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LABRUTTA TAKES COMMAND OF 502ND AIR BASE WING, JBSA



Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, passes the guidon to Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta, during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony Wednesday at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field. LaBrutta is the third commander of the 502nd ABW and JBSA, which provides "municipal services" for JBSA-Lackland, Randolph, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. JBSA is the largest enterprise for installation support in the Department of Defense. His previous assignment was at U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he was the director of manpower and personnel. LaBrutta replaces Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, who was nominated for promotion to major general and will become The Civil Engineer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. See the June 7 issue of the News Leader for an article and more photos from the change of command.

Photo by Joel Martinez

Brooke Army Medical Center receives call from space

 By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

An astronaut returned to Brooke Army Medical Center to visit with staff and wounded warriors – but this time, he was on board a space station, orbiting

250 miles above earth and traveling at a speed of 17,000 mph.

The San Antonio Military Medical Center auditorium was filled with anticipated staff and wounded warriors May 22 as they waited for NASA astronaut and Navy Commander Christopher

Cassidy to call in via live video conference.

"I think this experience is awesome," said Maj. Jacquelin Coleman-Adams, 4 West staff, who met Cassidy on his first visit

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Hagel stresses summer safety in message to Defense Department

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has urged service members, civilian employees and their families to enjoy the upcoming summer, but to do so safely.

In a message to all Defense Department activities May 22, Hagel emphasized the need to make good decisions during a time of year that resulted in more than 80 percent of the department's noncombat deaths in 2012.

Here is the text of the secretary's message:

The summer months are often a high point of our year as we take a well-deserved vacation and spend time with family and friends.

The summer allows for an opportunity to relax and refresh. However, many of the activities we pursue during our vaca-

tion time put us at risk for accidents that have potentially serious consequences.

As you drive to and from vacation destinations, remember that 81 percent of the non-combat fatalities in 2012 total took place over the summer.

Last summer, 80 service members died in motor vehicle collisions; 27 in 4-wheel vehicles, 47 while riding motorcycles, 4 were pedestrians, and 2 were bicyclists.

These fatalities occurred in spite of state laws and Department of Defense policies requiring the use of seatbelts while in a car and protective gear while riding motorcycles and bicycles.

An untold number of deaths resulted from fatigue – deaths preventable by proper trip planning and fatigue management

while driving.

All military leaders must emphasize how important it is for everyone in our DOD community to follow these simple precautions while traveling on our nation's roads.

Some of you will enjoy water activities such as swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving or water skiing.

Sadly, six service members died while participating in water-related activities last summer. It is important to follow swimming area rules and to be aware of the hidden dangers inherent in participating in water activities.

Alcohol is all too often a component in these tragic accidents. Recognize the risks and make

good decisions.

We all know that alcohol, even in small quantities, impairs our decision-making and is often a significant factor in many accidents.

So before taking our first sip, we need to remember never to drink and drive. Plan ahead and always think before acting.

We all must do everything we can to be safer this summer. Each of us must do our part to keep every-

one around us safe off duty, as we do on duty.

Fundamental military lessons of working together, exercising leadership, focusing on the mission, and having the courage to say no to a risky situation are all essential to enjoying the summer and returning to your units.

I want to thank each of you for your service to this nation. You serve so that all Americans can be safe and free. I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

(Source: American Forces Press

Service)

Illustration by Natalie Eslinger



Army summer safety campaign underway

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has commenced its official summer safety campaign and encourages all Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members to remain prepared for the fun and hazards associated with warmer weather.

The campaign, which began Saturday and runs through Sept. 3, encourages every

member of the Army family to stay aware, vigilant and engaged.

"We've entered the deadliest time of year as our Soldiers, civilians and family members tend to travel and spend more time outdoors," said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, USACR/Safety Center.

"Our campaign products, by design, are meant to help

leaders and safety professionals engage their people on risk and risk management. Engagement and vigilance are key to reducing on- and off-duty accidents."

In August 2012, the USACR/Safety Center introduced the "Know the Signs" slogan as the Army's safety awareness theme.

Targeted at individual accountability and focused around training, discipline and standards, KTS encourages leaders and Soldiers to first Know the Signs, be-

cause someone always knows when a Soldier is at risk.

Then, Know What's Right (know what right looks like; know the standards, regulations, guidelines and laws), and then, Do What's Right (break the cycle of an accident waiting to happen by taking action and intervening before the loss or injury).

With the majority of off duty Army accidents currently attributed to lack of discipline, this campaign also reminds Soldiers that standards apply 24/7, whether on or off duty.

To help unit leaders and safety professionals Army

wide build and manage their summer campaigns, the USACR/Safety Center website (<https://safety.army.mil>, click on the "Summer Safety" tab) has feature articles, posters, videos and other tools focusing on summer seasonal, as well as non-seasonal, topics.

(Source: U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.)



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Army Birthday Gazebo Concert

Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commanding general of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, will recognize the Fort Sam Houston community for its support and share in the celebration of the Army's 238th birthday with a free gazebo concert featuring "Fort Sam's Own," the 323rd Army Band. The concert takes place in front of the gazebo at Staff Post Road at 7 p.m. Sunday. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, 2472 Stanley Road. For more information, call 466-0684.

232nd Medical Battalion Change of Responsibility

The 232nd Medical Battalion hosts a change of responsibility ceremony at 8 a.m. June 7 at the post flagpole. Command Sgt. Maj. Marlo Montes will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Jawn Oilar.

Memorial, wreath laying ceremony

The Army Medical Department Center and School NCO Academy hosts the annual Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon Van Autreve memorial and wreath ceremony at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

187th Medical Battalion Change of Command

The 32nd Medical Brigade will host the 187th Medical Battalion change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. June 20 at the MacArthur Parade Field. Lt. Col. Soo Lee Davis will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Rachel Smith.

Pools implement swimming fees

All swimming pools throughout Joint Base San Antonio have implemented swimming fees, except for lap swimming and training. Fees are: \$2 for all-day child pass (10 years and under), \$3 all-day daily entry per adult, \$35 all-season military student pass, \$45 all-season individual season pass, \$85 all-season family pass (for three persons, \$10 each additional family member) and \$65 for eight swimming lessons. For pool parties of less than 50, cost is \$75 per hour, which includes two lifeguards. For 50 or more people, an additional \$25 an hour is charged, which includes an additional lifeguard. For more

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Army North's Task Force 51 tackles homeland mission from Fort Bliss, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Staff Sgt. Jes Smith
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In any disaster, local first responders start the recovery process. And when they need more manpower, the state can send in additional agencies, such as the National Guard.

If more help is needed, then the federal government can turn to the command with the mission of providing Defense Support of Civil Authorities – specifically, Joint Task Force 51 from U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), headquartered out of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

If the United States is unlucky enough to have multiple, massive incidents simultaneously, Army North, as U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command,

has the mission and the expertise to lead and coordinate with units from both active and reserve bases across the U.S. to provide the appropriate support to the lead federal agency at the appropriate time.

Such was the scene for the command's JTF-51 as it participated in Ardent Sentry 2013, which is a major disaster response exercise directed by U.S. Northern Command.

JTF-51's efforts were geared toward four locations on opposite sides of Texas, with San Antonio and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston in the east and El Paso and Fort Bliss in the west.

The main force of JTF-51's command in JBSA-Fort Sam Houston kicked off the exercise May 20 as its forward tactical operations center positioned itself at Fort Bliss.

The cities of San Antonio and El Paso each had emergency operation centers involved in the exercise, adding an additional layer of realistic training by simulating working with the civilian agencies when called to action.

"We have to be ready at all times to respond for the American people," said Sgt. Maj. William Powers, operations sergeant major, JTF-51.

"The only way to truly stay ready is by regularly conducting training events, such as Ardent Sentry 13; so that way, no matter how many Soldiers come and go within JTF-51, the unit is always ready to fulfill its DSCA mission."

One of the big changes for the AS13 exercise involved the establishment of a forward tactical operations center as a result of a recommendation from the lessons

learned portion of previous exercises. By using a TAC, the task force attempted to enhance command and control of situations closer to a second incident.

"So far, everyone has been really happy with the results from using

the TAC," said Lt. Col. Eric Hood, an operations officer with JTF-51. "Being right here in the city (of El Paso), we are able to take some immediate actions that we couldn't have done otherwise."

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Soldiers and civilians of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) coordinate information coming into the Current Operations and Integration Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 22 during Ardent Sentry 13. The exercise ran from May 16 to 23. It is designed to validate existing plans, policies and procedures as well as rehearse federal response efforts following a disaster.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins (top, center), deputy commanding general for operations at U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), listens during the morning commander's update briefing May 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston during Ardent Sentry 13.



Photo by Lt. Col. Tim Beninato

Soldiers with the 44th Civil Support Team, the 316th Engineer Company and the 766th Engineer Company train on extracting simulated casualties from a debris pile at Camp Blanding, Fla., as part of Ardent Sentry 2013.

DOD focused on combating human trafficking



Illustration courtesy Department of Defense

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With more than an estimated 12 million human trafficking victims worldwide and an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 new victims each year, human trafficking is a problem that has plagued humanity throughout its existence.

From the indentured servants of the Middle Ages to today's sex industry, human history is full of heinous examples of humans enslaving humans.

The Trafficking Victim

Protection Act defines trafficking in persons as the use of force, fraud or coercion to compel a person to provide labor or services or commercial sex.

The crime can run the gamut of exploitation, and includes elements of recruiting, harboring, transportation, providing or obtaining a person for the purpose of exploitation.

The three most common forms of trafficking are labor trafficking, sex trafficking and child soldiering.

The Department of Defense Combating

Trafficking in Persons program is a program focused on the eradication of Trafficking in Persons within the Department of Defense structure, both domestically and overseas.

The DOD is concerned with human trafficking not only because it is illegal, but also because trafficking in persons is dangerous to our troops.

The job of the Department of Defense is to protect the security of our country. Combating trafficking in persons serves as an essential line of defense in protecting the United

States.

To report human trafficking, call the DOD Inspector General hotline 800-424-9098 or click on <http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/hotlinecomplaint.html>.

To contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, call 888-373-7888 or click on <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/id/domestic/index.htm>.

For more information locally, call 872-4885.

(Editor's Note: Information for this article was derived from DOD information papers.)

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH



Photo by Esther Garcia

Members of the Korean American Association showcased various types of Korean dancing during the Army Medical Department Center and School's Asian American Pacific Islander Month celebration in Blesse Auditorium May 23. During the celebration, Col. Randall Anderson, AMEDDC&S commander, presented the City of San Antonio Proclamation for Asian American Heritage Month to keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Ted Wong, commanding general, Southern Regional Medical Command. Wong spoke about the struggles and contributions of Asian Pacific Islanders. He also talked about his own father and despite setbacks the accomplishments he achieved.

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information, call the Aquatic Center at 221-4887 or the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 221-1234.

Installation management career program seeks first interns

Applications for interns in the Army installation management career program are being accepted. Selectees will be part of the inaugural cohort of future installation management professionals. With an initial assignment at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, selectees must sign a mobility agreement. The entry grade is GS-07, with potential growth to the GS-11 level at full performance. Go to <http://www.usajobs.com> and under "keyword search" type "installation management specialist" and/or "Fort Sam Houston." For more information, call 466-0467 or 466-0475.

MRI Brain Study

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgery Center is seeking volunteers to take part in a MRI brain study sponsored by the Air Force Surgeon General's office. Applicants need to be active duty, between 26 and 50 years old and have a doctorate-level education. The study will provide a normative baseline allowing comparison to high-resolution MRI abnormalities already detected in Air Force pilots. Call 292-0476 for more information.

AFOSI Mobile App

Suspicious or illegal activity can be anonymously reported directly to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations using a mobile phone application or by texting 'AFOSI' and the tip to 274637 (CRIMES) in an SMS text message. Of special concern to Air Force officials are violent crimes against Air Force members, sexual assaults and drug use. Once downloaded, a video describes the app's features to emphasize its secure use and value to the Air Force and other community law enforcement agencies. Individuals can find the app in both the Android and Apple store as "TipSubmit Mobile." The direct link to the anonymous Internet tip line is <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111>.

470th Military Intelligence Brigade mentors help local teachers bond

By Gregory Ripp
470th Military Intelligence
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As part of their continuing partnership with Bowden Elementary School, Soldiers from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade gave 32 of its teachers and staff members a taste of military training earlier this month.

Since school began, volunteers from the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company have visited the school on a weekly basis to mentor students.

However, the Soldiers introduced the school's adults to a weapon firing simulation on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 9 as a team-building exercise.

"The intent of the training was to let them experience something together – an experience

they could share as a team," said Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Hocking, who has been coordinating activities between the school and the brigade volunteers.

Twelve Soldiers took the team to the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, a laser-based simulator that provides shooters with a simulated shooting experience. It attempts to replicate a weapon's sound, weight and recoil as shooters fire at targets in various terrain scenarios.

"During the team-building event, Soldiers taught the teachers some of the basics of how to shoot the M4 Military Assault Rifle, including how to hold the weapon and how to eject and reload magazines," Hocking said.

"The EST 2000 staff then ran the teachers through two team

training scenarios in which they were tasked to shoot approaching enemy soldiers."

Hocking said that although many of their guests had never held a rifle before, they experimented with various shooting positions and firing modes with brigade Soldiers providing assistance as needed.

One teacher who had weapons experience said she still enjoyed the simulation.

"Being a veteran, I was familiar with the gear, but I feel that it was a great opportunity for our team and school to work together as one unit," said Head Start teacher Neomi Serros.

"I am also glad we got to work with equipment that the courageous defenders of our country work with."

Jane Cunningham, a

first-grade teacher, got insight into her grandson's training.

"He is graduating from basic training," she said. "It was enlightening to experience just a

small example of what he has been doing and learning."

Marlene Alonso, a fourth-grade teacher, termed the team-building activity "awesome."

"As teachers, we often think we have the hardest job in the world," she said. "But putting ourselves in the role of a Soldier was a real eye-opener."



Capt. Garrett Gatzemeyer (right), 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, explains an aspect of the M4 rifle to a teacher from Bowden Elementary School.



Spc. Elijah Cavazos and Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Hocking of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade show two teachers from Bowden Elementary School how to release the bolt on an M4 rifle. The Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston allowed school staff and teachers to experience firing the weapon in a realistic simulation May 9 as a team-building event.



Soldiers of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade help Bowden Elementary School teachers and staff prepare to engage in simulated M4 rifle shooting.

Photos by Spc. Sammy Rosado

USAISR Burn Center receives FDA clearance for innovative burn resuscitation technology

By Steven Galvan
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For the first time in its 70-year history, the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a medical device developed at the USAISR.

The clearance for the Burn Resuscita-

tion Decision Support System-Mobile, also known as BRDSS-M, was announced by Dr. Suzanne Schwartz, the FDA director of preparedness/operations and medical countermeasures, at the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, during the 2013 American Burn Association 45th Annual Meeting at Palm Springs, Calif., recently.

The FDA uses the 510(k) premarket submission to ensure a medical

device is safe for use on patients. A 510(k) submission (which is approximately 800 pages long) demonstrates that a new medical device is substantially equivalent, as safe and as effective as another medical device that has already been FDA cleared and is commercially available.

The approval process is arduous, expensive and can take several years to complete.

"This technology is the first of its kind algorithm-based decision assist system for use in managing fluid resuscitation of the severely burned patient," Schwartz said. "We consider this a milestone, but even more than that, a peek into what the future has in store for burn trauma management."

Jose Salinas, Ph.D., the USAISR research task area program manager for comprehensive intensive care research, helped develop the BRDSS algorithm which generates recommendations of fluid intake for burn patients.

It was designed to assist in avoiding problems related to over- or under-resuscitating by medical care providers who do



Photo by Steven Galvan

(From left) Jose Salinas, Ph.D., U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research research task area program manager for comprehensive intensive care research, and Maria Serio-Melvin, USAISR clinical program coordinator for computer decision support systems and co-chair of the integrated product team that is fielding the Burn Navigator, display the device, which recently received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

not routinely care for burn patients. The original BRDSS technology was developed for use at the USAISR Burn Center Intensive Care Unit about seven years ago.

According to Salinas, it has been invaluable with assisting medical providers with resuscitation management and has been shown to improve patient outcomes.

"If you give a patient too much or too little fluid, the results can be

fatal," explained Salinas, describing the complex care necessary for burn patients who are often dehydrated and require precise rehydration.

Maria Serio-Melvin, USAISR clinical program coordinator for computer decision support systems and co-chair of the integrated product team that is fielding the system, added that there are a lot of competing priorities when caring for burn patients.

"The goal is that this device will help keep medical providers on track with one of the most important things that they need to do – hourly fluid titration based on urine output," Serio-Melvin said.

The Burn Navigator, as the BRDSS-M is also known, is designed to be used in a deployed setting by non-burn experienced nurses and doctors. The software is in a mobile tablet that meets military specifications.

"An additional benefit of the system is that it's not only a decision support system; it's also a graphical interface of the trends of how the patient is doing," Salinas said.

"So even without the decision support part of it, medical providers can look at the display and see how the patient is progressing and use that to help better manage the burn patients."

The Burn Navigator is expected to be used soon by the Army at deployed combat support hospitals, which support overseas contingency operations.

The Burn Navigator technology was licensed to Arcos Medical, Inc. of Houston, which worked with the USAISR to submit the FDA 510(k) application with funding from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Md.

METC STAFF MOVES INTO NEW HQ

Rear Adm. Bill Roberts, the commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, and METC staff members moved into the new METC headquarters building located on Cpl. Johnson

Road and Garden Avenue the week of May 13. The staff held a "flag breaking" ceremony May 18 to signify that the commandant and staff have relocated.

"Breaking the Flag" is a naval tradition that takes place when an admiral, also called a flag officer, takes command of a ship and the admiral's flag is raised.

During the ceremony, the flag is bunched up into a ball and hoisted up in that fashion until it gently bumps the masthead.

The balled up flag then breaks open to a full flag furl. When this takes place, the flag officer's flag has broken open and he or she has taken command. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Photo by Dewite Wehrman



HARDEE ROAD CLOSURE

A portion of William Hardee Road, between Stanley and Winfield Scott Roads (by Army Medical Department Center and School Building 2841) will be closed to through traffic due to repairs of the storm sewer inlet, catch basin and surrounding sidewalks starting at 4 p.m. June 3 and running through June 21. Motorists should follow the detour route to Schofield Road. The parking lot north of William Hardee Road will remain open and accessible to Building 2841 occupants.

The project will also include minor repair to a portion of surrounding asphalt road. For more information, call 221-4673.

No time for fiddle-faddle at FADL

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The team at the Department of Defense Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, or FADL, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston takes their job very seriously. They don't have a lot of time for fiddle-faddle, unless it's one of the many food samples being tested.

The FADL is one of three primary public health laboratories in the U.S. Army Public Health Command arsenal. It is the leading DOD laboratory for food safety testing and zoonotic disease diagnosis and surveillance.

A zoonosis is an infectious disease that is transmitted between species (sometimes by a vector) from animals other than humans to humans, or from humans to other animals.

Food Safety and Technical Support

"The food safety and technical support section is our interface with the rest of the world," said FADL director Lt. Col. Scott Hanna. "They are responsible for customer support and customer service."

This section receives all the samples, processes them into the system and sends them to the appropriate area for testing. Once testing is complete, they compile a report and send it back to the requester.

Microbiology and Food Chemistry

The food analysis portion of the FADL consists of two key sections – microbiology and food chemistry.

The microbiology section looks for bacteria or fungi in food products, including bottled water, which may

cause disease or illness. Ex-

amples of these bacteria include salmonella, E. coli and Listeria.

The food chemistry section looks for metals such as lead and other toxins, like pesticides, that may be in food.

These sections help ensure the safety, fitness for consumption and contractual compliance of foods and bottled water to protect service members and their families, as well as civilians, who live or work on military installations.

This is done through microbiological, chemical and toxicological testing of foods and products such as dairy, meat and fish products; prepared sandwiches and salads; operational rations; canned and packaged foods; fresh fruits and vegetables; animal feeds; cosmetics and vitamins.

"Our mission has changed over the years," Hanna said. "We have always helped ensure that the military food supply was safe and wholesome, but in

the past we also did a lot of quality assurance.

"This included things like making sure 2 percent milk actually contained 2 percent fat," Hanna said. "Now we focus much more on making sure the food folks eat is safe and healthy."

As part of its destination monitoring program, the USAPHC headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., provides Army veterinary food inspectors a list of food products each quarter that may have a higher potential risk of contamination.

From that list, the veterinary food inspectors all over the world go to commissaries and dining facilities and collect samples for testing. The samples are sent to the FADL for analysis.

"We average about 4,000 food samples per year. A little more than half those samples come from the destination monitoring program," Hanna said.

"A sample of any food product that might be sold to the military has a chance to come through our laboratory to be tested at some point."

Recently, a veterinary food inspector in New York pulled sliced apples from

A technician displays the daily process control samples for *Staphylococcus aureus* and *E. coli*/coliforms. Daily process controls are used to confirm that all steps of a test were performed as expected.



Spc. Kelly Sawyer, Army veterinary food inspector, measures out distilled water to be used in making cell culture media. The laboratory uses more than 20 gallons or 75 liters of cell culture media every week.

Photos by
Lori Newman



Technician Lauren Hoffman tests dog serum samples for tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.



Microbiologist Gloria Anderson checks on one of the biochemical assays used to test for the presence of salmonella in a sample.

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Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

June

Service Member and Family Readiness

Airmen prepare for civilian life

The JBSA-Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center conducts a five-day Transition Assistance Program to teach military members skills for a successful transition to civilian life. A pre-separation briefing and completion of DD Form 2648 are the prerequisites for attendance. Patrons may elect to attend June 3-7 or June 24-28, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Bundles for babies

The JBSA-Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center "Bundles for Babies" program is an Air Force Aid Society program for active-duty members (of any rank), DOD employees, NAF employees and their spouses who are expecting a baby. Presentations are given on budgeting for baby, dental and pediatric care, new parent support and more. The next class is June 7 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Active-duty attendees receive a "bundle" of baby supplies at the workshop. To sign up, call 652-3633.

Newcomers get started on the right foot

The JBSA-Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts a Right Start newcomer's orientation June 12 and 26, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Gateway Club. The orientation is for all Air Force active-duty members who are newly assigned to JBSA-Lackland. Attendance is mandatory and patrons may choose to attend either date. To sign up, contact the unit personnel coordinator or commander support element. For more information, call 671-3722.

Central Intelligence Agency seeks applicants

The Central Intelligence Agency is recruiting applicants for information technology positions including computer and network engineering, field engineering, project managers and application developers. Agency representatives will be at the JBSA-Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center June 17, 10-11:30 a.m., to speak about career opportunities, security requirements, clearance processing and agency benefits. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Class focuses on special needs children

The JBSA-Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center holds the My Child's Future class for parents in the Exceptional Family Member Program. The session is June 18, noon-1:30 p.m. Topics include what parents need to know before special needs children become adults, available community support, Medicaid and Social Security benefits. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Learn to be financially prepared

The JBSA-Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a financial readiness class June 18, 2-3:30 p.m., to prepare Airmen

for financial challenges with financial education and training. For more information, call 652-5321.

Patrons invited to basic resume writing workshop

JBSA-Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center staff teaches new resume writing techniques June 19, 9-10:30 a.m., to assist in job searching. To sign up, call 652-5321.

Spouses learn reintegration skills

The JBSA-Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center offers spouses of returning military members a pre-reintegration workshop called "Open Arms" June 19, 1-2 p.m. To register, call 652-5321 or e-mail: randolphafrc@us.af.mil.

Members learn about survivor benefit planning

The SBP briefing with the SBP Counselor helps the military person and spouse become familiar with the options, effects and advantages of SBP. The next briefing is June 20 from 8-9:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. To sign up, call 652-3633.

Members learn interview skills

The JBSA-Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center interviewing skills workshop June 20, 10 a.m.-noon, helps attendees with future job interviews. The class covers how to research prospective employers, how to answer questions and how to dress. To sign up, call 652-3633.

USAJOBS navigation/federal resume training

The JBSA-Randolph A&FRC teaches patrons how to input a resume using the USAJOBS system June 27, 8:30-11 a.m. To sign up or for more information, call 652-3633.

Get child safety seats inspected

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fire Department conducts a Safety Seat Clinic June 27, 1-3 p.m., on Schofield Road. Child safety seats will be inspected for recalls, functionality and proper installation. One seat will be provided per child to replace those that are deemed unservicable. Registration is required and each child must be present for proper weight and height measurements. For more information or to register, call 221-0349.

Arts and Crafts

Patrons design Father's Day cards

The JBSA-Lackland Arts and Crafts Center offers a Father's Day greeting card class June 5, 5-6:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per person and all supplies are included. To sign up, call 671-2515 by June 3.

Learn to make a personalized pocket watch

The JBSA-Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a pocket watch class June 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Patrons will decorate a stainless steel pocket watch using a variety of cutouts, ink and personal photos. The class is open to all ages. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$20 per person. To sign up, call 671-2515 by June 9.

Shoppers find unique items at craft fair

The JBSA-Lackland Arts and Crafts Center hosts a craft fair June 13, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Gateway Club. Participating artists will display a variety of unique handmade items. Artist vendor spots are available for \$30 each. The price includes one table, two chairs and a lunch. The deadline to sign up is June 7. For more information, call 671-2515.

Bowling

Youth bowl their way to summer fun

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts a youth summer league open to all skill levels. The program takes place Saturdays, June 15-Aug. 3. Participants receive a new bowling ball, bag, towel and entry in the Pro Am clinic. The fee is \$125 per person. To sign up, call 671-1234.

Fathers celebrated at bowling centers

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center honors all DOD dads June 16, 2-8 p.m. There are three Father's Day specials patrons can choose from: \$2 per game, per person with \$2 shoe rental; \$25 per person for all you-can-bowl including rental shoes; or \$45 per lane which includes two hours of bowling, shoes, soda and a 16" pizza. For more information, call 221-4740.

Bowling is free for dads at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center June 16 from 1-4 p.m. This does not include rental shoes. The rest of the family can bowl at the special Father's Day rate of \$2.50 per game, per person with \$2 rental shoes. For more information, call 652-6271.

Win money while bowling

The JBSA-Randolph Colorama bowling is June 21, 7 p.m. Customers can win money if they strike on the posted combination of colored pins. The entry fee is \$15 per person with optional side pots available. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowl to win prizes

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center offers the opportunity for bowlers to win some prizes this summer. Patrons receive "Bowling to Win" entry forms with all purchased games through Aug. 23. Drawings will be conducted during Bowler Appreciation Week. For more information, call 221-4740.

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Watch NBA Finals at the bowling center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center's 10-foot screen and multiple LCD televisions allow viewers to watch the NBA finals while enjoying bowling, a beverage and snack. Games and shoe rentals will be \$1.50 per person, per game while the games are airing (Cosmic bowling excluded). For more information, call 221-4740.

Bowlers treated to sports and attraction tickets

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts the Diamonds-to-End Zones program every Wednesday through Aug. 14. Patrons can bowl 6-10 p.m. for \$1 per game, per person and \$1 shoe rental. Bowlers have the chance to win tickets to sporting events, area attractions and other prizes. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Members have fun playing bingo

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club offers Bingo Extravaganza June 3 & 17, with total jackpots of \$15,000, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m. Participants must have a ticket from purchasing bingo machine/cards to eat at the buffet. For more information, call 652-3056.

Parr Club offers special meal on the deck

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club is featuring sliced California tri tip for \$10 or a grilled chicken breast for \$6, June 6 on the deck. Nonmembers pay \$2 more. The dinner includes a fresh salad bar, vegetables and desserts. The bar is open from 4:30-9 p.m. and the meal is available 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 652-4864.

Prime rib buffet a hit with diners

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club features a prime rib buffet June 14, 5-8 p.m. Entrees of prime rib, stuffed pork chops and baked tilapia with white wine sauce are on the menu along with side dishes, soup, salad and bread pudding with bourbon sauce for dessert. The price is \$17.95 per person for members and \$19.95 per person for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Fathers honored at special brunch

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a Father's Day brunch June 16. Both members and nonmembers are invited to enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet with a wide variety of meat, fish, an omelet and waffle bar, side dishes and desserts. Prices per person are \$16.95 for fathers, \$18.95 for members and basic military trainees, \$21.95 for adult nonmembers, \$9.95 for children ages 6-11 and children ages 5 and younger eat free. Serving times are 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Coupons are not accepted for this event. For more information, call 645-7034.

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club's Father's Day brunch is June 16 with 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. seating times. The theme is Sports Teams so come dressed in your favorite sports attire. All Dads and Grandpas enter their names in a drawing for an iPad. The cost is \$25.75 for nonmembers, \$22.75 for club members, \$12.95 for children of nonmembers and \$11.50 for club members' children. Children 5 years old and younger eat free. Reservations are required. For more information, call 652-4864/658-7445.

Club members gather for Appreciation Night

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Members' Appreciation Night June 18, 5-8 p.m. Patrons will dine on a buffet dinner with beef, chicken and fish entrees. Music is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. The price per person is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Parr Club features special Mongolian buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club is offering a special Mongolian buffet June 20 from 6-8 p.m. The price is \$14.50 for adults, \$7.75 for children 6-12 years old and children 5 and younger eat for free. Club members receive \$2 off when presenting their club card. Coupons will be accepted. For more information, call 652-4864.

Patrons enjoy special from the bayou

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club offers a blackened chicken breast topped with bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, lettuce and a spicy remoulade sauce with seasoned fries or a side salad. This special is \$6.95 for members or \$8.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3056.

Community Programs

Bring your dogs to Salado Park

Patrons are invited to bring their dogs of all sizes and shapes to Salado Park on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston June 1, 10 a.m.-noon, for the free "Bark in the Park." Dogs will compete in dog obedience contests as well as splash in kiddie pools. All dogs must be in compliance with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston pet policy. Owners must provide written proof of current distemper combination, leptospirosis and rabies vaccinations. This is sponsored by Broadway Bank. For more information, call 221-1718.

Joint Base San Antonio talent showcased at contest

The JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center holds a talent contest open to all DOD ID cardholders ages 14 and up. Competitors must register by June 7. The first audition takes place June 10, 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 671-2619.

Patrons shop for bargains at warehouse sale

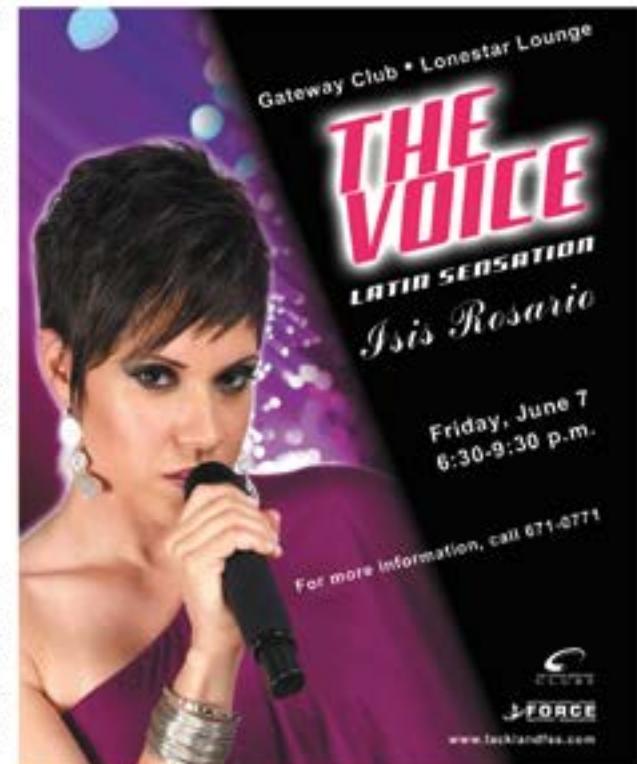
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offers a cash and carry sale June 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and a sealed bid sale June 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at building 4192. Furniture, office and commercial equipment, household products, boats and more will be available for purchase or bid. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the warehouse at the time of sale. Only cash will be accepted for payment. The sale is open to DOD ID cardholders. The items may be previewed June 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 221-4449.

Patrons compete for Master Brewer title

Beer aficionados are invited to attend Arnold Hall's Master Brewer Night June 14, 5-7:30 p.m., at JBSA-Lackland. Entries from home brewers will be on display and patrons will help judge the brown ale, blond ale, IPA, stout and pilsner American categories. Admission is free and entertainment is provided. Food for purchase and a cash bar are available. For more information, call 671-2619.

Discover the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston community

The monthly community Extravaganza is June 25, 9:30-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Sam Houston Community Center. All DOD ID cardholders are welcome to visit with representatives from post agencies and local businesses to learn more about JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area. This event is sponsored by US



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Annual pass saves money

The JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake offers annual passes for \$50. This pass gets holders into both sides of the park. Annual passes include a vehicle and boat/trailer pass and are valid for one year from date of issue. Annual pass holders are not charged the boat launch fee. For more information, call 830-280-3466.

Dogs learn obedience

Arnold Hall at JBSA-Lackland holds dog obedience classes Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. Training is open to all breeds, ages 10 weeks and older. The fee is \$50 per dog, per month. Proof of vaccination is required. Dogs must be non-aggressive toward other dogs and people. Preregistration and payment is accepted Monday-Friday only. For more information, call 671-2619.

Fitness and Sports

Parents and toddlers get some exercise

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, building 1369, offers parents with strollers, use of the indoor track, Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. In addition, a personal trainer is available Mondays, 9-10 a.m., to assist with special training needs. For more information, call 808-5709.

Personal trainers aren't just for the rich and famous

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus offers all DOD ID cardholders three free personal training appointments. For more information, call 808-5709.

Fitness center hosts two-person team 10K relay

Runners are invited to form a two-person team and head to JBSA-Randolph's Eberle Park June 1, 7:30 a.m. One member completes the 5K run route in order for the second member to tag off and start running the next 5K. This is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 652-7263.

Fitness center hosts marathon training

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center invites marathon runners to Eberle Park June 22, 7 a.m., to run a 10-mile course. This will be the first of three marathon training runs. For more information, call 652-7263.

Get fit with Zumba®

The JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center holds Zumba® classes Monday-Thursday, 4:15-5:15 p.m. The fee is \$2 per session. For more information, call 671-2016.

Golf

Juniors join golf clinic

JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course conducts a Junior Golf Clinic for youth, ages 8-14, June 10-14, 8 a.m.-noon each day. The cost for the clinic is \$50 for youth with clubs or \$125 for youth that need clubs. To sign up, call Clay at 652-4653.

Fathers celebrated at golf courses

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills pro shop holds a Father's Day sale June 15. A discount of 15 percent will be applied to the purchase of a single item. Certain restrictions apply. For more information, call 671-3466.

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course conducts a father/daughter/son golf tournament June 16 with tee times from noon-1 p.m. The cost is \$20 plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

Golfers tee off with Monday specials

Golfers can play for \$25, which includes the green fee and cart rental, at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course every Monday in June. For more information, call 671-3466.

Golfers enjoy special rate

JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers green fee and cart for only \$19 starting at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, (no holidays) and green fee and cart for only \$21 starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. In addition, starting at 6 p.m. Monday-Friday (except for holidays) families can golf together for the low price of \$3 per person for adults and \$2 per person for children. For more information, call 652-4570.

Gateway Hills hosts Hot Deal Wednesdays

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course features Hot Deal Wednesdays during June. A golfer can play for \$25, which

includes the green fee, cart rental, a hot dog and a draft beer or soda. For more information, call 671-3466.

Custom club fitting available

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course is a certified Ping Custom Club fitting pro shop. Custom fitting for other clubs is also available. To schedule a fitting appointment, call 652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Free baseball tickets hit a home run

All JBSA locations have complimentary tickets to watch the San Antonio Missions June 26 against the Tulsa Drillers, July 31 against the Corpus Christi Hooks and Aug. 31 against the Frisco Rough Riders. All games start at 7:05 p.m. Tickets can be picked up at the ticket office in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center, ITT in JBSA-Lackland's Arnold Hall and ITT in the JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall. For more information, call 808-1378 at JBSA-FSH, 671-3133 at JBSA-LAK and 652-5142, option 1 at JBSA-RND.



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Win a "staycation" from ITT

JBSA-Lackland ITT invites all adult DOD ID cardholders to enter a drawing to win a "staycation" getaway to downtown San Antonio. The prize winner receives a mini vacation package for two people with hotel accommodations for one night, tickets for the river cruise and several downtown attractions. The prize is valued

at more than \$200. Patrons may enter the contest through June 29 at the ITT office, building 5506. The drawing will be held July 1. For more information, call 671-3133.

ITTs offer casino trips

Travel with JBSA-Lackland ITT to Shreveport, La. July 20-21. The trip includes round trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations at Black Jack's Hotel and Casino, room tax and \$5 voucher for Harrah's Casino. The bus departs 5:30 a.m. from the ITT office. The cost is \$89 per person, double occupancy and \$158 per person, single occupancy. For more information, call 671-3133.

The JBSA-Randolph ITT offers trips to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, La. Sept. 17-18 and Nov. 12-13. The trip includes round trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, \$23 voucher from the casino and a tour guide. The cost is \$60 for double occupancy or \$120 for single occupancy. For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

Make the most of summer with discount tickets

The ticket office in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center, ITT in JBSA-Lackland's Arnold Hall and ITT in the JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall offer discounted local theme park tickets for Schlitterbahn Waterparks, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld and Splashtown. For more information, call 808-1378 at JBSA-FSH, 671-3133 at JBSA-LAK and 652-5142, option 1 at JBSA-RND.

Library

Power up with Gaming Day

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, presents its monthly Gaming Day June 2, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Gamers can choose from Xbox, Wii and PS3, as well as some classic board games like chess and checkers. For more information, call 221-4702.

Preschoolers invited to story time

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library offers stories, crafts and songs as part of the weekly story time. The next story times are June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4702.

Youth have fun with Father's Day craft

The JBSA-Lackland Library invites youth to visit the free Father's Day craft table June 12, 1-6 p.m. The craft can be assembled in the library or taken home for completion. For more information, call 671-3610.

E-book readers available for check-out

The JBSA-Lackland library has Nook e-book readers available for check-out. Customers may use the readers for 30 days with no renewals. The readers can be used with the OverDrive digital library. For more information, call 671-3610.

Outdoor Recreation

Registration for swim lessons still on-going

Patrons may still register their children for swim lessons at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center and JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall.

Dependents must meet age and prerequisite skills for the levels and customers need to bring their DOD ID card to register. The cost for swim lessons is \$65 per session. Exact lesson times are determined by the level of swimmer. Registration is on a first come, first served basis until sessions are full. For more information, call 221-4871 for JBSA-FSH, 671-3780 for JBSA-LAK and 652-5142, option 2 for JBSA-RND.

Patrons purchase season pool passes

Season pool passes are available for purchase at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center and Warhawk Pool and JBSA-Randolph's Community Services Mall. Family season passes are limited to immediate family members i.e., sponsor and dependents. Daily admission is \$2 for youth 10 and younger and \$3 for everyone else. The active-duty military student pool pass is \$35, an individual pool pass is \$45, a family of 3 pass is \$85 plus \$10 more for each additional child. For more information, call 221-4887 for JBSA-FSH, 671-3788 for Skylark Aquatic Center and 671-3445 for Warhawk Pool on JBSA-LAK and 652-5142, option 2, for JBSA-RND.

Patrons aim high at the 3D Archery Shoot

The JBSA-Camp Bullis 3D archery shoot takes place June 22-23. Registration is the day of the event from 8-10 a.m. Awards are given to the top three competitors in each class: open, release, novice, fingers, longbow, compound and recurve. The cost is \$15 for competitive and \$10 for non-competitive contestants. This event is open all DOD ID cardholders. For more information, call 295-7577.

Catfish Pond is open for fishing

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Catfish Pond is open Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. No license is required. The Catfish Pond operates on a "you caught it, you bought it" basis. The cost is \$3 per pound. Bait for the fishing and soda for the fishermen is available for purchase. No alcohol is allowed and fishermen are asked to watch their children. Payment by cash or check is accepted. For more information, call 295-7577.

Sportsman Range is open for target practice

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman Range is open Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon. The range offers DOD ID cardholders a place to shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly due to weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. For more information, call 295-7577.

Patrons to provide current information for vehicle storage

All patrons storing their vehicle, RV, boat and trailer at JBSA-Camp Bullis must provide updated registration and insurance information for their files. For more information, call 295-7577.

Summer reservations available at Canyon Lake

The JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake has lodging facilities to fit every budget and desire. Lodging ranges from sleeping a family of four in one of the bungalows, to hosting a large family of eight in one of the cottages. They also have several pet friendly facilities that are available upon request. For more information or to make a reservation, call 800-280-3466.

Canyon lake offers sunset cruise

The JBSA Recreation park at Canyon lake offers Sunset Cruises

every Saturday evening in July and August (excluding July 6). Cast off from the Hancock Cove marina at 7:30 p.m. and take a ride around the lake on our chartered pontoon boat. This ride lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours as you tour the lake and watch the sunset over the beautiful hillside. The cost for the evening is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Canyon Lake provides private tours and family outings Sunday thru Thursday with a minimum of eight participants and five days notice. Please call 830-226-5065 for all your reservation needs and additional information.

Youth Programs

Summer camps fun for all

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Age Services offers a safe and caring environment for children to engage in various activities, encouraging creativity while fostering positive behavior and self-image. Summer camp takes place June 4-Aug. 24, Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information on registration and available activities, call 221-4466 or 221-5151.

Kids dunk donuts with dad

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs' hosts a father and son outing with donuts and basketball on June 8, 10 a.m. This free breakfast is open to families with sons 5 years and older. Please sign up at Youth Programs by June 5. To sign up, call 652-3298.

Youth learn to play the guitar

Guitar lessons for ages 5 and older are available Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center. The participation fee is \$20 per lesson. For more information, call 671-2388.

Dance classes foster good health and self-esteem

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Center conducts a variety of dance classes with ongoing enrollment. A class for ages 3-5 incorporating creative movement, jazz, ballet and cultural dance is available Fridays, 5:40-6:15 p.m. For ages 6 and older, a class with jazz, lyrical, hip-hop and cultural styles is offered Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$40 per month for each age group. For more information, call 671-2388.



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a food vendor and sent them to the FADL for testing.

Initial tests showed the apples were potentially contaminated with *Listeria*. The microbiology section did confirmatory testing and sent the results to the Food and Drug Administration along with a sample.

The FDA confirmed the findings.

"It was about two weeks from the time we detected the *Listeria* in the sample to the time it made the news that there was a nation-wide recall on sliced apple products sold at fast food restaurants and several grocery store chains across the country," said Maj. Karl Hochstein, FADL deputy director.

"The finding by that one veterinary food inspector in the field resulted in a national recall," Hochstein said.

After the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the FADL helped in developing a process to test seafood for contamination and determine if it was safe to eat.

"Our personnel were involved in a series of meetings and teleconferences as part of a food safety network to develop a protocol for testing the seafood," Hochstein said. "Samples were then submitted to us from all along the gulf coast region."

The chemistry section screened all the samples to determine if there was any contamination from either the oil or the chemicals used to disperse the oil.

"We tested a fair number of

samples, probably a couple hundred, representative of all different kinds of seafood from that area. Nothing that we tested was contaminated with either oil or the dispersants," he explained.

The FADL will also test food samples if people get sick after eating at a restaurant or dining facility on a military installation, or if a customer reports a foreign object or other problem in their food.

Diagnostics

The diagnostics section analyzes more than 8,500 human, animal and insect specimens each year for diagnosis and surveillance of diseases of public health significance. The primary focus is on zoonotic diseases that may have been transmitted from animals to humans.

"This section has really expanded, previously they did almost entirely rabies testing," Hanna said. "Now they test for many zoonotic diseases, such as leptospirosis, *Leishmania*, Chagas disease and West Nile virus."

One of this section's main missions is to support the health and combat readiness of military working dogs worldwide and the international travel of pets of military families.

"The FAVN (Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization) test is needed for pets and military working dogs that travel to many overseas areas," Hanna said. "It ensures that the animal's rabies vaccine is effective before that animal goes into an area that is free of the disease."

The FADL also assists the state of Texas with its feral animal rabies control program and supports San Antonio Military Medical Center with laboratory testing for diseases such as rabies and leptospirosis.

"We conduct mosquito and bird testing for the West Nile virus on military installations throughout the PHC-South region," Hanna explained. "We were the first to detect the virus in the San Antonio area in 2012."

The laboratory also assists U.S. Army South in evaluating and building laboratory capacity in partner nations throughout the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.

"Teams go to locations in Central and South America to determine what potential diseases are there and what sort of testing capabilities the host nations have, so we can make sure our troops are protected," Hochstein said.

"We also participate in research projects, both in evaluating new technologies and test methods, and in conducting disease surveillance," Hanna said.

Cholinesterase Reference Laboratory

The CRL provides testing for individuals involved with chemical weapons response and those working to eliminate old military stockpiles.

"The lab helps ensure that health care providers know if anyone has been accidentally exposed to chemical agents before they become ill," Hanna said.

In addition to testing more than 8,000 samples per year at the FADL, the CRL team helps oversee this testing at several satellite labs throughout the country.

Quality Assurance

"Our laboratory is an accredited testing laboratory," Hochstein said.

The quality assurance section ensures the FADL maintains its accreditation. They monitor all aspects of lab operations, making sure the testing is valid and accurate.

The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation is the agency that provides the accreditation.

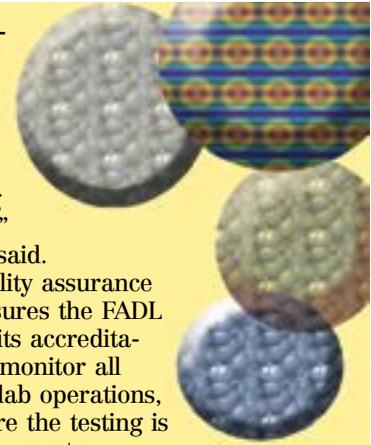
"A2LA works off the ISO/IEC 17025 quality standards, which is a set of guidelines we as a laboratory need to follow. All of our plans, procedures and tests are done in accordance with this testing standard," Hochstein said.

"The goal of this standard is to ensure the traceability for any sample we test. So any of our customers can be assured the testing we provide is the most accurate possible."

"The accreditation is also important because it allows our test results to be both legally defensible and accepted by other government agencies," Hanna said.

The FADL works closely with FDA and U.S. Department of Agriculture, sharing results on food borne pathogens so those food items can be quickly removed from the U.S. market if necessary.

The laboratory is also part of the Food Emergency Response Network, the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and the Defense Laboratory Network.



Photos by Lori Newman

Entomologist Farida Mahmood holds up a Triatomine, or kissing bug. These bugs carry a parasite that causes Chagas disease in humans and animals. The FADL is working with veterinarians at the Lt. Col. Daniel E. Holland Military Working Dog Hospital at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to test MWDs who have been exposed to Chagas disease, which can affect the dog's heart.



Microbiologist Kelli Montanez prepares to test a sample by measuring out buffer. A small quantity of food sample will be added to the buffer and mixed well to begin the testing process.



Microbiologist Ed Cooper uses a piece of a skunk brain to create negative control slides to use when testing samples for rabies. Cooper previously determined the skunk was negative for the rabies virus.

Mission Training Complex offers realistic virtual combat training

By Malinda Pennell
General Dynamics

Soldiers looking for an interesting method to learn land navigation or who need to brush up on their battle drills now have a modern, state-of-the-art facility on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to utilize.

The Mission Training Complex, located in Buildings 4013 and 4015 on North New Braunfels Avenue and Hood Street, provides simulated combat environments and employs computerized training tools to create an environment to conduct individual, collective and digital sustainment training on the Army Battle Command Systems, or ABCS, and Live, Virtual, Constructive and Gaming – known as LVC-G – as well as tactical operations.

The complex provides collective training, communication exercises, staff exercises and command post exercise training along with virtual training. Battlefield scenarios are created to fit the individual needs of active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Airmen and Marines.

Virtual training can be used to refresh land navigation and weapons training skills, as well as tactical operations center training. Using command system and tactical level decision-making games allows students to conduct learning in a simulated combat environment.

The MTC provides training on the Command Post of the Future software system that allows commanders to maintain



Photos by Malinda Pennell

Soldiers work on their Command Post of the Future practical exercise at the Mission Training Complex.

complete awareness over the battlefield, as well as collaborate with superiors, peers and subordinates utilizing live data.

With CPoF, commanders can oversee any element in a high-level view to observe details or other elements of interest in different visual contexts, without having to switch applications.

Convoy locations, convoy routes, significant events such as improvised explosive devices, assassinations, sniper activity, drive-by shootings and enemy activity can be placed on the CPoF maps.

“The training was great and it introduced us to a new system,” said Marine Staff Sgt. Shane Mellor, operations staff NCO for the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Division, New Orleans. “This was my first time using it. It’s a good product that will continue to evolve.”

The advantage in utiliz-

ing simulation training – the idea of “train like you fight and fight like you train” – has long been an essential and crucial part of training.

Military simulation – also known as wargaming – is similar to video games such as the popular “Call of Duty.” The training closely resembles live-fire action and land navigation by utilizing three-dimensional virtual reality computers where Soldiers can practice their land navigation skills or convoy driving.

“The MTC provides a cost-effective place for Soldiers to learn how to ‘crawl-walk-run’ in mission preparation, without the fear of exorbitant expense, equipment damage or loss of time due to repetitiveness of actions,” said Tony Sierra, MTC operational manager.

“When you go to the hands-on portion of your training, you can hone in on improving your tactics,

can offer.”

The MTC staff can provide scenario-based individual, collective, and constructive training that meets Training and Doctrine Command standards, individual unit mission essential task lists and the unit commander’s training objectives.

Collective training assists units in coordinating, designing and executing mission command training events from squad to brigade level.

“We have the best, brightest and most professional trainers who provide first-class digitized training scenarios both on the individual and collective basis daily,” said Phillip G. Rowland, Internet Information Services program manager at the MTC. “We create digitized warriors prepared to provide the necessary expertise that will enable commanders and their staff to make informed decisions in the execution of their mission.”

“What we’re hoping to achieve with modern simulations is replicating the fear of battle – the intensity, the uncertainty, the chaos, the ambiguity of combat – and put it into a simulation and repeat it over and over and over again,” said retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales, former commander of the Army War College. “We’ve never gone there before. The only way you’re able to do that is with a simulation that is free play.”

The MTC also utilizes Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care program, a suite of systems providing a single medical management information technology system and medical situation awareness to commanders in theater.

The MC4 combines information from multiple sources to provide a plan which links together infor-

mation that encompasses disease and non-battle related injuries, physical and psychological trauma, patient tracking, chemical and biological threats and environmental and occupational health intelligence, medical C2 and unit location.

The system provides better decision making, improved health care, access to lifelong electronic medical records, streamlined medical logistics and enhanced situational awareness.

Other training provided by the MTC includes the Blue Force Tracking system, otherwise known as Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below.

FBCB2 is an interactive, three-dimensional training system that allows Soldiers to participate in scenarios in first-person or multi-player format. A digital system is mounted on combat vehicles used to track forces on the battlefield and used simultaneously to view and track vehicles in real-time.

A new training facility is under construction and expected completion is in the spring of 2014. Located in Building 4012, it will feature technology that links LVC-G training environments to stimulate command and control systems.

“We want our guys learning good Soldier tactics,” said MTC director Joel Williams. “By working with the gaming simulations, we can cut down on a huge amount of paperwork and expense.”

In the past, if we wanted to change a training exercise, we had to go up through the channels and it could take years to change,” Williams added. “Now we can do everything in house.”

To schedule a tour, briefing or training, call 295-9237.



Mission Training Complex instructor Luke Bennett assists a Basic Officer Leadership Course student during their Command Post of the Future practical exercise.

techniques and procedures,” Sierra added.

“Here, people can learn and practice their initial steps by using simulations. That’s just the beginning of what the MTC

201st MI Battalion rear detachment volunteers come to the fore

By Gregory Rippes
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While the main body of the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion is serving overseas, Soldiers of its rear detachment at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston are making time for community outreach, even while supporting their deployed brothers and sisters.

A handful of them traded their Army uniforms for civilian work clothes May 15 and 17 to lend a hand to Habitat for Humanity, the organization that uses donated materials and voluntary labor to build houses for people in need.

The Soldiers were assigned a house in the Coleman Ridge subdivi-

sion on the southwest side of San Antonio.

San Antonio Habitat for Humanity staff member David Murphy said he loved working with them.

"They're here to work," he said. "They're not afraid to try things. And they have tremendous pride and confidence in their work."

The 201st MI Battalion Soldiers got busy laying tiles and installing closet shelves, base boards and door trim with all the measuring, cutting and nailing that entailed.

"I have some limited experience with carpentry, but most of the Soldiers here don't have any," said Sgt. Daniel Hess, the battalion's highest-ranking Soldier at the site. "The Habitat staff showed us what to



Photo by Spc. Sammy Rosado

Sgt. Daniel Hess nails a base board into place inside a Habitat for Humanity house May 17.

do, got us started and then checked on us from time to time to make sure

we were doing OK."

Hess said he'd volunteered for Habitat for Hu-



Pfc. Amanda Trotta positions a tile on the floor of a bathroom in a Habitat for Humanity house. She and other Soldiers of the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Rear Detachment volunteered two days of their time to work on houses in southwest San Antonio for people who might not otherwise afford a home.

Photo by Gregory Rippes

manity once before and wanted to do it again.

"Helping to build a home for a family who can't afford one is a great

way to help out in the community," Hess said.

"But it's also good way to have a change of pace, to get outside to work."

BAMC from P1

to the medical center last year. "This shows commitment on his part - he was here visiting our ward and this shows that he has not forgotten about our wounded warriors."

"I think this is really great, especially for our wounded warriors," said Edith Hills, 4 West staff. "I'm glad to be here and be part of this great event."

Shortly after, Cassidy was on screen and welcomed by Col. Kyle Campbell, BAMC commander, followed by questions from the audience.

"The staff of BAMC really appreciates you for making this historic call for us," Campbell said.

"You and your team have our extended invitation to come back to visit us again."

Cassidy accepted his

offer and responded by showing two Purple Heart medals and a BAMC coin, significant items he intends to return to the medical center.

For the next 15 minutes, Cassidy answered a series of questions about his role in space and the everyday activities he undergoes. He mentioned the importance of good nutrition, sleep and exercise and how it is very similar to the Army Surgeon General's performance triad that Campbell mentioned earlier.

The visit concluded with Cassidy showing the audience a view of the Earth from the space station window and sharing a couple of answers to the most commonly asked questions.

"Just a few simple things before I close; everybody asks what I'm doing while I'm going around the world. I'm just about to eat dinner,"

said Cassidy.

"And another common question that I always get is, do your bodily functions work the same? I've got to close on a laughing note ... absolutely! If you need to go, you need to go. It does not matter where you are, on a space station or in Iraq or in San Antonio. When you got to go, you got to go!"

"In all seriousness - what a thrill it is to be with you today and I'm really looking forward to coming back to visit. Thank you for your service. I'm in the military just like you, so please accept that from one military branch to another, to each of you," concluded Cassidy, who served 10 years as a Navy SEAL.

Master Sgt. Jessie Alderete, a wounded warrior, said that the visit made a huge impact for him and the other wounded warriors be-



Photo by Robert Shields

NASA astronaut and Navy Commander Chris Cassidy visited with Brooke Army Medical Center staff and wound warriors from the International Space Station May 22. During the 20-minute live conference visit in SAMMC's auditorium, he thanked the audience for their dedication and sacrifice and answered questions about his role in space.

cause he took time out of his busy schedule to be with them and that he understands what they

are going through as a fellow service member.

"He made the time for us," he said. "He enjoyed

his time with us, as we enjoyed our time with him."

Sequestration places limits on gate access at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston

By Matthew Barido
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502nd Security Forces Squadron

The Department of Defense and the armed services recently issued guidance and directives for operating under sequestration.

These directives restrict our ability to sustain installation support services at current levels of performance due to overtime limitations, potential civilian furloughs and reduced levels of funding.

We don't anticipate the fiscal situation improving anytime in the near future.

Unfortunately, these

fiscal limitations have direct impact on the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community and will come in the form of reduced operating hours at entry control points (gates), as well as some gate closures and the possibility of reduced security patrols in lower risk areas on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

We will implement these reductions and closures in three phases (as outlined below) over the next 45 days:

Phase 1 (Goes into effect June 2):

- Wilson Gate will operate Monday through

Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be closed on weekends and holidays.

- The San Antonio Military Medical Center Beach Gate will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be closed on weekends and holidays.

- Harry Wurzbach West Gate will be closed until further notice.

- New Braunfels Gate (outbound only) will operate Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Phase 2 (Goes into effect June 16):

- Holbrook Gate will be closed until

further notice.

- Nursery Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Winans Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Jadwin Gate posting will be reduced and privately owned vehicles will no longer be allowed to access at this location.

Phase 3 (Goes into effect June 30):

- Personnel posted at all remaining gates will be reduced.

- Security patrols may be reduced as available manpower dictates.

We realize these phases represent a dramatic change for our customers

and are sensitive to the impacts.

Therefore, as each phase is implemented, we will continually assess the impact to base traffic and the surrounding San Antonio community.

Should we determine the impact of our implementation to be adverse, we may be able to adjust our plan within the fiscal limits dictated to us.

Finally, in conjunction with Phase 3, we will begin implementation of visitor center operations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. This move is the next step in the implementation of Public Law and Department of Defense directives requir-

ing us to properly vet and credential contractors, vendors and visitors accessing JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

As this phase is implemented, people without authorized access credentials will be required to stop at a visitor center prior to entering JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Personnel with military, dependent and government civilian identification cards can sponsor visitors to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston or any location within JBSA.

For more information regarding visitor rules and procedures, call 221-0213 or 221-2570.

INSIDE THE GATE

Positive Parenting

Monday, June 10, 17 and 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650. Call 221-0349.

24/7 Dads

Monday, June 10 and 24, 2-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

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

Saving and Investing

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

Post-Deployment Training

Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

MOAA Solitaires' Luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold a luncheon 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Clubhouse. Single officers or widows of officers are invited to attend. Visit <http://www.alamomoaa.org> for information.

Budgeting

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

Success for Teens

Tuesday and June 11, 5-6 p.m., Child and Youth Services, Building 1630. Call 221-0349.

Key Caller Training

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Web Based First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380

New Bus Stop

Effective June 3, the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron will begin service to a new stop

for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's base shuttle. The stop will be located directly in front of Building 2000 and is intended to service customers of Building 2007 and the Army Support Activity area. Current shuttle stops are unaffected by this change and shuttle operating hours remain 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, including holidays. For questions about the base shuttle, contact vehicle dispatch at 221-9635 or 221-1676.

Children in the Middle

Thursday, June 13, 20 and 27, 9-11 a.m., JBSA-Randolph. Call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Marriage

Thursday, June 13, 20 and 27, 1-3 p.m., JBSA-Randolph. Call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Parenting

Thursday, June 13, 20 and 27, 1-3 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650. Call 221-0349.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

Thursday, Friday and Saturday through June 8, 8 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 222-9694.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. June 9-13 at the Dodd Field Chapel for children pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Call 221-5006.

Summer Safety Day

June 11, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-3840 or 221-3846.

Women Encouraging Women

June 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. This session will inform women about adoption, both private and foster/adopt. Guest speakers will be Linda Hurtubise from Pathways Youth and Family services and Yolanda World from Adoption Alliance. Call 221-0349.

Fisher House Kindertag Children's Day

June 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., BAMC Fisher House 3. This free event is open to all children of military families and will feature a variety of fun activities including clowns,

face painting, live music, moon jump, piñatas and more. Lunch will be provided. Reservation is required by 4 p.m. June 7. Call 916-6458 or email fhbmc@aol.com.

Texas Medical Center Job Fair

June 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516

Employment Job Search Orientation

June 26, 1-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

Computer Lab/Microsoft Office Classes

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Computer Lab will be closed temporarily, until further notice. Microsoft Office classes will also be discontinued until further notice.

Summer Camp

Child, Youth and School Services will offer summer camp for grades Kindergarten through 12. For registration details, call 221-4871.

Youth Horsemanship Camp

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. This camp is open to youth ages 7-17, and runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sessions are in one-week intervals throughout the summer, \$25 deposit, cost is \$225. Call 224-7207.

PGA Junior Golf League

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club for junior golfers, ages 9-13, for the summer PGA Junior Golf League. This is a team scramble format open to all skill levels. The fee is \$50 and includes range balls, team jerseys, golf balls, PGA bag tags, a weekly practice session and tournament. Call 222-9386.

Swimming Lessons

All lessons are taught in accordance with American Red Cross standards. Every participant will receive eight days of lessons. The dates for the sessions are June 10-21, June 24-July 5, July 8-19 and July 22-Aug. 2. For rates and registration, call 221-4887.

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.

Equipment Rentals

The Outdoor Equipment Center has all the items needed for a backyard party, unit organizational day, or weekend getaway. Rental items include canoes, boats, campers, camping equipment, outdoor games, barbecue pits and more. Call 221-5225.

World Climb Tower Challenge

Sign up at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the World Climb Tower Challenge. Call 221-1234.

Catfish Pond Open

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

Bowl to Win Prizes

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center is offering the opportunity for bowlers to win prizes this summer. Receive "Bowling to Win" entry forms with your paid games through Aug. 26. Drawings for prizes will be held Aug. 23 during Bowler Appreciation Week. Call 221-4740.

Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Fort Sam Houston Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The museum will close in September to move to their new location in the Quadrangle. Call 221-1886.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office, located in the

Sam Houston Community Center, offers discounted tickets for the River City Rockfest, Schlitterbahn water parks, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld, Aquatica and Universal Studios Orlando. The ticket office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 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. 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.

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

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 items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available

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. Call 671-3631 or 671-2245.

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 receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary and math skills. Class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

SeaWorld Offers Waves of Honor

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment is honoring the men and women of the U.S. armed services through its Waves of Honor™ military salute program. Any active duty military, activated or drilling reservists, or National Guardsman representing any of the five service branches is entitled to one complimentary admission and as many as three direct dependents to SeaWorld® and Busch Gardens® Parks, and Sesame Place® for members of U.S. armed forces through 2013. The service member must register, either online at <http://www.wavesof-honor.com> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show a valid active military identification. All dependents 10 and older must present a valid military dependent identification for entry into the park. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents.

Two-gether on the Home Front

This relationship enrichment

program adapted for military couples will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Central Library, 600 Soledad St. Facilitators are Dan Ratliff, PhD, Professor of Marriage and Therapy, St. Mary's University and Gritchell Pelizzari, Clinical Intern, Family Life Center, St. Mary's University. Call 207-2500 for information.

'Operation Comedy' Free for Military, Veterans

The River Center Comedy Club at 849 E. Commerce St. is the site for "Operation Comedy," a free event for all military members, past and present veterans and their guests from Wednesday through June 9. Founded by Army Infantry veteran John Stites, the event provided top-flight comedy entertainment to thank the military for their service and sacrifices. For reservations, call 229-1420 and use the code "Operation Comedy" or click on <http://www.operationcomedy.com>.

MOAA Summer Dance

The Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold a summer dance, June 27 at the Petroleum Club, 8620 N. New Braunfels. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and dancing starting at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "Two for the Road."

Cost is \$34 per person. Dress is cruise casual. Participants must register by June 24 at <http://www.alamomooa.org>.

Salute to America Celebration

The San Antonio community is invited to enjoy a free concert and patriotic celebration featuring one of America's most enduring and popular bands, War, from 7-10 p.m. June 29 at the Wonderland of the Americas, 4522 Fredericksburg Road. Call 785-3500 or visit <http://www.wonderlandamericas.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: Office chair, \$25; vacuum, \$20; fan, \$10; couch, \$50; wood dinette and two chairs, \$75. Call 241-1291.

FOR SALE: Solid wood coffee table and end table both with drawers, \$150; three-piece sofa set includes love seat, sofa and chair, blue leather, \$400. In Converse, call 703-304-1702 for information and pictures.

FOR SALE: Noritake Stoneware, Desert Flower pattern, microwave and oven safe, coffee or tea pot, creamer and sugar bowl with top, \$45; two-piece butter dish and salt and pepper set, \$30; 8 1/2 inch serving bowl and 14 inch serving platter, \$30; camouflage parka, military specific, size large-regular, \$35. Call 495-2296.

FOR SALE: Lenovo G550 laptop computer, Intel Pentium Dual-Core T-4200, 3 GB RAM, 250 GB hard drive, Windows Vista, 15.6-inch glossy 16:9 display, WiFi/Ethernet enabled, DVD-writer. Comes with case, cooling fan, wireless USB mouse. \$100. Call 325-2432.

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
 11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"
**Brooke Army Medical
 Center Chapel**
 Building 3600,
 3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
 10 a.m. - Traditional

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

1:15 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>.*

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 29

CURRENT LEVEL* = 658.4'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660' **Stage III - 642'**
Stage I - 660' **Stage IV - 640.5'**
Stage II - 650' **Stage V - 637'**

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



SENTRY from P3

The El Paso and Fort Bliss military community is unique because it is a border community with Mexico.

To capitalize on a training opportunity, a portion of Ardent Sentry 13 was designed as a cross-border incident that requires members of JTF-51 to work with both U.S. agencies and Mexican agencies during a table-top exercise with no troops crossing either border.

The Secretaria de la Defensa Nacional is working with the task force by sending liaison officers to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to help enhance coordination and commu-

nication between the two nations. The participants in this phase were able to discuss possibilities of mutual assistance in the event of a crisis.

"It's really important that the training exercise involves Mexico as well because we never know if a disaster will be along a border, such as the scenario we are training with now," said Powers, who postponed his retirement after finding out his unit had been placed on orders for the DSCA mission.

Military liaisons were also sent to each EOC to practice coordinating efforts with local officials and first responders. One of those TF-51 liaison officers, Capt. Daniel Fass,

said his main mission was to translate military language and terms for his civilian partners.

"I know it's all English, but sometimes when Soldiers start talking, you can see the faces of civilians go a little blank and you can tell you have lost them with the military jargon," Fass said. "If I am doing my job right, then I shouldn't be seeing blank stares."

In addition to the El Paso EOC, JTF-51 worked with personnel from the 1st Armored Division EOC on Fort Bliss to simulate how a local military unit would respond to a nearby crisis.

By sending a tactical operations center of ap-

proximately 30 Soldiers from JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to Fort Bliss, Army North's JTF-51 added multiple levels of coordination and complexity to the Ardent Sentry exercise - making it more realistic and enhancing the military training with that of agencies who regularly respond to incidents.

"You better believe that local authorities are already training every day to handle the situations we are training for ourselves," said Maj. Gen. Charles Gales, commander, JTF-51. "It's our job, as a task force, to be prepared to help out when the situation becomes just too big for them to handle."

Weekly Weather Watch

	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5
San Antonio Texas	93° AM Clouds/PM Sun	93° AM Clouds/PM Sun	91° Partly Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	92° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	93° Sunny	94° Mostly Sunny	91° Mostly Sunny	88° Mostly Sunny	89° Sunny	91° Sunny/Windy

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

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