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A new day for JBSA

Photo by Steve Elliott

(From right) Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, receives the wing's colors from Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Perry, 502nd ABW/JBSA command chief master sergeant; and Army Col. Jim Chevallier, 502nd ABW/JBSA vice commander during the 502nd ABW transformation ceremony at Dec. 4 Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "Hundreds of people put in countless hours of effort in analyzing and developing this restructure and coordinating it with our mission partners, higher headquarters and air staff," LaBrutta said. **See story Page 8.**

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Beat the holiday blues

By Jessica Rawlings
U.S. Army Public Health Command

It's that time of year again: Festive music fills the air, fireplaces crackle, and holiday cheer abounds. It's the most wonderful time of the year, right?

Not necessarily.

Many people can find themselves dealing with the holiday blues and can be sad, lonely or even depressed. There are many reasons that people might find themselves struggling with the holiday blues: Pressure to feel merry, reminders of lost loved ones, and financial hardships are just a few.

Military families can add one more reason to that list: deployment. Coping with deployments can take a toll on one's emotional well-being, and this is only increased when a loved one's deployment spans the holidays.

Here are a few tips to help beat the holiday blues:

Take it one day at a time: Try to avoid looking at this time of year as the "holiday season." Instead, try to break it down day by day, think of it as Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day. Often, it is easier to think "I can get through this day" rather than thinking "I can get through this season."

Get in touch: Reach out to family members by writing letters, visiting or making phone calls.

Photo illustration by Pfc. William Hatton

Soldiers who are away from their loved ones this holiday season need to be especially alert to signs of stress so they can seek help or get others to seek help.

Try to avoid retail therapy: Fight the temptation to spend extra money to make you feel better as this can lead to increased stress or depression when the credit card bills arrive.

Give yourself permission to have fun: It is normal to be sociable during the holidays, even if your loved one is not available to attend events with you.

Ask for help: You don't need to be superman or superwoman; you do not need to wing it alone, depend on close family and friends to help you through this time.

Stay busy: Avoiding unstructured time may help to minimize difficult feelings. Try to fill your calendar with fun events and give yourself something to look forward to.

It is also important to know when "the blues" are a sign of something more. Depression is common around the holidays and recognizing the symptoms is a key step in getting the help you might need.

Symptoms of depression include lack of sleep or over sleeping, over eating or not eating at all, crying for no reason or any reason, and loss of interest in activities. If you are experiencing these symptoms for an extended period of time and are concerned that you may be depressed, contact your primary care provider for help.

There are many ways to beat the holiday blues, but remember it is okay to feel what you are feeling. Forcing yourself to be happy can often make it worse. Try to incorporate some of the tips above if you find yourself feeling down during the holidays, and remember: you are not the only person experiencing the holiday blues.

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MONDAY

JBSA-LACKLAND HOLIDAY COOKIE CAPER

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland holiday cookie caper is Monday at Freedom Chapel.

The cookie caper provides cookies for Airmen who will remain in JBSA-Lackland dormitories during the holiday season.

Cookie donations can be dropped off from 6-9 a.m. Monday in the chapel parking lot. Volunteers are also needed to receive and package cookies from 8-11:30 a.m.

For more details, email cookiecaper@lacklandosc.org or call 352-5528.

DEC. 20

LAST PT TEST DATE SET

The last day to schedule a physical training test for 2013 is Dec. 20. PT testing will resume Jan. 6.

For more information, call 671-2725.

INFORMATIONAL

AIRMEN NEEDING OTC MEDICATIONS, USE MICARE

In need of an over-the-counter medication for cough, flu or other minor ailments?

Active duty assigned to the family health clinic do not have to schedule an appointment with their private care management team to get an OTC medication. Individuals must be registered in MiCare (Relay Health) and complete a web visit, based on the complaint, through secure online messaging at http://www.relayhealth.com. Call 292-7384 or 292-4645 for more details.

GOSPEL CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee needs singers of all ages for its 2014 gospel choir.

The choir will perform at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Gateway Chapel. Active duty or retired military members from any branch, civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

Rehearsals at Gateway Chapel are scheduled for Jan. 6, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Jan. 10, 5:30-7 p.m.; Jan. 13, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Jan. 17, 5:30-7 p.m.; Jan. 20, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Jan. 24, 5:30-7 p.m.; Jan. 27, 5:50-6:45 p.m.; and Jan. 31, 5:30-7 p.m.

For additional information, contact Tech. Sgt. Anna Ricks at 671-0723 or Master Sgt. Tiwanda Griffin at 671-4906.

AFISRA volunteers start Fisher House Thanksgiving tradition

Photo by William Belcher

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Commander Maj. Gen. John Shanahan engages a young Fisher House resident during the agency's Thanksgiving meal Nov. 27.

By Wayne Amann
Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs

Just as a journey begins with a single step, a tradition begins with its first event.

That long range vision was the impetus behind the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Key Spouse Group's inaugural Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Wilford Hall Fisher House III Nov. 27.

The Fisher House provides a home-away-from-home atmosphere for families of seriously ill or injured patients receiving treatment at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

"The key spouses wanted to do something special to start a tradition with the Fisher House," said Christine Heikkinen, the agency's Thanksgiving meal coordinator. "They've been involved with the Fisher House in the past and thought to serve this luncheon would fit right in."

The outpouring of agency volunteers and food donations was in Heikkinen's words, "awesome!"

Within two days of the first request for support, the agency stepped up and filled the entire list of needed food items. The quick response was due in large part to the online signup list created by Mary Young, spouse of agency surgeon general, Col. Paul Young. The list made volunteering

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN POINTS OF CONTACT

The following is a list of points of contact for Joint Base San Antonio

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671-6705

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671-2528
Alternate:
Master Sgt. Robert Brinson
671-5511

502nd Security Forces and Logistic Support Group:
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652-3797
Alternate:
Master Sgt. Ennis Fowler
652-6915
Alternate:
Master Sgt. Shawn Waghorn
652-3088

The 2013 Combined Federal Campaign runs through Jan. 15, 2014.

DIAMOND SHARP

Staff Sgt. Jimmy Cardenas

Unit: Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School
Duty title: Airman Leadership School Instructor
Time in service: 10 years
Hometown: Houston

"Staff Sgt. Jimmy Cardenas serves as an instructor for the Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School. His professionalism and attention to detail stand out when it comes to enlisted professional military education. He constantly displays the highest standards of dress and appearance and lives by the core values and the airman's creed. Cardenas has an eloquent demeanor both in and out of the classroom and he gains the respect of all future NCOs who graduate from the Airman Leadership School. Because of his positive attitude, he was selected to attend master resilience training and become one of few trainers that are selected to teach resilience throughout Joint Base San Antonio. It is for these reasons and the scope of his impact that Cardenas is truly 'Diamond Sharp.'"

- Master Sgt. Timothy Petch
First Sergeant, 802nd Force Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kevin S. Rains

Unit: 668th Alterations and Installation Squadron
Duty title: Installation Specialist
Time in service: 8 years
Hometown: Winter Haven, Fla.

"We work in a squadron where the primary duties are accomplished on temporary duty assignments, but Rains always finds a way to keep himself busy regardless of operational tempo. Rains created the infrastructure for a new public affairs commercial media data system. This system provides information on public issues and opinions, not accessible through base networks, directly to the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency commander.

Rains also accomplished personal goals by completing Introduction to Project Management computer-based training, a precursor of his selection to go through the Squadron and Air Force Team Chief Academy.

Not only does Rains excel in the work environment, but he also takes time to lead in the community. Rains organized an ongoing Olmos Basin Park cleanup to repair the damage caused by flooding in early October. Olmos Basin lies in a flood zone and these efforts allowed for the reopening of the athletic fields to the local community. Rains also led 10 Airman (20 hours) on a work center adopt-a-highway project for which he has been the unit point of contact since January 2009. He is also the squadron point of contact for Adopt-A-Park (Duck Pond Park) and the USO."

- Master Sgt. Juan Cosmesantiago
First Sergeant, 668th ALIS

Airman 1st Class Monserat Ponce

Unit: 59th Dental Squadron
Duty title: Dental Assistant Journeyman
Time in service: 1 year, 11 months
Hometown: Houston

"Airman 1st Class Monserat Ponce is a phenomenal Airman that truly fits the description of 'Diamond Sharp!' As the Class 3 Monitor for the Base Dental Services Flight, Ponce tracked and expedited the care for 29 active-duty members and purged/mailed out 81 dental records to their appropriate bases. With less than two years of active duty service, Ponce has been identified as a natural leader who has been given responsibilities not levied upon most airmen. She instructed a basic lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation class to four members in the squadron and is responsible for opening/closing the Dunn Dental Clinic, securing 13,000 dental records and approximately $6.3 million in equipment.

Ponce is a very well rounded individual who displays excellence in everything she does, from dress and appearance, customs and courtesies, to community service and significant self-improvement. She is the cheerleading coach and mentor for 13 young girls with the San Antonio Wild Cats Youth Sports Organization. Airman Ponce was also coined by the 59th Medical Wing Command Chief for attending two professional enhancement seminars within one month; as well as earning six credit hours from the University of Incarnate Word towards her Bachelor of Arts in Criminology.

Ponce is an inspiration to her fellow airmen and continuously embodies the Air Force Core Values. It is an honor to recognize her as 59th Dental Squadron Diamond Sharp Airman of the Month."

- Master Sgt. Jason Fitts
First Sergeant, 59th Dental Group

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College credit for inter-American squadron officer school

By Mike Joseph
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

American Military University became the first university to accept transfer credits from students who attend Inter-American Squadron Officer School at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

AMU will offer six credits toward undergraduate degree programs and up to nine credits toward graduate programs. The transfer credits apply not only to current ISOS students but also include ISOS alumni from courses dating back to 2011.

"This is a big deal for us," said Capt. Omayra Genao, ISOS program director. "AMU did a thorough review of our updated eight-week curriculum before offering the credits."

ISOS is a professional military education in-residence course taught entirely in Spanish to captains from Latin American and U.S. armed forces. The school is accredited by Air University for equivalency Primary Development Education.

Genao said the ISOS curriculum mirrors the one taught for Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., an element of Squadron Officer College under Air University.

"Our students would get credit for the PME course, which would fulfill one of the requirements so they're eligible for promotion to major," Genao said. "However, until now they couldn't get college credit."

ISOS teaches leadership and management principles along with the fundamentals of team integration through team building concepts. It also provides the opportunity for its students to experience military-to-military engagement, which helps strengthen the relationships between the U.S. military and its Latin American partner nations.

JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

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Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland

Holiday Gate Closures for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

AF ISR Agency (Security Hill) – *Closed*

Base Operations (Flight line) – *Open 24/7*

General McMullen (Building 171/24th Air Force) – *Open 24/7*

Growden – *Closed*

Luke East – *Open 24/7*

Luke West – *Closed*

Medina Search Area (Commercial Vehicle) – *Closed*

Medina – *Open 24/7*

Selfridge East and West – *Closed*

Valley Hi – *Open 24/7*

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BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 37 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 409 Air Force basic military trainees who graduate Friday:

322nd Training Squadron
–Flight 031
Kyle Barnes
Joseph Bellavia
Kenneth Brown
Logan Emmons
Justin Pierce
Vito Skidmore
–Flight 032
Payton Galloway
Trika Henry

323rd Training Squadron
–Flight 029
Brian Morris
John Powell
Traxxon Stecklein
–Flight 030
Deric Alston
Tyler Bloodworth
Damien Buchwald
Jared Chappelear
Christopher Clarkson
Aaron Jameson
Lane Murphy
Joshua Pardon
Alexander Woodson

326th Training Squadron
–Flight 027
Ryan Schuett
Patrick Serna
–Flight 028
Gage Cope
Gregory Ellsworth
Richard Habermehl III
Jared Ontiveros
Roy Parker Jr.

331st Training Squadron
–Flight 025
Christopher Jay
Philip Johnson
Ian Kuehl
Ross Melancon
Blake Milner
Rigoberto Montoya
Cory Shaffer
Jonathan Yeung
–Flight 026
Ariel Coats
Brieanne Kelly

Top BMT Airman
Tyler Bloodworth
323rd TRS, Flight 030

Most Physically Fit
–Male Airmen
Adam Dillon
326th TRS, Flight 027
Bromme Gustave
323rd TRS, Flight 030
Schroeder Bryce
323rd TRS, Flight 030
Cameron Servantez
326th TRS, Flight 027
–Female Airmen
Stephanie Battle
331st TRS, Flight 026
Emily Hansen
322nd TRS, Flight 032
Alexis Schall
331st TRS, Flight 026
Ashley Torkelson
322nd TRS, Flight 032
–Male Flights
323st TRS, Flight 025
323rd TRS, Flight 029
323rd TRS, Flight 030
322nd TRS, Flight 031
326th TRS, Flight 028
326th TRS, Flight 027
–Female Flights
322nd TRS, Flight 032
331st TRS, Flight 026

Top Academic Flights
326th TRS, Flight 027
323rd TRS, Flight 030
323rd TRS, Flight 029
331st TRS, Flight 025
322nd TRS, Flight 032
322nd TRS, Flight 031
326th TRS, Flight 028
331st TRS, Flight 026

DOD, TSA partner to provide military TSA Precheck at 100 airports

(Information provided by American Forces Press Service)

Members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as reservists and National Guard members are eligible for expedited Transportation Security Administration screening beginning Dec. 20.

San Antonio International Airport is among the airports participating in the program, according the TSA website at http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/airlines-airports.

As part of the ongoing effort to move away from a one-size-fits-all security approach and provide more of the traveling public the ability to participate in expedited screening, the TSA and the Department of Defense partnered to expand TSA Precheck expedited screening benefits to all service members.

Currently, members of the armed forces can utilize TSA Precheck lanes at 10 domestic airports by presenting their Common Access Card. The partnership expands the program to the military at all 100 airports offering TSA Precheck, allowing service members to keep their footwear on as well as light outerwear, belts, keep their laptop in its case and their 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels bag in a carry on in select screening lanes.

"Expanding TSA Precheck screening benefits is great news for our service members and is a tangible sign of this nation's gratitude for the men and women who serve this nation bravely each and every day," said Mary Snavely-Dixon, the director of the Defense Manpower Data Center. "We will continue to work with the Transportation Security Administration to help expand this program further."

The new process being established under this agreement allows all active duty, Coast Guard, Reserve and National Guard service members to use their DOD identification number when making reservations. That ID number will be used as their known traveler number.

When arriving at the airport, service members will then be permitted access to TSA Precheck lanes for official or leisure travel on participating airlines.

"TSA joins with the American people in showing its appreciation for the service and sacrifices of our men and women in the armed forces," said TSA deputy administrator John W. Halinski, a 25-year Marine Corps veteran. "Providing expedited screening while on travel is the least we can do for these courageous men and women."

More than 18 million passengers have experienced TSA Precheck since it launched in October 2011.

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WARRIOR SALUTE

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Ruiz
U.S. Army North (Fifth Army)
Unit: Operations, Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army)
Time in service: 10 years
Future goals: Continue to become a better leader and train Soldiers
Latest accomplishment: Promotion to sergeant first class and named Best Warrior NCO of the Year for Army North

Jason Ruiz (left) is promoted to Sergent First Class by Command Sgt. Major Alvin Chaplin, Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), Dec 3. Ruiz was recently named Best Warrior NCO of the Year for Army North.

Photo by U.S. Army Master Sgt. Kimberly Green

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TSA has recently expanded this expedited screening program to 60 new airports in addition to the existing 40, bringing the total number of airports with TSA Precheck to 100.

TSA has long recognized our men and women in uniform as nearly a quarter of TSA's workforce is a veteran or currently serves as an active duty service member in the armed forces.

In addition to expanding TSA Precheck to service members, TSA offers the American public the Wounded Warrior Screening program.

According to TSA officials, this program makes the overall experience for wounded service members as simple as possible. This includes personalized service and expedited screening to move through security checkpoints without having to remove footwear, light outerwear, jackets or head wear. Wounded warriors or their care coordinators can contact TSA Cares toll free at (855) 787-2227 with details of the itinerary once flight arrangements are made with the airline.

TSA will always incorporate random and unpredictable security measures throughout the airport, TSA officials said. No individual will be guaranteed expedited screening. Travelers can check the TSA Precheck Participating Airports page (http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/airlines-airports) for information on locations and hours of active TSA Precheck lanes.

Further information on TSA Precheck for military members can be found at http://www.TSA.gov and http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil.

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Alamo ACE encourages collaboration

By 2nd Lt. Meredith Hein
24th Air Force Public Affairs

Airmen from across 24th Air Force participated in the 2013 Alamo Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's chapter event Nov. 18-21 at the Westin La Cantera Resort in San Antonio.

This year's event, with the theme "Mission Assurance: Innovation through Collaboration," was a four-day program involving participants from all branches of the military, industry and academia.

"The only thing certain in these times is how uncertain they are," said Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, during the opening remarks to the conference.

The constant and evolving cyber threat, in conjunction with sequestration, means that now more than ever, the Department of Defense, other governmental organizations, industry and academia must collaborate, share technology and be open and honest with each other, said LaBrutta.

That collaboration is not limited to organizations, however. "The greater San Antonio community has been a great partner," said LaBrutta. He emphasized the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education, and how programs like CyberPatriot help to foster growth in these areas.

"Our job is to make sure the cyber warriors out there can do their job," said LaBrutta.

Retired U. S. Marine Corps Col. Mike Warlick, vice president for regional and chapter outreach for AFCEA International, summed up the importance of collaboration: "It's all about engagement. You've got to be engaged to be successful."

The final two days of the conference consisted of the San Antonio Regional IT/Cyber Industry Summit, formerly known as the 24th Air Force Industry Day. This event allowed 24th AF and other government organizations to update industry on the many ongoing changes in the cyber domain, as well as to answer questions and provide a common understanding of cyber challenges.

Decoding the JIE

The Joint Information Environment, or JIE, has been a unique challenge faced by the services in recent months, both in concept and implementation.

At the Alamo ACE Conference, panelists worked to shed some light on the idea, progress and challenges of the JIE.

"It's doing joint IT and doing it right. We haven't gotten there yet," said Mr. David Stigley, director of the Defense Information Systems Agency JIE Implementation Office. "I've seen many great ideas in industry and I encourage you all [in industry] to bring your ideas forward."

Army Col. Jay Chapman, 106th Signal Brigade commander, found the JIE to be about trusted relationships with the other services: "If we don't get together jointly, we won't get there," he said. "Seamless passing of information between our services is critical."

Arthur Wachdorf, senior advisor for intelligence and cyber operations at 24th Air Force, had a more operational approach. "Make the JIE defensible from the start," he said. "We need to ensure that we can dominate in the domain so our joint partners can be successful."

Wachdorf had a clear perspective on the role of 24th AF in this regard.

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502nd ABW transforms organizational structure to streamline support functions

By Lori Newman
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The 502nd Air Base Wing held a transformation ceremony Dec. 4 to recognize its new organizational structure.

The transformation restructures the 8,000-person 502nd ABW to improve command and control, simplify operations and reduce overhead across functional support areas.

"Over the past three-plus years since we reached full operating capability, the men and women of the 502nd Air Base Wing have worked diligently to provide installation support and service at the largest joint base in the Department of Defense," said Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander.

The blueprint for joint basing wasn't specific and the way ahead wasn't always clear, explained LaBrutta. "In fact, you could say that joint bases were designed to be innovative and a work in progress."

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, the second 502nd ABW/JBSA commander, realized the traditional wing structure was neither efficient nor effective.

The former commander said the wing was operating in triplicate and was slow to respond to the customer's needs. Positions were being eliminated and JBSA was still operating as three separate installations and resources and assets needed to support the missions could not be transferred between locations.

Carter made a "bold decision" to reorganize the wing from a traditional structure into a functional structure, LaBrutta said.

To help solve these issues a new organizational structure was formed to streamline support functions into a single organization while retaining critical customer service centers at each location.

"Her vision and efforts are the catalyst that brought us here this morning," LaBrutta said. "As the third 502nd ABW/JBSA commander, I am honored to propel this organization forward to the next level in our journey, in our evolution.

"It is so important that we fine tune our structure and our processes within the wing so that we can provide premier installation support and service to the mission partners who depend on us so they can concentrate on executing their critical missions in defense of our nation," LaBrutta said.

The new structure realigns command and responsibly under functional support groups. It removes additional integration steps currently necessary at the wing level, enhances responsiveness and allows implementation of consistent processes and procedures across JBSA.

During the ceremony the 502nd, 802nd and 902nd Mission Support Group squadrons inactivated to make way for the new functional structure. Following the inactivation, new groups were activated.

Photos by Steve Elliott

Col. Christine Erlewine cases the 902nd Mission Support Group colors for inactivation during the 502nd Air Base Wing transformation ceremony Dec. 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The 902nd MSG, which Erlewhine was the commander of, was redesignated as the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group at JBSA-Randolph.

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, makes a point during his comments at the 502nd Air Base Wing transformation ceremony Dec. 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "Hundreds of people put in countless hours of effort in analyzing and developing this restructure and coordinating it with our mission partners, higher headquarters and air staff," LaBrutta said.

The 502nd Mission Support Group is redesignated as the 502nd Force Support Group at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The 502nd Force Support Group includes two force support squadrons, with one focused on morale, welfare and recreation, which includes fitness, child and youth programs and community and student activity centers. The other is focused on personnel and manpower policies/procedures, military and family readiness, dining facilities and lodging.

The 802nd Mission Support Group was redesignated as the 502nd Installation Support Group at JBSA-Lackland.

The 502nd Installation Support Group consolidates and provides civil engineering; communications and operations support squadron functions and sustainment across JBSA. Airfield operations support will be limited to JBSA-Lackland.

The 902nd Mission Support Group was redesignated as the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group at JBSA-Randolph.

The 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group now includes one logistics readiness squadron, three security forces squadrons and a trainer development squadron.

Three contracting squadrons merge into one squadron and three comptroller squadrons also merge into one.

"Hundreds of people put in countless hours of effort in analyzing and developing this restructure and coordinating it with our mission partners, higher headquarters and air staff," LaBrutta said.

"We are doing something fundamentally different," LaBrutta added. "We are now organized in a functional vice traditional structure—the first that I know of in the Department of Defense."

"I firmly believe that through this action, the 502nd Air Base Wing is formally organized the way that provides us the best opportunity to achieve our vision … to provide premier installation support to our more than 200 mission partners and 80,000 professionals who come onto Joint Base San Antonio each and every day," the general said.

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, salutes the flag during the playing of the national anthem during the 502nd Air Base Wing transformation ceremony Dec. 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

- Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from bursting or freezing up.
- Insulate hot water pipes so you don't have to run as much water in order to get hot water to the faucet.
- Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it to save gallons of water each time.
- Make suggestions to your employer on how to save water – and dollars – at work.
- Support projects that use reclaimed wastewater for irrigation and other uses.

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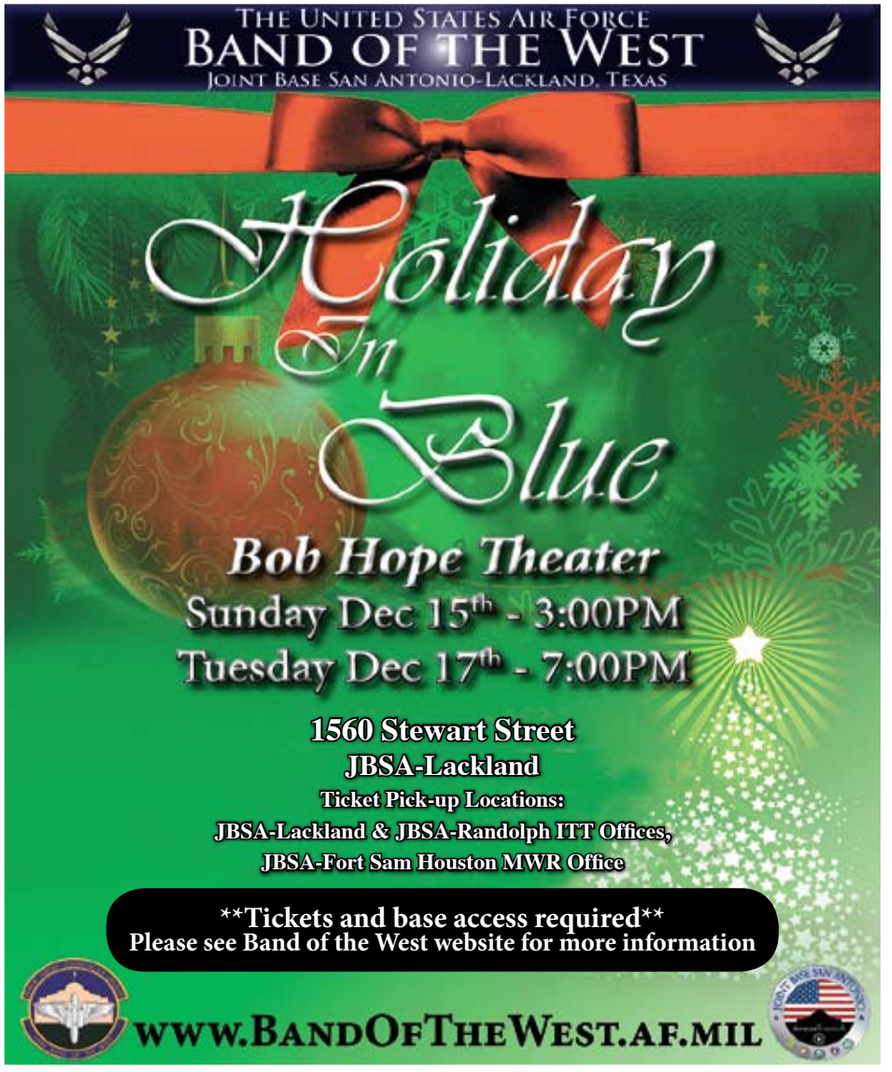
Interactive Customer Evaluation

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



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LOCAL BRIEFS

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SATURDAY

AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE

The deadline to nominate a child for Operation Homefront's 2014 Military Child of the Year is 11 p.m. Saturday. The award is given to an outstanding military child from each service branch.

For more information, visit http://www.militarychildoftheyear.org or call June Morse at 659-7756.

TUESDAY

ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT

The San Antonio Military Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is scheduled for an accreditation site visit Feb. 12.

Any parties who feel they may have pertinent information regarding the program are encouraged to submit comments by mail to the Commission on Dental Accreditation,

211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611 or by calling 800-621-8099, ext. 4653.

The deadline for receipt of third-party comments by the commission office is Tuesday.

CUSTOMER SUPPLY TRAINING

The 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Equipment Accountability Element conducts three classes the third Tuesday each month in the second floor conference room of building 5160.

The classes and start times are: Block I General Supply Training, 8 a.m.; Block II Bench Stock Training, 8:45 a.m.; and Block III Equipment Custodian Supplemental/Refresher-Training, 9:30 a.m.

For information or registration, contact Ray Holland or Eugene Owens at 925-1140 or 671-3801.

WEDNESDAY

BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION COURSE

Registration continues through Wednesday for a babysitter's Red Cross certification class by the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Program.

Course topics include first aid, CPR, how to make responsible decisions, basic care such as diapering, feeding and dressing, handling bedtime issues, and how to find and interview for babysitting jobs.

The class will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 23, and is open to youth ages 11-15. The registration fee is $55 per youth.

For information, call 671-2388.

THURSDAY

THRIFT SHOP EXTENDS HOURS

The JBSA-Lackland Thrift Shop located in the One Stop, building 5460 on Selfridge will be open Thursday until 4:30 pm for extra holiday shopping. Regular hours Tuesday and Wednesday are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shop will be closed from Dec 24 to Jan 2. Call 671-3608.

DEC. 20

WALK-IN PET VACCINATION CLINIC

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold a walk-in vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clients must check in by 4 p.m. for a guarantee to be seen. Prior registration is required. Call or stop in the clinic by Thursday to make a reservation. The clinic is located at 2330 Hughes Ave.

For information, call 671-3631.

INFORMATIONAL

MFRC TO CHANGE HOURS

The Military and Family Readiness Center will close from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursday each month for training. The change goes into effect Jan. 16.

Scheduled classes and emergency Air Force Aid assistance are not affected by the change.

For additional information, call 671-3722.

JBSA-LACKLAND LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The JBSA-Lackland Library holiday hours of operation are: Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 24-26, closed; Dec. 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 30-31, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 1, closed; Jan. 2-3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CATHOLIC WEEKDAY MASSES TO MOVE

Catholic weekday masses will move to the Gateway Chapel beginning Jan. 6. Masses are held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information, contact the Rev. Omana at 671-2911 or Desma Delgado at 671-4208.

PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINIC CLOSURE

The last day of patient care at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center Pain Management Clinic is Jan. 3.

The clinic, located on the seventh floor at WHASC, will merge with the San Antonio Military Medical Center Pain Management Clinic at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jan. 6.

For additional information, contact the WHASC Pain Management Clinic's front desk at 292-7160.

CAC/ID CARD APPOINTMENTS

Department of Defense Common Access Card/ID cardholders in need of new or updated cards are encouraged to make appointments online.

Appointments are scheduled in 20-minute intervals between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visit https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil or call 671-4178.

PET CONSULTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides behavior consultation services for family pets.

The facility's military animal behavior Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing.

To schedule an appointment, call 671-3631 or 671-2245.

CHAPEL SERVICES

—PROTESTANT

• Freedom Chapel – building 1528

Contemporary Service	Sun.	9:30 a.m.
Religious Education	Sun.	11 a.m.
Gospel Service	Sun.	12:30 p.m.
Spanish Service	Sun.	3 p.m.
AWANA	Wed.	6 p.m.

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Liturgical Service	Sun.	11 a.m.

—DENOMINATIONAL

• BMT Reception Center – building 7246

Church of Christ	Sun.	7:30 a.m.

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Seventh-day Adventist	Sat.	12:30 p.m.

• Education Classroom – building 5200 Room 108

Christian Science	Sun.	7:30 a.m.

—PENTECOSTAL RE

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Pentecostal RE	Sun.	2:30 p.m.

—ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Religious Education	Fri.	4 p.m.

—WICCA

• BMT Reception Center – building 7246

Military Open Circle	Sun.	12:30 p.m.

• Freedom Chapel – building 1528

Military Open Circle	First Tues.	6 p.m.

—REFUGE STUDENT CENTER

• building 9122 (Tech Training & TDY Students)

Wednesday Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	6–8 p.m.
Friday	6–11 p.m.
Saturday	Noon to 9 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Religious Education	Tues.	6:30 p.m.
LDS Institute	Thurs.	6:30 p.m.
LDS Service	Sun.	1 p.m.

—JEWISH

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

Sabbath & Kiddush	Fri.	4:30 p.m.
Religious Education	Sun.	1:30 p.m.

—ROMAN CATHOLIC

• Freedom Chapel – building 1528

Religious Education	Sun.	9 a.m.
Reconciliation	Sun.	10 a.m.
Mass	Sun.	11 a.m.
	Sun.	5 p.m.
Reconciliation	Sun.	4:15 p.m.

Daily Mass Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 11:30 a.m.

Note: Reconciliation(s) may be scheduled by appointment

—ISLAMIC

• Global Ministry Center – building 7452

Jummah Prayer	Fri.	12:45 – 1:15 p.m.
Religious Education	Sun.	9 a.m.

OTHER FAITH GROUPS

• BMT Reception Center – building 7246

—Buddhist	Sun.	10 a.m.

• Gateway Chapel – building 6300

—Eckankar

First, third and fifth Saturdays 12:30 p.m.

—Baha'i

First, third and fifth Saturdays 11 a.m.

For more details, contact
Freedom Chapel - 671-4208
Gateway Chapel - 671-2911

JBSA-LACKLAND KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Air Force Aid Society	671-3722
Airman & Family Readiness Center	671-3722
Airman's Attic	671-1780
American Red Cross	844-4225
Base Post Office	671-1058
Bowling Center	671-2271
DEERS	800-538-9552
Exceptional Family Member Program	671-3722
Family Child Care	671-3376
Legal Office	671-3362
Library	671-3610
Medical Appointment Line	916-9900
MPF ID Cards	671-6006
Outdoor Recreation	925-5532
TRICARE Info	800-444-5445
Thrift Shop	671-3608

Enlisted Spouses' Club	http://www.lacklandesc.org
Force Support Squadron	http://www.lacklandfss.com
Lackland ISD	http://www.lacklandisd.net
Officers' Spouses' Club	http://www.lacklandosc.org
JBSA Public website	http://www.jbsa.af.mil
My Air Force Life	http://www.MyAirForceLife.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Family Support Events

ALL CLASSES, SEMINARS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE HELD AT THE MILITARY AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER, BUILDING 1249, *UNLESS NOTED BELOW.* CALL MFRC AT 671-3722 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

FRIDAY

▶ Resume writing techniques, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

MONDAY

▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

▶ Interview with Confidence, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

▶ Post-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 2:30 p.m., building 5160.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

TUESDAY

▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 9 a.m., building 5160.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

WEDNESDAY

▶ Creative an effective resume, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

▶ AWANA Clubs, 6-8 p.m., Freedom Chapel.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

THURSDAY

▶ Federal employment process taught by the Office of Personnel Management, 1-4 p.m.

▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents seminar, BMT Reception Center, building 7246, 1 p.m. For information, call 773-354-6131.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

DEC. 20

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

DEC. 23

▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

▶ Post-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 2:30 p.m., building 5160.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

DEC. 24

▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 9 a.m., building 5160.

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

DEC. 25

▶ The Military and Family Readiness Center is closed for Christmas.

DEC. 26

▶ The Military and Family Readiness Center is closed for Air Education and Training Command family day.

DEC. 27

▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

DEC. 30

▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monthly Meetings

ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit http://www.lacklandesc.org.

OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets monthly. For dates and times, or more information, visit http://www.lacklandosc.org.

MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Military Council of Catholic Women meets the first Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel. For additional information, call 671-4208.

On the web

http://www.lacklandfss.com

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"We're the operators. We're the folks responsible for ensuring the architecture is available for the warfighter," he said. "We need the ability to do those sorts of essential military operations in support of combatant commanders."

The challenges of the cyber domain are unique due to the ever-changing nature of the technology.

"We need to adopt an attitude that allows us to change at the rate technology changes," said Wachdorf. "In this technology, we are driven by a consumer market. Expertise isn't going to come from us. It'll come from you. You understand how to implement this faster and better than we do."

Fostering STEM education

The issue of promoting STEM education was a critical topic at the conference, and several panelists discussed ways to encourage interest in STEM education and careers among children and teens.

"We've always had a problem hiring right out of college," said Scott Gray, founding chair of San Antonio STEM Initiative Cooperative, a group aimed at ensuring children of all ages have opportunities to follow STEM education and career paths. "We're trying to work together with government, with academia and with industry to capture these kids."

"If you have a degree in the STEM area, you have an advantage," said Retired Col. Mona Lisa Tucker, director of STEM Initiatives for the University of Texas-San Antonio. "There's a big gap that we need to bridge." She noted that women and minorities do not pursue STEM careers as often as their male counterparts.

The Air Force, Tucker noted, is in need of people with STEM backgrounds: "We are hungry for people with these skill sets in the Air Force. We (should be) the tech-savvy service. We've fallen behind and we have a gap to make up."

Tucker stated that the problem in enticing young people to STEM fields could be a communication issue.

"I think the way we communicate about STEM is a barrier to our young people. We have to change that dialogue," said Tucker. "It can be interesting. We have to make it interesting for them."

24th AF commander talks mission

Maj. Gen. J. Kevin McLaughlin, 24th Air Force commander, spoke to conference attendees about general cyber challenges and evolving threats, specifically the unique "people challenges" of the cyber domain.

"People challenges in this area are very interesting," said McLaughlin. "Our main issues right now are asking our people to do more and more and more. Our stress is going to be getting people reassigned to where the Air Force needs them to be."

McLaughlin also highlighted the unique nature of the cyber domain.

"You have to understand what's going on in your domain. It's no different than in the air domain. The difference here is that we're building the domain we're operating in," said McLaughlin.

Further, everyone in the Air Force has a cyber security requirement, noted McLaughlin, even if "cyber is not their business." To mitigate this, the Air Force is using the 24th AF as an "active defense" for cyber.

AFISRA and cyber

Col. Timothy Haugh, assistant vice commander for the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, spoke to conference attendees about the role of cyber in AFISRA's mission.

The goal of AFISRA, said Haugh, is to "produce the right intel for the right person at the right time." In order to accomplish this, the agency must be prepared to fight in a cross-domain, contested environment.

"Our job is to be able to present a trained and qualified force to be successful in cyber," said Haugh. "We know that as we look into the future, cyber is going to be a key part of ISR."

ISR is critical for the warfighter. "Without a successful ISR enterprise, we will not be successful as a service," said Haugh.

"Cyber City U.S.A"

San Antonio's role in the cyber industry was discussed during the conference by Bob Butler, former deputy assistant secretary of defense for cyber policy.

"San Antonio collectively understands what we call cyber," said Butler.

Partnerships are critical to ensuring future success in cyber for San Antonio. "We have to bring security and competitiveness together," said Butler. "There's a true collaboration here among different organizations."

In coming years, the need for individuals proficient in cyber security will increase. "Growth needs to occur with a large, capable cyber workforce," said Butler.

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and donating easy.

"I was asked to help, so I jumped in," Mary Young said. "The residents here really deserve to have a nice holiday for all they do for us and our country."

Donations far exceeded expectations.

"We asked for food items based on a turnout of 35 to 40 people, knowing there would be plenty left over for snacking," Heikkinen said. "We got 10 pumpkin pies alone, tons of desserts, doubles and triples of many things stored in the fridge they can share with the other [two] Fisher Houses here. They'll eat all week."

The agency volunteers set up a buffet-style meal in the Fisher House III kitchen, decorated the dining tables, served food and drinks to the residents, cleaned up following the meal and stored the leftovers.

The combined good will of the Fisher House and Air Force ISR Agency volunteer servers makes a difference to those away from home during the holidays, according to one Fisher House resident.

Photo by William Belcher

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency volunteer Regina Muniz (right), assists a Fisher House resident at the Thanksgiving buffet table Nov. 27.

"We like coming here every year. Everyone is so friendly," said Mary Ayad, spouse of an Army staff sergeant from Houston whose father is here for heart surgery. This means a lot to me."

The original idea belonged to Laura Shanahan, spouse of Air Force ISR Agency Commander Maj. Gen. John Shanahan who says the agency benefits as well.

"We're educating our own active duty about what the Fisher House does," said the general who also attended the event. "We want to make sure we have an ISR family that understands there is a whole, bigger family we can help out."

That assistance is appreciated by the Fisher House leadership.

"When we were discussing what we'll do for Thanksgiving and the holidays, great organizations like [the AF] ISR [Agency] and what they could do for us were brought up," said Dwayne Hopkins, executive director of Fisher House, Inc., at Lackland Air Force Base. "They help us a lot."

For agency volunteer meal server Regina Muniz, it's her way to show her appreciation.

"This warms my heart," she said. "Our military and their families give so much. This is our way of taking care of them, even for only one day."

Warhawks end three-year drought, claim Joe Hall title

Story and photo by Jose T. Garza III
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Warhawks, men's varsity basketball team spearheaded by first-year head coach Kenneth Plummer (top left) claimed this year's Joe Hall Varsity Basketball Championship, defeating the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Rangers, 87-71, at the Chaparral Fitness Center Sunday.

The scene for the Joe Hall Varsity Basketball Tournament finals couldn't have been laid out more perfectly for Joint Base San Antonio patrons.

The stars aligned for the JBSA-Lackland Warhawks to take on its joint base counterparts, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Rangers, in the championship of the double elimination tournament.

The Warhawks went unbeaten throughout the two-day tourney before vanquishing the Rangers, 81-71 to claim its first Joe Hall title since 2010 at the Chaparral Fitness Center Sunday.

After losing to Lackland in the second round, Fort Sam Houston had to claw its way to the finals via the losers bracket, defeating Fort Bliss, 80-75, and Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., 85-76, in back to back games Sunday.

First-year Warhawks head coach Kenneth Plummer was aware that the Rangers would have to beat his team twice to become champions, but knew that fatigue would factor in.

"We had to jump on them from the get go," Plummer said. "We knew they had tired legs, so we had to push the ball. We didn't want to play a second game against them in the finals."

The Rangers mustered up enough juice to keep up with its adversaries in the first half, even breaking away for a 27-18 lead midway through.

After tallying five straight points, the Warhawks hedged their way into the contest by scoring off offensive rebounds on two consecutive possessions.

Lackland's defense clamped down on Fort Sam before going into halftime with a 40-37 lead.

The Warhawks went on a 22-5 tear after halftime. The Rangers made a short comeback in the middle of the second half, narrowing the deficit to nine points. The Warhawks stifled its momentum by rebuilding a double-digit lead to close out the game.

The Warhawks road to the championship wasn't an easy one.

The Warhawks narrowly defeated Fort Bliss, the reigning National Military Varsity Basketball champions, 87-86 in the first round. The Warhawks sent the Rangers to the losers bracket with an 81-71 victory. The eventual champs trounced Tinker Air Force Base's team to advance to the finals and a rematch with Fort Sam Houston.

"It's gratifying to beat the really tough teams because my players work and listen to our coaching staff," Plummer said. "What my coaching staff instilled in our players paid off."

While it was the Warhawks' first Joe Hall title in three years, it was the first ever for Plummer. Winning it at home made it sweeter.

"I am extremely proud," he said. "I thought we had a good team going into the tournament, so to come out and win it as the host team is a big deal. We wanted to bring it back to JBSA-Lackland because it hasn't won the Joe Hall in a while."

"It's extremely important to bring Lackland basketball back, and that was our mindset going in. Now that we are Joe Hall Varsity Basketball Champions, we have bragging rights for our own tournament."

Two Warhawks players were further rewarded for their contributions in the tournament.

Warhawks forward Wendell Thibeaux, who averaged 19 points in the tournament, was awarded the Joe Hall Most Valuable Player Award. His teammate forward Tyrone Moore was awarded the tournament's sportsmanship award.

"I'm the oldest guy on the team, so I couldn't contribute the way I wanted to," Moore, who averaged eight points a game in the tourney, said. "I try to show leadership, give the guys direction and keep everyone on the same page. Winning the sportsmanship award is an awesome honor."

For Moore, the Warhawks' championship win was the result of team unity that may have been missing the previous two years. The team was bounced out of the tournament's semifinals in 2012 and 2011.

"It's frustrating," Moore said. "When you get a new group of guys on your team every year, it's hard to get on the same page. Guys work and have different schedules.

"Coach Plummer has done a wonderful job of getting everyone together and allowing us to be in the position to win this tournament."

The team had four players score in double digits, led by forward Maurice Jenkins-Day, who scored 20 points. Forwards Michael McPherson and Jesiman Walker had 13 and 12 points, respectively. Guard Stephen Constantin contributed 10 points.

Due to budget cuts that have impacted the Armed Forces, the Warhawks were not able to be a part of military-sanctioned basketball leagues.

Plummer said the team will continue to pursue participation in basketball tournaments outside of the base. The team's next big tournament is the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Basketball Tournament at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in January 2014.

"The biggest thing for us to measure ourselves as a team is different basketball tournaments," the coach said. "We are looking to go down to Sheppard with our confidence and try to win the tournament over there."