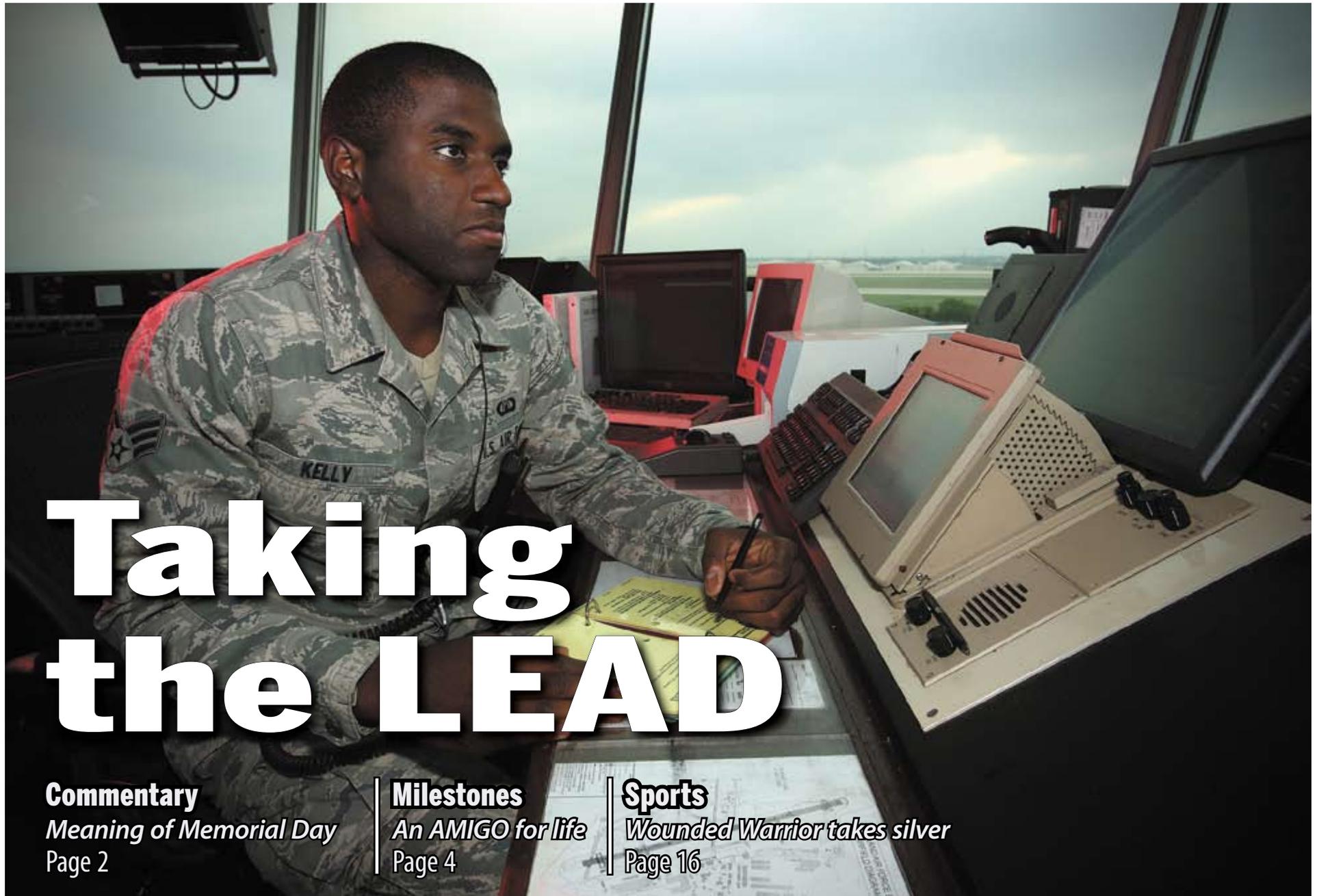




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Senior Airman Brian Kelly looks over the air space from the Kelly Field control tower recently. An air traffic controller in the 802nd Operations Support Squadron, Kelly has been accepted into the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program at the Air Force Academy Prep School. The program offers enlisted Airmen an opportunity to become an Air Force officer. **Story, Page 3.**

Memorial Day honors those who didn't live to see Veterans Day

By Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV

Commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis

Many Americans confuse Veterans Day, which takes place in November, with Memorial Day, which occurred May 27.

The difference is subtle but simple: Veterans Day recognizes the service of our men and women in uniform, whereas Memorial Day recognizes those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice – giving their lives in defense of our nation.

Having recently celebrated Memorial Day, I'm concerned many Americans are misinformed or unaware of why we celebrate this day or who it honors.

To our nation's Gold Star Families, those who have lost a loved one while serving in our nation's military, Memorial Day has a much deeper and personal meaning.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called "Deco-

ration Day," is a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation's service. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By the end of the 19th century, ceremonies were being held each year on May 30 across the nation. It was not until after World War I that Memorial Day was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars.

In 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-363, which moved several federal holidays to designated Mondays and, as a result of that law, Memorial Day changed to the last Monday in May.

In a May 2000 memo sent to his executive departments and agencies, President Bill Clinton proclaimed that "Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, hon-

oring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values." **Veterans Day**

Veterans Day, held annually on Nov. 11, honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Nov. 11 as Armistice Day back in November 1919, making it a legal holiday to honor our nation's World War I veterans.

Nearly two decades later, veteran's service organizations urged Congress to change the name to "Veterans Day" and also honor veterans from both WWII and Korea. On June 1, 1954, Congress passed Public Law 380, making November 11 a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

So the next time you happen upon a news article or overhear a conversation where the lines between Veterans Day and Memorial Day have been inadvertently blurred, I charge each of you to go and set the record straight. We owe that to all of our nation's military veterans, both living and dead.

Commissaries plan for Monday furloughs

By Kevin L. Robinson

DeCA public affairs specialist

When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a week on Mondays, said the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency. The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any day stores are routinely closed. The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays would also close the next normal day of operation. Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1. Like most DOD activities, DeCA is mandated by the Department to furlough its civil service employees.

Furlough notices were delivered to DeCA employees between May 28 and June 5.

DeCA has 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories. Furloughs will impact all of DeCA's more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

"We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons," said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA's director and CEO. "Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay.

"We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners."

As sequestration continues, commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store's operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com, clicking on the "Locations" tab, then "Alphabetical Listing," finding their

store and clicking on "local store information." Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DeCA's plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DeCA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store. Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who deliver products daily to DeCA's commissaries.

Store staffs overseas include a mix of U.S. and local national employees. Because they are not U.S. government employees, local national employees are not subject to this furlough actions. Select locations overseas will open if they have an adequate local national staff. However, if an overseas store

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NEWS IN BRIEF

JUNE 19

SAPR OFFERS ANNUAL TRAINING

The JBSA-Lackland Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office will offer annual training every Wednesday.

The annual training is in addition to the training Community Advocates offer to units.

The next classes are June 19, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the SAPR classroom, Building 9020, Room 204.

Attendees must pre-register; walk-ins are not permitted. To register, email 37TRW.CVK@us.af.mil.

For details, call at 671-7273.

JULY 1

URGENT CARE CENTER NEW SYSTEM

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center Urgent Care Center will implement an appointment-based system beginning July 1.

Results from a recent survey indicated that an overwhelming majority of patients preferred an appointment-based system. The new system will allow patients to pinpoint the time they would like to be seen for acute and non-emergency treatment, reducing wait time.

To make UCC appointments starting July 1, call the Consult and Appointment Management Office at 916-9900.

INFORMATIONAL

37TH TRW MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST

The 37th Training Wing Public Affairs Office has started a monthly photo contest with a different theme featured each month.

The June theme is "At the Core" in a photo that depicts the core values as they relate to an organization's mission.

Winners will be recognized on the 37th TRW web page, and on 37th TRW Facebook and Twitter feeds.

All entries will be displayed on the web and the winners will be chosen by a rotating panel of judges each month. June submissions must be emailed to 37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil by close of business on June 26.

Winning photos will be announced June 28, and the theme for the next month will be released at the same time.

Entrants must be 37th TRW military or civilian employees or family members.

For details, email 37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil.

Eye on the horizon

802nd OSS Airman trades stripes for Air Force Academy



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Senior Airman Brian Kelly, an air traffic controller in the 802nd Operations Support Squadron, gives a pilot landing instructions from the Kelly Field control tower.

By Mike Joseph
JBSA-Public Affairs Office

The 802nd Operations Support Squadron has taken the "LEAD" when it comes to developing its Airmen.

For the second straight year, an enlisted Airman from the squadron has been accepted into the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program.

Senior Airman Brian Kelly, an 802nd OSS air traffic controller, heads to Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in July for the first leg of a five-year journey to become an Air Force officer.

"Airman Kelly always has a level of professionalism that has impressed me since the first time I met him," said Lt. Col. T. Corwin Pauly, 802nd OSS commander. "He's an expert at what he does. He worked extremely hard to get his ratings early and become a trainer, and the students who train under him give him huge kudos."

"To say I want to go to the academy

after serving three years takes a special kind of person," Pauly said. "He's an outstanding Airman. He'll be an outstanding officer."

The LEAD program began in 1995 as an ongoing effort for unit and wing commanders to nominate outstanding and deserving enlisted Airmen identified by their commanders with officer potential to compete for admission to the academy. Each year, up to 85 active-duty Airmen and 85 Reserve and/or Air National Guard are accepted for direct appointment to the academy.

Airmen also have the option to apply for one of 50 reserved slots at the preparatory school. The prep school's 10-month program prepares cadet candidates for the academy's demands; its mission is to integrate academic preparation, military training and athletic conditioning to enhance the skills necessary for the cadet candidates to succeed at the academy. More than 90 percent of prep school graduates receive an academy appointment.

Graduates of the Air Force Academy earn a Bachelor of Science degree, commission as a second lieutenant and the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs. An academy education is valued at more than \$400,000.

Kelly began thinking about the academy two years ago.

"About two months after I got to Lackland, I was temporarily deployed (in March 2011) to the academy with Chief Lewis (retired Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, former 502nd Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant)," he said. "Last year, a good friend of mine (then Airman 1st Class Michael Palow) was accepted into the LEAD program.

"I've thought long and hard about it," said Kelly, who passed the three-year mark in the Air Force last month.

Kelly's immediate supervisor, Master Sgt. Justin Tischler, had high praise for the 21-year-old Houston native.

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U.S. Army sergeant saves DLI student

Story and photo by Spencer Berry
Defense Language Institute Public Affairs

U.S. Army Sgt. Frank Sanchez, Defense Language Institute protocol technician, had a very busy morning working in DLI's Protocol Office May 7. At approximately 11:30 a.m., Sanchez decided to break his normal lunch routine and go to DLI's AMIGO Inn Dining Facility to sit and have a private meal. Never did he imagine this rare trip to the DLI campus' dining facility would necessitate using his U.S. Army combat medic skills to save a DLI student's life.

After going through the serving line and paying for his lunch, Sanchez found an empty table. He was seated enjoying his meal when he saw someone out of the corner of his eye approaching him. Next, he received a "tug" on his sleeve from this person. When he looked towards the man trying to get his attention, Sanchez saw that Sgt. 1st Class Fehaid Hussian M.



U.S. Army Sgt. Frank Sanchez (right) received the Army Achievement Medal for saving the life of Sgt. 1st Class Fehaid Hussian M. Hazazi, a Defense Language Institute student. Sanchez is a DLI protocol technician and Hazazi is a member of the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force National Guard.

Hazazi, Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force National Guard, had his hands around his throat, demonstrating the universal choking sign.

"When I saw the DLI student with his hands around his throat, it was obvious that he was choking," said Sanchez. "There was no noise coming out of his mouth and his airway was blocked completely."

Without hesitation, Sanchez sprang from his seat; he spun Hazazi around, wrapped his arms around him and began performing the Heimlich maneuver.

Sanchez was unsuccessful in opening Hazazi's airway on his first attempt, so he tried again with more force and was able to dislodge the food stuck in from Hazazi's airway. After saving the student from choking, Sanchez gave Hazazi some water and sat down with him while they both recovered from this traumatic incident. Once Hazazi

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DIAMOND SHARP

Airman 1st Class Kataryzna Misztal *Cryptologic Systems Division*

Duty title: Transportation Specialist

Time in service: 11 months

Hometown: Sarasota, Fla.



"Airman 1st Class Misztal is responsible for shipping and receiving more than 18,000 sensitive items monthly to and from locations around the world. She directly supports the Department Of Defense's cryptologic mission by sustaining an amazing 98.7 percent on-time delivery rate. Additionally, Misztal aggressively tackled her upgrade training by completing her Career Development Courses in less than four months; achieving an 87 percent on her end-of-course test. She is an active member of the Air Force Sergeants Association and is currently targeting her Community College of the Air Force Degree in Transportation Management. In addition to her more than stellar work performance, she is diamond sharp across the board on military image, customs and courtesies, and attitude. She shows great potential to be a dynamic future leader in our Air Force. Without any reservation, she is definitely deserving of this month's Cryptologic Systems Division Diamond Sharp Airman award."

- Master Sgt. Lawrence M. Snyder,

First Sergeant, AFLCMC/Det 6

Staff Sgt. Mark Velasquez *343rd Training Squadron*

Duty title: Instructor, Security Forces Craftsman Course

Time in service: 7 years

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.



"Staff Sgt. Mark Velasquez is the epitome of the title Airman. He is always the first to arrive for duty and the last to leave. His attire is always neat, clean and professional. His attitude is always positive as he faces a host of obstacles and analyzes each problem to develop a plan of action. As a training instructor at the Security Forces Craftsman Course, his duty performance has consistently been above reproach and he consistently strives to increase his aptitude and sharpen his instructor skill set. As a volunteer activist, he tirelessly gives to the community through various avenues such as establishing neighborhood crime watches and acting as a liaison between the neighborhood and the San Antonio Police Department. He also envisioned, organized and led the 1st Annual Joint Base San Antonio Car and Motorcycle Show, which raised more than \$3,000 for the Warrior and Family Support Center. Furthermore, his most recent endeavor is to build a memorial dedicated to fallen enlisted Security Forces members. This will cement their legacy in stone, showcase our gratitude to their family members and serve as reminder to all Security Forces members that our job is one of danger and of brotherhood. His exemplary image not only leads other Airman to act, but has helped to forge positive relations between the Air Force and the local community. He is without a doubt a future chief master sergeant."

- Master Sgt. Carol A Holmes

First Sergeant, 343 TRS

Staff Sgt. Krystal Lanham *67th Network Warfare Wing*

Duty title: NCOIC, Cyber Operations Law

Time in service: 6 years 9 months

Hometown: Chillicothe, Ohio



"Staff Sgt. Krystal Lanham is an outstanding Airman. Her expertise in managing four commander's programs directly contributed to the 67th Network Warfare Wing's excellent rating during the recent Consolidated Unit Inspection. She has the privilege of being the first staff sergeant to write a cyber-capability legal review, an esteemed honor in the paralegal career field. Lanham's customs and courtesies are above reproach as she instills in her subordinates and co-workers to always show respect to senior members. As a way to promote community service, Lanham organized two fundraisers for the Lackland 5/6 Club raised \$950, which went towards scholarships and providing holiday meals to Air Force basic trainees. Last but not least, Lanham was honored as a Distinguished Graduate at the Air Force Paralegal Craftsman Course seven-level school. She is truly deserving of this honor."

- Master Sgt. Courtney Walker,

First Sergeant, 91st Network Warfare Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joel Mansapit *Headquarters Air Force*

Security Forces Center

Duty title: Action Officer, Active Shooter

Incident Response

Time in service: 9 years

Hometown: Merizo, Guam



"Staff Sgt. Joel Mansapit's professionalism and dedication to the mission exceeds expectation. As an action officer assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Security Forces Center training branch. Mansapit completed a rigorous 192-hour advanced tactics course, gaining an elite certification as one of only nine security forces members to hold the highest Security Forces Combatives Instructor qualification in the Air Force. Additionally, he aided the Headquarters' efforts to standardize advanced defender skills Air Force-wide through the delivery of active shooter incident response instructor certifications to 73 security forces members from 10 major commands. Moreover, he facilitated the delivery of Air Force Central Command's "Check Six" program through the certification of seven security forces members postured to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In recognition for his superior professionalism and tactical expertise, he was hand-selected as part of a mobile training team directed to train 60 SF members from European and Pacific commands. Lastly, he aggressively leveraged his specialized expertise in Combat Arms to update ten electronic tactics, techniques and procedure guides to ensure the credible delivery of career field training, impacting more than 40,000 security forces members worldwide."

- Master Sgt. Joshua Olearnek

First Sergeant, HQ AFSFC

Tech. Sgt. William Everett Walton *24th Air Force*

Duty Title: NCOIC, 24AF Spectrum Management

Time in service: 16 years

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.



"Tech. Sgt. Walton is a shining example of what a professional Airman represents in the United States Air Force, and one of the most devoted and gratuitous noncommissioned officers on the 24th Air Force Staff. He was instrumental in standing up the first ever virtual desktop radio frequency oversight tool, managing more than 6,000 frequency licenses and spectrum requirements for three wings, two combat communications groups and an engineering installation squadron. His efforts were influential in supporting Federal Emergency Management Agency operations by processing six critical requirements allowing fire fighters email backup capability. He also authored a spectrum management training course for Fargo Air National Guard units, aiding them in planning for radio frequency interference avoidance in their predator missions. Sergeant Walton's flawless coordination of United States and Moroccan electromagnetic requirements directly drove the success of 24 Joint, Africa Command missions during the African Lion exercise in 2012, supporting 2,000 multinational soldiers. As the 24th AF Enlisted Professional Development Lead, his astute leadership and management qualities shined as he refocused our cyber Airmen under the 24th AF command chief's Leadership 365 initiative. He has organized three sessions to date, emphasizing key attributes and traits to improve leadership focus, enhance leadership abilities, and increase leadership interaction with our cyber warriors. Finally, as the newly appointed treasurer of Security Hill's 5/6 Council, Walton is already putting together a database to operationalize their elite, professional NCO organization. Tech. Sgt. Walton is highly deserving of this award; an NCO whose professionalism, devotion, and exceptional leadership ability clearly make him Diamond Sharp!"

- Master Sgt Nelson L. Reyes

First Sergeant, 24th Air Force,

Staff Sgt. Paul Dejarnette *91st Network Warfare Squadron*

Duty title: Unit Training Manager

Time in service: 4 years 7 months

Hometown: Renton, Wash.



"Staff Sgt. Paul Dejarnette is deserving of this honor. As the new unit training manager, he is responsible for managing all upgrade, continuation and 8570 requirements for more than 70 unit members. Dejarnette is also a certified operations technician instructor and was responsible for co-creating the squadron's first ever operations technician study guide used to train new personnel. Dejarnette donated his time and energy as the squadron representative for the Air Force Assistance Fund annual fundraising efforts ensuring 100% personal contact. As the primary squadron self-aid buddy care trainer, Dejarnette does an outstanding job teaching the objectives by keeping everyone engaged, which leads to a fun-filled course. Lastly, Dejarnette is active in the community as he recently volunteered six hours with a tough mudder event in Austin, Texas, benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. I'm proud to nominate Dejarnette for this honor."

- Master Sgt. Courtney Walker

First Sergeant, 91st Network Warfare Squadron,

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appeared composed, he thanked Sanchez for saving his life. Sanchez accepted the student's thanks, and after the student left to go back to his table, Sanchez finished his lunch as if nothing had happened.

Two days after the incident, U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Jonathan Palmer, DLI's first sergeant, received news that AMIGO Inn Dining facility employees had reported witnessing a U.S. Army sergeant saving an international student's life in the facility's dining room. After some quick research, Palmer discovered that it was Sanchez who performed the heroic act.

"I told the first sergeant I didn't want anything made of this," Sanchez explained. "I just felt I had helped out a guy in his moment of need."

Although Palmer appreciated Sanchez's humility, the story of his heroic act quickly rose to DLI's upper chain of command. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Gregory Dutka, DLI's deputy commandant and Army Element element commander, was completely caught off-guard when he heard the story.

"When 1SG Palmer came to my office and said that Sgt. Sanchez had saved a student's life at the AMIGO Inn Dining Facility a few days ago, I was floored," said Dutka. "I had to ask Palmer why Sanchez had not mentioned this incident to anyone."

"When Palmer told me Sanchez kept the story to himself because he didn't want to make a big deal out of the incident – well, I said, 'It is a BIG DEAL,'" Dutka continued. "However, the humility Sanchez

showed demonstrates the character we expect out of our Soldiers, but in this case, his heroism should not be overlooked. His act was not only valiant, but was a perfect example of DLI's definition of 'global partnerships.'"

Dutka presented Sanchez with the Army Achievement Medal May 29. Sanchez said he is very thankful for the recognition he received from DLI, and he believes there was a good reason why he was put in that position to help the Saudi sergeant that day.

"In my two years at DLI, I have rarely eaten at the AMIGO Inn Dining facility. For some unknown reason, a higher power wanted me to be there that day," said Sanchez. "Furthermore, the dining room was very crowded, but this student chose to approach me – someone he did not know, to receive emergency assistance. This student had no idea I enlisted in the Army as a combat medic and have years of CPR and rescue breathing training. I must admit, the greatest satisfaction was realizing I was put in a position that day to ultimately save someone's life."

Sanchez hopes this incident will encourage more units to promote CPR training.

"I hope all first sergeants and commanders will hear about what I did and recommend all their military and civilian personnel enroll in an available unit or base CPR course," said Sanchez. "Unfortunately, the Saudi student found himself in a position where his own countrymen did not know what to do when he started choking at the table. When he realized they couldn't help him, Hazazi

told me he saw my U.S. Army uniform and believed I knew what to do.

No one can ever predict when something like that will happen. However, if our personnel are properly trained in CPR, they might also be fortunate enough to save someone's life."

As for Hazazi, he is eternally grateful that Sanchez saved his life.

"None of my countrymen knew what to do when I demonstrated to them that I was choking," he said "When I saw Sgt. Sanchez sitting alone wearing a U.S. Army uniform, I believed he might possess some type of field training to assist me. Fortunately, I approached the right person who did not hesitate to help in my desperate moment of need. I am here today because of Sgt. Sanchez's heroic actions and (I am) forever thankful to him and the U.S Army."

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BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT



Photo by Robbin Cresswell



Photo by Bob Rubio

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Robert D. Gaylor (left photo), fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and retired Col. Colin Chauret, a fighter pilot, recently addressed medical hold trainees in the 324th Training Squadron as part of the Body, Mind and Spirit program. Gaylor spoke to trainees May 20 and Chauret was the guest speaker May 23. Both speakers shared their experience in the Air Force with the young Airmen.

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"He's one of the better controllers I've seen in my 13 years and he's still young for a controller when you look at his experience," said the chief air traffic controller. "I know with Kelly if I give him an Airman that's struggling, that Airman will make it.

"It's kind of a Catch-22. It's good to see him go and progress in his career," Tischler said. "On the other hand, it's sad to see him leave because we need great enlisted leaders and air traffic controllers. I think he's going to do so much more as an officer. The impact he can make from that level is 10 times greater."

Another of Kelly's supervisors, 1st Lt. Ryan Nichols, airfield operations flight commander, reiterated what Pauly and Tischler said about the young airman.

"When I got here, the first thing I noticed about Kelly was his professionalism," Nichols said. "I don't want to paint too a rosy picture because Airman Kelly was actually struggling in his own training at the time.

"But because he's such a perfectionist and he's willing to work hard to be the great controller that he is now, even as a young controller, I could see the drive and persistence he had to get through training."

Nichols, who also left the enlisted ranks to become an officer, added Kelly would have made a great NCO, a great senior NCO and eventually become a chief master sergeant had he not decided to commission.

"He's going to be a great officer," said Nichols. "He wants to take care of people no matter who it is. That's a great character trait. It would have been great on the enlisted side and it will be great as an officer."

Kelly is confident – "I plan on doing pretty well and being at the top of my group" – he'll make it through the training that lies ahead. He's also motivated.

"Airman Palow and I are very big competitors. I've got to beat him," Kelly said.

But he's got a year's head start on you?

"He's gonna need it."

LEAD program eligibility requirements, guidelines

Airmen interested in Air Force Academy or Preparatory School appointments through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program must meet certain eligibility requirements and guidelines.

They include:

- Be a U.S. citizen or able to obtain citizenship before entry into the academy the following year;
- Be at least age 17 but not older than age 23 on July 1 of the year entering the academy;
- Be at least age 17 but not older than 22 on July 1 of the year entering the prep school;
- Unmarried with no legal obligation to support a child, another individual or be pregnant;
- Good moral character and a well-rounded background;
- SAT or ACT scores required: 590-680 SAT verbal/critical reading, 630-710 SAT math; 28-33 ACT English, reading, mathematics, and 27-32 ACT science reasoning; top 40 percent of high school class; minimum 2.00 GPA post high school with no grades below C.
- Pass the candidate fitness assessment; and
- Pass a medical exam administered by the Department of Defense examination review board.

LEAD**Application Deadlines****March 1 – Jan. 31**

Submit pre-candidate online questionnaire

Jan. 31

Submit Form 1786 (Airman's responsibility)

March 1

Direct entry completed candidate packages due

April 15

Prep school entry completed, candidate packages due

For further admissions information on the Air Force Academy and the prep school, visit <http://www.usafac.edu> or <http://www.academyadmissions.com>.

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is closed, its local national staff will report to work and perform other store-related duties.

In January, DOD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs. In line with that direction, DeCA later executed the following budget-cutting measures:

- A hiring freeze on all outside hires
- Curtailment of official travel for all conferences, training and any other events and activities considered noncritical to the agency's mission
- Cancellation of the agency's May Worldwide Case Lot Sales for all commissaries. Instead, stores are conducting smaller-scale events such as outdoor sidewalk sales
- Curtailment of all overtime and compensatory time unless deemed mission-critical
- Review of contract services to restrict any increases
- Curtailment of all monetary awards unless legally required
- Postponement of all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

"We are in this together," Jeu said, "and though limited in our ability by circumstances we cannot control, I assure you we will do all we can to mitigate the impact of sequestration on our patrons, employees and industry partners, and on our mission."

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New JBSA commander, General LaBrutta, no stranger to San Antonio

By Lori Newman
Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A new commander took the stick of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio during a ceremony at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston May 29.

Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta takes his turn in the cockpit as the third commander of the largest joint base in the Department of Defense.

"The change in command of a wing in the U.S. Air Force, and in this case, a joint base wing, is one of the most important ceremonies we have," said Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, stressing how important it is to have the right person leading an organization at the right time.

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter was the right person at the right time during her tenure as commander, Rice added.

The AETC commander praised Carter for her leadership abilities.

"She has tackled challenge after challenge in a very effective and efficient way and at the end of the day this wing is much better positioned for the future than when she took command two

years ago," the general said.

Turning his attention to the new commander, Rice said, "I think we have the exact right leader at the right time in Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta. I can't think of anybody in our Air Force that is in a better position to take the reins and take leadership of the 502nd Air Base Wing.

"There isn't anybody more versed in the issues of manpower and personnel than Bob LaBrutta. He also understands how to run an installation," Rice said. "He obviously has the great background that we need, both in terms of expertise from a functional perspective, and leadership and experience from an installation command perspective, to take this wing to the next stage of its evolution."

Before passing the baton of responsibility over, Carter addressed the audience of service members, civilians and community leaders.

"In the past when I've relinquished command, I was very reluctant to let go of the flag - not ready to say farewell to people I've come to know and respect, not quite sure where the new commander might take the unit," she said. "I am thrilled that General Rice will place

the guidon in the very capable hands of Bob LaBrutta.

"He understands how to operate in a joint environment ... he's going to lead this wing to new levels of success and I'm thrilled for him and his family."

Carter thanked Rice and AETC vice commander Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens for their support and sage counsel, the commanders, directors and wing staff for their unwavering dedication and the mission partners and community leaders for their support.

"The 'dash' I spent at Joint Base San Antonio will be forever etched in my heart," Carter said, referring to a line from the Garth Brooks song, "Pushing up Daisies," which says, "there's two dates in time that they'll carve on your stone, and everyone knows what they mean. But what's more important is the time that is known as that little dash there in between."

Following the passing of the guidon, which

officially marked the change of command, LaBrutta addressed the crowd.

"I consider it an extreme honor to be the newest commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio," he said, thanking Rice for his trust and confidence.

LaBrutta said he started his military career as a basic trainee at JBSA-Lackland and considers San Antonio home because he has been to and from San Antonio his whole life.

"As an Air Force member getting an opportunity to come to each location in San Antonio, I have to tell you, it's great," he said.

LaBrutta told the community and business leaders he is looking forward to partnering with them and thanked them for the wonderful quality of life San Antonio offers service members and their families.

"It's all about the mission, isn't it, and what a grand mission the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio has," LaBrutta said.

"To the members out there in the field, I'm looking forward to being a part of your team. I look forward to getting into the trenches with you.

"We are going to have some challenges. We are in a resource constrained environment, no doubt about it. But, in those challenges, we have many opportunities in this new environment."

The commander said lean processes, energy efficiency and installation stewardship will be the cornerstones moving forward in this new environment.

LaBrutta enlisted in the Air Force in 1981 and earned a commission as a personnel officer through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1989.

He has served in a wide variety of assignments and his command tours include squadron, group and wing levels. His previous assignment was as the Director of Manpower and Personnel at U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"Leslie, the girls and I are thrilled to be here," LaBrutta said. "We are looking forward to working with and meeting all of you. We couldn't have asked for a better assignment and I can't wait to get to work."



Photo by Joel Martinez
U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta speaks during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29.

Photo by Joel Martinez/photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong
U.S. Air Force Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. (left to right), Air Education and Training Command commander, Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio command chief, and Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta, incoming 502nd ABW and JBSA commander, stand at attention during the 502nd ABW and JBSA change of command ceremony May 29.



Photo by Benjamin Faske
Members from JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph stand in formation during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29.

Photo by Benjamin Faske
U.S. Army Col. Jim Chevallier, 502nd Air Base Wing vice commander and Joint Base San Antonio deputy commander, salutes a joint honor guard as they present the colors during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29.

BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 56 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 598 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

321st Training Squadron*Flight 383*

Gerardo Espinoza
Simon Joh
Justin Klosterman
Brian Magee
Carlos Olivares
Vaughn Pranter
Brian Smith

Flight 384

Tyler Caravan
James Graben
James Haase
Holman Henriquez
Joshua Parker
Michael Proia
Steven Rawlinson
Jonathan Riley

322nd Training Squadron*Flight 393*

Peter Cote

Keif Gardner
Daniel Hall
Joseph Mayer
Johnathon Redd
Aaron Thompson

Flight 394

Christina Edmiston

323rd Training Squadron*Flight 389*

Ryan Barry

Flight 390

Joseph Cordell
Thomas W. Dowe

324th Training Squadron*Flight 387*

Brandon Allen
Tyler Bean
Harrison Bourgois
Daegyn Ross
Rodney Smith
Andrew Tauchen

Flight 388

Stephen Krueger
Alexander Lopez
Garrett Mcleod

Justin O'neal
Dylan Ruff
Stephen Spor

326th Training Squadron*Flight 391*

Christopher Bless
Parrish Brown
Matthew Hulick
Joshua Johnson
Akintoye Medugbon
Jordan Pearcey

Flight 392

Xandra Casto

331st Training Squadron*Flight 385*

Nickolaus Burns
Damon Frostad
Nicholas Gentile
Gordon Grooms
Andrew Jones
Nicholas Oneill
Andrew Schmidt
Austin Shrewsbury

Flight 386

Cara Langford
Erica Liss

Jelisha Martin
Shennean Tatem

Top BMT Airman

Damon Frostad
331st TRS, Flight 382

Most Physically Fit Male Airmen

Jerry Warren
324th TRS, Flight 387
Jessy Snow
323rd TRS Flight 390
Gary Sutton Jr
323rd TRS, Flight 389
Andrew Smith
321st TRS, Flight 384

Female Airmen

Corrin Beach
326th TRS, Flight 392
Jessyca Steiner
331th TRS, Flight 386
Danielle Ibanez-Sevilla
326th TRS, Flight 392
Julia Sims
331st TRS, Flight 386

Male Flights

331st TRS, Flight 385

326st TRS, Flight 391
321st TRS, Flight 384
324th TRS, Flight 388
321st TRS, Flight 383
324th TRS, Flight 387
323rd TRS, Flight 389
323nd TRS, Flight 390
322nd TRS, Flight 393
Female Flights
326th TRS, Flight 392
331st TRS, Flight 386
322nd TRS, Flight 394

Top Academic Flights

331st TRS, Flight 385
324th TRS, Flight 388
321st TRS, Flight 384
321st TRS, Flight 383
326th TRS, Flight 391
323rd TRS, Flight 390
331nd TRS, Flight 386
322nd TRS, Flight 393
324th TRS, Flight 387
326th TRS, Flight 392
322nd TRS, Flight 394
323rd TRS, Flight 389

Zero mishaps reported in JBSA Critical Days of Summer kickoff

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Critical Days of Summer kicked off May 23 with historic rain, and while it killed three people, destroyed 22 homes and damaged 137 houses throughout the local area according to the San Antonio Express-News, no fatalities or serious injuries were reported for the Joint Base San Antonio community during Memorial Day weekend.

CDOS, an annual Air Force campaign to raise awareness of hazards during summertime, began Memorial Day weekend and concludes Sept. 3.

"The local area had one of the heaviest rainfalls on record, so personal involvement, personal accountability and watching out for each other made the weekend a success," Jewell Hicks, 502nd Air Base Wing chief of safety, said. "However, there

is no time for us to relax because we have another 13 weeks to go of what has historically been the time of year when Department of Defense agencies experience the highest number of fatalities and disabling mishaps."

While the Air Force suffered zero on-duty fatalities during the 15-week CDOS campaign in 2012, 16 Airmen died in off-duty mishaps, two stemming from alcohol.

According to Air Force safety reports, nine of those mishaps involved motorcycles and the rest were at home, in privately owned motor vehicles and during sports and recreation.

"A lot of times, peer pressure and alcohol is the underlying issue with these mishaps, especially with our younger Airmen," Linda Howlett, JB-SA-Randolph ground safety manager,

LOCAL BRIEFS

SATURDAY

MONTHLY THRIFT SHOP SALE

The Lackland Thrift Shop's monthly INside and OUTside bag sale is Saturday at One Stop, Building 5460, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from all thrift shop sales support scholarships for military dependents and military-connected organizations at JBSA-Lackland.

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

TUESDAY

DROP-IN DENTAL SCREENINGS

Drop-in dental screenings are offered to children of active-duty members and retirees by the JBSA-Lackland Pediatric Dental Department at the Dunn Dental Clinic, 8-10:30 a.m., Tuesday. 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 details, call 671-9836.

JBSA GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP

A free JBSA-Lackland gospel music workshop runs Tuesday through June 14, starting at 6 p.m. each day, at Gateway Chapel and culminates with a free concert June 14, 7 p.m., also at Gateway Chapel.

For more information, contact Pat Westbrook at 414-4261 or Angie Lee at 643-1227.

JUNE 16

LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS TO CHANGE

New JBSA-Lackland Library operating hours from the mandatory Department of Defense budget cuts associated with sequestration begin June 16.

The new library operating hours will be: Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

JUNE 17

SPECIAL 'MAN OF STEEL' SCREENING

Alamo Draffthouse Cinema West-lakes, 1255 SW Loop 410, will host a special benefit screening for the new Superman movie, "Man of Steel,"

June 17, 6:30 p.m.

All ticket sales will benefit the Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1076, which will donate the proceeds to the construction of a new USAF Airman Heritage Museum.

JUNE 18

CUSTOMER SUPPLY TRAINING

The 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Equipment Accountability Element conducts three classes on the third Tuesday of each month in the second floor conference room of Building 5160.

Classes and start times for June 18 are: Block I General Supply Training at 8 a.m., Block II Bench Stock Training at 8:45 a.m. and Block III Equipment Custodian Supplemental/Refresher Training at 9:30 a.m.

For details or to register, contact Ray Holland or Eugene Owens at 925-1140 or 671-3801.

INFORMATIONAL

LIBRARY CONSOLIDATES SERVICES

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Library has consolidated all services to the main branch. All library services will be located at the main library, Building 6114, starting Monday, including the patient library

located at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center.

For additional information, call 671-3610.

CARSWELL AVENUE DETOUR

All lanes of Carswell Avenue between Luke Boulevard and Building 9129 will be closed until July 31 for installation of a troop bridge to connect the Airman Training Complex east campus to the ATC west campus.

North-south traffic on Carswell will be routed west of Building 9129 and the softball complex.

STARBASE KELLY SUMMER PROGRAM

Starbase Kelly, sponsored by the 433rd Airlift Wing, offers a free summer educational program to children who are associated with Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, and who have completed either the fourth or fifth grade.

The program includes aircraft tours, scientific experiments, teamwork and goal setting, rocket building and launching, computer aided design, and computer flight simulation.

Two sessions are offered, July 15-19 or July 29-Aug. 2. Program hours

are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The sessions are held at the 433rd AW ramp in Building 909. Children need to bring lunch.

Register via email by submitting the child's name, address, home telephone and grade completed this year. Include the sponsor's name, organization and duty phone, and the session requested to starbase@clear.net.

For more details, e-mail Starbase Kelly or contact Ron Jackson at 925-5397.

FITNESS CENTER RENOVATIONS

Major renovations at the Warhawk Fitness Center continue through Aug. 9.

The basketball court, women's locker room, one men's locker room and the family fitness room will be closed during the renovation.

All fitness classes will move to the Chaparral Fitness Center with the same class time schedules.

However, the weight room, cardio room and the main men's locker room will remain open during the project and the fitness assessment cell will continue as scheduled.

For additional information, call 671-2016.

CHAPEL SERVICES

PROTESTANT

Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

Sunday
Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education 11 a.m.
Gospel Service 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
AWANA 6 p.m.

Hope Chapel -Building 10338

Sunday
Contemporary Service 11 a.m.
Spanish Service 12:30 p.m.

Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

Sunday
Liturgical Service 8 a.m.

DENOMINATIONAL

BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

Sunday
Church of Christ 7:30 a.m.

Gateway Chapel -Building 6300

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

Education Classroom -Building 5200 Rm. 108

Sunday
Christian Science 7:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

Sunday
Religious Education 9 a.m.
Mass 11 a.m.
Monday - Friday
Daily Mass 11:30 a.m.

Hope Chapel -Building 10338

Saturday
Reconciliation 4:30 p.m.
Mass 5:30 p.m.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

Sunday
Religious Education 8 a.m.

WICCA

BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

Sunday
Military Open Circle 12:30 p.m.

Freedom Chapel -Building 1528

1st Tuesday
Military Open Circle 6 p.m.

JEWISH

Airmen Memorial Chapel -Building 5432

Friday
Sabbath & Kiddush 4 p.m.

Sunday
Religious Education 12:30 p.m.

ISLAMIC

Global Ministry Center -Building 7452

Friday
Jummah Prayer 1:15 p.m.

Sunday
Religious Education 9 a.m.

BMT Reception Center -Building 7246

Sunday
Buddhist 10 a.m.

Gateway Chapel -Building 6300

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

First, third and fifth Saturdays
Baha'i 11 a.m.

OTHER FAITH GROUPS

THE CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Hope Chapel -Building 10338

Tuesday
Religious Education 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
LDS Institute 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
LDS Service 8 a.m.

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Family Support Events

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

FRIDAY

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, noon. For details, call 800-973-7630 or 671-4057.

MONDAY

- ▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- ▶ Federal Employment process, taught by Office of Personnel Management, 1-4 p.m.
- ▶ Post deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, Building 5160, 2:30-3 p.m.

TUESDAY

- ▶ American Veterans national service officer available by appointment, 8 a.m.

to noon. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

- ▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members retiring, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Understanding the Veterans Administration claims process, 10 a.m. to noon.
- ▶ Newcomer's orientation briefing, mandatory for personnel new to JBASA-Lackland, Gateway Club, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, 1 p.m. For additional information, call 800-973-7630 or 671-4057.
- ▶ Bundles for Babies, 1-4:30 p.m.

JUNE 14

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

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, noon.

JUNE 17

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

JUNE 18

- ▶ American Veterans national service officer available by appointment, 8 a.m. to noon. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.
- ▶ Exceptional Family Members Program, "My Child's Future," noon to 1:30 p.m.

JUNE 20

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, 1 p.m. For additional information, call

800-973-7630 or 671-4057.

JUNE 21

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents' seminar, BMT Reception Center, Building 7246, noon.

JUNE 24

- ▶ Five-day Transition Assistance Program, mandatory pre-separation briefing and Form 2648 are required prerequisites, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- ▶ Post deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, Building 5160, 2:30-3 p.m.

JUNE 25

- ▶ American Veterans national service officer available by appointment, 8 a.m. to noon.

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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Staff Sgt. Kelli Mancini
369th Recruiting Group
Duty title: Group Financial Management (FM) NCO
Time in service: 9 years 6 months
Hometown: Harrogate, Tenn.



"Staff Sgt. Kelli Mancini is a well accomplished noncommissioned officer. She is the 369th Recruiting Group Finance Flight's top financial management expert. She singlehandedly prepared and approved more than 90 percent of the unit's financial management funding documents totaling more than \$3 million. Mancini's financial analysis skills are unmatched. She correlated more than 50 reports into a handful of streamlined, actionable financial products fit for group-level leadership decision-making. After mastering her financial management responsibilities, Mancini swiftly assimilated into the recruiting realm by participating in local marketing events and delayed entry program calls targeting top-notch Air Force applicants. She continually demonstrates extreme technical expertise that is rare to find in someone so new to the recruiting group. Mancini devotes her off-duty time to furthering her education and volunteering with Habit for Humanity to build homes for those less privileged. Day in and day out, she consistently proves to be exceptionally Diamond Sharp!"

- Master Sgt. Sean Mulshine,
First Sergeant, 369 RCG

Staff Sgt. Anthony M. Napolitano Jr.
321st Training Squadron
Duty title: Military Training Instructor
Time in service: 10 years 9 months
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.



"Staff Sgt. Anthony Napolitano is an outstanding leader in the 321st Training Squadron. Since his arrival, he has made a significant impact by identifying key areas to promote the development of basic military trainees. He instituted a third/fifth week-of-training evaluation process for all instructors to inspect trainees on their dormitory standards and provides feedback to all assigned military training instructors highlighting trends and areas that need improvement. His actions have better prepared flights to improve their seventh week of training evaluations. Furthermore, he recently graduated the Air Force Trainers Course, and will now use his knowledge and expertise to mold new military training instructors and instill a Warrior Ethos mindset into the next graduating Airmen. Finally, his leadership and dedication to duty contributed to his flights receiving recognition as both Honor and Warrior Flight."

- Senior Master Sgt. James R. Fink,
321 TRS First Sergeant,

Senior Airman Leslie Svoboda
688th Information Operations Wing
Duty title: Wing Executive Assistant
Time in service: 3 years
Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.



"Senior Airman Svoboda consistently goes above and beyond in the execution of the mission and truly epitomizes the

whole-person concept both on and off duty. As the 688th Information Operations Wing Executive Assistant, she regularly encounters complex and diverse challenges; everything from evaluation management to video teleconferencing troubleshooting. Most of the time, she has mere seconds to assess the problem, develop a course of action and execute the plan without disrupting the normal course of operations. Her efforts directly contribute to the efficient, effective execution of cyber missions across the globe. Off duty, she has already earned her Bachelor's degree and contributes to her community weekly as shortstop for the women's and co-ed Connection Softball Team. She was also the wing's lead coordinator for the Staff Sgt. Scott Sather Memorial 5K and led the wing's efforts to establish a relief effort for the recent Tornadoes which affected wing members stationed in Oklahoma. Svoboda does all of this with a level of poise and maturity which outpaces her peers and is truly deserving of the Diamond Sharp award."

- Master Sgt. Nicole Y. Basnight
First Sergeant, 318th Information Operations Wing

Staff Sgt. Bruce W. Woo
346th Test Squadron
Duty title: Network Attack Test Coordinator
Time in service: 7 Years
Hometown: Steubenville, Ohio



"Staff Sgt. Bruce Woo is the only Network Attack Test coordinator in the 346th Test Squadron supporting offensive cyber operations tests. He provides fielding consideration packages to the 24th Air Force commander for a critical war fighter capability, shortening calibration time of multi-million dollar system by half. He completed a two month in-residence Intermediate Network Warfare Training course where he achieved academic excellence. He led a squadron Wingman Day event for 40 members focusing on social and physical attributes culminating in the building of greater unit cohesion & teamwork. He is also on the Joint Base San Antonio Installation Action Council and the Housing Committee, where he helped close out 11 Joint Base San Antonio readiness related issues and identified four others to 502nd Air Base Wing leadership. He is a valuable asset to the 346th TS and they are proud to have him on their team."

- Master Sgt. Nicole Y. Basnight
First Sergeant, 318th IOG

Staff Sgt. John P. Bassler
959th Medical Operations Squadron
Duty title: Orthopedic Surgical Services Tech/Education and Training NCOIC
Time in service: 5 years
Hometown: Virgin Islands



"Since the first day Staff Sgt. Bassler joined the unit, he has been a go-getter. As the Orthopedic Department's Education and Training non-commissioned officer, he has sole responsibility for all enlisted training records, which includes not only nine Airmen, but five Soldiers as well. His efforts are key to running the weekly San Antonio Military Medical Center Ortho Service SGT Time training which effectively bridges the cultural gap between the Army and the Air Force. The resultant joint Ortho Service team is strong and has produced two quarterly award winners and three Soldiers/noncommissioned officers of the month. Additionally, a recent inspection resulted in the Ortho Service receiving 100 percent on their Army and Air Force training records for the third month in a row. Finally, leading by example is not foreign to Bassler.

This month, he personally prepared three Soldiers and two Airmen for their fitness assessment; they all passed with one member's score improving from 57 to 97 percent. Clearly, Bassler's can-do attitude and energy are a big reason the Ortho Service has been successfully transformed into a total joint team."

- Master Sgt. Amanda Fitzpatrick,
959th Medical Operations Squadron

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said. "The best thing everyone can do is use personal risk management and look closely at every activity they do."

Because roadways are where most Air Force members lose their lives, several of the weekly CDOS topics will focus on driving safety, Howlett said.

"The recurring themes are excessive speed, alcohol, fatigue and failure to use safety belts," Hicks said. "If you ride a motorcycle, your risk increases exponentially."

Water sports are typically the second-leading cause of death during the summer, which includes swimming, tubing and riding jet skis, Howlett said.

The Memorial Day weekend floods, in terms of safety planning, reinforced the notion that common sense can be the difference between life and death.

"Mother Nature is unpredictable, so if you're capable, do everything you can to stay out of her way when the weather is dangerous," Howlett said. "Where there are low-water crossings, 'turn around, don't drown.' It only takes two feet of water to push a vehicle."

There were also no fatalities reported in Air Education and Training Command during Memorial Day weekend.

The theme for this year's CDOS campaign is "Safe 'n Sound - All Year Round."

FOSTER a PUPPY

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months.

Potential foster families need:

- time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months,
- a stimulating and safe home environment, and
- a desire to help raise a military working dog.



Call 671-3686



UPCOMING

VARSIY FLAG FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

Open tryouts for the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Varsity Flag Football Team is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. All active duty, active duty dependents, and base civilian personnel are welcome to try out. Bring water and cleats. Call Dwayne Reed at 671-2632 for details.

WATER AEROBICS

The Skylark Aquatic Center offers water aerobics for ages 13-adult Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5-6 p.m. The fee is \$6 per class or \$65 per month. Call 671-3780 for details.

YOUTH SWIM TEAM PROGRAM

The Skylark Aquatic Center hosts youth swim team for ages 6-15. Members learn competitive swimming and will participate in local swim meets if they qualify. Practice is held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6-7 p.m. Participants must pass a pre-swim test before being placed on team. Fee is \$65 per month. Please call David Greene at 671-2413 for details.

SUNDAY PAINTBALL

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation offers Sunday paintball. Only \$20 for marker, mask, all-day air and 500 paintballs. Open 1-5 p.m. Call 925-5532 on weekdays or 925-2998 for more details.

VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Running Improvement Program are in need of volunteers to help participants through workouts and also to teach proper running form. Instructors are needed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:15-7:30 a.m. Volunteers do not need to be available every day. Contact Heather Smith at 671-0631 for details.

AF retiree earns silver medal at Warrior Games

By Jose T. Garza III
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

An incessant two weeks culminated with an Air Force retiree earning a silver medal at the 2013 Warrior Games.

Scott Palomino, a community readiness consultant for the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, took silver in the Men's 1500 Meters Below The Knee race May 14.

"I was extremely excited and happy," Palomino said. "I ran the race in 5:34. Just the fact that I was able to run in under six minutes made me excited. My goal for next year is to run under five minutes since the guy that won the gold medal this year ran it in under five minutes."

"The feeling of standing up on the podium and having the silver medal put over my head was amazing," he added. "Outlasting so many competitors, especially on a prosthetic leg, was rewarding. I was glad to represent the Air Force."

Palomino, an amputee who lost his left leg in a mortar explosion in Balad, Iraq on April 10, 2004, flew to Colorado Springs, Colo. on the same day he returned from his honeymoon and participated in the competition a few days later.

It was Palomino's first year competing in the Warrior Games. His goal next year is to attain the gold medal by running a time under five minutes.

"I was very excited to compete in the games and I'm excited to participate in the future," he said.

With a background in sports dating back to high school, the El Paso native said he wanted to continue being active despite his physical limitations.

"Getting the opportunity to meet other wounded warriors was a big part of me wanting to compete," Palomino said.

The event provided a learning experience for Palomino. The silver medalist said he learned that there are other warriors who strive to stay active in sports and in life.

Palomino hopes his participation in or-

ganized sports can be an inspiration to other wounded warriors.

"They need people like me and other wounded warriors that have been through the process to show them that life is not over," Palomino said.

"A lot of people don't realize how many Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors get injured fighting for our freedom," Palomino said. They don't realize we live active lives. I work at JBSA-Lackland, and there are other guys who are still working at different types of jobs. They are still competing and running, raising their families and getting married. They are still living life."

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Right: Scott Palomino, a community readiness consultant at the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, competes in the Men's 1500-meter race at the 2013 Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Below: Brig. Gen. Brian Dominguez is the Mobilization Assistant to the Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., awards Palomino the silver medal after the race.

