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Leaders sign Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
Army North Public Affairs

"I am your sister. I am your mother. I am your friend and I am your shipmate. I am a survivor of sexual assault."

With these words, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alissa Ropicky told the story of the day in 2005 when she was raped by a fellow Sailor.

Ropicky told her story April 3 to military personnel at Warfighter and Family Readiness on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, where they gathered to witness the signing of the Commanders' Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which



IT'S TIME ... TO TALK ABOUT IT!
Talk early, talk often. Prevent sexual violence.

is in April.

SAAM is an annual campaign to educate members of the military community how to prevent sexual violence, as well as letting service members, civilians and families know the difference between sexual assault and consensual sexual contact.

This year's SAAM theme is "We own it ... we'll solve it ... together."

"While Sexual Assault Aware-

ness Month is a great start to awareness, every month is Sexual Assault Awareness Month," said Sgt. 1st Class Adam Mayo, equal opportunity advisor, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

"As parents, friends, leaders, and role models, we have an obligation to take care of each other," Mayo said. "Preventing sexual harassment and assault is everyone's business."

Commanders from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps then signed the Commanders' Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness.

The proclamation stressed the

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Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, commander, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing, signs the Commanders' Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness April 3 during the installation's Sexual Assault Awareness Month observance at Warfighter and Family Readiness.

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Reductions won't affect most TRICARE Prime beneficiaries

Despite upcoming service area reductions, TRICARE Prime will remain a health care option for 97 percent of the more than 5 million beneficiaries eligible for the health care plan, Military Health System officials said April 5.

The 3 percent difference, which comprises about 171,000 beneficiaries who mostly reside more than 40 miles from a military clinic or hospital, automatically will revert to the TRICARE Standard health care option Oct. 1, officials said.

Those beneficiaries recently received a letter explaining their options, and they will receive a reminder letter in June or July.

"The first thing TRICARE beneficiaries should know about the reduction in the number of Prime service areas is that it doesn't mean they're losing their TRICARE benefit," said Dr. Jonathan Woodson,



assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

"Next, it's important to remember this change does not affect most of the more than 5 million people using TRICARE Prime, and [it affects] none of our active duty members and their families."

As a follow-up to the initial notification, he noted, a second letter will be mailed in early summer to make sure all affected beneficiaries have the time and information to make important decisions about their future health care options.

The TRICARE website has the most current

details at <http://www.tricare.mil/PSA> and gives beneficiaries the option to sign up for email updates. A ZIP code tool is available on the site to help beneficiaries determine if they live in an affected Prime service area.

As always, officials said, TRICARE beneficiaries still are covered by TRICARE Standard. For those living within 100 miles of a remaining Prime service area, they added, re-enrolling in Prime may be an option, depending on availability. To do this, beneficiaries must waive their drive-time standards and possibly would need to

travel long distances for primary and specialty care.

"I urge all impacted beneficiaries to carefully consider their health care options – they should talk them over with family members and their current health care provider," Woodson said.

"Many beneficiaries may be able to continue with their current provider using the Standard benefit. Being close to your health care team usually offers the best and safest access to care."

In TRICARE Prime, those enrolled are assigned a primary care provider who manages their health care. Retirees pay an annual enrollment fee and have low out-of-pocket costs under this plan.

TRICARE Standard is an open-choice option with no monthly premiums and no need for referrals, but there are cost shares and an annual deductible.

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officials first planned to reduce the number of Prime service areas in 2007, when it requested bids for the third generation of regional health care support contracts.

The areas being eliminated are not close to existing military treatment facilities or sites affected by base realignments and closures. Prolonged protests resulted in a staggered transition, officials said, and the decision was made to keep all Prime service areas in place until all three contracts were in place. The West region completed its transition April 1.

Eliminating select Prime service areas allows TRICARE and the Defense Department to better control costs while continuing to deliver a high-quality health care benefit to all 9.6 million TRICARE beneficiaries, officials said.

(Source: Military Health System, <http://www.health.mil>)

MilPDS upgrade complete: Review emergency contact information

By **Debbie Gildea**
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

If you married, have a new address or experienced significant life changes in March, you should review your emergency contact information to ensure it is accurate, Air Force Personnel Center officials advised.

The Military Personnel Data System manages

such military personnel and pay information as accessions, separations, retirements, promotions, reenlistments, training, mobilization and casualties.

Because the system was outdated and required a complete upgrade, officials shut down the system for 17 days in March.

"During the upgrade, some individual information in the virtual Record

of Emergency Data could not be updated, like marital status and personal addresses," said Matt Siwicke, with AFPC casualty affairs.

The DD Form 93, "Record of Emergency Data," is the source document required by law to provide emergency contact information and beneficiary designations in the event an Airman becomes a casualty. The vRED, accessible through

virtual Military Personnel Flight, satisfies that requirement.

"It is your responsibility to keep this information current and completion of the document is mandatory," Siwicke said. "If any of your applicable information changes, your vRED should be updated as soon as possible."

Siwicke also urged Airmen to review and make appropriate chang-

es to the unpaid pay and allowance recipient, death gratuity recipient, and person authorized to direct disposition fields to ensure they are accurate, now that the conversion is complete.

For more information about the MilPDS conversion, emergency contact data and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.



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Special Soldier Show for Month of Military Child

In celebration of Month of the Military Child, a special edition of the "Soldier Show" will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, Building 2270. Army Entertainment kicks off the 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour and celebrates the 30th anniversary of the modern-day "Soldier Show." Admission is free on a first-come, first-seated basis. In addition, the first 50 youths to confirm their attendance on the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Facebook page will receive special seating, a VIP backstage tour and meet the Soldier Show cast.

Lincoln Military Housing Offices Closed Friday

The Lincoln Military Housing Offices will be closed Friday for a professional staff function and resume normal operational hours at 8 a.m. Monday. For maintenance emergencies, call 225-5564. For all other emergencies, call 911.

Band of the West Presents Fiesta In Blue

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West presents their annual Fiesta in Blue concert at 7 p.m. April 24 at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theater on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, located at 5504 Stewart Ave. The performance is free, but tickets are required. For tickets, contact the ITT offices on JBSA-Lackland at 671-3133, JBSA-Randolph at 652-5640, or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378. Gate access is required to attend the performance. Doors open one hour beforehand and seats not claimed 15 minutes before the performance will be made available to non-ticket holders.

Military Clothing Sales Offer Free Alterations For Wounded Warriors

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers free alterations and modifications for severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers at all 79 Army Military Clothing stores around the world. This Army-led initiative ensures all wounded Soldiers receive free alterations and modifications on all issued uniforms in accordance with the Wounded Warrior Clothing Support Program, to include the Army Service,

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Gold Star Wives Day honors spouses of fallen service members

By Sgt. Lee Ezzell
ARNORTH Public Affairs

More than 20 survivors who had lost their spouses gathered April 5 at the Survivor Outreach Services Hall of Remembrance to mark the second annual Gold Star Wives Day.

The survivors, who live in the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community, made the day about each other, opting for a casual lunch and quiet conversation as opposed to a ceremony.

In the past, the Gold Star Wives would generally have functions with the members of the

Gold Star Mothers organization.

This event was specifically set up for the wives, said James Stokes, Survivor Outreach Services coordinator, adding that he often sees that a mother of a fallen service member wants to remember differently than a spouse of a fallen service member.

"It's just a different dynamic," Stokes said. "Gold Star Wives Day is a day of recognition for individuals who have lost their loved ones, their spouses, while in the service to their nation" said Marlene Nash, community and family support officer for the



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), thanks Gold Star Wives Meka Durham (center) and Charmaine McMillen (right) for their sacrifice during the casual lunch April 5 at the Survivor Outreach Services' Hall of Remembrance.

Army Support Activity on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

"I don't look at it as a day to have a pity party,

but a day to get together, to talk and to bond," said Raquel Scates, a Gold Star Wife.

Karen Riecke, also a Gold Star Wife, spoke of how the bonding is important to each of them.

"We celebrate each other, knowing we have each other to count on not just to help us through the bad times but to celebrate the good times as well," she said.

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen, deputy commanding general for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), who attended the luncheon, spoke with the wives and listened to their stories.

McQueen chatted with many of the survivors over pizza and salads asked about their lives, while also thanking them for their sacrifice.

"Honoring and thanking these survivors is the least we can do for those who have lost someone so special to them," he said.

Volpe retires after 30 years of service, AMEDDC&S gains new leader



Photo by Esther Garcia

Retired Maj. Gen. Darrel Porr (left), former commander Army Medical Department Center and School and Surgeon to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe at a retirement and retreat ceremony April 5 at the main flagpole in honor of Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe. Volpe retires with 30 years of service.

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

In the presence of more than 1,500 Soldier medics and cadre assembled on MacArthur Parade Field April 5, outgoing Army Medical Department Center and School commander Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe relinquished command to Col. Randall Anderson, the former AMEDDC&S chief of staff.

AMEDDC&S is made up of more than 2,700 staff and faculty and more than 5,000 personnel assigned for training with the 32nd Medical Brigade, the largest training brigade in the Army.

It also trains and

educates medical personnel, develops training products to support the medical force, designs force structure, envisions operational concepts and sustains a professional workforce to deliver a premier medical force.

"Today, we ensure the continuity of command continues with distinction at the Army's most important training facility, the Army Medical Department Center and School," said Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, who hosted the ceremony.

Horoho said the

relinquishment of command is less about the men and women who serve as commanders and more about the continuity of the Army, and Army Medicine.

"Volpe understood better than most, that we are in a different era since 9/11," she said. "We had to change the business practices of military medicine.

"He was proactive in leading Army Medicine's adaptation to changing environments and potential contingencies, in areas unnoticed by many, in support of Army 2020," Horoho added.

The Army surgeon general thanked Volpe for his repeated deployments, to places like Panama during Operation Just Cause, to Somalia for Operation

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Beyond the Horizon exercise kicks off in El Salvador

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt
Beyond the Horizon Joint
Task Force Jaguar Public Affairs

After months of preparation, Joint Task Force Jaguar arrived in El Salvador, along with more than 75 other service members, to finalize plans for the comprehensive joint exercise Beyond the Horizon El Salvador 2013.

The effort of operations at the moment is ensuring the task force is prepared to meet mission requirements once units begin arriving.

“Our primary focus is preparing our life support system and getting our operations set up, so when rotational units begin arriving, we can hit the ground running,” said Lt. Col. Raymond

Valas, Joint Task Force Jaguar commander.

“There are folks working all day and night to get this place operational. We have moved nearly 100 pieces of cargo from the port to DM6 (Military Detachment 6) over the past week, which is no small feat.”

Doing all that is a difficult process that requires a great deal of coordination by operations personnel.

“The operations staff is occupied ensuring containers and personnel are coordinated successfully,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Szczepkowski, operations noncommissioned officer for the task force. “Right now, personnel safety and successful transfer of containers are of the

highest priority.”

Beyond the Horizon is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored, U.S. Army South-planned and -led annual humanitarian and civic assistance exercise.

The exercise provides construction and medical assistance to partner nations throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Beyond the Horizon generally takes place in rural, underprivileged areas and is a major component of the U.S. military’s regional engagement efforts. It also affords a unique opportunity to train U.S. service members alongside partner nation personnel, while providing needed services to communities throughout the region.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Simons (right) transports equipment from a staging yard to the Tactical Operations Center on Military Detachment 6 as Salvadoran Soldier Roman Antonio Magana holds open the gate at Sonsonate in El Salvador March 21. Members of Joint Task Force Jaguar arrived in March to finalize plans for the Beyond the Horizon-El Salvador exercise.

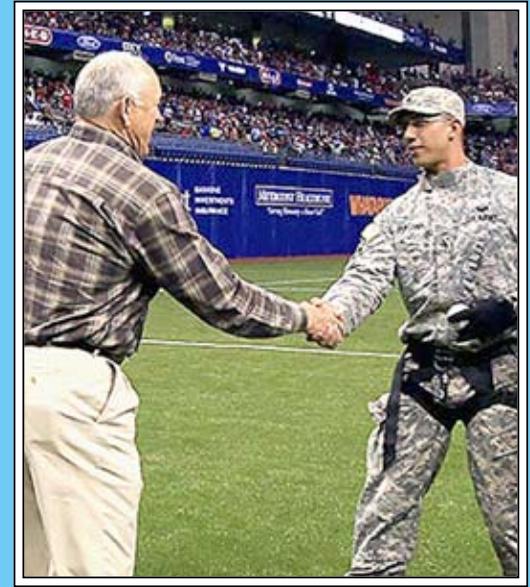
ARMY NORTH SOLDIERS RAPPEL INTO RANGER-PADRES GAMES



Sgt. Salvador B. Quintana from the U.S. Army North Headquarters Support Company rappels from the roof of San Antonio's Alamodome while carrying the game ball before the start of the Texas Rangers-San Diego Padres exhibition baseball game March 30. The game was the second of two games played as part of the "Big League Weekend" March 29 and 30. It was the first time in the 20-year history of the Alamodome that a baseball game of any kind had taken place in the facility.



San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro (left) accepts the baseball from Sgt. Salvador B. Quintana and Sgt. 1st Class Cecil L. Dawson from the U.S. Army North Headquarters Support Company before the March 30 game. Castro threw out the first pitch prior to the exhibition game between the Texas Rangers and the San Diego Padres. Dawson had brought the ball in for the March 29 game.



Photos by Kelly Gavin, Texas Rangers Baseball Club
Texas Rangers CEO and Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan (left) greets Sgt. Salvador B. Quintana before the start of the game between the Texas Rangers and the San Diego Padres March 30. More than 75,000 people saw the Rangers sweep the two games against the Padres.

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Combat and Improved Physical Fitness uniforms as well as undergarments. Eligible Soldiers must present an approved Army Form 3078 along with the prescribed modifications by their physical or occupational therapist to receive free services.

CPAC Furlough Call Center

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center established a Furlough Call Center. If people have any furlough questions, they can call 466-3065 or 221-1425 or email usarmy.jbsa.hqda-cpac.mbx.inquiry@mail.mil. For the latest furlough information, visit the CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/>.

Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline was created to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received and is available around the clock at 800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at wfsupport@amedd.army.mil.

SAMMC Dining Renovations

The San Antonio Military Medical Center's main dining facility and Grab-n-Go are undergoing renovations this month. The Rucksack and the Café Express on the first level of the new tower will remain open. Several temporary dining options will be available, such as the "Market on the Green," a temporary structure located outside the Garden entrance. There will also be two new Grab-n-Go kiosks: "The Renovation Station" located near women's health clinic and "The Salad Stop," located between the pharmacy and laboratory.

Claims Office Self-Service Kiosk

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Claims Office has installed a self-service kiosk at its location in Building 153 on Wilson Way. The desktop terminal is for submitting claims online via the Defense Property System website. For more information, call 221-2161/1973.

Customer Care Center at CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. For more information, call 221-1425.

DOD civilian outreach program gets inside look at Army elements of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart and Sgt. Lee Ezzell
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Members of the Department of Defense-sponsored outreach program, the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, toured Army organizations at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 27 as part of the Defense Orientation Conference Association's visit to the JBSA area.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV kicked off the bi-annual visit at the command's main conference room by explaining the mission of Army North and how it improves relations with its partner nations, Mexico and Canada, and the role the command plays in its homeland security mission.

Caldwell, the commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, along with Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, Army North's deputy commanding general for operations, spoke to the attendees on current events within the military overall and fielded questions from the DOCA members as well.

"I want to thank you for what you all do and for taking the time to want to learn about us, and this program," Caldwell said. "I especially want the American people to know why we serve them."

Following the Army North briefing, DOCA members visited with



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Dr. Becky Hooper, program manager, Center for the Intrepid, begins a tour of the CFI by describing the unique method used to build the Center. Members of the Defense Orientation Conference Association listen to the briefing March 27 during their visit to Brooke Army Medical Center.

the other major Army commands on the installation, to include Mission and Installation Contracting Command,

Installation Management Command and Brooke Army Medical Center and also toured the Center for the Intrepid.

The DOCA members said they appreciated what they were seeing

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Army South Soldiers participate in Bataan Memorial Death March

By Capt. Sharron L. Stewart
U.S. Army South G6

Neither howling 35 mph winds, an elevation of more than 4,000 feet, nor 26.2 miles of rugged, desert terrain could keep 15 U.S. Army South Soldiers from completing the 24th Annual/71st Commemorative Bataan Memorial Death March held March 17 at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Army South competitors differed in ages, experience and participation categories, but all 15 successfully completed the march.

"It was one of the most challenging things I have ever done, but also one of the most reward-



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from U.S. Army South prepare to start the 26.2-mile Bataan Death March held March 17 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. From left are Sgt. 1st. Class Terrance Houser, Sgt. Marco Borrego, Staff Sgt. Adam Flores, Maj. Mike Healy and Sgt. Robert Pontious. The Soldiers participated in the heavy category and carried 35-pound ruck sacks for the duration on the event.

ing," said Col. Eugenia H. Snead, Army South deputy commander for support.

This year's march

included approximately 6,000 participants, including U.S. service members from all services, as well as wound-

ed warriors, U.S. civilians and military members from other countries.

The original "death march" started April 9, 1942 in the Philippines. Members of the Imperial Japanese Army forced almost 80,000 American and Filipino Soldiers to march approximately 80 miles in a short period of time, resulting in an extremely high fatality rate.

The prisoners weren't supplied with food or water and were often beaten and even bayoneted if they appeared to slow down. Those who survived the march went on to face the hardships of a prisoner of war camp.

This year's memorial

event in New Mexico was attended by 12 of those original survivors from 1942.

One of the survivors, currently 95 years old, walked the last part of the route for eight miles and several of the survivors shook the hands of participants at the start of the 26.2-mile route.

"It was difficult, but the challenge was rewarding," said Sgt. Robert A. Pontious, ARSOUTH Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. "Seeing the faces of the survivors and how excited they were because of the event makes it that much better. It lets them know that we

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Local military adjusts Fiesta participation

Sequestration and other budgetary restrictions are compelling Joint Base San Antonio organizations to modify participation in this year's Fiesta San Antonio events.

However, military participation in Fiesta will continue in parades and other events which do not incur additional costs.

As a result, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Family Carnival and Fireworks Extravaganza scheduled for April 21 have been cancelled.

However, the Army

team at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston will host a band concert and Soldier Show in the historic Quadrangle at 5:30 p.m. April 21. All members of the community who have access to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston are invited to attend.

Also, the 323rd Army Band, "Fort Sam's Own" and the U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform at the Alamo at 11 a.m. April 24.

In addition, the U.S. Air Force Band of the West's 2013 Fiesta in Blue performance has

been moved to the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theater, located at 5504 Stewart Ave. on JBSA-Lackland at 7 p.m. April 24. All members of the community who have access to JBSA-Lackland are invited to attend.

For tickets, contact the ITT offices on JBSA-Lackland at 671-3133, JBSA-Randolph at 652-5640 and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378.

(Source: JBSA Public Affairs)

RECENT RETIREES RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Retirees are at attention as they prepare to sing the Army song for the last time in uniform at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Retirement Ceremony at the Quadrangle March

28. From left are Lt. Col. Bob Griffith, U.S. Army Medical Command; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jose Medinaramo, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army); 1st Sgt. David Roels, ARNORTH; Master Sgt. Natalie Mosley-Carter, 637th Regional Support Group; Sgt. 1st Class Javier Cardenas, 705th Support Battalion Fort Polk, La.; and Staff Sgt. Jason Gilmore, 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," ARNORTH. The retirees were recognized, along with their families, for their distinguished and selfless service to the nation.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

IMCOM welcomes new deputy commander for operations

By Luke Elliott
IMCOM Public Affairs

U.S. Army Installation Management Command Soldiers and civilians welcomed Brig. Gen. Jason T. Evans as the new deputy commander for operations during a ceremony March 28 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

Prior to arriving at IMCOM, Evans served as the Adjutant General of the Army and executive director of the Military Postal Agency.

“Machelle and I are excited to have the opportunity to begin another chapter of our Army journey here in the great city of San Antonio,” Evans said.

“I am particularly honored to be able to serve as a member of the Installation Management

Command team and to serve with the thousands of dedicated IMCOM professionals as we endeavor through inspired leadership to deliver programs and services to achieve the greatest positive impact for Soldiers, families, civilians and veterans.

“We are the Army’s home,” Evans added.

“His advice, his counsel and his leadership really has shaped today’s Army, and today, we are glad to have him,” said Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general.

During the ceremony, Ferriter joked that others have accused him of stacking the IMCOM deck once again by bringing Evans onboard to serve as deputy commander for operations.

“Yes we have,” Ferriter said. “He’s the perfect person to lead IMCOM



Photo by Luke Elliott

Brig. Gen. Jason T. Evans and his wife, Machelle, greet U.S. Army Installation Management Command employees at the end of a welcoming ceremony March 28. Evans assumed duties at the IMCOM deputy commanding general for operations.

into the future.”

Evans has served in command and staff positions in the United States, Italy, Somalia, Kosovo, Germany and Iraq with the 13th Corps Support Command, III U.S. Corps, 510th Personnel Services Battalion, 1st Personnel Command, U.S. Army Europe, IMCOM, Multi-National Force-Iraq and

the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Evans is a graduate of the Adjutant General’s Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff College, the Army Resource Management Course and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Cowboys for Heroes gives back to local community

By Tammy Mallory
502nd Force Support Squadron

Just in time to chow down on the hearty cuisine of the old west, an overcast morning quickly gave way to a warm and sunny afternoon at the Cowboys for Heroes event held at the Equestrian Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Saturday.

Now in its eighth year, Cowboys for Heroes takes service members and their families back in time to the days of roping, ranching and songs around a campfire.

"This is my first time at this kind of event," said Randy Hudson, an Air Force veteran who is now a Department of

Defense contractor. "I've been to rodeos before but not something like this. Everyone is so friendly. It's like you're sitting on your porch just waving and talking to the neighbors."

The annual event has significantly grown over the years.

What first started as two chuck wagons serving 250 wounded warriors, Cowboys for Heroes has evolved into a joint effort by Chuck Wagons for Christ, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's Office and the 502nd Force Support Squadron.

This year's event included 19 chuck wagons and served hundreds of local military families.

Among this year's

entertainment was the Texas Wild Bunch gun-slingers and the Cadence Cloggers of San Antonio.

Throughout the day, children enjoyed pony rides and families gathered for hayrides.

Photos were snapped with a longhorn steer named Tumbleweed and crowds cheered for the popular calf scramble and mutton busting events.

The festivities continued on Sunday morning with a cowboy breakfast and church service.

Cowboys for Heroes is a free event offered by the cowboy community as a show of appreciation and to give back to the military heroes who have sacrificed so much.



Led by horses Tina and Trina, the Buggy Barn Museum in Blanco provided families with trolley rides around the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.

Photos by Tammy Mallory



Eight-year-old Hailey Bates refuses to give up on her first mutton-busting ride.



The race is on in the Calf Scramble.



Visitors to the Cowboys for Heroes event enjoyed an old fashioned meal cooked on cast-iron skillets over an open fire.



The Cadence Cloggers of San Antonio thrilled audiences, performing to both traditional favorites and some of today's hottest tunes.

Navy chiefs bring solemn tradition to San Antonio

By Larry Coffey
NMTSC Public Affairs

Chief petty officers from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center conducted their second annual Navy white hat burial ceremony as part of the celebration of the 120th CPO birthday April 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

NMTSC personnel support and teach the Hospital Corps "A" school and basic and advanced medical courses to Army, Navy and Air Force enlisted students at the tri-service Medical Education and Training Campus.

The ceremony was held to recognize the CPO birthday and share CPO and Navy traditions with the staff, said Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Shanon Best, NMTSC command master chief.

"Tradition is very closely related to our core values," Best said. "In itself, it's not a character trait or value. However, tradition is priceless to our Navy. It's the staff on which our core values of honor, courage and commitment are flown."

The solemn white hat burial ceremony featured five NMTSC CPOs serving



Chief petty officers from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center conduct the second annual Navy white hat burial ceremony as part of the celebration of the 120th CPO birthday April 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

as pall bearers for a coffin draped by the American flag and containing the Navy white hats of the 15 NMTSC CPOs who were promoted in 2012.

Honors were rendered, a bugler played "Taps," and the flag was folded and presented to Best.

The pall bearers lowered the coffin into the ground next to the "gravesite" from last year's ceremony, just outside the Navy corpsman student barracks. The

CPOs then each shoveled dirt over the coffin.

"The Chief Petty Officer 365 training process provides examples of great naval traditions, to include the chief selectees saying goodbye to their beloved white hats as one of the final events prior to them becoming chief petty officers," Best said.

"What we see in our young Sailors today is the tradition of devotion and dedication the first chiefs established with their

sacrifices and valor," the master chief added.

"Today's chief petty officers are no less dedicated. We prove our worth every day and continue to meet great challenges and endure adversity."

The birthday celebration theme was the birth, sustainment and future of the chief petty officer, Best said.

The birth was represented by the white hat burial. The sustainment was represented when



Photos by Diana Stevens
(From left) Chief Petty Officers Mario Lyons and Mike Hill fold the ceremonial flag during the white hat burial ceremony April 1.

Chief Hospital Corpsman Kerrigan Glaspie, a basic medical technician corpsman program instructor, reenlisted. The future was represented by a cake cutting featuring the oldest and youngest CPOs present.

Closing remarks were given by the NMTSC commanding officer, and all hands present sang "Anchors Aweigh."

During his remarks, Capt. Joel Roos, who was himself inducted as an honorary CPO in 2010, spoke about his first experience with a CPO in the 1980s as an ensign arriving to Naval Hospital San Diego for a third-year medical school clinical rotation.

"I was working in the brand new ophthalmol-

ogy clinic and in my zeal to see as many patients as possible, I began to interfere with clinic operations, moving furniture and breaking established processes," Roos said.

"This was to be my first encounter with a Navy chief. This chief spent the next three weeks doing his best to turn me into a presentable officer who would know something about leadership in the Navy," Roos said. "I learned at a very early stage in my career the role of the Navy chief petty officer – as a leader, a mentor and the keeper of naval tradition."

For Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Paul Michael Linville, the celebration was inspiring and motivating.

"It was an inspiring event for all junior Sailors to take pride in the history and traditions we hold dear in the Navy," said Linville, a BMTCP instructor.

"It recognized where we have come from and where we are going in the future. It motivated me to be a better Sailor and hope for the day when I will be the one burying my white hat."

SAAM from P1

importance of supporting victims as they heal, holding offenders accountable, and implementing successful sexual assault prevention strategies by instilling a military culture that stands against any and all acts of sexual violence, emphasizing a community built on respect, collaboration and unity.

"Those of us who wear the nation's uniform need to treat each other with

respect so we can focus on our mission, instead of fearing for our safety," said Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, commander, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing.

According to the Department of Defense's Fiscal Year 2011 annual report on sexual assault in the military, more than half of military sexual assaults are from fellow service members.

"We must support victims of sexual assault," said Maj. Gen. Adolph

McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, Army North (Fifth Army). "Those who commit sexual assault wound our teammates. Predators must be held accountable and prevention is everyone's duty."

Keynote speaker Navy Capt. Gail Hathaway, commander, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, said sexual assault violates the military's core values.

"As commanders, as leaders, as fellow Sol-

diers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen, it is essential that we all live the core values of our profession of arms and treat each other with dignity and respect," she said.

"Our victims and our fellow service members are depending on us. One of the key reasons we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to show our support for victims of sexual assault," Hathaway said.

In Ropicky's case, the

support received from her command was vital to her after the assault because it was a key factor to her surviving the attack and staying in the Navy.

"The way your chain of command and first-responders respond to a victim of sexual assault goes a long way in determining their success in overcoming their attack," Ropicky said.

"My chain of command supported me throughout those horrible months as I went from legal ap-

pointments to doctor's appointments to therapy and finally to the trial where I saw my rapist found guilty of raping me and another Sailor," she added.

"This could have broken me but, with support, it has made me a stronger sister, mother, friend and Sailor."

To learn more about the resources available for victims of sexual assault, call 808-7272 or visit <http://www.SafeHelpline.org>.

AMEDDC&S from P3

Restore Hope, to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy and the numerous classified special operations missions.

"He always made certain the right care was delivered with compassion and urgency," Horoho said.

Anderson is well known at the AMEDDC&S, having served in various capacities such as the 32nd Medical Brigade commander, Dean of the Academy of Health Sciences, chief of staff and now as commander of the center and school.

Anderson is an Army aviator, having flown UH-60 Blackhawks in a variety of aeromedical evacuation positions.

"No units have saved more lives than our medical evacuation crews," Horoho said. "That is the passion and commitment Colonel Anderson brings to the command here at

the center and school."

Anderson said the opportunity to command is a great assignment for any leader.

"I do not take this responsibility lightly," Anderson said. "I pledge to you and the civilians of this great organization my 100 percent in this job."

Volpe thanked his family and many friends and mentors who came from around the world to celebrate his change of command and later that afternoon at his retirement ceremony.

"You have worked incredibly hard and your efforts have not only contributed to outstanding military health care and services, at home and abroad – but most importantly, translated to saving lives on the battlefield," Volpe said, as he acknowledged the Soldiers and civilians of the AMEDDC&S.

Later in the day, Volpe officially retired from

the Army, celebrating 30 years of service to the nation with a retirement and retreat ceremony in his honor at the main flagpole.

Retired Maj. Gen. Darrel Porr, former AMEDDC&S commander and Surgeon to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and host for the retirement ceremony, recapped some of Volpe's assignments and best accomplishments from his 30 year military career.

"General Volpe is all about selfless service and all about taking care of Soldiers – and is always about furthering the excellence of his Army," Porr said.

"Today, a great Soldier walks away proudly from a stellar career. We are all better for his being here, as is our Army."

The ceremony included a ceremonial cannon shell presentation to Volpe and his mother, Dorothy, the presentation

of the Distinguished Service Medal and the presentation of the American flag, which was flown over the combat medic statue here on post.

Before the retreat ceremony, Volpe's two-star flag was cased in honor of his retirement.

"I am grateful to have had the privilege and honor of wearing this uniform, of leading Soldiers, and being a part of and participant as a teammate on a team, a great team, to serve our nation," Volpe said in tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and to those who are deployed today.

"For me, I could not think of a better way to have used my medical skills than to serve the men and women who serve our nation," Volpe added.

"Now, I can comfortably say – proudly say – I served and I am proud to have done so."



Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho (left), commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, presents the Army Medical Department Center and School colors to Col. Randall Anderson, the incoming commander, at a change of command ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field April 5. The outgoing commander is Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe.

Fire Emergency Services: protecting lives and property

By Joseph L. Miyasaki
Lead Fire Inspector
Fire Emergency Services

The mission of the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire Emergency Services is to provide professional fire suppression forces, highly capable rescue crews and aggressive fire prevention and education programs to protect the lives and property of the members of the installation and preserve the ability to train and care for military members during peace and war.

To help achieve this mission, the Joint Base

San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston FES provides this list of services that define their organization.

- Provide initial resources for mitigation of structural fires,
- Appropriate intervention and containment of hazardous materials incidents,
- Confined space rescue,
- Suppression of wildland fires,
- Basic life support for emergency medical response,
- Provide a dynamic fire prevention program that performs facility inspections, fire

hazard and deficiency management, fire prevention education and facility engineering plan reviews.

For more information on specific services, contact the following sections:

Operations: Provides responses to fires, emergency medical services, technical rescues, hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction. On JBSA-FSH, the fire station is located at Building 3830 on the corner of Schofield Road and Garden Avenue. Non-emergency numbers are 221-2727 and

221-1359. The JBSA-Camp Bullis location is Building 5020, next to medical clinic. Call 295-7600.

Management/fire chief/deputy chief: Manages the Fire Emergency Services and is located in Building 4196. Call 221-3465 or 221-5227.

Fire Prevention: Provides fire safety education, fire prevention inspections, code enforcement and facility plan reviews and is also located in Building 4196. Call 221-5452, 221-4798, 221-5450, 221-3035 or 221-4421.



BATAAN from P6

haven't forgotten."

For many, participating in the march was more than an effort to achieve personal goals.

"For every painful step I took, in those 26 miles, it was worth it to walk in their honor, as well as for all my brothers and sisters in arms past, present and the future," said Staff Sgt. Adam Flores ARSOUTH HHBn.

Participating in the march held significance and meaning for each Army South Soldier and all seemed grateful for what the original death march survivors endured.

"I believe the fact that this event focuses on the World War II survivors of Bataan and the sacrifice made by past and present service members is

what inspires me to participate," said Col. Janice Higuera, director of Army South engineer directorate. "It makes me think about the true meaning of patriotism, selfless service, and honor."

Maj. Mike Healy, the team officer in charge who finished in the top 20 percent in the heavy category, said he was proud to have taken part in the event.

"I am very proud of the team's performance," Healy said. "We were able to experience a small taste of the pain and sacrifice that the proud veterans we honored endured."

Soldiers who participated in the heavy category had to conduct the march in full uniform with a 35-pound rucksack on their back.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



Photo By Bill Bradner

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District superintendent Dr. Gail Siller (left) and Col. Mark Lee, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Command, pour the first shovels of dirt onto a tree planted March 27 as part of a week-long commemoration of the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School's 60th anniversary. USAEC members join the school's student council in watching the planting that was part of a morning of activities attended by the school's students, teachers and volunteers.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston basketball team wins title on JBSA-Lackland territory

By Jose T. Garza III
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The 264th Medical Battalion's Company D is a two-sport team that has a desire to win. To satisfy its appetite for winning, the team plays competitive sports incessantly for nine months beginning with flag football in the fall through basketball in the spring.

The 264th Medical Battalion fulfilled its desire for success by winning the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston intramural flag football championship in an undefeated season, only to be blemished in a loss to the 59th Dental Squadron for the JBSA flag football championship.

After redeeming itself by winning JBSA-Fort Sam Houston intramural basketball championship, the 264th kept the ball dribbling by defeating the 32nd Medical Brigade, 80-57, to win the Joint Base San Antonio intramural basketball championship March 27 at the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center.

"It was redemption for all of us who play football," said 264th Medical Battalion coach John Spaulding. "We got what we came for (JBSA intramural championship), even though it was in another sport."

The 264th did not show any fatigue after defeating the Air Force Personnel Center, 45-39, in the semifinals earlier

in the night. The new JBSA champions built a 33-27 first half lead that carried over into the second half.

The battalion put a full-court press on its opposition in the middle of the second half, going on a 25-5 run for a 64-39 lead. The offensive onslaught was led by Joshua Dressler, who scored 12 of his 18 points during the run.

With victory out of its reach, the 32nd tried to battle back by going on a short 6-2 run with three minutes left to narrow its deficit to 71-51 before the champions clinched the title.

"It feels really good to be the champions. It's all about team for us and that's how we win games," Dressler said.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Ronald Rhea, 264th Medical Battalion, goes up for a dunk.

"We win by fast pace, pressure on the ball, and shooting threes. Shoot, shoot, shoot!"

INSIDE THE GATE

Summer Camp

Weekday summer camp registration opens 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday for youth, ages 5-18, at Parent Central, Building 2797. The office is closed for lunch 1-2 p.m. The camp runs weekdays from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Active duty single and dual military families will register Monday and Tuesday and all others will begin registering Wednesday. Call 221-4871.

Access Level 1

Tuesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Put it in Perspective and Mental Games

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Building 4011A on Hood Street. Call 221-0626 or 221-0946.

Family Readiness Support Assistant Forum

Tuesday, noon-1:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Access Level 2

Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

Family Readiness Group for Commanders

Wednesday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

National Library Week

Special information days will be 9 a.m. Wednesday and 1 p.m. Thursday at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. The library staff will be available to walk patrons through the latest digital tools, including phone apps and portable devices for accessing your favorite online reading material. Call 221-4702.

Federal Resume Writing

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516

First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Excel Level 2

Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group

Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2962 or 221-0600.

EFMP Guardianship

Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2962 or 221-0600.

Safety Seat Clinic

Thursday, 1-3 p.m., Fire Station, Building 3830. Call 221-0349.

Care Team Training

Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

'Broadway Divas'

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, through April 20 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for ticket information.

Jazz & Wine Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for the Jazz & Wine event 8 p.m. April 26 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$35 or \$45 at the door. Visit <http://goo.gl/RfMgK> or <http://www.ArmyMWR.com/JAZZ>.

Operation Megaphone Worldwide Lock-in

Teens are invited to Operation Megaphone Worldwide Lock-in 9 p.m. April 26 to 7 a.m. April 27 at the Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Teens will enjoy a night of sports, food and movies. The cost is \$5 per teen. Call 221-3630.

EFMP, Special Olympics Equestrian Event

April 27, 9 a.m.-noon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. Call 221-2962.

Building Confidence Teen Resilience Workshop

April 29, 5-6 p.m., Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Training Center, Building 2620. This workshop is for high school freshman and sophomores. Call 808-6089 for more information.

Army Ten-Miler Qualifier

Active duty service members on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston are welcome to test their skills at the Army Ten-Miler 7 a.m. May 5 at the Central Post Gym. The run is designated for active duty, varsity-level athletes who are actively training. Male participants should have no more than an 8-minute-mile pace. Female participants should have no

more than a 10-minute-mile pace. The top five active duty military men and women qualify to represent JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. The registration deadline is April 26. Call 808-5710.

Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., Fitness Center on the METC, stroll on the indoor track and win prizes. Call 808-5709.

SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

Cheer Coaches Needed

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is looking for volunteers to coach children, 5-12 years of age, for the 2013 cheer season. Volunteer coaches must be at least 21 years old and willing to commit for the entire season, August through November. All volunteer coaches are required to complete an application and consent to a background check. Call 221-5519 or 221-4492.

Catfish Pond Open

Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

San Antonio Australian Football Club

High school and college athletes are invited to play in the San Antonio Australian Football Club. Practices are held on Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m. on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the fields between Artillery Post, New Braunfels, Stanley, and Liscum Roads. Call 382-5305, 830-556-9397 or 426-7655.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office is located in the

Sam Houston Community Center and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Call 808-1378.

Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Extends Hours

The Jimmy Brought is open 4 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. federal holidays. Indoor pool hours are 5 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Call 221-1234.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. for registration and 12:30 to 1 p.m.

for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214 or 221-2256.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open

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and hearing. The members visit various bases and installations as part of the program.

"There is an incredible amount of involvement of our military: their

attitude, their morale and what they are out to do," said Robert Currie, president of DOCA, following the CFI tour. "What I saw (in my time) was not what I see today, and it is very interesting to see what our modern

military is doing now."

According to the program history, the participants are all alumni of the JCOC, the oldest public liaison program in DOD. It is the only outreach program the Secretary of Defense

sponsors.

Throughout the program, the members attend briefings by senior military and civilian officials at the Pentagon and then gain hands-on experience through operations and interac-

tions with troops and military leaders stationed throughout the United States.

The program runs twice a year and is managed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

The mission of JCOC is to increase public understanding of national defense by giving American business and community leaders the opportunity to directly interface with the U.S. military and see what they do.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Rummage and Bake Sale

The Windcrest United Methodist Church Children's Ministry will host a spring fling 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the church community hall at the corner of Walzem and Midcrown. There will be vendors, crafts, jewelry, bake sale, rummage and clothing sale and plants by the local garden club.

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to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or

Warrant Officer Association

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 475-2565, for more information.

Battle Mind vs. Civilian Mind: Understanding Military

The San Antonio Public Library is partnering with the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans to present programs to help veterans deal with transition to civilian life. A

click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 4011A, off Reynolds and Wilson Way. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public

program will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Memorial Library, 3222 Culebra. Psychologist Dr. Kelly Arnemann will explain why veterans return home changed. Visit <http://www.mysapl.org>.

Composting Workshop

A composting workshop will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Alamo Heights Community Garden, 403 Ogden. The cost is \$5. Local experts will discuss a variety of composting tips that are easy to employ. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.greensatx.org/upcoming-events/register-for-a-workshop?ee=117>.

speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m.

FOR SALE: Bed frame extends from full- to king-size, \$35; microwave oven cart, \$25; dresser, \$35; computer desk, \$30; Frigidaire 21 cubic foot stainless steel refrigerator, \$250. Call 241-1291 or (512) 943-2314.

FOR SALE: Queen-size headboard, carved solid oak design, \$100; ladies leather jacket, dark brown with dolman sleeves, medium, \$40; camouflage Parka, military specs, large regular, \$35; slip-cover for three cushion sofa, beige floral pattern, like new, \$35. Call 495-2296.

at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.



CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department

Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600, 3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday,
AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,
Sunday, AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.

ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMAND JOINS FORT SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY FOR EGG DROP



Photos by William Bradner

(Above) Haley Owsley correctly hypothesized that a Nerf football would protect her egg from the 15-foot drop, with the help of a little duct tape to hold it together. (Right) Alex Pierce, Kaylee Burgess and Taylor Boswell (left to right) are brimming with excitement as they wait for the next egg-drop contraption to fall. The students were predicting whether or not the eggs would survive based on their teacher's description of the egg container. Students from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and members of the U.S. Army Environmental Command recently participated in the second annual "Egg Drop" contest as part of a science class. Students created containers using household materials designed to protect a raw egg dropped from the roof of the school. The lesson promoted creative thinking and the experimental process, but when it came time for the eggs to fly, it was just plain fun for the students.



Scan with Smartphone app to access the Joint Base San Antonio website at www.jbsa.af.mil

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of April 10

CURRENT LEVEL * = 648.6'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17
San Antonio Texas	82° Mostly Sunny	82° Partly Cloudy	84° Partly Cloudy	90° AM Clouds/PM Sun	92° AM Clouds/PM Sun	86° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	72° Partly Cloudy	71° Mostly Sunny	75° Mostly Sunny	73° Mostly Sunny	64° Showers	66° Partly Cloudy

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)