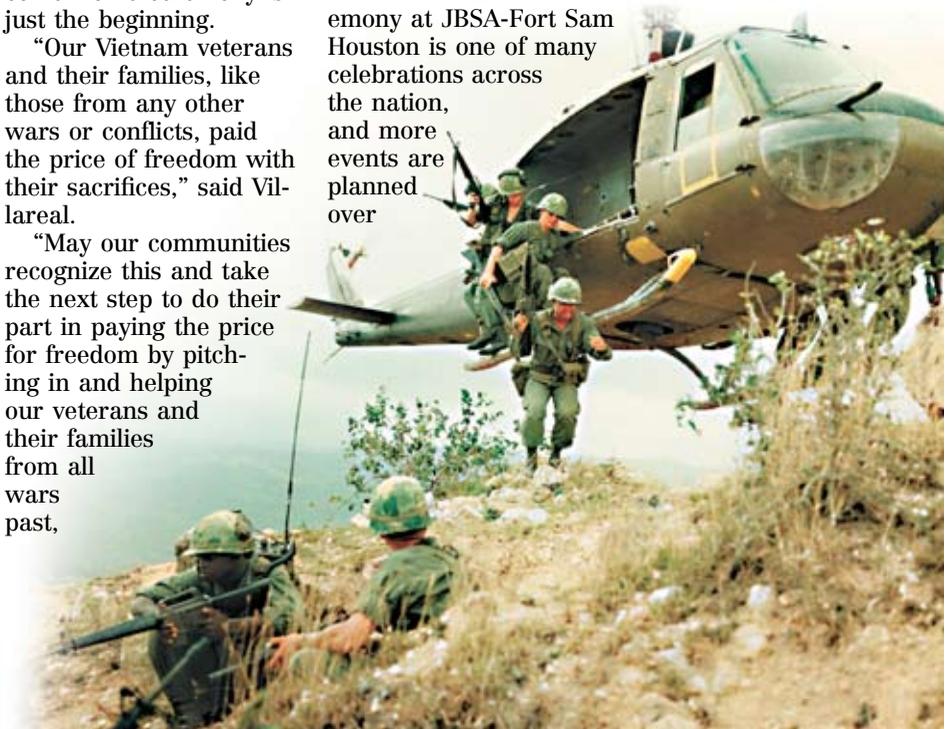
"Our Vietnam veterans and their families, like those from any other wars or conflicts, paid the price of freedom with their sacrifices," said Villareal.

"May our communities recognize this and take the next step to do their part in paying the price for freedom by pitching in and helping our veterans and their families from all wars past,

present and future – with gusto and thankfulness."

The Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is one of many celebrations across the nation, and more events are planned over

the course of the next several years to honor Vietnam veterans here and elsewhere.



**KELLING from PT2**

the light hit the patient's face, Kelling saw he was North Vietnamese, but it made no difference to the medic.

"He was going to die if we didn't save him," he said. "Our job was to treat people, whether American or North Vietnamese."

Kelling also vividly remembers troops' dedication and courage.

He was working triage

one day – weeding out the most injured – when a battalion sergeant major hopped out of a helicopter.

"Take care of these people first," the Soldier called out, purposely neglecting to mention his open chest wound. "He didn't care about himself," Kelling said. "Only his troops."

The battle of Ia Drang lasted for about a month, Kelling said. The North Vietnamese pulled back and Kelling went to a base camp in Pleiku.

This major clash of U.S. Army and North Vietnamese forces in the Pleiku province later was dramatized in the 2002 movie "We Were Soldiers." People remember this battle for its effective use of helicopter assistance and for the success of U.S. forces in the face of overwhelming resistance.

However, the November

1965 battle was costly for the U.S. – 79 Soldiers were killed at Landing Zone X-Ray, and 155 more from 2nd Battalion after an ambush at LZ Albany. More than 250 troops were wounded at Ia Drang Valley, while about 300 Soldiers died in the entire 35-day operation, according to an Army News article. History ex-

perts estimate more than 1,000 enemy losses.

Kelling took part in several operations to the Central Highlands and coast before returning to the States in 1966.

After a training course, Kelling became the adjutant for then-Brooke Army Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston in 1967. He took assignments around the world before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1978.

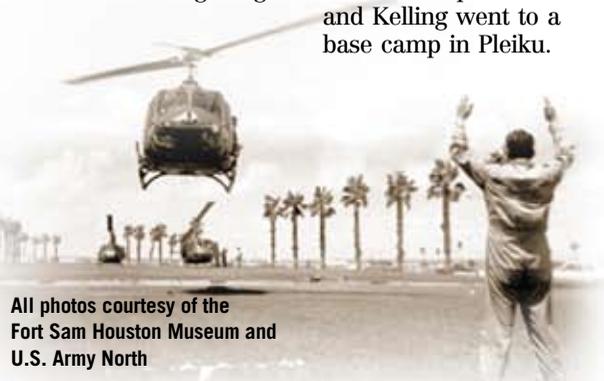
His last day in the Army was his first day

of graduate school. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees in history and worked as an Air Force civilian for a dozen years before his retirement in San Antonio.

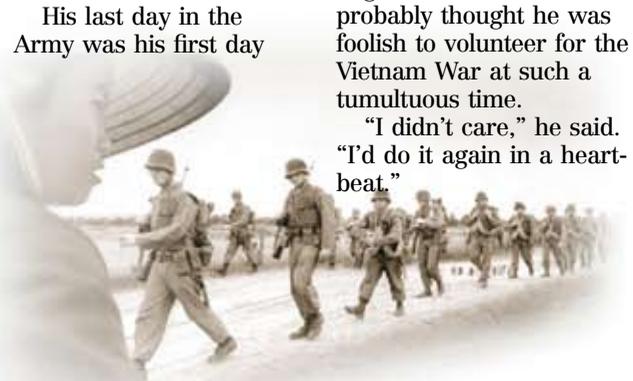
Kelling's son, George, followed in dad's military footsteps, serving 23 years in the Marine Corps before taking a civil service job at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Looking back, Kelling said most onlookers probably thought he was foolish to volunteer for the Vietnam War at such a tumultuous time.

"I didn't care," he said. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."



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**1946** Ho Chi Minh was a fierce Vietnamese nationalist and a communist. He led the nation against the Japanese in World War II. Afterwards he fought against French colonial control in the First Indochina War, starting in 1946.

**1955** Ngo Dinh Diem became president of South Vietnam in 1955. The US supported him because he was anticommunist. When he cancelled the reunification elections, the Second Indochina War began. The US sent in many military advisors.

**1964** After a US naval destroyer, the *USS Maddox*, was attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin Incident in 1964, President Johnson passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. This permitted the US to massively escalate its involvement in the war, sending in planes and combat troops.

**1973** Peace talks began in 1968 and the general withdrawal of US troops began in 1969. The Paris Peace Accords of 1973 ended direct US involvement in the war. Congress also acted to limit the ability of the president to conduct war.

**1954** Vietnam, led by the Vietminh, defeated the French. The Geneva Accords granted Indochina independence and temporarily divided Vietnam along the 17th parallel. President Eisenhower was worried about the domino theory happening in Southeast Asia.

**1963** The South was also under threat from the Vietcong, a communist opposition group. The policies of the US and the South were ineffective, so Diem was removed in a 1963 coup. The US increased its involvement, but it would not commit troops.

**1968** Despite the US leading the war effort, due to the nature of guerrilla warfare, it was becoming a stalemate. The Tet Offensive, a surprise attack by the North in 1968, was a turning point as US public opinion began to turn against the war.

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# Missing for 46 years in Vietnam, Air Commando finally laid to rest

By Capt. Kristen D. Duncan

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An Air Commando who died when his C-123 flare ship was shot down over Ahn Khe, Vietnam, was laid to rest Oct. 26 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

The 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster, Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, 24,

was killed when his plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed into the central highlands, May 18, 1966. Until recently, Wall, who was one of five crew members, was listed as missing in action.

In an intense recovery operation, three of the other airmen's remains were recovered shortly after the crash by Soldiers of the 7th Cavalry Regiment. The flight engineer,

Bill Moore, remains missing.

"I thought there was a possibility Jerry and Bill were still alive," said retired Senior Master Sgt. Gary Thomas, a volunteer with Wall's unit. "That situation stuck with me for my whole life."

That situation involved a small, tight-knit group of aircrew volunteers from various backgrounds. Thomas, a first sergeant with the 14th Muni-

tions and Maintenance Squadron, spent a few months with Wall. Wall trained Thomas and several others as "flare kickers" loading the approximately 200 27-pound flares.

"Jerry was so cool and calm, he was one heck of a guy," Thomas said. "He had already been into battle and was highly trained. When I first trained with him, it really shocked me to go into battle,

and when he started going over how those flares could blow up and kill us. There's a lot of heroism in the 310th Air Commandos."

The night of the fateful crash, Thomas was scheduled to fly, but was sidelined due to an ear infection. The lead scheduler, Master Sgt. Raymond C. Jajtner, took his place.

Thomas said everyone knew



Photo by Steve Elliott

the danger of flying those missions, loaded with highly flammable magnesium flares. Wall's flight was hit with a 40 mm round, according to witness statements.

"When you're in combat and when you make friends, even if it's for a very short time, it's a real brotherhood," Thomas said. "It never goes away."

Air Commandos provided combat air patrol and airlift to the soldiers, delivering ammo, food, supplies and troops.

They also flew out wounded and killed in action GI's, as well as prisoners, but one of the most harrowing jobs was the "candlestick" mission.

During those missions, loadmasters and flare kickers would load, unload and drop hundreds of flares from the skies over southern Vietnam, illuminating the enemy.

"It was a firefight, the Vietcong loved to attack," he said. "We had B-52s dropping bombs right outside our wings, ground artillery coming up, everybody is unloading. It got to be like the 4th of July, but of course, you were scared."

According to the Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office, since 1973, the remains of more than 900 Americans killed in the Vietnam War have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting

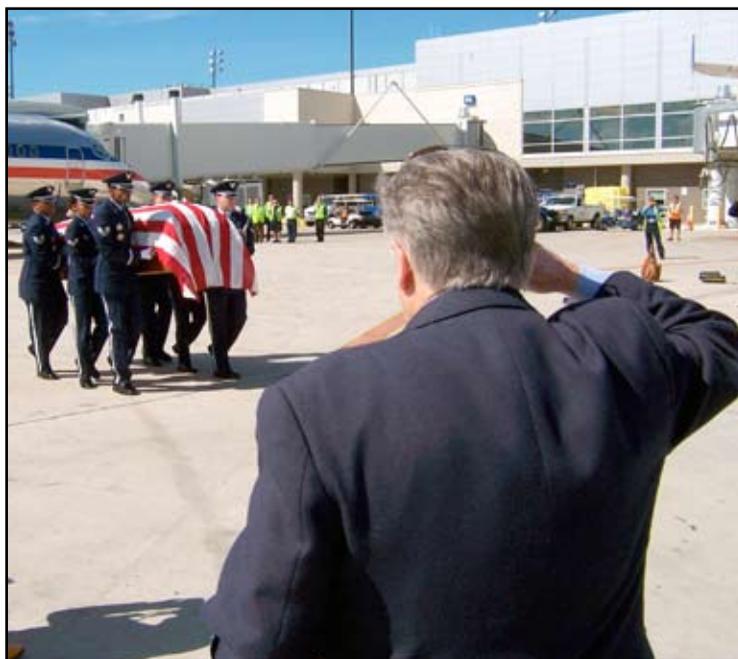


Photo courtesy of Gary Thomas

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Gary Thomas and several of Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall's family members greeted the flag-draped casket when it arrived to San Antonio Oct. 24, aboard American Airlines Flight 497. Passengers on the plane watched from their windows as the San Antonio Fire Department honored the flight with a water cannon salute and as the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Honor Guard carried Wall's remains to a waiting hearse.

Command conducted an investigation mission in June 2007 and identified a site that was recommended for recovery.

In March 2011 and March 2012, JPAC conducted recovery operations at the site and recovered human remains and material evidence at the site, according to the press release.

For more than a decade the United States has conducted

joint field activities with the governments of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to recover the remains of missing Americans, according to their website.

Throughout those countries, teams continue to investigate crash and burial sites, as well as interview locals to gain additional knowledge. Today, more than 1,600 Americans remain unaccounted for from the conflict.

"I'm so grateful and very proud of my nation that persevered for so long in searching for my father's remains," said Lea Ann Wall McCann. "It's been a long journey home."

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Photo by Steve Elliott

Members of the San Antonio Chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders line the road at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery to honor the return of the remains of Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, who was laid to rest Oct. 26. Wall, a 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster was killed at the age of 24 when his plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed into the central highlands, May 18, 1966. Until recently, Wall was listed as missing in action.

"Everyone involved in making this happen has been wonderful to our family, from the sergeant who escorted his body

to San Antonio, to the VA and the VFW, to the color guard," McCann said.



Photo courtesy AFSOC History Office

An Air Commando who died when his C-123 flare ship, similar to the one pictured, was shot down over Ahn Khe, Vietnam, was laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Oct. 26. The 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster, Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, and his unit of Air Commandos provided combat air patrol and airlift to Soldiers, delivering ammo, food, supplies and troops.



## WOUNDED WARRIORS' FAMILIES INTERACT WITH EXOTIC ANIMALS

Caitlin Barclay, an employee with Zoomagination, shows off a large tarantula to a group of children during an exotic animal petting zoo event held Oct. 18 at the Warrior and Family Support Center. Zoomagination and Zoofari Animal Outreach, in conjunction with the WFSC and the Fredericksburg Rotary Club, hosted the event to help wounded warriors and their families during the warriors' recovery process.



Children crowd around a baby alligator for a chance to pet it during an exotic animal petting zoo event held Oct. 18 at the Warrior and Family Support Center.

**Photos by Staff  
Sgt. Corey Baltos**

# Online access simplifies dependent updates

By Debbie Gildea  
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Public Affairs

Family situations can be complicated, but updating family benefit information doesn't have to be, now that it can be done online.

Dependent family members must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and in many instances must have a valid dependent identification card, to access medical, dental and other benefits. In the past, Airmen geographically separated from their dependents faced a multi-step, back-and-forth process to accomplish some of these updates in DEERS.

Those days are history, thanks to the real-time Automated Personnel

Identification System Self-Service portal, said Ed Yoder, Air Force DEERS Project Office, Air Force Personnel Center Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

The self-service portal is one of several tools developed by the Defense Manpower Data Center in an on-going enterprise-wide initiative to expand online customer self service options for Department of Defense and uniformed service populations.

"Most Airmen can't drop what they're doing to resolve DEERS and ID card problems," Yoder said. "And if they're deployed or stationed separate from their dependents, they face even greater challenges. This new system capability will help Air Force members take care of their

families."

Implemented in September, the RAPIDS Self Service portal allows Common Access Card-holders to digitally sign required documents which are then accessible to all ID card-issuing facilities world-wide. A dependent who is thousands of miles away can then go to the nearest RAPIDS ID card-issuing facility and complete the update process or have a new ID card issued.

Prior to the online option, members had to go in person to a military personnel office, sign in, wait for their turn, complete and wet-sign the forms, and fax them to the dependent's servicing personnel section so that the dependent could complete the paperwork and get their new ID.

"That was the simple

process," Yoder said. "If a member's situation was unusual in any way, it became more complicated, requiring greater effort on behalf of the member and personnel office."

For example, one member had to fax initial forms to his ex-wife so that she could get proof that their son was attending college as a full-time student. She then faxed the documents back, and the member had to go back to the personnel section, finish the paperwork and the personnel specialist faxed them to the servicing section for ID card completion.

"This process is very manually intensive and it could take a several days to complete, during which time, the dependent would be without active benefits or a valid

ID card," Yoder said.

The new RAPIDS Self-Service process is designed to update DEERS records and renew or reissue ID cards only, Yoder said. Initial DEERS enrollment and ID card issuance requires the member's presence.

In addition to DEERS and ID card actions, members can access the RAPIDS Self-Service portal to add or change an email address for signature and email encryption certificates, download certain applications, view and update contact information and more.

Go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self-service/rapids/authenticated?execution=e1s1> to access the portal, and follow the screen prompts to add or update information.

For more information about personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

## RECRUIT from P6

located in Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Mo., Oklahoma City, Phoenix and San Antonio.

As the Army adjusts to new missions and operational requirements, recruiters are trained to recruit the Soldiers the Army needs for today and for the future. They seek the highest-quality men and women to become the "Next Greatest Generation" of skilled professionals.

Recruiters are always on the lookout for a new class of Soldiers who know how to leverage modern technology, who want to serve the causes of freedom and democracy and who are interested in achieving balance and success in their personal and professional lives.

For more information, click on <http://www.usarec.army.mil/5thbde/>.

# USAISR Soldier helps lead Army softball team to championship title

By Steven Galvan  
USAISR Public Affairs

What started out as something to do as a six-year-old Army brat growing up in Killeen, Texas, culminated into a U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Soldier being selected to play for the 2012 All-Army men's softball team and go on to represent the Army as a member of the All-Armed Forces team.

Sgt. Leonardo Aviles, a dental lab technician at the Institute of Surgical Research's Dental and Trauma Research Detachment, played outfield for the Army and helped lead them to the gold medal, taking the championship title from the Air Force team, the reigning champions for the last three years.

"It was a great experience," Aviles said. "It was definitely one of the best teams the Army has had for a while because we run-ruled every game we won.

"In softball, if a team is leading by 15 runs in the fourth inning or 10 in the fifth, the game is won by the leading team."

This was Aviles' second year trying out for the All-Army softball team. Making the team is no easy task.

First, potential players submit applications to the All-Army Sports office at the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston where they are reviewed by the staff and team coach.

This year, 250 applications were reviewed and



U.S. Army photo

Sgt. Leonardo Aviles swings at a pitch during an All-Army softball game against the All-Marine Corps team at Fort Sill, Okla., last month.

25 Soldiers were invited to attend the two-week tryout camp where 10 players were cut.

"I wasn't prepared for last year's tryouts," Aviles said. "I had just completed dental lab school and didn't have too much time to practice. The pace

of the tryouts was overwhelming."

Aviles was determined to make the team. For a year he honed his baseball skills by playing for his unit's softball team while stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

"I didn't think I was

going to get invited back," he said. "I submitted my application and the coach called me and told me that I was invited to the try-outs."

This time Aviles was ready.

"I saw a lot of familiar faces and I was more relaxed and confident," he said.

During the All-Armed Forces Championship tournament held at Fort Sill, Okla., in September, Aviles batted .731 and hit three home runs.

The Army won the tournament with a 7-2 record and Aviles was invited to play with the All-Armed Forces team at the Amateur Softball Association of America National Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla. where the team finished the tournament with a 2-2 record.

"Playing on the All-Armed Forces team was like icing on the cake," Aviles said. "My main goal was to make the All-Army team and win the gold medal. Then I found out that I made the All-Armed Forces team. That was awesome."

After 40 straight days of playing softball Aviles thought he was done playing for a while. A couple of days after returning from the national tournament he was asked to play for a JBSA-Fort Sam Houston intramural team.

"I like playing at the Varsity A or B level, but they needed some guys, so I decided to play," he said. "This will help me keep me stay sharp because I've been asked to submit an application next year and try out to play third base."

## DOGGIE DIPS DELIGHTS CANINES, HUMANS ALIKE

Approximately 50 dogs, along with 100 humans, had a splashing good time at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Aquatic Center Oct. 20 at this year's "Doggie Dip."

There were hot dogs, chips and sodas for the owners and a disposable poop bag full of treats for the dogs. The owners appreciated the humor in the gift and a few even used them for their intended purpose. There were also giveaways of rope toys, collapsible bowls and doggie discs.

All the pooches were well behaved and appeared to have a very good time.



(From left) Lt. Dan, Jenny and Forrest, all Anatolian Shepherd mixes, won the Howl-o-ween Costume Contest as the "Three Amigos" at this year's Doggie Dip.



Hamilton T. Bone, aka Ham Bone, a thoroughbred mutt, demonstrates his muzzle-wave technique during the Doggie Dip.



Yellow Labrador Bella takes the plunge at this year's Doggie Dip.



Photos by Sharon V. Andrews

A wet dog is a happy dog at the Doggie Dip.

## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Nov. 8

Thanksgiving luncheon, 10:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Flu mist, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Veteran's recognition

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School Nov. 6

Book fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., media center  
Josten's taking senior orders, during lunch in foyer

### Nov. 7

Book fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., media center  
Josten's taking senior orders, during lunch in foyer

### Nov. 8

Book fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., media center  
Book fair family night, 6 to 8 p.m., media center  
(10 percent discount Nov. 8 only)

Junior varsity football vs. Jourdanton, 6 p.m.

Middle school football at Jourdanton, 5/6:30 p.m.

### Nov. 9

Book fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., media center  
Veteran's Day celebration, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,  
Cole Gym

Varsity Football at Jourdanton, 7:30 p.m.

### Nov. 10

Fall Musical Rehearsals, Moseley Gym, 1 to 4 p.m.

# Cole Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration successful

By Robert Hoffmann  
Robert G. Cole High School

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Robert G. Cole High School Spanish teacher Jo Chacón's Spanish II students created their very own "mercado" Oct. 16, featuring 46 booths of food, crafts, games, music, dance and information about a wide variety of Hispanic-American people and achievements.

The varsity choir, directed by Dan Vasquez, opened the festivities with a capella performance of the traditional love song "Volver, Volver." Senior Ruby Gibson and junior Elise Miller served as master of ceremonies.

In addition, Spanish

National Honor Society members sponsored "The Pulsera Project," which is a non-profit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Nicaraguan youth with students in more than 300 U.S. schools through the sale of colorful, hand-woven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish.

More than 110 pulseras were sold during the celebration, and during the week-long sale, 801 pulseras were sold for a total profit of \$4,005.

"Selling that many pulseras creates more than 1,000 hours of fair-trade employment for these artisans, plus you have raised enough money to fund five full years' worth of scholarships," said



Photo by Robert Hoffmann

Ruby Gibson and Elise Miller display pulseras for sale during Cole High School's 2012 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration held in Cole's Moseley Gym Oct. 16.

Chris Howell, co-founder of The Pulsera Project.

"The fact that just

one school community can generate that much impact is truly astonishing, and it

reminds us of how much difference we can make if we work together."

# INSIDE THE GATE

## Flea Market and Yard Sale

Spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for the sale from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Medical Education and Training Center parking lot 5. This is a new location for the flea market, which was formally held at the MacArthur Parade Field parking lot. Housing residents are welcome to sell their personally-owned items from their homes as well.

## Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

## Intramural Basketball, Bowling Sign Ups

Letters of intent are due Nov. 5 for participants in the intramural basketball league at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Center. Season begins Nov. 26. Letters of intent are due Nov. 26 for participants in intramural bowling at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. The season begins Jan. 7. Letters of intent may be dropped off at the Fitness Center on the METC. Intramural sports are open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders at least 18 years old. For information, call 808-5710.

## Federal Resume Writing

Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

## Infant Massage

Nov. 5, 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10-11:30 a.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

## Intro to Computers

Nov. 6, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Post Deployment Planning Training

Nov. 6, 9-10:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797,

call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Family Readiness Group Forum

Nov. 6, noon-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Savings and Investing

Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## Word Level 1

Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Rear Detachment Training

Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Armed Forces Team Building Level 2

Nov. 7-8, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Installation Chaplain Training Room, Building 2530, call 221-0918 or 221-2611.

## 24/7 Dads

Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, noon- 2 p.m., San Antonio Credit Union on Stanley Road. This is a four-part series and snacks will be provided, call 221-0349.

## 5 Love Languages for Teens

Nov. 7 and 14, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

## Pre-Deployment Planning Training

Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Overview of Procedural Safeguards

Nov. 8, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2962.ass-online-registration

## Employment Search Orientation

Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516.

## Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Force Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. Call 221-2336 for more information.

## Microsoft Store Hiring Event

Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrun-

ner Community Center, Building 2797. Microsoft will open a "pop-up store" in San Antonio soon. Management level and sales personnel are needed. Applications can be filled out at the event, online, computers are provided. Thirty to 40 individuals will be hired, as well as additional seasonal help. Open to all military, retirees and ID cardholders and DOD civilians. Call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

## Turkey Trot

In anticipation of a Thanksgiving Day feast, runners are invited to the annual Turkey Trot at 7 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Following the trot, participants will enjoy complimentary fruit and refreshments and can take their chance in the turkey raffle. Call 221-1234 for information.

## Thanksgiving 2012 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

The dining facilities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis will be serving Thanksgiving meals Nov. 21-22. Hours are: noon-2 p.m., Rocco DFAC No. 1, Building 2745; noon-2:30 p.m., DFAC No. 3, Building 1287; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 21 Camp Bullis DFAC No. 4, Building 5107. The Slagel DFAC No. 2, Building 1377 will be closed.

## Fall Ball Sign Up

Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5 to 15 years of age. Registration deadline is Nov. 30 at Parent Central, Building 2797. Cost is \$65. Children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of registration. Call 221-5519/5513.

## Wrap Up Some Holiday Funds

Private organizations, unofficial activities and informal funds authorized to operate on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston can raise funds for their causes while spreading some holiday cheer. The JBSA-FSH Post Exchange is seeking partners for the annual community gift wrap program. The program runs from Black Friday (Nov. 23) through Christmas Eve. Call 221-0010 for available dates. Organizations are asked to provide their own tape, ribbons, bows and scissors.

## Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets

The Sam Houston Community Center ticket office, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, 7 p.m. Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 29, Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Dec. 23. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 226-1663.

## Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6, 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381 for information.

## Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

## Cloverleaf Communicators Club

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 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

## Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the

Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

## Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

## Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.

## Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

## COLE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy photo

Each month, Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools recognize one student from each grade level for his or her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The October recipients are (front row, from left) Tyler Nichols, sixth grade; Kina Wong, ninth grade; Ruby Gibson, 12th grade; Sarah Haftorson, seventh grade; (back row, from left) Jonathan Hokana, 11th grade; Jordan Douglas, eighth grade and Jackson Czelusniak, 10th grade.

# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## The Wurstfest Walk

The New Braunfels Marsch-und Wandergruppe volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Nov. 3-4 starting at the Schlitterbahn Employee Cafe, at the corner of

Liberty St and North St., New Braunfels. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. For information, call 830-226-7035.

## Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

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

duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

## Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months,

a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

## Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, will feature a life-size dinosaur exhibit through Dec. 31. Call 207-3255 or visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.



**FOR SALE:** Forward-facing car seat/booster seat for children 22-100 pounds, deluxe high-back model, \$35. Call 495-2296.

**FOR SALE:** King-size mattress with

two box springs, excellent condition, \$225; five new cartridges for HP printers - high capacity 564XL, in five colors: cyan, magenta, yellow, photo and black, \$15; Moen kitchen faucet, chrome and porcelain handles, lifetime warranty, \$23; dinette table, \$20; skateboard, \$20. Call 313-0061. **GARAGE SALE:** Nov. 2 and 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 3119 Leyte, everything must go.

## NEWS from P6

3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Roadrunner Community Center, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. The second fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the medical mall next to the pain clinic. For more information, Air Force employees can call 808-0205 and Army employees can call 221-9638. Federal employees can click on <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp> for more information.

## Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Army Entertainment's "Friday

Night Jazz & Wine" series returns at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. Performers are American jazz, blues and funk saxophonist Ronnie Laws, Swiss-born smooth jazz pianist Alex Bugnon and special guest Jeffery Smith. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets and seating are available for \$35 in advance, plus services fee, or \$45 at the door. Visit <http://www.ArmyMWR.com> to purchase tickets in advance. For more information, call 466-2020. The event is open to authorized Department of Defense ID cardholders and their guests. Visitors may enter through

either the Walters Gate off I-35 or the Harry Wurzbach Gate off Loop 410 and Harry Wurzbach Road. All vehicle occupants age 16 and older must show a valid photo ID to enter gates.

## Customer Care Center At The CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employee can also receive assistance with

resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

## Nasal influenza research study

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between 18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary.

During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

## Budge Dental Clinic Hours Change

Walk-in exams at the Budge Dental Clinic, located at 3145 Garden Ave., Building 1278, are from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 2

p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Sick call is from 6 to 10:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. The clinic is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. There are department and clinic meetings from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. People may now call to schedule an exam/prophylaxis appointment in place of a walk-in exam. These combination appointments are limited and only offered certain days of the week. For more information, call 808-3736 or 808-3735.

# 42nd Celebrate America's Military schedule

## Nov. 3

**Saluting America's Heroes** - 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., Texas A&M University-San Antonio Main Campus, 1 University Way. Displays, exhibits, military enlistment ceremony, benefits fair and more.

**San Antonio Spurs CAM Game Night** - 7:30 p.m. at AT&T Center, One AT&T Center Parkway. Opponent is the Utah Jazz. Ticket for game required.

## Nov. 4

**"Listen" Tops in Blue Concert** - 4 p.m. at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive. Free and open to the public.

**Concert at the Quadrangle** - 5 p.m. at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle, 1400 E. Grayson St., with the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own." The Grayson Street pedestrian gate will be open at 3:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. **SeaWorld San Antonio Military Family Day** - During regular park hours.

## Nov. 5

**CAM Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament** - 9:30 a.m. registration and noon shotgun start at TPC San Antonio, JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway.

## Nov. 6

**Employer Support for the Guard & Reserve "Salute to Employers Awards Luncheon"** - Noon at Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 502 West Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, com-



mander, Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

## Nov. 7

**Air Force Association Combat Breakfast** - 7 a.m. at Kendrick's Enlisted Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, Air Education and Training Command vice commander.

**Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans** - 4 p.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Staff Post Parade Field with Vietnam Veteran reception following at the Quadrangle. Open to the public.

## Nov. 8

**Spirit of America Dinner** - 6:15 p.m. cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner at Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market St. Guest speaker is Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command. By invitation only. Registration required and available at <http://www.CelebrateAmericasMilitary.com> or call 229-2119.

## Nov. 9

**JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa presents a Salute to Fisher House Gala** - 6 p.m. cocktails and 7:30 p.m. dinner and program at JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, 23808 Resort

Parkway. Registration required. Call (240) 559-2470 for information.

## Nov. 10

**Veterans parade and wreath-laying ceremony** - 10:30 a.m. ceremony and parade at noon at Alamo Plaza. Open to public. **UTSA Military Day Football Game** - 4 p.m. at Alamodome, 100 Montana St. Game features UTSA Roadrunners hosting the McNeese State Cowboys. Ticket purchase required. Buy tickets at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

## Nov. 11

**San Antonio Rock n' Roll Marathon, Half Marathon and Mini-Marathon** - 7:30 a.m. start in downtown San Antonio near South Alamo Street and East Market Street. \$15 registration discount for military members with code MILITARY2012. See <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-antonio> for more information.

**Veterans Day Ceremonies** - 9:30 a.m. musical prelude, 10 a.m. program at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Open to the public.

**Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony** - 1:30 p.m. at San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. Open to the public

**Veterans Day Concert "Salute to Service"** - 7 p.m. at Majestic Theater, 224 E. Houston Street, with the San Antonio Symphony and Air Force Band of the West. Open to the public.

## CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way 8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

#### Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd. 8:30 a.m. - Samoan 10:30 a.m. - Gospel

#### Army Medical Department

#### Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave. 9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Collective Service

#### Brooke Army Medical

#### Center Chapel

Building 3600, 3851 Roger Brooke Rd. 10 a.m. - Traditional

#### Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave. 11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

#### Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel Building 3600, 3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Saturday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

#### Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD 8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC 9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC 11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC 12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

### JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC

8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC

### ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

### LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday, AMEDD

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.*