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Soldiers from the Texas National Guard arrive in Houston Aug. 27 to rescue stranded residents in areas flooded by Hurricane Harvey.

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Travelers urged to stay safe during extended Labor Day weekend

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The long Labor Day weekend marks the traditional end of summer and offers many Joint Base San Antonio service members, civilians and their families the final opportunity to take to the highways and byways for a summertime adventure.

It also marks the conclusion of the Air Force Summer Safety Campaign — and another reminder to stay safe while enjoying the fading days of summer. That safety message is especially important for travelers. As of July 30, the armed services has experienced 46 fatalities this summer, 34 of them vehicle-related.


“Driving accidents remain our No. 1 cause of fatalities,” said Travis Kilpack, 502nd Air Base Wing occupational safety manager. “Distracted driving is rapidly approaching the same level as drinking and driving. Add to this the desire to pack in as much as possible to a long weekend and folks will drive too far and not rest.”

Kilpack’s advice for travelers is to “rest and relax.”

“Enjoy time with family and friends, but take it easy,” he said. “If driving, get a good amount of rest before driving and take necessary breaks if you are on a long trip.”

Motorists should also make sure their vehicles are in proper working order before embarking on a journey, Kilpack said.

The American Red Cross offers a host of travel tips for Labor Day weekend, urging



TRAVEL
Avoid driving while fatigued.



GRILLING
Keep the grill and open flames at least 20 feet away from the house.



BOATING
Be cognizant of sudden weather changes.



SWIMMING
Always swim in designated swimming areas.

Mitigate common summertime risks with these tips.



EXERCISE
Drink fluids to avoid heat-related illness and dehydration.

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travelers to pay attention to the weather forecast for their destination; buckle up, slow down and not drink and drive; be well-rested and alert; use caution in work zones; observe speed limits; make frequent stops; be respectful of other motorists; and let someone know their destination, route and when they expect to arrive.

Sports and recreational activities also pose risks during Labor Day weekend, Kilpack said. Swimming and boating are two of those activities.

“Every summer we hear about someone drowning in a local lake or ocean — such as kids getting stuck in a riptide last summer on the Padre Island beach or a father drowning in Canyon Lake this summer after falling from a jet ski,”

he said. “In most cases these fatalities are preventable through proper preparation. All of these tragedies occurred because they didn’t have a proper personal flotation device.

“You need to wear your life vests, make your kids wear them when they’re in the ocean or on a boat and keep an eye on everyone,” Kilpack said. “Most of us think we can swim much farther than we actually can.”

Grilling in the backyard or at a park or campsite can also be dangerous, so taking the proper precautions is vital, he said.

“Keep your grill away from other flammables, such as gas tanks and fuels,” Kilpack said. “Grill outside, away from the building, and not in an enclosed garage or porch. And

refrain from horseplay around the grill or fire pit.”

The American Red Cross advises backyard chefs to make sure everyone stays away from the grill, use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill, never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited and always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when using grills.

Kilpack’s advice is to always keep safety first, no matter the activity.

“My tagline for many years has been ‘think safe, act safe, be safe,’ ” he said. “With that in mind, if you think about the activities you are considering and you act safely while planning and doing those activities, you will be safer.”

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JBSA joins Hurricane Harvey disaster relief efforts

By Dan Hawkins
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Several mission partners across the base have sprung into action setting up installation support bases to support Hurricane Harvey disaster relief operations across the south Texas region.

The hurricane, projected by weather forecasters to dump rain on the south Texas region for several more days, has necessitated the activation of both active duty military personnel and the entire Texas National Guard.

U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, is scheduled to deploy Task Force 51 to Kelly Field Annex adjacent to JBSA-Lackland to provide command and control over Title 10 assets, which will provide coordinated support to civil authorities. Task Force 51's mission is to deploy a contingency command post to

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LT. ZACHARY WEST

Soldiers from the Texas National Guard arrive in Houston Aug. 27 to aid citizens in heavily flooded areas from the storms of Hurricane Harvey.

U.S. ARMY NORTH PROVIDES SUPPORT TO HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

Matt Hopper, a telecommunications specialist for Task Force 51, Army North (Fifth Army), Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, conducts a vehicle inspection Aug. 28 of the sentinel mobile communication platform in preparation to provide support to civil authority in Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The sentinel can push information to customers within 15 to 30 minutes of arrival and fully set up within a few hours. TF-51 is scheduled to deploy to Kelly Field Annex, next to JBSA-Lackland, to provide command and control of Title 10 assets, which will also provide support to civil authority. The mission of TF-51 is Army North's contingency command post to conduct support for Defense Support of Civil Authority, or DSCA, homeland defense and theater security cooperation in order to promote defense and security of the United States.



SGT. 1ST CLASS SHELMAN SPENCER

URGENT NEWS BRIEFS FROM JBSA-RANDOLPH

JBSA-Randolph South Gate closed to normal traffic

Starting Aug. 30, only commercial vehicles, Federal Emergency Management Agency support vehicles and emergency response vehicles will be authorized entry and exit through the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph South Gate/vehicle inspection area. All other vehicles (i.e., privately owned vehicles) must use either the East, West or Main/Harmon Gate until further notice.

The South Gate commercial vehicle inspection gate will be open Saturday and Sunday (24/7) for FEMA trucks, emergency vehicles, and commercial deliveries only. Hours for the East, West, and Main/Harmon Gates will remain the same unless directed otherwise. Call the 902nd Security Forces Squadron Operations section at 210-652-1646 for questions or concerns.

Munitions Flight closure

The 12th Flying Training Wing Munitions Flight and munitions storage area will be closed to normal business the week of Sept. 11-15 to conduct its semiannual 100 percent inventory of ammunition and explosives. Only emergency issues can be honored during this period. Routine requests already should have been submitted for delivery the week prior, Sept. 5-8. Contact 12th Flying Training Wing MXMW munitions personnel at 652-6780 or 652-3361 for any questions or concerns.

BAMC invites new patients 65+ to enroll for primary care

By Elaine Sanchez
BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military family members and retirees over age 65 in the San Antonio area are invited to enroll for primary care at Brooke Army Medical Center.

BAMC currently has openings for new patients at Westover Medical Home on the Northwest side of San Antonio and the Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic located on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Both are equipped with on-site laboratories, pharmacies, radiology, physical therapy and behavioral health, and also offer extended evening hours.

BAMC leaders are hoping over-65 TRICARE beneficiaries who receive their primary care in the community will consider “coming home” to military health care.

“We are very pleased to invite these most-deserving patients to our world-class facilities,” said BAMC Commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson. “We consider it a tremendous privilege and an honor to care for those who have already given so much to our Nation.

“We’d like to provide primary, specialty, surgical and inpatient high-quality, patient-centered care for as many of our beneficiaries as possible,” the commander added.

BAMC embraces a patient-centered medical home model that fosters a partnership between patients and medical teams to meet preventive, routine and urgent needs. This team approach to health care includes licensed vocational nurses, registered nurses, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians working together to take care of

patients. “Our goal is to make our patients feel at home. We treat them as friends and as family, not just a number,” said Dr. Darii A. Lane, chief of the Westover Medical Home.

BAMC’s aim in increasing enrollment is to improve access to care for beneficiaries while enhancing medical readiness, which is a top priority for Army senior leaders. Military health care professionals must be prepared to deploy on short notice to provide lifesaving healthcare, and BAMC serves as a premier training platform for these professionals.

Beneficiaries must have Medicare Part B to enroll. Enrollment is limited. For more information, call 210-808-3805 or 210-221-8399 or email usarmy.jbsa.medcom-bamc.list.bamc-enrollment@mail.mil.



ROBERT SHIELDS

Maj. Amy Yau, a U.S. Army internal medicine physician, listens to Rebecca Haley's heartbeat during a routine checkup Aug. 25 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

METC uses hologram technology to train combat medics

By Lisa Braun
METC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Students in the Combat Medical Training program, Alpha Class 70-17 at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston gathered around Alonzo Gonzales, an emergency medical technician course instructor, Aug. 21 as he explained the morning's lesson.

The class was learning how to respond to a variety of obstetrics emergencies utilizing specialized training manikins in the OB lab and, as part of a new pilot program that kicked off a few days earlier, incorporating three-dimensional hologram images into the training. The Combat Medical Training program is the first METC program to incorporate hologram technology to augment training.

April Maher, an EMT instructor and the subject matter expert for the OB/Pediatrics hands-on training curriculum, said the holograms are of high quality and the 3D aspect en-



Alonzo Gonzales, a combat medic program emergency medical technician course instructor at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, lectures students in Alpha Class 70-17 about different obstetrics complications Aug. 21 using a training manikin.

hances the learning experience for the Soldier medics.

While the manikins resemble life-size pelvic cavities inside which the "fetus" can be positioned to replicate any number of complicated situations, the

holograms can depict different, true-to-life OB emergencies at different stages just by viewing the hologram from differing angles, providing the viewer with a realistic 3D view of the complications that cannot be

presented in a mannequin.

According to Maher, the technology has so far proven to add value to the hands-on training.

"I observed the students as they took their turn in the lab.

Their eyes widened and jaws dropped at the holograms displaying different birthing presentations," Maher said.

"I asked the students on their way out what they thought of the holograms and the lab. Some said it gave them a better concept of what was going on inside the mother and the fetus. It helped draw an actual picture of what was really happening and gave them an idea of how it looks in a real-world situation."

Overall, the students' impression of the technology is enthusiastic.

"I really like incorporating technology with learning," said Pfc. Matthew Monaghan, a student in the class. "The 3D technology really helps make it very realistic."

SpC. Nalisha Thompson, also a student, echoed Monaghan's sentiment. "It's different than watching a video and using the manikins," she stated. "It's really interesting."

When told the technology is new to the program, Thompson didn't hesitate to make a recommendation. "Keep it!"

Former USAISR commander to receive 'Icon in Surgery' award

By Dr. Steven Galvan
U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL
RESEARCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Add "Icon in Surgery" and an appointment as second vice president to the latest accolades and accomplishments of the illustrious military and medical career of Dr. Basil A. Pruitt Jr., a former commander and director of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Pruitt will be presented the

award and appointment during the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Diego, Calif., in October. A video to commemorate Pruitt's life and achievements will be played during the presentation.

"This award recognizes all the fine work of the physicians, scientists and nurses with whom I have collaborated at the ISR and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio," Pruitt said.

Pruitt's clinical work and

research has been centered on the surgical care of burn and trauma patients.

"My focus throughout the years and the focus of the men and women with whom I have worked have always been to improve the outcome of burn and trauma patients," Pruitt said.

Pruitt, a retired Army colonel, spent 35 years as an Army trauma surgeon. Following a year in Vietnam, first as chief



DR. STEVEN GALVANS

Dr. Basil A. Pruitt Jr., former commander and director of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, will be presented the "Icon in Surgery" award and appointed 2nd vice president of the American College of Surgeons during the annual surgical meeting in October in San Diego, Calif.

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DR. STEVEN GALVAN

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (left), U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general, gets a briefing about the research operating room by Sgc. Alexander Dixon (right) during a tour of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research recently at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston as (from left) U.S. Army North Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz; USAISR Deputy Commander, Col. (Dr.) Erik Weitzel, Sgt. Maj. William Poist, Anthony Pusateri, Ph.D., and Lt. Col. (Dr.) Ammon Brown look on.

AMEDD partners with ARNORTH, IMCOM

By U.S. Army Medical Department

The U.S. Army Medical Department Civilian Corps announces civilian career broadening opportunities through Employee Engagement made available on the Civilian Life Long Learning, or CL3, portal.

Department of the Army civilian employees located at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Department, Headquarters Installation Management Command Headquarters U.S. Army North may apply for opportunities announced.

This is a tri-partnership program among AMEDD, HQ IMCOM and HQ ARNORTH. These short-term project opportunities are competency based.

They are intended to provide broadening experience to build an employee's capability and capacity resulting in a cross-organizational experience hosted by one of the three commands participating within JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Employees who apply and are selected will be detailed for a period between 30 days and 120 days. A mobility agreement is not required.

Additional information may be found on the CL3 website at <https://hrcoe.amedd.army.mil/cl3/E2Broadening.aspx>. Click on "Employee Engagement" then "Career Broadening Opportunities."

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

JBSA-Camp Bullis notice

The Spc. Taylor J. Burke Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis has limited services available and is not equipped as an emergency or trauma facility. When active-duty members working or training at JBSA-Camp Bullis sustain minor injuries, the clinic can assist, but all emergencies should be transported by ambulance to a full-service medical facility, in accordance with JBSA-Camp Bullis range control instructions.

JBSA Ruck/Run for Life series of events

Date/Time: Sept 9, 10 and 16

Locations: JBSA installations

"Run for Life" events to promote suicide awareness and prevention begin 8-9:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Heritage Park featuring a 5K family bike ride. A second event takes place 8-9:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field featuring a 5K ruck and a food drive. The final event is a 5K run 8-9:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at JBSA-Lackland.

JBSA-FSH observes Women's Equality Day

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Madhu Sridhar, president of the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio area, addressed members of the Army's 106th Signal Brigade on the history of women's voting rights in the U.S. and about the importance of voting during the Women's Equality Day Observance Aug. 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The Women's Equality Day Observance, which was held at the Fort Sam Houston Theater and hosted by the 106th Signal Brigade, marks the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Aug. 18, 1920, which granted the women the right to vote. Women's Equality Day was established by Congress in 1971 and is observed Aug. 26.

Sridhar said the movement that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment started 72 years earlier with the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848.

"The right to vote came after decades of massive grassroots and peaceful civil rights efforts," Sridhar said. "It's a true testament to the power that women have when they come together, organize and fight for a cause."

Observing Women's Equality Day is a time to reflect on how far women have come in advancing their rights and assess how far they still need to go, Sridhar said.

She cited a study done by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey to show the growing

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Madhu Sridhar, San Antonio League of Women Voters president

influence of women voters. According to the study, the number of eligible female voters in the U.S. who said they voted in the 2016 election was 63.3 percent, compared to 59.3 percent for eligible men.

In addition, the number of female voters who are registered to vote in the U.S. has grown from 55.7 million in 1980 to 83.8 million in 2016. The number of women registered voters in 2016 was 10 million more than for men at 73.8 million.

But Sridhar said many eligible voters, men and women, are not exercising their right to vote, especially in Texas. During the 2012 election, less than 8 million of the 18.3 million Texas residents who were of voting age cast ballots.

"Our challenge is voter apathy," she said. "A representative democracy requires active participation, active engagement of its citizens. And if we don't participate, democracy doesn't work."

Sridhar said women have played a role in the military since Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man to fight in the Revolutionary

War. She noted the thousands of women who served in both World War I and World War II and the advancements women continue to make in the military, including being able to serve in combat and becoming Army Rangers.

"Today women account for approximately 15 percent of active-duty military personnel, 17 percent of active-duty officers and 15 percent of enlisted service members are women," Sridhar said. "There's not a more exciting time than now to be a woman in the military and in the United States. Many of you have chosen to put on the uniform and serve the United States to protect our freedoms and preserve our democracy."

"The right to vote is the foundation of this democracy," she added. "Without you, the right to vote and exercise that freedom would not be possible. I thank each of you."

Noting that it was her first time to observe Women's Equality Day with military service members, Sridhar said she was honored by the invitation of 106th Signal Brigade to speak. She said JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is a special place for her because it is where her daughter took the oath to become an officer in the Navy Reserve.

Spc. Takoyia Branham, 106th Signal Brigade information technology specialist, said she learned a lot from Sridhar's speech.

"She gave me a lot of knowledge of things that I didn't know about," Branham said. "I didn't think we were leading the men in voting since 1980. She gave a few key points that I really liked a lot, and she was funny."

MICC welcomes new command sergeant major

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command welcomed their new command sergeant major during an assumption-of-responsibility ceremony Aug. 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marco A. Torres became the command's fifth command sergeant major during the ceremony officiated by Col. William M. Boruff, the MICC commander. Also in attendance were military leaders from the installation, civic leaders and family members.

"Finding the right person for this job took time," Boruff said. "There are some things you just cannot rush, and our command needs a command sergeant major who is strong, composed, compassionate, experienced and with boundless energy. These characteristics are what you will find in Command Sergeant Major Torres."

Boruff added that the command sergeant major's experience with sustainment operations is highly valuable as the link between acquisitions and our customers at the tactical and operational level.

The assumption-of-responsibility ceremony included the

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Command Sgt. Maj. Marco A. Torres, Mission and Installation Contracting Command

passing of the MICC colors, which symbolize the heritage and history of the organization as well as unity and loyalty of its Soldiers. As the new MICC command sergeant major, Torres is the keeper of the colors.

He comes to the MICC from Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the command sergeant major of the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

"I'm humbled and honored at the incredible opportunity to lead the Soldiers and civilians of this amazing organization," Torres said.

During the ceremony, he recognized the increasing operational role by contracting Soldiers around the globe as well as direct impact by all members of the MICC in supporting Army materiel readiness.

"Now, more than ever, it is crucial to be ready," Torres added. "The Army chief of staff's top priority is readiness,

and my No. 1 priority is to ensure our Soldiers and civilians are completely trained and ready when our nation calls upon us."

He went on to thank those whose efforts before him established the command as a ready contracting force in support of combatant commanders as well as acknowledge the continued support by his family throughout his career.

Torres has served in a variety of leadership positions at levels of increasing responsibility in support of the warfighter. His operational assignments include deployments to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the MICC is made up of two contracting support brigades and two field directorate offices responsible for 31 subordinate contracting activities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The command consists of



DANIEL P. ELKINS

Command Sgt. Maj. Marco A. Torres addresses members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command and guests during an assumption-of-responsibility ceremony Aug. 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

about 1,500 military and civilian members who are responsible for contracting goods and services in support of Soldiers as well as readying trained contracting units for the operating force and contingency environment when called upon.

MICC contracts are vital in feeding more than 200,000

Soldiers every day, providing many daily base operations support services at installations, preparing more than 100,000 conventional force members annually, training more than 500,000 students each year, and maintaining more than 14.4 million acres of land and 170,000 structures.

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of professional services at the 12th Evacuation Hospital and then as chief of the trauma study section, U.S. Army Medical Research Team, Vietnam, he returned to the USAISR and commanded the Institute for 27 years (1968-1995) before he retired from military service.

After he retired, he accepted a faculty position as a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Pruitt has also fulfilled numerous visiting professorships and presented many lectures throughout the world.

He is a member of 38 professional societies and has authored or co-authored more than 470 published papers, 181 textbook chapters and 15 books and monographs. The distinguished awards that he has earned throughout his career are countless, but since 2007, he has been presented three lifetime achievement awards from the Society of University Surgeons, the American Burn Association and the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Pruitt shows no signs of slowing down. He is working with Dr. Leopoldo "Lee" Cancio, the USAISR Burn Center acting director, to write a book on the history of the Institute and highlight the evolutionary and revolutionary advances that have occurred in the treatment of patients with thermal and mechanical injuries.

"There's a lot that has been accomplished at the USAISR that deserves to be cited and extolled to illustrate the effectiveness of multidisciplinary research in addressing the problems of those injured in combat," Pruitt said. "I am

looking forward to documenting the benefits attributable to the program of integrated clinical and laboratory research that we developed at the USAISR."

Data generated in studies at USAISR have expanded the understanding of the pathophysiology of injury which by clinical application has increased survival and improved outcomes of the severely wounded.

These clinical results have in turn enhanced the scholarly productivity of the investigators, dozens of whom have become directors of burn and

trauma centers and units, and 17 of whom have become chairmen of departments of surgery, medicine, and pathology at medical schools in the U.S. and other nations

The Institute's success has been recognized and emulated globally, as reflected by the establishment of similar biomedical research programs in the United States and other countries. Pruitt is certain that current and future studies conducted by present-day USAISR staff members and by ISR alumni will further improve care and increase the survival of combat casualties.

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59th Medical Wing Airman named Outstanding Airman of the Year

By Senior Airman
William Blankenship
59TH MEDICAL WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A 59th Medical Wing Airman's personal commitment, hard work and dedication to her unit's success, was recognized when she was chosen as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2017.

"I honestly don't feel like I deserved all that," Senior Airman Moore, 59th MWD medical technician said. "So many Airmen work so hard everyday, many of which go unnoticed. I really feel blessed for having great leadership putting in (application packets) for me."

An Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center considered 36 nominees from major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and Headquarters Air Force. The board selected the final 12 Airmen based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements. Moore was one of the 12 Airmen.

Opting to forgo a partial academic scholarship to the College of Charleston and the student loan burden that would follow, Moore became the first member of her family to wear the Air Force uniform and serve her country.

Listing benefits such as travel, education, and the wide variety of experiences available in the Air Force, the native from Myrtle Beach, S.C. went to a local recruiter and began her journey as an Airman.



Senior Airman Nicole Moore, 59th Medical Wing medical technician, was recognized July 7 as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2017.

Originally drawn to being a paralegal, Moore enlisted as a medic. She arrived at basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, remaining in San Antonio through her technical training. As her first duty assignment, Moore currently works at the 59th MDW urgent care department.

While working at the 59th MDW, Moore attended the medical wing's Gateway Academy. The center provides instruction on innovative problem solving techniques, inspires people to challenge the

status quo, and teaches leadership skills that foster empowerment, trust, and respect.

"During my time in the internal medicine clinic, I was able to take what I learned in the Gateway (Academy) and improve an injection process for pneumonia in elderly patients," she said. "Through the process improvement adjustments, we saved over \$70,000. That sort of jump-started my success story, I guess."

The budding 59th MDW star was recognized as the wing's Airman of the Quarter shortly before taking her talents over-

seas for her first deployment. Moore continued to excel while in Southwest Asia, being selected to serve as the command chief's executive assistant for part of her tour while serving as a deployed medic.

"The best experience of my career so far, by far, was my deployment," she said. "Not that you want to see trauma, but being able to help in desperate situations was just a different experience. There were blast injuries, gunshot wounds, and I was able to really use my training in a hands-on environment."

In a defining moment during the medic's deployment, Moore was preparing for another day at her medical facility when she heard a sound she will never forget.

"On (Nov. 12), we had a suicide attack on base. I got up that morning like any other day, just getting dressed in the bathroom, doing my hair, and then boom," she said. "All these alarms started going off and we went to the hospital as all these patients started rushing in screaming, 'ground attack!' We were trying to do patient care while geared up with weapons, and everything was just very chaotic. Then they had people on base shooting, while we were trying to save lives and you just do whatever you have to at the moment. It sounds like it was a terrible experience, but I can't wait to go back and deploy again."

Moore switched from internal medicine to the urgent care unit shortly after returning to San Antonio from deployment. She credits her deployment experience for her preparation for daily emergency response.

As one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, Moore will now attend various events, representing the Air Force and her 59th MDW family, throughout the next year.

"This is all really crazy," she said. "I'm just a country girl, daddy's girl, from South Carolina who likes to be outside riding dirt bikes, four-wheelers and fishing. But, I'm just very thankful. This is great."

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24th AF mission continues to grow after eight years

By 1st Lt Lauren Woods
24TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 24th Air Force held a celebratory cake-cutting and burger burn Aug. 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to celebrate eight years of Air Force Cyber.

The numbered Air Force, which serves as the Air Force component of U.S. Cyber Command, is responsible for planning and conducting cyberspace operations in support of combatant commands.

The 24th AF was activated at then Lackland Air Force Base Aug. 18, 2009 under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Richard Webber. At its onset, the 24th AF consisted of two wings as well as the 624th Operations Center. The 5th Combat Communications Group (then 5th Combat

Communications Wing) would not be added until October of the same year.

Since 2009, change has been constant as the organization matures and grows. Today, the 24th AF consists of 31,000 active-duty military and civilians, plus an additional 13,000 Guardsmen and Reservists.

The mission has also grown and now is encapsulated by its six lines of effort, known by the moniker BOSDEE: Build, Operate, Secure, Defend, Extend and Engage.

"If you think about what we have done in only eight years, no other domain can match the learning curve that we have followed and that is entirely due to the hard work of the Airmen and civilians of this institution," said Maj. Gen. Chris Weggeman, 24th Air Force commander.



1ST LT. LAUREN WOODS /
Airman Celeste Perry (right), 68th Network Warfare Squadron and the youngest 24th Air Force Airman in San Antonio, joins Maj. Gen. Chris Weggeman (left), 24th AF commander, in cutting the cake to celebrate the numbered Air Force's eighth birthday Aug. 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.



Guy Fieri (center), an American restaurateur, author and television personality, visits with Joint Base San Antonio Airmen during a two-day visit at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Fieri visited JBSA-Lackland to film an upcoming episode of his television show, Guy's Family Road Trip. The visit started with an invitation from the Battlefield Airmen for Guy and his son, Hunter, to skydive with them. The visit also included Chef Robert Irvine and technical training students from the 344th Training Squadron who cooked a feast to thank JBSA Airmen for their service.

GUY'S FAMILY ROAD TRIP VISITS JBSA-LACKLAND



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Guy Fieri (left), an American restaurateur, author and television personality, prepares for a tandem jump June 19 with Master Sgt. Ronald Helm, 350th Battlefield Airman Training Squadron, during a two-day visit at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

JBSA CONGRATULATES ITS NEWEST STAFF SERGEANT SELECTS

The Air Force released the 2017 staff sergeant promotion list Aug. 24, 2017. There were 14,181 Airmen selected for promotion with a 44.31 percent selection rate Air Force wide. For a complete list of the selected Airmen from Joint Base San Antonio, visit www.jbsa.mil. For an additional photo of staff sergeant selectees from JBSA-Randolph, see page 15.



Staff sergeant selectees gather for a group photo Aug. 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

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LACKLAND BRIEFS

Employment workshop

Date/Time: Sept. 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249

Participants review the federal employment process, resume writing techniques, interviewing skills and how to dress for success. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

From Camo to Classroom

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249

Attendees interested in teaching students in grades k-12 will meet with representatives from Region 20 Education Service Center and learn how to obtain teaching certificates through traditional, alternative and ROTC routes. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

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SEAN M. WORRELL

Staff Sgt. selectees gather for a group photo in front of the Taj Mahal Aug. 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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conduct support for Defense Support of Civil Authority, homeland defense and theater security cooperation in order to promote the defense and security of the United States.

“We [ARNORTH] are prepared to help the State of Texas and FEMA with saving lives.” said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, ARNORTH commander. “So far, they have done a great job responding to the needs of the people, but the weather isn’t breaking so we will stay vigilant and increase our posture to assist as needed.”

At JBSA-Seguin, the Defense Logistics Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, with the support of the 502nd Air Base Wing, set up an Incident Support Base operation Aug. 24. The mission includes pre-positioning of supplies including water, meals, blankets and other resources closer to the

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affected areas. During normal operations, Seguin Auxiliary Airfield is owned and operated by JBSA and serves as a flying training location for pilots from the 12th Flying Training Wing, located at JBSA-Randolph

A second ISB is being coordinated for stand-up at JBSA-Randolph to help manage overflow from the Seguin operation with the support of both the 502nd ABW and the 12th FTW.

Seven Critical Air Transport teams from the 59th Medical Wing and the Air Force Medical Operations Agency at JBSA-Lackland will be deploying to the Houston area to set up a Deployed Aeromedical Staging

Facility. This facility will be staffed with a total force package of active duty and National Guard, as well as FEMA personnel.

JBSA-Camp Bullis has been tapped as a bed-down location for both the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard, which was activated for the relief efforts.

The 502nd ABW Emergency Operations Center has been at the hub of emergency management actions since the storm began to threaten landfall on Aug. 24.

“We stood up (Aug. 24) and we have been manned 24 hours a day since with a cadre of very

experienced and dedicated emergency managers and emergency support function representatives from the 502nd ABW and 59th MDW,” Col. Jonathon Wright, 502nd Installation Support Group commander and EOC director. “The EOC has provided a critical link between the JBSA Crisis Action Team for strategic command and control to the Unit Control Centers for tactical execution. We also have representatives from the Port of San Antonio and the Air Force liaison officer to FEMA, as well as maintaining communication with the city of San Antonio’s EOC.”

“This is why we are here,”

Wright said. “Our job requires us to be ready to coordinate across multiple command and jurisdictions in an efficient manner that maximizes resources across JBSA.”

Since standing up, the EOC has been supporting a variety of Hurricane Harvey missions, both across JBSA and to the areas of Corpus Christi, Houston, and Dallas/Ft Worth. In addition to previously mentioned missions, the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron has been working around the clock to respond to JBSA-specific storm damage, while personnel from both the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 902nd Security Forces Squadron to provide military working dog support and refueling support for the President’s visit to Corpus Christi, Wright said.

“The bottom line is JBSA’s (and the 502nd ABW) mission is to set up all our mission partners for success in accomplishing their mission,” Wright said. “Our success is their success.”

RANDOLPH

12th Flying Training Wing has a new squadron

By Tech. Sgt. Ave I. Young
502ND AIR BASE WING
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The 12th Training Squadron was activated Aug. 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph under the 12th Operations Group.

When the Air Force expanded undergraduate remotely piloted aircraft pilot production its school had to adapt to support students' needs.

"We recognized that there was a very large student population here at Randolph with the 558th Flying Training Squadron," said Lt. Col. Brian McKay, 12th TRS commander. "We saw the need to activate a squadron that will provide leadership, mentoring and care," McKay said.

The student population fluctuates as commissioning happens, but on average there are between 450 and 600 students assigned to the 12th FTW. The 558th FTS also provides technical training for enlisted RPA sensor operators.

"It is my earnest commitment that while students are here, under our care, the noble obligation of command will be honored and our Airmen will be cared for. They will be molded and prepared to be the warriors, wingmen, and leaders our country needs them to be," said Col. Jupe Etheridge, the 12th Operations Group commander during the TRS's activation ceremony inside Hangar 5.

Unlike some unit activations that result from adding permanent staff, this one involved an internal reorganization.

"The biggest benefit is going to be to the students, primarily because our entire mission is to focus on them," McKay said.

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The 12th TRS is forming its own identity just like Air Force squadrons have been doing since 1947.

"These are all brand-new Airmen. It's neat to start a new unit pretty much from scratch, from designing the patch and an emblem to picking a mascot and getting a new building."

Its Airmen chose a green horned bull for their mascot because it embodies each member's newness. Likewise, the bull's character is a reminder of the hard work, methodical process, and determination that will be necessary in the profession of arms.

The squadron's patch depicts a dark background representing both the future and potential for each student.

McKay said the mission statement for the 12th TRS is motivate, train, and inspire.



JOEL MARTINEZ

Col. Jupe A. Etheridge (left), 12th Operations Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Brian E. McKay, 12th Training Squadron commander, during the 12th TRS's activation and assumption-of-command ceremony Aug. 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Hangar roof replacement program underway at JBSA-Randolph

Age and elements have taken their toll

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph is in the midst of a roof replacement program that will result in new roofs for five hangars, including two hangars that house three flying training squadrons.

When the \$6.9 million program is completed, hangars 12, 41, 61, 64 and 75 will have new roofs. Hangar 12 is home to the 99th FTS and the 560th FTS, while hangar 64 houses the 559th FTS.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the construction agent for the roof replacements," said Tom Moore, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron project manager and liaison with the corps. "They approve submittals, inspect the work, check for safety procedures and do the final inspections."

In addition to the installation of new metal roofing material, the project requires the replacement of the roof substrate, gutters and downspouts.

Age and the elements take their toll on roofs, which have a life expectancy of 35 to 40 years, Moore said.

"It's time to replace them when they're leaking on a habitual ba-



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sis," he said. "It's especially important in hangars where aircraft are kept because you don't want them subjected to moisture."

The roofs also have a preservation function — ensuring the integrity of flying squadrons' memorabilia.

"In addition to training up over 100 T-38 instructors per year, our squadron hosts numerous high-profile events, including the annual Freedom Flyer Reunion," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Elza, 560th FTS commander. "The newly renovated roof makes the building look pristine and keeps it watertight. This is extremely important, as many of the relics from the Freedom Flyer era are housed and displayed in the squadron."

"Ensuring those mementos from our rich lineage are pre-

served is an important part of being able to continue carrying the message of heroism and resiliency of our nation's heroes to all of our visitors," Elza said.

Another round of roof replacements at JBSA-Randolph is scheduled to begin this fall. Buildings 200, 861, 905, 977 and 1039, which all have flat roofs, will feature polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, roofing, which is easier to repair and more durable than the present bituminous material, Moore said. Building 499's roof is made of the clay tile that is characteristic of structures throughout JBSA-Randolph.

"Those roofs are well past their life expectancy," he said.

The Air Force Installation Contracting Agency will handle that project, Moore said.

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American Fighter Aces Reunion

Date/Time: Sept. 8, 3-7:30 p.m.
Location: Parr O-Club, JBSA-Randolph
Join us for an evening to honor American fighter aces. Aces will recount their acts of valor followed by a meet and greet social.

Military USA Team Challenge

Date: Sept. 9
Location: JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake
The Military USA Team Challenge takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 9. Those interested in participating must sign up by

Aug. 24. This event is open to E1-E5 and O1-O2. Bus transportation is available upon request at all three JBSA locations. For more information, call 652-7355 or 652-2740.

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