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**FOULOUS HOUSE ★ OPEN HOUSE**  
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## Fort Sam Houston street names change Jan. 1

By Bryan Kuhlmann  
 502nd CES

The Department of Defense has directed all military installations to implement Zip+4 addresses using a United States Postal Service grid system. It requires all buildings on DoD installations to be identified by street addresses instead of facility numbers.

Fort Sam Houston will implement these changes Jan. 1, 2011.

Fort Sam Houston has undertaken a post-wide readdressing project that assigned street addresses that meet the new standards to all facilities that receive, or may receive, mail.

In some cases, new street names have had to be implemented (*see list page 13*) in conjunction with the address renumbering, due to conflicts with street names already in use in Bexar County.

Since the advent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Incident Management System, federal installations and local communities coordinate actions to enhance emergency response capabilities.

This initiative will bring Fort Sam Houston into compliance with Bexar Metro 911 and USPS standards for addressing and street names.

New street names were reviewed and approved by an historic review committee and were chosen for their descriptive commemoration of the historic function of the section of the post where they are located.

New street signs will be provided for all streets or intersections requiring new or revised signage.

Wall-mounted building address signs,

See **STREET P13**

## LIGHTING THE SEASON



Members of the Fort Sam Houston community gather during the holiday tree lighting ceremony at the FSH flagpole on Stanley Road Dec. 1 to celebrate the arrival of the holiday season. The event, which ran from 6 to 8:30 p.m., included a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," real snow, pictures with Santa, a visit by Santa's reindeer, refreshments, and more.

Photo by Tiffany Boulez

## Town hall provides updates for 502nd MSG employees

By Lori Newman  
 FSH Public Affairs

Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, addressed a packed house during a town hall meeting Dec. 1 at the Roadrunner Community Center.

"As you know, we have a lot of change going on and that's what I want to

talk to you about today," Garr began. "Change isn't bad. Change can be good – but transition is hard.

"Before you were proud Department of the Army civilians, now you are proud Department of the Air Force civilians," the colonel said. "Fort Sam Houston is still an Army post, on an Air Force-led joint base.

"The history, the heritage and the traditions of Fort Sam are still Army," she reminded those in attendance. "But we do have a growing Navy and Air Force population. We were the 'home of Army medicine,' now we are the 'home of military medicine' with all the services

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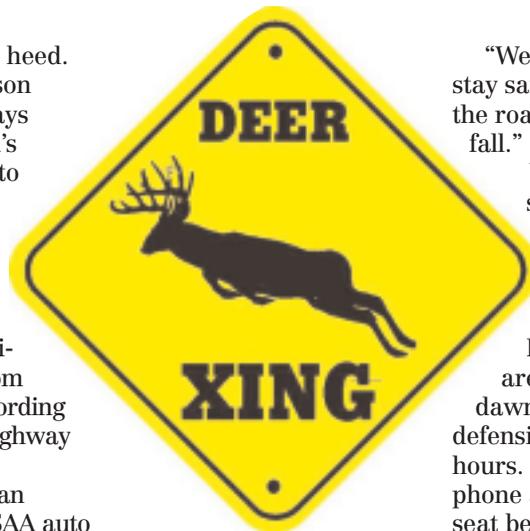
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# Oh, deer! Animal-vehicle collisions on rise despite improvement in highway safety



Motorists take heed. Deer mating season began this fall, says USAA, the nation's eighth largest auto insurance provider.

Although fatalities and injuries due to motor vehicle accidents declined from 2008 to 2009 according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; San Antonio-based USAA auto insurance claims records show that animal-vehicle collisions increased seven percent in the same period.

The data also indicates that animal-vehicle collisions across the country begin trending upward in September, with November spiking as the most collision-prone month.

Last year, 69 percent more claims were filed for animal-vehicle collisions during the fall than in the spring. This correlates with the height of the deer breeding/mating season.

Additionally, say wildlife experts, deer populations have escalated due to a lack of predators and new housing

developments in traditional wildlife territories.

Collisions with animals are also costly, resulting in an average claim of \$2,886 in 2009, according to USAA.

They can also be deadly. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says that the number of human deaths from collisions with animals rose nearly 19 percent between 2001 and 2008, from 177 to 210.

"These findings remind motorists to be extra vigilant of deer during the fall, particularly during the dawn and dusk hours when they are looking for food," said Ken Rosen, USAA's senior vice president of claims.

"We want motorists to stay safe no matter where the road takes them this fall."

With deer mating season around the corner, USAA offers the following tips:

- Keep the six D's in mind - Deer are most active at dawn and dusk so drive defensively during those hours. Stay off your cell phone and keep your seat belt fastened. IIHS says that most animal-vehicle collision deaths wouldn't have occurred if motorists used seat belts and motorcyclists wore helmets.

- Watch the signs – deer crossing signs designate popular deer crossing locations. Slow down when you see the signs and be on the lookout for deer herds after you've seen one deer – they seldom travel alone.

- Brake for deer – honking can sometimes be used to prevent deer from running into traffic, but deer are unpredictable. Safety experts recommend braking firmly and not swerving to avoid the deer. While you may be tempted to use your high-beam headlights when a deer is directly in front of you, they could cause a deer to stop in its tracks rather

than running to safety just "like a deer in the headlights." Braking firmly is the best line of defense.

- Stay put if you strike a deer – do not get out of the vehicle to inspect the animal. It could still be alive and could cause injury. It's best to contact local authorities should the animal be blocking potential traffic.

(Source: USAA)

Weekly Weather Watch						
	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
San Antonio	67° Clear	72° Partly Cloudy	76° Partly Cloudy	61° Clear	61° Clear	67° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	57° Clear	59° Clear	59° Clear	59° Clear	59° Clear	62° Clear
Baghdad Iraq	71° Clear	71° Scattered Clouds	71° Clear	69° Chance of Rain	66° Clear	64° Clear

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

### "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

Take the Dare and Be Aware

## News Briefs

### IHG Army Hotels Open House

An open house will be held Dec. 10, 2-5 p.m. at the Foulois House. See the renovations to Fort Sam Houston's historic DVQ buildings, and expanded list of amenities and services. Refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to win a free night's stay. Shuttle service will be available to the Sam Houston House for an informal tour. Call 357-2705.

### Holiday Concert

The U.S. Army Medical Command Band invites everyone to join them in the celebration of the Holiday Season through music Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 308 Ave. E. Metered parking is free after 6 p.m. Enjoy traditional, swing, rock and country, holiday music. Concert will include a special appearance by Santa Claus.

### Active Shooter Briefs

In accordance with the Air Force memorandum dated Jan. 21, 2010 the 502nd Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio will conduct Active Shooter briefings Dec. 14 from 2-3 p.m. and Dec. 21-22, 9-10 a.m. and 2:15-3:15 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. These briefings are open to all military, civilian, and contract personnel assigned to Fort Sam Houston who require this critical job-related information.

### Office Closures

The Housing Services Office, Building 367, will close at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 16.

The Consolidated Legal Office (Army) in Building 134, Stanley Road and the Fort Sam Houston Claims office, in Building 153 will be closing at 11 a.m. on Dec. 17. Normal operations will resume for both Dec. 20 at 8 a.m. Call 221-2282 or 295-8557.

Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed Dec. 23-24, and resume normal operations Dec. 27.

### AFEB Mediation Class

The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host a free week-long mediation class, Feb. 7-11 to recruit volunteers to serve as mediators for our San Antonio Federal Agencies.

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# Military impact significant in local health care and bioscience industry

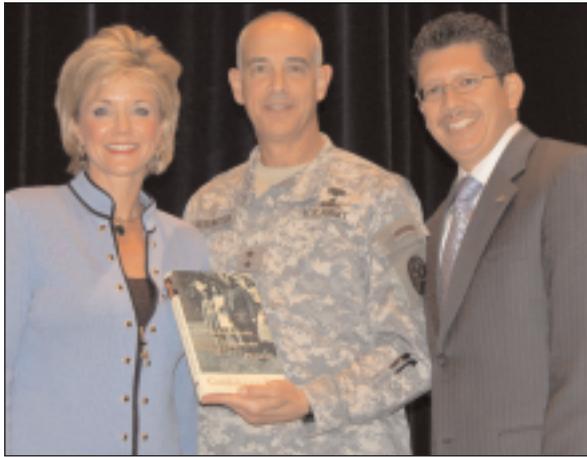


Photo by Becky Bridges

Carrie Baker Wells, San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce board chairman and Richard Perez, San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce president, present Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, Army Medical Department Center & School commanding general, a book by Condoleezza Rice following his presentation at the Health Care and Biosciences luncheon Nov. 30.

By Phil Reidinger

AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

One of every six San Antonio employees works in the health care and biosciences industries and the industry impact is approximately \$24.5 billion, according to a report released by the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce Nov. 30.

The study was conducted by Trinity University professors Richard Butler, Ph.D., and Mary Steff, Ph.D.

During his presentation, Butler noted that recent developments in military medicine and the bioscience sector point to a bright future for health care and biosciences in San Antonio.

Butler also stated that the economic impact, based on data collected during 2009, for the first time included a serious conservative and comprehensive

evaluation of contributions to the city economy by military medical health care operations, research, and training and education programs.

During the annual health care and biosciences industries luncheon, Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, Army Medical Department Center & School commanding general, described the growing military medical presence in the community as a result of BRAC 2005.

During his presentation, Rubenstein summarized current military medicine organizations such as the Army Medical Command, the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, the Institute for Surgical Research and the Army Medical Department Center & School.

See BIOSCIENCE P10

## FSU chancellor keynotes graduation ceremony for master of social work program

By Phil Reidinger

AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

The U.S. Army-Fayetteville State University master of social work program graduated 12 students in its second class Dec. 3.

Program director Dr. Dexter Freeman said the graduation marked an important transition, conferring degrees to two Army civilians for the first time.

"Your graduation today will provide you opportunities to advance in your careers. Opportunities seek out those with a reputation for excellence," said Dr. LaDelle Olion, FSU graduate school dean, to the students.

He cautioned the graduates to protect their good reputation and the reputation of the

Army and FSU.

Dr. James Anderson, the Fayetteville State University chancellor, conferred the degrees.

"There is a distressed Soldier and his or her Family members waiting for you to bring a tool kit of academic competence," Anderson said.

He also advised the graduates that their work as social work practitioners will involve reconstructing social and emotional lives of clients.

"You are competent to serve in any military environment,"



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Flanked by Fayetteville State University and the Academy of Health Science faculty, graduates of the second class of the U.S. Army-Fayetteville State University master of social work program received their degrees during a ceremony at Wood Auditorium Dec 3. Graduates are (from left) Maj. Frank Blake, Deborah Moore, Capt. Kumalo Bogan, Capt. Rebecca Hicks, Capt. Gregory Mabry, Joanne Austin, Capt. Nicole McNish, Capt. Ulu Porter, Candace Fuda, Capt. Chadwick Milligan, Capt. Audrey Ahlvers and Capt. Jacquelyn Ashford.

said Col. Josef Moore, dean of the Academy of Health Science graduate school.

He emphasized that they

should be both consumers and contributors of evidence-based practice during their careers.

## News Briefs

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Being a mediator is a very important and rewarding responsibility. If you are interested and have the qualifications to serve as a mediator, log onto the AFEB website at <http://www.sanantoniofeb.org> to complete the application. Application must be completed by Jan. 14. Call 565-1861 or 652-3749 for more information.

### Robotic Prescription Dispensing System

The Robotic Prescription Dispensing and Workflow Systems will be the newest innovative service offered to patients at Brooke Army Medical Center. This new state-of-the-art technology will enhance and optimize patient's safety and accuracy of prescription orders. It will also provide easy-to-read labels to include line drawings and description of medications. Eleven Robotic Prescription Dispensing Systems will be placed throughout BAMC to include the Troop Medical Clinic, Fort Sam Houston Primary Care Clinic and Pediatric Pharmacies.

### Withdrawn from Market

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently notified health care professionals that pharmaceutical companies have agreed to withdraw propoxyphene (Darvon) and propoxyphene with acetaminophen (Darvocet). These agents are opioid pain relievers used to treat mild to moderate pain. The drug was first introduced in 1957. However, new data has shown that these drugs may cause an abnormal heart rate. The FDA concluded that the safety risks of propoxyphene outweigh its benefits for pain relief. This medication will no longer be available in the United States.

### BAMC Allergy Clinic Moving

The Brooke Army Medical Center Allergy and Immunization Clinic will close Dec. 15-20 for its move into transitional space. The clinic will reopen Dec. 21 in trailer No. 15 in D Lot. The clinic will be open for appointments Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Allergy shots and immunizations are not provided on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Call 916-9900 for an appointment or 916-3011 for information.

# Military can manage

# 'Don't Ask' repeal

By Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

The military can deal effectively with allowing openly gay service members in its ranks, leaders of a working group that studied the issue for the Defense Department told the Senate Armed Services Committee Dec. 3.

Group co-chairs Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, and Jeh C. Johnson, DOD general counsel, testified along with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a hearing about possible repeal of the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

"After nine months of study, I am convinced that if the law changes, the United States military can do this, even in a time of war," Ham said.

The department released the report on effects of possible repeal and an accompanying implementation plan Nov. 30.

Ham said he doesn't underestimate the challenges that would come with implementing a change in the law, but added that service members can adapt to such change while accomplishing the nation's military missions.

"I came to this conclusion not only as a co-chair of the Department of Defense review, but perhaps more importantly, as the commander of U.S. Army forces in Europe," Ham said. "I was cognizant every day of this review that I might actually have to lead the changes included in our report. As a serving commander, I am

**"Our military can make this change, provided we do so in an orderly and reasonable manner, in accord with the recommendations for implementation we offer in our report."**

*— Jeh C. Johnson, DOD general counsel*

confident that if this law changes, I and the leaders with whom I serve can do just that."

Johnson said the working group's basic assessment was that "our military can make this change, provided we do so in an orderly and reasonable manner, in accord with the recommendations for implementation we offer in our report."

He cautioned committee members that leaving the repeal decision in the hands of the courts could damage the military's capability to manage the change.

"From where I sit as the lawyer for the Department of Defense, the virtue of the legislation pending before the Senate is that, if passed, repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell will be done on our terms and our timetable, upon the advice of our military leadership," he said.

Johnson said the report makes clear that the military must address many issues with regard to a repeal of the "Don't Ask" law, such as "education

and training, the core messages to be delivered as part of education and training, same-sex partner benefits, berthing and billeting, a policy on re-accession, related changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and so forth."

The fact that litigation on gay rights matters has increased is undeniable, Johnson told the Senate panel.

"Since 2003, when the Supreme Court decided *Lawrence vs. Texas*, the courts have become increasingly receptive to gay rights claims," he said.

"Within the last year alone, federal district courts have for the first time declared California's gay marriage ban, the federal Defense of Marriage Act, and 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' all unconstitutional."

The Defense Department must face the possibility of implementing the change "on the terms and timetable of a court and a plaintiff" if a court strikes down the law, Johnson said. A flurry of court actions

on the law in October and November demonstrated possible consequences of repeal through court rulings, he noted.

A federal district judge ordered suspension of the law Oct. 12, the appellate court issued a temporary stay of that injunction Oct. 20, the 9th Circuit Court agreed to keep the stay in place Nov. 1, and the Supreme Court denied a request to overturn the stay Nov. 12.

"In the space of eight days, we had to shift course on the worldwide enforcement of the law twice, and in the space of a month faced the possibility of shifting course four different times," Johnson said. "Our plea to the Congress is to not leave the fate of this law to the courts."

Gates and Mullen both have said they would not certify the military as ready to implement a change in law until the department can prepare post-repeal policies and regulations and has begun to educate and train the force, Johnson said.

Legislation passed by the House of Representatives and now before the Senate requires that the president, the defense secretary and the Joint Chiefs chairman must certify the military's readiness to make the change before repeal would take effect.

"In all likelihood, this will not be possible if repeal is imposed upon us by judicial fiat," Johnson said. "For these reasons, we urge that the Senate act now on the pending legislation."

## HATS FOR HEROES

Bill Compton, a driver with Con-way Truckload, shakes hands with a wounded warrior Dec. 1 at the Warrior and Family Support Center. Compton was in the center to personally hand out hats collected from donors in Nebraska for wounded service members. The hats were donated by truckers to thank and honor Soldiers recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center. Each box also contained a personal note from one of numerous volunteers who helped with the collections. Compton, 72, volunteered to drive to Fort Sam Houston to distribute the more than 750 hats collected from donors in Nebraska. "I think it's a great thing to do," Compton said. "I don't think we can do too much (for wounded service members)."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

# Force Protection Detachments train to improve mission readiness

By Gregory Ripps  
470th MIB Public Affairs

Members of Force Protection Detachments assigned to missions in eight different Latin American countries converged on Camp Bullis during the week of Nov. 15.

These civilian intelligence professionals, who belong to the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, spent the week in training on Camp Bullis to ensure their currency in such areas as language skills, use of concealed weapons, and combat life saving.

The brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment organized and coordinated the training.

"The week gave them the opportunity to catch up on their training – to complete their annual requirements," said Ed Ortiz, brigade FPD coordinator. "This year, for the first time, their administrative assistants came with them to accomplish administrative training at brigade headquarters on Fort Sam Houston."

Because of their force protection mission, these civilians often find themselves operating on their own and in austere environments, Ortiz explained. The week of training was designed with scenarios they might encounter while conducting their mission.

"The training reinforced those basic skills we tend to overlook while



A 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Force Protection Detachment agent takes target practice on a range at Camp Bullis.

getting the mission done," Ortiz added.

FPDs trace their roots to the terrorist attack on the USS Cole at the port of Aden in Yemen a decade ago.

The Cole Commission,

set up after the attack, prescribed the creation of FPDs around the world to maintain vigilance for threats against transiting forces. These detachments consist of joint teams from the Army, the

Navy and the Air Force.

"The combination of these three skill sets provides a multi-faceted intelligence, investigation, and law enforcement action-oriented capability designed to engage transiting forces and apprise them of various threats to their missions and safety," Ortiz said.

The 470th MI Brigade



Photos by Gregory Ripps

A member of a 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Force Protection Detachment fires and advances on the last of a series of targets to practice his ability to shoot and run in rapid succession. FPD agents ensured their skills were up to date during a week of training at Camp Bullis.

maintains the largest of the all combatant command FPD missions worldwide.

These missions ensure protection for thousands of transiting Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in the U.S. Southern Command area of operations.

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consolidating here.

“Our mission has not changed. In your respective individual roles, what you still do is help provide a safe quality of living and working environment for all the folks on Fort Sam,” Garr said. “We recruit service members, we retain families. You are out there helping to do both.”

Garr explained each of the tenant units’ missions on Fort Sam Houston and also explained the new infrastructure of the 502nd MSG.

“Give yourselves a pat on the back because you have done tremendous work. We still have a lot of work to do ... this is an ongoing process,” she said. “This is your opportunity to help influence change. If you don’t

speak up now, when something isn’t right, it’s not going to be right in two years, but we will be stuck with it.

“If something is doing well, make sure you voice it, so we don’t change it,” Garr added. “Failure is not an option ... we have got to make it work.

“The attitude that you present and the service you provide is really what makes Fort Sam Houston such a great place to live and work. People want to come here and that’s because of all of you.”

Garr introduced a new 502nd MSG Civilian Creed, which combined parts of the Air Force, Army and Army civilian creeds. “You are part of something much bigger than yourselves – you are part of a team and these words represent what you are all about.”

Patricia Rivera, 502nd MSG civilian personnel officer, provided a briefing on the new Civilian Personnel Section. She also introduced the staff, provided updates on federal employee health benefits, retirement out-processing and the Air Force Single Staffing Tool.

“If anyone is planning to retire between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3, you need to contact the 502nd MSG Civilian Personnel Section,” Rivera said. “We want to make sure your transition into retirement goes very smoothly, that you out-process correctly and get all the information you need.”

Rivera reminded people that health benefits open season is ongoing through Dec. 13. Elections need to be made through the

Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) or by calling 1-800-525-0102.

“There were several employees who notified us that their health insurance had been dropped,” Rivera said. “There was a glitch in the system for some insurance carriers when we transitioned from the Army payroll to the Air Force payroll system. That has been resolved.”

Rivera suggested former Army employees who transferred to the Air Force call their insurance providers to verify their coverage.

“If you are not active please let us know immediately,” she said. “We can resolve the issue very quickly.”

Rivera also addressed the Single Staffing Tool, which was launched

Nov. 15.

“The Single Staffing Tool is something new to the Air Force,” Rivera said. “The Air Force wanted to streamline the hiring process and make it easier for applicants and managers.”

Job announcements are posted on the USAJobs.gov website. Applicants can store up to five resumes on the site.

Felix Alvarado, acting chief, Non-Appropriated Fund Human Resources, provided a briefing on some of the issues NAF employees are facing during the transition from Army to Air Force, such as 401K contributions not being deducted from their pay and letters being sent out to employees regarding 401K loans.

“Fidelity sent a letter to people telling them

that they are going to default on their loans,” Alvarado said. “Some of the people who received the letter do not have a loan.”

Other topics covered by Alvarado were My Money access, adult-child eligibility verification forms for insurance, how to find and self-nominate for NAF positions and changes to workers’ compensation.

“HR is here to support you as much as possible,” he said.

The 502nd MSG Civilian Personnel Section and 502nd Force Support Services/NAF Human Resources are located at 1706 Stanley Rd., Building 2263, Room B108 in the basement. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## WARRIOR PT



A five-person team of Soldiers from U.S. Army North carries an “injured comrade” on a collapsible sked up a steep embankment to a medical evacuation point during a four-mile challenge course Dec. 7 at Camp Bullis. During the timed event, Army North Soldiers ran the route in five-man teams and performed medical treatment and evacuation, utilized communications equipment, assembled weapons and performed functions checks. “Warrior tasks are perishable skills,” said Sgt. Maj. Richard Henson, Joint Task Force 51, U.S. Army North. “If you don’t continually train on them, they go away.”



**Photos by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson**

Master Sgt. Eric Kombet (left) and Staff Sgt. Joshua Willoughby, both from U.S. Army North, assemble weapons during a timed four-mile challenge course at Camp Bullis Dec. 7. During the timed event, Army North Soldiers ran the route in five-man teams and performed medical treatment and evacuation, utilized communications equipment, assembled weapons and performed functions checks. Capt. Michael Norton, who graded Soldiers at the weapons point on the course, said performing the tasks in combination with a physically demanding course equated better to actual performance of warrior tasks in a combat environment and helped to reinforce the task. “Assembling the M9 and M16 weapon systems is an important skill and, of course, it’s good to test it under stress,” Norton said.



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He noted that in addition to the allied health care training programs at the AMEDDC&S, more than 600 interns, residents and fellows participate in graduate medical education programs in San Antonio. Programs sponsored by the University of Texas Health Science Center include psychiatry, surgery, nephrology and nuclear medicine.

Rubenstein said that new capabilities such as the San Antonio Military Medical Center (BAMC), Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, the Defense Department's consolidation of enlisted medical training programs and the establishment of the Medical Education and Training Campus, the Joint Center

for Battlefield Health and Trauma and the first BAMC community-based health care clinic are all indicators of the growth of military medicine in the San Antonio area.

BRAC 2005 legislation directed the consolidation of enlisted medical training for the Army, Navy, and Air Force at Fort Sam Houston.

The METC complex encompasses approximately 1.9 million square feet of facilities, including dorms, classrooms, laboratories, a headquarters/administration building, physical fitness center, student activities center, and an 80,000-square-foot dining facility.

METC is expected to have an average daily student enrollment of approximately 9,000, making it the largest institution of its kind in

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the world.

Also related to BRAC is the consolidation of all military in-patient care in San Antonio at BAMC.

This project involves construction of a seven-story, 760,000-square-foot addition that will house a Level 1 trauma center, operating rooms, clinical and administra-

tive space and an extension of BAMC's internationally acclaimed burn center. A 5,000-space parking garage will also be built, as well as a central energy plant.

More than 300,000 square feet of the existing BAMC facilities will be renovated. When construction is finished, the

complex will absorb the inpatient and civilian trauma care services currently provided at Wilford Hall Medical Center. A new WHMC replacement facility will focus exclusively on outpatient care.

BRAC 2005 construction also includes two medical research and laboratory buildings for improved battlefield trauma recovery and patient treatment.

The 150,000-square-foot Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research built next to BAMC is consolidating research efforts of all service branches to enhance the delivery of combat casualty care.

To the north of BAMC on Holbrook Road, the Tri-Service Research Laboratory is a 181,000-square-foot structure

designed to house research efforts that examine the health and safety effects of exposure to a variety of stressors in the field.

BRAC-related renovation of clinical facilities include Budge Dental, Rhodes Dental, McWethy Health Clinics and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine.

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*(Brian Dwyer, JPMO Public Affairs Office, contributed to this article)*

# Spice: bad for your health, career

By Master Sgt. Shawn Brooks  
502nd ABW Legal Office

It's no surprise that association with cocaine, heroin, or marijuana can negatively impact families and careers. We can now add one more drug to the list: "spice."

Commonly touted as a "legal" fake marijuana, spice is made from plants coated with chemicals that mimic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive substance found in marijuana.

Since the chemicals have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration as safe for human consumption,

there is no oversight of the spice manufacturing process. This so-called "legal" drug is quite the opposite.

The Drug Enforcement Administration listed spice in the Federal Register as a Schedule I substance Nov. 24.

"The American public looks to the DEA to protect its children and communities from those who would exploit them for their own gain," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart in a recent press release.

"Makers of these harmful products mislead their customers into thinking that 'fake pot' is

a harmless alternative to illegal drugs, but that is not the case," Leonhart added. "This action will call further attention to the risks of ingesting unknown compounds and will hopefully take away any incentive to try these products."

Within a month, it's expected that the use, manufacture, possession, and distribution of spice will carry the same criminal penalties as other Schedule I drugs, accord-

See SPICE P13



# Little known WWII film shown during historical society luncheon

By L.A. Shively  
FSH Public Affairs

Guests at the Society for the Preservation of Historic of Fort Sam Houston got a Hollywood-style look at medical training in and around Fort Sam Houston in the 1940s with a screening of "Soldiers in White" Nov. 18.

The 21-minute Warner Brothers film, shown to a packed front room of about 30 at the Stillwell House, was a change from the society's normal venue of lunch-time academic presentations about Fort Sam Houston's role in history and in society.

The film short is a tribute to the Army Medical Corps with John Litel as Maj. Charles Anthony, a doctor with the medical

corps; William T. Orr as a wise-cracking intern who ends up drafted into the Army as Pvt. Johnny Allison, who has an eye for the nurses; and Eleanor Parker, billed as a student nurse, then an Army nurse.

According to "The Women of Warner Brothers," a book chronicling the lives and careers of 15 of the studio's actresses during the '30s and '40s, this appearance ended up as Parker's film debut. She was supposed to debut in "They Died with Their Boots On," but her part was cut because studio executives felt the film was too long to keep an audience's attention.

The film was shown twice. Once for enjoyment and again with commentary by John Manguso,

director for the Fort Sam Houston Museum, who identified places, individuals who had cameos and offered obscure details on historic items peculiar to the Army.

During a particularly interesting scene in the film, an airplane flies over the hospital and lands on the MacArthur Parade Field.

"Filmed here in October 1941 and part of a series of seven filmed around the United States, the idea was to spur recruiting into the armed forces with a patriotic theme," explained Manguso, who introduced the short.

Before the film was released, WWII broke out, so the film's voiceover was re-edited to make it more appropriate than "join the

services and learn a trade" fluff, Manguso said.

Manguso said that Parker's character, Nurse Ryan, reports to the "real" Col. George Beach, then-commander of Brooke General Hospital and that particular scene was filmed in Beach's office.

Another scene featuring a column of troops marching through the Quadrangle archway was the 9th Infantry Regiment, part of the garrison at Fort Sam Houston. The 9th Infantry is the only regiment traditionally marching with fixed bayonets, Manguso said.

The Chinese dragon on the 9th Infantry's regimental crest was the result of the unit's service in China during the Boxer Rebellion, Manguso

explained.

During an assault on the city of Tianjim, three regiment Soldiers earned the Medal of Honor and their commander, Col. Emerson C. Liscum, was killed.

The 9th rescued all of the silver from a bank on fire and was presented with a two bars of the melted sterling in gratitude. The silver was formed into the Liscum Bowl, named after the commander who had lived here, on post, in 1890 Manguso said.

The screenings also gave audience members an opportunity to reminisce about experiences with Army and civilian medicine.

Dorothy Shelton, a virologist at Fort Sam Houston who started as a medical technologist prior to WWII, said she'd seen a lot of changes in medicine.

Buffy Smolens, a registered nurse from 1975 until she retired in 2008,

said that she sterilized, sharpened and reused needles just as had been done in the '40s. "The vials were glass," she remembered.

"As a civilian, we did not wear our caps outside the clinical setting," Smolens commented as Parker, during the film, walked outside of the hospital in an Army nurse uniform with her cap.

Others were somewhat critical of the film.

"This is the hokiest movie you'll ever see," said Robyn Ellis, the society's newsletter editor.

"Due to the fact that it's a Hollywood-based movie, the rules of fraternization are not really observed, but the people that are fraternizing are very good looking," joked Joan Gaither, president and founder of the society.

"Soldiers in White" can be viewed at the Fort Sam Houston Museum anytime during the facility's regular operating hours. Call 221-1590 for information.

**STREETS from P1**

adjacent to the entrance, will be provided for all buildings that currently do not have legitimate street address signs.

Activity identifications signs will have building numbers removed and street addresses installed.

To facilitate a smooth transition to the new addresses, the U.S. Postal Service will keep the old addresses in their database for one year and continue to deliver mail to the old addresses as well as to the new addresses during the transition period.

Additionally, all mail-rooms and mail-receiving addresses on Fort Sam Houston will be

notified of their updated addresses, including any changes, prior to the Jan. 1 implementation.

The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron is also notifying the major commercial package carriers of these changes.

The timely completion of this effort to provide FSH with Bexar Metro 911 and USPS compliant grid-based street addressing will support two vital initiatives.

It will allow the U.S. Postal Service to use automated mail processing equipment to sort the mail and deliver it more easily and efficiently, and will provide more timely deliveries from Federal Express, United Parcel Service and other carriers.

**Old Street Name****New Street Name**

1st Street	Sustainment Street
2nd Street	Signal Road
3rd Street	Rattlesnake Road
7th Street	Commissary Road
8th Street	Conservation Street
9th Street	Engine House Street
10th Street	Paymaster Street
11th Street	Subsistence Street
12th Street	Chinese Camp Street
13th Street	Supply Street
14th Street	Wheelright Street
15th Street	Engineer Street
16th Street	Procurement Street
17th Street	Storage Street
22nd Street	Replenish Street
23rd Street	Chemical Street
24th Street	Jadwin Street
24th Street	Requisition Street
A Road	Stock Road
B Road	Artificer Street
C Road	Cantonment Street
Crockett Road	Crockett Pass
Foulois Road	Foulois Pass
Hancock Road	Hancock Pass
Hardee Road	William Hardee Road

Harney Road  
Humphrey Road  
Infantry Post Road  
Ingram Road  
Lawton Road  
Liscum Road  
N. New Braunfels  
Parker Road  
Rawley E. Chambers  
Scott Road  
S-2  
S-4  
S-5  
S-6  
SR-14  
SR-16  
SR-21  
SR-26  
SR-27  
SR-31  
SR-36  
Taylor Road  
W.W. White Road  
W.W. White Road  
Watkins Boulevard  
Williams Road  
Wilson Street

Harney Path  
Humphrey Way  
Easley Street  
Ingram Path  
Lawton Pass  
Meyer Road  
N. New Braunfels Avenue  
Parker Hill Road  
Chambers Pass  
Winfield Scott Road  
Soapsuds Row  
Gun Shed Road  
Dragon Valley Road  
Museum Road  
Manchu Road  
Officers Loop  
Howitzer Road  
Trooper Road  
Brackenridge Avenue  
Bandmaster Road  
Camp Travis Road  
MG Taylor Road  
Cpl. Johnson Road  
Petroleum Drive  
Watkins Path  
Williams Way  
Wilson Way

**SPICE from P11**

ing to the DEA. Schedule I is the most restrictive category, which is reserved for unsafe, highly abused substances with no medical benefits.

For military members, spice is off limits and violators may face non-judicial punishment or court-martial action, according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Punishments can range from forfeitures of pay, reduction in rank, confinement or administrative or punitive discharge.

For more information regarding spice or other illegal drugs, refer to the "Drug Information Resources" at <http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/concern.htm> or contact the 502nd Air Base Wing legal office at 404-0169.

# Fort Sam Houston phases in New Access Control Procedures

By Lori Newman  
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In December 2009, the Department of Defense published a Directive-Type Memorandum mandating that all unescorted persons entering Defense Department installations must have a valid purpose to enter, have their identity proofed and vetted, and be issued, or in possession of, an authorized and valid access credential.

“Proofing means visually checking an individual’s identification to make sure it is valid. Vetting a person meaning there is some type of background check,” explained Curtis Hoosier, Defense Biometric Identification System site security manager. “The requirement for background checks here is National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Terrorist Screening and a local database check.”

People without DOD I.D. cards require identity proofing and vetting to determine their fitness and eligibility for access to Fort Sam Houston. They also must provide justification or purpose for access and be sponsored by an individual or organization before access is granted.

“We would like to provide the

smoothest transition possible as we begin to implement the DTM’s new access procedures,” said Alberto Jorge, 502nd Security Forces Squadron director. “We are planning to do this in three phases.”

Phase 1 began in November. This included informing the community about the forthcoming changes in access procedures and construction of temporary visitor control centers at the Binz Engleman and Scott Road adjacent Harry Wurzbach-East entry control points.

During Phase 1, individuals without a DOD I.D. card have their credentials scanned at ECPs prior to entering the installation; and are issued a Fort Sam Houston pass, which contains a notification of non-compliance and information on how to obtain an access credential.

Phase 2 begins Jan. 17, 2011 and continues through April. During this period, non-DOD I.D. cardholders will be vetted. Vetting will be conducted at all of the ECPs that currently allow visitors; Walters, Schofield, SAMMC I35 and Beach, Harry Wurzbach East, Wilson, and Camp Bullis ECPs.

Additionally, Fort Sam Houston will begin an Application for Installation Access Credential (AIAC) and Entry Authorization List (EAL)

## Q What does the DTM say?

A “All unescorted persons entering DOD installations must have a valid purpose to enter, have their identity proofed and vetted, and be issued, or in possession of, an authorized and valid access credential.”

## Q What is a “valid” purpose to enter Fort Sam Houston?

A Valid means that the individual(s) is conducting official business or attending a pre-sponsored event on post. However, the individual(s) must be sponsored. Some events are pre-sponsored such as Fiesta, Oktoberfest and other events, as determined by the 502nd Mission Support Group commander.

## Q What about people who want to visit one of the museums or the Quadrangle?

A During Phases 1 and 2 people will be allowed access and provided information for future access. The only minor change is National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks will be implemented in Phase 2. Once the temporary VCC are completed, individuals without a DOD I.D. card will be processed there.

## Q What about people attending a graduation, retirement or change of command ceremony?

A All graduations, retirements or changes of command will remain the same during Phase 1. During Phase 2, the 502nd SFS will begin requesting an Entry Authorization List, 10 working

days prior to the event, but access will continue to be granted. During Phase 3, an EAL must be submitted 10 working days prior to the event. However, 502nd SFS will continue to work with the training commands to facilitate the access of family members and friends attending graduations.

## Q What about tour groups?

A During Phases 1 and 2, tour groups will be allowed access and provided information for future access. During Phase 3, they must submit an EAL 10 days prior to coming to Fort Sam Houston. However, groups could be vetted at the VCC or pre-sponsored by a government official – such as the museum or Quadrangle manager.

## Q How are events that are open to the public going to be handled?

A These are pre-sponsored events. Individuals will be granted access after their IDs are checked. Thus, there is no change to the access to these events (Fiesta, Oktoberfest, etc.).

## Q How will people be vetted? Where? How long will it take?

A During Phase 1, people will be randomly vetted (5-10 minutes per person). During Phase 2, 502nd SFS will attempt to vet individuals at the gates. During Phase 3, people will be directed to the temporary VCCs where everyone, 18 years or older without a DOD I.D. card will be vetted.

**“The Fort Sam Houston 502nd Mission Support Group and its Security Forces Squadron is committed to ensuring these new procedures are as seamless and smooth as possible,”**

*– Alberto Jorge,*

*502nd Security Forces Squadron director*



Photo by L.A. Shively

Security Officer Daniel Sosa checks identification of persons wishing to enter Fort Sam Houston at the Wilson Gate access point.

Program. This program is already in use at Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases.

The AIAC portion will require organizations who sponsor contractors or vendors to provide a memorandum identifying these individual(s) 10 business days prior to their entering the installation.

The EAL portion requires individuals or organizations hosting events to provide a guest list of Non-DOD individual(s) 10 business days prior to their entering the installation.

The memorandums must be submitted to the 502nd Security Forces Squadron registration office in Building 367. Failure to meet this timeline may delay entry onto the installation.

Phase 3 runs from May 1 through Sept. 30, 2011 and is the final and full implementation phase. During this phase, the 502nd SFS will enforce the

use of AIACs and EALs.

Access credentials will be scanned before entry and individuals without a DoD I.D. card will be processed at the Visitor Control Centers located at Binz Engleman, Scott Road (temporary VCC) or Walters ECP (upon final construction of new facility).

Additionally, beginning in January 2011, all active duty, family members, DOD contractors and retirees – anyone with permanent access to the post – will have to register in the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS).

Registration will be available at various mobile location throughout the post or at permanent locations, Building 367 (Fort Sam Houston) or Building 5050 (Camp Bullis). The entire process takes less than five minutes.

“DBIDS is only one piece of the new access control procedures being

implemented on Fort Sam Houston,” Hoosier said.

“The Fort Sam Houston 502nd Mission Support Group and its Security Forces Squadron is committed to ensuring these new procedures are as seamless and

smooth as possible,” Jorge added.

For information or questions concerning these procedures and AIAC/EAL criteria, call the 502nd SFS registration office at 221-9205/2570 or the 502nd SFS/S3 Police Desk at 221-2222, available 24/7.

Proofing means visually checking an individual's identification to make sure it is valid. Vetting a person meaning there is some type of background check. The requirement for backgrounds is National Crime Information Center (NCIC) check, Terrorist Screening and a local database check.

**Q** Is there a specific time period that access will be granted? Can it be renewed or updated? How?

**A** Yes, visitors will be allowed access 24/7 as long as they have been sponsored and properly credentialed.

Contractors/Vendors will be limited to the dates/hours of operations specified by the contracting officer, contracting officer's rep-

resentative or commander sponsoring them.

**Q** How does this relate to the Defense Biometric Identification System or DBIDS?

**A** DBIDS is about getting the DOD/Federal I.D. cardholders registered into an access database. If a visitor comes to Fort Sam Houston for a short period of time they will be issued a DBIDS pass. If a vendor or contractor does regular business on the installation, they will be given a DBIDS card for up to a year. DBIDS will replace all the current systems currently being used on Fort Sam Houston.

**Q** What about vehicle registration?

**A** Vehicle registration is no longer mandated. However, individuals wishing to register their vehicle for whatever reason will be provided that service.

**Q** What about people visiting Brooke Army Medical Center, who are not DOD I.D. cardholders?

**A** Visitors to BAMC will continue to enter the hospital during Phase 1 and 2. Once the temporary VCCs are completed and operational, in Phase 3, visitors will be directed to the Binz Engleman VCC for processing. Once processed, visitors will be able to enter the hospital through the Beach/Binz Engleman or Interstate Highway 35 gates.

**Q** How is the Walters Street construction going to affect this?

**A** Individuals will be vetted to the maximum extent possible during Phases 1 and 2. Once the temporary VCCs are completed and operational in Phase 3, individuals will be directed to the VCC for processing.

**Q** What about the “Trusted Traveler” program; one person with a DOD I.D. card can vouch for up to five people in a vehicle?

**A** There is no change to the trusted traveler policy.

# San Antonio well represented at U.S. Army All-American Bowl

By Steve Elliott  
FSH Public Affairs

When the U.S. Army All-American Bowl brings together the best high school gridiron stars from across the nation, San Antonio will be well represented at this annual celebration of high school football.

As anyone who has lived in Texas for even a short time knows, high school football is more than just a game ... it's a way of life.

This year's battle will be a tiebreaker of sorts, as the East and West teams have five wins each, with the West taking last year's game, 30-14.

Defensive tackle Quincy Russell from Sam Houston High School and

running back Aaron Green from James Madison High School join Steele High School's Malcolm Brown and Marquis Anderson on the West roster as some of the nation's 90 best high school football players selected.

The game kicks off at noon Jan. 8, 2011 and is televised live on NBC affiliate News 4 WOAI. The action takes place at the Alamodome at 100 Montana St. in downtown San Antonio.

The longest-running active high school All-American game, the game was first played Dec. 30, 2000, in Highlander Stadium in Dallas. Since then, the game has been played inside the Alamodome in San Antonio. Attendance

has risen from 6,300 for the inaugural game in 2000 to 34,126 for the latest game in 2010.

Russell plans on attending the University of Texas in Austin in the fall and is ranked by Rivals.com as 14th in state and 86th nationally at his position.

Rivals.com is a consortium of more than 300 sports writers, reporters and publishers providing team-specific college sports information.

"Russell is a big body that will be a major disruptor on the next level, particularly in the run game," according to his analysis by the bowl's selection committee. "He's a strong kid that gets after the football and plays with a great motor."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general of U.S. Army North, presents the U.S. Army All-American Bowl jersey to Aaron Green, a senior running back from James Madison High School, during a press conference held at the school Dec. 7. Green will be playing for the West team and was also presented his All-American jersey by Capt. Chez Varela and Staff Sgt. Samuel Duran, San Antonio Recruiting Command.

Also a standout on the Amateur Athletic Union basketball circuit, Russell measures in at 6 feet, 3 inches tall and weighing 289 pounds.

The USAAAB selection committee also states: "Russell is a great athlete who uses his strength to disrupt plays from defensive tackle. He gets off the ball and into the

backfield with ease, disengaging from blockers and showing enough speed to hit the quarterback or running back. Russell has the frame to add more weight, which could make him even more dominant against the run."

As a member of the Madison Mavericks, Green was a 5-11, 180-

pound powerhouse in 2010, rushing for 1,307 yards and scoring 16 touchdowns. He has decided to attend University of Nebraska later this year, picking the Cornhuskers over Texas, Florida State, and California.

Green averaged 147 yards and 28.4 points per game this season in helping Madison achieve a 7-4 record. Nationally ranked as the 12th best player overall by MaxPreps.com, an online division of CBS Sports that covers all high school sports across the country, he was in the running for selection as National Player of the Year.

Department of Defense cardholders can get up to 4 free tickets per ID card for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Stop by the ticket office at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395 on Chaffee Road or the 502nd FSS marketing department, Building 124. Call 226-1663 for more information.

## JROTC TOUR METC, AMEDD C&S



Junior ROTC cadets from John F. Kennedy High School watch as Air Force Staff Sgt. Christina LaRiccia (right), pharmacy instructor, explains to pharmacy student Airman Dana Burks (left), how to operate the Pharmassist machine to fill a prescription during a lab exercise at the Medical Education Training Campus Dec. 2.

**Photos by Kathy Salazar**

A John F. Kennedy High School Junior ROTC student provides a demonstration of how *Cimex lectularius*, also known as bedbugs, feed on their prey during a briefing on preventive medicine at the Army Medical Department Center & School Environmental Health. Cadets also visited the AMEDD Museum and dined with service members at the Rocco Dining Facility during their tour of Fort Sam Houston Dec. 2.

## HOLIDAY STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY



Children and Soldiers came together Dec. 4 at the annual Children's Holiday Story Time at the Keith A. Campbell Library. The children helped decorate cookies for service members.



**Photos by Jennifer Swee**

Children assemble traditional German lanterns as one of a variety of festive arts and crafts projects at the Keith A. Campbell Library.



**Rocco Dining Facility Menu**

Building 2745, Schofield Road

*Dining Room Breakfast Hours:  
Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m.,  
weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.*

**Friday – Dec. 10****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Barbecued chicken, fried fish, meat loaf, baked chicken, red beans and rice, fried potatoes, baked potatoes, carrots, peas, broccoli

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Grilled turkey patties, roast pork loin, beef stew, barbecued pork loin, spaghetti vegetable quiche, sweet potato fries, parsley egg noodles, baked potato halves, corn, carrots, fried okra

**Saturday – Dec. 11****Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Yankee pot roast, roast turkey, cheese tortellini, baked sweet Italian sausages, mashed potatoes, harvest rice, cauliflower, collard greens, Creole summer squash, corn

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

Swiss steak, spaghetti with meatballs, fried chicken, mushroom quiche, mashed potatoes, fried rice, brown rice, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, mixed vegetables

**Sunday – Dec. 12****Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Lemon chicken, pepper steak, tuna noodle casserole, broccoli quiche, scalloped potatoes, steamed rice,

cauliflower, lima beans, broccoli  
**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Baked fish, barbecued beef cubes, cheese enchiladas, spicy chicken patties, oven glo potatoes, parsley egg noodles, rice pilaf, baked potatoes, spinach, smothered squash

**Monday – Dec. 13****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, eggplant parmesan, honey-glazed Cornish hens, herb roast pork loin, steamed potatoes, spaghetti noodles, harvest brown and wild rice, parsley-buttered potatoes, French-style green beans, cauliflower combo  
**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Baked chicken, baked ham with cherry sauce, Creole chicken, cheese ravioli, brown rice, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, asparagus, cauliflower polonaise

**Tuesday – Dec. 14****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Tamale pie, cheese enchiladas, breaded pork chops, Caribbean jerk chicken, black refried beans with cheese, Spanish rice, cottage fried potatoes with onions, steamed rice, peas with mushrooms and onions, yellow and zucchini squash  
**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Baked fish, chicken enchiladas, roast beef, cheese ravioli, mustard-

dill baked fish, au gratin potatoes, Mexican rice, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, carrots

**Wednesday – Dec. 15****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Apple-glazed corned beef, fried chicken, Creole shrimp, Swiss steak with brown gravy, broccoli quiche, rice and parmesan cheese, steamed rice, parsley-buttered potatoes, asparagus, yellow squash, buttered cabbage

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Grilled polish sausages, meat loaf, spicy chicken patties, cheese tortellini, paprika-buttered potatoes, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, turnip greens, mixed vegetable

**Thursday – Dec. 16****Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Pork chop suey, Cantonese spareribs, ginger barbecued chicken, cheese manicotti, mashed potatoes, harvest brown and wild rice, fried rice, black-eyed peas, collard greens, stir fry vegetables

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**

Teriyaki chicken, roast turkey, beef stir fry, vegetable spaghetti quiche, lyonnaise rice, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, green beans, succotash, fried cauliflower

*Menus are subject to change without notice*



## Announcements

### Volunteers Needed

Brooke Army Medical Center Nursing Service needs 10 volunteers to work on the wards as listeners. This position involves listening to patients and family members who are coping with injury or illness. Call 808-4980/4982 for information.

### Free Video Messages

Four Winds Bible Church in San Antonio is offering free video messages for military families who have loved ones serving overseas. Call 254-2485.

### Free Gift from Scion

Scion, a division of Toyota Motor Sales, has launched the Scion Holiday Mail Drop. This program offers active duty U.S. military personnel the opportunity to receive a Scion cinch sack filled with complimentary clothing and accessories.

While supplies last, men and women of active military status can log onto <http://www.Scion.com/MailDrop> to receive their holiday pack.

## Calendar of Events

### Dec. 11

#### Christmas Pageant

Village Parkway Baptist Church at the corner of Culebra and Village Parkway will hold a free Christmas pageant Dec.11-12 at 7 p.m. Visit <http://www.vpbc.net>.

#### Calvert Christmas Walk

The Brazos Valley Trailblazers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Hammond House Bed & Breakfast, 604 Elm Street in Calvert. Walks start between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 979-774-9038.

### Dec. 12

#### Big Springs Ranch for Children Walk

The BTC Oddsports volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at Big Springs Ranch for Children, 10664 U.S. Highway 83 North in Leakey. Walks start between 8 a.m. to noon. Call 204-9301.

### Texas Women's Basketball

The University of Texas Athletics Department will host a Military/First Responders Appreciation Day for Texas Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee at noon. Tickets are \$5. Deadline to order is noon Dec. 10. Call 512-232-3865.

### Dec. 14

#### Spouses' Club Open House

Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston area will host a holiday open house 10 a.m.-1p.m. at the Stilwell House, 626 Infantry Post Road. There will be food and vendors. Visit <http://www.scfsh.com>.

### Dec. 15

#### Adult College Preparatory Course

Education Service Center, Region 20 will offer a free Adult College Preparatory course Jan. 10-March 1, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Pre-register for the course and receive a free lunch Dec. 15, noon-1 p.m. at Marion Dolford Learning Center, 200 Schlather Rd. in Cibolo. Call 370-5473 for more information.

**FSH SPORTS UPDATES**  
<http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/vcm/page.asp?pid=239>

## Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

### Announcements

#### Holiday Closures

Check the website at <http://www.FortSamHoustonMWR.com> for updates on holiday closures.

#### U.S. Army All-American Bowl

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be held Jan. 8 at noon in the Alamodome. Department of Defense I.D. cardholders can have up to four free tickets per person. Stop by the Ticket Office at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road or the 502 FSS marketing department, Building 124, Stanley Road. Call 226-1663 or 221-0012 for more information.

#### Free Holiday in Blue Tickets

Free tickets for the 2010 Holiday in Blue Dec. 12-14 at Laurie Auditorium on the Campus of Trinity University. Stop by the Ticket Office at the Sam Houston Community

Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road, or call 226-1663 for more information.

#### Golf Pro Shop Holiday Sale

The Pro Shop inside the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club at 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road is having their Christmas Sale through Dec. 24, the entire inventory will be discounted up to 50 percent. Receive free gift wrapping with any purchase of \$25 or more. Call 222-9836.

#### Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Repairs

Repairs to the air conditioning system at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center are underway. During each phase of repairs, equipment or activities may be relocated for continued use; however, some activities may be suspended until the repairs are complete. Call 221-1234.

#### Intramural Bowling

The deadline for intramural bowling letter of intent is Dec. 13. Submit letters at the Brigade Gym, Building 1281. Call 221-3003 for more information.

#### “Driving Miss Daisy” at the Harlequin Dinner Theater

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Dec. 18. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. with an 8 p.m. curtain. Tickets are \$33/civilians, \$30/military, \$26/students, and \$16.50/children 12 and under. Call 222-9694.

#### Microsoft Office

Dec. 9 – Word Level 2  
 Dec. 14 – Access Level 2  
 Dec. 15 – PowerPoint Level 1  
 Dec. 16 – PowerPoint Level 2  
 Classes are held 8 a.m.-noon at Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Registration is required. Call 221-2518/2705.

#### Teen Poetry Slam

The Teen Poetry Slam will be held Feb. 5. Informational mixers will be held Dec. 7 and 14 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Building 1630, Watkins Boulevard. Call 221-2055/0313.

### Calendar of Events

#### Dec. 9 Key Caller Training

The training is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

#### Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class is 10 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1612.

#### Breastfeeding Support Group

The group meets 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0326/0349.

#### TRICARE Information Seminar

The seminar is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 in Training Room 1. To register, call 221-2962/0600.

#### Immigration Services

Services will be available noon-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1861/2705.

#### CARE Team Training

The training is 1:30-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1829/2705.

#### Dec. 10 Federal Resume Writing

The class is class 9 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

#### Dec. 13 Pre-Deployment Planning

The class is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

#### Deployed Parenting

The class is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0326/0349.

#### Using Credit Wisely

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

#### Dec. 14 Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

The class is Dec. 14 and 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/2705.

#### Debt Liquidation

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

#### Sibling Rivalry

The class is 4:30-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0326/0349.

#### Dec. 15 Commander/Senior Leader Training

The training is 8-10 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2418.

#### Overseas Orientation

The training is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-9698/2418.

#### Dec. 16 General Resume Writing

The class is 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

#### Dec. 31 New Years Eve 5K Run/Walk

Runners should arrive at Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 11:30 p.m. Registration is free.



## REMINDER CALENDAR

- Dec. 9** TRICARE Information Seminar, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797
- Dec. 10** Federal Resume Writing Class, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center
- Dec. 10** IHG Hotels Open House, 2-5 p.m., Foulois House
- Dec. 16** General Resume Writing class, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797
- Dec. 31** New Years Eve 5K Run/Walk, 11:30 p.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center



### *Thought of the Week*

I have never let my schooling interfere  
with my education.

—Mark Twain