

FORT SAM HOUSTON News Leader

"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"

Army Nurse Corps unveils new coin, theme

By Minnie Jones
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Army Nurse Corps used its first-ever Campaign Planning Conference to unveil the Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps' new challenge coin and theme, "Embrace the Past, Engage the Present and Envision the Future." The conference was held Oct. 27 through 30 in downtown San Antonio.

The new coin design features two brass stars, centered over the Army Nurse Corps' insignia, with the new theme beneath the insignia. The dog tag-shaped coin is maroon and highlighted with brass. On the reverse side, the

words, "For Excellence," are embossed across the top with the American flag and the General's flag centered over the words, "Presented by the Chief Army Nurse Corps."

"We will use this vision to take lessons learned from the past, embrace the past, codify current excellence, engage the present and use that lens to envision the future," said Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Maj. Gen. Patricia Horoho. "I believe we can quickly transform the Army Nurse Corps by executing under four pillars; leader development, warrior care, evidence-based management and

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Distinguished visitor



Photo by Sgt. Wendy Hall

Kyle Monsees, network specialist with U.S. Army North, briefs Secretary of the Army Pete Geren on the unit's equipment and capabilities and their role in support of civil authorities and homeland defense missions Oct. 28 at Fort Sam Houston. U. S. Army North is the Army Service Component Command to U. S. Northern Command and is responsible for the Army's Homeland Defense, Defense Support of Civil Authorities and Theater Security Cooperation in the NORTHCOM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS DAY EVENTS



Wreath-laying ceremony, parade

A Veterans Day parade and wreath-laying ceremony will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. The parade begins at noon through downtown San Antonio. For more information, visit www.usmvpa.org.

Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

The Fort Sam Houston's Veterans Day ceremony will be Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The keynote speaker is Rear Adm. Patrick E. McGrath, vice commander, Naval Air Forces commander, Naval Air Forces Reserve deputy commander, Navy Region Southwest. The event includes a wreath and banner presentation, gun salute, a tribute to veterans from the Native American community, and music from the U.S. Army Medical Command Band and the Texas Children's Choir. The event is free and open to the public.

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Vet tech instructor recognized for excellence

By Jeff Crawley
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

"Vibrant." "Interesting." "Understandable."

With descriptions like these about him from his students, it's easy to see why Staff Sgt. Chris Rose was selected as the Instructor of the Year for the Army Medical Department Center and School, Academy of

"He is one of the top instructors and one of the best NCOs I have in the branch."

Sgt. 1st Class Brett Long
NCO in charge of the Animal Medicine Branch,
Department of Veterinary Science

Health Sciences.

Rose, an instructor and the basic course manager for the Animal Care Specialist Course, competed against three

instructors at the AMEDD Center and School for Fiscal 08. He is now in the running for the Training and Doctrine Command Noncommissioned

Officer Instructor of the Year.

"I'm excited. It took a lot of dedication and flexibility with the teaching of classes," said Rose, referring to his selection.

Rose will be honored for his achievements at a ceremony Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium in Willis Hall. The event is open to the public.

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Garrison commander's holiday message



Col. Mary Garr

November is a unique month having two federal holidays: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. On Veterans Day we take time to honor our military veterans that fought to guarantee our freedom and way of life for more than 200 years. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919. On May 13, 1938, the U.S. Congress passed an act which made the 11th of November a legal holi-

day; "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" Congress amended this act on Nov. 8, 1954, by replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans" and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

Thanksgiving is a traditional North American holiday. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest recorded Thanksgiving celebration was held Sept. 8, 1565 in what is now St. Augustine, Fla. The first traditional Thanksgiving probably occurred at the site of the Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts in 1621. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and on the second Monday of October in Canada.

The holidays are a time to relax and enjoy family. Having a realistic plan will reduce the strain of juggling tasks, duties,

errands and appointments. Be selective and learn how to say "no" to less important activities. Maintain your well-being, both mind and body, by scheduling some "down time" to use for rest and reflection, keeping your sense of humor, eating nutritious meals, and maintaining your exercise

program as you get busy. Establish your own standards and don't be governed by other's expectations or demands.

During the holidays alcohol abuse continues to be one of the biggest risk factors leading

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Weekly Weather Watch						
	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11
San Antonio	Low 80s Rain Chance	Upper 70s Sunny	Low 80s Sunny	Upper 70s Partly Cloudy	Upper 70s Partly Cloudy	Mid 70s Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	75° Overcast	73° Overcast	73° Overcast	71° Partly Cloudy	62° Partly Cloudy	55° Rain Chance
Baghdad Iraq	73° Partly Cloudy	73° Clear	75° Clear	75° Overcast	75° Partly Cloudy	71° Clear

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



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Flu shots for military, DoD civilians

Flu vaccines for all military personnel will be provided in Blesse Auditorium Nov. 6 and 7 from 6 to 10 a.m. by the Brooke Army Medical Center and the Army Medical Department Center and School. Service members must bring their DoD ID card or CAC card. The make-up date is Nov. 19 from 6 to 8:30 a.m. at Evans Theater. All service members must process through one of the Flu Team Members before leaving Blesse Auditorium. All Soldiers must have their flu immunizations entered in MEDPROS. AMEDD Center and School and DoD employees can also receive the flu vaccines at this time. Bring your CAC card. Both the Flumist and injectable forms of the vaccine will be available. All other services (Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) need to preregister in MEDPROS before receiving the flu vaccine in Blesse Auditorium (MEDPROS Task Forces have been built for DMRTI, METC, IPAP, NMTC cadre and students, and PEC). If you plan to receive your flu immunization at Wilford Hall Medical Center or Lackland Air Force Base, this is not necessary.

Giant Voice testing today

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will conduct a test of the Giant Voice System today. The test message will be preceded by the words, "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise." There is no cause for alarm as this is only a drill.

American Indian Heritage Month Pow Wow

Fort Sam Houston hosts the National American Indian Heritage Month 9th annual Pow Wow Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The event is free and open to the community. The ceremony will honor veterans. Opening ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. with remarks, an eagle dance blessing and gourd dancing. There will be a fallen comrade ceremony at noon; grand entry with songs and dance at 12:30 p.m.; round dance set at 1:30 p.m. and closing song at 4:45 p.m. There will be exhibits, arts and crafts and vendors. This event is co-sponsored by the United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc. and Fort Sam Houston Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity programs. For more information including pow wow etiquette, visit www.united-sanantoniopowwow.org or call Equal Opportunity Adviser Master Sgt. Robin Johnson at 295-0561.

Federal employees health benefits season opens

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Flexible Spending Accounts and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision

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Families join Soldiers receiving Purple Heart medals

By Jen Rodriguez

Brooke Army Medical Center

Spc. Derrell Johnson, an infantryman, knows how important his Family is.

During a Purple Heart ceremony Oct. 27 at Brooke Army Medical Center's fourth floor auditorium, Johnson had more than a dozen Family members including his wife, Marie, parents, siblings, aunt and grandparents, accompany him on stage.

Johnson was injured June 30 while on patrol in Iraq, with his unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. His unit was struck by a roadside bomb, resulting in his injuries.

At BAMC, Purple Hearts aren't awarded collectively to Soldiers. Each warrior goes on stage individually with their Family members. It is a BAMC tradition, according to Brig.



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

Purple Heart recipients Staff Sgt. Walker, Sgt. Chadwick Jesse, Cpl. Jason House, Spc. Derrell Johnson, Spc. Jesse Jojola and Spc. Anton Slobodnik IV, surrounded by comrades, Family members and Brooke Army Medical Center staff, sing the Army song at the closing of the Purple Heart ceremony held Oct. 27 at BAMC.

Gen. James K. Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Command and BAMC, and host of the ceremony.

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Medic 'a true hero' on battlefield

By Don Kramer

Fort Lewis Northwest Guardian

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — A former 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division commander returned to Fort Lewis Oct. 23 to pin the nation's second-highest award for valor on the chest of one of the brigade's medics.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Chiarelli presented the Distinguished Service Cross to Staff Sgt. Christopher B. Waiters, only the 17th awarded since the Vietnam War. The Army medic is now stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, but returned last week to receive the award he earned April 5, 2007, while assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment as a combat medic.

The ceremony took place at Soldiers Field House, with his entire former brigade filling the bleachers.

Chiarelli said Waiters set an example of "the very best of military values: loyalty, selfless service, personal courage. Something inside Staff Sgt. Waiters led to his pulling wounded comrades out of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle without regard for safety - the sense of duty to follow Soldiers into the crucible of combat that defines who we are."

Waiters, then a specialist attached to Attack Company, 5-20 Inf., responded to a catastrophic vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack on a BFV.

Waiters fought his way to the scene, killing two insurgents en route with his M-4 rifle. He exposed himself to



Photo by Phil Sussman

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli presents the Distinguished Service Cross to Staff Sgt. Christopher B. Waiters Oct. 23 during a ceremony at Soldiers Field House at Fort Lewis, Wash.

enemy fire, running across 80 meters of open ground between his Stryker Medical Evacuation Vehicle and the disabled Bradley to pull two crewmen out of the front hatches despite flames and intense heat.

Upon learning that a third crew member was trapped in

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Insurance Program runs Nov. 10 through Dec. 8. Employees can make enrollments, changes or cancellations through the Army Benefits Center Civilian Web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or by calling toll-free 877-276-9287. For more information, call CPAC at 221-2526.

MEPS to get new commander

The San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station will conduct a change of command ceremony Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum in the activities room. Navy Cmdr. Tracy Carullo will relinquish command to Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Terry.

Upcoming road work

Construction along MacArthur Parade Field will run Nov. 17 through 26 for the installation of communications lines. Motorists will experience construction zones on Worth and Hardee roads. Traffic on Worth Road (about 200-feet west of Stanley Road) will be reduced to one lane in certain sections. Motorists will be directed by a flagger and have to drive over steel plates. The same thing will happen on Hardee Road (at Stanley Road). These construction zones will not affect traffic on Stanley Road. For more information, call Mark Boenisch at the Directorate of Public Works at 295-4913.

BAMC, WHMC consolidate sleep laboratory services

The Brooke Army Medical Center Sleep Disorders Center will move to Wilford Hall Medical Center beginning Nov. 17 and sleep services will no longer be available at BAMC. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to form the new San Antonio Military Medical Center Sleep Disorders Center which will provide sleep laboratory and clinic services. The new center will open Dec. 1. The SAMMC Sleep Disorders Center will manage all sleep disorders for patients 2-years-old and older. Current sleep patients will continue to see their BAMC provider at WHMC. The SAMMC Sleep Disorders Center's new location will be on Ward 3B at WHMC. Wilford Hall sleep services will also move to 3B. For more information about sleep services, call 292-7621. This phone number will be activated Nov. 17. For more information about medical BRAC issues, visit www.sammc.amedd.army.mil.

Army Reserve Contingency Contracting has vacancies

The Army Reserve Contingency Contracting has openings at Fort Sam Houston. The unit is a major subordinate Army contracting agency. All positions require a minimum secret clearance and Soldiers are subject to mobilization. There are currently more than 21 vacancies in grades E-6 through O-5. For more information, call Maj. John McClelland at 221-5082 or e-mail john.mcclelland@usar.army.mil.

Fort Sam scores big at Army festival of performing arts

By Ben Paniagua

Haicenda Recreation Center

Twenty Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Programs and six theatre companies Army-wide participated in the 2008 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts Competition and the winners were announced at its Baltimore convention in Maryland.

Fort Sam Houston came out a winner by winning 17 awards between the BOSS Program and the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. In all, Fort Sam Houston won \$7,500 in cash prizes that will go into the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund's account to take care of Soldiers and their families.

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre's entry, "Picnic" by William Inge won first place for Outstanding Production of a Play, "for its near perfect blend of all those extraordinary components necessary to bring theatrical magic within reach of the appreciative military community." Bruce Shirky, artistic



Photo by Andre Terrell

Roni and the Latin Explosion perform the opening number for the variety show, "Viva Fort Sam." The women in the group dressed as Las Vegas showgirls. "Viva Fort Sam" placed second for Outstanding BOSS Variety Entertainment Production at the 2008 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts Competition held in June in Baltimore, Md.

director of the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, directed "Picnic," won first place for "Outstanding Direction of a Play."

The Fort Sam Houston BOSS

Program's entry into the competition was "Viva Fort Sam," a fast-paced, fully staged and choreographed variety show that featured military and civilian talent from the surrounding area. "Viva Fort Sam," won second place for Outstanding BOSS Variety Entertainment Production for "A first-class Las Vegas" showroom theme that showcased the garrison's diverse performing talent. Ben Paniagua, BOSS FMWR adviser and manager of the Hacienda Recreation directed the variety show and won first place for, "Outstanding Artistic Director."

The prestigious Garrison Award is presented to the installation with the highest quality of entries in the festival. Fort Sam Houston won 2nd place in this category. The judges cited Fort Sam Houston for its "historical approach to the development and delivery of quality entertainment programs, sustaining its highly regarded placement in the pantheon of remarkable Soldiers and Family Programs.

A team of judges travels to each participating Army to see the entries in person. An installation chooses the program of their choice in the areas of theatre, BOSS Variety Shows, Recreation Center events, youth activities and children's theatre. At the end of the festival tour, awards are presented in various categories of each event.

2008 Festival of the Performing Arts winners from Fort Sam Houston

BOSS Variety Show

- 2nd Place Outstanding BOSS Variety Entertainment Production - VIVA FORT SAM
- 1st Place Outstanding Artistic Director - Ben Paniagua
- 1st Place Outstanding Set Design - Robert Breazeale
- 1st Place Outstanding Lighting Design - Robert Breazeale
- 1st Place Outstanding Individual Dance Performance - Raul Riojas
- 1st Place Outstanding Instrumental Group - Will Owen Gage Band
- 2nd Place Outstanding Emcee - Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker

Theater

- 1st Place Outstanding Production of a Play - "Picnic"
- 1st Place Outstanding Direction - Bruce Shirky
- 1st Place Outstanding Set Design - Bruce Shirky and William C. Champlin

- 1st Place Outstanding Lighting Design - Bruce Shirky and William C. Champlin
- 2nd Place Outstanding Costume Design - Yvette Oakes-Crabtree
- 1st Place Outstanding Sound Design - Susan Segura
- 1st Place Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role - Andrew Olmos
- 2nd Place Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role - Stephen Poer
- 1st Place Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role - Capt. Dylan Brainard
- 2nd Place Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role - Rebekka Guinther
- 1st Place Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role - Rob Barron
- 1st Place Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role - Sherie Shirky

Navy Medicine IM/IT command celebrates arrival in San Antonio

By Larry Coffey

Navy Medicine Support Command Public Affairs Officer

The Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity held a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 21 to celebrate the command's arrival at the downtown San Antonio Federal Building.

Navy Medicine's information management and information technology center was reorganized from the Naval Medical Information Management Center in Bethesda, Md., to NAVMISSA Sept. 1, and continues steps to become fully operational in San Antonio.

Rear Adm. Richard Vinci, commander, Navy Medicine Support Command, spoke about NAVMISSA team accomplishments and future changes. His command is NAVMISSA's parent command.

"Capt. (Tina) Ortiz (NAVMISSA commanding officer) has led a tal-

ented, hardworking team of what I affectionately call 'electronic brainiacs,'" Vinci said. "The team is aligning NAVMISSA with the DOD Military Health System and TMA (TRICARE Management Activity). Their hard work will ultimately pay off with superior information systems products and services across Navy Medicine."

Ortiz spoke about her command's missions.

Providing superior information systems products and services to Navy Medicine is NAVMISSA's mission. NAVMISSA also protects Navy Medicine networks through an effective Information Assurance program that ensures customer privacy, she said.

NAVMISSA is projected to employ 149 people when fully operational in San Antonio in April 2009 and the Bethesda detachment is closed. The majority of the staff will be hired from the San

Antonio area.

Ortiz said there are several benefits to the San Antonio relocation.

Relocating to San Antonio places NAVMISSA geographically close to its Army and Air Force service partners, but still allows it to remain a separate command, she said. Economic benefits include the ability to attract and retain the right work force while realizing significant cost of living reductions when compared to the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

There will also be benefits to Navy Medicine, said Patricia Craddock, the NMSC M-5 deputy chief of staff, who is responsible for NAVMISSA.

"As NAVMISSA transitions to San Antonio, they will rebuild the organization using a new organization map that will be more agile and capable of responding to the customer's needs," Craddock said.



Courtesy photo

Commanding Officer Navy Capt. Tina Ortiz, of the Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity; Rear Adm. Richard Vinci, commander, Navy Medicine Support Command; and Rear Adm. Jerry R. Kelley, deputy commander, Total Force Integration, cut a ceremonial ribbon at the new NAVMISSA headquarters Oct. 21 in the San Antonio Federal Building. The NAVMISSA comes to San Antonio after reorganization at the Naval Medical Information Management Center in Bethesda, Md.

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human capital.”

The new theme ties well into ANC's planning conference vision, to transform and align the Army Nurses Corps with the Army Medical Department and the Army's mission, said Lt. Col. Lisa Toven, executive staff officer, office of the Army Nurse Corps.

“As the Army is transforming, and the AMEDD is transforming health care to support the Army, and because this is a complete transformation, the ANC needs to make sure we are in step also,” Toven said.

Both the winning coin design and the theme



Photo by Minnie Jones

The Army Nurse Corps used its first-ever Campaign Planning Conference Oct. 27 to unveil the Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps' new challenge coin and theme, “Embrace the Past, Engage the Present and Envision the Future.” Maj. Jerremie Siegfried, an OB-GYN clinical nurse specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

came from one contestant, Maj. Jerremie Siegfried, an OB-GYN clinical nurse specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her entries were chosen from more than 400.

Submissions were judged by a panel of four judges. The finalist entries were given to Horoho, who then made the final decision.

Siegfried entered both contests, and was unaware she had won either one until the unveiling on the first day of the conference. Where did Siegfried get her inspiration?

“It (dog tag) is the Soldiers' symbol. All of us regardless of our jobs: nurses, chaplains, infantry, whatever, every Soldier I come across wears dog tags. I saw that as a template to generate the design for the coin,” Siegfried said.

When it came to the inspiration for the theme, she said. “They were words that seem to fit. We look to the lessons that we have learned in the past, we look to the mistakes we've made in the past, we also look to the achievements we've made in the past. We acknowledge them, we accept them, and we take those lessons that we've learned and engaged them in the future.”

Horoho said that now is the time for change in the Army Nurse Corps.

“This is our moment in history to transform our corps to align with AMEDD and the Army to reposition for the radical changes required for our successful future,” Horoho said.

“Army nursing has the opportunity and responsibility to help shape and reform outcomes, and will have to rise to this challenge. Our strategy is critical in executing a sustainable vision, and signals a real commitment to being the best at what we do,” she said.



Photo by Minnie Jones

Maj. Gen. Patricia Horoho, chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps (left) awards Maj. Jerremie Siegfried an Achievement medal Oct. 27 during the ANC Planning Conference at the Marriot Conference Center, San Antonio. Siegfried an OBGYN clinical nurse specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu Hawaii won both the coin design and the theme contests; her entries were chosen from over 400 entries submitted, corps wide.

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the vehicle, Waiters returned to the Bradley. Waiters found him already dead, but ran to his Stryker to get a body bag and again returned to the burning BFV to recover the deceased Soldier.

The A Company executive officer, Capt. Timothy Price, said the award went up the chain of command as one of a number of Silver Star recommendations for heroic acts by 5-20 Inf. Soldiers, but when it arrived at 3rd Brigade, Col. Stephen Townsend recommended upgrading it to the DSC.

Waiters said he had never seen one when he heard about the recommendation in August 2007 as the unit was preparing to redeploy from Iraq.

“I had to go look up the picture of a DSC on the Internet,” he said.

The award was finally approved a year later in August 2008.

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*Gen. Peter Chiarelli
Vice Chief of Staff of the Army*

“It's an honor to receive it,” Waiters said. “I was doing what I was trained to do. That's what I was there for.”

Price said the combat medic had a reputation in the company and throughout the battalion for running to the sound of the guns to help wounded Soldiers. In fact, he had survived seven near misses during his last tour in Iraq.

“Doc Waiters got hit in the head once in Buhriz in the helmet,” Price said, “got nicked in the shoulder on patrol with us one night north of Baqubah, had a water bottle shot out from his face earlier in the deployment, and got nicked in the wrist in Old Baqubah. This guy has been in harm's way many times before this hap-

pened. He's being modest when he says he was just doing his job. The guy is a true hero for what he did.”

The current Arrowhead Brigade commander, Col. David Funk, said Waiters fulfilled two unchanging truths about the Army: “the first is that those of us who are privileged to wear the uniform are doubly privileged by the fact that heroes walk among us; the second truth is that true heroes, those deserving of the name, are filled with an inspiring level of humility.”

Waiters' parents, residents of Lacey, and his sister stood next to him during the ceremony, and a long line of well wishers snaked around the field house to shake his hand

or hug him afterward.

Included in the group was retired Maj. Gen. John Hemphill, 81, who himself earned the DSC for valor during the Korean War. He wore his medal on the lapel of his blazer.

The Vice Chief saw their bravery and sacrifice in combat as demonstrations of the values that make the country great.

“We are eternally grateful that we have Soldiers who are fierce on the field of battle, but humbled by the scars earned there,” Chiarelli said. “It is what defines the soul of our nation; it is what makes our nation so great, that we have citizen Soldiers willing to sacrifice so much, willing to voluntarily step into the confusion of the battlefield ... When our Soldiers patrol the dusty fields of far-off lands and the panicked cry of ‘Medic’ shatters the air, I know in my heart, I know in my soul, that another Staff Sgt. Waiters is on his way.”

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to a range of serious problems. If you are going to consume alcohol, drink responsibly and don't get behind the wheel of any vehicle. If with a group, have one person stay sober and be the designated driver. Leaders need to set the example to ensure personnel do not abuse alcohol during these two holidays.

Make safety a 24/7 priority no matter what your plans are during the holidays. With this commitment we can continue to achieve past goals of no accidents, no serious injuries or incidents and no loss of life. Everyone enjoy the upcoming Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holidays and return to your workplaces safe and well.

Look for additional information on managing risks in November in the News Leader.

Army Safe is Army Strong!



Photo by Esther Garcia

Badge Swap

Cadet Monique Penson, officer in training, and members of the 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Texas Army National Guard, receive the San Antonio firefighters patch from Ralph Sifuentes, San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association Honor Guard, Oct. 29. The San Antonio firefighters presented their patches to members of the unit to wear on their uniforms when deployed to Iraq. During the ceremony attended by U.S. Representative Ciro Rodriguez (23rd Congressional District), SAPFFA president Chris Steele and San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood, the Soldiers presented their unit shoulder patches to the firefighters in recognition of the San Antonio Fire Department commitment to community safety.

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riors, medical staff and their immediate Family, Gilman said. The largest family to participate was more than 30.

Other Purple Heart honorees included:

Staff Sgt. Jason Walker, a light wheeled mechanic and native of Lufkin, Texas, was injured April 7 in Iraq. While assigned to B Company, 94th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Walker was on guard in the tower security, when his tower was struck by a mortar round resulting in his combat injuries.

Sgt. Chadwick Jesse, a tank crewman assigned to C Co.,

4th Bn., 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Bde. Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Div., was injured March 29 in Iraq. While on a convoy mission, an electromagnetic force projectile punctured the tank, resulting in his combat injuries.

Cpl. Jason House, a field artillery crewman, was injured Aug. 5 in Iraq. Assigned to Headquarters Batter, 2-3 Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Div., House was on patrol when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device, resulting in his combat injuries.

A light wheeled mechanic, Spec. Jesse Jojola was injured Aug. 1 in Afghanistan. Assigned to G Co., 801st Bde. Support Bn., 4th Bde. Combat

Team, Jojola was on a convoy operation when his vehicle was struck by an IED, resulting in his combat injuries.

Spc. Anton Slobodnik IV, an infantryman was injured March 9, 2007 in Iraq. Assigned to A Co., 1st Bn., 23rd Inf., 3rd Stryker Bde. Combat Team, Slobodnik was on a dismounted patrol when a command-wired IED was detonated, resulting in his combat injuries.

In closing, Gilman reminded the crowd of more than 50 to continue to remember those who are still in harm's way and those who are going through the healing and transition process.

"Send them all your thoughts and prayers," he said.

Energy Myth:

Army regulations require that batteries and film be refrigerated.

Fact:

The only items that the Army requires refrigerated are some ALSE special batteries (not 9 volt off-the-shelf batteries), a few medical items and medical specimens. Regular off-the-shelf batteries and film cost more to refrigerate than any increase in shelf life that results from maintaining them at a lower temperature. It would cost less to not refrigerate and replace the batteries slightly more often than to operate the refrigerators. Refrigerators use several hundreds of dollars per year to run and are really only needed in break rooms and conference rooms for support of employees and meetings. Personal refrigerators for the convenience of an individual are not authorized in offices as per AR 11-27.

(Source: Directorate of Public Works)



Inhale



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Pvt. Jill Rew administers a flu vaccine nasal spray to Audra Garcia, 7, Nov. 4 at Army Community Service. Brooke Army Medical Center flu vaccines will be given to active duty, Reserve, Guard, health care specialists and beneficiaries Dec. 3 and 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 at 2010 Stanley Road. The flu vaccine will be offered to retirees only at the Retiree Appreciation Day Dec. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Center and School. Also, all beneficiaries may be vaccinated in their enrolled clinic or the BAMC allergy clinic beginning Dec. 8, during usual clinic immunizations walk-in hours. For a complete list of clinic walk in times and updated information, visit the BAMC homepage at www.bamc.amedd.army.mil or check with the BAMC information desks.

Have you been diagnosed with cancer?

A cancer diagnosis is stressful enough. Don't let the decision of where to get treatment make things harder.

The best cancer treatment available is offered through Commission on Cancer-approved cancer programs. The cancer programs at Brooke Army Medical Center here and Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base are accredited by the Commission on Cancer.

Cancer programs earning recognition from the CoC offer first-rate cancer care. Only one in four hospitals that treat cancer patients receives this approval. CoC-accreditation recognizes the quality of comprehensive cancer care available at a facility and offers a commitment that patients will have access to all of the various medical specialists who are involved in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

As an integral part of the cancer program, the Hematology Oncology Service at the San Antonio Military Medical Center offers high-quality cancer care to patients who are Department of Defense beneficiaries, includ-

ing those over the age of 65.

Care at a CoC-approved cancer program ensures that patients receive:

- Quality care close to home
- Comprehensive care offering a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
- A multi-specialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options available to cancer patients
- Access to cancer-related information, education, and support
- A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options

The Hematology Oncology Service is temporarily located at WHMC while final renovations for a state-of-the-art treatment facility at San Antonio Military Medical Center North, formerly Brooke Army Medical Center, are completed.

Don't let transportation from BAMC to WHMC be an issue from seeking care in the clinic. Shuttle service is provided between the two facilities. It departs from outside the Medical Mall at BAMC every hour, on the hour, and in front of the main entrance at WHMC every hour on the half-hour.

DoD beneficiaries diagnosed with cancer are welcome at BAMC and WHMC. Have your primary care provider or referring provider submit a consultation to the Hematology Oncology clinic through the TRICARE office or via fax to 292-4795.

(Source: Hematology Oncology Service)

Sports

U.S. Army All-American Bowl tickets

The 2009 U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be held Jan. 3, 2009, at noon at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The All-American Bowl is an east versus west showdown that features the top 90 high school senior football players from across the country. It is considered by players, coaches and fans to be the premier high school football game in the nation. Free tickets are available at the Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation ticket office located at the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, for military personnel with a military ID card and civilians with a Department of Defense ID card. For more information, call the ticket office at 226-1663.

Intramural bowling league

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison Intramural Bowling League will begin Jan. 6. Send team letters of intent to participate no later than Dec. 4. Letter's of Intent can be mailed to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road.

Building 124, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 78234 or dropped by the Brigade Gym. A coaches' meeting will be held Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Rangerette Classic basketball tournament

The Fort Sam 11th annual Rangerette Classic basketball tournament will be held Jan. 31 through Feb. 1. An entry fee of \$275 per team will apply with a registration deadline of Dec. 5. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Ranger Jam XI basketball tournament

Fort Sam Rangers Ranger Jam XI invitational men's and women's basketball tournament will be held Dec. 13 and 14. An entry fee of \$275 per team will apply with a registration deadline of Jan. 26. For more information, call Earl Young, 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Training Support Company's Annual Neanderthal Trail Run



Come join the Training Support Company at Camp Bullis for our annual Neanderthal Run. Spend the morning in the Texas Hill Country with your Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and co-workers for a great team building event. The course is a challenging 5 mile trail run, filled with demanding terrain. Arrive at 0645 for refreshments and registration. Run starts at 0715. Uniform is the IPFU or festive attire as approved by Unit Commanders. Guddons welcomed. Event is open to all Active Duty military and DA Civilians. See your BN B-3I OPS cell for registration forms.

CUSTOMER ASSESSMENT

The annual Customer Service Assessment is available to EVERYONE to take
Oct. 20 – Nov. 7, 2008
 GO ONLINE TO TAKE THE SURVEY
www.myarmyvoice.org/community2008
 Survey results to be published Dec. 2008

For more information contact your Customer Service Office
 1200 Stanley Road, Suite 6, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
 (281) 223-2340 tsmk.cms@forss.army.mil

News Leader survey online

Submit your feedback to help improve the News Leader. The survey is available online at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>. For more information, call 221-0615 or 221-1031.

Mission Thanksgiving 2008

Celebrate this great American holiday with some great Americans -- our sons and daughters in uniform.



If you want to open your home to two of Fort Sam Houston's Initial Entry trainee Soldiers for Thanksgiving Day

Call 221-07489247/1475/2760 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or register online at: <http://www.ca.amedd.army.mil/thanksgivingmission.aspx>
 Deadline to register is Nov. 14

Ready Army instructs how to shelter-in-place

Ready Army is reminding Army personnel and their Families to be prepared for any emergency by being able to shelter-in-place. All Army personnel should also continue to maintain a basic level of preparedness for all potential hazards.

Sheltering-in-place means to take temporary protection in a structure or vehicle that is not certified, insured or staffed for emergency conditions. Installation procedures designate which office or party will order personnel to shelter-in-place and for how

long the order is in effect.

"Preparing your residence for a sheltering-in-place is your responsibility," said Brad Barrett, Fort Sam Houston Garrison Emergency Manager. "By having an emergency kit, creating a family emergency plan and being informed about different types of emergencies, you could possibly save your own life and those of your Family members."

Preparing to shelter-in-place involves having an emergency kit, being able to turn off heating and ventila-

tion systems quickly and identifying potential interior spaces for sheltering-in-place. Notification of an emergency may be through a voice announcing system, announcements through cellular phones or e-mail, or an Emergency Alert System broadcast over radio or TV.

When asked to shelter-in-place, remember:

- Turn off all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- Close and secure all doors, windows, vents and other exterior openings.

- Bring everyone safely inside to an interior room or one with few windows and doors.

For more details on how to shelter-in-place, visit the Fort Sam Houston Ready Army Web site at <http://www.sam-houston.army.mil/readyarmy/>. For more information, call Barrett, the Fort Sam Houston Ready Army coordinator, at 295-0534.

Ready Army is an Armywide campaign designed to inform the Army community of all hazards, manmade and natural, and encourages



Soldiers, their Families, civilians and contractors to — Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.

(Source: Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIQUIDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT? IT CAN HAPPEN.

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

Fort Sam goes to seven-digit dialing

Fort Sam Houston employees will have to dial the full seven digits of telephone numbers when calling other offices on post beginning today. The dialing procedure affects all phones services at Fort Sam Houston, Brooke Army Medical Center, Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley.

To Call	Dial
221 number	221-XXXX
295 number	295-XXXX
916 number	916-XXXX
808 number	808-XXXX

Note: The XXXX represents the last four digits of the telephone number.

To make a local outside call, dial 99 + the seven digit

local number.

To make an FTS 2000 call, dial 97 + 1 + area code + seven digit number.

To make a DSN call, dial 94 + the seven digit DSN number. PIN codes or authorization numbers will no longer be needed to make DSN calls.

- The DSN for 221-numbers is 471.
- The DSN for 295-numbers is 421.
- The DSN for 916-numbers is 429.
- The DSN for 808-numbers is 420.

Telephone users should review and edit all speed-dial lists on their telephones, fax

machines, video-teleconferencing units and call centers. Also, customers with the call-forwarding variable should be aware that edits may be necessary, especially on Integrated Services Digital Network sets with call forwarding variable feature buttons.

Dialing the post emergency number, 911, and operator assistance, 0, has not changed.

For more information about dialing procedures, call Jane Schlinke at 221-0612 or e-mail elizabeth.schlinke@us.army.mil.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston DOIM Telephone Services)

U.S. Army South company gets new commander



Photo by Miguel Negron

Lt. Col. Scot Storey (left) and Capt. William J. Brickner Jr. pass the unit colors while 1st Sgt. Juan Ortiz (right) observes during a change of command ceremony in front of the U.S. Army South Headquarters Building 1000 Oct. 24. Brickner received the unit colors of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, U.S. Army South from Maj. Rodolfo Martinez Jr. during the ceremony. Storey is Army South's STB commander and Ortiz is the HHC first sergeant.

By Robert Ramon

U.S. Army South Public Affairs Office

Capt. William J. Brickner Jr., who last served as the communications plans officer for U.S. Army South, took command Oct. 24 of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, U.S. Army South.

Brickner received the unit colors of the HHC "Rough Riders" from Maj. Rodolfo Martinez Jr. during a ceremony in front of Army South's Headquarters in "Old Brooke Army Medical Center." Martinez will move to Army South's operations and training section.

"(Martinez) has contributed to the history of this great unit and (Brickner) now bears that awesome responsibility to continue proud traditions while moving the unit forward," said Army South's STB commander

Lt. Col. Scot Storey.

Serving as the HHC commander was "a very challenging experience but very rewarding at the same time," Martinez said.

Storey praised the dedication of the Soldiers who served under Martinez's leadership as they stood in formation.

"They are the unsung heroes of the battalion and ultimately the command," Storey said. "Each and every one of them is critical to the superb support this battalion provides United States Army South."

Listing a plethora of unit accomplishments — including the reintegration of three American defense contractors held hostage by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia for more than five years, as well as the establishment of a Multinational Force-South command post for Fuerzas Aliadas (Allied Forces)

PANAMAX 2008 in El Salvador — Storey stressed that the successful completion of each mission was a direct reflection of Martinez's leadership.

"Keeping Soldiers mission-focused to accomplish all of this in such a diverse unit has taken hard work and balance," Storey said. "The only way this level of achievement could be accomplished was through good leadership, and (Martinez) you've provided just that."

Gesturing toward Brickner, Storey assured the Soldiers they are in good hands with their new commander.

"Headquarters and Headquarters Company is being placed in the capable hands of another talented Soldier," Storey said. "(Brickner) has an impressive background that has groomed him to successfully lead the 'Rough Riders' down the continued path of greatness."



Photo by Jeff Crawley

Army Medical Department Center and School Instructor of the Year Staff Sgt. Chris Rose sits in a classroom Nov. 3 at the Veterinary Training Center in Jennings Hall here. Rose is an instructor and the basic course manager for the Animal Care Specialist Course, in the Animal Medicine Branch, Department of Veterinary Science. He will compete for the Training and Doctrine Command Noncommissioned Officer Instructor of the Year.

Rose compared them to a shotgun and an M-16 rifle, Varner said.

"You've got the shotgun — a spatter kill and the M-16 — one shot, one kill," she said.

Rose, 37, a former infantryman and administrative specialist, has been a vet tech since 1998 and an instructor here the past three years.

"I've always been interested in dogs and cats. My father was a military working dog handler in Vietnam for the Air Force," said Rose, who is from Tarboro, N.C. "I've always had animals."

Rose teaches anatomy and physiology, pharmacology and drug administration. In his three years as an instructor, he has at one time or another taught all the training modules in the Animal Care Specialist Course, including radiology, parasitology and hematology. As the course program manager, he is also responsible for its administration. Rose also teaches advanced vet tech courses in the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course.

The best part of the job is interacting with the students, especially helping Soldiers understand concepts, Rose said.

"Taking a student who is not totally comprehending and taking them to the point where the light bulb is going off,

where you see the smile go across their face, and they go, 'Oh, I got it now,'" Rose said. "That's what I enjoy."

Class scheduling problems are one of the most challenging parts of the job, he said.

"Scheduling issues always are maximum frustration because of so many things going on at one time," Rose said, "either with the students or us within the facility having scheduling issues."

When he's not doing squad leading time or physical training with his Soldiers at 5 a.m.,

Rose's day will begin with a 7 a.m. arrival at work. He prepares for the teaching day and for his classes, which begin at 8:30 a.m. He typically teaches two to three hours a day.

As the basic course manager, he also ensures that instructors and students have every thing they need to perform their roles.

"If I'm not on the podium (teaching), I've got a lot of administrative things going on," Rose said.

Rose said he did not do anything out of the norm for him to be recognized as the top instructor.

"I did my job, but I always try to do it better every time," he said. "I want the students to get something out of what I'm teaching."

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Sgt. 1st Class Brett Long, NCO in charge of the Animal Medicine Branch, Department of Veterinary Science, nominated Rose as an instructor of the quarter. The four instructors of the quarters competed for instructor of the year honors. Long said Rose was deserving of the best-instructor recognition.

"He is one of the top instructors and one of the best NCOs I have in the branch," Long said.

Rose keeps his classes fun, interesting and has the ability to teach at the level of his students, said Long, who has worked with him for three years.

Rose's students, who are studying to become veterinary technicians, agreed.

"He (Rose) makes learning very interesting and more fun than most instructors," said student Pfc. Emily Varner. "My eyes are wide open, my ears are wide open," she said, referring to her time in his classes.

Rose tells stories, gives good examples in layman terms and uses comparisons that Soldiers understand, said student Pfc. Jody Gaudrault.

For example, in a lesson on the differences between broad spectrum and narrow spectrum antibiotics,

New annex home for recovering Marines

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



(From left) Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center; Lt. Col. Douglas Olbrich, Marine Corps Patient Affairs Team; retired Sgt. Maj. Gene Overstreet, 12th Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps; and Cpl. Clifton Payne, break ground for a new Marine Annex. The building will provide recreation and work space for wounded, ill or injured Marines.

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Col. Douglas Olbrich, outgoing officer in charge for the Marine Corps Patient Affairs Team, during the ground breaking ceremony for a new annex for wounded Marines.



Capt. Robert B. Sorenson (left), commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Texas, visits with Maj. Humberto Rodriguez, who will take over the duties of the Marine Corps Patient Affairs Team. The team, currently located in BAMC, will move its offices to the new annex when completed. During Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, BAMC has treated 259 Marines.

A ground breaking ceremony held Oct. 28 next to the Marine and Navy Reserve Center officially began the construction of a new 5,000 square-foot annex for wounded Marines.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Gene Overstreet, 12th Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps, was the keynote speaker, with Lt. Col. Douglas Olbrich, officer in charge of the Marine Corps Patient Affairs Team at Brooke Army Medical Center, and Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commanding general, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and BAMC guest speakers.

"The most important part about it, is that it will be a place the Marines can call their own. It will be a place for the Marines to sit, relax and talk with each other," Olbrich said.

Olbrich, who saw a need for such a building, said, "The Army has been very gracious to us, everything the Soldiers have is open to us, but, I want their own space where there will be Marine colors on the wall, Marine posters, have the place just scream, 'this is where the grunts are.'"

Olbrich said half of the building will house the Marine Corps Patient Affairs Team, currently at Brooke Army Medical Center. The other half will have a lounge with couches, computers, flat-screen TVs and gaming systems. It will be a place where wounded Marines will be able to see movies, relax and talk to each other. The Navy will also be invited to share the lounge.

"But our country expects more

from her Marines than just recovery and rehabilitation. America expects her Marines to excel." Olbrich said.

"Our Warrior lounge is about goals, goals identified, goals addressed and goals achieved, and they (America) expect Marines to excel at achieving those goals," Olbrich said.

The lounge will have a reading room, a place to take courses, and an information board for those who plan to stay in the Marine Corps after their recovery, and Marines will now be able to work on special projects using computers. For Marines contemplating returning to civilian life, a large conference room will have guest speakers, business leaders and mentors that can offer tools to help a Marine serve his country as a former Marine.

Gilman said, "It is my honor today to be here to give them a place where they can provide more support and more help to injured, ill and wounded recovering Marines."

"It is a great day in the corps today," said Overstreet, as he began his remarks. This is very much needed, and it is a pleasure for Marines to be here and break ground.

Overstreet spoke about the history of the Army in San Antonio, the Army's Medical Corps, and the changes at Fort Sam Houston due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure.

The ceremony included a presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal to Olbrich who is leaving the office of the Marine Patient Affairs.



Distinguished guests, Marines, Family and friends gather under a canopy Oct. 28 for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Marine Annex, which will be used as recreation and work space for ill, injured and wounded Marines.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Campus Activities – Nov. 10 to 15

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Nov. 10
Student Holiday/ Staff Development Day

Nov. 11
Veterans Day/ School Holiday

Nov. 12
Book Fair in Room 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 13
Book Fair in Room 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 14
Spirit Day
Book Fair in Room 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Family night in cafeteria, 5 to 8 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Nov. 10
Student Holiday/ Staff Development Day

Nov. 11
Veterans Day/School Holiday
Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Stockdale at Cole, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Nov. 14
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Lytle at Cole, 5 p.m.

Nov. 15
JROTC Turkey Shoot at rifle range, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
State cross country meet at Round Rock

2A Girls run at 10:50 a.m.
2 A Boys run at 11:10 a.m.

Cole Cougars named Army Strong Team of the Week

Robert G. Cole Cougars were recognized at a pep rally Oct. 31 as the Army Strong Team of the Week for their performance against the Harper Longhorns. Staff Sgt. Joshua Vinson, Army recruiter, presented the team with a plaque. Dave Campbell's Texas Football.com, partners with the U.S. Army to recognize a team of the week throughout the Texas high school football sea-



Courtesy photo
Jeremy Fuentes, Cole senior, accepts Army Strong 2008 Team of the Week plaque from Staff Sgt. Joshua Vinson.

son. Each week one team is selected from every classification in high school football that demonstrates qualities exhibited within the Army – leadership, commitment to excellence and a desire to make a difference as a member of a team. Larry Ransom, Cole Athletic Director, commented, "We are a young team that is always fired up, coming together to play each and every game."

Cougar cross-country teams advance



The Robert G. Cole High School boys and girls cross-country teams advanced to the regional finals after a fine showing at the district 27-2A meet Oct. 29 in Comfort, Texas. The boys' team, paced by a first-place finish by Richard Well and third place by his brother Ryan,

handily won the district championship. The girls' team also advanced, by coming in third place. They were led by Dominique Edmonds (7th place) and Katie Mudie (10th place). The Cougars will next compete in the regional meet Nov. 8 at Brooks City Base.

Students experience voting process

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Robert G. Cole Middle School students experienced voting for a presidential candidate using a mock election process.

Elementary students in grades 1 through 5, learned about the democratic voting process in their social studies classes. Students applied for voter registration cards and used these documents to gain access to a simulated voting site.

Fifth grade teacher Brenna Howell organized the election with the help of fifth grade students. Ten laptop computers were set up in study carrels, providing a sense of privacy while students casted their votes. Fifth grade students provided younger students with directions on the electronic voting system giving "I Voted" stickers at the conclusion of the event.

Using the studiesweeklyvote.com Web site, students could track votes throughout the country, one day prior to the actual election. On the morning of Nov. 3, Obama led the race in Texas and the United States.

"The electronic voting process has been a wonderful experience for all the students," Howell said. "It's exciting to hear first grade students talking about the presidential candidates. Fifth grade students had a lively discussion about votes not yet cast in states in different time zones and the importance of waiting to identify a winner in the presidential race."

Student Chase Miller, a fifth grader, said, "It's important to learn about voting and to exercise our right as citizens to vote. It's been fun to be a voting clerk, helping others to cast their vote."

Middle school students in grades 6 through 8, also



Courtesy photo
Fifth grade student Chase Miller, casts his vote in the mock presidential election held at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.

experienced the voting process using a curriculum from the Texas Secretary of State called Project V.O.T.E. Students completed an application for a voter registration card and then used their card to sign in at their "voting sites" located in social studies classes.

"Using the mock election curriculum, students learned how to cast a ballot and what's involved in conducting an election," said sixth grade social studies teacher Chanda Salazar-Curiel. "It has been a great experience for us all."

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

TAKS information night

Fort Sam Houston Elementary will hold its annual Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills information night Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parents and students can visit their classroom teachers, informational booths and more to help their child prepare for the TAKS given in the Spring. Informational resources, assistive web sites and information from test anxiety to study tips will be offered. Look for information to be sent home soon with students.

Safari Book Fair

The book fair will be visiting Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Nov. 12 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes will visit the Parent Resource Room, Room 5, for the opportunity to preview and buy books to start their own jungle adventure. Family night will be Nov. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

"Straight Talk to Smart Parents"

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will host a "Straight Talk To Smart Parents" presentation Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Cole Middle School mall. The topic will be "the 4-1-1 on Drugs." Parents will learn the latest trends in drug use among youth. All parents and community members are invited to attend. The presenter will be Lucien Costley, education specialist from the Region 20 Office of Safe and Drug Free School and Communities program. For more information, contact Assistant Principal Elizardo Hernandez at 368-8736 or e-mail ehernand@fshisd.net.

Fort Sam Houston ISD seeking volunteers for Board of Trustees

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District has a five member Board of Trustees nominated by the Garrison Commander and appointed by the State Board of Education.

Military personnel or their spouses and civilians employed on the installation may serve. A majority of the Trustees must be civilians.

The Board sets policy for FSHISD. To be a Board member you must be a registered voter and have lived in Texas for the past 12 months. You must live or be employed on the installation and be willing to volunteer your time and serve without compensation. You must be prepared to serve a two-year term of office and attend monthly board meet-

ings. You must be willing to receive Board training and support the Fort Sam Houston Schools by attending special events and functions.

If you meet these requirements and are interested, please submit a resume with your name, home and work addresses and family status. In addition, you must submit a memorandum stating that you meet the stated qualifications. Please contact the number below to request the memorandum format. Materials must be submitted by Nov. 13, no later than 1 p.m. to Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-SMH-MW-C Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 78234. For additional information, please contact Ruth Mitchell at 295-4806.



Recreation and Leisure

Turkey Bowl

Members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Turkey Bowl Nov. 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Participants can enjoy two free games of bowling. This free event is open to all FMWR patrons. For more information, call 224-7250 or 221-3683.

Thanksgiving Luau

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a Thanksgiving Luau Nov. 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Benner Barracks, Building 272. Activities will include authentic Hawaiian food and entertainment, live band, free throw competition, Segway challenge course, pull-up competition, inflatable rock climbing

wall, inflatable velcro wall, and a dunking booth. Come join the fun.

Dining and Entertainment

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Christmas Belles," a comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, through Dec. 13. The hilarious holiday journey through a misadventure-filled Christmas Eve is guaranteed to bring a smile. Tickets are \$31 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$28 for Wednesday and Thursday performances. Discounts are available for military and students. The house opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and show-time is at 8 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre 222-9694. The box office is open from 12 to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Auditions at Harlequin

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions Nov. 24 and 25 for "The Unexpected Guest," a mys-

tery by Agatha Christie. Auditions will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights with William Champlin directing. This mystery has roles for seven men and three women. Volunteers are needed as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances will be held Jan. 14 through Feb. 21. For more information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

Sam Houston Club

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Registration is \$20 and includes a meal and unlimited soft drinks. Players must be at least 21. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721 or 226-1663.

Big Bucks Bingo

Big Bucks Bingo will be held the first Saturday of every other month at the Sam Houston Club. There is a guaranteed \$13,000 payout. Bingo will begin at noon with a free buffet served for all Bingo players. For more information, call 224-2721.

Thanksgiving Day dinner

The Sam Houston Club will hold a Thanksgiving Day dinner Nov. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price

per person will be \$21.95 non-members, \$18.95 for members, \$8.95 for children ages 6 to 11, children 5 and under eat free. Menus may be picked up at the club prior to the event. For reservations, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.



AFAP Conference delegates needed

The Installation Commander's annual Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held in February. Delegates and volunteers are needed for planning, submitting issues and providing assistance for this important event. This is the time to let your voice be heard and represent the Army Family. To participate or submit an issue, call the AFAP program manager at 221-2705.

H.U.G.S. playgroup

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program offers a Helping us Grow Securely playgroup each Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dodd Field

Chapel, Building 1721. This weekly interactive fun playgroup for parents and children ages infant to 5 years is a great way for meeting new people, learning new ideas — all while children are having fun. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Holiday seasonal employment

Army Community Service Family Employment Readiness Program will hold a Holiday Job Fair Nov. 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This is an opportunity to find employment for the upcoming holidays, earn extra cash, receive possible discounts on holiday gifts from retail employers, have access to available hiring opportunities and to meet with local businesses. The fair is open to not only to teens, spouses and Soldiers, but anyone interested in seasonal work. Classes on "Dressing for Success" and completing the employment job application will also be held. For more information, call FERP at 221-0427 or 221-2705.

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Teen Talk

The Family Advocacy Program will hold Teen Talk every other Wednesday beginning Nov. 12 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at the Child and Youth School Services. This is an opportunity for teens to discuss issues. Incentives for participation will be available. For more information, call 221-2055 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Support Assistant Training

Army Community Service Mobilization & Deployment Program will hold training for Family Readiness Support Assistant Nov. 13 and 14 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in ACS Building 2797. As an integral part of the Family Readiness Team, the FRSA plays a key role in assisting the efforts of Commanders and FRG volunteer leaders in their support of Soldiers and their Families. This training will orient and inform FRSAs about the roles and responsibilities of their position. Register by Nov. 7

at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up call, 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Child, Youth and School Services Family Fun Day Carnival

The Child Development Center will host a Family Fun Day Carnival for Families, whose children attend the CDC. The carnival will be held Nov. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. Activities include indoor games, pony rides, moon bounce and a disc jockey. Refreshments will be sold. For more information, call 221-5002.

Parent Advisory Council

A Child, Youth and School Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Nov. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. All CYSS patrons are encouraged to attend. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of

each month. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Parent Night Out

Child Youth and School Services will host a Parent Night Out Nov. 21 from 6 to 11 p.m. in Building 2530 for children 6 weeks to 5 years old or Building 1705 for children Kindergarten to 5th grade. The cost is \$20 and is non-refundable. Advanced sign-up is required, space is limited. Deadline for sign-up is Nov. 10. All current CYSS members are eligible for this service. For more information or to sign up, call the Child Development Center at 221-5002 or School Age Services at 221-4455. Inquire with either facility about the use of Army Family Covenant or SAS Open Recreation hours for this event.

Basketball registration

Child, Youth and School Services will conduct basketball registration through Nov. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will be held in Building 2797. Cost is \$45 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child. All participants must have a current sports physicals to register. For more information, contact CYSS Central Registration at 221-4871 or Youth Sports and Fitness at 221-3502.

Texas Honor Ride



Courtesy photo

Fort Sam Houston will host the 3rd annual Texas Honor Ride honoring wounded warriors and their Families at Salado Park Nov. 8. The motorcycle riders will begin arriving 11 a.m. Riders will leave Houston, Texas starting at 7 a.m. on the largest and longest law enforcement-escorted charity motorcycle ride.

Last year more than 800 motorcyclists rode in this event. The Fort Sam Houston Provost Marshal will meet the riders as they enter Fort Sam Houston at the Holbrook Road gate to avoid construction zones. As the bikers arrive they will be greeted by mariachi music and folkloric dancers. Returning again this year from Houston, Texas is the "Southern Cross" band.

The THR will be presenting to the Warrior and Family Assistance Center the funds they have raised this year. THR has donated over \$184,000 to the Center in the past two years. Rudy's BBQ and Blue Bell ice cream will be served. T-shirts, ride patches, pins and crosses will be available for purchase.

The post community is welcome to join wounded warriors and their Families to spend a fun day hosted by the Warrior and Family Support Center with some great folks, who want to shake your hand and tell you 'thanks' for serving your county.

BOSS thanks Fort Sam Houston community with Halloween bowling

By Paul Kotchman

Marketing Manager, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program delivered another amazing event for Soldiers and Families and showed the community why its BOSS program was selected as the best program for a small installation.

About 325 Soldiers and Family members attended the 3rd annual BOSS Halloween Bowling Bash Oct. 25 at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center.

The BOSS program put this event to show its thanks to all the Soldiers, Families, civilians and on-post organizations, who helped make the Fort Sam Houston BOSS program one of the best in the nation.

Everyone was treated to a fun-filled evening of free bowling thanks to the efforts of the Directorate of Family and

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sponsorship Office and BOSS. In addition to the Families, there were many Soldiers in Initial Entry Training who enjoyed the event.

“I’m so thrilled the BOSS program puts these events on for our community, as it serves all involved well. These type of special events are marketed in such a way that it reaches out to every individual on-post,” said John Fryman, bowling center manager. “These BOSS-sponsored events in particular are wonderful because we’re able to capture there three pillars of their program: Quality of Life,

Recreation and Leisure and Community Service.”

According to the bowling center staff, this event exceeded any other special event ever conducted at the center.

“We usually see anywhere from 150 to 200 people for these types of special events, however, it does not surprise me to see it grow the way it has with the support of BOSS,” Fryman said.

The next event at the Bowling Center is the Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl Nov. 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. Visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com for more information on bowling activities.

Community

Events

Panna Maria Walk

The Selma Pathfinders Volksmarch Club will host a 5K and 10K walk Nov. 8 starting between 8 a.m. and noon, finishing by 4 p.m. The walk will start at the visitor's center at 13860 N. FM-81, Panna Maria, Texas. For more information, call Phyllis Eagan at 496-1402, e-mail papre1947@yahoo.com or visit www.geocities.com/yosemite/gorge/8195/.

Upcoming job fairs

The CivilianJobs.com Job Fair Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Hood (Texas) Catering and Conference Center. Visit www.CivilianJobs.com.

The Fort Sam Houston Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Visit www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair.

The Lackland Air Force Base Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Days Nov. 13 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kisling Community Center at Lackland. Visit www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair.

The Recruit Military Career Fair

Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, Texas. Visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

For assistance with your job search preparation and pre-separation requirements, call the Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213.

Military Appreciation Monday

The Golden Corral Restaurants salute America's heroes with a free dinner for Military Appreciation Nov. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. at any local Golden Corral Restaurant. The free “thank you” dinner is available to veterans, retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserve. For more information, visit www.goldencorral.com/military.

Military Spouse of the Year

The Military Spouse Magazine is accepting public votes for the 2009 Military Spouse of the Year award. The MSOY represents the millions of military spouses who are unsung heroes maintaining the Homefront, giving back selflessly to their communities, and providing support to our nation's troops. No registration, membership or fee is required to vote. The deadline to vote is Dec. 24. For more information or to vote, visit www.msos.milspouse.com.

Training

CBRN incidents course

A Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear course will be held at the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States 114th annual meeting Nov. 11 to 13 at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio. This condensed course, combines nuclear and radiation with the medical aspects of chemical and biologic warfare agents. This course, adapted specifically for AMSUS attendees, preserves the didactic core of a five-day course. Military and civilian health-care providers, hospital administrators and municipal disaster-response elements should find this course relevant. Continuing-education credits will be awarded, based on hours of

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attendance and participation. For more information or instructions to register, call 410-436-2230.

Meetings

Navy League luncheon

The Alamo Council, Navy League of the United States will host a luncheon meeting Nov. 13 at noon at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Guest speaker Vice Adm. Adam Robinson Jr., surgeon general of the Navy and chief, bureau of medicine and surgery will discuss the “The Future of Navy Medical Training in San Antonio.” The cost is \$13 per person. For more information or to reserve by noon Nov. 10, call Donald Knapp at 493-7491, e-mail stepsahead01@yahoo.com or Jesse Rodriguez at 826-7192, e-mail jesse6573@sbcglobal.net.

Spouses' Club

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area will host a Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Guest speaker Col. Mary Garr, garrison commander, will provide an overview and update of the BRAC construction projects taking place on post. The cost is \$14. For more information and to reserve by Nov. 14, call Kelly Pinsky at 233-8401 or e-mail kelly.pinsky@us.army.mil.

American Society of Military Comptrollers

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers invites all members and non-members to attend a luncheon Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Col. Mary Garr, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, will speak on the topic “Fort Sam Houston Update – Projected Growth and Future Plans.” For more information or reservations by Nov. 17, call Angela Crawford at 536-3549.

Volunteer

Community cleanup

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Converse Animal Shelter, Inc., 9634 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas. Students can earn a certificate for up to three hours of community service credit. For more information or to volunteer, call Charlene Houghton at 652-3812.



U.S. Navy Rock Band concert

The U.S. Navy Rock Band will perform a free concert Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 555 Funston Pl. at N. New Braunfels. Doors open at 5 p.m. so concert-goers can tour the gardens. The concert is open to the public. No tickets are required.

Association of the United States Army luncheon

The Association of the United States Army will host a luncheon Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker is William McLemore, deputy secretary for Intergovernmental and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For

more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony, parade

A Veterans Day parade and wreath-laying ceremony will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. The parade begins at noon through downtown San Antonio. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.usmv-pa.org.

Tops in Blue

The United States Air Force Services presents Tops in Blue, a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University, One Trinity Place,

San Antonio. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 999-8117 or visit www.topsin-blue.com.

Boyz II Men free concert

Lackland Air Force Base will host a Boyz II Men free concert Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. at the Lackland AFB Amphitheater, Kenly Avenue next to the Gateway Club. No tickets are necessary. The venue is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and guests, and not open to the public. The event is outdoors, folding chairs are permitted and food booths are available for purchase. No ice chests, coolers, glass or alcohol, weapons, cameras or audio/video recording devices, pets, backpacks. Diaper bags and strollers are allowed.

Veterans Day ceremony at Fort Sam

The Fort Sam Houston's Veterans Day ceremony will be Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The keynote speaker is Rear Adm. Patrick E.

McGrath, vice commander, Naval Air Forces commander, Naval Air Forces Reserve deputy commander, Navy Region Southwest. The event includes a wreath and banner presentation, gun salute, a tribute to veterans from the Native American community, and music from the U.S. Army Medical Command Band and the Texas Children's Choir. The event is free and open to the public.

Buffalo Soldier Commemorative

A Buffalo Soldier Commemorative ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. The event is free and open to the public.

San Antonio Symphony concert

The San Antonio Symphony will perform Nov. 11 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle. The U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will perform outside the Municipal Auditorium at 6:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. No tickets required.

For Sale Fort Freebies

For Sale: Bookcase, 45 inches wide by 48 inches high, \$45; Sony DVD player, \$40. Call 662-8887.

For Sale: Two men's racing bikes, need refurbishing, \$50 each. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: 2004 Saturn Ion 3, automatic, gray cloth interior, CD/MP3, ABS, A/C, tinted windows, 38K miles, very good condition, \$8,500. Must take by Dec. 15. Call Christine at 727-667-8302.

For Sale: Polish Christmas dinnerware set with side serving dishes, \$200. Call 653-3286.

For Sale: Bobby T. Jones classic golf clubs with bag and pull cart, \$175; left-handed hybrid golf clubs, 2-3-4-5 woods, \$150; new drivers, \$100 and up. Call 227-6590.

For Sale: Three sets of dishes, two complete and one partial, \$15 complete set or \$10 partial; Rival white automatic slow cooker, \$10; Razor electric scooter, \$75; ladies suits and semi formal, size 10/12, \$25 each; cassette/radio, \$5. Call Nancy at 826-0882.

For Sale: Frigidaire side-by-side refrigerator, 22.3 cubic feet, white, with water and ice in door, 67 inches high by 35.25 inches wide, \$550; red electric scooter with seat, \$45; hooked on phonics, deluxe kit, \$90;

Kettcar pedal, \$50. Call 288-4435 or 592-9059.

For Sale: Scuba Gear, complete men's setup, includes wetsuit, BCD, and regulator with hoses and more, excellent condition, price negotiable. Call 279-7800.

For Sale: Christmas tree, 7 feet tall, full, \$25; eight antique cameras, \$25. Call 719-640-6254.

For Sale: Entertainment unit, three piece pine, 90 inches wide by 72 inches high by 16 inches deep, \$500; projection TV, 50 inches, \$300; chaise lounge, light beige, new \$175; youth sofa/sleeper, black, \$150; dining table with six chairs, two piece hutch, buffet, French provincial, cream color, all for \$900. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate and employment ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies can only be ran twice. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

For Sale: Christmas tree, 7 feet tall, \$35; three-drawer metal filing cabinet, \$30; Hot Point washer, \$65; solid wood computer desk, \$60; Sears Kenmore sewing machine, \$35. Call 241-1291 or 637-7322.

For Sale: Four-piece China cabinet/entertainment set includes hutch, solid wood, glass doors on one side, good condition, \$250 obo. Call 481-3605.

For Sale: Programmable Honeywell digistat thermostat for home A/C, \$30. Call 221-3549.

For Sale: Ann Taylor, Anne Kline, winter dresses and suits, some tops by other top names, sizes 8 to 10 petite, price negotiable. Call Brenda at 364-5390.

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Religion

Thought of the Week

Hats off to the past, sleeves up for the future. The past is excellent as a guidepost but dangerous when used as a hitching post.

From: "Quips, Quotes, and Quests"

PWOC meetings

The Protestant Women of the Chapel group meets Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 221-5007.

CWOC Meetings

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m. for Rosary followed by a 9 a.m. Mass and program at Dodd Field Chapel. Enrichment or Bible Study is held Mondays from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 442-8957 or 830-914-2326.