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# New annex dedicated for Marine wounded warriors

Story and photos by Jen D. Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

A ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the Marine Annex at Brooke Army Medical Center Nov. 23 for wounded, injured and ill Marine warriors, Family members and the Marine Patient Affairs Team as a place to call their own.

More than 150 people attended the ceremony, followed by a barbecue.

"Marines and their Families needed their own place to come together and bond as traditional Marine units do in order to share their experiences and emotionally recover from their injuries," said Lt. Col. David Barnes, Marine Patient Affairs Team officer in charge.

"It's a place where old warriors can come and sit with current ones and

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Marine Col. Gregory A.D. Boyle, commanding officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, applauds Marine wounded warriors Lance Cpl. Matthew Bradford, Capt. Ryan Voltin, Cpl. Isaac Gallegos, Cpl. Ronnie Porta and Lance Cpl. Anthony Villareal, who assisted with the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Marine Annex, while Lt. Col. David Barnes, (right) Marine Patient Affairs Team officer in charge, looks on.



## NEANDERTHAL RUN



Photo by Leslie A. Shively

Spc. Joseph Randle as Neanderthal Man and Spc. Scott Stahley as the Spartan Warrior bump to disco sounds entertaining the runners. See related story page 12.

## MWR programs receive several awards in Army-wide performing arts competition

Story by Lori Newman  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs were rewarded for their hard work and talent, receiving several awards at the 2009 Army's Festival of the Performing Arts competition.

Winners were announced during the MWR Quarterly Employee Recognition at the Sam Houston Club Nov. 18.

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre's "Broadway Bound" placed second for outstanding production of a play. Rebecca Eggleston won first place for her outstanding performance as Kate Jerome.

"Broadway Bound," Neil Simon's acclaimed autobiographical trilogy picks up where "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxi Blues" ends. "Broadway Bound" finds Eugene and his older brother Stanley trying to break into the world of professional comedy writing while coping



Spc. Demetria Stewart sings "Summertime" during the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Variety Show in June. The show placed second in the 2009 Army's Festival of the Performing Arts competition. Stewart placed first in the Outstanding Vocal Solo (Female) category.

Photo by Paul Kotchman

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# Obama calls for another 30,000 U.S. Troops in Afghanistan

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

It is in America's vital national interests to send another 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan, President Barack Obama said Dec. 1 during a speech at West Point, N.Y.

Obama said that this surge of U.S. forces into Afghanistan will begin to ebb in July 2011 – when U.S. and NATO forces and allies begin turning over security responsibility to Afghan security forces.

"I make this decision because I am convinced that our security is at stake in Afghanistan and Pakistan," he said to the Corps of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy. "This is the epicenter of violent extremism practiced by al-Qaida. It is from here that we were attacked on 9/11, and it is from here that new attacks are being plotted as I speak."

The United States must rise to the challenge of al-Qaida and the Taliban. The extremists still operate in the border areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and still threaten America and its allies.

"This danger will only grow if the region slides backwards and al-Qaida can operate with impunity," the president said.

The United States and its international allies must keep pressure on the terror group, and that also will mean increas-

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ing the stability and capacity of partners in the region.

The 30,000 service members and their equipment will flow in to Afghanistan in the first half of 2010, Obama said. White House officials speaking on background earlier today said this will entail at least two or three Army brigade combat teams, and many soldiers and Marines to train the Afghan security forces. Air Force and Navy personnel also will be called on to support this effort.

A military counterinsurgency effort aimed at protecting the Afghan people is only one part of the strategy, the president said. The second is a civilian surge that reinforces positive actions, and the third is an effective partnership with Pakistan.

The military strategy is aimed at reversing the Taliban's momentum and will increase Afghanistan's security capabilities over the next 18 months, Obama said. The strategy has at its core disrupting, dismantling and defeating al-Qaida and its extremist allies as the president announced in March.

The 30,000 additional troops will target the insurgency and secure key population centers. "They will increase our ability to train competent Afghan security

forces, and to partner with them so that more Afghans can get into the fight," Obama said. "And they will help create the conditions for the United States to transfer responsibility to the Afghans."

The president also will ask for international military contributions. Some nations – Britain and Australia for example – already have provided additional troops, and he expects more nations will come forward soon.

"Our friends have fought and bled and died alongside us in Afghanistan," the president said. "Now, we must come together to end this war successfully. For what's at stake is not simply a test of NATO's credibility – what's at stake is the security of our allies, and the common security of the world."

Obama used the experiences in Iraq as a yardstick. Just as in Iraq, additional forces will provide the time and security needed to train local forces, thus accelerating a handover of security responsibility to Afghan forces beginning in July 2011.

"Just as we have done in Iraq, we will execute this transition responsibly, taking into account conditions on the ground," he said.

The civilian strategy will

entail working with allies, international agencies and the Afghan people "to pursue a more effective civilian strategy, so that the government can take advantage of improved security," he said.

Aid to Afghanistan must be based on performance, the president said. "The days of providing a blank check are over," he said.

Obama said Afghan President Hamid Karzai's inauguration speech sent the right message. The United States will support Afghan ministries, governors and local leaders that combat corruption and deliver for the people, he added.

"We expect those who are ineffective or corrupt to be held accountable," he said. "And we will also focus our assistance in areas – such as agriculture – that can make an immediate impact in the lives of the Afghan people."

Obama stressed that the United States is not interested in occupying Afghanistan or subjugating its people.

"We will seek a partnership with Afghanistan grounded in mutual respect – to isolate those who destroy; to strengthen those who build; to hasten the day when our troops will leave; and to forge a lasting friendship in which America is your partner, and never your patron," he said.

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## Security Never Sleeps

Security is everyone's business. Fort Sam Houston is considered a safe place to work and live; however, to provide greater security on the installation the community is encouraged to report activities that may pose a threat to personnel or property. The best security awareness program is to have everyone on the installation involved.

The "See it, Send it" initiative is being implemented for the community to report suspicious activities anywhere on the installation and Camp Bullis, "See it, Send it." The military police have the following methods for the post community to report suspicious activities: Text messaging, e-mail, and its clue line, which allows people to report observed activities of security interest. The standard non-emergency number (221-2222) to the military police is still available for reporting. Naturally, in the event of an emergency, call 911.

The below wallet sized clip-out card provides the numbers to report suspicious activities.

### "See it, Send it"

- Texting: 834-4531
- E-mail: FtSamHoustonPolice@conus.army.mil
- Phone: 221-CLUE (2583) Leave a Message
- Phone: 221-2222 Military Police Desk

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## News Briefs

### CivilianJobs.com Career Expo

The CivilianJobs.com Career Expo will be Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road. For more information, call 678-819-4172 or visit [www.civilianjobs.com](http://www.civilianjobs.com).

### USO San Antonio closed

USO San Antonio, 203 West Market St. is closed for renovations. It is scheduled to reopen in April 2010. Call 227-9373 or visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

### PX Early Bird Sale

The PX is having an Early Bird Sale Dec. 5, with specials running 7-9 a.m. A reminder that normal store hours are: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 225-5566.

### Holiday Concert

The 2009 Holiday Concert will be Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The public invited to enjoy holiday favorites by the Army Medical Command Band.

### BAMC Tree Lighting

Brooke Army Medical Center will hold a tree lighting ceremony Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. in the BAMC Medical Mall. There will be light snacks and music. Call 916-6421.

### AMEDDC&S Holiday Ball

The Army Medical Department Center & School 2009 Holiday Ball, "A Magical Evening," will be Dec. 11 at the Sam Houston Club. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets \$38/person, see your unit representative. For more information, call 221-3899.

### Federal Employees health benefits open season

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Flexible Spending Accounts and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program runs through Dec. 14. Employees can enroll, change or cancel through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian Web site at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil) or call 877-276-9287. Call 221-2934/2526.

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# FSH Fire Explorers *en fuego* at Alamo Area competition

Story by Steve Elliott  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Fort Sam Houston Fire Department's Fire Explorers Post 1876 was red hot at the inaugural Alamo Area Fire Explorer Competition Nov. 14, winning two of the four events.

Held at the San Antonio College First Responders Academy in Von Ormy, Texas, the FSH team was pitted against 13 teams from seven fire exploring posts throughout the area.

Fire service exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday.

"The Alamo Area Fire Explorer Competition was held in order to bring all of the Fire Service Exploring Posts together, build camaraderie and promote careers in the fire service," said "A" shift Fire Captain/Paramedic David Lewis. "Our team got to see how the other posts do things and to learn from each

other."

The explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities for those interested in the field of fire service.

In the five-man pumper race,

the team of Victor Castillo, Kevin Nelson, Dylan Gonzalez, Alex Kane and Miguel Chavez lit up the competition with a time of 37.41 seconds, besting the Poteet Volunteer Fire Department Team A's time of

42.75 and the Poteet VFD Team B at 48.4.

"It felt great since this was our first time ever doing this event," said FSH Chief Fire

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Courtesy photo

(From left) Lieutenant Devon Gonzalez, Explorer Victor Castillo, Explorer Kevin Nelson, Explorer Dylan Gonzalez, Explorer Miguel Chavez, Lieutenant Gabe Castillo and Captain David Lewis of Fire Exploring Post 1876.

## Army to separate Soldiers who don't extend to deploy

Story by J.D. Leipold  
Army News Service

Soldiers who don't agree to extend their enlistments in units slated to deploy on or after Jan. 1 may be involuntarily separated up to three months early.

The new Enlisted Involuntary Early Separation Program will affect active-duty Soldiers scheduled to separate during the first six months of their unit's deployment. These Soldiers will be asked to re-enlist or extend so they can stay with their unit through its full deployment and two

months after returning.

Soldiers who participate in the Deployment Extension Incentive Program will receive an extra \$350 or \$500 for every month extended. Those who extend at least six months before deploying will receive the full \$500 per month.

Those who don't re-enlist or extend will not deploy and will be separated up to three months prior to their contractual separation date, according to Maj. Jennifer Walkawicz, personnel policy integrator, G1.

The program applies only to regular Army enlisted Soldiers with

more than 36 months of active service and less than 71 months of total service, Walkawicz said, when they have an ending term-of-service date during their unit's first six months of deployment. Soldiers with an estimated time of separation date occurring during the last six months of their unit's scheduled deployment will still deploy and simply return early to out-process if they choose not to extend, she said. Walkawicz estimated the EIESP program will result in 1,350 to 1,450 Soldiers being separated early with an annual cost savings of about \$8.5 million.

"The Army is implementing this program now as part of the Stop Loss Reduction plan," she said, explaining that the Stop Loss program will be phased out beginning Jan. 1, in favor of voluntary extensions or early separation.

"This program allows the Army to identify Soldiers preparing to ETS who will not deploy with the unit, then provide replacements for those Soldiers prior to the unit's deployment date," Walkawicz said.

She said the new guidance will ensure ample time for newly reporting Soldiers to train on indi-

vidual and collective tasks and settle in their Families. She said those Soldiers who have decided to leave the Army are generally first-term enlistees and will not lose any entitlements.

She also said Soldiers who chose not to re-enlist or extend for the deployment duration and are separated will retain all rights, privileges and benefits such as the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. However, EIESP Soldiers will not be entitled to pay and allowances for the period not served.

Involuntary early sep-

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# USAISR recognized for significant contributions delivering lifesaving care, innovative research products

The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States awarded the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research its first Force Health Protection Award, Nov. 18 in St. Louis, Mo. during the association's 115th annual meeting.

The award was presented to the USAISR to recognize its "significant contributions in delivering lifesaving care, advanced trauma systems and innovative research products to America's warriors," according Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Eric Schoomaker, who nominated the organization.

The Force Health Protection Award recognizes an organization or team that has made the greatest contribution ensuring the men and women of the armed services and/or veterans are provided health services to assure mission readiness or optimal health functionality at all times.

The concept of force health

protection goes beyond the military and includes humanitarian and disaster relief, physical and occupational rehabilitation, as well as the work of the Public Health Service to provide force health protection to the nation when threatened by disease, natural disaster, or acts of terrorism or war.

Each of the uniformed services, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs could submit one nominee for this award.

According to retired Air Force Maj. Gen. George Anderson, AMSUS executive director, "This is a highly prestigious award and the USAISR is clearly the most deserving DoD recipient."

Col. (Dr.) Lorne Blackburne, USAISR commander, accepted the award.

"When you walk into the ISR building, you walk under a brass plaque. On that plaque are the words 'For Combat



Soldiers of the USAISR proudly display the AMSUS Force Health Protection Award.

Courtesy photo

Wounded.' Everything we do is for wounded warriors.

"So, to receive this award is very inspiring. It is a reflection of the dedication, motivation,

and enthusiasm the personnel of the ISR bring to work every day. It is also a reflection on all of you in this room for fostering a military culture that

cares so deeply about our wounded warriors," Blackburne said.

(Source: USAISR Public Affairs)

## Teens told 'this is your group, your day' at Teen AFAP

By Cheryl Harrison  
Army Community Service,  
Marketing

With lots of munchies, juice, and the opportunity to get out of daily class schedules, about 16 high school students from Fort Sam Houston's Cole High School and Steele High School in Cibolo participated in the annual Teen Army Family Action Plan Conference Dec. 1.

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Professional Development Center was the site of the Teen AFAP and teens volunteered to

speak their minds and help shape their community by participating in the important Teen AFAP.

The Teen AFAP began promptly at 8:45 a.m. with welcoming remarks by Col. Mary Garr, Fort Sam Houston garrison commander.

Garr said, "Being an Army 'brat' means you have exposure to a broader part of the world than civilian kids. You learn to be more resilient. We want to tap into your life experiences and find out what Fort Sam can do better to support your needs. AFAP can help with issues you

have about your life.

"The issues you have talked about today are things we will learn from. Even I, as an Army brat, the world was totally different, I didn't have MySpace, Internet, texting and tweets as a kid. It is a different way of communicating. You are living in a very different world. We will take your good ideas and try to implement them."

Following Garr's remarks, students were given the goals and objectives of the conference.

Issues submitted by teens included more

youth activities and the need for advertisement and transportation to said activities; more internships beyond the Fort Sam perimeter at organizations such as the FBI, the Air Force and other local federal agencies; participation of home-schooled students within Cole High school; transfer policies for military kids; the need for more pools and a designated doggie park, just to name a few.

Overseeing discussions were subject matter experts from the FSHISD

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Students from the Schertz Cibolo Universal City Independent School District's Steele High School and Fort Sam Houston's Cole High School joined forces to participate in the annual Teen Army Family Action Plan Conference Dec. 1. (From left) Steele High School Juniors Sara Cardwell and Jaileen Morales and Steele sophomores Keith Bragg and Lorali Hickson volunteered to participate in the Teen AFAP held in the FSHISD Professional Development Center. About 16 teens were involved in discussing issues submitted.

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aration does not apply to Soldiers facing courts-martial or under investigation for Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses. The Army has mandated battalion commanders notify affected Soldiers at least 90 days

prior to their adjusted date of separation. Due to the 90-day written notice requirement, Human Resources Command will phase in the EISP.

As the program is phased in, Soldiers with an ETS between April 1-30 will be separated one month earlier, Walkawicz

said. Soldiers with an ETS between May 1-31 will be involuntarily separated two months earlier than their ETS; and Soldiers whose ETS is on or after June 1 will be separated three months earlier than their contract stipulates, she said.

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Explorer Kevin Nelson. "We had to work together as a team to hook up an antique fire engine to a fire hydrant, get a fire hose stretched out over one hundred feet and flow water from the hydrant to the truck, then get water out of the other end of the fire hose as fast as we could simulating attacking a fire."

Castillo and Chavez took the top two spots in the bunker gear race, where contestants have

to put on all their gear in a certain time. Castillo was able to don his gear in 35.54 seconds. Chavez was close behind with a time of 38.34.

"These young men demonstrated pride and professionalism throughout the event," Lewis said. "They made Fort Sam Houston, the Army, and all of our firefighters who helped to train them look really good out there."

Next year, Lewis hopes the competition to be bigger and better as more

youths learn about the program.

"I'm extremely proud of how these future leaders of the fire service performed," Lewis said. "We will look at making this an annual event."

"We had a lot of fun at this competition," Nelson said. "I know next year, Fort Sam will get first in all the races."

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 21 interested in pursuing a career in fire service can contact Lewis at postadvisor1876@gmail.com.

## ARMY AIRCREWS PROVIDE RELIEF DURING VIBRANT RESPONSE



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

A Colorado Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter hovers over a lake at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Ind., as the aircrew prepares to haul water to put out a simulated fire in the area during the Vibrant Response field training exercise Nov. 10. Aircrew Soldiers, who serve with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, are home based out of Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., as part of the Colorado Army National Guard Aviation Command. They were among the 4,000 service members and their civilian partners who joined forces at the training center, as well as nearby Camp Atterbury and various other locations in the area, to combat the affects of a simulated terrorist's 10-kiloton nuclear blast in downtown Indianapolis.



# NCO Soldier wins the 2010 AMEDDC&S Best Warrior competition

Story by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The 2010 Army Medical Department Center and School Best Warrior Competition winner, Sgt. 1st Class Hector Santiago-Perez, represented the Noncommissioned Officer Academy for the third year. Santiago-Perez is an instructor with the Senior Leaders Course.

"I am very proud that he kept the tradition going for the NCOA. This is also the second winner representing the SLC," said his supervisor 1st Sgt. Carlisle Jones.

Jones said Santiago is a very determined, very intelligent individual. He is always prepared, not just for the competition, but prepared everyday as if he is competing.

Sgt. Maj. Henry Rockward, senior leader advisor for the competition, said, "The competition was based on the 2010 Medical Command Best Warrior Competition scheduled March 2010 in Hawaii.

Santiago-Perez will be representing the AMEDDC&S at this competition.

The competition, from Nov. 16 to 18, included a 50 question exam, written essay, physical fitness test, day and night urban orienteering, weapons qualification, short range marksmanship, warrior tasks and battle drills, combatives, a mystery event and an oral board consisting of senior leaders with questions on various military subjects.

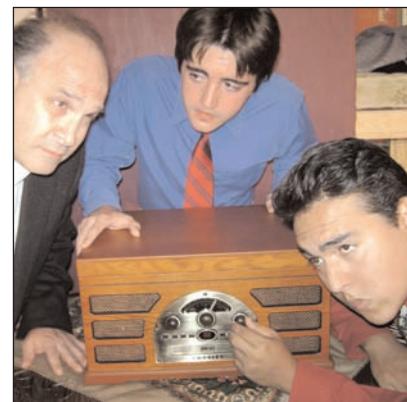


Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David Louis

Sgt. 1st Class Hector Santiago-Perez wins the 2010 Army Medical Department Center and School "Best Warrior" competition.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Hay and Sgt. 1st Class Hector Santiago-Perez duke it out during the combative part of the "Best Warrior" competition held Nov. 16 to 18.



(From left) Actors Michael Hardy, Stephen Poer, and Alex H. Coy play Jack, Eugene and Stanley Jerome in the Harlequin Dinner Theatre play "Broadway Bound." The play took second place in the 2009 Army's Festival of the Performing Arts competition.  
Photo by William C. Champlin

## ARTS from P1

with the breakup of their family. When their material is broadcast on radio for the first time, the family is upset to hear a comedy rendition of their trials and tribulations.

"The Fort Sam Houston military community is indeed fortunate to have such a professional and dynamic management team, lead by Missy Berlet (Theater Specialist), who supports the Harlequin Dinner Theatre program. Her talented and gifted staff and volunteers make a difference every day in support of Fort Sam Houston military community and the large military retiree community of San Antonio," said Paul Matthews, director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Their program innovation and commitment to excellence has enabled the Fort Sam Houston Performing Arts Program to be among the very best in the Army," he said.

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre also placed well in the category of youth play or musical with the production of "Kids of America."

"It was exciting that we got to compete for the very first time in the youth category, and were able to place in five categories. The kids are really excited to perform for their family and friends," said Michael Berlet, who placed third for outstanding lighting design.

This year the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers variety show "Boulevard of Music Dreams" placed third overall competing against 17 other BOSS variety programs Army-wide.

"Boulevard of Music Dreams," set in New York City, was a fast-paced show featuring Soldier and civilian vocalists, actors and musicians.

Fort Sam's own, Hacienda manager, Ben Paniagua placed second for outstanding producer

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# ASEP launches life-long careers for military spouses

By Rob McIlvaine  
FMWRC Public Affairs

To date, 57,600 spouses of Soldiers have been hired for positions at one of the 31 Fortune 500 corporations who have joined forces with the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. This includes the 15,647 spouses hired this year. As of this October, eight more corporations, including Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., joined forces with ASEP, bringing the total number of corporate partners to 39.

ASEP enhances employment opportunities for spouses of military members while fulfilling America's demand for skilled workers.

Dr. Lillie Cannon, who now serves as the program manager for ASEP – a self-sustaining and expanding partnership – has been a tireless advocate for the Army spouse.

“As an Army spouse myself, I see the sacrifices Army Families undergo while their Soldier is deployed. I also see those Army spouses who give

up their careers to keep their Families together and support their service member,” Cannon, a retired Air Force officer, said.

The Army recognizes the importance of spouse satisfaction in Family decisions. Many Soldiers make retention decisions based on their Families' financial stability. Approximately 55 percent of Army spouses are in the labor force and contribute from 20 to 40 percent of their families' income. The perception of a spouse's quality of life – including financial well-being and the ability to realize personal and professional goals – is a major factor in the retention of high-quality military personnel. Frequent Soldier reassignments or relocations make it difficult for spouses to sustain employment and develop long-term careers.

Cannon says the ASEP program is much-needed right now because the economy has long since forced us to move from a one-salary Family. But for her, it's not just about

helping someone find that extra income.

“My focus and passion for ensuring Army spouses have careers and meaningful employment is driven by my respect and admiration for their service to this country. Although they do not wear a uniform and physically go off to war, it's their dedication and love for our country that enables them to kiss their Soldier goodbye without knowing if he or she will return. It is our duty to make sure they too have every opportunity to a career they can enjoy while helping to sustain their Family,” Cannon said.

After retiring from the Air Force, where she was a Deputy Commander for Maintenance, 23 Fighter Group, NC, Cannon entered the civilian workforce and later became program manager for H&R Block, now one of ASEP's partners, where she was responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of the company's military initiatives and programs.

“H&R Block, Inc. realized the talents that military spouses bring to the table. They developed a means to attract this pool of highly professional people and retain them by helping them relocate and maintain their current salaries. They also realized that as an industry leader they needed to show other companies their support and dedication to our service members and their Families.

The Army administers several other spouse employment programs through the Army Family Covenant.

Army Community Service Employment Readiness Programs provide relocating spouses of active duty military personnel information on employment, education and training opportunities, as well as educational and vocational counseling. With a wealth of resources, ERP's clients – Army spouses – are among the best prepared job candidates in the marketplace.

ACS helps Soldiers and DA civilians and their

Family members throughout the entire military life cycle: recruitment through retirement.

Employment Readiness Employment Readiness believes that every Army spouse should have a choice and be afforded the opportunity to develop a career and/or become employed.

The Army launched the Military Spouse Job Search ([www.msjs.org](http://www.msjs.org)) through the Department of Labor's America's Job Bank. This service provides free access to a résumé and job-listing database for spouses and military-friendly employers, the ability to track spouse hires, and the capability to sort jobs by state.

Of a total of over 510,000 Army spouses, 340,000 are 32 years old or younger with 80 percent of them married to enlisted Soldiers. Army spouses bring the benefits of ethnic diversity, and a variety of native cultures

and second languages that are in great demand in the international business community.

Although Congress and state legislators have begun to address the issue, many military spouses who move to a new state are not eligible to receive in-state tuition rates, making the cost of education unaffordable. One important solution already available for military spouses is online education.

The centralized, virtual program, accessed through Military OneSource, will provide counseling and funding, up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure, certification or education opportunities leading to portable employment opportunities.

“This is brand new and open to all military spouses,” DuPree said.

Program specifics are available at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

# Kids, counselors bond over holiday cookies at teen center

Story and photo by

Steve Elliott

Fort Sam Houston Public  
Affairs Office

Few things get a little kid's attention faster than a fresh-baked cookie.

As the aroma of sweet oven-baked goodness wafted through the Fort Sam Houston Middle School and Teen Center, several child youth program assistants with the post's Torch Club treated a group of 3- to 5-year-old boys and girls to the joys of decorating holiday-themed cookies

Nov. 25.

While they usually work with kids between 11 and 13 years of age, the chance to spend time with the little ones was a welcome treat for CYPAs Brian Lambert and Nejle Huaracha.

"Little kids are just funny," said Lambert, a 23-year-old kinesiology student at Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio. "With the older kids I work with, you can play more games with them. But with these little ones, you can really act like a kid yourself.

You get to be young again!"

The Torch Club helps instill qualities of tolerance, civic responsibility, community involvement and leadership in younger adolescents who can benefit from positive group experiences. These experiences help cultivate good character and leadership skills so they can become responsible, productive and caring citizens, said Vincent Allen, the youth director for Child, Youth and School Services.

"Today was a chance for the CYPAs to give a little bit back to their community," Allen said.

Led by Jill Marcott, the Start Smart coordinator at the post's Child Development Center, the kids had a bit of playtime in the gym before being



Annabelle Hover, 4 years old, enjoys one of the holiday cookies she decorated.

seated in the teen center's kitchen. Once in place, they were provided with all the raw materials to make yummy and decorative holiday cookies, including frosting, M&Ms and red and green sugar crystals.

While most of the chil-

dren waited patiently for the CYPAs and teen volunteers to smear a dollop of vanilla frosting onto their cookies, there were some kids who decided their baked treats didn't need any help at all and proceeded to chow down on the soft, delicious

baked treats.

"Working with kids this age is more interactive and just a lot of fun," said Huaracha, a 19-year-old sophomore at San Antonio College who hopes to be a basketball coach or physical education teacher one day. "It's a different age group and atmosphere than the kids I'm usually with. It's good to switch things up every now and then."

"All the kids were talking about how much fun it was to bake cookies and hang out with the big kids," Marcott said after the event. "This was the first time we got to use the new teen center kitchen to bake and it was a great holiday kick-off. It really got the kids into the holiday spirit."

## NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Second Lt. Jed Leifson, Gold Bar Recruiter, talks with Pvt. Quintin Hill, Company C, 187th Medical Battalion, at Army Community Service about opportunities within the Green to Gold program offered at St. Mary's University Nov. 17 as part of National Education Week. Events were also held at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Teen Center. Alamo Colleges, Troy University, Park University, Texas A&M San Antonio, Phoenix, DeVry, Maryland University, Columbia, Webster, Our Lady of the Lake and American Military University were among the schools participating in National Education Week.

**OBAMA from P2**

Obama stressed that the United States will not run out on Pakistan.

“We are in Afghanistan to prevent a cancer from once again spreading through that country,” he said. “But this same cancer has also taken root in the border region of Pakistan. That is why we need a strategy that works on both sides of the border.”

The Pakistani people were shocked by Taliban offensives that took them within 60 miles of the capital of Islamabad this year. They realize the extremists are a grave danger to the country and are addressing it. Obama praised the Pakistani military for its recent offensives in South Waziristan and Swat.

“Moving forward, we are committed to a part-

nership with Pakistan that is built on a foundation of mutual interests, mutual respect and mutual trust,” Obama said. “We will strengthen Pakistan’s capacity to target those groups that threaten our countries, and have made it clear that we cannot tolerate a safe haven for terrorists whose location is known, and whose intentions are clear.”

The United States also will provide resources to support Pakistan’s democracy and development.

“And going forward, the Pakistani people must know: America will remain a strong supporter of Pakistan’s security and prosperity long after the guns have fallen silent, so that the great potential of its people can be unleashed,” the president said.

**WOMEN ROLE MODELS RECOGNIZED**

**Photo by Esther Garcia**

Image de San Antonio held their 12th annual Gala Celebration Nov. 20 at Kelly Field Club honoring twelve outstanding Hispanic women role models from the community. In 2005 the organization began including military women in their program. This year Army Capt. Melisa Tovar, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, and Navy Counselor First Class Petty Officer Gina Rocha were the two military women included as honorees. Each honoree received the Governor of Texas Yellow Rose certificate signed by Governor Rick Perry and an Outstanding Women Role Models Award presented by Mary Espiritu, president, Image de San Antonio. Each honoree was introduced and spoke about their own mentors and the obstacles they encountered to accomplish their career goals. The organization annually recognizes Hispanic women involved with helping others to achieve their goals.

# All-star cast of comedians 'Stand Up For Troops' with free military downloads of comedy routines

Singer-songwriter John Ondrasik's annual gift to military Families is playing it for laughs this year as "CD For the Troops III" offers a free compilation of comedy routines to Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and their Families.

"I'm proud to present the third edition of the 'CD for the Troops' project 'Stand Up For Troops,'" said Ondrasik. "This year we've gone for laughs with bits from world class comics; Chris Rock, Ray Ramano, Jeff Foxworthy, Dana Carvey, Adam Sandler, Dennis Miller and more!"

As part of an ongoing partnership between the Grammy-nominated artist who goes by the stage name Five for Fighting, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Aware

Records and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, all active duty military members and veterans with valid military identification can log on to [www.AAFES.com](http://www.AAFES.com) and download the comedy routines as well as an Ondrasik song from the award winning documentary "Brothers at War."

"This is the third time we've partnered with Ondrasik to provide a secure global platform to share the tracks he has worked to freely provide to the military community," said AAFES Chief of Staff Col. Virgil Williams.

"The timing of this latest offering is really terrific as service members logging on to the Exchange Online Store to purchase a present for a

loved one will be pleasantly surprised to find a gift earmarked just for them.

"I'd like to thank AAFES, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Sony Manufacturing for being great partners in this endeavor," said Ondrasik. "I've also included my song 'Brothers in Arms' from the great documentary 'Brothers at War.'

"As always, the CD for the Troops is a free download for military members at [AAFES.com](http://AAFES.com) with 200,000 hard CDs shipped to troops overseas. Thanks to all the comedians who donated their talents to this compilation. Our troops and their Families are both the steel and the heart of our nation. The 'CD for the Troops' is a continuing thank you to those who pro-

tect our freedoms and secure the future of our children and grandchildren."

In addition to the free downloads, 200,000 CDs will be arriving at military bases, Armed Services YMCAs, USO Centers, Fisher Houses and other locations around the world.

"This compilation is a tribute to America's military Families to thank them for their service," said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre Jr. "We are proud to continue our partnership on this project and are exceptionally grateful for John, the comedians and AAFES who are driven to thank our troops in memorable ways."

*(Source: Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs)*

The complete list of free comedy routines and songs is available at <http://music.aafes.com> as part of "CD For the Troops III" are as follows:

1. Chris Rock - "The Big Piece of Chicken"
2. Dennis Miller - "The Week in Review"
3. Adam Sandler - "Lunch Lady Land"
4. Ray Romano - "Bachelor Party/Juice/Potato Chips"
5. Jeff Foxworthy - "Have Your Loved Ones Spayed or Neutered"
6. Dana Carvey - "Parenting"
7. Matt Iseman - "Dungeons and Dragons/Like a Good Neighbor"
8. Kevin Nealon - "Shut that Party Down"
9. Kevin James - "Greeting Cards"
10. John Ondrasik - "Brothers in Arms"

# Pain Killers goal for the gold in 2nd annual WTB goalball tourney

Story by Capt. Sandra M. Rios  
Warrior Transition Battalion

Wounded warriors and Warrior Transition Battalion staff members relied on hearing and touch, rather than sight to score during the second annual Warrior Transition Battalion Goalball Tournament at the Center Post Gym Oct 27.

Goalball requires a keen sense of hearing. Players roll a ball embedded with bells into the opponents' goal. Using the sound of the bells, players judge position and movement of the ball.

All players wear blacked-out goggles to allow sighted players to compete on an equal footing with blind

players.

Teams consist of a center and two wingers and the game is played in two five-minute halves. Two referees assist and the game is challenging enough to require medics to be on site.

The game is played in complete silence.

Eighteen three-member teams competed in this year's goalball tournament. Single elimination determined the top three teams. Several of the final games went into overtime and low scores displayed the height of competition.

Winning teams' players handling the ball returned it as soon as it was thrown in an attempt to score, while opponents' players were left still setting up. Each



Photo by Sgt. Zachery Gant

The Blind Monkeys go for the goal and a chance at a title during the second annual goalball tournament. (Left to right is Pfc. Erik Dawe, Sgt. Ronald Fore and Sgt. Joshua Gambill with the Marine Wounded Warriors Detachment, Brooke Army Medical Center.

score garnered a quiet cheer from the crowd.

The tournament began at 10 a.m. and six hours later the competition was finally winding down.

Four teams made the finals: Step Children,

HHD, Pain Killers and Command Suite. Three of the four teams were last year's competition finalists, returning to try to reclaim their titles.

The Pain Killers walked away with the gold medal.

In weeks leading up to the tournament, the Step Children strategized and worked on new and improved "secret" moves. They planned on taking home the gold again banking on an easy win; however, they placed second for the silver this year.

Command Suite took the bronze.

Goalball, a team sport designed for blind athletes, is played to encourage unit cohesion between wounded warriors and WTB supporting staff, said Lt. Col. John Myers, WTB commander.

An established ongoing quarterly warrior and staff athletic competition continues at the WTB, which started in April last year. The tourna-

ment was part of the quarterly program designed by the WTB to promote esprit de corps. There are six training opportunities prior to each event at specified locations for staff and warriors.

Part of the cohesion began with this tournament in a united effort between the WTB and Jen Armbruster, gold medalist and captain of the Woman's Paralympics Goalball Team; John Register of the U.S. Paralympics; and Mandy Goff of the Lakeshore Foundation.

Armbruster, and Goff taught the more than 100 participants the sport of goalball, provided training clinics, help officiate the games, and setup the tournament.

# Runners stumble on chills, thrills, fun along 'Neanderthal Trail'

Story and photos by L.A. Shively  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A frigid breeze nipped faces and hands but 260 plucky runners from the Army, Marines Corps, Navy and Air Force joined Department of the Army civilians to spend the morning navigating Texas Hill Country Nov. 25 at Camp Bullis for the 32nd Medical Battalion Training Support Company's Annual Neanderthal Trail Run.

The route is steep, rocky and has lots of inclines to negotiate. "You run into a first hill then a second that seem straight up and about 100 meters long," said Sgt.

Maj. Jeffrey B. Lavender. "The challenge is to maintain your footing."

Lavender said running off road is different than running on the same streets day after day. "It's fun to run off road – plus they had breakfast tacos at the end."

Although no formal awards were presented, a spirit of competition prevailed over the group. Air Force 2nd Lt. Sam DeLong ran the five mile trail clocking in at 33 minutes flat for first place. Army Capt. Marcos Martinez led the rest of the troops coming in second, scoring 34:30.

"It's a great thing to get

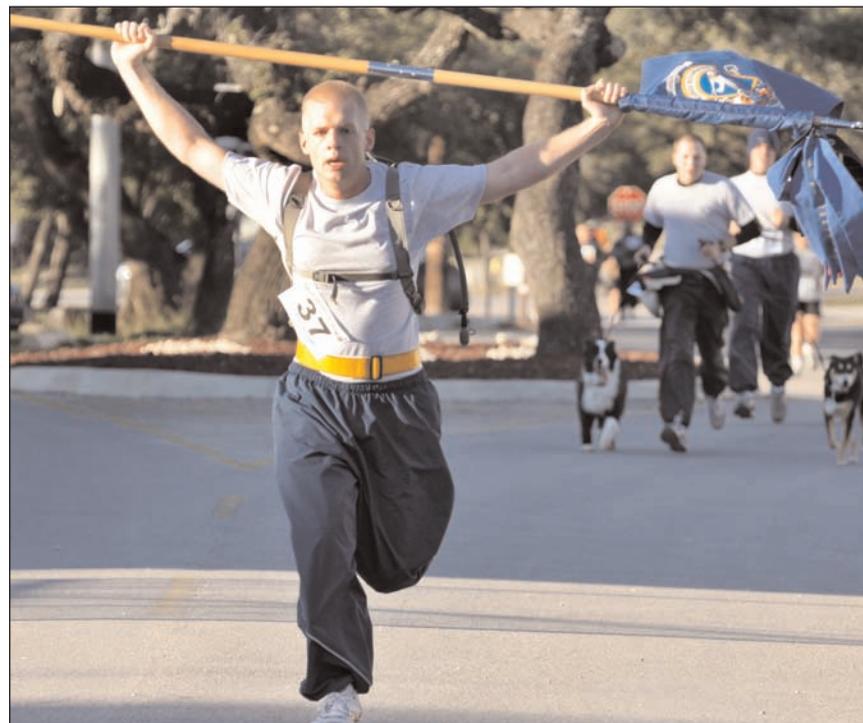
all of these organizations together and have everyone run as a team," DeLong said. "It's a morale booster and a personal excellence challenge."

He said the course was difficult in some areas, especially the hills. "You've got to watch your feet or you'll fall."

Martinez said training and participating in this type of event keeps him physically and mentally fit. "It helps me get through the day and think positively," he said.

"Extra credit for over 40 – esprit de corps – hooah,"

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Air Force 2nd Lt. Jay Batemen carried his security forces officers training course class guidon the entire route.



More than 30 Marine wounded warriors, their Families and staff are proud to have a place they can call their own.

### MARINE from P1

continue to pass on the guidance and wisdom and to remind us that Marines take care of their own.”

As part of the BAMC footprint, the annex is located across the street from the hospital, next to the Powless House, behind the Navy Operational Support Center. Its 5,000-square-foot single-floor space houses 17 staff members including military and civilians, along with a recreation area where Marines can study, relax, gather with comrades and most importantly,

recover.

Construction for the annex began in January and concluded in August.

According to Barnes, the annex is a culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication, attributing the development of the project to the invested time and effort of Marines, such as former Marine Patient Affairs Team Commander Lt. Col. Douglas Olbrich and Gunnery Sgt. Brian Schiller.

Guest speaker Marine Col. Gregory A.D. Boyle, commanding officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, said the con-

cept for the Marine Annex came about due the enormous growth at BAMC.

Before the annex, Marine offices were scattered in six separate spaces throughout the hospital.

“The hospital was running out of room where the Marines had been located,” Boyle said, adding that in the MCWWR, everything is based on caring leadership, which means taking care of our Marines from the heart.

“Our focus is always on the Marine and Family to address their needs and concerns,” he

said.

Marines, Families, Sailors, Airman and Soldiers all made a commitment to us, and we have made a commitment to them to help fight for their future; to give hope for what they had and will continue to have, during their care Boyle said.

Barnes concluded that the Army has provided immeasurable support for the Marines here at BAMC, “and now the ‘Devil Dogs’ and their Families have a place where Marines can proudly point to and call their own.”

### AFAP from P4

Administration, Cole faculty and counseling services, as well as Youth Services.

Cynthia Rodriguez, AFAP program manager and a number of volunteers were on hand to keep the delegates on track and help guide debates. Teens were instructed to present a point of view and act as decision makers.

“We also reminded them of the importance of keeping an open mind and respecting other’s opinions and positions,” said Tania Cuervo, Quality of Work-Life Program Coordinator, Headquarters, U.S. Army North.

“Listen to what others are saying and remain objective. You are the most important part of this process.”

Delegates or the teens themselves were the

most important part of the conference, but volunteers made up a majority of the conference workers and their dedication and caring made the conference a success.

Steele High School junior Sara Cardwell said, “I have issues I would like to talk about. I thought it would be pretty nice to come here and discuss things.”

The day-long Teen AFAP ended with an out brief and issues were reported. Twelve issues were discussed and prioritized.

Issues will be presented to Garr and validity will be determined before being forward to the DA Conference.

To see all issues, visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site, click Army Community Service and link to issues. For more information about AFAP, call 221-2611.

# MISSION THANKSGIVING



Photo by Joseph Mlodzianowski  
Valero volunteer Courtney Robertson whose mother works at Valero headquarters served hundreds of Soldiers on Thanksgiving Day.

Approximately 400 Soldiers assigned to the 32nd Medical Brigade stood in formation in the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center waiting to be released to San Antonio area Families for Thanksgiving Day activities. Another 400 Soldiers assigned to the 32nd Medical Brigade boarded buses taking them to the Valero Corporation hanger for Thanksgiving Dinner, football games and parades on multiple television screens, plus lots of thank-you greetings from Valero volunteers. The two events have become a holiday tradition at Fort Sam Houston. Mission Thanksgiving started more than 20 years ago when area Families and the post chaplains joined to start a program providing an opportunity for Soldiers to take a break from training and enjoy a Thanksgiving Day within a family environment. Recognizing that there may not be enough Families to host all the Soldiers training at the Army Medical Department Center and School, the Valero Volunteer Council began inviting Soldiers to their corporate headquarters five years ago to thank them for their service and offer a traditional dinner prepared by Valero chefs and served by Valero employees. Both events are a huge hit with Soldiers, many of whom are serving away from their Families for the first time.



Photo by Joseph Mlodzianowski  
More than 400 Soldiers enjoyed Thanksgiving Day at the Valero Corporation hanger as special guests of Valero employees for the annual event hosted by the Valero Volunteer Council.



Courtesy photo  
Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles and Maj. Gen Russell Czerw present a framed thank you note with commanders' coins to Jennifer Lutz, Valero Thanksgiving Day event coordinator. The Valero Volunteer Council hosted 400 soldiers assigned to the 32nd Medical Brigade for the fifth year. In addition to a Thanksgiving Day feast, the Valero employees provide musical entertainment, games, and parades and football games on wide-screen televisions.



Photo by Phil Reidinger  
Ann Schladetzky welcomes Pfc. Jesse Petty and Pvt. Nery Riviera-Valdez assigned to Company E, 232nd Medical Battalion prior to beginning Thanksgiving Day with her family.

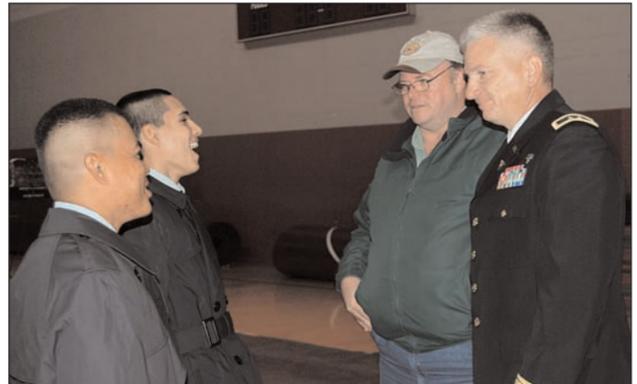


Photo by Phil Reidinger  
Soldiers assigned to the 32nd Medical Brigade share their expectations about enjoying the day with a local family with Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw and their host Ed von Dran at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Thanksgiving Day.



Photo by Phil Reidinger  
Families wait in line to meet their assigned Soldiers for Thanksgiving Day.



Photo by Phil Reidinger  
Karen Johnson, taking Soldiers home for the second year, meets Pvt. Corey Chapman from California and Pvt. Lucas Avery from Nevada at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center while her husband stayed at home preparing Cornish hens and mashed potatoes on the barbecue pit. Following dinner the couple planned to take their guests to a movie or enjoy football games on television.

## Girls Scouts at Benner Barracks

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Roberta Hutson

Cole Service Unit Girl Scouts served Soldiers living in Benner Barracks a Thanksgiving Day dinner. The 71 Girl Scouts either prepared part of the meal or helped serve during the meal held in the barracks day room. The Cole Service Unit includes six Girl Scout Troops ranging from kindergarten Daisies to middle school Cadets. The dinner included five turkeys, assorted vegetable side dishes and dinner roles as well as cakes, pies and cookies."

I don't think anybody left hungry and the Soldiers saved leftovers for folks doing shift work," said Sgt. 1st Class Roberta Hutson, Cole Girl Scout Service Unit director. Hutson is assigned to the 7304 Medical Training Support Battalion. Jose Garcia, Benner Barracks facilities manager made sure the kitchen was ready for the Thanksgiving dinner food preparation and assistant manager Jan Aldrich brought desserts.



Soldiers enjoy the day meeting members of seven Girl Scout troops and their parents from kindergarten Daisies to middle school Cadets.



The serving line manned by Cole Service Unit Girl Scouts for Soldiers living in Benner Barracks on Thanksgiving Day included turkey, a variety of vegetables and plenty of pies and cakes.



More than 70 Fort Sam Houston Girl Scouts enjoyed planning, cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner for Soldiers at Benner Barracks.



Colonel Ted Wong, commander, U.S. Army Dental Command and U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Major Raymond Houston join parents and Girl Scouts ready to welcome their diner guests at Benner Barracks.

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joked Army Master Sgt. Charles H. Hall, chief instructor writer/non-commissioned officer in charge of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School Pharmacy Branch, just after the race.

“Being over 40 gives you a little more incentive to keep going,” he said, adding that he trains every day with his Soldiers. Hall said physical fitness is an important part of military training. “Mentally and physically you’ve got to be ready at all times and being physically fit definitely helps keep you sharp.”

He said leadership must be an example for Soldiers. “We’ve got two of the oldest guys, my battle buddy Col. Peter T. Bulatao, chief of pharmacy and myself, an old, old E8 – with about 50 years between us in service – out there everyday with Soldiers. Top to bottom, Soldiers see us out there.”

Army Capt. John Lopez greeted his Family, waiting for him at the finish line, with hugs. “I try



Chief Cryptologic Technician Technical Scott Sullivan (left), Chief Cryptologic Technician Networks Jeff Kelley (center) and Cryptologic Technician Collection Amber Betts replenish their energy with snacks of breakfast burritos, fruit and coffee after the run.

to drag them along when I can,” he said, smiling. “It’s a good thing to let them be a part of it and see what we do. It’s a good thing for them.”

“We help him do whatever he wants to do. We love being here for him,” said Melissa, Lopez’ wife, adding they run together.

The run is named after TSC’s mascot, the Neanderthal. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Goldberg, event noncommissioned officer in charge, relates a story that a cougar sup-

posedly living in the Camp Bullis area chased “Neanderthal” members of his company, but that Soldiers prevailed, hence the brawn of the “cave man” rightly symbolizes the company’s courage.

Members of his team organizing the run dressed up as male and female Neanderthals, a Spartan warrior and a cougar to encourage runners at points along the trail adding fun and a bit of humor to the event.

Army Capt. Joseph Taylor and his two dogs,

Gheeta and Sophie, ran the course. At the finish line, music blared to get runners in the right mood.

Goldberg said this was a run that everyone enjoyed and a chance for a diverse group of people to come together. “It gets all the services linked with one another and allows us to share with our sister and brother units.

Fort Sam Houston’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation supplied T-shirts, beverages and



Army Capt. John Lopez greets his daughters, waiting for him at the finish line, with lots of hugs.

snacks this year and Soldiers “battle drilled” setting up and tearing down equipment, stations, registration and route directions prior to the event to ensure the

day of execution was smooth.

“There was a lot of coordination,” Goldberg said. “It was fun, unique and one of the only runs out here.”

## FAITHFUL SERVICE



Photo by Ed Dixon

Lt. Col. Tina Clements, Brooke Army Medical Center; Col. Elisabeth Stafford, BAMC; Col. Marc Mattix, Office of the Surgeon General; Sgt. Maj. Aaron Keener, Army Medical Department Center & School; Master Sgt. Reginal Griffin, AMEDDC&S; and Master Sgt. Maurice Sims, Southern Regional Medical Command were honored Nov. 19 during a combined retirement ceremony at the post flagpole. Brig. Gen. Manual Ortiz, deputy commander, U.S. Army South, hosted the ceremony.

## BONDING OVER BOWLING



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Members of the 1st Armored Division pose for a group photo during their reunion luncheon Nov. 24 at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. "This is a small gathering of great troops who served with honor in the 1st Armored Division. We come from different brigades and all branches of the military, and are very proud to be on the installation where our members here trained, deployed and saved so many of our comrades," said U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Houston, a former command sergeant major of 1st Brigade, 1st AD.

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and first for outstanding director of a BOSS variety show.

“I consider it a great honor to have received first Place in the Outstanding Director of a BOSS Variety Show category,” Paniagua said.

“It was a team effort between myself and the cast of the show, mostly due to their hard work, great talent and complete dedication to the show that resulted in this prestigious award. I thank them all,” he said.



**Photo by Paul Kotchman**

The Powerhouse Divas, Cassandra Small, Delores Walker, Sonja Yamin and Alisa Claridy perform “I Will Survive” during the “Boulevard of Music Dreams” show in June. The Powerhouse Divas placed third for outstanding vocal group in the 2009 Army’s Festival of the Performing Arts competition.

## 2009 UNITED STATES ARMY FESTIVAL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WINNERS

### PLAY

#### HARLEQUIN DINNER THEATRE

**Production of a Play** – “Broadway Bound” – 2nd Place

**Set Design** – William Champlin and Bruce Shirky – 3rd Place

**Sound Design** – William Champlin and John P. Smith – 3rd Place

**Actress in Leading Role** – Rebecca Eggleston – 1st Place

**Actor in Supporting Role** – Alex H. Coy Jr. – 1st Place

**Actor in Leading Role** – Stephen Poer – 2nd Place

**Direction** – William C. Champlin – 2nd Place

**Producer** – Missy Miller – 2nd Place

**Lighting Design** – William C. Champlin and Bruce E. Shirky – 2nd Place

### YOUTH PLAY OR MUSICAL

#### HARLEQUIN DINNER THEATRE

**Audio Visual Design** – “Kids of America” – Johnny Halpenny –

**Special Award**

**Producer** – “Kids of America” – Missy Miller – 2nd Place

**Choreography** – “Kids of America” – Missy Miller

and Johnny Halpenny – 2nd Place

**Lighting Design** – “Kids of America” – Michael Berlet – 3rd Place

**Costume Design** – “Kids of America” – Missy Miller and Johnny Halpenny – 2nd Place

### BOSS VARIETY SHOW

**Show** – “Boulevard of Music Dreams” – 3rd Place

**Producer** – Ben Paniagua – 2nd Place

**Director** – Ben Paniagua – 1st Place

**Set Design** – Robert Breazeale – 1st Place

**Lighting Design** – Robert Breazeale – 1st Place

**Sound Design** – Dwayne Terrell – 3rd Place

**Vocal Duet** – Cassandra Small and Delores Walker – 1st Place

**Vocal Duet** – Alisa Claridy and Sonya Yamin – 2nd Place

**Vocal Group** – The Powerhouse Divas (Sonya Yamin, Alisa Claridy, Delores Walker and Cassandra Small) – 3rd Place

**Spoken Word Performance** – Spc. Anthony Profit – 2nd Place

**Vocal Group** – Sgts. 1st Class Timothy Harris, Thomas Harris and Andre Brown – 2nd Place

**Vocal Solo (Male)** – Ty Robinson – 2nd Place

**Vocal Solo (Female)** – Spc. Demetria Stewart – 1st Place

# 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 2009-2010 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

**Sixth Grade**  
Amber Cho  
Jourdan Clark  
Jacob Hallstrom  
Dayna Howell  
Adriana Ibanez DeLeon  
Daniela Riedlova  
Mara Roysce  
Alexey Sucec  
Hannah Wafford  
Kameron Williams  
Kina Wong  
**Seventh Grade**  
Emma Brown  
Dominique Hayes  
Steven Jordan  
Colleen Juni  
Brandon McClellan  
Tatiana Penny-Fletcher  
Aaron Purcell  
Makenzie Wade  
**Eighth Grade**  
Uelle Ballares  
Suzanne Cooper  
Mikayla Dubreuil  
Bianca Eubanks  
Robert Garr  
Carter Howell  
Francesca Lee  
Isabelle Lougee  
Eric Ramos  
Grace Ware  
**Ninth Grade**  
Ruby Gibson  
Kayla Hallstrom  
Brent Howell  
Hannah Lee  
Tyler McCobb  
Hayley Morrill  
Marlene Renz  
Tiara Singletary  
William Starnes  
Cameron Sucec  
**10th Grade**  
Jake Dubreuil  
Francesca Mercado  
Seth Storey  
Savannah Wessies  
**11th Grade**  
Rachelle Greene  
Sharon Martie

Gretchen Newcomer  
Megan Renz

**12th Grade**  
Joshiah Brown  
Anthony Calderone  
Amber Wessies  
Jameson Wong

### 'A/B' HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade**  
Justin Atkinson  
Leanne Ballares  
Taira Beverly  
Madelyn Bishop  
Michael Cavins  
Kaleb Dean  
Ariana Fix  
Emily Garcia  
Kaylyn Gibson  
Jaime Gonzalez-Acosta  
Cedric Griggs  
Audrey Hall  
Austin Isibor  
Kyri Jackson  
Timothy Kalvaitis  
Cole Kirchen  
Steven Lamoureux  
Olivia Lougee  
Maria Paula Maningo  
Jonah Masters  
Amanda Mercado  
Chase Miller  
David Muniz Cordero  
Arianna Nesmith  
Kaleb Nichols  
Xavier O'Neal  
Sonja Pruitt  
Brittany Remy  
Elizabeth Rodarmer  
Mariah Rogers  
Keyanna Sanderlin  
Chase Schofield  
Mercy Sherbourne  
Colby Sorensen  
Austin Stankiewicz  
Rayjon Thomas  
Blake Tucker  
Velmarie Valderrama  
Ocasio  
William Ware  
Jessica Washington  
**Seventh Grade**

Darion Andrews  
Vanessa Arechiga  
Riley Brooks  
Kassandra Chavez  
Teague Crotty  
Cody Cruz  
Brandi Demouy  
Barbara Duckett  
LaDaryl Franklin  
Rori Gallegos  
Tae Gallegos  
Jonathan Garcia-Sanchez  
Dazia Griggs  
James Hardin  
Patrick Height  
Bethany Henkes  
Marcel Holden  
Dennis Kupec  
Zachary Kurek  
Kimberley Lietzau  
Kristina Lovrien  
Anthony Marquez  
Emily Mazak  
Bryan Mejia-Hernandez  
Kyla Moulton  
Kathryn Overstreet  
Chelsea Pace  
Steven Peachey  
Emily Porter  
Marc Ramos  
Makayla Rhodes  
Cody Rush  
Jerren Scott  
Curtis Smith  
Moses Sonera  
Nathaly Soto-Velez  
Caitlin Strohl  
Joshua Vazquez  
Richard Velasquez  
**Eighth Grade**  
Rajhan Atkinson  
Deanna Chavez-Gates  
Kelli Coleman  
Colby Sorensen  
Erikka Gaines  
Luis Gonzalez Carrero  
James Gutierrez  
Acacia James  
Alexis Kay  
Luke Kershaw  
John Lauten  
Elizabeth LeBlanc

Faamanu Lefiti  
Annette Martinez  
Jonathan McClellan  
Hope McMahan  
Patrick McNeely  
Ian Midkiff  
Ariel Newsome  
Andreanika Randle  
Teryn Richardson  
Terrell Roberson  
Jesse Sherbourne  
D'Mia Spivey  
Abigail Storey  
Angela Talamantes  
Monica Walker  
James Washington  
Darius Watkins  
Andrew Whiteley  
Ethre Williams  
**Ninth Grade**  
Jasmine Brinson  
Destiny Brown  
Kristian Brune  
Asia Caruthers  
Teresa Cenney  
Cameron Christman  
Sarah Costello  
Abigail Crotts  
Jamie Douglas  
Tyler Dunstan  
Rachael Fia  
Eileen Garcia-Sanchez  
Dawntae Griggs  
Andrew Guerrero  
Moses Hagan  
Daneily Hernandez-Rivera  
Anthony Jackson  
Conner Miller  
Ulu Porter  
Calvin Prothero  
Jordan Pruitt  
Jesse Robertson  
Alexia Rodarmer  
Megan Smith  
Brittany Stolicki  
Amber Stout  
Christopher Suszko  
Rashad White  
**10th Grade**  
Jasmine Boothe  
Cody Busbin  
Jade Butler

Christopher Cadd  
Christopher Cavazos  
Isaiah Cosey  
Courtney Cruz  
Kelsey Dean  
Aidan Dochnal  
Jordan Duffy  
Louis Espinosa  
Jacinda Frisbie  
Meagan Garcia  
Evan Garr  
Molly Gresenz  
Amanda Hall  
Cornelius King  
Jessica Kiss  
Christopher Lamoureux  
Aida Mojica  
Sabrina Newsome  
Katelyn Overstreet  
Taylor Potts  
William Sakata  
Jonathan Salazar  
Michael Scott  
Catherine Sherbourne  
Perri Sweed  
**11th Grade**  
Kayla Barber  
Shamone Jackson  
Ethan Penton  
Matthew Prasek  
Judyette Prothero  
Trevor Richardson  
Kenyata Roberts  
Michael Sees  
Kaitlin Sheridan  
Christopher Staton  
Rachel Strohl  
**12th Grade**  
Charles Christman  
Tyler Hallstrom  
Carlton Hogan  
Janice Judkins  
Katelyn Juni  
Taylor Kane  
Ashton Lagutchik  
Meagan Rush  
Ryan Schaale  
Mollie Starnes  
Danae Thiring  
Lucas Walton  
Ryan Wiersma  
Taylor Williams



### Intramural bowling

Letters of intent for intramural bowling are due Dec. 4, and coaches meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Send letters to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building

124, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5020 or drop them off at the Brigade Gym. Bowling season begins Jan. 7. For more information, call 221-3003.

### Varsity men's basketball coach needed

The Brigade Gym needs a varsity men's basketball coach for the remainder of the season. Call

221-3003 for information

### Swimming lessons

Learn to swim this winter at the Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool! Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer Red Cross swimming lessons throughout the winter to children 16 years-old and under. Cost is \$40 for eight-day session. Call 221-1234.

## Rocco Dining Facility Menu Building 2745, Schofield Road

### Friday - Dec. 4

**Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Barbecued chicken, turkey porcupines, meat loaf, fried catfish, baked kielbasa sausage, macaroni and cheese, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, northern beans, collard greens, corn, carrots  
**Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Breaded pork chops, teriyaki baked chicken, chicken and Italian vegetable pasta, potato frittata, cornbread dressing, baked potatoes, lyonnaised rice, tomato and okra gumbo, cauliflower combo, green peas

### Saturday - Dec. 5

**Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.**  
Scalloped potatoes and ham, fried chicken, grilled tuna patties, baked sweet Italian sausages, red beans and rice, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, glazed carrots, pinto beans, Brussels sprouts  
**Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Grilled knockwurst, Swiss steaks with brown gravy, ham, macaroni and tomatoes casserole, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, rice and cheese casserole, lyonnaised rice, asparagus, mixed vegetables, yellow squash

### Sunday - Dec. 6

**Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.**  
Roast turkey, barbecued spareribs, blackened catfish, mushroom quiche, baked potatoes, oven-glo potatoes, brown rice, wax beans, corn on the cob, collard greens

Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Chili macaroni, breaded pork fritters, lemon-garlic baked fish, chicken fajitas, macaroni and cheese, wild rice, French-fried okra, stir-fry vegetables, yellow squash

### Monday - Dec. 7

**Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Cheddar chicken and broccoli Alfredo, beef lasagna, roasted fresh ham, Santa Fe glazed chicken breast, fried catfish, rice frittata, marshmallow sweet potatoes, steamed rice, baked potatoes, French-fried eggplant, stewed tomato and okra gumbo, broccoli

### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Spicy Italian pork chops, country-fried steaks, honey-glazed Cornish hens, turkey stuffed cabbage rolls, marinara sauce with rigatoni noodles, baked potatoes, wild rice, mashed potatoes, lima beans, carrots, French-fried cauliflower

### Tuesday - Dec. 8

**Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Barbecued chicken, roast beef, cheese enchiladas, beef enchiladas, Cajun baked fish, Spanish rice, steamed rice, parsley-buttered new potatoes, Mexican corn, black-eyed peas, spinach

### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef fajitas, meat loaf, chicken cordon bleu, grilled ham steaks, broccoli quiche, refried beans with cheese, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, zuc-

chini squash, peas and carrots, fried cabbage

### Wednesday - Dec. 9

**Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Sauerbraten, roast turkey, onion-lemon baked fish, country fried steaks, grilled polish sausages, red beans and rice, baked potatoes, grilled potato patties, mashed potatoes, herb broccoli, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour red cabbage

### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Grilled knockwurst, spaghetti with meat sauce, baked chicken, vegetable lasagna, cottage fried potatoes, lyonnaised rice, baked potatoes, wax beans, asparagus, lima beans

### Thursday - Dec. 10

**Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Pepper steak, grilled salmon patties, roast pork, fried chicken, baked egg noodles with cheese, brown rice, garlic roasted potato wedges, fried rice, lyonnaised green beans, Chinese fried cabbage, cauliflower with cheese sauce, hot spiced applesauce

### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Salisbury steaks, lemon baked fish, chicken stir-fry, grilled pork chops, vegetable stuffed peppers, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, baked potatoes, peas and carrots, yellow squash, vegetable stir fry

*Menus are subject to change without notice*

## FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES DEC. 7-12

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Dec. 8

Winter program in cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 10**  
Cougar Connection: Hands on English as a Second Language (ESL) Fun with Linda Moharam (Learn some fun language building activities to do at home for all grade levels), 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School Dec. 7

Student of the month breakfast in middle school conference room, 8:30 a.m.  
Association of Texas Small School Band regional clinic/concert at LaVernia/Texas Lutheran University, 8 a.m.

Girls JV/V Basketball at SA Hawkins, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

**Dec. 8**  
JROTC blood drive at Pryor Hall, 3 to 7 p.m.

Boys JV/V Basketball at Hondo, 5 and 8 p.m.  
Boys Soccer vs. St. Anthony at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 9**  
Josten's representative to meet with the Freshman Readiness class in Cole gym, 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Girls Soccer vs. Holy Cross at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 10**  
Boys Soccer at St. Mary's Hall, 5 p.m.  
Girls Varsity Basketball Pearsall Tourney, TBA

Middle School Holiday Concert in Moseley Gym, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

High School Holiday Concert in Moseley Gym, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Dec. 11**  
Boys Varsity Basketball Hondo Tourney, TBA  
Girls Varsity Basketball Pearsall Tourney, TBA

**Dec. 12**  
Boys Varsity Basketball Hondo Tourney, TBA  
Girls Varsity Basketball Pearsall Tourney, TBA

JROTC at Jay High School Drill Competition  
Senior class reception at Fort Sam Houston Community Center, 407 Dickman Rd., 5 to 7:30 p.m.



## Announcements

### CYSS Open House at Community Centers

Child, Youth & School Services will hold open house at the following post locations:

Dec. 3, 5-7 p.m. at the Main Resident Center, 407 Dickman Rd.

Dec. 7, 5-7 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center

Dec. 9, 5-7 p.m. at the Watkins Terrace Community Center

There will be free food and drinks, holiday crafts, onsite registration and answers to questions regarding Youth Services. Call 954-2088.

### Free U.S. Army All American Bowl Tickets

The Sam Houston Club will be distributing a limited amount of free tickets for the U.S. Army All American Bowl to authorized DoD I.D. cardholders. Game will be held Jan. 9 at the Alamodome. Limit of four tickets per person, on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 226-1663.

### Free Armed Forces Bowl Tickets

Humana Military will be provid-

ing free transportation and tickets to the Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas. The pick-up will be the Sam Houston Club at 4 a.m., game begins at 11 a.m. Limited seats are available. To reserve a seat e-mail Edmund.perez@us.army.mil with your contact information and the number of seats you would like to reserve.

### "Plaid Tidings"

"Plaid Tidings" at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre through Dec. 19. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. followed by the show. Tickets are \$26/military, \$29/civilian Monday through Thursday and \$29/military, \$32 civilian, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 222-9694 or visit www.fortsam-houstonmwr.com.

### Child, Youth & School Services Central Registration

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., registration after 4:30 p.m. by appointment only. The office is closed at 1 p.m. the first and third Friday of each month. Registration and Health Assessment forms are available at www.fortsam-houstonmwr.com under the Soldier and Family services tab. Call 221-4871/1723.

### Planning an Event?

Looking for a place to hold a special event, holiday party, conference or wedding? The Sam Houston Club, 224-2721, and the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 221-5863, offer the perfect accommodations and exceptional catering services for up

to 600 guests.

### Bowling Center

The Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center opens at 11 a.m. for lunch Tuesday through Friday with a full menu - including Loyce's homemade chicken noodle soup. Daytime games are just \$1 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Thursdays, get one free game and free shoe rental with a purchase of a meal. Call 221-4740.

### Basketball Coaches Needed

Child, Youth & School Services is looking for dedicated basketball coaches for the upcoming season. Call 221-4871 or stop by Central Registration.

### Driver's Education Class

The registration deadline for January driver's education classes is Dec. 31. Classes are offered to teens 15- to 18-years-old Monday through Friday, 4:30-6 p.m. at Robert G. Cole High School. The cost is \$344 for classroom and behind-the-wheel driving (student must have learner's permit) and \$275 for behind-the-wheel driving only. The class is open to dependents of all DoD cardholders. Register at Central Registration, Building 2797, weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 471-9548.

### Martial Arts

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited offers traditional classes in Korean martial arts, Kuk Sool Won, for children 5- to

18-years-old, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80/month and is open to children of DoD cardholders. Register at Central Registration, Building 2797, weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 471-9548.

## Calendar of Events

### DEC. 3

#### Introduction to Computers

Microsoft Introduction to Computers class, 8-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Registration required, call 221-2518.

### Walking Tour of Downtown San Antonio

The Relocation Program will offer a walking tour of downtown San Antonio Dec. 3. Meet at the Army Community Service, Building 2797 at 8:45 a.m. to begin a enjoyable morning visiting the Riverwalk, La Villita, the Alamo, Market square and Hemisfair Plaza. To register, call 221-2418/1681.

### Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness

Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

### DEC. 4

#### Getting Ready for Childbirth

Getting Ready for Childbirth class, 1-4 p.m. at Army Community

Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349/2418.

### Pre-Deployment Planning

Pre-Deployment Planning Training, 9-10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is designed to increase spouse's ability to face reintegration with resilience and strength, allowing smoother reunions. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

### DEC. 6

#### Holiday Story Read-Along

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library will host a children's Holiday Story Read-Along, 2-3 p.m. Listen to some classic holiday tales. Children can also create their own holiday greeting cards and decorate cookies. Call 221-4702.

### DEC. 7

#### Bank Account Management

Bank Account Management class, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Learn how to keep track of account balances, avoid fees, and maintain records. To register, call 221-1612.

### DEC. 8

#### Casino trip

The Sam Houston Club will host a bus tour to Winstar Casino in Thackerville, Okla. The bus leaves Fort Sam Houston Dec. 8 at 7 a.m. and returns Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$100/single, \$50/double. Reservations must be made one week in advance. Tickets are available at the

Sam Houston Club Ticket Office. Must be 21 years or older and have a valid photo I.D. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

### Excel Level 1

Microsoft Excel Level 1 class, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills and registration required. Call 221-2518.

### Re-Entry Workshop

Re-entry workshop, 10-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This workshop will help Soldiers and their Families adjust to the United States after returning from an overseas assignment. Topics of discussion will be cultural adaptation, teen culture, financial adjustments and emotional factors. To register, call 221-2418/1681.

### Savings and Investing

Savings and investing class, 2-4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1612.

### DEC. 9

#### Excel Level 2

Microsoft Excel Level 2 class, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Excel Level 1 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

### AFTB Level One

Army Family Team Building Level

See MWR P22



# Community

## Announcements

### Census Jobs Available

Apply to be a part of the 2010 census team. Get paid weekly, flexible hours and paid training. Visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call 866-861-2010.

### Scholarships for military Children

The Scholarship for Military Children Program can help with a \$1,500 scholarship. Contact your local commissary, school guidance counselor, or visit the program Web site at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) or [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Application deadline is Feb. 17. Call 221-4678 ext. 249.

### Red Cross Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross Office,

Building 2650, at the corner of Patch and Harney roads, is seeking volunteers to do filing, mailings, answering the telephone, and other duties as requests arise. Caremobile drivers are also needed. Call 221-3355.

### Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Club meets the first and third Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Open to military, civilians and Family members interested in developing and enhancing leadership and communications skills. Call 221-8785, 221-6517 or 916-3406.

### BAMC Seeks Volunteers

Volunteer positions are available for the Caremobile, Kernel Club, Patient Library or Patient Transport Program teams. Additionally, volun-

teer positions are available on the clinic and patient administration staff. For more information on BAMC volunteer opportunities, call 808-4982.

### Diabetes Research Study

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Bariatric Surgery Clinic is now enrolling volunteers in the study "Sleeve gastrectomy vs. medical management for remission of diabetes in mild to moderately obese patients." Candidates to volunteer must have Type 2 diabetes with a Body Mass Index of 30 to 34.9. Individuals can calculate their BMI at [www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi](http://www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi). Call 292-4303 for more information.

### Infectious Disease Clinical Research Study

The Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program is looking for healthy males or females between 18-55 years of age to participate in a research study at Brooke Army Medical Center. The study is to determine the safety and dosage of two parts of an investigational vaccine for the prevention of skin and

wound infections caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. Volunteers will be asked to make about 6-8 outpatient visits over a period of 3-4 months. For more information, call 916-6014.

### Adolescent Weight Loss Program

Are you an overweight teen? The Brooke Army and Wilford Hall Medical Centers seek overweight military dependent adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 to participate in a free weight management intervention study. The 12-month adolescent obesity study incorporates professional medical attention, behavioral therapy, nutritional counseling and medication for weight loss at no cost to participants. For more information, call 916-0607.

### Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award

National Guard and Reserve members and Families are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees above the federal law requirements. Nominations will be accepted at [www.FreedomAward.mil](mailto:www.FreedomAward.mil) by Jan. 18.

### Memories Etched in Images Holiday Photo Contest

Shoppers can submit photos to [PatriotFamily@aafes.com](mailto:PatriotFamily@aafes.com) with the title "Memories Etched in Images" in the subject line. Top 50 entries will be posted online and winners will be

## REMINDER CALENDAR

<b>Dec. 3</b>	Warrior and Family Support Center Anniversary Celebration
<b>Dec. 5</b>	U.S. Army Medical Command Band holiday concert, 7 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
<b>Dec. 5</b>	Hearts Apart support group, 1-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Windstar Casino Trip, leave Sam Houston Club at 7 a.m. to Thackerville, Okla.
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Combined Quarterly Town Hall meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., 407 Dickman Rd.
<b>Dec. 10</b>	Commanders Training, 8-10 a.m., Army Community Service, Building 2797
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Army Medical Department and Garrison Holiday Ball
<b>Dec. 18</b>	Brooke Army Medical Center Holiday Ball, Marriott Riverwalk
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Pet Vaccinations, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Harris Heights Community Center
<b>Dec. 24</b>	Training Holiday
<b>Dec. 29</b>	Newcomer's Extravaganza
<b>Dec. 31</b>	New Years Eve Countdown 5K Fun Run, 12 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

announced by Jan. 22. First place receives a \$1,000 AAFES gift card with \$500 going to the runner-up. Third and fourth places receive a \$250 gift card and next five places \$100 each. Rules and entry details are at [www.aafes.com/PatriotFamily](http://www.aafes.com/PatriotFamily).

## Calendar of Events

**DEC. 5**  
**Boerne Christmas Walk**  
The Randolph Roadrunners

volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk Dec. 5 starting at St. John's Lutheran Church, 315 Rosewood Ave., Boerne, Texas. Start the walk between 7:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. For information, call 493-8543 or 972-2743 or visit [www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info).

**Smithville Festival of Lights Walk**  
The Smithville Volkssports Club

See **COMMUNITY P22**

**MWR from P20**

One class, Dec. 9-10, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Transitioning from the civilian community to the Army is an important step. AFTB can help you "Learn Army," meet others who know how you might feel and help you find your comfort zone. To register, call 221-2418/2611.

**Pre-Deployment Planning Training**

Pre-Deployment Planning training, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is designed to increase spouse's ability to face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing easier separations. To register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

**Overseas Orientation**

Overseas orientation, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This workshop will help Soldiers and their Families prepare for the cultural shock of moving around the world. To

register, call 221-2418/1681.

**Mandatory Initial First-Term Financial Readiness**

Mandatory Initial First-Term Financial Readiness class, 12 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. To register, call 221-1612.

**Sibling Rivalry**

Sibling Rivalry class, 4-5:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class will discuss how parents can deal with challenges between siblings. Call 221-0349/2418.

**DEC. 10 Job Search, Networking and Interviewing Skills**

Job search, networking and interviewing skills class, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Learn to tackle an interview with confidence, make smart career decisions, interviewing tips, preparation and etiquette. To register, call 221-0516/2418.

**DEC. 20**

Weekly Weather Watch						
	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
San Antonio	 54° Partly Cloudy	 40° Chance of Rain	 54° Partly Cloudy	 58° Chance of Rain	 63° Mostly Cloudy	 67° Chance of Rain
Kabul Afghanistan	 50° Chance of Rain	 46° Chance of Snow	 42° Clear	 42° Clear	 42° Clear	 42° Partly Cloudy
Baghdad Iraq	 64° Clear	 62° Partly Cloudy	 60° Overcast	 64° Clear	 66° Scattered Showers	 64° Scattered Showers

(Source: Weather Underground at [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com))

**Thought of the Week**

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

(Source: Bits & Pieces, November 2009)

**Christmas brunch**

The Sam Houston Club will host a Christmas brunch Dec. 20. Price per person all-inclusive is \$18.95/members, \$21.95/non-mem-

bers, \$8.95/children 6- to 11-years-old and children 5 and under free. For more information, call 224-2721.

**COMMUNITY from P21**

will host a 6k and 10k walk Dec. 5 starting at Smithville City Hall, 317 Main St., Smithville, Texas. Start the walk between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., finish by 6:30 p.m. For information, call 512-237-2313 or e-mail [chamber@smithvilletx.org](mailto:chamber@smithvilletx.org).

**DEC. 6 EXULTATE! Early Music of Christmas**

Voci di Sorelle, San Antonio's premier women's vocal ensemble, presents "EXULTATE! Early Music of Christmas" Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m. at Mission San Jose. The concert features Medieval and Renaissance music of Christmas. Tickets available at [www.benissimomusic.org](http://www.benissimomusic.org) or call 912-9555.

**DEC. 8 American Society of Military Comptrollers**

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold an annual holiday party Dec. 8, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Randolph O'Club "Sky Lounge" at Randolph Air Force Base. Free food, pay as you go bar, door prizes, and a visit from Santa, and DJ music. Reserve by Dec. 4, call 652-2742.

**Wealth Transfer: Protecting Your Assets Seminars**

San Antonio Credit Union will hold two free "Wealth Transfer: Protecting Your Assets" seminars Dec. 8 and Dec. 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Branch, Building 2750, Stanley Road. Reserve by Dec. 4 and Dec. 7. Call 258-1071.

**ROWWC luncheon**

The Retired Officers' Wives' and Widows' Luncheon will be held Dec. 8, 11 a.m., at the Sam Houston Club. Please note the date change. Christmas Music will be provided by the Fort Sam Houston Elementary Choir. For reservations, call 822-6559.

**USO San Antonio Sale**

United Services Organization San Antonio, 203 West Market St., is closed for renovations. There will be a public sale Dec. 8-11, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Everything must go. For more information, call 227-9373.

**DEC. 13 BAMC Family Readiness Group Children's Holiday Party**

Brooke Army Medical Center Family Readiness Group Children's Holiday Party-Holiday Toon Town will be held Dec. 13, 12-5 p.m. in the BAMC Medical Mall. Admission is \$1.50, admission bracelets are on sale from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of the BAMC dining facility (excluding weekends). Call 916-6421.

## News Briefs

### NEWS from P3

#### MLK Celebration

Brooke Army Medical Center Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at BAMC Medical Mall Area, Jan. 13, noon-1 p.m. Celebration includes a poetry contest open to all BAMC Soldiers and employees about anything that pertains to King. Deadline is Dec. 17. Entries must be turned in via e-mail to [laura.camacho@us.army.mil](mailto:laura.camacho@us.army.mil), or handwritten to her. Contest winner will present his or her poem during the event. Call 916-6401.

#### LMH offices closure

Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for their holiday

luncheon. For more information, call 270-7638.

#### Pet vaccination clinics

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic offers low-cost vaccinations for Lincoln Military Housing residents Dec. 19, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., on the patio of the Harris Heights Community Center; and Jan. 9, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., on the patio of the Main Resident Center. Cost is \$10 each for Distemper/Parvo, Lepto, and Rabies and \$20 for 4DX HXT. Payment by cash or check only, call 295-4260.

#### Road closure

Infantry Post Road will be closed at Service Road S-36. Residents residing in this area can access their homes using Service Road S-34 and S-35. Call 221-0891/1983.

### News Leader survey online

Visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/publicaffairs>. For more information, call 221-0615 or 221-2030.

## Holiday Worship Schedule



### Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

#### Catholic Services

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 24 Mass 9:30 p.m.  
Dec. 25 Mass 9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 31 Mass 5:30 p.m.  
Jan. 1 Holy Mass 9:30 a.m.

#### Protestant Services

Dec. 13 Christmas Cantata 8 and 11 a.m.  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

#### Community-wide

Dec. 17-19 Journey to Bethlehem 5:30-8:30 p.m.

### AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

#### Catholic Services

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7 p.m.  
Dec. 10 Penance 7 p.m.

### Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432

#### Catholic Service

Dec. 24 Children's Mass 5 p.m.

#### Protestant Services

Dec. 16 Protestant Women of the Chapel Christmas Luncheon 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Dec. 24 Samoan Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

## For Sale Fort Freebies

**For sale:** Noritake china set, Spring Song pattern, seven-piece setting includes three plates, two bowls, and cup and saucer for six place settings, serving platter, creamer, and sugar bowl included, total of 45 pieces, \$150. Call 495-2296.

**For Sale:** JVC 47-inch television, high definition rear projection, excellent condition, \$150; RCA 32-inch television, good condition, \$50. Call 290-8779.

**For Sale:** Light wood entertainment center, 5 feet high by 4.5 feet wide by 22 inches deep, holds 32-inch television, \$100. Call 464-6761.

**For Sale:** Oak coffee table with smoked glass top, \$55; Epson R280 color photo printer, \$45; Hoover Windtunnel vacuum, \$40; Magnavox

36-inch television, \$125. Call 662-8887.

**For Sale:** Furniture, televisions, microwave, washer and dryer, exercise bike, elliptical, auto bike rack, household goods, and more. Call 314-6369 or 419-262-9651.

**For Sale:** Mitsubishi 52-inch DLP television, \$700, if delivered and installed \$800. Call 489-0269, pictures available.

**For Sale:** Registered Chihuahua puppies, white male, cream female, ready to go, have first shots. Call 535-7245.

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