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"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"

San Antonio honors military, veterans



Photo by Esther Garcia

(From left) Delia Guajardo, president, U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association; Jesse Trevino, 2008 Grand Marshal for the Veterans Day Parade; Col. Mary E. Garr, commander, U. S. Army Garrison; 2008 Honorary Grand Marshals, representing military services, Maj. Gen. K. C. McClain, Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, Rear Adm. Patrick McGrath and Lt. Col. Marshall Denney III; and Mark Frye, chairman, Celebrate America's Military, participate in a wreath presentation at the Alamo Nov. 8 before the Veterans Day Parade. See more photos, Page 5, 14 and 15.

Joint exercise provides first test for new equipment

By Minnie Jones
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

A joint exercise of the Fort Sam Houston Emergency Response Plan was held Nov. 6 at the grounds located near Evans Auditorium.

Under a cloud of gray smoke simulating a chemical attack, first responders were on scene and securing an area on Fort Sam Houston along Garden Avenue. Within minutes after the attack, the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department's Hazardous Materials team arrived with direct-reading instruments determining what airborne contaminants were present before going into the site to rescue victims.

This exercise, which is part of the
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14th Military Intelligence Battalion reactivates

By Gregory Ripps
470th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade has added a fifth battalion as the brigade continues to grow and the Army's intelligence mission continues to evolve.

In a ceremony Oct. 15 under gray skies on Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Field, the 14th MI Battalion reactivated,

assuming the lineage and honors of an identically named unit that had been inactivated for 11 years. The uncasing of the 14th MI Battalion colors symbolized its renewed status as an active Army organization.

"Today we awaken the warfighter tradition of the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion," said 470th MI Brigade Commander Col. Cheryl Harris, as the sun broke through the

The mission of the 14th MI Battalion is to conduct human intelligence operations, information analysis, dissemination and counterintelligence support to provide actionable intelligence to the commander of the task force to which it is assigned.

clouds.

Harris, who served as presiding officer at the ceremony, presented the 14th MI Battalion

colors to Lt. Col. Gregory Meyer Jr., recognizing his designation

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Mission Thanksgiving

If you would like to open your home to two of Fort Sam Houston's Initial Entry Trainee Soldiers on Thanksgiving Day, call 221-0748/9247/1475/2760 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or register online at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/thanksgivingmission.aspx> by Nov. 14.

Commander hosts community town hall

By Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Officer

The purpose of town hall meetings held in each of the post residential communities is to provide opportunities to discuss different concerns, needs, challenges and information that the command needs to address.

During the Oct. 20 town hall meeting, Antonio Semidey, Lincoln Military Housing, noted their recent move of offices to Building 407, the former Officers' Club. The club will become the new area community center and will have a pool, and hopefully be completed by September 2009.

"The Old Officers' Club went away and that really left a huge void for the community.

Now we have had a chance to take a really beautiful historic structure and not lose it, but turn it into the community center for our neighborhood," said Col. Mary Garr, U.S. Army Garrison commander.

Garr explained that the new use of the club is going to be a great focal point to re-energize the community in the Wheaton Graham area down to the Artillery Post area and even pulling over Infantry Post residents as much as possible. Garr invited residents to visit the community centers in Watkins Terrace and Harris Heights.

Provost Marshal Sgt. Maj. Shawn Barnes discussed the establishment of the Juvenile Review Board because there is no process in place to take juvenile problems without tak-

ing them to the city or county. If we have children who shoplift at the Post Exchange or who are unruly in their neighborhood, then we bring them in front of a panel, he said. It is chaired by Provost Marshal Maj. Christopher Hayes and the panel consists of the garrison command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class, Lincoln Military Housing representative, the president of Fort Sam Houston school board and the Staff Judge Advocate.

There are other informal records, other than offenses, that go into the child's records, but there is no formal criminal record, he said. Barnes explained the board may initiate community service programs that are geared toward a child's school or an assignment, such as writing an article about their offense and the reasons. Children who are repeat offenders may be referred to the San Antonio or

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Weekly Weather Watch						
	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18
San Antonio	Low 80s Sunny	Low 80s Sunny	Upper 60s Partly Cloudy	Upper 60s Mostly Sunny	Low 70s Mostly Clear	Low 70s Mostly Clear
Kabul Afghanistan	51° Partly Cloudy	51° Clear	51° Clear	51° Clear	51° Clear	55° Partly Cloudy
Baghdad Iraq	73° Clear	75° Clear	73° Clear	71° Clear	60° Rain Chance	68° Clear

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

Thought of the Week

If you see a fault in others, think of two of your own, and do not add a third one by your hasty judgement.

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32nd Med. Bde. celebrates American Indian Heritage

The 32nd Medical Brigade will celebrate National Native American Indian Heritage Month Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center on W.W. White Road. There will be displays, performances, food samplings and a presentation by Earl McMannis, of the Choctaw Nation. McMannis is a Vietnam veteran and a Lokota sun dancer. The community is invited.

MEPS to get new commander

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

Army celebrates American Education Week

The Army Continuing Education System will host activities for American Education Week Nov. 17 to 21 offering a variety of programs to assist Soldiers in obtaining their college degree, GED, certification or licensure.

- Educational booths will be displayed Nov. 17 and Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service Center, BAMC lobby, the Commissary and Post Exchange.
- An Education Fair will be held Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service.
- Education benefits and college briefings will be held Nov. 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium.
- An Open House will be held Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248.

For more information, call 221-1738.

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.

Child safety seat inspections

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death of children ages 3 to 14, but many deaths can be prevented through

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Soldiers honored with Purple Hearts

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Embodying the Louisiana National Guard motto, "Always Ready, Always There," 1st Lt. Terry Bourgoyne and Spc. Franklin Barnett were honored for their bravery and selfless service Nov. 5 during a Purple Heart Ceremony at the Center for the Intrepid.

The Purple Heart, an American combat decoration, is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States, who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

Assigned to the 927th Engineer Company Taskforce Workhorse, Bourgoyne, a combat engineer platoon leader, and Barnett, a combat engineer, were injured Oct. 10 in Afghanistan.

While on a convoy mission, the

National Guard Soldiers' vehicle was struck by a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device resulting in their combat injuries.

Maj. Gen. Bennett Landreneau, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, praised the warriors for their sacrifice and dedication to duty.

"It's a distinct honor to be with these two Soldiers," he said. "This is a time to reflect on their sacrifice and dedication to duty."

In addition to the Purple Hearts, the warriors received Combat Action Badges, which recognizes Soldiers who personally engage the enemy, or are engaged by the enemy during a combat operation.

Lt. Col. John Myers, Brooke Army Medical Center, Warrior Transition Battalion commander hosted the event.



Louisiana National Guardsmen 1st Lt. Terry Bourgoyne and Spc. Franklin Barnett were honored Nov. 5 by Family members, Brooke Army Medical Center, and Center for the Intrepid staff, during a Purple Heart ceremony in the CFI front foyer.

Garrison recognizes employees for services, advancement

Story and photo by Jeff Crawley
Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs Office

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison command staff recognized installation employees for promotions, longevity, achievements and special contributions, during a quarterly awards ceremony Nov. 5 at Army Community Service.

More than 70 employees received thanks and congratulations from Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr, in front of their peers at the packed Roadrunner Community Center.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for the service that you provide," Garr said. "If not for the work that you're doing

every day the missions of Fort Sam Houston could not be carried out."

Deputy to the Garrison Commander Michael Waldrop led a recitation of the Army Civilian Creed by everyone.

"I live the Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage," said



Spc. Paul Collins admires the certificate of achievement he received at the garrison quarterly awards ceremony Nov. 5 at the Roadrunner Community Center. Collins, of the 440th Blood Support Detachment, was recognized for his help during the Tim McGraw concert.

200 people, as they recited the last line of the creed.

Mortuary Affairs Officer Grady Peavy Jr. was recognized for 35 years of federal service; 24 of that was active-duty Air Force. He has been here since 1996.

What's the best part about working at Fort Sam Houston?

"The quality of people that we have working here, the togetherness and the employees that I work with," Peavy said.

Specialists Paul Collins and Carl Skrzypczak, of the 440th Blood Support Detachment, were several of the non-garrison employees recognized. They received certificates of achievement for helping set up and break down for the Tim McGraw concert Sept. 11.

"It's a proud moment. I'm glad for the work that I did. It was a lot of fun," said Collins, who is an air conditioning technician.

In administrative notes, Garr reminded everyone that the Combined Federal Campaign is under way and employees have until Dec. 15 to contribute. She also spoke about the Customer Assessment Survey, a channel for employees to offer improvements for their workplaces.

In closing, Garr said she was proud to be part of the garrison and will continue to go out and meet employees.

"Be proud of what you're doing for truly making a difference every day in the lives of all these people at Fort Sam Houston," Garr said. "Feel strong, feel Army strong."

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the proper use of child safety seats. Fort Sam Houston is teaming up with Chrysler to host a free SeatCheck safety seat inspection Nov. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Child Development Center next to Burger King. The event is open to all military, Family members and DoD employees. Trained seat technicians will be on-hand to walk parents through the proper method of seat installation, as well as the do's-and-don'ts of buckling a child into a seat. Bring your children. Preregistration is recommended by calling Sherry Salone at 835-6860 or e-mail sherry.salone@us.army.mil. To locate child safety seat inspection services year-round throughout San Antonio, visit www.SeatCheck.org or call 866-SEAT-CHECK.

BAMC hosts Thanksgiving meal

Brooke Army Medical Center will serve a bountiful Thanksgiving meal Nov. 27 in its dining facility in the basement. The serving time for BAMC staff will be from 11 a.m. to noon. All other guests will be served from noon to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.40 for Family members of E-4 and below and \$6.35 for all others including civilians, enlisted and officers. Pay cash at the door. No reservations are required. For more information, call Duane Lacey at 916-1003.

Fort Sam Houston Museum hours during Thanksgiving

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed Thanksgiving Day, but will be open Nov. 28, 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. For more information, call 221-1886.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Sam Houston Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Blesse Auditorium in Willis Hall on the corner of Stanley and Harry Wurzbach roads. Get a flu shot, latest information on retiree benefits, TRICARE information, Brooke Army Medical Center services, VA benefits, I.D. cards, vehicle registration and much more. For more information, call 221-9004.

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.

Wounded warriors pay it forward

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison
Army Community Service, Marketing

Pay it back or pay it forward, whatever term is used it means the same and to a group of wounded warriors and Family members from the Warrior and Family Support Center, it was time to pay back for all the community has given for their support.

On Nov. 6, bright and early, a group of 18 wounded warriors and Family members headed to the San Antonio Food Bank to say thank you for all the community has done on their behalf.

The San Antonio Food Bank is a non-profit organization that serves as a clearinghouse by receiving and storing truckloads of donated food, produce and other grocery products. SAFB distributes these items in manageable quantities to approximately 400 service agencies that help people in need.

The food bank's mission is, "To fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education and advocacy." That is what the group from WFSC set out to do, by preparing and gathering boxes of condiments, canned food, cereal, pasta and rice for local families in need. Once the boxes were filled they were stacked onto pallets for distribution.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Parnell said, "I'd do it again." Admittedly, he has a hard time remembering some things due to his injuries, but he stated, "I can remember numbers."

With his gift for numbers, Parnell cited that about 1.3 million pounds of food is given to 20 thousand families a month. All food is donated with 18 percent coming from rural areas and 20 percent from farmers. HEB and Wal-Mart (grocery stores) are the biggest contributors. HEB will donate as many as 30,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Sgt. 1st Class Lou Lopez said, "It was really shocking, the numbers."



In an effort to pay it back, a group of wounded warriors and Family members spent Nov. 6 at the San Antonio Food Bank donating their time filling, stacking and sorting boxes of donated food items. Following a busy morning the group enjoyed pizza and beverages at the Warrior and Family Support Center.

Sylvia Moore, a Soldier's mother said, "It made me feel great to help. I can't see very well, but I took the empty boxes over to be filled and sorted."

During the time the group was at the food bank it filled about six pallets, piled with more than 20 boxes per pallet.

The WFSC plans to pay it forward at the food bank quarterly, with the next trip planned for February.

Following the outing, the group gathered at the WFSC for pizza and beverages. All felt they had done a full day's work and were feeling good about what they had accomplished in the few short hours they spent at the food bank.

For more information about the Warrior and Family Support Center, call 241-0811. For information about the San Antonio Food Bank and how to help, call 337-3663.

Buffalo Soldiers remembered

Troopers, Clarence Thompson (foreground) and Turner McGarity from the San Antonio Buffalo Soldiers stand among the tombstones at the San Antonio National Cemetery Nov. 11 during a Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony. The Buffalo Soldiers were African-Americans of the U.S. Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments, who served at a variety of posts throughout the Southwest and the Great Plains from 1866 to the early 1890s. Two-hundred and eighty-one Buffalo Soldiers are in interred at the San Antonio National Cemetery and another 27 are buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Photos by Minnie Jones

The San Antonio Buffalo Soldiers' Honor Guard opens a Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony that remembered and honored the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers, Nov. 11 at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

Veterans Day ceremony honors service members past, present

Story and photos by Jeff Crowley
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

San Antonians paid tribute to all of those who have served and those who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Several hundred people attended the two-hour observance, which featured 10 servicemen and women becoming U.S. citizens, the dedication of a new Purple Heart postage stamp and wreath layings.

The keynote speaker was Rear Adm. Patrick McGrath, vice commander of the Naval Air Forces; commander of Naval Air Forces Reserve; and deputy commander of the Navy Region - Southwest.

"For nearly a century, Americans have gathered on this day to honor those who have honored us with their service," McGrath said. "There is arguably no greater sacrifice one can make than to fight and even die for others."

The U.S. Postal Service represented by San Antonio

Postmaster Steven Hernandez used the occasion to unveil its new Purple Heart stamp.

"It is a privilege to represent the United States Postal Service and to unveil the special stamp in front of our veterans and their Families," Hernandez said. Many Americans are inspired by stamps and they are a unique reminder of the triumphs and accomplishments that shape the world.

Hernandez invited McGrath and Conrad Myers, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1836, to the front of the stage to unveil the stamp.

During a veteran's naturalization ceremony, 10 servicemen and women from the four DoD services became U.S. citizens, including Soldiers Pvt. Simone Garner, of Germany, and Sgt. Orianna Martinez, of Nicaragua.

"It (citizenship) means a lot to me, especially being Veterans Day," said Martinez, who is a supply specialist at Fort Hood, Texas. "It is such an honor. I am so grateful for this country."



Disabled American Veterans Leonard Ruiz, Harold Williams and Percy Spence salute the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Several hundred people attended the annual two-hour observance.



Texas National Guard Soldier Pvt. Simone Garner, originally from Germany, is sworn in as a U.S. citizen during a naturalization ceremony at the Veterans Day memorial Nov. 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Garner, is a parachute rigger, with the 294th Quartermaster Company (Airborne) in Austin, Texas.



The keynote speaker for the Veterans Day ceremony was Rear Adm. Patrick McGrath, vice commander of the Naval Air Forces; commander of Naval Air Forces Reserve; and deputy commander of the Navy Region - Southwest. "Through the years and through the wars, Americans have never ceased to honor those who have given so much," McGrath said Nov. 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Joint color guard members Staff Sgt. Jerry Holcomb and Staff Sgt. Christopher Bell, of the Fort Sam Houston Army Garrison wait for ceremonies to begin on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Post celebrates American Indian Heritage Month

Story and photos by Jeff Crawley
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Dancing, music, food and cultural information highlighted Fort Sam Houston's National American Indian Heritage Month 9th annual celebration Nov. 8 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Hundreds of Soldiers, Family and civilians attended the event, which is traditionally held every Veterans Day weekend.

"It was wonderful. It was very well-attended and busy throughout the day," said Master Sgt. Robin Johnson, equal opportunity adviser for the Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston. "We had a great number of Soldiers and they participated in many dances."

The event celebrated the heritage of American Indians and also honored veterans, Johnson said. The program was hosted by the AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston and was sponsored by the United San Antonio Powwow Inc. and the installation's EO and Equal Employment Opportunity programs.

Erwin De Luna, a Navajo Taos Pueblo Indian and president of the United San Antonio Powwow, began the activities with a blessing of individuals with burning sage to purify them before they entered the ceremonial area. Numerous

Soldiers from C Company, 264th Medical Battalion, took part in the blessing.

Almost two dozen nations and tribes including Comanche, Cherokee, Coahuiltecan, White Mountain Apache, participated in the seven hours of activities, said De Luna, who served as master of ceremonies. Many of the ceremonial dances and songs paid homage to service members past and present.

"We promote the traditions and cultures of the American Indian in the most positive manner in avenues with dancers and family members participating in their culture and history," he said.

Soldiers from C/264th, a company of operating room specialists trainees, were at the event all day and helped with the break down afterward.

Pfc. Ame Izquierdo, of C/264th, participated in the dancing and said the celebration was a new experience for her.

"Indians are friendly and they love to dance," she said. "They're very festive."

Family member Veronica Washington of Fort Sam Houston came to the program because she's interested in all cultures.

"I learned a bit more of the coloring on costumes and the different styles of dancing and drum beats," she said. Washington said her favorite activity was the dancing.



Soldiers, Families, civilians and American Indians do a round dance Nov. 8 at the installation's National American Indian Heritage Month celebration at the fitness center. Dancing and music dominated the full-day of activities.

Jack Farrell, of Houston, was a dancer and musician in the ceremonies. He said the program like a rodeo is not an ethnic event, but a cultural event.

"As long as you respect their protocol, you're welcome to participate," he said.

In the closing ceremony, Fort Sam Houston and AMEDDC&S Commanding General Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw thanked the American Indian participants for sharing their talents, cultures and for their tributes to veterans.



Soldiers from C Company, 264th Medical Battalion, are purified in a blessing with burning sage by Erwin De Luna, president of the United San Antonio Powwow Inc., Nov. 8 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Fort Sam Houston celebrated National American Indian Heritage Month (November) during the Veterans Day weekend.



Members of the United San Antonio Powwow Inc., lead a gourd dance during the Fort Sam Houston National American Indian Heritage 9th annual celebration Nov. 8 at the fitness center.

Post remembers 30th anniversary of WAC disestablishment

By Olivia Mendoza
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

It has been 30 years since the Women's Army Corps was disestablished on Oct. 20, 1978.

The Women's Army Corps was the women's branch of the U.S. Army. Over 150,000 American women, between the ages of 21 and 45, served in the WAC during World War II. Members of the WAC were the first women other than nurses to serve within the ranks of the Army.

The Army and the American public had difficulty accepting women wearing uniforms. The men feared that the women Soldiers would take over the safe jobs. In 1942, an auxiliary unit was created, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and in 1943 the WAC became permanent.

In December 1942, a group of 150 WAAC trainees at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, were transferred to the 30th WAAC Post Headquarters Company there.

They were the first unit to be deployed from Fort Des Moines to Fort Sam Houston Dec. 15.

The trainees were placed in barracks located near the intersection of Lawton and Chaffee roads on Fort Sam Houston, said John Manguso, director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum. The women were assigned to a single company for accountability purposes under the command of women officers and attached out to the various agencies for duty.

"When the WAAC arrived at Fort Sam Houston, the general idea was that women could replace men in many administrative and logistical jobs so that men could be placed into units going overseas to fight the war," Manguso said. "The WAAC Company worked as office clerks, chauffeurs, supply clerks, journalists, cooks and bakers."

The WAAC served in the motor pool, dental clinics, post surgeon office, billeting office,



Courtesy photo

A group of 150 Women's Army Auxiliary Corps trainees from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, were transferred to Fort Sam Houston in December 1942. They lined up in formation at the train station upon their arrival.

service club, post ordnance, personnel, post headquarters, Judge Advocate General, provost marshal, post newspaper, post quartermaster and the post office at Fort Sam Houston, he said.

On Aug. 5, 1943, members of the WAAC marched to the main flagpole on Stanley Road. There, they were sworn

into the U.S. Army with new legislation that ended the Auxiliaries and established the Women's Army Corps as part of the Army. This permit-

ted them to be sent overseas. WACs were in high demand overseas as telephone switch-

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EXERCISE from P1

Installation Protection Program, is a monitored exercise designed to focus on the overall IPP capability of the installation by identifying strengths and weaknesses, testing new equipment and providing lessons learned to Fort Sam Houston.

"This exercise was one of three required under the program. This one is the final in a series that the contractors, Science Applications International Corporation, gave us," said Bruce Tyler, exercise planner, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

An assessment team from the SAIC, a scientific, engineering and technology company, who was awarded a contract by the DoD to provide chemical and biological testing evaluation expertise, was on hand to evaluate the exercise.

"The Installation Protection Program provides each installation whatever they may need from training, plans and development, equipment, and training on that equipment and, finally, exercises to become familiar with that equipment," said David Dickerson, deputy director of exercises, SAIC. "Today, we are at the final stage, a culmination of all that has happen here in the last year."

"The scenario given to us today will drive what equipment we will use, and the

exercise will determine how well our people were trained and well we use the equipment," said Darrin Tannert, HAZMAT Safety Officer, FSHFD.

"SAIC provided Fort Sam Houston with equipment and training to help the installation better deal with chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive attacks that may happen on post," Tannert said.

Other outside agencies from the city and the county also participated, such as American Medical Response, Emergency Medical Services, Sandy Oaks and Leon Springs Fire Departments, and the Bexar County Weapons of Mass Destruction Response team.

"This (exercise) gives you real world training," said Allen Adams, emergency medical technician, American Medical Response, Emergency Medical Services. "Especially, for people like myself. As a firefighter, I have been to a lot of emergencies, but I haven't been to a lot of real world emergencies where you see as many as 20 patients."

The exercise is intended to point out areas to the installation where adjustments or modifications may be needed to the Emergency Response Plan, Dickerson said. "Ultimately, it lets taxpayers see the money that they have put into the program to help make Fort Sam Houston be a better responder," he said.



Photos by Minnie Jones

Joe Miyaski, lead fire inspector and exercise information officer, Fort Sam Houston Fire Department, operates at the instant command post where he uses the CoBRA, a comprehensive software system that provides first responders with critical interactive tools, guides, standard operating procedures, forms, checklists and incident reporting capabilities for all hazards and large-scale incidents.



Allen Adams, emergency medical technician, American Medical Response, Emergency Medical Services, performs triage on one of the "casualties," a volunteer from G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, during an exercise Nov. 6.



(Right) Capt. Cecil Rittiman, fire fighter, rinses off in the hazardous materials decontamination tent during an exercise at Fort Sam Houston Nov. 6.

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as the battalion's commander.

"I am already proud of this great team, and I am grateful every day for the opportunity to serve," said Meyer, "It is and always will be a team effort, and every position counts."

Meyer and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Totoris will lead about 160 Soldiers, who began to populate the provisional battalion last April. Most of the Soldiers came from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The battalion also consists of first-line supervisors recently reclassified from other military occupational specialties and new Soldiers fresh from initial entry training.

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*Commander Col. Cheryl Harris
470th MI Brigade*

to which it is assigned.

The 14th MI Battalion was originally activated in 1965. When the 519th MI Battalion deployed to Vietnam, the 14th took its place, supporting 3rd Army with imagery interpretation, counterintelligence, technical intelligence, interrogation of prisoners of war and document translation. It also supported the 82nd Airborne Division, Special Forces, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the Intelligence Center and School, and the 18th Airborne Corps. When the 519th came home in 1973, the 14th was inactivated.

In 1988, the battalion was reactivated with the mission of providing I Corps and its major

subordinate commands with counterintelligence, enemy prisoner of war interrogation, ground-based signals intelligence, and electronic warfare support. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the battalion activated six Army Reserve companies, four of which deployed to Southwest Asia. The battalion also sent officers to support U.S. military operations in Somalia and Honduras, and participated in counter-narcotics operations in support of the "war on drugs."

In 1997, the battalion was inactivated for a second time. During its previous activations, it never served in a theater of combat operations. However, the reactivated unit anticipates deployment.

"Rarely do you see battalion colors without campaign streamers," said Meyer. "(But) this team will endeavor to leave a lasting and positive legacy as we prepare for combat operations and earn the battalion's first campaign streamers."



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Col. Cheryl A. Harris, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, unfurls the colors of the brigade's 14th MI Battalion with the assistance of battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Totoris as Lt. Col. Gregory Meyer, battalion commander, stands at attention. The 14th MI Battalion was reactivated in a ceremony on Fort Sam Houston Oct. 15.

TOWN HALL from P2

Bexar County juvenile systems.

"This system is there to help our kids. Our kids are good kids but there are kids who have strayed from the path," Garr said. She further explained that a child's behavior could cause eviction of the Family or that child being placed in the city's juvenile system.

A resident asked about the Infantry Post area and the fence along Carson Street. Barnes said the police patrol the area. The fence is in pretty

good shape except for the tarp that covers it and the command needs to look at getting it replaced.

A resident near Wilson Gate was concerned that there should be more lighting on the fence line. Barnes said the Provost Marshal is trying to address the Wilson Gate issue because even though that gate is closed at night, lighting is a deterrent. The houses off post by Wilson Gate are only five feet from the fence line.

Residents along Artillery Post expressed concern about

vacant historic buildings. Garr said there are still opportunities that can go in either direction that call for a lot of negotiations. "We have to do the right thing, preserve the right things that need to be preserved and then work through the issues of what to do away with from the point of force protection and Fort Sam down the road," Garr said.

Barnes reported Fort Sam Houston crime statistics since September include 99 assaults and 402 property crimes. Property crimes include car scratches, stolen hubcaps, and

collisions. There have been 24 other crimes such as drug-related offenses. This is mostly with Soldiers getting caught through urinalysis.

Since January, Wheaton-Graham and Patch-Chaffee reported two property crimes; Infantry Post had seven and Artillery Post had one. Concerning damage to property, Barnes explained that the resident should first file with their insurance company, then take the paperwork to the Staff Judge Advocate office, Building 134; they may or may not reimburse claims.

A resident whose son is in the 7th grade complained about school bullying, especially name-calling. Isabell Clayton, Robert G. Cole Middle School and High School principal, said that the district is trying to start a Crime Stopper Program. Clayton said that it helps to keep parents involved.

WAC from P7

board operators and typists. In order to meet the demand, women were actively recruited for the WAC.

"The demand for manpower was so great that women were assigned to WAC units going overseas to combat zones," Manguso said.

The 30th Post Headquarters Company reorganized July 21, 1944, and became the WAC Detachment, 1857th Army Service Unit. It was the ancestor unit of U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston.

By the end of World War II,

there were four additional WAC companies that served here, Manguso said. Three were WAC hospital companies which served Brooke General Hospital, and a fourth, which was transferred from Fort Sheridan, Ill. The unit was composed of black women and became the WAC Detachment (Colored), 1857th Army Service Unit.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the major tenants on post each had a WAC company. This included BAMC; the Medical Field Service School; the Fourth Army and the garrison, Manguso said.

Clayton also discussed the school district's approved absence policies. She noted the school district on post is not Department of Defense, they are a public school and like San Antonio Independent School District, follow state law. Clayton reported a bigger problem with middle school than high school students. The school cooperates with the Justice of the Peace for the 14th Precinct in regard to absences.

Texas has a list of approved excused absences. Children with a problem in school can go to counselors, nurses, and their advisory teacher. Children have advisory every day in middle school meetings but the high school is not daily. They will not get counted as tardy when teachers provide them with an appointment slip that is reconciled at the end of each day and credited appropriately.

Community Builder Award presented to superintendent

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Gail Siller was presented with the Masonic Lodge Texas Grand Lodge Community Builder Award Oct. 21 at a school board meeting here. The award recognized Siller's exceptional service to the district and the San Antonio community.

"Gail Siller's professionalism and dedication to children is worthy of our emulation and our praise," said Dennis Lafferty, master of the Charles W. Anderson Lodge #1413 and former president of the Alamo Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. "She believes in her schools, teachers, students and parents. She continues to work hard to ensure her students' success during these difficult times."

Siller was one of the original chairmembers of the Fort Sam Houston Military Child Education Coalition, which is a partnership between the installation and the school district. She has been active in the international organization Military Child Education Coalition since 1998.

"I feel privileged to work with our military families," Siller said. "Our focus is on providing our students with a quality education so that their military parents can focus on their job — serving our country."

Siller serves on the board of the



Courtesy Photo

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Lafferty presents Dr. Gail Siller, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Superintendent, with the 2008 Community Builder Award Oct. 21 at a school board meeting here.

Texas Association of Impacted Schools and is active in the Military Impacted Schools Association. She also serves on the San Antonio Chapter of the AUSA board and was recently elected by area superintendents to serve on the executive committee for the Education Service Center — Region 20 Regional Advisory Committee.

A former chairwoman of two state competitions, Siller has been a member of the Texas Academic Decathlon Board since 1992, and is a director emeritus on the U.S. Academic Decathlon Board. She has served the children at FSHISD for more than 20 years and has been superintendent since January 2004.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

Outstanding students



Photo by Elizardo Hernandez

Each month Cole Middle and High School recognize one student from each grade for their outstanding attitude, citizenship and overall contributions to their school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The Students of the Month for October are (back row, from left) Karley Barber, eighth grade; Imani Childress; 11th grade; Devin Sirmons-Kling, 10th grade; and Kaitlan Vasquez, 12th grade. (Front row, from left) Kelsey Dean, Ninth grade; Chelsea Pace, sixth grade; and David Fix, seventh grade.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Campus Activities — Nov. 17 to 22

American Education Week

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Nov. 17
PASeries — 5th grade math

Nov. 18
PASeries — 4th grade reading
Individual picture retakes

Nov. 19
PASeries — 4th grade math

Nov. 20
PASeries — 3rd grade reading
Cougar Connection: math tutorial, 11:30 a.m. to noon
(Learn how to help your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader with their math homework)

Nov. 21
Spirit Day
PASeries — 3rd grade math

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Nov. 17
Student of the Month breakfast

Fall Play "All the World's a Stage" in Moseley Gym, 7 p.m.

Nov. 18
Boys' soccer at TMI, 5 p.m.
Boys' J/V/V basketball at Ingram, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Girls' J/V/V basketball vs. Somerset at Cole, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
"Straight Talk to Smart Parents" 411 on Drugs for parents in Cole Middle School mall, 6 p.m.

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Girls' Varsity Basketball Pleasanton Tournament, TBA

Nov. 21
Girls' Varsity Basketball Pleasanton Tournament, TBA
Boys' Soccer at Cornerstone, 6 p.m.
Boys' J/V/V basketball at Pearsall, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22
Girls' Varsity Basketball Pleasanton Tournament, TBA

Literary pumpkin characters take over Fort Sam Houston Elementary library

By Dr. Kathy Maxwell
Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

As the students of Fort Sam Houston Elementary School approached the pumpkin harvest season, moms, dads, grandparents, guardians and students began the search for the perfect pumpkin or gourd to be transformed into a character from one of many children's books. The school hosted its 11th annual Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest Oct. 27.

Competition was tough as 81 pumpkin characters were entered in the contest by students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Pumpkins and gourds of every description and size covered with feathers, paint, fur, yarn, fabric, glitter and sequins were

seen in the library. Characters from "Harry Potter" to "Sponge Bob, Square Pants" to "Nemo" to "Pinocchio" filled every shelf in the library. Whether completed by individual student effort or cooperatively by parent-and-child, each pumpkin was a work of art and the result of a personal literary experience.

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Librarian Cindy Riggs hosted the event.

"The tone was different this year. We have had a population turnover in our student body," Riggs said. "This year's contest was new to many of our Families."

"This was an opportunity for Families to work together on something special and fun while focusing on reading, a

love of literature and an artistic creation," Riggs said. "It has been exciting to see the literary characters that depicted a wide range of literary genres."

The contest judges were Superintendent Dr. Gail Siller; Associate Superintendent Jayne Hatton; Dr. Anne Kiehle, former superintendent and elementary principal; Linda Moharam, elementary teacher; and Patti Casas, secretary to the associate superintendent.

Place and participation ribbons, small gifts and books to inspire further reading were awarded.

The winners were: Pre-K: 1st Place Nicholas Goffar, 2nd Ashley Frock and 3rd Payton Gibson. Kindergarten: 1st Kyi Greene, 2nd Nate Kalvaitis and 3rd Michael Burch. First Grade: 1st Sara Ellen Starnes, 2nd Emma Garcia and 3rd Kyia Munoz. Second Grade: 1st



Courtesy photo

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School students pose with some of their winning entries in the 11th annual Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest Oct. 27 in the school library.

Savannah Goyette, 2nd Jacob Still and 3rd Aubry Koger. Third Grade: 1st Bailey Hill, 2nd Kailee Gibson and 3rd Isabel Gomez.

Petty, 2nd Giovanni Laboy and 3rd Amy Williamson. Fifth Grade: 1st Ryan Stankiewicz, 2nd Madelyn Bishop and 3rd Steven Lamoureux.

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.



San Antonio community salutes military, veterans



Drum Major Master Sgt. Eric Basora leads the Army Medical Command Band at the 9th annual Veterans Day Parade Nov 8 in San Antonio. The MEDCOM Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 5 Douglas Paarmann, participated in numerous activities in support of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Celebrate America's Military, a weeklong celebration of events dedicated to the men and women and their Families serving in the armed forces and the community's veterans.



Sgt. Ivette Hernandez and Spc. Shaquisha Stewart, Fort Sam Houston; Master Sgt Jesus Valdez, Lackland Air Force Base; Senior Airmen Jennifer Booth, Randolph Air Force Base; and Staff Sgt Brandis Van Iterson, Air Force Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Agency, wave to the crowd at the annual Veterans Day Parade. The military float was one of more than 250 entries in the parade.

Photos by Esther Garcia



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School commanding general, his wife, Michele, son, Brandon and daughter, Danielle, wave to the crowd at the Veterans Day Parade. Czerw represented the Army at the parade. The 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Army Reserve unit provided the vehicles and drivers for the honorary grand marshals.



Soldiers assigned to D Company, 187th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, march by Alamo Plaza at the 9th annual Veterans Day Parade.



Chaplain (Col.) Gil Richardson, Fort Sam Houston chaplain, rides on a World War I ambulance. Richardson delivered the invocation at the wreath ceremony held at the Alamo before the parade and he participated in several Celebrate America's Military week events.



Col. Randall Anderson, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, accepts proclamations from San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, proclaiming Oct. 31 through Nov. 11 as Celebrate America's Military Week during the kick off luncheon held at the Pearl Brewery Stables. Sig Christensen, military writer for the San Antonio Express News, was the keynote speaker.



Richard Perez (center), president, San Antonio Chamber Of Commerce, watches as Dave Baker, president and CEO, Humana Military Healthcare, pins Col. Frank Fuentes, acting Garrison Commander, with a Celebrate America's Military pin, at a press conference held in front of Municipal Auditorium Oct. 30.



Staff Sgt. Jeff Ebert, instructor/writer Mental Health Specialist Branch, Sgt. 1st Class Raquel Dantzer, and members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club take time out on Saturday to pay tribute to veterans, past and present, marching in the 9th annual Veterans Day Parade.



Marisa Thresher, retired Marine first sergeant, Sgt. Major. Richard Thresher and Lt. Col. David Cooper, U.S. Marine Corps, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, visit with Air Force retired Chief Master Sgt. Lionel Robertson (far left) and Mark Frye (far right), chairman, Celebrate America's Military Committee, during an appreciation dinner held at Municipal Auditorium by the U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association in honor of all Veterans Day Parade participants.

Staff Sgt. Jason March, wounded warrior, and Judith Markelz, coordinator, Warrior and Family Support Center, accept a check for \$85,000 on behalf of the WFSC at the 3rd annual Texas Honor Ride and Barbecue ceremony at Salado Creek Park Nov. 8. More than 800 motorcyclists from Houston presented the funds the Texas Honor Ride raised. The Texas Honor Ride has donated more than \$184,000 to the center in the past two years.



Courtesy photo

AMEDD Museum, JROTC cadets work together

When cadets of the Ronald Reagan High School JROTC program were looking to perform a community service project they turned to the Army Medical Department Museum here because it has community outreach program.

Nineteen cadets made the school bus ride from their school near U.S. Route 281 and Loop 1604, to do three hours of volunteer work at the museum the morning of Nov. 8.

"This is a great opportunity for our kids to lead," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Harris, an instructor with the JROTC program. "They coordinate directly with the museum."

A portion of the museum roof was recently repaired and exhibits were ready to be moved back into the fixed gallery area, said retired Sgt. Maj. Harry Robinson, museum



Photo by Jeff Crawley

Cadet Andrew Markham, 14, of the Ronald Reagan High School Army JROTC program, assembles a lighting fixture Nov. 8 at the Army Medical Department Museum. Nineteen cadets volunteered to put together exhibit shelves and lighting as part of a community service project.

volunteer. The cadets assembled new exhibit lighting and shelving for the exhibit area.

Robinson said the JROTC project was one of the ways the museum gets the community involved.

"The kids can get some

exposure to the artifacts at the museum," he said. "Possibly one or two of them will make the military a career."

Afterward, the museum staff provided the cadets a pizza lunch.

(Source: AMEDD Museum)

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. Letters can be mailed to Earl Young,

1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 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.

264th wins post season fall softball tournament

The 264th Medical Battalion won the intramural post season fall softball tournament beating U.S. Army North 14-5, Nov. 5. ARNORTH avoided elimination by defeating 264th Med. Bn. 13-5. This set the stage for a one game, winner takes all final. Congratulations to both teams for a well-played tournament.

32nd Medical Brigade Thanksgiving Shootout

Standings as of Nov. 8			
Team	W	L	
B Co, 264th Med. Bn.	2	0	
C Co, 187th Med. Bn.	1	0	
C Co, 264th Med. Bn.	1	1	
B Co, 187th Med. Bn.	0	1	
A Co, 264th Med. Bn.	0	2	

Training Support Company's Annual Neanderthal Trail Run

For more information or to register call:
SFC Irwin @ 214-294-7607



Participants:

All Active Duty Military

Retired Military

Family Members

Civilians

Registration:

Nov 11, 2008

Nov 12, 2008

Nov 13, 2008

Event Location:

Camp Bullis Club

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 IPPU or festive attire as approved by Unit Commanders.

Children welcomed.

Event is open to all Active Duty military and DA Civilians.

See your BN S-3 OPS cell for registration forms.

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Recreation and Leisure

Bowling Center

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.

Soldier Appreciation Day

Soldier Appreciation Day will be held every Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.

at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Games are \$2 games and shoe rental is \$1.75. For more information, call 221-4740.

Cyber Bowl

Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center invites you to join us for Cyber Bowl every Saturday night from 7 to 10 p.m. with music, black lights, and tons of fun! The cost is \$3 per game and \$2 shoe rental or \$10 per person with free shoe rental. For more information call 221-4740.

All you can bowl night

Friday is all-you-can-bowl night at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center from 9 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$7.95, with includes shoe rental. For more information, call 221-4740.

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, now 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 at 222-9694. The box office is open from noon 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 mystery 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 theater 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 Dec. 6 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 for 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.



Pre-Deployment Planning Training

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Predeployment Planning training Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in ACS Building 2797. This training is designed to increase the Spouse's ability to face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing easier separations. Register by Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.

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

Post-Deployment Planning Training

Army Community Service Mobilization & Deployment Program will hold Post Deployment Planning training Nov. 18 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in ACS Building 2797. This training is designed to increase the spouse's ability to face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing smoother reunions. Register by Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up call, 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group Key Caller Training

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Family Readiness Group Key Caller training Nov. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. in ACS Building 2797. This training will define the responsibilities of the FRG Key Caller and provide information on performing this role. Register by Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Federal resume writing class

The Family Employment Readiness program will hold a federal resume writing class Nov. 18 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. An interview skills and techniques class will also be held from 10:45 to 12:15 p.m. To register for the class or for more information, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

See FMWR P18

FMWR from P17**Care Team Training**

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Care Team training Nov. 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in ACS Building 2797. This training will focus on the Care Team's responsibilities and provide guidance on how to handle issues volunteers will face such as dealing family's reactions. This training is recommended for casualty assistance officers, casualty notification officers and Battalion Care Team volunteers. Register by Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Leadership Academy Nov. 20 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in ACS Building 2797. This training is provided for FRG key positions on roles and responsibilities and the communication network through the chain of command. Register by Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

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.

Child, Youth and School Services 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.

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.

Helpful information

The Garrison School Liaison Services Office is available to help make transitions for youth in school as trouble-free as possible. Visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com and check out the School Liaison Services page for a list of Web sites that contain helpful information for transitioning military families. For

more information, call 295-4806 or 221-2214.

SKIES

The Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills offers instructional programs for youth in step and hip hop dance, hitting and pitching, martial arts, tennis and piano. Upcoming fall classes include: cooking, drivers' education, gymnastics (tumbling), tutoring, football and basketball camps, and drum lessons. For more information, call 221-4871 or 471-9548.

CYS needs instructors

Child and Youth Services seeks instructors for driver's education, cooking, leadership skills, mentoring, tutoring, voice, guitar and Spanish. For more information, call 295-4806 or 471-9548.

Central Registration

Central Registration is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 2797 on Stanley Road. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome; patrons are seen after 4 p.m. by appointment only. To register for Child and Youth Services programs, patrons must provide a current shot record for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, two local emergency

designees with addresses and telephone numbers, a health assessment/sport physical within the last year that is valid for the entire season, required Social Security numbers from all Family members, sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W2 form and activity fee. For more information, call 221-1723 or 221-4871.



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Community

Events**Government Health Plan**

The Federal Employed Women Alamo City is sponsoring a Government Health Plan seminar Nov. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road. Guest speaker Belinda Reyes, Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan representative, will discuss health plans before and after retirement; recent Office Personnel Management retiree regulations; cancer insurance; and much more. The event is free and all are invited. For more information, call Rosalyn Wise at 820-8201, 373-8798 or e-mail Rozwise@aol.com.

Garden Ridge walk

The Randolph Roadrunners Volksmarch Club will host 5K and 10K walks Nov. 15 at 8 a.m. and finish by 3 p.m. at the Forest Waters Club, 21320 Water Wood Drive, Garden Ridge, Texas. For more information, call Suzanne Markgraf at 651-9378, e-mail suzannemarkgraf5939@earthlink.net or visit www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/.

Upcoming job fairs

The JobFairCompany.com Job Fair is Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center in Live Oak, Texas. Visit www.jobfairco.com.

The CivilianJobs.com Job Fair is Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club at Fort Sam Houston. Visit www.CivilianJobs.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.

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.

D.A.V meeting

The Disabled American Veterans, Alamo Chapter #5 and Auxiliary Unit #5 meeting will be held Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Rolling Oaks Christian Church, 1750 Stahl Road, located at Loop 1604 and Nacogdoches Road behind Wal-Mart. For more information, call Cmdr. Norma Gallegos at 699-6054 or Adjutant Duke Henderson at 830-624-1949.

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meeting will be held Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chalucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Road. All active duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard warrant officers and Family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 295-6596, e-mail juan.gomez@us.army.mil or Jim Gonzalez at 666-9818, e-mail rgonzales879@satx.rr.com.

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.

Fort Sam Preservation Society meets

The Fort Sam Houston Preservation Society will meet Nov. 20 at the Stilwell House at N. New

Braunfels Avenue just east of the Quadrangle. Light refreshments will be served at 11:30 a.m. and a presentation will begin at noon. Retired Navy Cmdr. Hank Williams will speak

on the Normandy invasion as seen by a 19 year-old ensign. The presentation is open to the public. For more information, call Jean Heard at 822-6034 or Joan Gaither at 824-1917.

For Sale Fort Freebies

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, 7.5 feet, \$99 obo; trundle bed, upper part only, no mattress, \$99 obo; racing bikes, need refurbishing, \$75 each obo. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Youth bed with sheets, 53 inches wide by 28 inches long, \$50. Call 496-9304.

For Sale: Travel trailer cover with carrying bag, fits 21-foot trailer, \$100 obo; custom fit seat covers, fit 2005 GMC Yukon/Chevy Tahoe, tan, \$100 obo. Call 655-5016.

For Sale: Medium and large pet carrier, \$50 for both. Call 592-1208.

For Sale: Bicycle and chrome

luggage carrier, both fit 1.25 inch hitch, \$175 for both. Call 945-4859 leave message.

For Sale: Toshiba Regza, 32-inch flat-screen TV, \$475. Call 930-9568 or 904-614-6709.

For Sale: 2006 Gulfstream Ameri-Lite Travel Trailer, type MPV21MB, \$9,000; 2003 Suzuki Intruder motorcycle, VSP 1400, excellent, \$5,200 obo. Call 681-5564 or 838-8346.

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

Religion

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.

Hometown star

Fort Sam Houston personnel who want to share news of their accomplishments and achievements with Family members and friends back home can participate in the Army and Air Force Hometown News Program.



Whether active duty, Reserve, Guard or a Department of Defense civilian, you can fill out the Hometown News Release, the DoD Form 2266, and forward it to Public Affairs. PA will then forward the form to the Air Force News Agency for distribution to every media outlet within a 50-mile radius of the zip code specified on the form.

Complete the DD Form 2266, posted on the Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Web site at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>, and submit it to PA by fax at 221-1198 or e-mail to HometownNews@samhouston.army.mil.

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