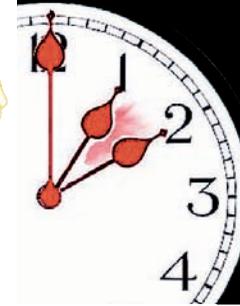


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"One Team, Supporting Military Missions and Family Readiness!"

Federal employees have limits on political involvement

By Steve Elliott
FSH News Leader

With the current political cycle in full swing and the 2012 elections not that far away, federal employees should remember which political activities they are allowed to participate in ... and which ones they aren't.

Something as innocuous as a candidate's campaign button or an improperly displayed bumper sticker can place an employee in violation of the Hatch Act. Even a political e-mail sent from your government computer can land a person in hot water.

The Hatch Act, created in 1939, governs the political activity of government employees at the federal, state and local levels. The act was put in place to allow public institutions to function fairly and effectively, and not allow any federal employee to influence the votes of others.

Amended in 1993, the Hatch Act now allows most federal employees to take an active part in partisan political management and campaigns.

There are still limits, however.

For instance, the Hatch Act states employees may not wear or display partisan political buttons, T-shirts, signs or other items; and only "official" photos of the president should be on display in the work place.

"One of the common mistakes



federal employees make is sending or forwarding partisan political e-mails on their government e-mail to other federal employees," said Michael Dimmitt, an attorney-adviser with the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 502nd Mission Support Group.

"A partisan political e-mail is an e-mail directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group," Dimmitt added. "Forwarding such an e-mail over a government e-mail account while at work is a violation of the Hatch Act.

Another common mistake is displaying a picture of a candidate for partisan political office in the workplace.

"Because the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or in a federal building, the Act would generally prohibit

employees from displaying such candidates in the federal workplace," Dimmitt said.

Federal employees may:

- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
 - Register and vote as they choose
 - Assist in voter registration drives
 - Express opinions about candidates and issues
 - Contribute money to political organizations
 - Attend political fundraising functions
 - Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
 - Join and be an active member of a political party or club
 - Sign nominating petitions
 - Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances
 - Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
 - Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
 - Distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
 - Hold office in political clubs or parties including serving as a delegate to a convention
- Federal employees may not:
- Use their official authority or influence to interfere with an election
 - Solicit, accept or receive political contributions unless both individuals are members of the

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Three-year-old little soldier boy, Jackson Lewis, plays the part perfectly with a salute during the 2nd Annual Lincoln Military Housing Monster Bash. More than 200 Halloween revelers enjoyed dinner, crafts and a costume contest. Everyone went home with a pumpkin.

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Russell

HALLOWEEN
fort sam houston style



Jaycey Jenkins, a 2-year-old Wonder Woman, took time from saving the universe to work on a haunted house at the annual Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library spooky story time one of several events held on Fort Sam Houston to celebrate the spooky holiday.

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Officials stress keeping faith on military retirement

By Jim Garamone
 American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has no proposals or recommendations on revamping military retirement at this time, but any future proposal must not break faith with those in the military today, senior Pentagon officials told Congress Oct. 25.

Jo Ann Rooney, principal deputy under-secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Vee Penrod, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy, testified on military retirement before the House Armed Services Committee's military personnel subcommittee.

The Defense Business Board has proposed making a military retirement system more like private-sector systems. The military system has remained fairly constant over time, Rooney said, while the private sector

has changed its retirement systems to cater to the increasingly mobile workforce.

"Unlike [the private] sector, the military services must grow most of their military workforce internally," she said. "It generally takes 15 to 20 years to develop the next generation of infantry battalion commanders and submarine captains.

As a result, the military must ensure compensation, promotions and personnel policies that all foster the retention and longer careers necessary to create these experienced leaders."

The military, she said, needs greater longevity and continuity to develop leaders, and a retirement system mirroring a private-sector approach – with contributions from individuals and transportable benefits – may not be the best way for the uniformed services to go.

This does not mean

that the current system is sacrosanct, Rooney said. The department should examine the retirement system in the context of a total military compensation system, she added.

DOD officials, she told the panel, are examining all aspects of the retirement system for all components. Rooney said the review has been deliberate, careful and pragmatic, and that officials are reviewing proposals and modeling them to determine the impact on recruiting and retention.

The Defense Department, she said, is working to strike the correct balance.

"This includes weighing the impact of a new system on recruiting and retention, considering the welfare of the individual service members and families – which includes

grandfathering our existing force who took their oath under the current system – and acknowledging our responsibility to the American taxpayer," she said.

The current military retirement system has supported the most-successful volunteer force in the world, Penrod noted.

"The question now," Penrod added, "is wheth-

er the current system is still relevant in today's environment. If not, should it be modified in a manner more in line with the private sector?"

Officials are not looking at retirement in isolation, Penrod pointed out, but rather at how personnel and pay policies affect decisions to join the military and then to stay.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
San Antonio Texas	71° Partly Cloudy	72° Sunny	80° Mostly Sunny	84° Scattered T-Storms	84° Scattered T-Storms	80° Scattered T-Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	62° Mostly Sunny	63° Sunny	65° Sunny	69° Sunny	69° Mostly Sunny	61° Few Showers
Baghdad Iraq	76° Sunny	82° Mostly Sunny	78° Sunny	71° Few Showers	70° Mostly Sunny	70° Mostly Sunny

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

Thought of the Week

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

— Mahatma Gandhi

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
 as of Nov. 2

CURRENT LEVEL * = 648.2'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

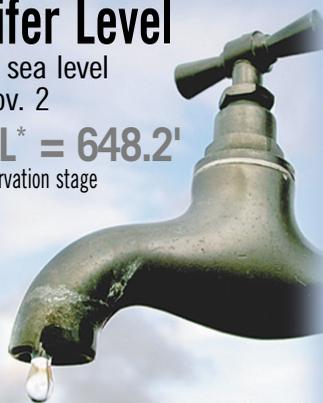
Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

Joint Base San Antonio water restrictions have been returned to Stage II. As of Oct. 17, the Bexar County index well J-17 was at 651.7 feet. The JBSA Drought Management Plan calls for levels to revert to next higher level after 30 days of being above trigger. The J-17 has stayed above 642.0 feet since Sept. 16.



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502 ABW Commanders Call

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing commander, will hold a commander's call at 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Evans Theater on Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston. All members of the wing are invited to attend.

IMCOM Change of Command

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command change of command ceremony will take place 10 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Fort Sam Houston parade field pavilion. For more information, call 466-0714.

2011 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs

All Federal employees are invited to attend the 2011 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different insurance options available to employees for the upcoming year. The first fair is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center at 2515 Funston, Building 251. The second fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the Medical Mall, adjacent to the pain clinic. FEHB open season is from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12. For more information, call 808-0205 or 221-9638. Federal employees can also go to the Office of Personnel Management website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston Retiree Services hosts the 2011 Military Retiree Appreciation Day from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at Blesse Auditorium, Building 2841. The event is open to all military retirees and their dependents. Services provided include a health fair, legal services, TRICARE information, ID card assistance and much more. For more information, call 221-9004.

ESPN2 at FSH Nov. 7

ESPN2 is live from Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston Nov. 7 as they kick off their week-long tribute to the military. Skip Bayless, Dana Jacobson, Jay Crawford and Jemele Hill will debate the sports issues of the day as well as highlight Joint Base Fort Sam Houston from 9 to 11

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Nation honors military families' sacrifices

By Michael Burkhalter
IMCOM Public Affairs

November is Military Family Appreciation Month, with the Army continuing its focus on building strong, resilient families.

Throughout November, families will be recognized and honored in various ways on and off post. Community leaders, businesses and installations are teaming up to sponsor special activities: open houses; Family Fun Nights; dinners; festivals; and sporting-event nights.

Overall, the Army campaign for Military Family Appreciation Month, with a theme of "Taking Care of Those Who Care for You," aims to thank Army families for their sacrifices.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of Installation Manage-

ment Command, noted in his recent column that the Army recognizes the strain families have experienced since 9/11.

"During the last 10 years of conflict, our Soldiers and families have faced challenging situations, and in too many cases, tragedy," Lynch said. "Multiple deployments and too little dwell time have strained their relationships. We owe it to our people to help them build the resiliency needed in coping with their challenges – with folks coming out stronger and better."

"We have taken a number of steps to assess and build resiliency in our family members," Lynch continued. "The Army is keeping a key promise it made in the Army Family Covenant, fostering an environment in which families can thrive."

Lynch also noted that the U.S. armed forces are now

operating in a fundamentally different fiscal reality, adding that IMCOM must find smarter ways to provide services and programs while continuing to support the Army community.

"The Army's budget is smaller than it has been in previous years, and it will get smaller still," he said. "However, a different fiscal reality does not change the reality of what we owe to our families. The Army's commitment to families remains as strong as ever."

Although Military Family Appreciation Month is officially celebrated in November and primarily on installations, the push to support military families continues throughout the year and throughout the nation – from small-town Main Street to the White House.

In April 2011, First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe

Biden, launched a national initiative, named Joining Forces, that calls on all sectors of America to join forces in supporting and honoring service members and their families.

"This campaign is about all of us, all of us joining together as Americans to give back to the extraordinary military families who serve and sacrifice so much every day so we can live in freedom and security," the first lady said.

"Military families are strong and resilient, and they don't complain," she added. "But this same strength may cause Americans to overlook these families' immense sacrifices. Working together we're going to make sure our military families are never forgotten."

(Additional information provided by American Forces Press Service)

BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM OUT!

BDUs, DCUs no longer authorized for wear

By Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For decades, the Battle Dress Uniform was the utility uniform worn by most Airmen and Soldiers. On Nov. 1, the Airman Battle Uniform became the official uniform of the day. The BDU, the Desert Camouflage Uniform and the tan boots are no longer authorized.

While this represents a major change in the face of the Air Force, the BDUs are not likely to be forgotten.

"I entered the Air Force in 1986. At that time, we were issued the olive drab green two-piece uniforms," said John Murphy, historian for the 436th Airlift Wing. A short time later, it was announced that a new Battle Dress Uniform would replace the olive drab. I embraced this change wholeheartedly."

According to Murphy, the



olive drab uniform would wear out quickly after being washed and ironed multiple times. The new BDUs were able to take more of a beating before wearing out. While the BDUs may seem like a fairly simple

piece of clothing now, at the time they were viewed by some to be quite advanced.

"In comparison to the olive drab in-garrison Air Force uniforms of the day, BDUs were made of high-tech materials woven into a modern camouflage designed for the woodland battlefield," said Chief Master Sgt. James Lucas, command chief master sergeant of the 436th Airlift Wing. "Needless to say, most Airmen were excited about the new uniform that would eventually replace the beloved 1970's era green fatigues."

The prospect of a low-maintenance uniform suited for both the wartime and peacetime environment was very appealing and most Airmen procured a few sets well before the implementation date."

While the uniform is no longer authorized to wear, military members are encouraged to keep operational secu-

rity and respect in mind when disposing of old uniforms.

"We must sanitize our old uniforms before we donate them or throw them away," said Master Sgt. Angela Stout, superintendent of the 436th Comptroller Squadron. "They still represent our heritage and we don't want anyone to discredit our image by sporting around in our distinguished name tapes, rank and patches. I also recommend folks consider donating their complete uniform with patches to museums or Air Force heritage halls to share our heritage with generations to come."

For hundreds of thousands of military members, the BDUs were the face of military service. With the ABUs adding greater camouflage abilities in all environments, pockets that can be accessed in body armor and easier maintenance, they will continue as a further evolution of the former military uniform and will stand up as part of a proud chapter of Air Force history.

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a.m. at the Quadrangle. Come out, be a part of the audience and show ESPN2 that great FSH spirit. Bus transportation will be available from 7 to 7:45 a.m. from the east end of the Post Exchange parking lot, the Army Medical Department Museum, the ACS/Roadrunner building and the Sam Houston Club. Bus service will resume after the conclusion of the show.

Health Fair

An Environmental/Occupational Health Fair will be presented by the 6A-F5 course students/Army Public Health Nurses at the Army Medical Department Center and School 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 7 in the North Atrium, ground floor of Willis Hall, in the Academy of Health Sciences. Topics include information on HIV/sexually transmitted diseases, heat injuries and nutrition. Call (240) 271-5179 for more information.

Voting Assistance Officer Meeting

A meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in Building 122, 2330 Stanley Road, 2nd floor conference room for all unit VAOs. Call 295-8516 for more information.

Lincoln Family Housing Quarterly Town Hall

The Lincoln Family Housing quarterly town hall meeting for housing residents is at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Main Resident Center, Building 407. Representatives from the Fort Sam Houston Fire and Police Departments, as well as from the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Refreshments will be served and there will be appearances by Sparky the fire dog and McGruff the crime dog. For more information, call 270-7638.

Flu Shots Available

Flu shots are available for TRICARE beneficiaries on the following dates: Nov. 4, 16, 18 and 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 18 years and older; Nov. 9 and 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 5 years and older. Shot will be given at

MOAA honors local community heroes

Military Officers Association of America recognized caregivers of wounded service members from the San Antonio area during its first Community Heroes Appreciation Night, Oct. 28 at the Knibbe Ranch in Spring Branch, Texas.

The awards ceremony, held as part of MOAA's annual meeting, recognized eight individuals and groups, selected from within military and civilian communities in the San Antonio area, who exemplify service to the wounded military and veterans' populations.

"We are privileged to recognize some of the outstanding members of the San Antonio military and civilian communities who devote their time and energy to helping wounded

service members," said Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., president of MOAA.

Ryan was joined by retired Navy Adm. Steve Abbot, chairman of MOAA's board of directors, to present the Community Heroes Awards.

"This [event] is a first. This is the first time that MOAA has recognized those who are providing services and care for our warriors and our veterans," Abbot said. "This is a milestone night."

Judith Markelz, Warrior and Family Support Center program manager, received the individual award in the Military Caregiver category, while the Brooke Army Medi-



Photo by Thaisi Da Silva

Retired Navy Adm. Steve Abbot (right), chair of MOAA's board of directors, presents a community caregiver award to Judith Markelz, Warrior and Family Support Center program manager, as retired Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., MOAA president, and Larry Burchfield, senior executive, South Region, Humana Military Healthcare, look on during the Community Heroes Appreciation Night, Oct. 28.

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717th MI Battalion linguist receives recognition

By Gregory Ripps
470th Military Intelligence
Brigade Public Affairs

During a visit to the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Oct. 19, Maj. Gen. Mary Legere, commander of Intelligence and Security Command, finally met up with the command's Language Professional of the Year, Staff Sgt. Hwon Pak.

INSCOM announced that Pak, a Soldier with the brigade's 717th MI Battalion, had won the distinction and presented the award during ceremonies a month ago at Fort Belvoir, Va.

However, the battalion commander accepted the award on his behalf. Pak was in Costa Rica at the time, immersing himself in a Spanish-language culture for six weeks and teaching daily classes – in Spanish, of course – at an institute there.

Spanish was not Pak's first language. He was born in Korea, but when he was 8, he moved with his parents to Argentina where he was ex-



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Maj. Gen. Mary Legere, commander of Intelligence and Security Command, shakes hands with Staff Sgt. Hwon Pak, the command's Language Professional of the Year. Legere handed her commander's coin to Pak following a luncheon with him and other Soldiers of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion at the Lackland Air Force Base Annex Oct. 19.

posed not only to Spanish but other languages as well.

"I had friends [in Argentina] whose grandparents would speak only Italian," he recalled.

When he was 18, Pak came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen.

"After learning Spanish at an early age, I found it easy to learn English," said Pak.

Since joining the Army six-and-a-half years ago, Pak completed a Portuguese course for Spanish speakers, thereby adding another language to his repertoire. But

he has focused on his proficiency in Spanish.

His language proficiency test scores, use of his Spanish language skills on deployments, and his overall military record brought him recognition as the 470th MI Brigade Language Professional of the Year for 2011 last summer.

Pak encourages other Soldiers to pursue language proficiency and to immerse themselves in the language in another country if there is the opportunity.

"You not only learn more about the language," he said. "You learn more about the culture of the language."

As an analyst with a signals intelligence battalion, Pak's language skills provided him with an advantage over analysts who required a translator. Now Pak moves into a career as a linguist.

"There's no pressure," said Legere, smiling as she shook hands with Pak and gave him a challenge coin. "However, we do expect you to become Army Language Professional of the Year."

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RAISING AWARENESS



Photo by Steve Elliott

A singing group from the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind performs patriotic and other songs during the National Disability Employment Awareness Month ceremony at the Dodd Field Chapel Oct. 28. The event was hosted by Col. Christopher Haigh, commander of the 106th Signal Brigade, who said, "Disabilities are a challenge, but that's where it ends. Life is an opportunity, but sometimes you have to work harder for it." The guest speaker was August Ciriello, an employment coordinator for the San Antonio Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Division.

LONG BARRACKS VISIT

Geary Robay discusses the history and ongoing renovations of the Long Barracks with Heidi Shyu and Kim Denver as Rick Speaks, left, looks on during a visit Oct. 25 to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Shyu and Denver met with Mission and Installation Contracting Command leaders to discuss various acquisition issues. While here, they also met with Soldiers from the 410th and 412th Contracting Support Brigades. The Long Barracks will serve as the future home of the MICC with occupancy projected for early 2012. Shyu is the acting assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, and Denver is the deputy assistant secretary for Army procurement. Robay is the MICC deputy chief of staff for logistics support and Speaks is a superintendent for RKJ Construction Inc.



Photo by Ben Gonzales

ARNORTH, FSH, local schools meet to discuss academic partnerships

By Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger
ARNORTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army North hosted the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School luncheon at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Oct. 25.

The luncheon served as an opportunity for the representatives of the nine participating schools, along with their partner units, to sit down and discuss their plans for the coming year as well as to share their experiences on their achievements over the past year.

“This has been very productive thus far,” said Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general of U.S. Army North, in speaking about the combined efforts of the partner schools and units. “This program is really about those sitting around the table and

what you want to get out of the program.”

The initial intent behind the program, explained Swan, was to put the framework in place for providing support to the schools and to build a “common operating picture.”

The luncheon provided each of the partner units and schools the opportunity to talk about their programs and to share their experiences with one another. Each was able to provide his/her approaches on supporting the unique needs of each school.

“What works in your school,” cautioned Swan, “may not work in another school – and vice versa. Every class that comes in, every year, is a different group. You have to adapt to that.”

Also in attendance for the luncheon were Dr.

Gail Siller, superintendent for the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District; Dr. Robert Duron, superintendent for the San Antonio Independent School District; and Dr. Brian Gottardy, NE ISD Superintendent. The three each spoke of the program and thanked those in attendance for their combined efforts.

“This is a learning experience, so share those things that seem to be working at your school as far as the partnership with the units,” said Mark Greszler, deputy chief of staff-installation management, Army North, who serves as the program’s coordinator.

“We have nine schools and nine unit partners – that is a success story,” he said, adding that to date, there have been

approximately 500 volunteers, who have amassed nearly 1,500 hours in volunteer time with the schools.

“That’s good work and, as I think as most units are finding out, the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines, all the service members, enjoy doing this stuff – so use them.”

The nine schools, along with their partner units, are: Cole Middle School with Brooke Army Medical Center; Pershing Elementary School with U.S. Army North; Lamar Elementary School with the Army Support Activity; Wheatley Middle School with the 32nd Medical Brigade; Bowden Elementary School with the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade; Washington Elementary School



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, U.S. Army North commanding general, provides the opening remarks as U.S. Army North hosts the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School luncheon Oct. 25 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course.

with U.S. Army South; Wilshire Elementary School with the 502nd Mission Support Group and the 106th Signal Brigade; East Terrell Hills Elementary School and the Army Medical

Department Center and School; and Fort Sam Houston Elementary School with the Army Environmental Command and the 410th Contracting Support Brigade.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS CELEBRATE RECOGNITION WEEK



Photo by Esther Garcia

Officer Candidates Michael Iten (left) and Nickolas Willer (right), physician assistant graduate program students with the Army Medical Department Center and School and members of the Interservice Physician Assistant Student Services, helped to sort and process 5,300 pounds of food at the San Antonio Food Bank with the support of other Physician Assistants Oct. 7. The PAs volunteered their time sorting and boxing a variety of food items at the warehouse of the San Antonio Food Bank for delivery to families in the San Antonio area. The PAs also held a food drive collecting a combined donation of food and cash equivalent to 2,897 pounds of food and cash estimated to feed 232 people for one week. PAs with the graduate program participated in several events throughout the month of October in recognition of Physician Assistant Week. Other events include co-hosting Bingo Night with SAMMinistries at the dining facility at Haven for Hope.

14TH MI BATTALION DEPARTS FOR AFGHANISTAN



Photo by Spc. Qasim Jenkins

Col. Pierre Gervais (left), 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, and brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Totoris (center) bid farewell to Soldiers of the 14th MI Battalion as they board an airliner on Kelly Field at Lackland Air Force Base Oct. 22. Approximately 130 members of the brigade's subordinate interrogation battalion departed for Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

JBSA-Randolph Airshow Big Hit

Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute jump team perform opening ceremonies Oct. 29 at the 2011 Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Airshow.
Photos by Don Lindsey



A Vintage UH-1 Huey helicopter performs at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Airshow Oct. 29. Air shows allow the Air Force to display the capabilities of their aircraft to the American public through aerial demonstrations and static displays. The air show allows attendees to get up close and personal to see some of the equipment and aircraft used by the U.S. military, service members and DOD civilians.

Composite flyby of WWII T-6 Trainer aircraft during the 2011 Air Show at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.



THERMOMETER NEARS HALF WAY POINT



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Duane Dunkley, Fort Sam Houston Combined Federal Campaign coordinator, updates the thermometer hanging at the Wilson Gate on post to indicate 42 percent of the \$1,363,389 goal. Fort Sam Houston federal employees and service members pledged \$261,000 in CFC donations during the last week in October, putting the local campaign on target to reach its goal. The campaign runs through Dec. 15. Call 221-2207 for more information.

SPECIAL GUEST AT FSH MUSEUM

John Manguso, Fort Sam Houston Museum director, escorts actor DB Sweeney around the museum

Oct. 28. Sweeney has visited the post numerous times but this was his first visit to the museum. The actor actively supports service members, and began the Letters from Hollywood website where fellow actors post letters of support for the troops.



Photo by Lori Newman

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Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Shot will also be available Nov. 5, 8 a.m.-noon during Retiree Appreciation Day at Blesse Auditorium.

Photocopying of Military ID/CAC Cards Prohibited

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service, have been reported. Photocopying of U.S. government identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and/or imprisonment. Many military members, family members and DOD employees are unaware of this law. Criminal elements and terrorist organizations place U.S. government identifications as a high value logistical element when planning acts against the U.S. military. Although com-

mercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government identification, many government personnel and commercial establishments are unaware of the prohibition on duplication of government identification. Unfortunately, there are no safeguards in place to ensure a government identification card won't be counterfeited or "cloned" based on a photocopy by a commercial establishment. It is recommended that military/DOD personnel provide a state drivers license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of the traveler's identification. This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc.) who are allowed take a copy for the purpose of filing insurance claims; and other government agencies in the performance of official government business.

Lost and Unclaimed Property

Anyone who has lost property on Joint Base San Antonio – Fort

Sam Houston this year, can call 221-2340 to inquire or claim any of the items listed: Audiovox DVD player; Motorola cell phone; silver necklace; silver wedding band; Coby CD player; Jwin headphones; Coby headphones with cloth/ rope bracelet; set of ACUs and Army PT uniform; Nemesis RX sunglasses; two key rings; children's prescription glasses; camera; Mongoose bike; Honda, Toyota, Chrysler and Chevrolet keys; Blackberry cell phone; Armitron watch; ID holder; gold band ring; silver band ring; panda cover key; single key on lanyard key ring; "Pacific Bike" bicycle; back pack; Charito Wolf bicycle; debit card; white cooler; AT&T cell phone; various wallets, cell phones, jewelrybadges and ID tags. These items will be held for 45 days and disposed of if the owner is not identified. To claim any of these items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

Complete Joint Base Travel Survey; win prize

The 502nd Air Base Wing is

conducting a Traffic Points of Origin study to evaluate military, retiree and civilian population traffic patterns at Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. All Joint Base San Antonio active-duty service members, Reserve, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, retirees, and dependents age 18 and older who travel on and around Joint Base San Antonio installations are eligible to participate in the survey. Each respondent will receive a coupon for a free cup of coffee at any JBSA AAFES Express store and automatically be entered to win one of three prizes - a \$100 gas card, or one of two \$50 exchange gift cards. The survey is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JBSA-survey>.

AMEDD Museum Veterans Day Schedule

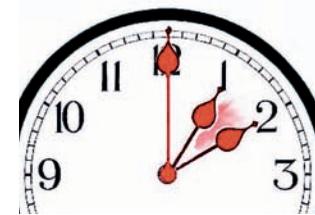
The Army Medical Department Museum will be closed Nov. 11 through 14 and re-open to the public Nov. 15.

Daylight Saving Time begins Nov. 6

Trying to remember when Daylight Saving Time ends in 2011 and when you will get an extra hour of sleep? Turn your clocks back Nov. 6.

If you've heard the saying "Spring forward, fall back" it is likely the only way to remember which direction to turn your clock. Turn your clocks back at 2 a.m. Nov. 6, 2011. You won't turn the clocks ahead again until March 11, 2012.

Most smartphones and computers will automatically make that change, but check for sure or you will lose out on that extra 60 minutes of sleep time. Public safety officials say this is also a good time to put a new battery in the



smoke alarm.

Who should not turn their clocks back on November 7, 2010? Several states that do not participate in Daylight Saving Time including Arizona (with a few exceptions), Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa.

Why does DST start at 2 a.m.? In the United States, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. to minimize disruption, in hopes that many people are snoozing at that time.

Allies interact at 17-nation Conference of American Armies

By Arwen Consaul
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

The Conference of American Armies, comprised of armies from a number of Caribbean, Central, North and South American countries, kicked off Oct. 24 in Lima, Peru.

“This conference offers an opportunity for commanders to get to know each other and to exchange experiences,” said Gen. Victor Manuel Ripalda Ganoza, the commander of the Peruvian army and president of the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Conference of American Armies.

The Conference of American Armies was founded in 1960 in order to provide a venue for the U.S. Chief of Staff of the Army to engage in multilateral and bilateral dialogue with his counterparts in the western hemisphere.

The conference has grown from a small multilateral discussion to a week-long conference involving 17 member armies to include, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia,



Photo by Arwen Consaul

Members of the Peruvian army participate in the opening ceremony for the Conference of American Armies, held in Lima, Peru.

Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, and Uruguay.

“The conference will offer the opportunity for us to interact with our allies and focus on such areas as humanitarian relief, natural disasters and counter illicit activities,” said Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general for U.S. Army South at Fort Sam Houston.

“For example, the devastating earthquake in Haiti – we worked

with our partner armies and seamlessly provided support. Through the continuous building of our relationships with our partners, through conferences and exercises, we were able to come together with common tactics, techniques and procedures.”

Through an open and fresh exchange of ideas, this conference fosters relationships between South and North American ground force commanders. These talks allow leaders to discuss lessons learned and apply those lessons to individual and

shared doctrine, training and force structure.

“It’s important to share, to unify, to become a fraternity of sorts, amongst the armies of the Americas,” Ganoza said. “With the armies unified it helps to make the Americas stronger.”

During the Peru-hosted conference, multiple themes will be discussed, ranging from disaster relief to peacekeeping operations. Each country will bring experiences and lessons learned to the conference and share them with their counterparts and, in turn,



Photo by Jose Saez

Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general, speaks with Gen. Luis Howell Ballena, commander of the Peruvian Joint Command, at the annual Conference of American Armies.

take back new knowledge to their armies.

“Peru would like to share the exchange of ideas, technology and the will to improve ourselves in the operation of our army,” said Peruvian Col. Eduardo Quelopana, executive secretary to

the Permanent Executive Secretariat.

“This will hopefully contribute to the unity of a common effort amongst the American armies and the army commanders of the western hemisphere.”

“I feel like a major player who will share his experiences and in effect contribute to this institution, specifically in the knowledge of organizing ground forces, deploying forces and how to integrate with ministries and other agencies,” said Gen. Luis Patricio Cardenas Proano, commander of the Ecuadorian army.

“However, Ecuador is also interested in enriching itself from the experiences that many of the other countries have had in certain events, in particular, the natural disasters faced by Chile and Brazil.”



Photo by Jose Saez

Senior leaders of Latin, North and South American armies join together at the opening ceremony of the Conference of American Armies.

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Camaraderie, costumes at Combat Medic Run

Col. William LaChance, commander of the 32nd Medical Brigade, announces the garrison-level Commander's Cup winner presenting the trophy to U.S. Army South. Throughout the year, brigades compete for points in a variety of sports. At the end of the year, the unit with the most points is awarded the Commander's Cup.



Photos by Tiffany Boulez

28-person formation teams dressed in costume cross the finish line Oct. 29 during the annual Combat Medic Run.



Company A, 187th Medical Battalion, the "Avengers of Justice" win first place for the 28-man formation and best costume during the annual Combat Medic Run held Oct. 29 just before Halloween.



Placing third, the 28-person formation, Company B, 264th Medical Battalion chanted, "I'm a bumble bee baby and I'm humming down the line," as they march off the starting line Oct. 29 during the Combat Medic Run.



In the spirit of Halloween, Fort Sam's Own 323rd Army Band, the Biohazard Brass, rocked the stage, performing popular hits from artists Katy Perry, The Black-Eyed Peas, Nirvana and Lady Gaga, revving up runners at the Combat Medic Run Oct. 29.



Soldiers participate in a tug-of-war, one of the events following the Combat Medic Run Oct. 29 at Fort Sam Houston.



First time runner, 10-year-old Jason Wild Jr., finishes a foot ahead of his father, Jason Wild Sr. Oct. 29 during the annual Combat Medic Run at Fort Sam Houston.

Operation Homecooking: take an Air Force trainee home for Thanksgiving

San Antonio area families can express their warmth and hospitality to Airmen and trainees at Lackland Air Force Base by allowing them an opportunity to enjoy Thanksgiving and a family atmosphere through Operation Homecooking.

In its 36th year, the program provides the opportunity for families to share their traditional Thanksgiving celebrations with Air Force Airmen and basic trainees.

Throughout the years, families have generously opened their homes to these young men and women, recognizing that many of them are away from home for the first time.

This program is designed for family participation and not intended for groups. This ensures everyone wanting to participate has an opportunity to do so.

Last year, local residents

hosted 3,662 Air Force members for Thanksgiving dinner.

Families within the San Antonio metropolitan area can invite two Airmen/trainees as a "General Request" by calling 671-5453.

Only immediate family members who live or are staying in the San Antonio metropolitan area may request an Airman/trainee by name.

One exception will be for Airmen in the eighth week of training. To request an Airman/trainee using the "By Name Request" you can call the same numbers as listed above.

Phone requests can be made weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations are required to host Airmen/trainees.

Families without a reservation cannot show up on Thanksgiving Day to obtain trainees. The telephone lines

will remain open until Nov. 23. Anyone who calls after all Airmen and trainees are assigned will be placed on a waiting list and called back if more hosts are needed.

Out-of-town relatives who have trainees in basic training who will be graduating during Thanksgiving week may request them by name for Thanksgiving.

Since trainees are not permitted to have personal transportation during training, hosts must pick them up at the Basic Military Training Reception Center, Bldg. 7246.

Airmen/trainees who are "By Name Requests" may be picked up at their respective squadrons on Thanksgiving Day between 7-11 a.m.

All Airmen and basic trainees must be back at the base and in their respective squadrons by 7 p.m.

JBSA relaxes water restrictions

Joint Base San Antonio military officials have lifted Stage III water restrictions at Fort Sam Houston, as well as at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases. Water restrictions are now back to Stage II at all three JBSA military installations.

As of Oct. 17, Bexar County index well J-17 was at 651.7 feet. The well has remained above the 642-foot mark for more than 30 days, according to officials.

Stage II water restrictions permit persons to water lawns, landscapes and gardens only once a week, between of 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m., on designated watering days.

Designated watering days are based on the last digit of an address or facility number:

- If address/facility number ends in 0, 1 Monday is the watering day.
- If address/facility number

ends in 2, 3 Tuesday is the watering day.

- If address/facility number ends in 4, 5 Wednesday is the watering day.

- If address/facility number ends in 6, 7 Thursday is the watering day.

- If address/facility number ends in 8, 9 Friday is the watering day.

New landscaping is approved at the discretion of the base civil engineer. Government vehicles may be washed twice per month.

Privately-own vehicles may be washed only on designated watering days. Drought conditions continue in the area. JBSA members can support water conservation efforts in Texas by adhering to watering rules.

The JBSA Drought Management Plan is available online at <http://www.502abw.af.mil>. For more information, or to report misuse, call the Water Hotline at 466-4H20 (4426).

VOTE from P1

same federal labor organization or employee organization and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee

- Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency
- Engage in political activity while on duty
- Engage in political activity in any government office
- Engage in political activ-

ity while wearing an official uniform

- Engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

- Be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- Engage in partisan elections

- Wear political buttons on duty

“Since federal law mandates that all civilian employees must abide by the provisions of the Hatch Act, punishment for a violation can range from a 30-day suspension to removal,” Dimmitt warned.

As for who is and isn't covered by the Hatch Act, he said, “Federal civilian employees, including appropriated and non-appropriated funds employees are covered by the Hatch Act. Contract employees and members of

the uniformed services are not covered by the Hatch Act.

“However, if an employee is a reservist and a federal civilian employee, then they are covered by the Hatch Act,” Dimmitt said. “Active duty members of the uniformed services are covered by DOD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces.”

Complaints should be sent to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for investigating reports or complaints concerning Hatch Act violations committed by covered federal employees. Specific instructions on how to file a complaint can be found online at <http://www.osc.gov>.

Any questions regarding the interpretation of the Hatch Act can be directed to 221-1962. For additional information, click on the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's website at <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>.



JAMMIN' WITH THE G-STAFF

Rudy Morales Miranda and Greg Schumann play an impromptu concert during Jammin' with the G-staff, a Combined Federal Campaign drive event at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command headquarters Oct. 27. Joining Morales Miranda and Schumann in the lunch-hour session were Bob Barnett, Dennis Quiroga, Rob Dozier and Adrian Salinas.



Photo by Luke Elliott

CONFERENCE from P12

Not only does this conference provide the U.S. Army with continual direct engagement with senior South and Latin American military leadership, it also ensures a current understanding of partner nation views and the issues facing land force commanders.

“The conference will offer the opportunity for us to interact with our allies and focus on such areas as humanitarian relief, natural disasters and counter illicit activities,” said Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, Commanding General for U.S. Army South.

“For example, the devastating earthquake in Haiti – we worked with our partner armies and seamlessly provided support,” Trombitas said. “Through the continuous building of our relationships with our partners, though conferences and exercises, we were able to come together with common tactics, techniques and procedures.”

Besides offering an opportu-

nity to enrich the armies of the Americas, it also provides the officers in attendance the chance to build personally.

“The Conference of American Armies has allowed me to realize myself as a military officer of the Peruvian army and this region,” Quelopana said.

“As a member of the host army I feel extremely proud of the work we have accomplished on behalf of the armies of the Americas. The past two years has made me not only a more knowledgeable officer but a friend of the Americas.”

“I have had the opportunity to work in this part of the world since 1984,” Trombitas said.

“Many of the relationships were developed when I was a captain.

“It is great to see my peers from other countries become general officers, the ARSOUTH commander added. “ It stresses the importance of maintaining strong, working and personal relationships with our allies and underscores the capability we have to work together and build upon that mutual respect.”



Photo by Jose Saez

Gen. Victor Manuel Ripalda Ganoza, the commander of the Peruvian army and President of the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Conference of American Armies greets Gen. Enzo Martins Peri, commander of the Brazilian army, at the opening ceremony of the Conference of American Armies.

MOAA from P4

cal Center, Therapy Team took the group award in that category.

Scott Jenrette was recognized with the individual award in the Community Caregiver (on post) category, while the Fisher House volunteers of the Brooke Army Medical Center received the group award in that category.

The MOAA Community Heroes Appreciation Award originates in the spirit of, and with an alignment to, the president and first lady's efforts to organize public-private outreach efforts in support of service members, veterans, and wounded warriors and their families. The effort aligns with MOAA's involvement with a coalition of organizations that have designed a blueprint for these community partnerships.

The award recognizes both individuals and groups within military and civilian communities who exemplify service to the wounded military and veterans' populations.

(Source: MOAA News Release)

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Nov. 10

Progress reports sent home
College T-shirt Day
Veterans Day Program, 1:30 p.m. (fourth and fifth grade)

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School Nov. 7

Volleyball regional quarterfinals
Nov. 8
Volleyball regional quarterfinals

Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Dilly at Dilley, 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 9
Volleyball regional quarterfinals
Cole cafeteria Thanksgiving lunch

Nov. 10
Cole Veteran's celebration 9:30 a.m. in Cole Gym

Nov. 11
Veterans Day
Volleyball regional tournament

Nov. 12
Volleyball regional tournament

Cross Country state meet

Rocco Dining Facility Menu Building 2745, Schofield Rd.

Dining Room Breakfast Hours:
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,
weekends & holidays 8-9:30 a.m.
Friday – Nov. 4

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cream of chicken soup, Creole chicken, beef stroganoff, French bread cheese pizza, blackened catfish, parsleyed egg noodles, garlic-roasted potato wedges, cauliflower au gratin
Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Honey-glazed Cornish hens, beef stir fry, baked salmon croquettes, vegetable stuffed peppers, baked redskin potatoes, wild rice, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo

Saturday – Nov. 5
Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.
French onion soup, cream of mushroom soup, turkey pot pie with biscuits, grilled ham steaks,

parmesan baked fish, vegetable egg rolls, brown rice, baked sweet potatoes, herbed green beans,
Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbecued chicken, hard shell beef tacos, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian pasta and broccoli, Mexican rice, garlic-roasted potato wedges, hacienda corn and black beans, spinach

Sunday – Nov. 6
Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Cream of mushroom soup, midwestern tomato and rice soup, Swedish meatballs, sesame chicken breasts, tuna noodle casserole, grilled citrus chicken breasts, vegetable curry, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Grilled turkey patties, southwest-

ern shrimp linguine, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, chipotle chicken panini sandwiches, black bean veggie burgers, mashed potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, vegetable stir fry, cauliflower combo

Monday – Nov. 7
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Oriental pepper steak, roast pork tenderloin, chicken lasagna, macaroni and cheese, parsleyed potatoes, corn, peas and carrots

Tuesday – Nov. 8
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Roast turkey, hamburger yakisoba, chicken fajitas, vegetarian nuggets, rice pilaf, baked sweet potatoes, Spanish rice, cauliflower au gratin, Brussels sprouts, corn

Wednesday – Nov. 9
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Santa Fe glazed chicken, turkey

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

Thursday- Nov. 10
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.
Creole soup, cream of mushroom soup, meat loaf, cranberry-glazed chicken breasts, Italian broccoli pasta, parmesan baked fish, Italian beef and rice, rice pilaf, lyonnaised potatoes, cauliflower, smothered squash, collard greens

Menus are subject to change without notice

Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

"Let's Twist Again"

Shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Dec. 17 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. with an 8 p.m. show time. Call 222-9646.

Hunting at Camp Bullis

Rifle hunting season opens at Camp Bullis Nov. 12, Saturdays and Sundays from 5:30 a.m. to late evening for selected permit holders. Bow hunting for deer, hogs and turkeys is underway Mondays and Thursdays 5:30-10 a.m., and Friday through Sunday 5:30 a.m. to late evening. Call 295-7529/7577.

Armed Forces Action Plan Conference

The Armed Forces Action Plan Conference will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15-18 at the Sam Houston Community Club. This is an opportunity to voice concerns and recommend changes regard-

ing military quality of life to DOD leadership and Fort Sam Houston commanders. Call 221-2604/2705 or email jbsa.afap@gmail.com.

Microsoft Office Classes

Nov. 8 - PowerPoint Level 1
Nov. 9 - PowerPoint Level 2
Nov. 10 - Excel Level 2
Classes are held at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 from 8 a.m.-noon. To register, call 221-2518/2705.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 3

Unit Trauma

The training is 8 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1829/0946.

ScreamFree Parenting

This four-part class begins Nov. 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Holiday Stress Management

The class is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

San Antonio Military Defense Tech & Intel Career Fair

The fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Kisling Community Center, 310 Kirknewton Drive, Lackland Air Force Base.

Five Love Languages for Couples

Classes are Nov. 3 and 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Nov. 4

Rear Detachment Training

The training is 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1829/0946.

San Antonio Military Defense Tech & Intel Career Fair

The fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Parr Officers' Club, Randolph Air Force Base.

Man of the House

The class is noon-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Nov. 5

Hearts Apart Support Group

This quarterly support group will

meet at the Roadrunner Community Center at 10 a.m. and head to Fredericksburg for the day. Seating is limited, reservations are required. Call 221-9698/1372.

Post-wide Yard Sale and Flea Market

DOD ID cardholders and housing residents can register to sell their wares 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the flea market at MacArthur Pavilion or from their home on post by Nov. 3. Call 221-5225/5224.

Poetry Slam

The Poetry Slam is 6:30-10 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Due to the possibility of mature content, this event is open to adults 18 and older. The Slam is free, and cash prizes will be awarded. Door prizes and light refreshments will be available. Register online at <https://poetryslam.wufoo.com/forms/stand-speak-listen-registration/>. Call 221-2055/0349.

Nov. 7

Infant Massage

Classes are Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Dodd

Field Chapel, Building 1721. Call 221-0349.

Couponing

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Computer Lab Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Nov. 8

Pre-Deployment Planning

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

Re-Entry Workshop

The class is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1628/2705.

Immigration and Naturalization Services

I&N services will be available to answer any questions noon-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1628/2705.

Buyer Beware!

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center,

Computer Lab Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

Classes will be held Tuesdays through Dec. 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Nov. 9

Bringing Baby Home

Classes are Nov. 9 and 23, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

Nov. 10

Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

The class is 10 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Computer Lab Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

Nov. 11

Texas Patriot Festival

This family event from 4-11 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field honors veterans, military personnel and their families. Headliners include Jack Ingram and Tanya Tucker.



Announcements

Driver Safety Program

Current or past service members and spouses can attend the AARP Driver Safety Program free from Nov. 1-30. Locations are available throughout the area. Visit <http://www.aarp.org/findcourse> or call 348-8684 for information.

Looking For Golfers

Join the Fort Sam Houston Dawg Fight golf group. The group plays on weekends and holidays, at top local area resorts and private courses. Visit <http://www.dawgfight.com> for information.

Second Division Association

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division. For information, visit <http://www.2ida.org> or call 224-225-1202.

Stilwell House

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

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

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

Toastmasters Club

The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month noon-1 p.m. in the Joint Program Management Office conference room 1A, Building 4196. Call

663-4814 or 850-420-1610 or visit <http://www.futurespeakers.freetoasthost.org>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212 for information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.

Basic Skills Education Program

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center Basic Skills Education Program is designed to teach and refresh basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Learners must be self-motivated individuals who desire to increase their capabilities in basic skills in a rigorous learning environment, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. Call 221-1738

Neanderthal Trail Run

Register now for the Neanderthal Trail Run sponsored by Troop Support Company. The 11-kilometer (about 7.1 miles) run will be held Dec. 2 beginning 6:30 a.m. from Building 5130 Wilkerson Road on Camp Bullis. Must register prior to race day, cost is \$30/civilian and \$20/military with ID card, fee includes T-shirt. Call 295-7697.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 5

New Braunfels Wurstfest Walk

The New Braunfels Marsch-und Wandergruppe Volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Schlitterbahn Employee Café, corner of Liberty and North streets in New Braunfels Nov. 5 and 6. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call (830) 226-7035 or visit <http://www.muw.walktexas.org/>.

Nov. 10

Free Veteran's Day Spaghetti Dinner

The Thomas Jefferson High School JROTC will host a ceremony and dinner in commemoration of those who have served. Veterans are invited to participate at the following events: Flagpole Veteran's Ceremony 8 a.m. Nov. 10 at the TJHS flagpole and a Veteran's Spaghetti Dinner at 6 p.m. in the

TJHS cafeteria. Veterans eat for free; other guests pay \$10. Seating is limited, call 722-2785 to reserve a seat or for more information.

Nov. 11

Honoring the Veteran's Pow Wow

The 12th Annual Honoring the Veteran's Pow Wow is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle. Visit <http://www.unitedsanantoniopowwow.org> for more information.

Nov. 21

Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

Dec. 1

Civilian Jobs Career Expo

Civilianjobs.com will hold a career expo 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Veterans who are non-military ID cardholders must pre-register 14 days prior to the job fair. Visit <http://www.civilianjobs.com> or call (678) 819-4153 for more information.



For Sale: La-Z-Boy sofa and loveseat, burgundy colored fabric, no tears or stains, bolsters, pillows and arm covers, \$500; Acrosonic piano and bench, \$400; video and sound media storage cabinet, \$50. Call 771-7480.

For Sale: Sofa that reclines on both ends and recliner, both in good condition and clean, \$40 for both. Call 368-6390.

For Sale: Five-piece bedroom set with queen-size sleigh bed, two night stands, dresser and upright chest, \$400; table with three chairs, \$75; butcher's block, can be used as island or more counter space, \$100. Call 269-8947.

For Sale: Heavy metal folding cot, rolls under a bed, like new, \$75. Call 656-7840.

For Sale: Sofa, \$300 obo; boxed CD sets, Chris Le Doux and Merle Haggard, \$15 each; many other CDs. Call 662-8887.

For Sale: REM Martinique bed, dual adjustable with massage, \$6,800 retail, in excellent condition, must sell, \$3,800; 1994 Mercury Cougar, excellent engine, runs great, selling

REMINDER CALENDAR

- Nov. 5** Post-wide Yard Sale & Flea Market, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., housing areas and MacArthur Pavilion
- Nov. 5** Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Blesse Auditorium
- Nov. 6** Daylight Saving Time, 2 a.m., set clocks back one hour
- Nov. 7** ESPN2 First Take, 9-11 a.m., FSH Quadrangle
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day ceremony, 9:30 a.m., FSH National Cemetery
- Nov. 11** Buffalo Soldiers ceremony, 1:30 p.m., San Antonio National Cemetery
- Nov. 11** Texas Patriot Festival, 4:30-11 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field
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