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"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"



Photo by Esther Garcia

Victory pin

Pfc. Jason Sigmons, 232nd Medical Battalion, pins down his opponent at the 32nd Medical Brigade Combative Tournament. The brigade held the first combative tournament between its three battalions Saturday at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Ninety competitors representing 187th, 232nd and 264th Medical Battalions competed in six categories for first, second and third place. Sigmons placed first place in the light heavyweight category. The 264th Medical Battalion won the coveted brigade Combative Tournament trophy winning overall with the most points of 108.

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Fire Department receives new teaching tool

By Olivia Mendoza
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

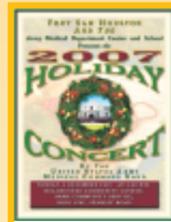
The Fort Sam Houston Fire Department recently acquired a Surrey Fire Safety Home. Surrey is a leader in providing the latest innovations in fire safety. Families were welcomed to tour and get educated on safety in their homes Monday.

The Surrey Fire Safety House is designed to demonstrate fire hazards in the home using simulated incidents such as: non-toxic smoke with fire alarms, a non-functional stove that has a special effects light under one burner to give the appearance that it is hot; a pan with lid that rotates to the unsafe position of the handle hanging over the front of the stove and a lighted fire place in the living room. The fire safety house includes areas of the home where fires start most

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Christmas Along the Corridor Pony Express Courier Run

More than 120 Pony Express Christmas couriers delivered the Texas governor's holiday message to Fort Sam Houston at last year's event. This year's Pony Express Christmas Courier Run Grand Finale will be held Dec. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. The holiday fair will include a variety of vendors and special displays, and the program will feature numerous performances, to include Escaramuza Rosas de Castilla, a bareback equestrienne drill; Cadence Cloggers and Salon de Mexico Dancers; a Keetowah Native American Dance; Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers; and music from the U.S. Army Medical Command Band. The highlight of the event will be the arrival of the Pony Express Christmas Couriers following their seven-county run. The event is free and open to the public.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Have a happy Thanksgiving, be safe!

Garrison commander's Thanksgiving safety message

Dear Garrison Fort Sam Houston,

"The first official Thanksgiving Proclamation made in America was issued by the Continental Congress in 1777. Six national Proclamations of Thanksgiving were issued in the first thirty years after the founding of the United States of America as an independent federation of States. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a Federal holiday as a "prayerful day of Thanksgiving" on the last Thursday in November. Since then every U.S.

President has always made an official Thanksgiving Proclamation on behalf of the nation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941)."

Since then, Americans have traveled across this great country to be with their loved ones and to give thanks. As you take time this week to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we as Americans share.

I am sincerely thankful for each and everyone of you on the Garrison Team and for the support you provide this military community. I sincerely hope you have a joyous and fulfilling Thanksgiving and take special care to remain safe throughout the holiday period.

Happy Thanksgiving and a safe return!

Col. Wendy Martinson
U.S. Army Garrison commander, Fort Sam Houston

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News Briefs

Housing closures

Lincoln Military Housing will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. If residents have any problems or concerns, call 270-7638 or visit www.samhoustonlpc.com. For maintenance issues, call 225-5564 or visit www.samhoustonlpc.com.

The Housing Services Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, but will resume normal operation Monday.

Quadrangle closed

The Quadrangle will be closed Nov. 29 for the U. S. Army North Organization Day. U.S. Army North will host a blood drive Nov. 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Quadrangle.

Operation Christmas

The Fort Sam Houston chapel community will designate the offerings from the Dec. 1 and 2 services for Operation Christmas. The program will provide vouchers for members of the Fort Sam Houston community that need assistance during the holiday season. People interested in contributing to the program, call the Installation Chaplain Office at 221-5007.

Holiday tree lighting

Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander, will host the Fort Sam Houston Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the main post flagpole. Retreat will begin at 5 p.m. and the chaplain will make opening remarks at 6 p.m. followed by the tree lighting, singing and refreshments.

Medical wing realigns, prepares for BRAC

By Sue Campbell
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The 59th Medical Wing will soon reorganize, taking another step toward the Base Realignment and Closure merger with Brooke Army Medical Center and better organizing for the Air Force medical flagship's missions.

"We have to maintain the Air Force doctrinal medical missions and heritage while merging to form the San Antonio Military Medical Center, which will provide not only great care for our beneficiaries in this market, but Air Force and Army medical education and training, and the highly respected Air Force and Army medical operational capability this nation now expects," said Maj. Gen. Tom Travis, 59th Medical Wing commander.

Working with Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center, Travis launched a proposal to reorganize the 59th MDW. "It also sets up department chairs and program directors in a way that the American College of Graduate Medical Education will more easily

recognize and support," said Travis. "This will fold very nicely into the proposed SAMMC governance structure and set us up to succeed as we merge these great institutions."

The new structure for the wing mirrors some of the structure that already exists within BAMC, but maintains a squadron/group/wing structure that the Air Force uses for operations and administration. In the merged structure, the Army and Air Force retain key service-specific responsibilities, while the SAMMC command chain will be responsible for the day-to-day medical mission of the new organization.

The proposal was well-received and supported by the Air Education and Training Command and the Air Staff, and was approved very quickly. Within the next month or so, 59th MDW personnel will see a SAMMC executive board established and key departmental leaders being named. And the new wing structure should be fully in place by February 2008.

"The goal of all of these changes is to get us to the end state mandated by BRAC law," Travis said. "By Sept. 15, 2011,



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Ruth Stanley
Maj. Gen. Tom Travis, 59th Medical Wing commander, speaks to his group and squadron commanders about the wing reorganization Nov. 9 at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club.

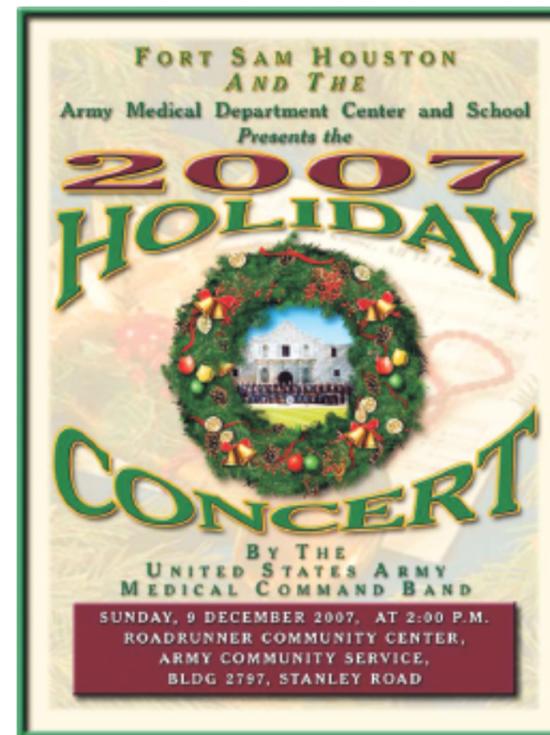
SAMMC will be a premier Department of Defense medical facility, providing great care for our beneficiaries and warfighters, outstanding medical education and training for both the Army and Air Force, and preparing and deploying our warrior medics."

Best career counselor

Staff Sgt. Patricia Castro (right), retention Noncommissioned Officer for the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade, stands with Lt. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, and Sgt. Maj. Khadijah Sellers, Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command Career Counselor, after being named the TRADOC Active Component Career Counselor of the Year. Castro was honored at the recent World Wide Retention Training Seminar in St. Louis. She competed against 11 career counselors from across TRADOC in their retention mission, a physical training test, appearance of uniform, and appearing in front of a board consisting of command sergeants major. Castro is the retention NCO for the Houston, San Antonio and Phoenix Recruiting Battalions. She re-enlisted 176 Soldiers and carried 44 percent of the Brigade's retention mission. She will compete in January for the Department of the Army Active Component Career Counselor of the Year.



Photo by Greg Mueller



'Let's ride' Motorcycle mentorship program provides safety tips

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

A motorcycle mentorship and safety briefing was held Friday morning at Evans Theater before the group of about 35 motorcyclists headed for the highway en-route to Marble Falls, Texas.

The group of motorcycle riders were briefed on the importance of mentorship before they headed out as a pack. The purpose of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is to establish voluntary installation-level motorcycle participation where less experienced riders and experienced/seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible and safe motorcycle riding and enjoyment. This helps to create positive conduct and behavior and serve as a force multiplier that supports a commander's motorcycle accident prevention program.

Vice president of the Fort Sam Houston Rough Riders Sgt. Eric Pardo was on hand to stress the importance of the day's briefing, "The purpose of this training is to learn at least one thing you didn't

know before today and to educate new riders on motorcycle safety."

"Mentorship is just as important as training," said Pardo.

"That is why we are here today, it is for everybody," added Sgt. 1st Class Rhoden Galloway. "All commanders have a safety policy and our local state requirements follow rules of the Department of Defense."

The briefing was a great opportunity for motorcycle riders to get acquainted and learn about bike safety as well as allowing leadership the chance to become familiar with Soldiers in their command that ride motorcycles.

Following a briefing on accident reports and reminders of on post regulations, personal protective equipment was re-emphasized.

The use of personal protective equipment includes properly fastened approved helmets. This is considered the most important piece of protective gear a rider can use; face shields 'save face' from flying stones, insects or debris; gloves keep hands comfortable, functional and protected; long sleeve jackets and long pants

resist abrasions and protect against sunburn, windburn, dehydration or hypothermia; boots provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and allow for a good grip on foot pegs or road surfaces.

The bottom line is, proper riding gear protects in the event of an accident and minimizes injuries while allowing the rider to enjoy the sport in comfort.

The hour-long briefing was the ideal way to begin a group ride. As folks prepared to mount up, the T-Clock method of motorcycle pre-ride inspections was implemented: Tires and wheels, Controls, Lights and levers, Oil, Chassis and Kickstand were all gone over to make sure they were in proper working order before taking to the pavement.

Leaving in a group formation the motorcycle enthusiasts headed into hill country with Marble Falls as their destination.

For more information about the Motorcycle Mentorship Program or Safety, call the Installation Safety Office at 221-3836 or visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/iso/>.



Staff Sgt. Ragnar Jamieson, U.S. Army South Safety Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, prepares to pull on riding gloves following his bike inspection. Riding in full gear Jamieson said, "The USARSO vest I'm wearing has saved my life about three times." Jamieson's fluorescent yellow vest draws the attention of other drivers on the road during the day and is reflective at night.

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frequently. Children learn a variety of fire hazards and brainstorm ways to fix each dangerous situation.

In the bedroom, children learn that most fires begin at night. They are taught how to roll out of bed, crawl low under smoke and feel the bedroom door with the back of the hand. The bedroom is equipped with a heated door that allows participants to experience what a door would feel like if there were a fire on the other side. The heated door allows smoke to come in from the other side.

Children are also taught the proper method for making a 9-1-1 call to report a fire. Fire Inspector Sherry Salone explains the need to stay calm and to speak clearly when giving the police important information such as "There is a fire in my house, my name is..., I live at... and my phone number is..."

The Surrey Fire Safety House is a great educational tool to inform children of the possible dangers in a burning building and safety techniques to save themselves.

For more information about the Surrey Fire Safety House, call the Fort Sam Fire Department at 221-5452.



Photos by Olivia Mendoza



(Left) The Fort Sam Houston Fire Department demonstrates a mock smoke alarm to show children what to do when there is smoke in the house, Sparky the fire dog helps a child safely out the of the trailer with a little help from Fort Sam Houston Battalion Chief, Joe Miyasaki.



(Above) 5 year-old Jaidon Grabel touches the door to feel if the door is hot for emergency evacuation Monday at the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department.

(Left) The Fort Sam Houston Fire Department recently acquired the Surrey Fire Safety House and gave tours Monday to Families as a way to educate fire safety in the homes.



Photo by Olivia Mendoza

Dining staff Richard Stevenson seasons the turkey while Mary Guitierrez prepares prime rib before the big Thanksgiving Day meal at the Louis Rocco Dining Facility.

Preparation is underway for a big Thanksgiving Day

The Louis Rocco Dining Facility is a hub of activity in preparation for a big Thanksgiving Day feast Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m.

The dining facility employees were busy for several days preparing the traditional dishes, decorating and planning for the patrons who will enjoy their Thanksgiving meal at the Rocco.

The Thanksgiving menu includes: Roast beef, baked ham, roast turkey, Cornish hens, corn bread dressing, peas, mashed potatoes,

glazed sweet potatoes, corn, giblet dressing, mixed fruit, tossed green salad, potato salad, cole slaw, natural pan gravy, hot rolls, pecan pie, pumpkin pie, strawberry shortcake and assorted beverages.



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Injured Soldiers get away from it all

Story and photo by Michael Tolzmann
Army and Air Force Hometown News
Service

CHOKO CANYON RESERVOIR, Texas – As one Soldier put it, a bad day fishing is a whole lot better than a good day at work.

For 38 injured service members from the Warrior Transition Unit at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, a day of free fishing meant a day away from treatment to have some fun on a South Texas lake known for its excellent bass fishing.

For the fourth year, the Quality Bass Club of San Antonio held the Fishing for Freedom event Nov. 3, which paired wounded warriors with volunteers, boats, fishing poles and expertise



Sgt. Joseph Reyes (right) casts from the back of a bass boat Nov. 3 at Choke Canyon Reservoir, Texas. The fourth annual Fishing for Freedom event was held by the Quality Bass Club of San Antonio.

in a professional-styled fishing competition.

"I love this. Today is a great day," said Spec. James King, who has been undergoing rehabilitation for nearly a year. He was serving with the Arkansas Army National Guard in Iraq as a motor transport operator, or truck driver, when he was injured.

"Anything we can do for these service members, we should do. We just don't do enough for these guys," said Cal Binehof, Quality Bass Club event organizer.

"It's devastating what some of these guys have been through. It's hard for some of them to just get out of bed. We had a few who didn't make it today who were not feeling good. But

doing something like this is a part of the healing process. They just need a break," said Binehof.

With corporate sponsorship in the form of volunteers and monetary donations, Valero Energy Corporation and the Noncommissioned Officers Association feed the service members before and after the fishing, and provided gifts and prizes following the official fish weigh-in at the conclusion of the fishing competition. All boaters and service members got on stage, had their fish weighed, and held up their catch of the day for the audience to see. Nearly everyone caught at least one fish.

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"It was a blast just being on the water. It didn't even matter if we caught any fish, just being out here makes a big difference," said 13-year veteran Army Staff Sgt. Deron Santini who caught a largemouth bass that weighed nearly two pounds.

Santini was serving with the Louisiana Army National Guard south of Baghdad in 2005, when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. Because of his injuries Santini said, "I'm 37, but I feel like I'm 97." He said he really enjoyed 'getting out' to go fishing.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife allowed the service members to fish for free, and provided free entrance to the reservoir on the state park, located approximately 80 miles south of San Antonio.

"It's nice. It's relaxing. I think it's a really good program whenever you do something for Soldiers – it's really good you know – getting Soldiers out of their 'box' and helping them forget about some of their stuff. I know a lot of the Soldiers are going through the medical process by themselves, so it's really good when you have people do this for us," said Sgt. Joseph Reyes, an infantryman from the Texas Army National Guard undergoing medical treatment and assigned to the WTU.

Spc. Alexander Marmer pulled in the winning fish, a



Photo by Michael Tolzmann
Staff Sgt. Deron Santini holds up his catch of the day Nov. 3, a nearly two pound largemouth bass, during the Fishing for Freedom event held for injured service members at Choke Canyon Reservoir, Texas.

largemouth bass, that weighed approximately four-and-a-half pounds. He hauled in a second bass that also weighed more than four pounds. Born in the Ukraine, Marmer's regular job is a police officer in New York City. He said he doesn't get to do something like this very often. Marmer was attached to the Alaska Army National Guard in Kuwait when he was injured.

"I really appreciate everything the troops do for us to keep us free. And it allows us to do things like fish," said John Voght of Boerne, Texas, who volunteered his boat and time to ferry King around the lake.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School Honor Roll

Many of the Robert G. Cole students have attained academic success for the first nine weeks of the 2007 – 2008 school year. To qualify for the two honor rolls, students must earn the following grades: A Honor Roll – a grade of 90 or higher in all classes; A/B Honor Roll – a grade of 80 or higher in all classes with at least one grade of 90 or higher.

A Honor Roll

6th Grade

Megan Daknis
Carter Howell
Ethan Kelly
Isabelle Lougee
Eric Ramos

7th Grade

Aleksander Bray
Julia Brock
Teresa Cenney
Ruby Gibson
Andrew Guerrero
Gian Marin
Marlene Renz

8th Grade

Alysia Bradley
Molly Gresenz
Kayla Larvins
Francesca Mercado
Savannah Wessies

9th Grade

Taylor Kane
Megan Renz
Katrina Rigsbee
Shelby Tallent

10th Grade

Joseph Bradley
Brea Carrillo
Trevor Richardson
Christopher Staton
Amber Wessies

11th Grade

None

12th Grade

Darius Graham
Patrick Newcomer
Dustin Reitsstetter
Ricardo Riera
Jacob Stonecipher

A/B Honor Roll

6th Grade

Hannah Brooks
Nicole Casarez
Kelli Coleman
Jason Cunningham
Mikayla Dion
Gavin Gay
Luis Gonzalez Carrero
Lorianne Hawkins
Bradley Jensen
Morgen Lewis
Kevin Lunkenheimer

Francis Mahon
Annette Martinez
Austin Mathews
Morgan Merritt
Amer Mitchell
Alexandra Nichols
Lucas Ochoa
Rose-Marie Ota
Joseph Pappas
Andreanika Randle
Teryn Richardson
Andrew Rodriguez
Nicholas Schmidt
Sarah Webster
Ethan Whiteley
David Williams

7th Grade

Natashja Avitia
David Baird
Destiny Brown
Georgia Budjenska
Taylor Butterworth
Gavin Callison
Yenesis Colon
Sarah Costello
Abigail Crotts
Brandon Czerw
Robin Daugherty
Rachael Fia
Russel Graves
Dawntae Griggs
Dana Hagan
Kayla Hallstrom
Hannah Horner
Ashley Jeffalone
James Johnson
Courtney Leca
Brianna Livecchi
Brenna Martell
Lauren Medellin
Lauren Morgan
Hayley Morrill
Calvin Prothero
Selina Quick
Aric Rainwater
Dashinaye Robinson
Elika Sailiata
Mikayla Smith-Douglas
William Starnes
Reba Strunk
Grace Wafford
Dustin Waite
Rashad White
Enrique Williams

8th Grade

Kristen Herring
Terrence Jenkins
Tevin Jenkins
John Kennedy
Christopher Lamoureux
Thomas Nagies
Matthew Pecko
Tayler Potts
Darius Price
William Sakata
Jonathan Salazar
Samantha Sanburn
Hannah Sisk
Marlene Sloan
Stephanie Aviles

Derek Abin
Tiffany Bailey
Zachary Bauman
Jar-Mon Baxter
Alexius Bennett
Jasmine Boothe
Johnathan Brooks
Aidan Dochnal
Kelly Finley-Marshall
Meagan Garcia
Amanda Gonzales
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Chauncey Holmes
Kanasha Howard
Jessica Jordan
Wesley Lavender
Lorenzo Luckie
Jordan Maney
Jaybren Moore
Dianisse Plaza
Benjamin Reitsstetter
Lindsey Saddler
Jennifer Sees
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Kathryn Stonecipher
Katherine Teeter

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Students of the month

Each month Cole Middle and High School recognizes one student from each grade level for their outstanding attitude, citizen-



Courtesy photo

ship and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for October are (front row, from left) Kat Teeter, 12th grade; Hannah Sisk, eighth grade; Franny Mahon, sixth grade and Rebekah Strunk, ninth grade. (Back row, from left) Lauren Garrott, 11th grade; Vanessa Watson, 10th grade and Rashad White, seventh grade.

Soldiers compete for best 'combative fighter'



At 206 pounds and up, the big boys in the heavy weight category, show off their medals and certificates. Representing the 264th Medical Battalion, (from left) Pfc. Joseph Miranda won third place, Pfc. Brian Thomure took first place, and representing 232nd Medical Battalion, Pfc. Ivan Alvarez, took third place during the combative tournament.



Pfc. Joseph Miranda, 264th Medical Battalion uses his legs to counter his opponent at the combative tournament held at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Saturday. Miranda won third place in the heavy weight competition.

Pvt. Jason Susalbery, 264th Medical Battalion uses his hand-to-hand combat training to control his opponent. Hand-to-hand combat fighting has now become part of Army-wide physical fitness training.

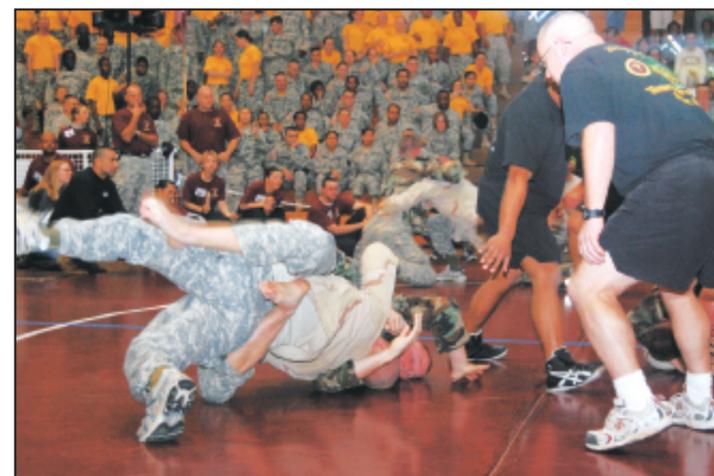
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32nd Medical Brigade Combatives Tournament results

Place	Class	Weight
Featherweight (140 and under)		
1st	Pvt. Andrew Segeant, 264th Med. Bn.	140
2nd	Pvt. Christopher Newton, 264th Med. Bn.	140
3rd	Spc. Luke Wheeler, 264th Med. Bn.	140
Lightweight (155 and under)		
1st	Pfc. Jonathan Siercke, 264th Med. Bn.	155
2nd	Pvt. P. Huot, 264th Med. Bn.	152
3rd	Pvt. Christopher Gagnon, 264th Med. Bn.	150
Welterweight (170 and under)		
1st	Pfc. Timothy Underwood, 232nd Med. Bn.	170
2nd	Pvt. Tanner Morse, 264th Med. Bn.	170
3rd	Pvt. Ryan Null, 264th Med. Bn.	170
Middleweight (185 and under)		
1st	Pfc. Kevin Ford, 264th Med. Bn.	185
2nd	Pvt. Adam Schreengost, 264th Med. Bn.	185
3rd	Pfc. Ryan Utterback, 264th Med. Bn.	185
Light Heavyweight (205 and under)		
1st	Pfc. Jason Sigmons, 232nd Med. Bn.	205
2nd	Pvt. Christopher Freeman, 187th Med. Bn.	205
3rd	Pvt. Kenneth Alvarez, 187th Med. Bn.	205
Heavyweight (206 and up)		
1st	Pfc. Brian Thomure, 264th Med. Bn.	206+
2nd	Pfc. Ivan Alvarez, 232nd Med. Bn.	206+
3rd	Pfc. Joseph Miranda, 264th Med. Bn.	206+



Competitors displayed their skills to a capacity audience who roared their approval and cheered for their favorite competitors at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.



Women also competed in mixed male female matches during the combative tournament. Although no women placed in the top three of the six divisions during the tournament, they held their own against their male opponents.

Winners in the first 32nd Medical Brigade Combative Tournament received first, second and third place ribbons and certificates for their participation. 264th Medical Battalion won the coveted 32nd Med. Brigade Combative Tournament trophy with the most overall points of 108.



Col. John Cook, 32nd Medical Brigade commander, places the second place ribbon around the neck of Pvt. Christopher Freeman, 187th Medical Battalion, who competed in the light heavyweight category.

"As you know many of the Soldiers you see here today will be joining combat units and deploy within weeks of finishing their training. In tandem with the medical skills they learn here, it is equally important that we provide them with the training, skills and experience that will help them personally survive the battlefields of today and tomorrow."

*Col. John Cook
32nd Medical Brigade commander*

MWR Community Recreation

Post garage sale

A post garage sale will be held Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot. There is no cost to participate, but individuals selling items must pre-register. A valid Department of Defense ID is required to participate. Participants may rent tables and chairs on-site from the Outdoor Equipment Center. Table rentals will be on a first-come, first-serve basis as supplies last. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts, or food and beverage items is not permissible. For more information, visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com or call 221-5224 or 221-5225 to register.

Golf Club, 222-9386

Warriors Monthly Scramble

The Warriors Monthly Scramble is held the first Friday of each month at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The next tournament is Dec. 7. Register up to four players to participate in Warriors Monthly Scramble. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person and includes cart

rental, prizes and social following the scramble. Participants must be in an authorized pass or leave status. For more information or to register, call the Golf Club Pro Shop at 222-9386.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Thanksgiving Buffet

The Sam Houston Club is holding its annual Thanksgiving Day buffet Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. For more information, call 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

'My Three Angels'

The comedy by Sam and Bella Spewack, "My Three Angels" will be presented at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre from Friday through Dec. 15. Performance tickets are \$28 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$31 on Fridays and Saturdays. Doors open for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. To make reservations or for more information, call 222-9694.

Army Community Service

Personal Development

The Army Family Team Building Level 2 course will be conducted through Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Stanley Road. This class is on personal development and teaches topics such as communication skills, stress management, personality traits, team dynamics, creative problem solving, Family Readiness Groups, personal conflict management and much more. Lunch is provided. For more information, call 807-3111 after 5 p.m.

Army Family Team Building

A three-day Army Family Team Building course will be held Dec. 5 to 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Lunch will be provided. AFTB level 3 teaches effective communication, listening skills, coaching, mentoring, advising, developing presentations, building a cohesive team, group conflict management, media and public relations and much more. AFTB encourages new spouses, Family members, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to find out about Army life. For more information, call 221-0946.

AER Scholarship Programs

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers. The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement. For more information or to apply for the scholarship, visit www.aerhq.org or call Army Community Service at 221-1612.

Child and Youth Services

CYS closure

All Child and Youth Services facilities will be closed Friday for the Thanksgiving Day training holiday. For more information, call your CYS facility.

Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Dec. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.