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'Reveille' and 'Retreat':
If you hear it, here's what to do

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Jose A. LugoSantiago
Joint Base San Antonio/502nd Air Base Wing

One of our oldest and most solemn military traditions is to honor our flag.

When we think of our flag for example, all of us come together as Americans and reflect on those values we hold dear: Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On military bases all around the world, we are afforded this solemn opportunity to come together as Americans and reflect with the playing of "Reveille" and "Retreat."

"Reveille" and "Retreat" play every day to signal the beginning and end of the duty day. This is our opportunity to reflect and show gratitude.

Throughout Joint Base San Antonio, you will hear "Reveille" at 5 a.m. daily at JBSA-Lackland, 5:30

a.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and 6:30 a.m. at JBSA-Randolph. This signifies the beginning of the duty day.

The end of the duty day is announced with "Retreat" at 5:30 p.m. daily at all JBSA locations. During this time, you will hear retreat, followed by the national anthem, or at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, retreat followed by "To the Colors."

During these times, all of us are required to afford the appropriate courtesies. So what is the appropriate courtesy?

Each of the services' command senior enlisted leaders at JBSA came together to discuss this very same question. Here is what all of us as great professionals should be doing.

Sgt. Maj. Gary Tolar, inspector-instructor for the U.S. Marine Corps 4th Reconnaissance Battalion said, "Personnel in uniform and outside must face the flag (or the music if the flag is not visible) and salute during the raising and lowering of the flag. Specifically, on the first note of the national anthem or 'To the Colors,' members in uniform must render the hand salute."

Command Master Chief Petty Officer James Perry from Navy Medicine Education and Training Command said that members must hold their salute until the last note of either the national anthem or "To the Colors."

Photo by Benjamin Faske

Saluting, from left is: Army Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ricks, Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Gary Tolar, Navy Master Chief Petty Officer James Perry, and Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago. Senior enlisted leaders salute the flag to showcase customs and courtesies associated with the military.

Regarding courtesies while in civilian attire and while outdoors, face the flag (or the sound of the music) and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

Drivers in vehicles during "Reveille" (when the flag is being raised), or "Retreat," should pull the car to the side of the road and stop.

What to do while the vehicle is at a complete stop differs among the services. Members are expected to follow the customs of their services.

For example, JBSA senior enlisted leaders for the Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force stated the expectation for vehicle occupants is to sit quietly until the last note of the music has played or the flag is fully raised or lowered.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, the U.S. Army North and Fifth Army's senior enlisted leader, said the Army personnel are expected to stop the vehicle as well, but then Army personnel exit the vehicle and render the same courtesies as all the services do when a service member is outdoors.

If indoors during "Reveille" or "Retreat," there is no need to stand or salute. However, everyone must stand during the playing of the national anthem before a showing of a movie while in the base theater.

Courtesies to our flag are not only a venue to honor our flag, but are also a sign of our professionalism.

The next time you hear "Reveille" or "Retreat," go ahead – do the right thing. Show you're a professional – a proud heir of a rich military heritage.

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News in Brief

AAHC ANNUAL GOSPEL FEST

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee's annual gospel fest is Saturday, 6 p.m., at the Gateway Chapel.

The program is free and open to the public.

For additional information, contact Shirley Jones at 210-671-1750 or Tech. Sgt. Anna Ricks at 210-671-7699 or email anna.ricks@yahoo.com.

JBSA ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Joint Base San Antonio 2013 annual awards ceremony is March 8 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

The guest speaker will be San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information or tickets, contact Master Sgt. Carteralynn Ford at 210-671-3663 or Master Sgt. Marygail Harmon at 210-671-8130.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION REMINDER

The Joint Base San Antonio Integrated Defense Plan mandates all personnel who live in base housing, a dormitory or stay in base lodging to register privately-owned firearms at Pass and Registration. Additional requirements apply for those personnel utilizing JBSA recreational vehicle campgrounds.

Security Forces has established Feb. 28 as the firearms registration deadline. After that date, failure to comply with the JBSA policy will result in violators being prosecuted. Newly-arrived personnel who live or stay in base government-owned facilities or privatized base housing must register their firearms within three duty days of arrival.

Firearms are registered using Air Force Form 1314, Firearms Registration. The form must be signed by the personnel's unit commander. The commander must also verify a properly completed Department of Defense Form 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition.

The forms are available at http://www.e-publishing.af.mil.

For additional information or questions on registering privately-owned firearms, contact security forces on JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-9162, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis at 210-221-0213 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-4365

Photo by Robbin Cresswell
Minnie Martinez, 37th Training Wing Office of History and Research administrative assistant, looks through recent photo acquisitions with Tracy English, 37th TRW Office of History and Research chief. Martinez and English are compiling images of trainees who graduated from basic at JBSA-Lackland, as well as other U.S. Air Force training sites and overseas. According to English, Martinez has processed more BMT flight photos for the website than anyone else. Both are retired Air Force.

History office photo project hits milestone

By Mike Joseph
Senior Writer

An online project created by the 37th Training Wing Office of History and Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland reached a milestone Jan. 28.

The 10,000th Air Force Basic Military Training flight photo was posted to http://www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil, a project started with only 60 flight photographs in 2004.

"The most common request back then was, 'Do you have a copy of my BMT flight photograph?'" said Tracy English, 37th TRW Office of History and Research chief, a retired Air Force technical sergeant.

"I knew how much the flight photos meant to people. I didn't want to just collect and archive those photos," he said. "They needed to be accessible; it had to be a project that could be viewed online. So the 10,000-mark is a huge one for us."

The project is an effort to collect more than 100,000 trainee flight photographs from the inception of the Air Force in 1947 to the present. The collection includes photos from bases that have conducted Air Force basic training: Lackland; Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y.; Parks Air Force Base, Calif.; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; Amarillo and Sheppard Air Force Bases in Texas, as well as basic training sites overseas.

There's also been a side benefit from the project. The Veterans Administration and several other agencies have used flight photos when accompanied by names as proof of service.

English teamed with then 37th TRW Communications Squadron to develop the initial Lackland website so that it could be searched by squadron, flight number or month and year. The site was eventually converted to the common Air Force web page.

"When we started this, I thought it might be just a trickle coming in. After a story in an Air Force retiree newsletter came out, we were swamped. It was Korean War-era veterans sending us their photos, hundreds of them," English said.

"All the photos in the project are because of the veterans, family members or friends who had a copy and sent it to us. That says a lot about the Air Force family."

The history office now receives between 10 and 15 flight photos daily via email as a number of veterans and organizations with web pages have a link to the site, in addition to the 37th TRW and history office page links.

The site also displays first on Google when searched by "BMT flight" or "BMT photos."

"The nice thing is so many people go to our site every day," English said. "We get a lot of traffic."

He said office staff and volunteers have spent long days and weekends processing and uploading pictures.

"I've had some truly awesome people work on this project," English said. "We do this between all of our other jobs."

He credited Minnie Martinez, current 37th TRW Office of History and Research administrative assistant; Jennifer Alley, a former office intern as a University of Texas at San Antonio student; Christine Peterson, a former volunteer; and Geoffrey Lewis, a former active duty Airman, for keeping the project moving forward.

While the majority of flight photos now come electronically, on graduation days photos are brought into the history office, and with them also come the back stories.

"We'll get a family member, say a mother or father, come into the office with their photo because they're here for graduation," English said. "In tow is their son or daughter. That's when we get to hear all the stories, which makes for a pretty cool time."

"If your flight photograph is not on our web page, we don't have it," English said. "Please send them to us. The Lackland Gateway archives will be better for it."

Trainee flight photos can be sent electronically to lacklandbmt.photo@us.af.mil or mailed to 37th TRW/HO, 2320 Carswell Avenue, Suite 2, JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236-5155.

BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the 72 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 720 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated Feb 1:

320th Training Squadron
Flight 121
Alexander Mosholder
Bryan Moten
Samuel Turner
Flight 122
James Baird
Erik Baker
Frank Butske, Jr.

321st Training Squadron
Flight 125
Ian Burleson
David Dowless
Matthew Fry
Connor Gray
Calvin Hodits
Daniel Loughery
Flight 126
Zachary Bender
Fabian Binns
Spencer Gibson
Benjamin Long
Dakota Olsen
Austin Sohr
Daniel Streeter
Flight 131
Erik Abo
Andrew Henderson
John Parks-Papadopoulos
Flight 132
Jamie Bramer
Katherine Discenza
Amanda Hoyer
Jessika Irwin
Nadiyah Salahuddin
Sage Verley-Hagen
Shannon Walker

322nd Training Squadron
Flight 119
Jawad Azam
Brian Dillon
Christopher Fairall
James Gonzalez
Flight 120
Amber Carnazza
Flight 127
Cory Conrad
Andrew Dalton
Derek Eodice
Tyler Kuenzli
Flight 128
Akeem Creary
Mark Grassel
Shehan Gunawardena
Jared Harrison
Nicholas Lyles

323rd Training Squadron
Flight 133
Ryan Crutchfield
John Frank
Nicholas Ingram
Brett Jones
Aaron Mcnany
Michael Mueller
Glenn Pitner
Gopaul Sankar
Brian Spain
Flight 134
Andrea Brunetto
Taylor Ferguson
Samantha Keller
Claire Niba
Kristyn Pearson
Chelsea Walden

326th Training Squadron
Flight 129
Justin Hanzel
Vincent Ruggiero
John Saucedo
Flight 130
Kaleb Jones
Anthony Rhoads
Daniel Wood

331st Training Squadron
Flight 123
Tyler Gerler
Victor Martinez
Westin Shular
Flight 124
Cory Dye
Zackary Hoover
William Johnson
Matthew Lahr
Alexander Truelsen

Top BMT Airman
Alexander Truelsen
331st TRS, Flight 124

Most Physically Fit
Male Airmen
Jeremiah Alejandro
331st TRS, Flight 123
Brandon Garcia
322nd TRS, Flight 127
Joseph Jones
323rd TRS, Flight 133
Eric Rios
321st TRS, Flight 125
Female Airmen
Chelsea Walden
323rd TRS, Flight 134
Andrea Brunetto
323rd TRS, Flight 134
Jamie Bramer
321st TRS, Flight 132
Destiny Mora
323rd TRS, Flight 134

Male Flights
331st TRS, Flight 123
322nd TRS, Flight 119
321st TRS, Flight 125
Female Flights
323rd TRS, Flight 134
322nd TRS, Flight 120
321st TRS, Flight 132

Top Academic Flights
321st TRS, Flight 126
321st TRS, Flight 131
321st TRS, Flight 132
321st TRS, Flight 125
323rd TRS, Flight 133

And the award goes to ...

502nd Comptroller Squadron takes top Air Force awards

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The 502nd Air Base Wing Comptroller Squadron has several reasons to celebrate, including winning a pair of Air Force-level awards for Financial Analysis Office of the Year and Financial Services Office of the Year.

The squadron also garnered numerous individual awards at the Air Education and Training Command-level and from the Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

"Our comptrollers are truly deserving of recognition as they led the wing to an amazing fiscal year closure and continue to guide us through these difficult times," said Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander.

"These awards reflect the combined efforts in financial service and financial analysis teams from all three comptroller squadrons."

The 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron is one of the largest financial management squadrons in the Air Force. Their scope of responsibly includes accounting for about $500 million dollars or 25 percent of the total AETC budget.

The Financial Services Offices responsibilities include all military pay for the Air Force and Army and Air Force civilian pay, as well as travel pay along with many other tasks.

"What makes these awards so unique is that during this whole timeframe we were taking three separate comptroller squadrons and merging them into one squadron," said Vaughn Caudill, deputy director of the 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron.

"We have three different groups coming together trying to figure out what the best practices are and how to make this work for Joint Base San Antonio."

"The squadrons were going through a huge transition, dealing with manpower issues and have had three different directors over this past fiscal year," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Guyer, superintendent of the 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron. "Our folks have stepped up and have done even better than in the past."

"We are supporting the Airmen, whether they are out on the flight line or training the military dogs," Caudill said. "Our real mission is to take care of all those folks who are out there and to ensure that every Army and Air Force civilian is paid correctly and on time.

"That's the end result; we are servicing our customers."

Individual Awards include:

AETC-Level Awards

Lt. Col. Scott Thompson, 502nd ABW	Comptroller of the Year
2nd Lt. Aleksi Reid, 502nd ABW	Financial Officer of the Year

Alamo City Chapter/ American Society of Military Comptrollers

Maj. Sean Casperson, U.S. Army Medical Command	Accounting/Finance
Sandra Akana, U.S. Army North	Accounting/Finance
2Lt Aleksi Reid, 502nd ABW	Accounting/Finance
Earl Anders, Headquarters AETC	Acquisition/Cost Analysis
Karl Devlin, ARNORTH	Acquisition/Cost Analysis
Capt. Leria Diaz, AETC	Budgeting
Arturo Rivas Jr., AETC	Budgeting
Christopher Underwood, 502nd ABW	Budgeting
Patrick Reynolds, ARNORTH	Comptroller
Lt Col Scott Thompson, 502nd ABW	Comptroller
Nicole Cavazos, Air Force Civil Engineer Center	Contractor Support
Carol Wood, AETC	Financial Systems
Staff Sgt. Matthew Wester	Financial Systems
Nicole Morrow, AETC	Intern/Trainee
Victor Stansberry, MEDCOM	Resource Management
Paul Sortor, AETC	Resource Management
Jacqueline Nonnon, 902nd Force Support Squadron	Resource Management
Suzanne Meyer, AFCEC 502nd ABW Military Pay Team	Resource Management Team

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Project locates attorneys for service members

By E. Stephanie Hebert
Legal Assistance Attorney, 802 MSG/JA

As most people know, military legal assistance attorneys are not normally authorized to provide in-court representation in civil legal matters. However, private attorneys providing legal services through the American Bar Association Military Pro Bono Project can, and will, provide legal services, including in-court representation, to lower-enlisted Airmen who cannot afford to pay private legal fees.

Airmen at the pay grade of E-6 or lower are presumed to be financially eligible for services if they cannot afford to hire an attorney. The legal services provided by the ABA Project include consumer law, landlord/tenant law, divorce and custody law, guardianship law, and probate law cases. These legal services are usually provided at no cost to the Airman.

Since the Project's establishment in 2008, it has secured pro bono assistance for hundreds of service members in 47 states, averaging more than 150 case placements per year.

"The Project's success continues to grow, which is reflected in our 2012 statistics," says Mary Meixner, project director. "Of the nearly 400 cases referred to the Project in 2012 by all service branches, over half were successfully placed with private attorneys," she said.

Family law cases are the most common type of case referred to the Project. Due to the large volume of referrals made by military legal assistance attorneys, the Project will only accept family law cases when (1) the service member is deployed, (2) the opposing party is represented by a lawyer, (3) the service member's Civil Relief Act is implicated, (4) the physical custody of a service member's child is at issue, or (5) the service member has been the victim of domestic violence and needs assistance with a divorce, protective order or custody order.

If you are eligible for the ABA Project and you have possession of all relevant case documents, a military legal assistance attorney can assist you in completing an online application. Preparing a chronological list of relevant events would also be extremely helpful to an attorney making or accepting your referral.

A military supervising attorney will review each application and accompanying documents to determine whether the applicant (a) is eligible for services, and (b) has exercised diligence in addressing the issue on his own or with the help of his military legal assistance attorney.

If approved, the application is forwarded to the appropriate ABA Project representative so that Project personnel can begin to search for an attorney in the state requested on the application.

Although the Project makes every effort to locate a private attorney for each qualifying applicant, sometimes there are not enough private attorneys who are able to donate their time. When an Airman needs immediate legal representation (for example, the Airman has been served with process to appear in court next week), the Project may not be the best option to pursue because processing an application can take up to a week and, depending on the legal issue and location, the timespan to locate a willing volunteer attorney ranges from a few days to a couple of months. However, it's worth a try if you qualify.

It's important to remember that Airmen have a multitude of legal resources available to them.

The 802nd MSG/JA Legal Assistance Office can help you determine which legal resource can best address your issue.

If you would like more information about how to apply for a private attorney through the ABA Military Pro Bono Project, or how to find a state-specific list of other legal resources available to service members, you can visit the ABA website at http://www.militaryprobono.org/newcases/, and then call 210-671-3362 to schedule an appointment to meet with a legal assistance attorney to discuss your options.

Tops in Blue kick off auditions joined by Miss San Antonio

TOPS IN BLUE AUDITIONS

Photos by Alan Boedeker
Miss San Antonio 2013 Brooklyn Dippo welcomes contestants of the Tops in Blue 2013 World Wide Talent Search.

Tops in Blue performs during opening ceremonies of the Tops in Blue 2013 World Wide Talent Search.

Tops in Blue, an all-active duty Air Force special unit of performers, kicked off their annual talent auditions with an opening ceremony, Monday at Arnold Hall, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Miss San Antonio 2013, Brooklyn Dippo, welcomed a total of 125 that included those auditioning, staff and new trainees.

Those auditioning had already been invited to compete after submitting applications with videos that were reviewed by a panel of judges. Only first and second place winners will be selected for several performance categories including vocalists, musicians, dancers, comedians, and dramatists.

Photo by Duncan Boggs, photo illustration by Dorothy Lonas

Newest Military Training Instructors face bright future guided by core values

By Mike Joseph
Senior Writer

The men and women who serve as military training instructors in the 737th Training Group graduate about 35,000 new Airmen every year at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Their effectiveness for more than 60 years as leaders, teachers and mentors has changed countless lives by converting civilians who enter Air Force Basic Military Training into skilled, disciplined and physically fit warrior Airmen.

The newest Military Training Instructor School graduates to accept the challenge recently completed two months of intensive classroom instruction and have moved to the next training phase after receiving their blue campaign hats on Jan. 25.

Now assigned to trainers at different basic military training squadrons on base, the new MTI graduates began 90 days of on-the-job training last week. An internship teaching classes and compliance evaluations follows line training to become one of the 500-plus qualified military training instructors.

"When they get to the line most say that's where the rubber meets the road." said Staff Sgt. Michael Patterson, the class's Military Training School instructor.

The new MTIs, along with their trainers, picked up zero-week trainee flights last week. They'll stay with that flight through the first three weeks of training, and then repeat the process with another flight. They finish OJT by picking up a third flight and spend the entire eight and one-half weeks of BMT helping load the flight.

Patterson spent three years as an MTI before joining the school as an instructor. He said the course focuses on how to teach basic trainees in classroom settings. Course material includes instructor conduct during class, examples of becoming effective instructors and time management.

In addition, MTI students learn about open ranks, drill and reporting procedures, physical training for flights, and conducting inspections in trainees' personal living areas.

"Some things, like marching a flight and setting up a dorm, are taught when they're out on the line," Patterson said. "We are definitely fast paced. What we teach one day, they are evaluated on the next. They need to manage their time to study effectively and still pass the course."

Reasons to become an MTI vary from one student instructor to the next. Recent graduates were no exception.

"I like to develop people," said Tech. Sgt. Hugo Escobedo. "I've always had an interest in teaching, to show people a new way of doing things."

Staff Sgt. Tony Castilleja said becoming an MTI was something he'd considered, especially after his honor guard instructor thought he'd make a good one. After discussing alternatives, he and his wife decided on the instructor training.

"You know what's coming and she was on board with it," he said.

Staff Sgt. Quintin Bradley, who grew up without a father, learned what it meant to be an Air Force member when he became responsible for five siblings after his mother died. With all six living in an apartment, Bradley's commander arranged to move them into base housing and also helped with expenses.

"He told me I was a part of the biggest family in the world," Bradley said. "There are going to be some trainees just like me, who didn't have a father figure. I think I can give them that tough love, but at the same time train them and make them a better product for America."

Master Sgt. Joshua Caron said he felt a sense of responsibility toward the Air Force.

"I've been in 16 years and the Air Force has given me so much opportunity," he said, "but I think it's time to give back."

And the new instructors know the world is watching. Seven previous instructors have been tried and convicted following recent Air Force investigations into allegations of sexual misconduct.

"It appears to me the trainers who were involved forgot the core values," said Staff Sgt. Tomeca Mack. "I wanted the parents of the trainees entrusted to our care to know I am one of the MTIs who embody the core values.

"I hold the core values near and dear to my heart," she said. "I wanted to give that back to our trainees. I also wanted their parents – and America – to know we are here to produce the best Airmen we can produce."

"You don't want to have that light continue to shine on us," said Bradley.

He added the MTI school provided a solid foundation to begin his work.

"The course work translates well to what we're about to go out there to do. They're about to hand us the keys to the bus."

Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Col. Deborah Liddick, 737th Training Group commander, congratulates Tech. Sgt. Hugo Escobedo during Military Training Instructor School graduation at the basic military training parade grounds Jan. 25. Master Sgt. Gregory Pendleton, MTI School commandant, stands at attention in the background.

"I hold the core values near and dear to my heart. I wanted to give that back to our trainees. I also wanted their parents – and America – to know we are here to produce the best Airmen we can produce."
- Staff Sgt. Tomeca Mack

Photo by Alan Boedeker

Master Sgt. Gregory Pendleton, Military Training Instructor School commandant, presents Master Sgt. Joshua Caron with an award at his MTI School graduation ceremony in the Basic Military Training Reception Center.

Photo by Robbin Cresswell

From left, Staff Sgts. Tomeca Mack, Quintin Bradley and Tony Castilleja recite the Military Training Instructor pledge during MTI School graduation Jan. 25 at the military training parade grounds. The pledge reaffirms the newest instructors' commitments to Air Force core values and details the responsibilities, standards, conduct and professionalism expected of every training instructor.

DIAMOND SHARP

Tech. Sgt. Omar McKenzie
26th Operations Support Squadron
Duty title: NCOIC, Requirements Development
Time in service: 14 years, one month
Hometown: Marysville, Wa.

"Tech. Sgt. Omar McKenzie is a dedicated professional in the 26th Operations Support Squadron. He is a true representative of the Air Force Core Values. McKenzie answered the call from the First Term Airman Center and completed a three-month tour as the Center's team lead, where he was instrumental with overseeing incoming orientation and briefings for more than 204 Airmen. His organizational skills were paramount in revamping the Center's curriculum while incorporating the command chief's vision for Joint Base San Antonio. McKenzie was key in the stand-up of the first-ever Wing Coordination Center as the Communications project manager, charged with planning and managing installation of equipment valued at $20,000. His efforts centralized the Wing's command and control of 21 geographically-separated units in five different areas of responsibility. He also led the preparation efforts for the Defense Information System Agency's Command Cyber Readiness Inspection, during which he ensured 25,000 network vulnerabilities were mitigated prior to the inspector group's arrival. As the squadron physical training leader, McKenzie not only holds the highest individual physical fitness score in the unit, but has also helped achieve an unprecedented 100 percent pass rate with 51 percent earning an "Excellent" rating for the unit. Finally, in recognition of all of his hard work and dedication, McKenzie was selected as the 26th Operation Support Squadron and 26th Network Operations Group senior tech of the quarter for the fourth quarter of 2012 and coined by the 67th Network Warfare Wing command chief. He is truly deserving of the "Diamond Sharp" Award!"

- Master Sgt. Clifford Lawton
Additional Duty First Sergeant, 26th Operations Support Squadron

AF honors ISR Agency units, HQ

By Wayne Amann
Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs

The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency enterprise has been on a roll – for a while.

The agency headquarters and three of its subordinate units have been recognized by the Air Force for their sustained stellar performances in recent years.

Air Force officials announced, in a Jan. 15 email, the awarding of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 70th ISR Wing at Fort George G. Meade, Md., and the 361st ISR Group, at Hurlburt Field, Fla., for the period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011.

The AFOUA was also awarded to the 480th ISR Wing at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., for the period June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2011.

Meanwhile, Air Force ISR Agency headquarters here was honored with the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for the period Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2011. It's the 11th AFOEA the agency has garnered through the years.

This marks the ninth AFOUA for the 70th, including one with valor. This is the second AFOUA for the 480th and the 361st. The group's first was with valor.

The AFOUA was authorized by Department of the Air Force General Order 1 on Jan. 6, 1954.

It's awarded by the secretary of the Air Force to numbered units distinguishing themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement clearly setting them above similar units.

The service includes: accomplishment of a specific outstanding achievement of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States or military operations involving conflict with, or exposure to, hostile actions by an opposing foreign force.

The AFOEA was authorized by the secretary of the Air Force on Aug. 26, 1969.

It is awarded to Air Force internal organizations within larger organizations. They are unique, unnumbered organizations or activities which perform functions normally accomplished by numbered wings, groups, squadrons, etc.

Local Briefs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LEGACY BALL

Ticket sales end today for the fourth annual Joint Base San Antonio Legacy Ball, sponsored by the JBSA African American Heritage Committee.

The ball is Feb. 15 at the JW Marriott Hotel Resort & Spa.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by a silent auction and dinner. Silent auction proceeds will benefit the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund.

For ticket information, call 210-652-3061 or 210-565-5416 or email aahclegacyball@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased online at http://www.4th-annual-legacyball.eventsbot.com.

DROP-IN DENTAL SCREENINGS

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Pediatric Dental Department will offer dental screenings for children of active-duty members and retirees Tues., 8 to 10:30 a.m., at the Dunn Dental Clinic. No appointment is necessary.

Children under 13 years of age will receive a dental screening exam, an assessment of the child's dental condition, and appropriate treatment recommendations or alternatives.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's treatment plan or referral letter from their private dentist.

For additional information, call 210-671-9836.

THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE

The Lackland Thrift Shop's monthly INside and OUTside bag sale is Sat., 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For additional information, call 210-671-3608 or visit http://www.lacklandosc.org.

JBSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

A two-day professional development course designed to introduce sister and joint service doctrine, capabilities and procedures to Joint Base San Antonio NCOs is Feb. 14-15, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Gateway Club.

Guest speakers for the course include senior leaders from all military branches.

For more information and registration, visit the JBSA Professional Development Community of Practice page on the Air Force Portal.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT USO

The Wilford Hall Auxiliary will sponsor a Family Night Out, Feb. 19, 6-8:30 p.m., at the USO, 203 West Market Street, downtown San Antonio.

The USO will provide pizza and soft drinks for the event, limited to the first 200 guests. Email reservations to servicewha@gmail.com.

8-STEP PROBLEM SOLVING COURSE

An eight-step problem solving course for the Observe, Orient, Decide, Act Loop is Feb. 22, 8 a.m., at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Bldg. 1052.

The problem solving model fits within the OODA Loop framework and matches the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) principal for continuous improvement.

For more information and registration, visit the JBSA AFSO21 Community of Practice page on Air Force Portal.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM SEEKS PATIENTS

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center Endodontic Residency Program, Air Force Postgraduate Dental School Department of Endodontics, is offering free treatment for patients who require root canal therapy.

The service is available to military retirees, their immediate family members and family members of active duty service members. Patients must have been diagnosed recently with an endodontic condition requiring root canal therapy.

Eligible patients should obtain a written consultation from their referring dentist and bring it to the dental clinic during normal duty hours, or fax it to 210-292-6431. Patients will be selected based on the needs of the endodontic training program.

For more information, call 210-292-7831/3974.

LOSC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship applications are available online at the LOSC website. High school students or spouses of military officers and enlisted personnel permanently assigned to JBSA-Lackland are eligible.

The application submission deadline is March 1. To download the application, visit http://www.lacklandosc.org.

FEDERAL WOMEN'S AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2013 Lackland Federal Women's Award are due by March 8.

Nominations are open to women base-wide who are active-duty, Department of Defense civilians or spouses. The award recognizes the significant contributions women have made to society, especially those who have helped advance women in the workplace and community. The award period is from April 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013.

For details, contact Master Sgt. Jamie Williams at 210-671-5929.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

A Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Family Housing community-wide yard sale is March 2, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up is not required, and housing residents may set up at their individual homes.

For information, email CMoreno@bbcgrp.com or call 210-674-9366.

BOOK SIGNING SCHEDULED

Dr. Oliver L. Johnson Jr., author of "Jesus Christ and the Rapture," will hold a book signing March 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the main base exchange.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Christian

Catholic

Monday-Friday:
Freedom Chapel
Daily Eucharist, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday:
Hope Chapel
Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.
Reconciliation after Eucharist
Sunday:
Freedom Chapel
Religious Ed., 9 a.m.
Eucharist, 11 a.m.

Orthodox

Reader's Service
Sunday:
Airmen Memorial Chapel
(Classroom)
8 a.m.–10 a.m.

Protestant

Saturday:
Gateway Chapel
Seventh-Day Adventist Service, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Sunday:
Airmen Memorial Chapel
Liturgical Service, 8 a.m.
Freedom Chapel
Contemporary Service, 9:30 a.m.
Gospel Service, 12:30 p.m.
Children's Church provided
Religious Ed., 11 a.m.
Wednesday and Thursday:
Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Protestant family Sunday school, a one-hour youth and adult Christian Bible study, every Sunday at Freedom Chapel, 11 a.m. For details-contact Freedom Chapel at 671-4208.
Sunday:
Hope Chapel
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8–10 a.m.

Islamic

Friday:
Global Ministry Center, Bldg. 7452
Jummah Prayer, 12:45–1:45 p.m.
Sunday:
Religious Ed., 9–11 a.m.

Jewish

Friday:
Airmen Memorial Chapel
Sabbath Eve Service, 4 p.m.
Sunday:
Religious Ed., 12:30 p.m.

Wicca

1st Tuesday of each month:
Freedom Chapel
Room 8, San Antonio Military Open Circle, 6 p.m.
Sunday:
Arnold Hall, Bldg. 5506
12:30–2:30 p.m.

Buddhist

Sunday:
BMT Reception Center
Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor
10 a.m. to noon.

Eckankar

Every first, third, fifth Saturday:
Gateway Chapel
12:30–1:30 p.m.

Baha'i

Every first, third, fifth Sunday:
Gateway Chapel
11 a.m.–noon

Church of Christ

Sunday:
BMT Reception Center,
Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor
7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Christian Science

Sunday:
BMT Processing Center,
Bldg. 5725, 1st Floor
7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

For more details, contact Freedom Chapel - 671-4208 • Gateway Chapel - 671-2911 • Hope Chapel - 671-2941

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Family Support Events

ALL CLASSES, SEMINARS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE HELD AT THE AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER, BLDG. 1249, *UNLESS NOTED BELOW.* CALL AFRC AT 210-671-3722 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

FEB. 8

▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246, noon. Call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.
▶ Start a Small Business, 1-4 p.m.

FEB. 11

▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
▶ Post deployment briefing, mandatory for all Airmen returning from deployment, 2:30-3 p.m.

FEB. 12

▶ American Veterans national service officer available, appointment only, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 773-354-6131.

FEB. 13

▶ Four to Go, for military members who plan to retire or are in their last re-enlistment before retirement, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
▶ Key Spouse monthly meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
▶ How to Apply for Federal Employment, JBSA-Lackland Library, 6-8 p.m.
▶ Awana Club meeting, Freedom Chapel, 6-8 p.m. Call 210-671-4208.
▶ SNCO Speed Mentoring at the Gateway Club, Ballrooms 4 & 5, 3-4:15 p.m. Call 210-977-5819, or email lisa.rogers.1@us.af.mil.

FEB. 14

▶ Office of Personnel Management Federal Employment Process, 1-4 p.m.
▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246, 1 p.m. Call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.

FEB. 15

▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246, noon. For more information, call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.
▶ Teaching as a Second Career, pre-registration required, 1-3 p.m.

FEB. 18

▶ Closed for federal holiday (Washington's Birthday)

FEB. 19

▶ American Veterans national service officer available, appointment only, 8 a.m. to noon. To make an appointment, call 773-354-6131.
▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members retiring, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.
▶ Disabled Transition Assistance Program, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

FEB. 20

▶ Interview With Confidence, JBSA-Lackland Library, 6-8 p.m.
▶ Newcomer's Orientation, mandatory for personnel new to JBSA-Lackland, Gateway Club, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
▶ Awana Club meeting, Freedom Chapel, 6-8 p.m. Call 210-671-4208.

FEB. 21

▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members separating voluntarily, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.
▶ Key Spouse training, Randolph AFRC, 9 a.m. to noon.
▶ Disabled Transition Assistance Program, 11:30 a.m. to noon.
▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246, 1 p.m. For details, call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.

FEB. 22

▶ How to Apply for Federal Employment, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246, noon.
▶ For details, call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.

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 210-671-4208.

On the web
http://www.lacklandfss.com

Photo by Alan Boedeker
Last year's Armed Forces Heavyweight Champion Kent Brinson spars with Air Force Boxing Coach Steven Franco at the Chaparral Fitness Center Boxing Gym.

Armed Forces gold medalist fights to make AF boxing camp

By Jose T. Garza III
Sports Editor

Armed Forces Boxing gold medalist Kent Brinson is champion for another year, but he doesn't plan to settle on his laurels.

After this year's Armed Forces Boxing Championships were cancelled, last year's Armed Forces heavyweight champion Brinson is preparing for the regional, state Golden Gloves and the USA Boxing National Championships at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The Armed Forces Boxing Championships were scrapped when the Air Force and Navy did not have enough qualified fighters to field teams, and the Marine Corps suspended its boxing program.

Brinson defeated the Army's Charles Blackwell last year to win his first Armed Forces heavyweight gold medal.

Brinson and the Air Force Boxing Team will compete in the San Antonio Regional Golden Gloves Feb. 19-23. If Brinson, or his fellow fighters do well at the regionals, they advance to the Texas State Golden Gloves tournament, Feb. 27-March 2, in Fort Worth.

Brinson is no rookie to Golden Gloves competition.

The last time Brinson won Golden Gloves was in 2011 as a member of the Air Force Boxing Team. Brinson previously won three consecutive Golden Gloves from 2004-06 in Toledo, Ohio.

If Brinson wins both the regional and state Golden Gloves, he seeks to continue building his boxing resume. He looks to win the USA Boxing National Championships in Spokane Wash., March 30-April 6 after losing in the men's heavyweight quarterfinals to Antwon Abron.

"My goal in everything I do is to win at the national level. I'm not a local superstar kind of boxer. I want to box for a living. To do that, I need to win at the regional, state, and national levels," Brinson said.

Before the boxer can attempt to accomplish his goals, he must first overcome obstacles that have curtailed his progress in camp. Brinson spent the offseason dealing with nagging foot injuries suffered in last year's Air Force boxing camp.

He fought through nationals with the injuries, but they kept him from consistently training for over six months.

"It's a nagging pain that I have to deal with but it's ok," Brinson said.

His injuries led to Brinson putting on 20 pounds, but he is trying to work his way back into shape to improve his speed and quickness

"Because I'm a short heavyweight, movement is something I can take advantage of because I'm quicker and faster than my opponents. And I'm just as strong as them," Brinson said. "If I take advantage of my strength, my lateral abilities, then I give myself a better chance to be successful when you have five fights in a week. You have to make fights as easy as possible and movement can help me out with that."

Air Force Boxing Coach Steven Franco said battling injuries and weight at the same time is tough, but he is confident that Brinson's experience will help him overcome both.

"If he says he can do it then he can do it. He's an experienced fighter. With younger fighters who don't have experience, I worry about them overcoming those obstacles," Franco said. "I still worry about Brinson, but not as much. He knows what he's doing."

Brinson re-enlisted in the Air Force Jan. 18 before camp started Jan. 21, knowing military obligations wouldn't prevent him from attending. Being a part of the Air Force boxing program opens up doors for him to advance his boxing career.

As a member of the Air Force Boxing Team, his goals are to be a member of the Air Force World Class Athletes Program and compete in the 2016 Olympics. The Air Force World Class Athletes Program is a two-year program that provides active duty, Guard, and reserve personnel the opportunity to compete at national and international sports competitions with the goal of selection on the Olympic team.

"Anything short of those goals is not acceptable," Brinson said.

Whether he does or does not qualify for the Olympic games, Brinson said he would help aspiring athletes achieve success of their own by opening his own boxing gym, instead.

"I don't want just a boxing club, I would want the gym to be top notch. I want to make a living managing the gym because I love boxing," he said.

UPCOMING

NEW GRIDLOCKS KING

Congratulations to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Talespinner editor Jose T. Garza III for becoming the new GRIDlocks champion, defeating 59th Medical Wing Director of Public Affairs Joe Bela.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Registration is underway for the fourth annual youth basketball clinic, sponsored by the JBSA-Lackland African American Heritage Committee and the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center. The clinic is Feb. 15 at the Youth Center.

Call 210-671-2611/2388 for details or registration. The registration deadline is Feb. 14, and one canned food donation to the San Antonio Food Bank is the price to attend.

YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Center currently holds baseball registration weekdays from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. through Feb. 15. Up-to-date sports physicals are due at time of registration. The sign-up fee is $45 per child. Coaches are needed and training will be provided. Call 210-671-1245/2311/2388.

VARSITY SOCCER TRYOUTS

Varsity soccer tryouts are every Thursday through the month of February at the Warhawk Field from 5-6:30 p.m. Call Nana Saahene at 210-995-8383 for more details.

BOXING CLASS

Learn boxing techniques and improve your conditioning with a certified USA Boxing instructor at the Chaparral Fitness Center Mondays and Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. The fee is $50 per month. Call 210-671-2401 for more details.

VALENTINE'S PAINTBALL SPECIAL

The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreational Valetine's Paintball Special is Feb. 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The fee is $36 per couple for two rentals including markers/paintballs/all day play/box of candy/carnations. Cost is $20 per person for equipment rentals/500 paintballs/all-day play. Call 210-925-5532 for more details.

SWEETHEART BOWLING

The Skylark Bowling Center will hold a Sweetheart Bowl Feb. 9 from 7-11 p.m. The fee is is $14.75 per couple for two games. For more details, call 210-671-1234.

Novice stands out as only female fighter on AF Boxing Team

By Jose T. Garza III
Sports Editor

Alana McCloskey loves boxing. Although she grew up wrestling her brother and running track in high school, boxing proved to be her calling.

The sport also runs in her family. Her brother, Mark, was a boxer in the Marine Corps, but McCloskey chose to enlist in the Air Force because one of her goals was to be a part of the Air Force Boxing program.

McCloskey applied to the program from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, where she was with the 736th Security Forces Squadron. Her application was accepted and she was invited to training camp at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Before joining training camp, she had a few exhibition bouts under her belt, but those bouts were not sanctioned.

"They were just for show. The bouts were more intense than sparring but less than winning a competition. The bouts were just to show how good your skills are or even just for fun."

Air Force Boxing Coach Steven Franco explained that McCloskey did not need to have sanctioned fights under her belt to join the program. All an Airman needs is an interest in the program and a willingness to learn quickly.

McCloskey said she was not nervous about what training would be like. She is used to working out and challenging herself to be better.

McCloskey is the lone female currently on the team of 15 boxers, but she said she has no problem mixing it up with the guys.

Photo by Robbin Cresswell
Alana McCloskey trains at the Chaparral Fitness Center Boxing Gym.

"Sparring with the guys challenges me. Even when I started boxing, I've always sparred against guys. I always try to be on their level. Even if I can't get on their level, I know I'm a stronger person for trying," she said.

Coach Franco said McCloskey got a little frustrated when sparring against more experienced and bigger boxers at the beginning of camp, but he said she is improving.

"The workouts are starting to get easier because I'm getting in better shape," McCloskey said.

Endurance and style are both important components in a boxer's toolbox.

"She needs to keep her hands up and keep boxing and moving. She needs to not get hit as much as her opponent," Franco said.

If McCloskey makes it through training camp, the San Antonio Regional Golden Gloves could be the boxer's first foray into sanctioned competition in her division. The Golden Gloves run from Feb. 19-23.

She would not be disappointed if she were not able to box at Golden Gloves, however. Having the opportunity to vie for a roster spot in camp is a big enough accomplishment she said.

"The fact that I am here makes me ecstatic and happy. I could not wait for this moment. But, if I do not get any fights, no hard feelings," McCloskey said.

Franco believes McCloskey will do fine at the Golden Gloves, but whether she wins or loses, the Gloves are a learning experience for her.

"She just needs to actively train throughout the year," Franco said.

McCloskey's preparation for the bout includes work on stance, movements and combo or 1-2 punches. McCloskey said she was leaning forward a lot when sparring opponents.

"You are supposed to maintain distance between you and your opponent," she said. "I've been improving my stance with plenty of repetition so I've been getting better."

McCloskey plans to keep boxing after she leaves the military in 2014. She said she will continue her training at local boxing gyms.