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Contracting professionals from around the world gather for joint exercise

By Col. Martha Brooks
Army Expeditionary Contracting Command
Public Affairs

More than 500 operational contract support professionals from 40 different government agencies and coalition partners gathered at Fort Bliss, Texas for Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise 2014.

The U.S. Army Contracting Command, in conjunction with the Joint Staff, U. S. Northern Command and U.S. Army North, conducted OCSJX-14 Jan. 7-31.

This was the fifth iteration of the annual exercise and the first time it was sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

“OCSJX-14 focuses on growing the next generation of OCS leaders from all services, and developing the next generation of military leaders who are well versed in all aspects of operational contract support,” said Col. Tim Strange, commander of the 412th Contracting Support Brigade and the executive director of OCSJX-14.



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Maj. Evert Chung and Cyp LaPorte were among the more than 500 participants from throughout the Department of Defense taking part in the 2014 Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas, in January. Chung is assigned to the 412th Contracting Support Brigade and LaPorte is assigned to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, both at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The first phase of the exercise involved five days of Warrior Task Training designed to keep contingency contracting officers alive on the battlefield.

WTT consists of Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 with the M9 and M16 weapons; rollover

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BAMC team helps save Austin man's life

By Elaine Sanchez
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

A specialized medical team from Brooke Army Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston teamed up with area hospitals recently in an overnight race to save a man's life.

Using a heart-lung bypass machine called ECMO, the team stabilized and transported the patient

from Austin to Houston, saving the patient's life and marking a first for BAMC.

“This is the first time we've done an adult ECMO transfer out in the community,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jeremy Cannon, San Antonio Military Medical Center trauma chief. “This is a true success story and a tremendous team effort.”

Earlier this month, the patient suffered severe cardiac failure and

was rushed to University Medical Center Brackenridge in Austin. With other interventions failing, his doctors felt this critically ill patient needed ECMO to survive.

ECMO, which stands for extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, is a heart-lung bypass system that circulates blood through an external artificial lung, oxygenates it and

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Joint Base San Antonio fights for teens this February

By Airman 1st Class
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Whether physical or emotional, dating violence can leave scars that last a lifetime. Teens who suffer abuse at the hands of a partner are more likely to struggle in school, develop depression, or turn to drugs and alcohol. Victims are also at greater risk of experiencing the same patterns of violence later in life.

To prevent such scars from forming, the three Joint Base San Antonio locations will be providing informational youth-and-parent-centered-events throughout the month of February in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

According to Emily Mueller, JBSA-Randolph family advocacy intervention specialist, Teen

Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month brings national focus to the issue of teen dating violence, highlights the need to educate youth about healthy relationships, raises awareness among those who care for them and provides communities with a critical opportunity to work together to prevent this devastating cycle of abuse.

"Each location will work separately on Teen Dating Violence Prevention Awareness Month events, aside from the fourth annual Poetry Slam taking place 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Hous-



Courtesy graphic

ton Military and Family Readiness Center," Mueller said.

Parent focus will revolve around becoming informed on social media and what is going on between teen partners in a dating and bullying

environment online.

Intimate relationship issues among teens and young adults aren't limited to just physical contact, but also include social media bullying, Mueller said.

During the services

offered for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, Mueller said important aspects will include "opening up communication between parents and teens, between teens themselves, and showing which resources are available to help."

There is a free teen poetry workshop from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Teen Center, building 2515 on Funston Road.

For more information about programs and events at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 292-5967.

For information about dating violence, click on <http://www.teendv-month.org>, <http://www.loveisrespect.org> or <http://www.whitehouse.gov/1is2many>, or call the National Dating Abuse Helpline at 866-331-9474 or 866-331-8453 or text "loveis" to 77054.

AETC public affairs announces 2013 media contest winners

The Air Education and Training Command public affairs recently released the results of the 2013 AETC Media Contest.

Several Joint Base San Antonio local winners are on the list in the print, broadcast, graphics and photography categories.

All first-place winners will compete at the Air Force level next.

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Second place: Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs, JBSA-Randolph
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Joint Base San Antonio Command Chief Enlisted Calls

Chief Master Sgt. Alexander D. Pery, command chief master sergeant for the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, will be conducting enlisted calls at all three JBASA locations.

The dates, locations and times are: Feb. 25, JBASA-Lackland, Inter-American Air Forces Academy Auditorium, 2431 Carswell Ave., 9 a.m. for Airmen, 1 p.m. for NCOs and 3 p.m. for senior NCOs; Feb. 26, JBASA-Fort Sam Houston, 502nd Air Base Wing conference room (second floor), building 247, 2080 Wilson Way, 10 a.m. for Airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs; Feb. 28, JBASA-Randolph, Fleenor Auditorium (old base theater), 9 a.m. for Airmen, 10:30 a.m. for NCOs and 1 p.m. for senior NCOs.

White House Communications Agency Recruitment Briefing

The White House Communications Agency hosts a recruitment briefing at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Bob Hope Theater, building 5408, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. WHCA members provide support in Washington, D.C. and on travel teams in support of the President, Vice President, First Lady and others as directed. This opportunity is for active duty Airmen in the following Air Force Specialty Codes: 3D0X0, 3D0X2, 3D0X3, 3D0X4, 3D1X2, 3D1X3, 3S0X1, 3S2X1, 6C0X1. Applicants must be in the ranks of senior airman through senior master sergeant. Registration and qualification standards can be found at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/00-ED-AE-15/registration/Registration.aspx>. Call 202-757-6063 or visit <http://www.disa.mil/whca> for more information. Registration is not required to attend the briefing.

JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Black History Month Celebration

U.S. Army South hosts the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Black History Month Celebration from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Evans Theater building 1396. The guest speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Julius Parker Jr., former U.S. Army Intelligence Center commanding general at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Parker is the highest ranking African American military intelligence officer in the history of the Army.

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SecAF visits Joint Base San Antonio

By Airman 1st Class Kenna Jackson
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James met with several Airmen during a visit Jan. 31 at Joint Base San Antonio.

She served as the reviewing official for the basic military training graduation parade, toured dormitory facilities and visited with officials at the 24th Air Force Headquarters before concluding her one-day visit with an Air Education and Training Command all call at JBASA-Randolph.

During the all call, James stressed the importance of retaining and recruiting people for the right job.

"The central core issue, all of the time, is people," she said. "People underpin everything that we do. I learned about people on Capitol Hill. I dealt with people issues at the Pentagon. If you didn't have the right people in the right job, you weren't going to deliver much of any type of technology, services or solutions.

"It always comes back to the people. I know I am preaching to the choir, because that is your business here; your business is people," she said.

James also took time to comment on the role that

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Photo by Benjamin Faske

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James renders a salute during pass and review at the basic military training graduation Jan. 31 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

BAMC WELCOMES NEW COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



Photo by Robert Shields

Incoming Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha A. Gavia accepts the NCO sword from BAMC Commander Col. Kyle D. Campbell during a change of responsibility ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Jan. 23, as outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Mark K. Pumphrey looks on. Gavia previously served as the CSM at Gen. Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving at BAMC. Pumphrey served as BAMC command sergeant major since January 2013.

ASSISTANT SECDEF FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS VISITS SAMMC



Photo by Robert Shields

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. Jonathan Woodson (left) is greeted by Brooke Army Medical Center commander Col. Kyle D. Campbell (center), Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha Gavia (right) and Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn (background), of the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Jan. 29. Military medical senior leaders briefed Woodson on the San Antonio Military Health System, one of six enhanced multi-service markets in the United States. Woodson also visited the U.S. Army Burn Center, where he was briefed on Critical Care Air Transport Teams, which are air evacuation teams that sustain patients while they are in transit to more definitive care. Woodson was also briefed on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation life-saving capabilities. Used during the air transport of critically ill or injured patients, ECMO is a heart-lung bypass system that circulates blood through an external artificial lung and sends it back into the patient's bloodstream.

Army unveils 'Gold Star' PSAs honoring survivors of the fallen

By William Bradner
U.S. Army Installation Management
Command Public Affairs

The Army announced Jan. 29 that it will release three public service announcements over the next year to increase awareness of Department of Defense-issued gold star and next-of-kin lapel pins.

Fox Sports aired the first PSA Sunday, in the half-hour before kickoff of Super Bowl XLVIII.

The pins are designed to signify the loss of a loved one in support of our nation. Although the gold star pins have been in existence for decades, many Americans are unfamiliar with their meaning. The PSAs were developed to help educate and inform the public of the significance of the pins.

"It's heartbreaking to

think that a mom wearing a gold star might have someone ask her, 'What a beautiful pin, where do I get one?'" said Donna Engeman, a gold star wife who manages the Survivor Outreach Services program for the Army.

"We decided we had to do something to ensure the nation – the world – recognizes what that pin really signifies," Engeman said.

Though the gold star and next-of-kin lapel pins are a Department of Defense program, the Army's Installation Management Command, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, has taken on the mission of educating the public.

This year, Gen. Ray Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, directed IMCOM to develop a cam-



File photo

The Gold Star Lapel Button (left) is presented to the families of service members who lose their lives while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States. The Next-of-Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button (right) honors those who lose their lives while serving on active duty or while assigned in a Reserve or National Guard unit in a drill status. They are normally presented to eligible family members prior to the military funeral service. They are not meant as awards, but as symbols of honor.

paign to inform America of the significance of this symbolic gold star pin.

"We're committed to our survivors," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commander. "We owe it to them to ensure they get the support and

service they deserve for as long as they need it."

"Educating the public on the meaning behind the gold star pins is simply another way to reaffirm to our survivors that we understand and honor the sacrifices they've

made for our country," Ferriter said.

The PSAs consist of documentary-style interviews and narrative stories from real survivors who volunteered to be a part of the project. The voice-overs were provided by Academy Award-nominated actor Gary Sinise.

"We tried to ensure the PSAs reflected the diversity of surviving families as well as honoring their service and sacrifice," said Hal Snyder, chief of IMCOM's Wounded and Fallen Support Services office. "The PSAs include moms and dads, brothers and sisters, children, husbands, wives, etc.

"The point is you might see a Gold Star pin on just about anyone," Snyder continued, "and we wanted to make sure everyone knows what that pin represents."

The PSAs also serve to gently remind the American public that the freedom they enjoy comes at a cost, Snyder said.

"The call to action is to honor and learn," he explained. "Honor those who have fallen, and learn about a small, but meaningful symbol presented to families who have lost a service member."

The Army also plans an extensive outreach effort through social media and partnerships with corporate America.

"The more people who see these, the greater the opportunity to recognize and honor families of the fallen," Snyder said.

The Army's Survivor Outreach Services program currently supports more than 55,900 surviving military family members.

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[HTTP://WWW.SAMHOUSTON.ARMY.MIL/PAO](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao)

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Basura Bash 2014

The 4th Annual Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash will be held at Salado Creek Park from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 22, with volunteer check in at 8 a.m. and a safety briefing at 8:45 a.m. The annual cleanup of Salado Creek is held in conjunction with the city-wide cleanup effort for the tributaries of the San Antonio River. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves, hat and sunscreen. People can bring their own cleanup gear, such as waders, trashgrabbers, nets, etc. All participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian onsite and drop-offs will not be allowed. All participants must have a military ID or CAC and sign a waiver to participate. Volunteers can register online at <http://www.basurabash.org>. For more information, call Tray Cooper at 652-0181.

USAREC Requests Recruiters Return

Former detailed recruiters can earn a \$4,000 bonus if they reclassify to MOS 79R and return to U.S. Army Recruiting Command. NCOs must be a staff sergeant or sergeant, have less than 12 years time in service, and currently be in an overstrength or balanced MOS. Time of service as a 79R must

be a minimum of 36 months. See your career counselor for more information.

BAMC Behavioral Health Seeks Dog Team

The Department of Behavioral Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center is looking for a qualified and dynamic dog team (dog and owner) to aid in the department's health care mission. They will help provide animal assisted therapy/animal assisted activities to the patients on the inpatient psychiatric ward. Interested owners must be able to present all necessary certification documents at the time of interview. The team's certification must be issued by a licensed evaluator applying a nationally recognized curriculum and must meet several criteria. Call 916-1011 or 916-2096 to set up the required interview.

Online Tutoring Available

All kindergarten through grade 12 students in eligible military families can access an official Department of Defense tutoring program at <http://www.tutor.com/military>. The site provides expert tutoring to military families in all core school subjects at no cost. Students work one-on-one with a live tutor online for help from homework to essay writing.

JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Col. James Lewis spoke to almost 400 in attendance at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Jan. 29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Lewis spoke of his own struggles during his youth and how the actions by King and other events that shaped the civil rights movement served to inspire him to accomplish personal and professional goals. Lewis is the chief counsel for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

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then delivers it back into the bloodstream. It does the job of the patient's heart and lungs and gives them time to respond to treatments and heal, Cannon explained.

With their ECMO resources at capacity, UMC Brackenridge called on Cannon to transport the patient to the Center for Advanced Heart Failure at the Memorial Hermann Heart & Vascular Institute-Texas Medical Center in

Houston on the evening of Jan. 5.

Established in October 2012, BAMC has the only adult ECMO center in the Department of Defense, and it remains one of the few centers with transport capability in the world.

Cannon swiftly assembled his team – which consisted of Lt. Col. (Dr.) Phillip Mason, emergency medicine and critical care physician, ECMO Program Manager Katherine Negaard and Bernadette Elliott, an Emergency De-

partment nurse – gathered equipment and caught a chopper to Austin that night. Upon arrival, they placed the patient on ECMO and raced via ambulance to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, arriving in the early morning.

“We were able to successfully hand a stable patient off to the cardiology team in Houston,” said Cannon, dubbing the trip an ECMO “taxi run.”

The patient is still recovering, but doing well, a family member reported. She praised the BAMC team's professionalism and compassion, noting they were “engaged and responsive” to both the patient and his family members the entire time.

Cannon said he's thrilled to hear of the patient's “remarkable recovery.”

“We're glad we could serve as a safety net for

the community, particularly when it involves a lifesaving procedure.”

Cannon said he hopes to continue this type of community support, noting it will help to keep the team's ECMO skills for combat casualty care, including transport ability, sharp.

“It's vitally important to maintain this capability both now and for the next time we go to war,” he said. ECMO is a proven lifesaver for wounded service members, he added. In recent years, ECMO-trained teams have successfully transported 10 U.S. service members on extracorporeal support from the battlefield to Germany.

Cannon's long-term vision is to see ECMO patients transported from the battlefield to a stateside location, such as the medical center here, for their recovery.

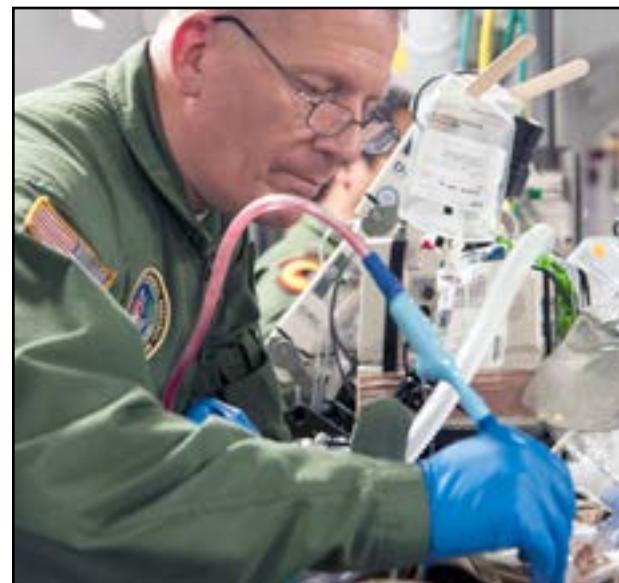


Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Iinuma

Army Capt. Michael Campbell, an Institute of Surgical Research burn flight team member at San Antonio Military Medical Center, tends to a patient receiving treatment with an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation system on a C-17 Globemaster III at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland last year.

In the meantime, Cannon is setting his sights on a more local type of support.

“We're hoping to perform more ECMO transports in the near future,” he said.

LET'S RODEO SAN ANTONIO! ARMY NORTH TAKES PART IN WESTERN HERITAGE PARADE



Members of the U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) Caisson Platoon march down Houston Street during the Western Heritage Parade and Cattle Drive in downtown San Antonio Feb. 1. The parade is the official kickoff of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, which began Thursday and runs through Feb. 23 at the AT&T Center.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins gives an award for "most authentic" entry in the 7th annual Western Heritage Parade and Cattle Drive Feb. 1 to members of the San Antonio Living History Association. Wiggins joined thousands of other San Antonians as they celebrated the city's western roots in anticipation of the upcoming San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Wiggins is the commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

EFMP helps families find resources, provides support

By Lori Newman

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

The Exceptional Family Member Program supports military families with special medical and educational needs.

The program has three components: identification and enrollment, assignment coordination, and family support to help families identify and access programs and services.

An exceptional family member is a family member, child or adult, with any physical, emotional, developmental, or educational condition requiring specialized treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling on an ongoing basis, explained Heejung Sackett, EFMP family support specialist at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"It's important for service members to know that if they have a family member with special medical or education needs the service member is required to enroll with EFMP," said Frances Anderson, EFMP systems navigator.

"The purpose of the program is to make sure that military families are assigned to places where their (special medical or educational) needs can be met."

To enroll, a DD Form 2792 Family Member Medical Summary or DD Form 2792-1 Special Education/Early Intervention Summary must be filled out by the family member's primary care manager or other health care provider, and returned to an EFMP office at a military treatment facility.

The EFMP staff at San Antonio Military Medical



Photos by Lori Newman

Veronica Soto, 15, plays the piano during the Musical Moments Holiday Recital Dec. 16 at the Gift Chapel. The Musical Moments program is one of several activities the Exceptional Family Member Program offers families throughout the year.

Center can assist Army and Navy personnel, while EFMP staff at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center can assist Air Force personnel with enrollment, updates and disenrollment in the program, explained Sackett.

The family support side of EFMP helps families make smooth transitions from one duty location to another.

"When an EFMP family is coming to our community we hear from the losing command giving us a heads up. We work with the family to transition into our community, support the family throughout their assignment, and when it's time for that family to leave we in turn contact the gaining command," explained Anderson.

EFMP specialists at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Military and Family Readiness Centers can provide information and referrals, support groups, relocation

services, recreational and culture activities, respite care and help with the Special Needs Accommodation Process.

EFMP offers many activities throughout the year for families such as an equestrian camp, Musical Moments, family fun activities at Morgan's Wonderland, an art and dance summer camp and a job fair for teens and young adults to promote independency.

Classes are also available to parents of children with special needs such as STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) and Special Needs Parent Tool Kit.

"The program at Fort Sam Houston is run in accordance with the Army regulation. The programs at Lackland and Randolph are run in accordance with the Air Force Instruction," Sackett said.

One of the key components of the Army EFMP is the systems navigator.

The systems navigators help families find resources and services

available to them. They help EFM families identify their strengths and needs, establish and prioritize goals and develop family service plans to achieve their goals. They also can make referrals and empower families to advocate for their exceptional family member.

There are two EFMP systems navigators at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. This service is open to retirees and EFMP families regardless of their branch of service.

"One of the biggest challenges for military families is that every time they move they have to figure out the system all over again. The purpose of the systems navigator is to make that easier for families to do," Anderson said.

For example, Anderson recently helped a service member who was having

difficulty finding appropriate child care for her child who has some major physical disabilities and needed very close supervision.

"I was able to do some pre-screening and narrow down some options," Anderson said.

"My job is to be a resource specialist. Instead of the service member having to make 20 phone calls, I am able to narrow it down for them so they can make the phone calls that are going to yield the best, most efficient results."

Sgt. 1st Class Melinda Moody-Williams has been in the Army for more than 20 years. Her 21-year-old son, Jihad, is autistic and has an intellectual disability.

"In the 90s, the TRICARE system and the EFMP system weren't very solid, so we strug-

gled in the beginning," she said. "As the years have gone by, the EFMP has been paramount in helping us seek assistance for my son.

"It is really good to know that EFMP is connected to outside resources, especially for our son, because he is not school age anymore," Moody-Williams said. "I have only had positive results from the EFMP."

"On JBSA, service members can utilize what is offered at all three locations," Sackett said.

For more information, call 221-2962 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; 671-3722 at JBSA-Lackland; or 652-5321 at JBSA-Randolph.

To contact the medical EFMP office at SAMMC, call 916-5721; WHASC, call 292-2775; or JBSA-Randolph, call 652-2306 or 652-1563.



Frances Anderson, Exceptional Family Member Program systems navigator, facilitates a discussion group with children after the movie "Turbo" was shown Dec. 31 at the Joint Base San Antonio Military and Family Readiness Center. The EFMP hosted the movie event for the whole JBSA community to promote acceptance and self esteem.

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AETC members play in recruiting, preparing and educating today's Airmen.

"It makes me very proud to see what I have seen; I'm especially proud of what you all are doing here at Air Education and Training Command. You are so fundamental to our young Airmen in their earliest days – at basic training and the technical training level," she said. "You are the first line in molding them into the Airmen of the future."

She also said, "It's our charge to make sure we have a highly capable force no matter what we do. So, that means, we've got to continue to recruit and retain those terrific young people; develop them, give them the right training and make sure we do this right going forward."

During the all call,

James spoke to the audience about her career history and her leadership experience. She spoke about the priorities she's laid out for the Air Force going forward, what she sees in the Air Force's future and her personal philosophy, which she calls her "Top 10 List."

The 10 lessons learned include: being prepared to zigzag in life as it may throw you curveballs, practicing good ethics, seeking a mentor, building a valuable network and building confidence within yourself. James also stressed the importance of ethics, communication and being a good role model, remaining up-beat, persistent and having balance.

James wrapped up the all call with a promise of a return visit.

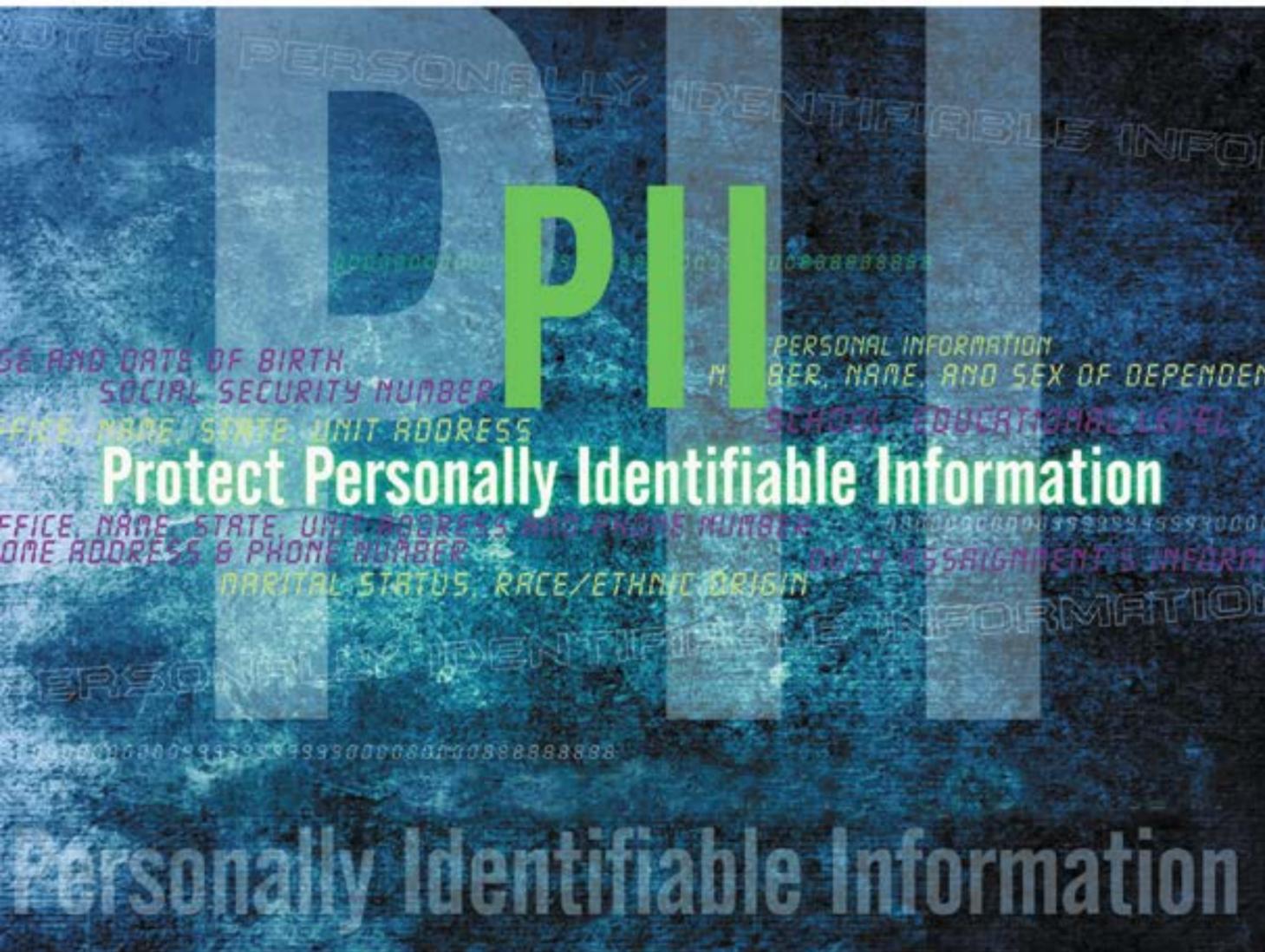
"It was very inspiring to meet with those young graduates, to see some of the families and

the pride in the MTIs' (military training instructors') eyes," she said. "I am looking forward to a return visit."

James is the 23rd Secretary of the Air Force and is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its more than 690,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen and their families. She also oversees the Air Force's annual budget of more than \$110 billion.

She has 30 years of senior homeland and national security experience in the federal government and the private sector. Prior to her current position, she served as president of Science Applications International Corporation's Technical and Engineering Sector, where she was responsible for 8,700 employees and more than \$2 billion in revenue.

Think before sending: Protecting PII



Art by Naoko Shimoji

PII is unique information about an individual not releasable to the public without the written consent of the individual. Examples includes Social Security numbers, dates of birth, marital status, race or financial information.

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Network security is more than just a buzzword. It is an important tool used to secure not just information related to national security but also personal security. The Air Force, Army and the entire Department of Defense take information assurance and the protection of personal information seriously.

As of October 2013, individuals who inappropriately store and transmit personally identifiable information over the Air Force network will have their accounts locked in response to the violation.

"We are taking several steps to improve notification and reporting of PII incidents," said Gen. William L. Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander. "My intent is to increase awareness within the Air Force as part of my responsibility to ensure the security and defense of the AFNET and its users. PII violations create both personal and operational risks for all of us."

Air Force Space Command is the major command responsible for Air Force space and cyber operations. Cyber operations are organized under 24th Air Force, headquartered at Joint Base San

Antonio-Lackland.

PII is any information about an individual that can be used directly, or in connection with other data, to identify, contact or locate that person and can include such information as: full name, address, Social Security number, medical, educational, financial, legal and employment records.

This information can come in any form such as hard copy or electronic records stored within data bases or accessible from applications on computers, laptops and electronic devices (government or private) such as Blackberries, smartphones, etc.

The 68th Network Warfare Squadron and 352nd Network Warfare Squadron on JBSA-Lackland, as the Cyberspace Defense Analysis Weapon System, actively monitors the AFNET for PII breaches and violations. When a PII breach is identified, it is reported to the 624th Operations Center, also on JBSA-Lackland, and the formal reporting process is initiated.

The 624th OC, as the Cyber Command and Control Mission System Weapon System, then reports the AFNET PII breach to the 24th Air Force commander, which will result in locking the violator's AFNET account and notification to the individual's wing commander.

"Beginning Oct. 24, [2013] we began locking out the AFNET account of individuals who were found to be inappropriately transmitting PII data via the AFNET," explained Maj. Gen. J. Kevin McLaughlin, 24th Air Force and Air Force Cyber commander. "A violator's account will only be unlocked once the first O-6 in their chain of command certifies that the individual has accomplished all necessary actions, to include remedial training."

These new actions are in addition to, and do not circumvent or replace, the normal Privacy Act notification process which is already in place throughout the Air Force. Air Force Instruction 33-332 governs the PII breach reporting process as well as the consequences for PII violations.

A PII breach is defined as a loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users, and for an other than authorized purpose, have access or potential access to PII, whether physical or electronic.

For those on the AFNET, JBSA follows the Air Force protocols for PII breaches, requiring individuals who lose network access as the result of a breach to receive authorization from a colonel in their chain of command to reactivate their account and to contact their local information assurance office and customer or client support technician, said Karen Frey, JBSA Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act officer.

For JBSA personnel operating on the Army network, an individual's unit leadership determines whether their user account is disabled based on the initial assessment of the U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center, said Jesus RosaVelez, NEC director for JBSA.

Further punitive actions against individuals responsible for a breach, RosaVelez continued, are based on the finalized report and seriousness of the incident.

The majority of PII breaches are directly the result of human error either by the individual directly or by second or third parties, said RosaVelez.

Since his arrival at JBSA in May 2012, RosaVelez knows of two reported official incidents on the Army network here.

There was a unit that failed to set proper permissions on folder access on a storage drive which could have potentially compro-

mised PII data saved in those folders.

An individual on the Army network here also once accidentally forwarded a series of unencrypted emails containing social security numbers to unit distribution list email address.

RosaVelez stressed that just because these are the only two he knows of that does not mean other incidents have not occurred. Other units may not have reported incidents to the NEC which is in violation of PII policy.

Units must report all suspected breaches.

"The loss of PII can erode confidence in the ability to protect information, impact business practices and can lead to major legal action," RosaVelez said.

Frey recommends personnel kicked off the network for PII violations complete the online training course, the 'CyberAwareness Challenge.' It is an annual requirement for all federal, Department of Defense and intelligence community personnel.

According to the Information Assurance Education, Training and Awareness online training catalog, the 'CyberAwareness Challenge' course is a serious game that simulates key decision points that employees make every day in the course of their duties that could either protect or compromise PII.

The training can be found online at <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/online-catalog.html#iaatraining>

When working with PII, personnel are urged to follow these common sense precautions:

- Do not transmit PII to or from personal or commercial email accounts unless a written consent has been submitted by each individual requesting their personal information be sent to their personal or commercial email account.
- Do not mail or courier sensitive PII on electronic removable media unless the data is encrypted.
- Do not leave PII in unsecured vehicles, unattended workspaces, unsecure file drawers or in checked baggage.
- Do not store or use PII on personal media.
- Reduce Social Security number usage within the Department of Defense communiqués and limit the use of the SSN(s) in any form (including the last four digits) in addition to substituting the user of identification numbers or any unique identifier whenever possible.
- Never include SSN(s) in a personnel roster or other documents when not necessary. SSN(s) must never be posted on public facing websites.
- Use only officially issued forms by applicable service; especially those that collect PII should include the Privacy Act Statement.

"One breach is too many," said Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency commander. "A PII breach is neither acceptable nor excusable. It comes down to adhering to well-established guidelines, rules and procedures."

If you see a PII breach, immediately notify your chain of command or organization privacy act manager/monitor.

Commanders, managers, supervisors should ensure that everyone within their units are familiar with "personally identifiable information (pii) incident reporting and notification procedures."

"The report of PII incidents involving actual or suspected breaches/compromises should be reported immediately; preferably within one hour of discovery," said RosaVelez.

"Accountability is the word of the day," Shanahan said. "I expect everyone in the enterprise to be accountable for protecting PII. We need maximum emphasis on this because the downsides of a breach are obvious."

PII

reference AR 33-332

HOW TO PROTECT/SEND OUTSIDE OF AFNET

- 1** SEND VIA US POSTAL SERVICE, FEDEX OR UPS through the mail
- 2** USE THE ENCRYPTION CAPABILITIES OF MS OFFICE encrypt individual documents (Word, PPT, Excel)
- 3** USE THE AF RESEARCH LAB ENCRYPTION WIZARD contact your system administrator for assistance

Graphic by Chief Master Sgt. John Zincone

Multiple methods to encrypt sensitive information exist and are available for use. AFNET users can encrypt information leaving the AFNET by using the AF Research Lab's encryption wizard, the encryption capabilities of Microsoft Office or by sending the documents by mail.

U.S AND DOD GUIDANCE

- » U.S.C. 552a, The Privacy Act of 1974
- » AR 340-21, The Army Privacy Program
- » AR 380-5, Department of the Army Information Security Program
- » AFI 33-332, Air Force Privacy and Civil Liberties Program
- » NETCOM Regulation 25-56 2
- » NETCOM Regulation 190-1, Serious Incident Reporting
- » DOD 5400.11-R, Department of Defense Privacy Program
- » Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199, Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips199/FIPS-PUB-199-final.pdf>)
- » DD Form 2930, Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)
- » NETCOM Form 190-1-1, Serious Incident Report
- » U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency (RMDA) Privacy Office website (<https://www.rmda.army.mil/organization/pa.shtml>)

RELATED LINKS

Users at Joint Base San Antonio have multiple tools at their disposal to protect PII if encrypting e-mail is not feasible and electronic transmission of sensitive PII is operationally required. Users can leverage approved Department of Defense safe file transfer systems.

Safe Access File Exchange - <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/>

ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND REGION-SOUTH CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Incoming Sgt. Maj. Richard Shanklin (left) accepts the NCO sword from Col. Timothy Stevenson, commander of U.S. Army Public Health Command Region-South during a change of responsibility ceremony Tuesday at Dodd Field Chapel.

On the right is outgoing Sgt. Maj. Surendra Mangra. The passing of the NCO sword signifies the relinquishment of responsibility and authority from the outgoing to the incoming sergeant major. PHCR-S is one of five subordinate commands of U.S. Army Public Health Command, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The merging of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command established the USAPHC July 22, 2011. As a result of the transition, the PHC-S grew from a single facility with fewer than 50 team members to an organization of more than 600 people.

Photo by Esther Garcia



JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING SOLDIERS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Soldiers and family members gathered to thank seven Soldiers for their service during a retirement ceremony Jan. 30 at the Quadrangle. Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan, commanding general, Southern Regional Medical Command, and chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, presided over the ceremony. Keenan, who is also the wife of a recently retired Soldier, reminded the retirees' families to help their Soldier out during the transition. The retirees are (from left) Chief Warrant Officer 3 Allan LaViers, U.S. Army Medical Command; 1st Sgt. Andrew Baker, Warrior Transition Battalion; Master Sgt. Ramon Rojas Jr., U.S. Army South; Master Sgt. Larry Harris, 645th Quartermaster Petroleum Liaison Detachment, San Marcos, Texas; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Siller, Research Development Engineering Command, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Irene Cardona, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and Staff Sgt. Wayne Linton, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade.

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ BACK IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Trumpet player Gabriel Johnson



Guitarist Peter White

Courtesy photos

Friday Night Jazz is back at the Fort Sam Houston Theater just in time for Valentine's Day. Guitarist Peter White makes a return to the theater at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 for an intimate evening of music. He is joined by trumpet player Gabriel Johnson. Reserved tickets are on sale for \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door the day of the concert. Tickets are also available online at http://outhousetickets.com/Venue/Fort_Sam_Houston_Theater/. This event is open to Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests. For more information, call 466-2020.

Women leaders serve as role models, whether they realize it or not

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

The Army's surgeon general, Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, said she tried not to consider the role her gender played on her professional development as she climbed higher through the ranks in the Army.

But at some point, she said, it would become inevitable that somebody would point it out to her.

Just in 2011, in fact, as she had been named the first female, first non-physician to be appointed as the Army surgeon general, she was approached several times about the uniqueness of her position.

"The U.K. called, when I was in Afghanistan, and said congratulations – 'how does it feel to know the entire world is watching to see if you succeed or fail?'" Horoho said.

"I have to tell you, I was holding the phone and I thought, 'I'm not sure if I should be happy with the call or if I just got insulted.'"

Both Horoho and Lt. Gen. Flora D. Darpino, the Army's judge advocate general spoke Jan. 22 before the Women Mayors' Caucus in Washington, D.C.

The caucus is part of the larger United States Conference of Mayors, for mayors of cities with 30,000 or more citizens. The group held its 82nd Winter Meeting Jan 22-24 in the nation's capital.

Horoho, who is also the commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, said more recently she was approached by the Israeli surgeon general.

"He said 'you need

to know when you got selected, it was the shot that was heard around the world. Because, if the United States places a female in their highest position within Army medicine, then it caused other nations to look and say why aren't we doing that? Why aren't we following suit?'"

Later, she said, two positions in the Israeli military opened up for women to command. And now there are discussions about should they be general officers.

"That's a huge change," she said.

She said that France has also approached the Army, following her appointment to surgeon general, to ask for help with leader development of nurses.

"They are going to move their nurses from being enlisted to officers, and they have taken a general officer slot and held it for that," she said. "They did that because they said watching the [U.S.] Army make that decision, they couldn't defend why they weren't doing that."

"What I learned from that, is you serve as a role model whether you realize you are doing that or not," Horoho said. "And there are people watching what you are doing, and the impact that you have can be huge."

On a more personal level, she told the women mayors, fathers have approached her and told her that by having achieved her position as the Army's first female surgeon general, she has served as proof for their own daughters that anything is possible.

She told the mayors "there are young women,

and there are fathers that are looking and saying if you all can serve as the mayor, my daughter can do that one day. Those are some of the lessons learned."

Darpino, the Army's first female judge advocate general, also spoke with the women mayors.

She explained her roles as JAG within the Army, including the senior military legal advisor to the secretary of the Army, the primary and principle attorney and counselor to the chief of staff of the Army, and the head of the JAG corps. She oversees attorneys, paralegals and professionals in the legal profession within the Army worldwide.

"We have to be highly flexible, very adaptable, willing to change and willing to learn," Darpino said.

As a second-generation Italian American, she said her father had told her they would need to work harder to get ahead.

"He basically inculcated us with the thought that in order for us to ever be considered equal, we always had to work harder and be better," she said.

"As women, that hits home a little bit more. That's a lot of times how we feel. This idea of joining the military – I was slightly naïve I must admit – didn't seem that intimidating to me. And then I showed up at my first course."

There, she said, of 150 people, there were about seven women.

"I thought, 'I have picked not only a male-dominated profession, the law, I have picked a male-dominated organization, the Army,'" she said. "I'm really glad I didn't know what I was doing when I started."



Photo by C. Todd Lopez

(From left) Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, U.S. Army surgeon general, and Lt. Gen. Flora D. Darpino, the Army's judge advocate general, spoke Jan. 22 at the Women Mayors' Caucus in Washington, D.C.

Darpino relayed only one example of somebody in the Army who considered her gender before her professional capabilities – an officer at her first assignment.

After that, she said, she found that in the Army she was valued for her input and achievements, and not discriminated against for her gender.

"What I ran into were a bunch of people who judged me by how well I did," she said. "And as long as I did my very best, and gave my very best in this team sport, the Army, I continued to be promoted and given positions of greater responsibility."

Both officers spoke about their upbringing in the Army as women, but also spoke about the challenges they face in their current position.

One female mayor posed a question about the challenges of sexual assault in the Army. Darpino said sexual assault is not just an Army problem, but it is a prob-

lem where the Army has a unique ability to make a difference.

"Sexual assault is a societal problem, it is the most under-reported crime there is out there," she said. "I feel the Army is better equipped to address this issue than a lot of the rest of society. Sexual assault is under-reported for a lot of reasons. Our studies have shown that the reason sexual assault is under-reported, is that the victim doesn't want people to know. It is a personal matter."

She said that retaliation for having reported a sexual assault – retaliation by their peers, not their leadership – is also a problem that keeps sexual assault in the Army an under-reported crime.

This is where, she said, the Army can make some headway. The military, she said, is a team. And youth can – in the early stages of their career, in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, in Reserve Officer Training

Corps or in the Delayed Entry Program – be taught that being on the team means not allowing your teammates to be assaulted.

"We bring 54,000 people into the Army a year," she said. "And they are young. The vast majority of our victims are between the ages of 18-24. That would be about 75 percent of our victims. They are the ones who have just come in.

"Who are the people that are sexually assaulting them? About the exact same age group. So we have an opportunity to start, which we have been doing in our JROTC programs, in our college ROTC programs, in our Delayed Entry Programs ... working with them, in the culture change," Darpino said. "That is, as a member of the team, if you see something, you have to stop it."

Regarding youth, Horoho told mayors it is a national "strategic vul-

'MyICP' allows military spouses to build a virtual career roadmap based on goals

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

Military spouses who need guidance on education and careers have a new online tool at their fingertips, a program analyst for the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, known as SECO, said in a recent interview.

"My Individual Career Plan," or MyICP, allows spouses to build a virtual career roadmap based on their specific goals and objectives, said Lee McMahon.

MyICP launched Jan. 10 on Military OneSource's MySECO website, the primary access point for the Defense Depart-

ment's Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, McMahon said.

"SECO provides expert career and education guidance to military spouses worldwide," she explained. "It supports them in four career lifecycle stages: career exploration, education, training and licensing, employment readiness and career connections."

The MyICP tool is available for all active-duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps spouses and to National Guard and Reserve spouses as well, McMahon said, noting that it's also open to spouses for up to 180 days after their service member sepa-

rates or retires from the military.

Spouses must first register at <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil> to use it. Surviving spouses of military members who died while on active duty also are eligible.

To illustrate how MyICP works, McMahon used the example of a nursing student military spouse who has just moved to a new duty station and wants to see what opportunities exist in the new area.

Licensing requirements are an issue for nurses, McMahon notes. So once logged on and after clicking on "manage my individual career plan," the spouse would

begin to build a MyICP by selecting "licensed" and "student."

Next, the spouse would go to the occupation page to find "nursing," which would generate information from the Labor Department. The spouse would then select topics from the "challenges and growth opportunities" category. This category may include topics such as child care and relocation or time-management skills.

The self-service wizard then produces a MyICP, McMahon said, which recommends activities to meet a person's career and education

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Dempsey: No plans to close military commissaries

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Contrary to some news reports, there are no plans to close military commissaries, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

But Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey added that the budget environment is forcing the department to look for savings anywhere possible.

The chairman first addressed this issue during his Facebook town hall meeting last month.

The Joint Staff did not ask the Defense Commissary Agency to come up with a contingency plan to close 100 percent of U.S. commis-

saries, senior military officials said.

Officials did ask the Defense Commissary Agency for a range of options, including how the system would operate with reduced or no taxpayer subsidies, the chairman said, noting that military exchanges work on this system and that the same potential exists with commissaries. In the most recent year, the Defense Commissary Agency received \$1.5 billion in subsidies.

"We haven't made any decisions," the chairman said. "We've got to drive toward greater efficiencies, and this is just one of the

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INSIDE THE GATE

Hearts Apart Support Group

Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Family Readiness Support Assistant Training

Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0946.

Intramural Golf

There will be two coaches meetings, 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 19 and March 12 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Golf Clubhouse. All team rosters are due

April 2. The league begins April 8. Call 808-5701 or 221-7173.

Career Employment Event

The Department of the Navy Office of Civilian Human Resources will hold a career employment event for wounded service members 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, building 3639. Register at the SFAC or call 916-9252 for more information.

Preservation Fort Sam Houston Society

Author Dr. Isaac Hampton II will present The Black Officer Corps: A history of black military advancement from integration through Vietnam Feb. 20 at the Stilwell House, 626 Staff Post. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation begins at noon. Call 224-4030.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Department. Children must be present for proper weight and height measurements. Registration required, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Mardi Gras Zumba Fest

Feb. 22, 10 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Call 221-1234.

Teen Poetry Slam

This event will be a showcase for teens that have created poems associated with awareness of teen dating violence, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 22 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness Center. Call 292-5967.

Black History Month Celebration

The Joint Base San Antonio

Collective Protestant Gospel Service will host a Black History Month celebration 1-3 p.m., Feb. 23 at the Evans Theater, building 1396. Call 488-1639.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Dial 'M' For Murder"

A man has married his wife for her money and now plans to murder her for the same reason. He arranges for the perfect crime and creates a brilliant alibi for himself. Unfortunately, the murderer gets murdered and the victim survives. "Dial 'M' For Murder" runs through March 1, at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Call 222-9694 for more information.

World War II Medical Symposium

The U.S. Army Medical Department Museum Foundation, in

association with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, will sponsor a World War II Medical Symposium March 6-8 at the Army Medical Department Museum at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. For more details or to register, visit <http://www.ameddmuseumfoundation.org>.

New Squadron Commanders and First Sergeants

JBSA Family Advocacy Program is required to provide new squadron commanders and first sergeants a desk side briefing within 90 days of their arrival or assumption of command per DODI 6400.1, even if temporary or as an additional duty. The briefing includes information on FAP services/classes to assist them in promoting mission and family readiness. Call 292-5967 for an appointment or for more information.

Computer Lab

The computer lab is available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday at Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-2705 or 221-2418.

How We Roll

Monday through Friday, 9-11 a.m. at Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus, the "How We Roll" program provides parents and strollers use of the indoor track. Mondays from 9-10 a.m., a fitness trainer is available for assistance and instruction. Call 808-5709.

Fitness on Request Kiosk

The Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus hosts an innovative group fitness system including free virtual classes ranging from 20 to 60 minutes. Call 808-5709.

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training in HMMWV and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles; convoy operations training in the Close Combat Tactical Trainer; and two days of medical skills training.

"The EST is a great experience for Soldiers," said Maj. Barry Williams, a contracting officer with ACC-Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"It allows Soldiers, Airman, Marines and Sailors to see how they're shooting, even better than a real range. This computer screen tells you exactly where you're hitting and what you're doing

wrong – it's just a great system overall."

Although all military CCOs have a number of required annual warrior tasks, the facilities at Fort Bliss allow OCSJX-14 participants, including civilians, to utilize specialized simulators and trainers not available at most installations.

"It's amazing," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Barry Bredell, contract specialist with 56th Contracting Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

"The HEAT training was what I was looking forward to the most, The HMMWV are not vehicles the Air Force normally travels in so this was

exciting to get a chance to train on."

The second phase of OCSJX-14 focused on topics unique to contingency operations, specifically a NORTHCOM natural disaster scenario. Exercise participants role-played the DOD response to an earthquake along the New Madrid fault line resulting in heavy damage to eight multi-state regions.

"By bringing all these agencies together and ironing out the details, we can be prepared in the event this natural disaster were to occur," said Col. Mike Hoskin, division chief, Operational Contract Support and

Services at the Joint Staff.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians are assigned to 10-to-11 person regional contracting centers.

Each RCC has a mix of participants with a varying degree of skills and experience to simulate the joint environment CCOs operate in.

The second phase also provided instruction on contingency acquisition policy, ethics, procurement fraud, payment procedures, paperless contracting files, the Contracting Officers' Representative Tool, public affairs, and the Joint Contingency Contracting System.



Photo by Sgt. Robert Golden

Four contract specialists with OCSJX-14 lift a mannequin on a litter as they practice carrying casualties as part of a medical evacuation at the Fort Bliss Medical Support Training Center. (From left to right) Air Force Lt. Danny Monroe, Army Sgt. 1st Class David Grider, Joaquin Tucker with the Army Corps of Engineers, and Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael McTague. Almost every participant of the Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise 2014 received two full days of medical training as the joint contingency contracting exercise scenario will focus on responding to those needing help during a natural disaster.

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goals based on the selections made.

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership, a component of SECO, is composed of more than 200 companies and organizations that have committed to hiring military spouses, she added, so MyICP also includes

the ability for users to see which of MSEP's partners might have jobs in the user's occupation, and provides a link to check the company's openings in the chosen field.

McMahon encouraged all military spouses in search of such opportunities to try the MyICP tool.

"We would love to hear their feedback," she said,

noting that users can submit their input on the MySECO website by clicking on "SECO Satisfaction" or the feedback button.

Military spouses who have additional questions or need more information about using the MyICP tool can call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 and speak to a SECO career counselor.

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potential areas."

The Bipartisan Budget Act, which President Barack Obama signed earlier this month, alleviated some of the sequester pressure on the department through fiscal 2015.

But the Budget Reduction Act of 2011 is

still law, and sequester-level spending cuts will be back in play in fiscal 2016, unless Congress changes the law.

Still, the chairman said, the department must find ways to ensure that service members are prepared to perform their missions.

"We're well aware of the need for acquisition

reform, as well as the need to reduce unnecessary infrastructure and retire unneeded weapons systems," Dempsey said.

"All of the institutional reforms are intended to produce a single outcome: the best-trained and best-equipped service men and women on the planet."

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Del Webb Walk and Swim Events

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk and 300 meter swim Saturday starting at Del Webb's Hill Country Resort Center, 4505 Del Webb Blvd., San Antonio. Events start between 8 a.m. and noon and finish by 3 p.m. Call 723-8574 or visit <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

Military Spouse Symposium

The Military Officers Association of America will hold a professional development conference for all military spouses 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Pearl, 303 Pearl Parkway, San Antonio. The conference will include a military spouse and policy panel, resume writing and LinkedIn for military spouses, tips on how to dress for success and market yourself to potential

employers. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.moaa.org/spousesymposium/>.

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road, San Antonio. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 413-1965 for more information.

Teacher Study Pass for SeaWorld San Antonio

SeaWorld® San Antonio is offering a free Adult Fun Card to all active, employed and certified Kindergarten through 12 grade school instructors in the state of Texas. The Teacher Study Pass is a 2014 Fun Card that allows unlimited admission to SeaWorld San Antonio now through the end of the year. Teachers can pre-register for a 2014 Adult Fun Card at <http://www.SeaWorldParks.com/Teachers> until May 31. Teachers can also

purchase up to six additional Fun Cards discounted at \$5 off.

Women's Survivor Group

A women's survivor group has been created for women who have experienced sexual trauma. The goal is to increase survivors' understanding to their response to victimization and the impact on their lives. The group offers a safe, open atmosphere for discussion and support to facilitate understanding of sexual victimization and the healing process. The group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at the Rape Crisis Center group room at 7500 U.S. Highway 90 West, Building 2, Suite 201. Call 521-7273 for more information.

Teen Survivors' Group

A teen survivors' group has been created for teens who have been victims of sexual trauma. The group's goal is to help teens learn and talk about sexual abuse in a safe environment and help survivors connect to others who have been in similar situations. Females from 13 to 17 years of age who are currently attending individual

psychotherapy are encouraged to attend. A therapist's recommendation is required. The group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Rape Crisis Center group room at 7500 U.S. Highway 90 West, Building 2, Suite 201. Call 521-7273 for more information.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

Foster a Puppy

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

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
 Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
 8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional
Dodd Field Chapel
 Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.
 8:30 a.m. - Samoan
 10:30 a.m. - Gospel
Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel
 Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
 9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Contemporary Service
 11:01 a.m. - Contemporary "Crossroads"
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
 Building 3600,
 3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
 10 a.m. - Traditional

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
 Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday
Saturday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
 4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass
Sunday
 8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
 8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
 9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
 11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
 12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC
 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:15 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday, AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services, Sunday, AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.

MILITARY TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER READY FOR RETURNS



Photo by Steve Elliott

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center is open for business and the staff is ready to help all active duty military members, military retirees and their dependents get their tax returns filed in a timely manner. Helping at Tuesday's ceremonial MTAC opening are (from left) Master Sgt. Rahman Cosby, NCO in charge of the MTAC main site; Thomas Loebel, volunteer site coordinator; JoAnn Govea, Internal Revenue Service Office of Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication senior tax consultant; Lt. Col. Jennifer Hyzer, 502nd Force Support Group staff judge advocate; Sgt. 1st Class Rex Gates, NCOIC of the San Antonio Military Medical Center tax site; and William Hintze, MTAC manager. The MTAC main site is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and located at 2271 Reynolds Road. For appointments at the main tax site, call 295-1040. For appointments at the San Antonio Military Medical Center tax site, call 916-1040.

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nerability" that only 25 percent of youths aged 17-24 meet the health and fitness criteria to join the Army.

"We're not getting healthier as a nation," she said. Some one-third of Americans will have diabetes by the 2045-2050 timeframe, she said. And 70 percent of illnesses across the nation are preventable.

Within the Army, she said, the service has rolled out its "Performance Triad" effort, focused on eating right, sleeping right, and getting the right amount of physical activity to stay healthy - and to stay ready for combat.

"We are focusing on brain health, to really improve the health of our service members and their families," she said.

She said she hopes the Army's efforts at a fitness revolution will persuade others to follow suit.

"We provide healthcare across five continents," she said.

"If we can take the Army and show that by focusing on sleep, activity and nutrition, we can bend the cost curve of health care, that we can increase health outcomes. I think we could have a pilot that we could share with the nation to really look at how do we improve [the health of] young Americans."

Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12
San Antonio Texas	46° Cloudy	70° AM Clouds PM Sun	66° Partly Cloudy	64° Few Showers	64° Showers	57° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	43° Sunny	43° Sunny	45° Sunny	45° Partly Cloudy	44° Partly Cloudy	40° Mostly Sunny

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

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

1. Water lawns only when needed. Look at the grass, feel the soil or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water. Of course, follow your watering day guidelines as well
2. Take short showers and install a cutoff valve or turn off the water while washing and back on again only to rinse.
3. Scrape your dishes clean instead of rinsing them before washing. There is no need to rinse unless they are heavily soiled.
4. Wash only a full load when using an automatic washing machine (32 to 59 gallons of water are required for each load).
5. Check water requirements of various models and brands when considering purchasing any new appliances. Some use less water than others.

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