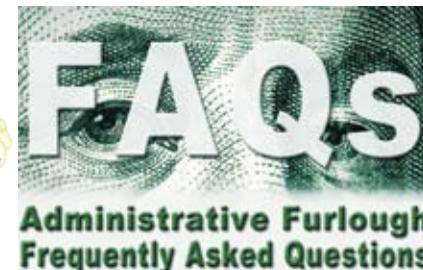


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Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley (second from right), along with Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III (second from left), AFA Central Florida Chapter President Michael Liquori (left) and Air Force Gala Chairman Tim Brock (right), presents the Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellow award to Senior Master Sgt. Claude Weidow (center) during the Air Force Association Central Florida Chapter's Air Force Gala banquet in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21.

METC instructor recognized as Doolittle Educational Fellow

By Chief Master Sgt.
Christie Van Aken
937th Training Group

Senior Master Sgt. Claude Weidow, superintendent for the Air Force's Independent Duty Medical Technician program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, was recognized as a Jimmy Doolittle Educa-

tional Fellow by the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association during the chapter's Air Force Gala banquet in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21.

The Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellow award was established by the AFA to honor Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's contributions to educating the public about and building support for aerospace power.

Weidow is a member of the 383rd Training Squadron, which is part of the 937th Training Group, the Air Force component that supports METC. He was the only medical personnel to receive the honor this year for his dedication to the education and advancement of Airmen.

The sergeant was

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Spurs share spotlight with two 470th MI Brigade battalions

By Gregory Ripps
470th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

The 14th Military Intelligence Battalion and the 201st MI Battalion, both subordinate units of the 470th MI Brigade based at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, received recognition before and during the San Antonio Spurs-Portland Trail Blazers basketball

game March 8 as part of Military Appreciation Night.

The 201st MI Battalion was primarily represented at the AT&T Center by a 10-year-old girl named Madison.

Her father is serving in Afghanistan, along with most of the battalion's Soldiers. Madison and her mother knew that was one of the reasons she was selected to present

the first basketball used in the game.

What neither knew was that just before that happened, everyone's attention would be drawn to the Jumbotron, the big screen high above the floor, to see and hear a special 15-second message from her father, pre-recorded less than a week before in Afghanistan.

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Ten-year-old Madison beams with delight as she watches a pre-recorded video message from her father, a 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Soldier serving in Afghanistan, on the Jumbotron at the AT&T Center before the Spurs-Trail Blazers game March 8. Madison knew she was selected to present the basketball at the beginning of the game, but she didn't know about the message. See Page 6 for story and more photos.

Photo by Gregory Ripps



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Commitment to quality health care remains despite fiscal uncertainty

By **Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn**
Commander, 59th Medical Wing
Director San Antonio Military Health System

In the wake of looming fiscal uncertainty, there is one thing I know will remain – our commitment to quality health care for all our warfighters and their families – past, present and future.

San Antonio has one of the largest military beneficiary populations in the nation, with 240,000 people eligible to receive military medical care.

The only way to continue providing quality patient care is to optimize the way we do business.

We started by integrating military treatment facilities with the foundation of the San Antonio Military Health System in September 2011.

SAM-H-S, as it's commonly referred to, is composed of nine treatment facilities, 19 primary care clinics and incorporates more than 100 specialties here in town.

Medical care has been aligned and integrated between the Army and Air Force, fostering a true health care network between the services.

The San Antonio Military Medical Center is our premier facility located at Joint Base

San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. It's one of two level-one trauma centers in the Defense Department, and is the DOD's largest inpatient hospital.

The best way to begin streamlining resources is to do so in-house. SAMHS has partnered with TRICARE and our managed care support contractor, Humana Military Services, to ensure we sustain a healthy network of providers to care for our patients.

We've also partnered with the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, enabling us to collaborate on patient care like we've never done before – reducing redundancies and increasing productivity in our facilities.

Partnerships with local health systems are improving our ability to train more world-class military health care professionals to treat wounded warriors stateside and overseas, while honing the professional skills they need to support the population of San Antonio.

SAMHS is also partnering with our civic and medical leaders in several community forums, including the Mayor's Fitness Council, the Greater San Antonio Area Chamber of Commerce Health and Bioscience Committee and BioMed San Antonio, to name a few – all designed to promote collaboration within the health and bioscience communities



Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn

here in town.

Increasing awareness of proper health practices, optimizing research opportunities

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Furlough to affect thrift savings plan contributions

By **Claudette Roulo**
American Forces Press Service

Federal civilian employees could see their Thrift Savings Plan contributions reduced if furloughs take effect.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services, including the Ready Reserve.

"Employees who have selected their TSP contribution to be a percentage of their pay will see smaller contributions during the furlough period due to their reduced pay," said Navy Cmdr. Leslie Hull-Ryde,

a Defense Department spokeswoman.

For example, an employee who earns \$1,000 of basic pay every two-week pay period and contributes 10 percent of it to the TSP would make a \$100 TSP contribution during a normal pay period.

However, if the employee is furloughed for two days per pay period, his or her basic pay would decrease to \$800. As a result, the TSP contribution would be \$80 per pay period.

Employees who contribute a set dollar amount won't see that amount change with a reduction in pay, Hull-Ryde

said. For this reason, now is a good time to review TSP contribution amounts to see if they are appropriate, TSP officials said.

Basic pay reductions also will affect the matching funds contributed by the Defense Department and other agencies.

According to a TSP news release, any reduction in pay will proportionally decrease the matching funds contribution, regardless of whether employees contribute a percentage of their pay or a set dollar amount.

The furloughs may cause financial hardship for some employees, and in those cases they may consider making a hard-

ship withdrawal from their TSP fund. Such withdrawals have several restrictions:

- If you take a hardship withdrawal, you will not be able to make any TSP contributions for six months after having received your funds.
- You may withdraw only your contributions and the earnings associated with them, and the total amount cannot exceed your financial hardship.
- You must pay income tax on the taxable portion of any withdrawal, and you may also be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty tax.
- If you are a Federal Employees Retirement

System participant, you will not receive agency matching contributions.

• A hardship withdrawal cannot be repaid, so your TSP account is permanently reduced by the amount of your withdrawal.

A better option may be taking a loan against your TSP, officials said. Loans can be repaid – plus interest – but the account continues to accrue earnings even as the loan is paid back.

TSP officials recommend that employees think carefully before decreasing or stopping their traditional TSP contributions. Those contributions are subtracted from pre-tax income, and terminating the contributions

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Walters Street Construction

Yantis Construction, the contractor working on the road leading to the Walters Street gate, will begin placing the final roadway surface by Monday. Since this is a mobile operation, varying lane closures will be necessary throughout the paving, impacting both inbound and outbound traffic at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Walters Street entry control point. The paving should take between seven to 10 days to complete.

MacArthur Grandstand Renovation Starts in April

Renovation of the MacArthur Field reviewing grandstand is scheduled to start in April to add additional seats and a command reviewing area. The current grandstand will remain open for use during the construction project. The contractor will leave the existing grandstand in place while constructing a new portion. Upon completion of the new area, the existing grandstand will close for construction. The new and renovated facility will double the size of the existing grandstand, contain a covered command review area, have a limestone exterior and upgrade the ventilation, sound and lighting systems. There should be no interruptions to the use during the construction process. Call 295-0621 for more information.

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/>.

AMEDDC&S Health Fair April 3

The Army Medical Department Center and School's Department of Preventive Health Services hosts a health fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 3 at Building 2841, in the Willis Hall food court. The fair, titled "Public Health is Return On Investment: Save Lives, Save Money," includes information about fad diets/supplements, healthy eating, relaxation, spiritual health, exercise and running, a sports shoe clinic, holistic medicine, immunizations, safe sex/sexually transmitted diseases, hypertension prevention

Top Akeroyd Blood Donor Center donors, units for 2012 recognized

By Mark Salcedo

Armed Services Blood Program

The Akeroyd Blood Donor Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston held its annual blood donor and military unit appreciation ceremony at the Sam Houston Community Center in February to thank them for their support of the Armed Services Blood Program.

The center counts on its blood donors and command teams to achieve its mission of providing a safe and adequate blood supply to the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Each month, the hospital uses between 1,000 and 1,100 units of blood to meet the needs of patients being treated for cancer, heart



Photo by Kelly Schaefer

Gary Fisher (center) accepts his award as top whole blood donor for 2012 from Col. Kyle Campbell, Brooke Army Medical Center commander and Lt. Col. Barbara Bachman, BAMC chief of blood services. Fisher drives in from Houston each month to donate blood.

disease, leukemia, bone and joint disorders, as well as surgery and trauma. Each year, more than 2,000 lives at the San Antonio

Military Medical Center benefit from the blood donations.

"When you're in a room full of more than 150 donors and

command team representatives, you're in the company of some amazing people. Thank you to everyone who involved themselves in

this lifesaving mission," said Col. Kyle Campbell, Brooke Army Medical Center commander.

"For every pint of blood you donated or championed, you directly touched nearly 170 patients each month at the Brooke Army Medical Center," Campbell added. "As the trauma center for south central Texas and a burn center, we see patients every day who have benefited from your donations."

"This was a record-breaking year for the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center," said Lt. Col. Barbara Bachman, BAMC chief of blood services. "Blood donors provided more than 8,300 units of blood during 2012."

"Without the dedication of our donors and their willingness to take the time to give, it would be harder to supply lifesaving blood to our wounded war-

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ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Retired Sgt. Maj. Charles Shelby (left) presents the first contribution to Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr. and retired Col. Andrew Cohen for the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Army Emergency Relief Campaign during the annual kickoff at the Army Community Services building March 12. The theme of this year's nationwide campaign is "Supporting Soldiers and their Families - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and runs through May 15. For the last three years, Shelby has been first to contribute to the JBSA-FSH AER campaign. McQueen is deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). Cohen is the deputy director for finance and treasurer for Army Emergency Relief.

TOP VOLUNTEER



Photo by Robert Shields

Maj. Gen. Ted M. Wong (left), commanding general of the Southern Regional Medical Command, and Joe Campbell present Gretchen Barrett (center), a certificate proclaiming her as the Brooke Army Medical Center American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year during the BAMC Retiree Activities Group volunteer recognition ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course March 7. Barrett has been a volunteer for 55 years.

Air Force Media Contest winners announced

The U.S. Air Force announced the results of the 2012 Air Force Media Contest March 15, with two members of the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston News Leader garnering honors.

This year's competition garnered award-winning public affairs products in print journalism, to include Web and social media products; graphic art; photography; radio, television, video production and music produced by Air Force bands.

In Print Category 7, Series, Lori Newman took second place. In Category 3, News Article,

Steve Elliott took third place.

The contest is designed to stimulate and reward excellence and professionalism in Air Force Public Affairs communicators, and to educate, motivate and inform Airmen, their families and the public.

Other JBSA print/web winners include:

Category 5, Commentary, third place: Staff Sgt. Amanda Dick, Air Force Public Affairs Agency, JBSA-Lackland.

Category 6, Sports Article, third place: Wayne Amann, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and

Reconnaissance Agency Public Affairs, JBSA-Lackland.

Category 10, Outstanding Blog, first place: Air Force Live, managed by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, JBSA-Lackland.

Category 13, Civilian Print Journalist of the Year, second place: Timothy Barela, Air Education and Training Command, JBSA-Randolph.

In photography, Category 18, Documentation (Combat/Non Combat), third place: Airman 1st Class Nathan Wilson-Crow, 3rd Combat Camera Squadron, JBSA-

Lackland.

In broadcasting, Category 35, TV Spot Production, second place: Airman Kara Falks, 3rd Combat Camera Squadron, JBSA-Lackland.

In music, Category 50, Outstanding Large Instrumental Composition/Arrangement, second place: "Blue Horizons," Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Martin, Air Force Public Affairs Agency, JBSA-Lackland.

Category 53, Outstanding New Public Affairs Musician, second place: Airman 1st Class Daniel N. Thrower, United States Air Force Band of the West, JBSA-Lackland.

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could increase income tax liability. Roth TSP contributions are subtracted from employees' after-tax income, and changes will

not affect tax liability.

"One of the great things about your TSP contributions, no matter how small, is that the earnings compound over time. If you stop your

contributions, even for a short time, you'll miss this opportunity altogether," the news release said.

Federal Employees Retirement System par-

ticipants would, in effect, be losing free money by stopping their contributions, because matching contributions also would stop, officials said.

Winfield Road closure April 1-2

A single-lane road closure is required on the Winfield Scott Road to make repairs within the new Candlewood Suites construction site. This lane will close from 7 a.m. to 5 pm. April 1 and 2. Flaggers along with directional travel signs will be in the area to direct traffic around the work area to assure public safety and allow for the least impact to the installation. Organizations and businesses will be notified in advance of the closure to ensure employees and customers are aware of the single-lane road closure. For more information, call the Residential Communities Initiative Office at 221-1983.

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and management, diabetes, hearing and vision conservation, and other informational and interactive presentations. A music ensemble from the U.S. Air Force Band will play from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 221-7409 for more information.

OCS Structure Interview Panel Board April 10

The 502nd Force Support Squadron's Military Personnel Branch conducts an Army Officer Candidate School Structure Interview Panel Board at 8 a.m. April 10 in Room 117B of Building 2263 on Stanley Road. All Soldiers must have a bachelor degree and cannot be over the age of 32. All OCS applicants must see their S1/G1 prior to submitting their OCS packets, which must be turned by March 29. Call 221-0885 for more information. For complete listing and checklist of the OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/Operations/Acquisitions/OCS/index.htm>

Military Tax Assistance Centers

The MTAC is open to all eligible service members, retirees and dependents for free assistance with federal and state tax returns. The MTAC at 2271 Reynolds Road is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment only. Call 295-1040. For the San Antonio Military Medical Center, call 916-1040.

SJA claims closure

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office will be closed March 29, with regular office operations resuming April 1. Call 221-2161 or 221-1973 for more information.

Military Clothing Sales Offers 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 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, Combat and Improved Physical Fitness uniforms as well as undergarments. Eligible Soldiers must present an approved Army Form 3078 and prescribed modifications by their physical or occupational therapist.

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center holds remembrance ceremony

By Steven Galvan
USAISR Public Affairs

On March 6, 2003, Lance Cpl. Ian Lennon, a motor transportation Marine with the 5th Marine Regiment in Kuwait, was burned in an explosion while fueling a tanker.

The next day, Lennon, burned over 33 percent of his body, was transported and admitted to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston

Since that day – and for the next 10 years – the USAISR Burn Center



Photo by Steven Galvan

Senior noncommissioned officers at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center read off the names of fallen warriors during a ceremony of remembrance and recognition at the San Antonio Military Medical Center March 7.

has cared for 1,147 other wounded warriors who sustained severe

burns and/or associated injuries, most directly in support of Opera-

tions Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Ten years to the day on March 7, the burn center staff members, along with more than 100 burn survivors, gathered at the San Antonio Military Medical Center auditorium for a special ceremony of remembrance and recognition to honor of all who served, in remembrance of those who died, and in recognition of those who survived OIF/OEF injuries.

“Seventy of these brave Americans subsequently died of their wounds,” said Col. (Dr.) Evan Renz, burn center

director. “In some cases, they died during subsequent tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

To honor the 70 fallen warriors, burn center senior enlisted noncommissioned officers from the different departments read off their names as their photographs were projected onto a screen on stage.

“We just paid respect to some of the country’s greatest men and women,” said Renz, explaining the special bond formed among the staff, patients and families.

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Motorcycle courses address technical skills, safe operation

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Motorcyclists who are involved in accidents are particularly at risk for death or serious injury, so it’s critical they learn the rules of the road and how to operate their vehicle as safely as possible.

Four Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses offered regularly at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland fill this need for active-duty military members, Air National Guard members and reservists.

The Basic Rider Course, a two-day class for beginners that enables licensing, is offered twice weekly, while the Basic Rider Course 2, a one-day advanced course, is

offered once per week, said Bill James, JBASA-Lackland traffic safety manager. The Military Sportbike Rider Course, also a one-day advanced course, is presented twice monthly.

“The BRC is required for anyone in Texas who wants a motorcycle license,” he said.

In addition, the basic course is required for Army personnel and the sportbike rider course is required for Navy personnel.

The BRC2 or the MSRC is required for all military riders assigned to JBASA to meet recurring training requirements, James said.

“That means Air Force personnel assigned to JBASA must take one of these two advanced classes every three to five years,” he said.

A course that is offered on a requested basis is the 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course, a two-day course for beginners that enables licensing, James said.

“It’s available for military members with physical disabilities who want to ride a three-wheeled vehicle,” he said.

Instruction, led by Motorcycle Safety Foundation-certified rider coaches who are volunteers, takes place in Building 7065, Room 208B, at JBASA-Lackland and the motorcycle training range on the Medina Annex.

“Most of the instructors are active-duty military members who volunteer,” James said.

The BRC involves classroom instruction that focuses on motorcycle control and

handling, as well as hands-on training on motorcycles on the Medina training range, while the BRC2 involves instruction on the training range, he said. The MSRC consists of half-day classroom instruction and half-day riding on the training range.

Safety rules are emphasized during the courses, James said.

“We adhere to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s curriculum,” he said. “The range rules are explained before the students are allowed on the range.”

The 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office provides the motorcycles and helmets for the class, James said, but motorcyclists should wear long pants, long sleeves, full-fingered gloves, sturdy over-the-ankle footwear and eye

protection.

Successful completion of the BRC and the 3WBRC certifies that an individual “has passed the riding evaluation that is required for licensing in Texas,” he said.

“The certificate is presented to the licensing office of the Texas Department of Public Safety as proof of successful completion,” James said. “A passing score on a written test is also required. The DPS reserves the right to require a riding test for any license applicant.”

Class schedules and registration can be found at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/Traffic> or <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=OOSE-AE-38>.

JROTC CADETS LEARN ABOUT ARMY LIFE



Photo by Kathy Salazar

502nd Mission Support Group Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Freeman (right) talks to Cypress Falls Air Force Junior ROTC cadets on how they can make a difference in their community after they took a tour of noncommissioned officer quarters during their visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 8.

HIGH SCHOOL TOUR GETS BUGGY



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Army Medical Department Center and School management agronomist instructor William Pittman introduces a Madagascar hissing cockroach to a pair of Sam Houston High School seniors during their tour of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 5. The hissing cockroach is wingless and one of the largest species of cockroach, reaching two to three inches at maturity.

Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



Battlefield Health and Trauma Research Institute hosts 'Innovation Day'

By Steven Galvan
USAISR Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, along with the Navy Medical Research Unit-San Antonio and the Air Force Dental Evaluation and Consultation Service – known collectively as the Battlefield Health and Trauma Research Institute – hosted an “Innovation Day” March 7.

More than 60 leaders from San Antonio, to include academia, biotechnology entrepreneurs and city leaders, attended. The event was designed to promote awareness of the tri-service combat casualty care research programs in order to facilitate aligned and synergistic endeavors between these three commands

and civilian entities.

“Our goal for this event was to make local community leaders aware of the invaluable work that the three military research laboratories conduct to serve combat-wounded,” said Col. (Dr.) Michael A. Weber, USAISR commander.

“It was also a great opportunity for us to promote new collaborations between the military and other entities within the community.”

“This was our first effort to engage stakeholders in the San Antonio community to better coordinate our efforts in ways that are mutually beneficial,” said USAISR combat casualty care research director, David G. Baer, Ph.D. “We received great feedback both from the military participants and the visitors.”



Photo by Steven Galvan

Maj. Paul Colthirst (right) from the U.S. Army Dental and Trauma Research Detachment at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research explains research being conducted at the detachment during “Innovation Day.”

The attendees were able to see firsthand some of the research conducted at the BHT and interact with researchers.

“I walked away with

a deeper appreciation for the hidden gem at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and gained inroads to collaborate with our military peers,” said associate pro-

fessor Brent M. Nowak, Ph.D. Nowak is also director of the robotics and intelligent machines laboratory in the mechanical engineering depart-

ment at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

“If I were looking for a single word [to describe the event], it would be eye-opening,” Nowak added.

“Many in our own community did not realize the extent, quality and importance of the work going on here in San Antonio,” Baer said. “The event was a great success.”

David Spencer, the chief financial officer for Pryor Medical, Inc., agreed with Baer. “This day was a great start for the local community to better understand and support the BHT mission in support of the wounded warrior,” Spencer said. “The MDs, PhDs and other researchers are a nationally unique capability and represent a huge business opportunity for San Antonio.”

Women's History Month: Joint Base San Antonio women making a difference

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston



Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho assumed command of the U.S. Army Medical Command Dec. 5, 2011, and was sworn in as the 43rd Army surgeon general two days later. She is the first female Army surgeon general. Her previous positions include deputy surgeon general, office of the surgeon general, Falls Church, Va., from 2010 to 2011 and 23rd chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from 2008-2011.



HM2 Petty Officer Gina Martinez

HM2 Petty Officer Gina Martinez is a San Antonio native. She enlisted in the Navy Nov. 13, 2002. In August 2010, she reported to her current duty station as an instructor to the Medical Education and Training Campus. Martinez was hand-selected as the first clinical site coordinator at the Baptist Medical Center. She has been instrumental in the development and delivery of state-of-the-art training producing the nation's finest respiratory therapists.



Meridan Borgkvist

Meridan Borgkvist, a Dallas, Texas, native, has been an Army spouse for eight years and she is a stay-at-home mom. Her husband, Capt. Bradley Brogkvist, is a nurse at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. The couple has three biological children, Travis, 14, Lane, 12, and Aedan, 6. Travis has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. The Borgkvists have been foster parents for more than three years and have taken as many as three special needs children with severe medical issues into their home at one time.



Estelle "Woopsie" Willis

Estelle "Woopsie" Willis, who is of British descent, was born in Cairo, Egypt, and came to Fort Sam Houston as an Army bride in 1957. She has been a volunteer on post since her arrival in San Antonio and has volunteered at the Warrior Family Support Center for more than four years. The 78-year-old talks with everyone that comes into the facility and makes a point to be on a first-name basis with service members.

During Women's History Month, the accomplishments of female pioneers, who were often the first in their roles, are celebrated for breaking barriers of equality in the workplace and achieving success through adversity.

This month's theme, "Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination," highlights those women who have made a difference in American history and exemplify the limitless bounds of what can be accomplished.

Here are some current female role models from Joint Base San Antonio, whose successes are and continue to be inspiring for future generations.

This by no means encompasses all women who should be featured during Women's History Month, but it is our intent to recognize a wide variety of women who are part of our JBSA community.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- Eleanor Roosevelt -

JBSA-Lackland



Col. Annette Williamson

Col. Annette Williamson, 559th Medical Operations Squadron optometry flight commander and Air Force Surgeon General consultant for optometry, is the first female optometrist to be promoted to the rank of colonel in Air Force history. She was named the 2009 Air Force Field Grade Optometrist of the Year, the 2009 Armed Forces Optometric Association Senior Optometrist of the Year and the 2009 Association of Military Surgeons in the U.S. Optometrist of the Year.

Maj. Dalia Garcia, 59th Training Squadron chief of the perinatal nursing course, teaches medical personnel various techniques to care for children and was recognized with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses 2012 Award of Excellence in Education.



Maj. Dalia Garcia



Airman 1st Class Clariza Ball

Airman 1st Class Clariza Ball, 342nd Training Squadron Knowledge Operations Management, earned the Diamond Sharp award for March. Ball has a strong work ethic and is highly motivated, both on and off duty.



Angelica Collazo

Angelica Collazo, 92nd Information Operation Squadron senior analyst, was recognized for her work with cyberspace security and recently received the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Collazo led the development of the Air Force's incident handling database, the first version of the joint database and hailed as a benchmark for cyber security.

JBSA-Randolph



Capt. Anna Rehder

Capt. Anna Rehder is the 902nd Mission Support Group Judge Advocate Civil Law chief. Rehder is a mentor, morale and welfare coordinator and a "fit to fight" athlete with a current physical training test score of 100. Rehder uses her extensive expertise with preparing and prosecuting challenging cases to help victims get through the difficult trial processes.



Tech. Sgt. Charlene Gillman

Tech. Sgt. Charlene Gillman, 902nd Security Forces Squadron antiterrorism NCO in charge, has manufactured the template for situational adaptation for the total military member package. While being a single mother of two, parental guardian for her nephew and balancing the educational and social needs of her family, Gillman is known as a leader within security forces.

Coretta Streat is a military spouse, dedicated mother of two and a realtor. She is currently a student at the University of the Incarnate Word with a 3.98 grade point average and the president of the Randolph Esprit de Corps. Streat is also the president of the Randolph Thrift Shop, where she oversees more than 75 volunteers.



Coretta Streat



Peggy Knox

Peggy Knox is the senior civil engineer responsible for Randolph's structural engineering projects and emerging issues. Over the last year, she managed \$31 million in design and construction projects. Knox is developing solutions to bring the Seguin Auxiliary Airfield back on line, managing construction of I Street, completing the perimeter road project and developing a plan to provide immediate repairs and a long term solution to cracking taxiway slabs.

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Madison's smile and her mother's tears expressed their reaction better than words.

During halftime, about 40 Soldiers of the 14th MI Battalion, who had returned from Afghanistan the previous October after a year's deployment, formed up on the playing floor.

While images of the 14th flashed on the Jumbotron, a brief outline of the battalion's accomplishments sounded over the speakers as the audience cheered.

"It was an outstanding event," said Maj. Douglas Zimmerman, battalion executive officer. "It highlighted the efforts and the sacrifices our Soldiers have made."

"I have been on six de-



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Madison and her mother share tears of joy after seeing and hearing her father's surprise message at the AT&T Center March 6.

ployments," said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Miller.

"This is my first time to be treated like this.

It was great to see how we were appreciated by everyone."

The event provided the 14th MI Battalion with its biggest public recognition as a unit.

The battalion is scheduled for inactivation this summer.

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instrumental in the planning and execution of the squadron's relocation from Sheppard Air Force Base to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, contributing to the success of the newly formed METC.

Weidow leads the Air Force's only enlisted medical provider course, guiding five instructors in training and awarding 3,000 Community College of the Air Force hours to 130 Airmen each year.

As superintendent of the IDMT course and

the Air Force IDMT consultant, Weidow co-authored the first IDMT protocol rewrite in 10 years and assisted in re-writing the Air Force IDMT instruction, creating 108 guidelines and standardizing care and training for 474 medics world-wide.

In addition to receiving the Doolittle award, a \$1,000 donation was made to the AFA in Weidow's name.

The award was presented by Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, Chief of Staff of

the Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, AFA Central Florida Chapter President Michael Liquori and Air Force Gala Chairman, Tim Brock.

The AFA is a non-profit, independent, professional military organization that promotes a strong national defense and honors Airmen and Air Force heritage.

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns of email scam, criminals posing as CID officials

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is warning both the Army community and the public about a new internet phishing scam where criminals are attempting to pose as Army CID officials.

Cyber-criminals are attempting to impersonate members of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command via email, stating that they are from the "Office of the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)," when no such organization exists within Army CID.

In the email, the perpetrators state that they have discovered fraudulent activities with a company that

the targeted victim had contact with. The cyber-criminals then ask the potential victim to acknowledge the email and provide financial and personal information.

According to CID special agents, these phishing and/or spear-phishing emails originate from overseas, most likely Western Africa, which is home to a number of well known internet scams such as the "Nigerian Scam," "Foreign Lottery Scam" and the "Romance Scam" that continues to plague the public.

Most email scam attempts are easily recognizable as they are usu-



ally unsolicited, contain misspelled words, punctuation and grammatical errors and often ask for personally identifiable and/or financial information or for money.

Cyber-crime and internet fraud presents

unique challenges to U.S. law enforcement agencies as criminals have the ability to mask their true identities, locations and cover their tracks quickly.

Websites and accounts can easily be established and deleted in very little time, allowing scam artists to strike and then disappear before law enforcement can respond.

The ability of law enforcement to identify these perpetrators is very limited, so individuals must stay on the alert and be personally responsible to protect both themselves and their loved ones.

CID strongly recommends that Soldiers,

civilians and family members who receive any suspicious and/or unsolicited emails should delete them immediately without response.

However, if you receive an email claiming to be from "Office of the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)," to take the following steps:

- Do not respond to the email.

- Stop all contact if you have responded to the email and report it to CID.

- Report having received the email to CID's "Report a Crime" email at usarmy.belvoir.usacidc@mail.crime-tips@mail.mil.

Other cyber-crime resources available are the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx> or the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov.

By reporting this

crime, people can assist CID and other law enforcement officials across the United States in their investigations and help bring those responsible to justice.

The CID is an independent criminal investigative organization that investigates serious, felony-level crime such as murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, arson, fraud, and even cyber crime or intrusions into the Army networks.

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston CID Office at 221-1764 or visit <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

(Source: U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command)

Integration establishes contracting training ground for Soldiers

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Broadening contracting proficiency and increasing readiness are among the reciprocal benefits behind integrating more than 400 Soldiers at offices throughout the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, which began recently.

Army Contracting Command officials announced in January the attachment of Soldiers to its contracting centers and MICC field offices throughout the nation in an effort to streamline the span of control from oversight of uniformed service members stateside while enhancing their professional development.

“The integration of Soldiers into MICC contracting offices will not only benefit MICC and the Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, but the Army contracting profession as well,” said Col. Antonio Brown, director of the MICC Field Directorate Office at Fort Bragg, N.C., who will also command the 419th Contracting Support Brigade upon activation.

“Pairing our Soldiers with journeyman contracting professionals will provide the opportunity to learn from the best in our

field,” Brown said. “Additionally, integration adds senior military leaders at the FDO level.

“This harmonizes mission command of the entire contracting workforce while enhancing the opportunity to provide better horizontal and vertical spans of control for contract oversight and responsiveness.”

Attaching Soldiers to the MICC gives command leaders direct supervision over day-to-day assignments by Soldiers supporting stateside operations.

Military members will remain assigned to the Expeditionary Contracting Command, which will remain focused on its overseas and contingency support.

“Hands-on training, mentoring and guidance enable Soldiers to become more competent and confident contingency contracting officers in support of future expeditionary operations,” said Brown, who was assessed into the Army Acquisition Corps in 1999.

Brown said attachment of the more than 400 Soldiers presents a challenge for offices already understaffed to find the time to mentor military members while meeting day-to-day workload requirements.

To assist that process, a cross-functional team of MICC headquarters personnel at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston have been meeting since October 2012 to develop a guide that outlines a structured rotation training plan for contingency contracting officers.

The plan charts training, education and experience requirements on a rotational schedule to best develop Soldiers for future assignments.

Mentoring and developing Soldiers’ contracting skills through integration also will prove beneficial in providing greater predictability for many MICC offices that can assign work to newly attached uniformed members.

“These Soldiers will help balance the workload tremendously since about 60 percent of our actions are simplified,” said Pat Hogston, the director of MICC Strategic Operations.

“They will begin with simplified actions, but as their training is progressive, they will also be able to eventually assist in more complex service acquisitions.”

Simplified actions include the acquisition of supplies and services, including construction, research and development,

and commercial items not exceeding \$150,000.

The integration of Soldiers with the MICC is being accomplished in three phases. The first phase includes attaching approximately 200 military members, assigned to the ECC, to 19 MICC contracting offices where many are already collocated this month. The command assumes primarily responsibility for the supervision, training, readiness and logistics support of the military personnel.

The second phase calls for the April 16 activation of the 418th CSB headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas and 419th CSB at Fort Bragg under ECC and attached to the MICC.

When fully staffed, each brigade will conduct personnel, operations, logistics and contract oversight functions as an FDO.

Designated to command the 418th CSB will be Col. Timothy Starostanko, who is projected to arrive at the end of April. Brown arrived at the MICC-FDO Fort Bragg in July 2012.

The third and final phase of the integration takes place Oct. 1 with the attachment of the 412th CSB at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, to the MICC. The 412th CSB will maintain its contracting mission in support of U.S.



Photo by Ben Gonzales

Cadre members Joshua Kaufmann (left) and Lt. Col. Mitzu Dix discuss an exercise input during the recent Joint Contracting Readiness Exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas. Dix is among the more than 400 Soldiers being attached to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command over the next seven months. Dix is a contracting officer with the MICC-Fort Campbell construction and engineering division in Kentucky, and Kaufmann is a lead contract specialist at MICC-Fort Drum, N.Y.

Army North.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter throughout Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

In fiscal 2012, the command executed more than

58,000 contract actions worth more than \$6.3 billion across the Army, including more than \$2.6 billion to small businesses.

The command also managed more than 1.2 million Government Purchase Card Program transactions valued at an additional \$1.3 billion.

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“We know them and more importantly we all love them. We will always love them, and that’s what makes this place [burn center] so special because this place doesn’t run on funding, it doesn’t run on schedules – it runs on love,” Renz added. “It runs on love for our Soldiers and our fellow Americans in uniform, which is then

passed on for the greater good of our community.”

“It was an incredibly emotional event. I cried through the whole slide show,” said burn center physician’s assistant Kelley Thompson, who helped organize the event.

Thompson assisted during several of the missions to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, to transport patients injured in Af-

ghanistan and Iraq back to San Antonio.

“I had a lot to do with most of these patients from the time we picked them up in Germany to caring for them here,” Thompson added.

“To be with many of them at their bedside with their families and then to see them up there, it was tough.”

During his remarks, Renz also acknowledged the accomplishments of

the burn survivors during the last 10 years.

“It’s impossible to list them all. You have basically broken all the rules,” he said to the burn survivors.

“I thought I had heard all the possible adaptive behaviors to deal with severe life-long injuries, but everyday I’m hearing of a new one. I absolutely believe that it is the key to your resiliency.”

While not having ap-

peared on a national dance show like J.R. Martinez or performed as a stand-up comedian like Bobby Henline, Lennon shares similar circumstances with Martinez and Henline.

All three spent about a year or more recovering in the Burn Center from burns sustained in support of OIF/OEF. They all lead productive lives despite their scars and disfigurements. Lennon

now works for a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and empowering wounded warriors – many of them burn patients.

“It’s overwhelming to be here, knowing there are lots of guys who are still around,” Lennon said.

To conclude the ceremony, Renz thanked everyone for their attendance, the families for their support, and the wounded warriors for their service.

410TH CONTRACTING SUPPORT BRIGADE CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY



Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin L. Doheny

Col. William A. Sanders, 410th Contracting Support Brigade commander, passes the noncommissioned officers sword to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Richard M. Petersen (right) during a change of responsibility ceremony at Blesse Auditorium March 8. The ceremony transferred responsibility from Sgt. Maj. Vincent Fontenot, who is retiring, to Petersen, who comes to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston from the 902nd Contingency Contracting Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash.

'LT. DAN' VISITS WOUNDED WARRIORS AT WFSC



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Gary Sinise, known for his portrayal of Lt. Dan in the Oscar-winning film "Forrest Gump," poses March 7 with retired Staff Sgt. Daniel Thornhill and his mother, Susan, during Sinise's visit to the Warrior and Family Support Center. Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band played a free concert at Brooke Army Medical Center for wounded warriors, service members and their families. He made an unscheduled visit to the center to meet with wounded warriors and staff members. "I can never do enough for our wounded warriors and the men and women serving our country," he said. "This is a beautiful facility."

YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN DAY CAMP

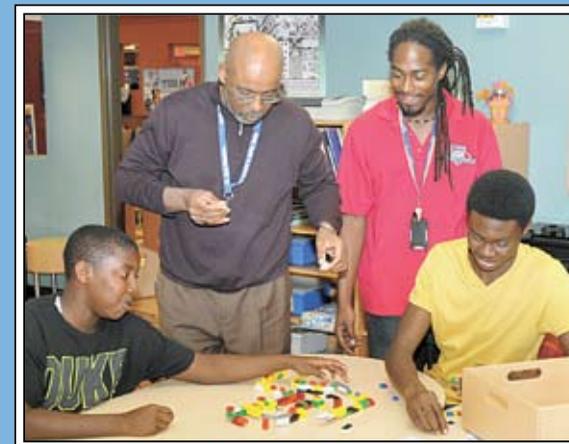


Photo by Maj. Tad Marinelli

Greg Myles from 4-H & Youth Development (left, standing) and Kabian Brown from Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services (right, standing) assist and watch as Travion McLendon (left), and Mardio Lattimor (right) place Eco-Bots in a maze they built during the Joint Base Teen Council Day Camp March 12 at the Middle School Teen Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The Eco-Bots were used to clean up a simulated environmental spill. The JBTC is comprised of Air Force, Army and Navy youth who gather to discuss the common issues affecting youth on military installations and facilitate sessions on leadership, teen advocacy and public speaking.

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Intramural Spring Sports

Spring flag football players must submit a letter of intent by Monday. The flag football coaches' meeting is 1 p.m. Thursday. Intramural soccer players coaches meeting is 1 p.m. Monday. Intramural sports are open to all DOD cardholders 18 years and older, who are not participating in an academic athletic association. All coaches' meetings will be at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Campus, Building 1369. Letters of intent should be mailed to Earl Young, 2380 Stanley Rd., Building 124, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. Call 808-5710.

Youth Baseball Registration

The baseball registration deadline for youth, ages 3-12, is Friday. Participants must be registered at Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central, Building 2797, with a current sport's physical. The cost is \$40 for T-ball for ages 3-4 and \$65 for ages 5-12. Practices begin Monday, with opening ceremonies on April 6. 221-4871.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Child, Youth and School Services Easter Egg Hunt is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Youth Sports Complex at Dodd Field. The hunts will be held on the ball fields for children up to age 10. Children 2 and under begin at 10:30 a.m. on field 1; 3-4 year olds at 10:45

a.m. on field 2; 5-6 Year olds at 11 a.m. on field 3; special needs children at 11:15 a.m. on field 1; 7-8 year olds at 11:30 a.m. on field 2, and 9-10 year olds at 11:45 a.m. on field 4. Call 221-3502.

Military City USA 5K

Saturday, 8 a.m. starting at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center parking lot. Plenty of water, fruit and a prize wheel await runners at the finish line. The sign up is available 30 minutes prior to the start time. The top male and female finishers take home prizes. The free fun run is open to all DOD ID card holders, including children. Leave pets at home. Call 808-5709.

Sporting Goods Flea Market

Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. Sellers can set up inside for \$10 or outside for \$5. Call 295-7577.

Preparing for a Job Fair

Monday, 2-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Word Level 2

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

Unit Trauma Training

Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Savings and Investing

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

First Termer Financial Readiness

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

HUGS Playgroup

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

Newcomer's Extravaganza

Tuesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. Call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Pre-deployment Resiliency Training

Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m., Navy and Air Force Education Center, 4011 A Hood Street. Call 221-0626 or 221-0946.

Budgeting

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

Excel Level 2

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

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Armed Forces Team Building Instructor Trainer Course

Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., 502nd MSG Chapel Training Room, Building 2530. Call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

First Termer Financial Readiness

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

Access Level 2

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

Downtown Walking Tour

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., meet at Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

AMEDDC&S Hospital Corps Social

Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Army Medical Department Museum, 3898 Stanley Road. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Tickets are \$5 each, which includes two refreshments and snacks. Call 221-3470.

Employment Readiness Job Fair

April 3, 4-7 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 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.

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.

Moms and Tots Stroll

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

Catfish Pond Reopen

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

Central Post Gym Reopens on JBSA-FSH

MWR patrons have a new fitness center on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the reopening of the Central Post Gym, Building 961, Patch Rd. The gym is open from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays. Call 221-3593.

San Antonio Australian Football Club

High school and college athletes are invited to play in the San Antonio Australian Football Club. Practices 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 has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10 through 14, \$14 for plaza seating and \$44 for second-row floor seating. Discounted tickets for Spurs regular-season games are also available. 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.

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. For more information, 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.

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 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

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riors, retirees, military beneficiaries and others who need it," Bachman added.

Gary Fisher and Gasper Farias were honored as the two top whole blood donors. Fisher has donated for several years and drives in from Houston to donate, even on the morning of the ceremony.

"I donated in the past, but then it got personal," Farias said. "I lost

a cousin in Afghanistan when he was ambushed on patrol, so this is a small way for me to give back to those serving overseas."

Maj. Robert Fredregill, a resident in the Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration at BAMC, was the top platelet apheresis donor for 2012.

"It is the right thing to do," Fredregill said. "It is my civic and Christian

duty to help my fellow man in his or her time of need. Very few opportunities exist where one's contributions can be directly linked to saving the life of another. Although I may never see the recipient of my donations, I know that I am positively affecting the recipients and their friends and family."

Three training companies received special recognition from Campbell: Company B, 187th Medical Battalion; Com-

pany B, 232nd Medical Battalion and Company B, 264th Medical Battalion. Each command team received a Texas state crystal with the Combat Medic statue engraved.

Also recognized were four unit blood drive coordinators, who serve as the liaison between the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center and their command. They were Air Force Master Sgts. Marlo Bearden and Lacitra Barnett from the

937th Training Group and Petty Officers 2nd Class Aaron Young and Rodney Hassel from the Navy Medical Training Support Center-Basic Corpsman School.

To find an upcoming blood drive and schedule an appointment, click on <https://www.militarydonor.com> and enter sponsor code: ABDC.

Walk-in donors are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday and 7:30 to 10 a.m. Friday.

The center is located at Building 1240 on Harney Road, behind Budge Dental Clinic. For more information, call the Armed Services Blood Program blood donor recruiter directly at 295-4655 or 295-4989.

For more information about the program or to schedule a donation appointment, visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil>, <http://www.facebook.com/militaryblood> or <http://www.twitter.com/militaryblood>.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Kerrville Singing Wind Park Spring Walk

The Kerrville Trailblazers volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Saturday starting at the Singing Wind Park, 2116 Singing Wind in Kerrville. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. For information, call 830-377-4239 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/>.

Alamo 13.1 Half Marathon

Runners gather in front of Alamo between 7:15-7:20 a.m. Sunday for a photo. Race starts at 7:45 a.m. For more information visit <http://www.alamo131.com>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active

duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686.

FOR SALE:

2009 Subaru Forester all-wheel-drive, dark gray metal-lic, automatic with sport shift, premium package, moon roof, privacy tint, all-season radial tires, 47,000 miles, one owner, excellent condition, \$15,750. Text or call 857-3729.

FOR SALE: Entertainment cabinet, solid wood, has closing doors, three drawers and several component spaces. 69.5 inches high, 41.5 inches wide, 21 inches deep, \$125. Call 666-0502 anytime.

FOR SALE: Rascal wheelchair, never used, \$700 obo. Call 661-3765.

corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

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.

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Welfare Fund Requests

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area will accept welfare fund requests until April 1. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available at JBSA-Lackland Vet Facility

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. Call 671-3631/2245.

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within the network, and measuring and facilitating local economic growth are some of the outcomes of our teamwork.

With impending fiscal challenges on the horizon, it is imperative that collaboration continue with our civilian and DOD partners,

Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

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.

Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month

as they are critical to our success.

Why does all this matter to you?

These partnerships are vitally important to medical readiness, research and development, education and training, and ultimately, to the high-quality care provided to our beneficiaries.

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public 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.

Van Autreve Chapert of 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. 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.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3)

With a combined direct economic impact of more than \$3 billion annually, military medicine in San Antonio plays a significant role in the economic health of this region.

As the Defense Department and SAMHS prepare to face potential funding cuts, our pledge remains the same.

The San Antonio Military Health System team promises to provide exemplary health care and promote a healthy community. We will remain committed to providing a safe, high-quality, positive experience that is patient-centered and family-supportive.

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

Collective Service

Brooke Army Medical

Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.

11:01 - Contemporary

"Crossroads"

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>.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MONDAY THROUGH MARCH 29

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Tuesday

FSHISD Board Meeting, 11 a.m., Professional Development Center

Wednesday

Anti-Bullying Day: Wear Pink Shirt

March 29

Student/Staff Holiday

of Texas Health Science Center

FSHISD Board Meeting, 11 a.m., Professional Development Center

Wednesday

Tennis, varsity girls: Runge Round Robin/Nordheim Track, junior varsity/varsity at Medina Valley

Thursday

Tennis, varsity boys: Runge Round Robin/Nordheim Baseball, junior varsity at Marion, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball, varsity vs. Marion at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

Boys and girls district golf tournament at Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, Time TBA

Middle school track at San Antonio Christian

March 29

Student/Staff Holiday

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Monday

Jostens distribution of graduation invitations during high school lunch

Tuesday

Tennis, junior varsity: Runge Round Robin/Nordheim Baseball at Jourdanton, junior varsity at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Cole GT field trip to University