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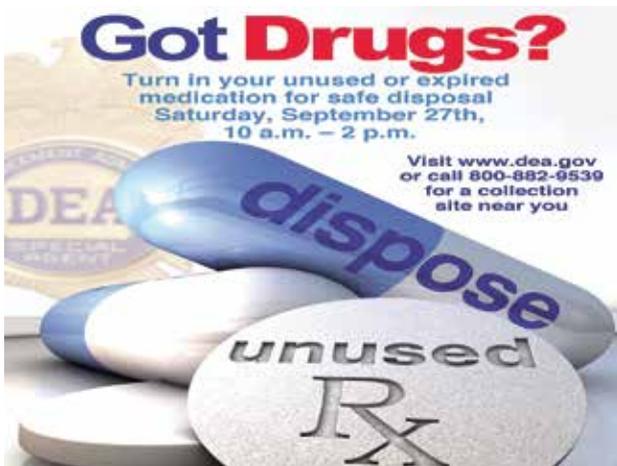
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Army South tests 'Water in a Box' for future operations

By Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye
Army South Public Affairs

U.S. military forces are heavily dependent on drinkable water during deployments, which is very resource intensive and not always cost-effective.

To alleviate this problem, U.S. Army South field tested and trained Soldiers on a self-sustaining mobile water purification and packaging system called "Water in a Box" at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 8-16. This kit can be easily operated and transported during contingency missions.

"A safe and reliable resource of food and water is vital in sustaining any military operation such as humanitarian assistance, peace keeping, training, contingency or combat operations," said Maj. Richard Ramos, Army South environmental science and engineering officer. "You cannot go very far once you run out of water. This capability purifies and packages water for the military without relying on water supply chains."

The system is designed to service a smaller unit, company size and below, by producing approximately 2,000 gallons of purified drinking water daily from freshwater, saltwater or brackish water in a very quick manner and it is small, light and compact which makes it easier to travel and access.

"This equipment is important for Army South because we have smaller units or contingency



Photo by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

Maj. Richard Ramos (left), Army South environmental science and engineering officer, demonstrates how to measure the quality of water during "Water in a Box" new equipment training held at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 8-16.

elements that deploy to Haiti and other small countries where natural disasters may happen," said Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Bellamy, an ARSOUTH water treatment specialist.

This system produces water faster for a smaller number of Soldiers."

"One of the threats we see in our area of operation is that we might not have access to safe water sources or we are in an area

where we don't have approved sources to buy potable bottles of water," said Dr. Kenneth Byrd, ARSOUTH science and technology advisor. The "Water in a Box" system will give us the opportunity not to have to rely on those local bottling plants. We also have preventative medicine in the loop to verify the safety of the water that we are packaging in the system."

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Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

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 San Antonio Military Health
 System market manager



Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is proud to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, which started Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15. It is a special time to recognize people of Hispanic and Latino ethnicity and to celebrate their histories, cultures and contributions.

This year's theme is "Hispanics: A Legacy of History, a Present of Action and a Future of Success."

Our country is no longer a multicultural "melting pot;" it is a "mosaic" with a mixture of various ingredients that keep individual characteristics instead of being blended together. The Hispanic and Latino influence can be felt nationwide from

the names of states and cities to the food we eat.

Hispanic and Latino Americans have contributed enormously through language, music, the arts, medicine, science and the military.

America's Hispanic and Latino sons and daughters have not hesitated to defend and show their allegiance to this nation in many ways, especially through military service.

That service is evident with 61 Hispanics and Latinos being awarded the Medal of Honor, the

highest award for valor in action against an enemy force.

Eight of the 61 award recipients were born in South Texas, and include Lucian Adams, World War II, U.S. Army, Port Arthur; David Barkley, World War I, U.S. Army, Laredo; J. Alfredo Gonzalez, Vietnam, U.S. Marine Corps, Edinburg; Jose M. Lopez, World War II, U.S. Army, Mission; Cleto L. Rodriguez, World War II, U.S. Army, San Marcos; Roy P. Benavidez, Vietnam War, U.S. Army, Cuero; Santiago Jesus Erevia, Vietnam War, U.S. Army, Nordheim; and Jose Rodela, Vietnam War, U.S. Army, Corpus Christi.

Another South Texan made military history in 1982 when Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, from Kingsville, was appointed the Army's first Hispanic four-star general.

The enduring legacy of service and sacrifice left by the brave men and

women who served with distinction give current and future generations the opportunity to pursue the American dream.

As Americans, we share common goals and aspirations: liberty and justice for all, faith in God, the importance of family, and the belief that a better life should await anyone willing to work for it.

Today's young Hispanic and Latino Americans will be our physicians, engineers, business leaders, teachers, elected officials and community leaders of tomorrow. Their success depends on education and opportunity.

Education is a critical pathway to upward mobility and our country's economic health. Leaders, families, teachers, and mentors can work together to build strong ladders of opportunity for every young man and woman who accepts the challenge to progress in

their professional and personal lives.

Richard Perez, president and CEO of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, is an inspirational leader who will share his story at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's National Hispanic Heritage Month Observance at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, 3060 Stanley Road. Following the presentation, food sampling and dance performances will be provided.

On behalf of the Southern Regional Medical Command, it is a privilege to host and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, which commemorates the rich and diverse cultural heritage of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Army recognizes achievements, contributions of Hispanic Americans

The U.S. Army recognizes the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans. America's diversity is a source of strength, and Hispanic Americans have not hesitated to defend and show their allegiance to this nation in many ways, but especially through their military service.

Originally a week-long celebration approved by President Johnson, National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) was enacted into law in 1988. The celebration

heightens our attention to diversity and the many contributions Hispanics have made to enrich the United States.

The observance commences on Sept. 15 to coincide with the day several Latin American countries celebrate their Independence Day. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua celebrate their Independence Day on Sept. 15, Mexico on Sept. 16 (not on May 5 or "Cinco de Mayo"), and Chile on Sept. 18.

Columbus Day, "Día de la Raza," is also celebrated during Hispanic Heritage Month.

For years, the Army has forged relationships with Hispanic associations, and will continue to support and sponsor professional development forums. Through these relationships, the Army further increases awareness among key Hispanic audiences of the educational and career opportunities available in the Army.

(Source: U.S. Army)



U.S. Army photo

Under the direction of 1st Lt. Victor Coll, a gun of the 25th Field Artillery is ready for action in 1941 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.



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Military Retiree Appreciation Day

The 2014 Military Retiree Appreciation Day is from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at building 2841 on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston for retirees of all armed services and their family members. The event includes representatives from legal services, the Texas Veteran's Commission, South Texas Veterans Affairs, the Texas Department of Insurance and others. A San Antonio Military Medical Center Health Fair will also be held to provide flu shots and accept unwanted or expired medications. Call 221-9004 or 671-2728 for additional information.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston National Hispanic Heritage Month observance is scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, 3060 Stanley Road. Guest speaker is Richard Perez, president and chief executive officer of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. This year's observance, hosted by the Southern Regional Medical Command, began Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15 with the theme of "Hispanics: a legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success."

Government Vehicle Gas Stations Closed 9-11 a.m. Tuesday

Government vehicle service stations at all Joint Base San Antonio locations will close from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday for a 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron fiscal year 2014 closeout. All ground fuel support of organizational fuel tanks will be suspended at 9 a.m., so GOV drivers should fill up fuel tanks before then.

Tuition Assistance Changes

Effective Oct. 1, military tuition assistance will no longer pay fees. Tuition assistance requests must be approved before the start date of the class. Soldiers should request tuition assistance at least 10 days prior to course start date in order to allow approval. Requests submitted less than 10 days prior to course start date may not be funded by GoArmyEd. For more information, contact an Army

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ARNORTH leads DOD planning effort for major earthquake response

By Don Manuszewski
Army North Public Affairs

Looking at Maj. Joanne Galvin, people would tend to make several assumptions. The diminutive Army officer has a kind face, a gentle demeanor and a way of making those around her at ease when discussing complex situations.

What many would not presume of the native of Reno, Nev., is that she has been facilitating the Department of Defense planning effort to support local, state, tribal and federal officials should a major earthquake happen along the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

The "Cascadia Subduction Zone?" Where in the world is the CSZ? Most people are familiar with many of the earthquake fault lines along the west coast, the San

Andres Fault being one of the most infamous, but the CSZ is what's considered a "megathrust" fault.

The 620-mile long fault stretches from Northern Vancouver Island, Wash., to Cape Mendocino in northern California. It separates the Juan de Fuca and North American Tectonic plates.

The planning effort for DOD response has been ongoing for a while, but really began stepping into high gear earlier this year when planners from throughout U.S. Northern Command met in June to discuss actions necessary to provide critical capabilities to those affected by a massive earthquake along the CSZ.

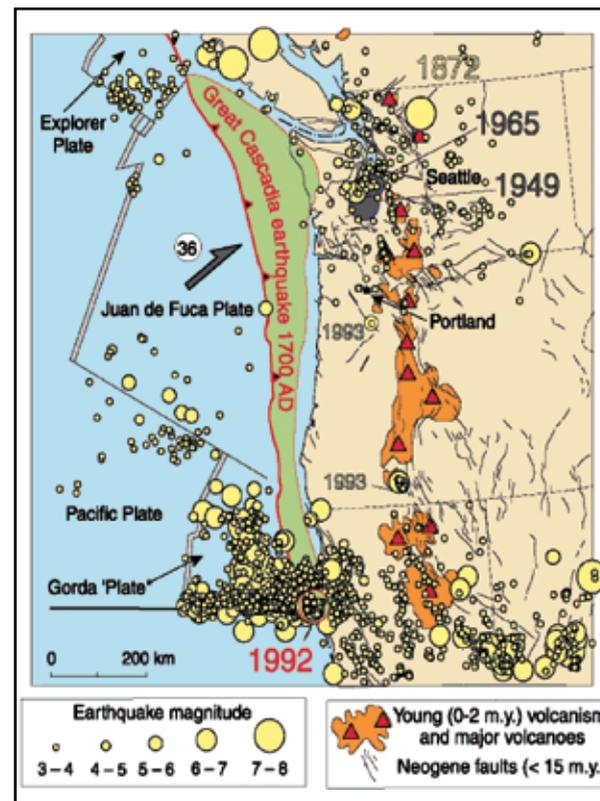
"We've been working with our state, Federal Emergency Management Agency and NORTHCOM

partners for well over a year," said Tom Dovey, U. S. Army North planner. "We've taken their plans and looked for seams and gaps that we can fill with military capabilities."

According to Galvin, the group of about 40 planners met earlier this year and used the CSZ plan against a fictional earthquake scenario to develop necessary estimates in writing the command's response plan. The disaster response planners were able to only cover a little more than half of the scenario in the first meeting.

"We provided the planners necessary realism utilized in the various response plans to make sure we looked at alternatives to meet

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Courtesy U.S. Geological Survey

Motions of the Earth's tectonic plates cause earthquakes along plate boundaries. Subduction, or underthrusting of the Juan de Fuca oceanic plate beneath the continent at about 36 millimeters, or 1.5 inches per year, produces three kinds of quakes: great thrust earthquakes along the 1,000-kilometer plate boundary fault beneath the continental shelf; deep earthquakes in the downgoing slab, where it bends beneath the continent; and shallow earthquakes on crustal faults in western Oregon and Washington. The 620-mile-long Cascadia Subduction Zone fault stretches from Northern Vancouver Island, Wash., to Cape Mendocino in northern California. It separates the Juan de Fuca and North American tectonic plates.

JBSA MEMBERS CELEBRATE AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY



Air Force uniforms from several decades were worn by service members in depiction of the Air Force's heritage during Joint Base San Antonio's 67th Air Force birthday celebration at the Westin Hotel in San Antonio Saturday. Celebrating the Air Force's birthday is a chance to foster tradition and heritage, build esprit de corps and commemorate the service's legacy.



Members from Joint Base San Antonio celebrated the Air Force's 67th birthday during a birthday event at the Westin Hotel in San Antonio Saturday. Cutting the cake during the event were Airman Elijah Grenier (left) from the 502nd Communications Squadron and retired Lt. Col. Ramon Horinek, a former Vietnam War prisoner of war who retired in 1983.

Photos by Desiree Palacios

Air Force announces basing criteria for Installation, Mission Support Center HQ

The Air Force released the criteria it will use to select candidate bases, which includes Joint Base San Antonio, for the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Headquarters Sept. 15. The Air Force will use its strategic basing process to identify a location that best serves the AFIMSC mission.

The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force approved basing criteria that includes mission, capacity, environmental and cost factors.

AFIMSC, which will report to Air Force Materiel Command, will consolidate installation management functions currently being performed at every major command and will serve as the single intermediate-level headquarters

for the delivery of installation support capabilities.

“The new AFIMSC aligns Air Force-wide installation support authorities, responsibilities and resources to one accountable commander. The consolidation will drive standardized processes, eliminate overhead and drive down costs,” said Timothy K. Bridges, the deputy assistant secretary for installations. “It makes good business sense to centralize installation support the way we already centralize other support functions such as science and technology, test and sustainment.”

AFIMSC will also become the parent organization for several existing field operating agencies to include the

Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Cost Accounting Agency/Financial Management Center of Expertise, Air Force Financial Services Center, and the Services Directorate of the Air Force Personnel Center.

All continental U.S.-based major command headquarters, any CONUS installation with an existing installation support FOA with more than 50 authorizations and the National Capital Region will be evaluated as potential candidates



to host the AFIMSC headquarters.

In addition to Joint Base San Antonio, the installations include Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Joint Base Andrews, Md.; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.; Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Scott

AFB, Ill.; Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

“The Air Force is committed to a deliberate and open process to address AFIMSC headquarters basing,” Bridges said. “As we progress through the basing process, we will share information so interested communities are aware of what to expect.”

The Air Force will evaluate the 10 installations against the approved criteria and expects to identify candidate bases for the AFIMSC Headquarters in the fall of 2014. After the release of the candidate bases, the Air Force will conduct site surveys at each candidate base.

Site survey teams will use a range of

operational and facility requirements to assess each location. Based on the results of these efforts, the Air Force plans to announce AFIMSC Headquarters preferred and reasonable alternatives and begin the Environmental Impact Analysis Process in early 2015.

As reported in August, Air Force officials activated the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (Provisional) at Joint Base Andrews, Md., and named Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter as its provisional commander. Carter is a former commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio.

(Source: Air Force News Service)

AMEDD Center and School hosts CFC kickoff event

By Phillip Reidinger
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

San Antonio area Combined Federal Campaign director Rick Robel joined CFC representatives from the local community and key leaders in welcoming several CFC member organizations who set up exhibits and talked about their charities during a ceremony Sept. 15.

The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Steve Jones, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School commanding general, at Blesse Auditorium on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The CFC was established in the 1960s to coordinate fundraising on behalf of charitable organizations to minimize the number of times organizations can solicit federal employees in the workplace. The San Antonio area CFC was ranked first among 15 CFC campaigns in Texas and ranked sixth

among all 163 campaigns worldwide raising \$4,062,324 in 2013.

Jones told the staff and faculty members attending the ceremony the campaign goal for this year is \$285,000 and emphasized the importance of 100 percent contact by key leaders to afford members of the command the opportunity to contribute.

“San Antonio gives a lot to us in the military community and the CFC is a good opportunity for us to pay them back,” Jones said.

Robel said there are 2,900 agencies to choose from and local charitable agencies are doing incredible work with meager budgets.

“There may be one or more agencies that supported family members or friends in time of need and a CFC donation may be a way of recognizing an agency’s assistance in our own lives,” Robel said.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Noelle Pinto (right), representing Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, one of several Combined Federal Campaign agencies at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School CFC Kick-off held Sept. 15 at Blesse Auditorium, provides information about the organization to (from left), San Antonio area CFC director Rick Robel, CFC loaned executive Master Sgt. Jennifer Relfe and 1st Sgt. Shondra Ponds-Pereyra.

Agencies who presented short summaries of their activities included the San Antonio Food Bank and the Wounded

Warrior Mentor Program. Agencies participating in the kick-off event included Alpha Home Inc., the Rape Crisis

Center, Alzheimer’s Association, American Diabetes Association, Habitat for Humanity and Haven for Hope.

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education counselor at 221-1738.

AFAP Issue Deadline Extended

The deadline for issues to be submitted has been extended to Wednesday. Service members of any branch (active duty, Guard or Reserve), retirees, family members and Department of Defense civilians can submit quality of life issues or suggestions for review during the Armed Forces Action Plan conference by emailing usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil or drop suggestions in an AFAP submission box. Boxes can be found at the Military and Family Readiness Center, San Antonio Military Medical Center, Warrior and Family Support Center and in and out processing. Call 221-9196 or 221-0918.

Identification Card Main Office Relocation

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston identification card main office has relocated to the first floor of building 2263 at 2484 Stanley Road. There is no change in customer service hours. Customers are serviced by appointments only, but emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. To make an appointment, visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/hra/idcard.aspx>. For more information, call 221-0415/2278.

Turn-In/Withdrawal Excess Property Training Course

A class for representatives from all units and departments that generate excess property for disposal/turn-in to the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services San Antonio Field Activity site is offered the first Monday of every month, beginning Nov. 3. The class will be from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Disposition Services San Antonio, 2999 Parker Hill Road, building 4195, suite 65, on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4836 to register or for more information.

Partial Closure of Scott Road from Schofield to Worth

A contract has been awarded to rebuild Scott Road from Taylor Road to Worth Road. While every effort will be made to minimize impact on drivers, some inconvenience is unavoidable. The multi-phase project's first phase,

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Mission Training Complex simulation offers realistic training for 412th Contracting Support Brigade Soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Joe Kibe
607th Senior Contingency
Contracting Team

Soldiers from the 412th Contracting Support Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston took part in an exercise Sept. 4 designed to enhance squad and team tactics with the use of some of the most advanced training gear at the Mission Training Complex at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The training event included the use of the Dismounted Soldier Training System, or DSTS, which immerses participants in a virtual training environment.

Brigade leaders said the Army is committed to equipping the Army Acquisition Corps with the right skills and

capabilities to handle its acquisition mission, which includes providing the necessary training and career development programs to continually improve our Army's combat capability.

Rather than sitting in a simulator, the DSTS brings the simulation to the Soldier with the wear of a training suit that allows communications between members and physical use of body movements captured by the suit's sensors.

Scenarios and the virtual environment are controlled by system operators. The DSTS also allows for digital playback of scenarios from varying perspectives for after-action review.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Johnson, 607th Senior Contingency Contracting Team, organized



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from the 412th Contracting Support Brigade participate in computer-based simulation training with the use of Dismounted Soldier Training System Sept. 4 at the Mission Training Complex on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

the training and led the team. MTC instructors Jacob Patrick and Aaron Basmajian provided Soldiers an initial briefing followed by detailed instructions on the DSTS equipment.

Limited to eight sets of equipment, Soldiers were divided into two teams of four for the

digital training environment. A third team with three Soldiers participated through computer-based simulation in the MTC base operations center.

Squads went through two scenarios. The initial scenario was tailored toward familiarization with the equipment.

The second was more advanced and required teams to work together in clearing a compound to search for an operative that required capturing without eradication. Despite suffering simulated casualties, team members achieved

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BAMC volunteer retiring again and third time's the charm

By Robert Shields
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center is saying goodbye – for now – to longtime volunteer information desk greeter retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ed O'Boyle.

O'Boyle served as BAMC's command sergeant major from 1974 to 1975 and was the Health and Services Command CSM, now known as U.S. Army Medical Command, when he retired in 1978.

O'Boyle then worked at Bexar County Hospital and for the U.S. Postal Service before finding a civil service job as a base supply officer. He said that after retiring

the second time, it was his passion for the military that brought him back to BAMC in 1995 as a volunteer.

"I kind of missed the military, so I thought I'd give it a shot and volunteer" he recalled. "I knew the organization and the people very well and I just fell in love with it. Volunteering is one of the best things I could have ever done."

Michael Dulevitz, BAMC Chief of Volunteer Services, said O'Boyle is another great example of those individuals who transition from a career of service to a life of service.

"Ed O'Boyle is a great man and he is a shining example of selfless

giving. He has been a BAMC volunteer for almost 20 years ... another whole career," Dulevitz said. "Retiring from the military to Ed was closure to his paid career, but not to his desire to continue in service to those he knew best – our military, his brethren."

O'Boyle, who doesn't rule out coming back from retirement to volunteer again in the future, has some advice for the remaining and future volunteers.

"Stick with it because it pays off in the long run. The money's not great," he said with a smile. "But it's good for the heart and mind and it keeps you active."

In the meantime, O'Boyle, who turns 85 in October, said he's looking forward to going

on some cruises with his wife. He and his wife of 63 years have been on 64 cruises so far.



Photo by Robert Shields

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ed O'Boyle, a volunteer greeter at Brooke Army Medical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, helps a customer recently. He has been a BAMC volunteer since 1995.

Local MICC procurement analyst named a top professional

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Command Public Affairs

A procurement analyst at the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston was named one of the winners of the National Contract Management Association Top Professionals Under-40 in Contract Management Award.

Jennifer Hastedt has compiled a string of achievements and qualifications during her 11 years of contract management, which will be recognized during a Nov. 2 reception prior to the Government Contract Management Symposium in Washington, D.C.

"It is an honor and privilege to be recognized as a young top

professional in my chosen career field," she said. "As acquisition policy changes, acquisition professionals are obligated to stay current on the new policies to ensure we properly award and report contract actions. We must constantly earn the trust placed in us by the public."

Hastedt credits her certifications, education, private and federal contracting achievements, published works, military service and NCMA contributions as principal factors in earning the award.

She has earned multiple credentials demonstrating her knowledge and abilities. Those include certification in commercial contracts as well as designations of federal contracts manag-

er, professional contracts manager and project management professional. She also graduated from NCMA's Contract Management Leadership Development Program.

She graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio with a Juris Doctorate Degree in May 2013. The Weymouth, Mass., native also holds a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education and a master's in economics. Hastedt passed the Texas Bar Examination on her first attempt and can practice law in the state of Texas and for the federal government.

She arrived at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command in November 2010. Prior to beginning her acquisition career, Hastedt admits

to not knowing anything about government contracts.

"I found mentors, asked many questions from anyone willing to answer and became actively involved in the local chapter of the National Contract Management Association," Hastedt said. "I am now able to help develop other acquisition professionals by sharing personal knowledge and coordinating (Federal Acquisition Regulation) review classes. Acquisition policy is updated regularly, and our duty is to maintain currency and share our knowledge with others."

She said she firmly believes dedicated employees must be afforded multidisciplinary training and experience if the service expects to meet

acquisition challenges under budgetary scrutiny in the future.

"My post-graduate studies in the fields of economics and law have been a huge asset in my success as a contracting professional with industry as well as in my position as a government procurement analyst," Hastedt said.

"If we expect to meet the ever increasing demands of the acquisition environment in these times of unprecedented budgetary constraints, then it is imperative that we seek out the highest caliber employees and leverage their diversity and ideas to re-engineer our business processes and maximize efficiency."

In nominating Hastedt

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Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Jennifer Hastedt was named one of the winners of the National Contract Management Association Top Professionals Under-40 in Contract Management Award. She is a procurement analyst with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Army Soldier Show wraps up at Fort Sam Houston Theater

The final stateside public performances of "Stand Strong," the 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show, take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fort Sam Houston Theater, building 2270. The Soldiers will soon start rehearsals for their extended overseas tour, featuring this high-energy 75-minute song-and-dance production.

"This year's production explores the foundational elements of what it is that instills the strength and character of our Soldiers and our Army," according to Tim Higdon, U.S. Army Entertainment producer and program manager. "As in the past, the cast and crew are selected to exemplify the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.



"The 2014 show will also honor the Army's continued resilience and strength with its mission to effectively inform, educate and inspire our audiences to action," Higdon said.

The show is free on a first-come, first-seated basis and is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests. Doors open an hour prior to the show at 6 p.m. For more information, call 466-2020 or visit <http://www.ArmyMWR.com/SoldierShow>.

"The opening weekend

and homecoming performances are always well attended by the wonderful community members who make up Military City USA, so we recommend people get there as early as they can," Higdon said. "The theater has a limited amount of seating, and once it's full, it's full."

Visitors are also advised to enter through Walters Street Gate from Interstate 35.

(Source: U.S. Army Installation Management Command)

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success and believed it was a realistic encounter.

"The DSTS was one of the better simulator trainers that I have experienced in the military," said Maj. Evan Chung, 412th CSB. "It was a fun

and immersive experience that allowed me time to 'Soldier' with my peers."

Although the team building exercise met the Army requirements for annual training, leaders from the 412th CSB said it did much more than that by building camaraderie and esprit de corps amongst the teams and unit as a whole.

Brigade members have scheduled another visit for the next quarter and plan to emphasize battle skills training prior to that event to gain a greater benefit from the simulation.

Did you know: Gold Star Mother's Day

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
Army North Public Affairs

Did you know Sunday is Gold Star Mother's Day? Gold Star Mothers (and Fathers) are parents whose child died while in military U.S. service.

The tradition of using gold stars began during World War I when mothers who had a husband or son serving in the military would publicly demonstrate their pride by wearing a blue star around their left arm.

As America's involvement in the conflict escalated and more service members were killed, the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense proposed to President Woodrow Wilson that a gold star would represent loss of life in combat while a blue star would represent those who served. The idea was adopted in 1918.

Wearing or displaying gold stars to represent a fallen child in service to the nation might have ended with the World War I if it hadn't been for the work of Grace Seibold, a Washington, D.C., housewife. Grace's son George volunteered for military service in 1917 and was killed in battle Aug. 26, 1918.

His mother, overcome with grief for her son, devoted her time to working with combat veterans as well as reaching out to other mothers who lost sons in combat. From this mother's sorrow, the American Gold Star Mothers Inc. was formed in 1928.

The following year the organization obtained a federal charter from the U.S. Congress. Seven years later, on June 23, 1936, Congress passed a resolution designating the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's

Day.

While the wearing of a gold star was originally reserved for mothers who lost a child in combat, today they can be worn or displayed by anyone who has lost a family member while serving on active duty.

"There are two Gold Star Lapel Pins," said Lori Dean, Army Survivor Outreach Services Support coordinator at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"The Gold Star Pin (gold star on purple background) is for those who died while in support of overseas combat operations and the Next of Kin pin (gold star on gold background) for those who died of other causes while serving on active duty."

For more information on supporting Gold Star families, call 221-0956.

NCMA from P8

for the award, the MICC deputy to the commanding general said her ambition, intelligence and accomplishments make her highly deserving of this recognition.

"Jennifer's innovative ideas are shaping the future of contract management and execution within the MICC and the Army," wrote George Cabaniss. "Her willingness to take on difficult projects and see them through to successful completion fosters unparalleled productivity and impressive results."

He added that Hastedt's role in creating the Acquisition Milestone Agreement added efficiency into the acquisition process and ensures contracts are awarded in a timely manner. Use of the AMA is now Army-wide.

Established in 2012, the NCMA Top Professionals Under 40 in Contract Management Award pro-

vides peer recognition for individuals under the age of 40 in contract management from government, industry and academia.

Up to 40 people earn the award following a review of their nominations by a group made up of professionals from academia, government and industry as well as representatives from the NCMA fellows and Contract Management Leadership Development Program communities.

Award criteria included professional development, innovation and achievement, clear vision to shape the future of the profession, leadership and influence, and contribution to the profession and impact with NCMA.

The NCMA and its more than 22,000 members serve as a leading professional resource for those in the field of contract management dedicated to the professional growth and educational advancement.

2014 Rambler 120 draws 27 teams



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer



Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Jeffers



Photo by Johnny Saldivar



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For more photos from the Rambler 120, visit our Facebook pages at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Randolph, Lackland JBSA and Joint Base San Antonio.

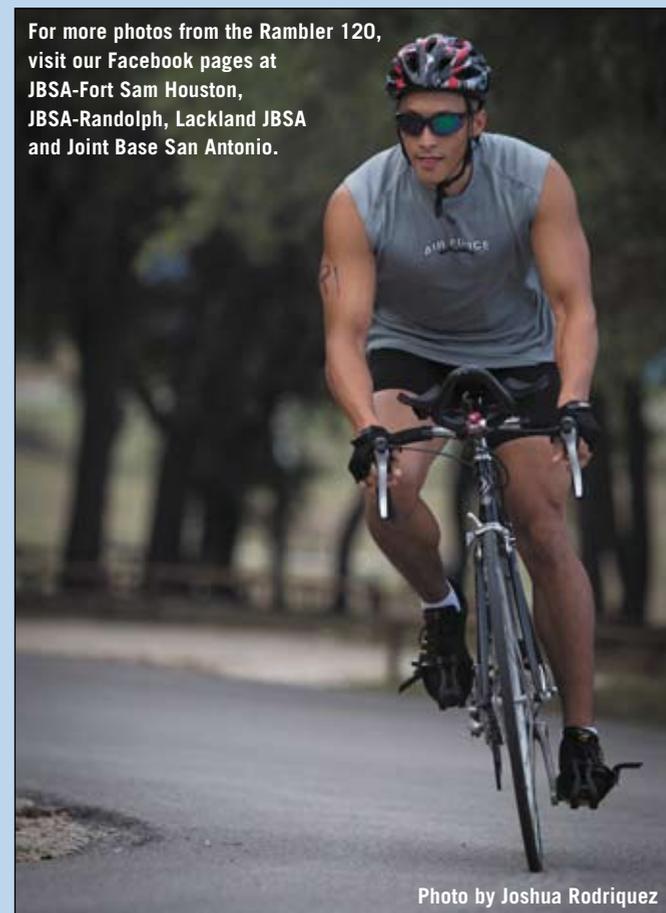


Photo by Joshua Rodriguez

Clockwise from top left: Competitors from across Joint Base San Antonio and beyond gather for a safety briefing before competing in JBSA's premiere 2014 adventure race, the Rambler 120, Saturday at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. Participants run the 6-mile trek that included a stretch over Canyon Lake Dam. Teams paddle two miles during the rafting portion of the race. Capt. Marcus Orallo, 433rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, competes in the 22-mile bike course, which meandered throughout the park. All competitors line up at the starting line of the biking portion of the race, the first event of the day. The winning teams were: **ALL MALE XTREME**: Gold - Awesome Sauce from 59th Medical Wing and 47th Medical Group; Silver - Grey Poupon from 91st Network Warfare Squadron; and Bronze- AARP Can Wait from Air Education and Training Command Commander Support Staff; **ALL FEMALE XTREME**: Gold- Diamonds in the Rough from 12th Flying Training Wing; **COED XTREME**: Gold- Rough Riders from Medical Education and Training Campus Medical Lab; Silver - DDR from 91st Network Warfare Squadron; **COED RELAY** and **OVERALL FASTEST RELAY GOLD**: 99th Panthers from 99th Flying Training Squadron; **COED RELAY SILVER** - Roadrunners from UTSA AFOTC Det 842 and **COED RELAY BRONZE**: THA Gunfighters from 149th Fighter Wing; **FINISHER'S AWARD**: Can't Stop, Won't Stop from 319th Training Squadron; **TRIED HARD AWARD** - Beast from 331st Training Squadron.

Army releases latest policies on tattoos, female hairstyles

By Lisa Ferdinando
Army News Service

The Army published revisions to Army Regulation 670-1, its policy for "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia," which included changes to female hairstyles and tattoos standards.

The revisions, dated Sept 15, were effective immediately.

The service determined in a review that authorized hairstyles announced earlier this year limited female Soldiers' hair grooming options.

The policy authorizes temporary, two-strand hair twists for women and includes a number of updates to hairstyles for women. Dreadlocks or locks remain an unauthorized hairstyle.

As for tattoos, the new regulation allows enlisted Soldiers who have "grandfathered" tattoos to be considered for officer candidate school or warrant officer appointment without needing an exception to the policy.

A training package for Army leaders and Soldiers is available online at <http://www.armygl1.army.mil/hr/uniform>.

The Army plans to continue its long-standing practice of conducting perpetual reviews of its policies. In fact, Soldiers are encouraged to submit a DA Form 2028 to recommend changes.

Requests with significant wear or policy changes should be endorsed through the Soldier's senior level chain of command to the Army G-1.

"Wearing of the uniform as well as our overall military appear-

ance should be a matter of personal pride for Soldiers," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler. "Our commitment to the uniform and appearance standards is vital to your professionalism."

"Every Soldier has the responsibility to know and follow these standards. Leaders at all levels also have the responsibility to interpret and enforce these standards, which begins by setting the appropriate example," Chandler added. "Your actions help to ensure we continue to be trusted and revered by the American people we serve."

FEMALE HAIRSTYLES

The Army began reviewing its policies on female hairstyles soon after releasing the March 28 version of the regulation.

In conjunction with the service's review, the Department of Defense also requested a review in light of concerns that the hairstyle policies were too restrictive for African, American women.

This review included feedback from a panel of Soldiers comprised of the various demographics represented in the U.S. Army.

Subsequently, Army officials believe the updated policy gives female Soldiers more options while maintaining a professional appearance.

The new regulation allows female Soldiers to have temporary twists or two pieces of hair neatly twisted together. Twists, cornrows and braids can be up to 1/2 inch in

diameter. The previous maximum was a diameter of approximately 1/4 inch.

The Army removed the requirement that no more than 1/8 of an inch of scalp could show between braids. The Army requires braids, twists and cornrows worn against the scalp be uniform in appearance and have the same general size of spacing between them.

Previously, the Army required that the ends of hair in braids be secured with inconspicuous rubber bands. The reference to rubber bands was removed, now the ends just have to be secured inconspicuously.

Braids and cornrows worn against the scalp previously had to be worn in a straight line from the front and go all the way to the back of the head. Now, the language has been changed to say the braids need to follow the natural direction of the hair when worn back or in the natural direction using one part in the hair.

Styles, such as braids, cornrows, or twists worn against the scalp may still stop at one consistent location of the head. When such styles are worn loosely or free-hanging, they must encompass the whole head.

While dreadlocks or locks are still not authorized, their definition has been changed to remove the words "matted and unkempt."

Another change includes increasing the allowable size of a bun, measuring from the scalp out, from 3 inches to 3 1/2 inches.

The allowable amount

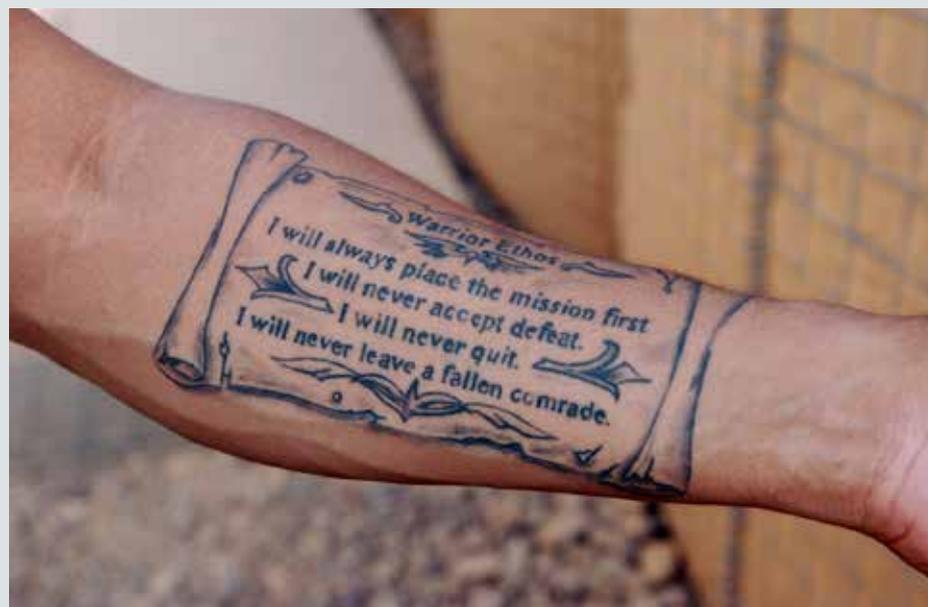


Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephanie van Geete

1st Sgt. Aki Paylor won't have any trouble recalling the Warrior Ethos. "For me, the Warrior Ethos – that's who I am." Since all of Paylor's tattoos were done a number of years ago, he's grandfathered in.

of bulk of hair remains two inches.

The shortest hair a female Soldier can have is 1/4 inch from the scalp, which can be tapered to the scalp along the hairline. There is no maximum length a female Soldier's hair can be, as long as it is within regulation and can be worn up to meet the guidance for bulk and bun size.

The new rules clarify that braids, cornrows and now twists can be worn in a ponytail during physical training; it also specifies that wigs, which were previously authorized, cannot be worn to cover up an unauthorized hairstyle.

No matter what the authorized hairstyle, it must allow for the Soldier to be able to properly wear all types of headgear and protective equipment.

TATTOOS

As part of efforts to

maintain the professional appearance of the force, the Army dialed back the number, size and placement of tattoos in the March regulation.

Previously authorized tattoos were "grandfathered" in, but Soldiers hoping to become an officer had to get an exception to the policy.

The updated regulation takes into account that previously authorized tattoos should not prevent a Soldier from becoming an officer, but that candidates are to be evaluated based on the whole Soldier concept, or all characteristics of a Soldier.

The rest of the regulation from March remains in place, including the restriction on sleeve tattoos and allowing no more than four tattoos below the elbows or knees. Tattoos below the knees or elbows must be smaller than the size of the Soldier's palm with fingers extended.

Permanent ink or branding on the face, neck, and hands, as well as tattoos that can be deemed extremist, indecent, sexist or racist in nature remain banned.

OTHER CHANGES

The regulation provides additional clarification that Soldiers who entered the Army with body mutilation prior to March 2014 may request an exception to Army G-1.

Another change of note is that Soldiers can wear a "Next of Kin" lapel pin on their Army service and dress uniforms. The pin is for the immediate family of military members who were killed on duty, outside of combat operations.

Soldiers are already authorized to wear the "Gold Star" lapel pin, which is for the immediate family of service members who were killed in combat.

Army Medical Department Center and School inducts NCOs

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs Office

Twelve Soldiers were formally inducted into the corps of noncommissioned officers during the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School NCO Induction ceremony Sept. 5 in Willis Hall's Blesse Auditorium on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The ceremony is designed to welcome newly promoted sergeants and those noncommissioned officers who have not been inducted into the ranks to familiarize them with their acquired responsibilities as NCOs.

Since the earliest days of the Army, the NCO, known as the backbone of the Army, has been recognized as the one who instills discipline and order within the units.

Keynote speaker Command Sgt. Major Donna Brock, the Army Medical Command senior enlisted advisor and command

sergeant major, talked about advice she received from her mentors and what helped her through the challenges of being a leader, an NCO and the challenges of being relevant to the mission in operation at that time.

"Be tough, realistic, approachable, fair, honest and be real," Brock said. "That's all Soldiers, family members and staff can ask for. Be real with them, don't be fake. They don't want that and always remember that it is all about people."

The induction ceremony began when each inductee's name was called out and each NCO was welcomed into the NCO Corps by Ecker. Each member received a copy of the Creed of the NCO and the NCO Charge certificate.

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Walls, commandant of the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston NCO Academy, led the NCO charge as the newly inducted NCOs raised their

right hands and pledged to uphold the duties of the grade, the responsibilities and obligations as a leader.

"It brings us all together and a chance to actually feel more part of being a Soldier and being a part of the NCO Corps," said inductee Staff Sgt. Julio Rosario.

"We have rendered honor, preserved tradition, instilled esprit de corps, you have heard the NCO Creed, you have been given the NCO Charge, and most importantly, you have heard the Soldiers requests, so I simply have to say thank you," Ecker said.

"What sets us apart from any other large business in our country is that we celebrate times like this. We render honor, preserve traditions, instill this thing we call esprit. It does not come in the form of dividends, but in red blood, human life, in defense of our nation. We have the greatest NCO Corps in the world."

Did you know?

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NAVY RECRUITERS MAKE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



Photo by Burrell Parmer

Nine recruiters with Navy Recruiting District San Antonio were promoted to chief petty officers Sept. 16 during the district's fiscal year 2015 Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony held at Mitchell Hall on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. From left are Chief Petty Officers Damion Caperton, Rudi Delgado, Amy Greene, Jonathan Guy, Christopher Johnson, Julio Perez, James Richardson, Delilah Spann and Allen Trujillo.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By Ryan Mattox
MICC Public Affairs

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community is invited to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month with a reading of the proclamation at 11:30 a.m. Thursday near the food court at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Main Exchange.

Another observance ceremony takes place from 2-3:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, at 3060 Stanley Road.

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the public about disability employ-

ment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. Its history traces back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

This year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month theme is "Expect. Employ. Em-

power.

"We all have a role to play in – and benefit to gain from – increasing opportunities for meaningful employment for people with disabilities," said Kathy Martinez, assistant secretary of labor for disability employment policy. "This year's theme encapsulates this in three powerful words. It conveys that advancing disability employment is about much more than just hiring. It's about creating a continuum of inclusion. The first step on this continuum is expectation."

Soldiers and civilians can learn more about National Disability Employment Awareness Month by visiting the ODEP website at <http://www.dol.gov/odep/>.

Drug Enforcement Agency makes changes regarding hydrocodone-containing meds

By Maj. Frances Bartz
59th Medical Wing

The Drug Enforcement Agency has decided to move hydrocodone and hydrocodone-containing medications such as Vicodin, Lortab and Norco from a Schedule III controlled substance to Schedule II controlled substance.

The policy will come into force nationwide Oct. 6. The reasons the DEA has made this change include improving patient safety and reducing chances for drug diversion.

Hydrocodone is usually combined with acetaminophen, also known as Tylenol. Acetaminophen is known to be one of most common causes of emergency room visits due to

poisoning, in the United States. The narcotic properties of hydrocodone, in combination with acetaminophen can lead to acetaminophen overdose, either intentional or accidental.

The new controlled schedule of hydrocodone and hydrocodone containing products means that all prescription refills for hydrocodone containing products will be invalid after Oct. 6 and new prescription(s) (paper or electronic) for hydrocodone containing products will expire 21 days from the date it was originally written.

It can be dangerous to keep unwanted or unused medications, such as narcotics around the house. Joint Base

San Antonio will participate in the DEA Drug Take-Back Day Saturday. This is a great opportunity to dispose of those meds and make your home safer for your visitors, children and pets.

Drugs will be collected from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at collection sites across JBSA. (*Editor's note: see accompanying article for locations.*)

The service is free and anonymous.

All medications should be emptied into a zip-lock or zip-top plastic bag and only the bag should be brought to the collection site. Medication bottles can be disposed of through local recycling programs.

It's a 'Thin Line' for prescription use, misuse, abuse; dispose of unused drugs Saturday

By Leslie Sweeney
IMCOM Army Substance Abuse Program

Nearly one out of 20 Soldiers misuse painkillers, says the website Army Thin Line at <https://www.armythinline.org>.

The website is part of a campaign designed to educate Soldiers, their friends and families and the provider community about the dangers of prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Army Thin Line encourages safe and responsible decisions when using prescription drugs with the goal of reducing the prevalence of prescription drug misuse and abuse in the Army community. The U.S. Army and the Department of Defense support this initiative.

According to the website, it's not always easy to know if you have crossed the line from proper use to misuse when taking prescription drugs.

Misuse is taking a medication in a way not directed by

your doctor, but still trying to treat a condition or symptom for which the medication was originally prescribed.

Abuse is taking the medication in a way not intended by the prescribing doctor, or for the experience or feeling of getting high.

Garrisons throughout the U.S. Army Installation Management Command are committed to a drug-free community and are participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday.

The semi-annual event aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means for disposing of prescription drugs while educating the public about the potential for abuse.

National Prescription Take-Back Day, an initiative of the Drug Enforcement Administration, started in 2010. It encourages American citizens to turn in unused or expired prescribed medications at designated locations for proper

disposal.

Army installations across the United States are partnering with the DEA and state and local law enforcement agencies.

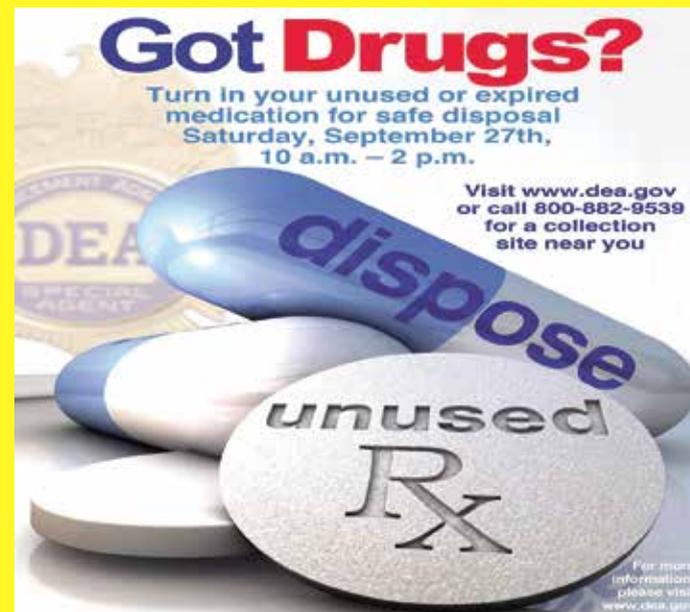
"We are very pleased that our garrisons, to include Alaska and Hawaii, have participated in National Prescription Take-Back Day," said Pamela Budda, IMCOM Army Substance Abuse Program chief. "They have made the take-back day events a big success."

IMCOM garrisons have participated in seven National Prescription Take Back Days so far, resulting in the safe collection and disposal of over 32,000 pounds of prescription drugs.

Military installations will provide drop off locations for all active duty, family members, civilian employees and retirees to anonymously turn in medications or prescription drugs.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Soldiers, Families and Civilians to safely dispose

JBSA takes back unwanted prescription drugs Saturday



People can help prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at National Prescription Drug Take Back Day locations throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

Three collection sites will be located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The first is at the medical mall in the San Antonio Military Medical Center. The second is at the community pharmacy, located at the corner of Scott and Allen Roads, near the main exchange. Another location is available during the Military Retiree Appreciation Day at building 2841 from 8 a.m. to noon.

There will also be collection sites at the JBSA-Randolph Exchange refill pharmacy located in the main exchange. At JBSA-Lackland, the satellite pharmacy, across from the main exchange, will collect medications. The service is free and anonymous.

All pills should be emptied into a zip-lock or plastic bag and only the bag of pills should be brought to the collection site. Medication bottles can be disposed of through local recycling programs.

Additional local "Take Back" locations can be found at http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback.

of their medications," Budda said. "I encourage all of you to support your local National Prescription Take-Back Day collection site and turn in your unused and unwanted medications. Help us eliminate the risk of prescription drug abuse or accidental poisoning."

Each garrison's ASAP program will serve as the installation point of contact and coordinate proper medication handling and disposal.

Installations will have certified law enforcement personnel present at drop-off locations for the

duration of National Prescription Take Back Day activities. (*Editor's note: see accompanying article for locations.*)

To find another drop-off location, visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html or contact your local Army Substance Abuse Program representative.

Additionally, ASAP encourages everyone to visit the It's a Thin Line website at <https://www.armythinline.org> for additional resources for dealing with prescription drug use, misuse and abuse.



Photos by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

Sgt. Alberto Peters, Army South food service specialist, shows Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, Army South commanding general, and ARSOUTH Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis C. Zavodsky where the water comes from during "Water in a Box" training held at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Sept. 8-16.

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"I think it is a strong resource that will enhance or improve our deployment readiness and our capability to respond in the event of a disaster situation anywhere in our area of responsibility," Ramos added.

The system is composed of a filtration system with two onion bags for water storage, a mobile water packaging system, water pumps, generators and the water quality monitoring set-purification for on-site quality assurance.

"Water in a Box" can be set up and operational within a few hours. It

packages water into three-liter bags that fit most Soldiers hydration systems, lessening the burden of purchasing and sustaining bottles of water.

"The packaging system is very unique because it prepackages water in a sterile environment and prepares it for Soldiers in a sturdy plastic bag ready to drink," Bellamy said.

According to Ramos, one of the responsibilities of preventive medicine related to this system is sampling and characterizing the condition of the raw water source before running it through the reverse osmosis water

purification unit and then sampling and analyzing the finished product making sure the water is safe to drink or for other

mission related uses.

Army South Soldiers went through seven days of training on the "Water in a Box" system learning how to set up, operate and maintain the equipment in order to be ready for future Army South deployments or operations. The Soldiers also received training on how to ensure the quality of the water is safe for drinking after it goes through the system.

Ramos said he was glad Army South was selected to field this kit and that he was chosen to participate.

He added, "Now is an ideal time to receive this capability," he said. "Disaster can occur at anytime in Central and South America and this particular training of the core groups of Soldiers is a good start to improving the system and improving our readiness to respond as a taskforce."

BAMC CELEBRATES AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY



Photo by Robert Shields

Air Force Col. Elizabeth Decker (left), 959th Medical Group commander, and Airman 1st Class Austin Matheis, the youngest and newest Airman with the group, cut a cake to honor and celebrate the Air Force's 67th birthday at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Medical Mall Sept. 18.



or 221-2418 to register.

Setting Up Children For Success Workshops

Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Exceptional Family Member Program is offering a series of four 90-minute, free workshops facilitated by the ABA Center for Excellence for military parents and childcare professionals to help children with challenging behaviors. Call 221-2962 or 221-0349.

Party in Pink Zumba Fest

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is holding a Party in Pink Zumba Fest from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 11. Entry fee is \$12 and includes a T-shirt. There is no pre-registration, so just show up. Call 221-1234.

Military And Family Life Counselors

Military and Family Life Counselors address a variety of issues such as stress, anxiety and deployment. MFLCs are licensed mental health professionals who provide situational, problem-solving counseling anonymously and confidentially. No written records are kept, and it is free to military and family members. To contact a

MFLC at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 517-6666 general number, 243-4143 for Army students, and 488-6804 for Air Force and Navy students; at JBSA-Lackland, call 540-5025 or 540-5030 for adults, 627-0054 or 540-5033 for children and youths; and at JBSA-Randolph, call 627-1223 or 426-1412 for adults, 627-0338 or 627-0525 for children and youths.

Spouses' Club Of Fort Sam Houston Area

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area has a variety of events in the coming months, such as monthly luncheons, community outreach and fun activity clubs such as Bunko, a book club and bingo. The club is open to all ranks, all military services and Department of Defense civilians. For more information, call 705-4767.

SKIES Tennis Program

September through November, SKIES is offering beginner tennis clinics on a monthly basis for youth ages 6-8 and 9-18. Each clinic consists of four sessions, with the session for 6-8 year olds being one hour each and session for 9-18 year olds being three hours each. The September sessions for the 6-8 year olds are held every Wednesday, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and cost \$40. Sessions for the 9-18 year olds are held every Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

and cost \$80. All clinics will take place on the courts on the corner of Scott and Hardee Roads. Call 221-3381.

Thrift Shop Hours

The Thrift Shop at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is located at 3100 Zinn Road, just one block south of Outdoor Recreation and run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. from military identification card holders. Donations are also accepted. For more information, call 221-4537/5794 or visit <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Youth Tumbling Lessons Offered

The SKIES Instructional Programs offers tumbling for youth 3 to 18 years of age. Cost per child is \$40 to \$45. Home school and group lessons for ages 3-18 are offered on Thursdays and preschool and private lessons for ages 3-18 are offered on Fridays. Call 221-3381.

'Steel Magnolias' At Harlequin Dinner Theatre

Through Oct. 4, the 502nd Force Support Squadron, the Harlequin Dinner Theatre and the Gunn

Automotive Group present "Steel Magnolias." This story is about a group of strong women in a small Louisiana parish and centers on Shelby, who moves from wedding to childbirth to medical complications. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Take Aim At Sportsman's Range

From Oct. 4 through May 31, hours at the Sportsman's Range at JBSA-Camp Bullis change to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. The cost to shoot is \$10 per Department of Defense ID cardholder and \$15 per non-DOD ID cardholder. DOD ID cardholders can purchase an annual pass for \$60. All DOD ID cardholders are allowed to sponsor two non-DOD ID cardholder guests. For more information, call 295-7577.

Loan Locker/Lending Closet

The loan locker provides temporary loans of household items to incoming and departing permanent party personnel (first priority), students (second priority) and TDY, retirees and civilians (third priority) assigned to the area. Items available include: high chairs, pack and plays, strollers and booster seats, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, coffee pots, baking dishes, irons, ironing boards, toasters, vacuum

cleaners, tables and chairs. Bring a copy of your orders. There is a 30-day time limit. To utilize the Lending Closet at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-1681. The Loan Locker at JBSA-Randolph is open Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., call 652-5321 for details.

Immigration and Naturalization Services

An Immigration and Naturalization Service representative will answer questions about immigration and citizenship from noon to 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Call 221-2418 or 221-2705.

School Liaison Services

The School Liaison Services is a Department of Defense program designed to improve the educational environment and academics of K-12 family members whose parents are members of the military. The program reaches out to all branches of the military to provide a link between military families and both on and off the installation schools and provide services that enable families to be more involved in their child's education. For more information, call 221-2214 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-3722 at JBSA-Lackland and 652-5321 at JBSA-Randolph.

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from Taylor to Schofield is complete. The next phase will rebuild Scott from Schofield to Worth. The road will close to vehicular traffic until Oct. 25. To provide access to the UPS Store, Enterprise Rental Car, cleaners and to the Rocco Dining Facility, Scott Road will not completely close. The work will be done one lane at a time to allow full-time one-way traffic to the north. Southbound traffic will be detoured along Stanley Road. Traffic control and notification signs

will identify the detour route and motorists should follow the signs posted for the detour route. A route to the UPS Store, Enterprise Rental and the cleaners will be provided from Stanley Road through the old San Antonio Credit Union parking lot to the closed section of Harney Road.

Walters Street, Wilson Way Periodic Closures

With construction continuing at the Walters Street Entry Control Point, the intersection of Walters Street and Wilson Way will be closed periodically through Oct. 7.

The closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Walters Street ECP will remain open throughout this time and detour signs will be posted.

Army OCS Structure Interview Panel Board

The 502nd Force Support Squadron's Military Personnel Branch will conduct an Army Officer Candidate School Structure Interview Panel Board at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 at building 2263, 1706 Stanley Road, Room 117B. All Soldiers, without exception, must have a bachelor's degree and

cannot be over the age of 33. Soldiers must also be a U.S. citizen, have a GT Score of 110 or higher, security clearance and cannot have more than six years active federal time. For a complete listing and checklist of OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/Operations/Accessions/OCS/index.htm>. All OCS applicants must see their S1/G1 prior to submitting their OCS packets, which must be turned in by Oct. 9. For more information, call 221-0885.

Lost And Unclaimed Property

Numerous items of personal property have been turned into the 502nd Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston this year, according to Detective Joseph Cruz. Turned in so far have been 30 wallets, 10 bicycles, one scooter, one lap timer, one return duct, one side door connector and one X-ray printer. These items will be retained for an additional 45 days and disposed of if the owner is not identified. In order to claim any of the items, bring in a form of photo identification and

be able to identify the property. For more information, call 221-2340.

WHASC Step Saver Cart Drivers Needed

The 59th Medical Wing Volunteer Service Office needs licensed drivers at least 20 years of age to transport patients to and from clinic entrances and parking lots in the vicinity of the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Carts operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Training is available. Call 292-6591.

Did you know?

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





Lady Bird Lake Walk

The Colorado River Walkers Volksmarch Club hosts a 5K and 10K walk starting between 8 and 11 a.m., finishing by 2 p.m. Saturday at the eastern end of Lady Bird Lake in Austin, Texas, starting at the Acton School of Business, 1404 E. Riverside Drive, Austin. For more information call 512-837-8966 or visit <http://www.coloradoriverwalkers.org>.

5K Glow Run, Fun Walk 1K

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland 5/6 Organization hosts its inaugural 5K Glow Run and Fun Walk 1K Oct. 3 at the JBSA-Lackland's 1.5-mile track. Registration for the 5K is \$20 and \$10 for the 1K. Sign in and T-shirt pickup is at 6:30 p.m., with the walk starting

between 7:30-8 p.m. and the run starting at 8:10 p.m. Children are welcome and all children who complete the Fun Walk 1K will earn a medal at the end. No pets. There will be free snacks and water provided and glow products available for purchase. Headlamps are highly encouraged. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jbsa-lackland-56-fun-walk-1k-glow-run-5k-tickets-12259130389>.

Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association is at 5:30 Oct. 20 at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road, at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach Roads. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call 413-1965 or 257-0931.

Veteran's Day Celebration At Hondo Airport

Hondo Commemorative Air Force hosts a free Veteran's Day celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov 8 at the South Regional Airport at 1600 Ave. M in Hondo, Texas. There will be many different activities, including a "missing man" formation flyover, static aircraft displays, Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles aircraft who will give free rides to children ages 8-12, silent auction, keynote speaker, cake, live music and more. Gates will open at 9 a.m. and the ceremony and other events are open to the public.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

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

and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

SeaWorld® Waves Of Honor

The "Waves of Honor" salute to veterans offers 50 percent off single-day admission to the SeaWorld® and Busch Gardens® Parks, and Sesame Place® for veterans and service members, and as many as five guests. Qualified service members and veterans include active duty, retired, honorably separated officers and enlisted personnel of the U.S. military. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and redeemed by Dec. 21. Discounted tickets can be bought in advance in advance at <http://www.wavesofhonor.com> or at participating military bases. Proof of service required.

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 - Contemporary "Crossroads"
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
 Building 3600,
 3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
 10 a.m. - Traditional

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass
 Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
 Building 3600,
 3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
 11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
 Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way

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.jbsa.af.mil/jbsachapel/samhouston.asp>.

FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m. - Junior varsity volleyball vs. Brooks Academy, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.
 5:30 p.m. - Varsity volleyball vs. Brooks Academy, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.
 7:30 p.m. - Varsity football vs. Brooks Academy, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.

SATURDAY

Cross country meet, Poteet Strawberry Festival, 9199 N. State Hwy. 16, Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds, Poteet, Texas.
 8 p.m. - Homecoming dance, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. - Scholastic Book Fair, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School library, 4351 Nursery Road. Runs through 3 p.m. Oct. 3.
 3-4:30 p.m. - Fifth-grade science club, Room 32, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, 4351 Nursery Road.

TUESDAY

1:30-2:30 p.m. - U.S. Army Environmental Command signing ceremony, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, 4351 Nursery Road.
 5 p.m. - Junior varsity volleyball vs. Natalia Junior High School, 807 Pearson St., Natalia, Texas.
 6 p.m. - Varsity volleyball vs. Natalia Junior High School, 807 Pearson St., Natalia, Texas.

THURSDAY

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Early release for parent conferences, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, 4351 Nursery Road.
 5 p.m. - Seventh grade football vs. Natalia Middle School, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.
 6:30 p.m. - Eighth grade football vs. Natalia Middle School, 1900 Winans Road.

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mission assurance," Galvin said.

The entire planning effort is happening now because, as many in the disaster response world can attest, the more collaboration before an event the better prepared responders are when the real thing happens.

The group of planners reconvened recently and completed their first run through of the effort started in June and was able to present their finding to ARNORTH's commanding general and deputy commanding general, Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins and Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas.

"The planners were very cooperative and positive as we had many professionals looking from their areas of expertise," Galvin said. "The synchronization of assets and capabilities is key as

resources are limited. We have to be proficient in our decisions and actions."

From planning prior to catastrophic events to initial response through transitioning back to home station after the event, the planners carefully assessed each phase of what would be an incredibly large civil support operation.

"The two table top exercise sessions were invaluable," said Col. Kristian Marks, ARNORTH's chief of plans. "Bringing our partners in from other services and agencies to work through the response plan together is the most productive aspect of developing regional plans.

"Defense Support of Civil Authorities, especially in a complex catastrophe, will challenge everyone involved. This particular response effort will require coordination and cooperation between every

level of state government, multiple federal agencies, every service within DOD and potentially our Canadian neighbors to the north," Marks added. "While we hope this never happens, we must be prepared if it does so; we must do everything we can now to be ready to support our nation in a time of crisis."

The planning team now will socialize a more operationalized contingency plan and refined annexes and concepts of support and operations. The next step will be to validate the plan during a full scale exercise and update it as necessary.

"The main thing is for everyone, at all levels to be flexible," Galvin said. "Our planning effort will always be at about 75 percent complete, until the situation arises. One thing is certain though, this collaboration is greatly

needed, and the effort in June and this week shined a light on some gaps and concerns that we didn't consider before we met."

As the planning effort continues each step is designed to increase the Army's and department's ability to seamlessly support the people of the United States.

"We have gained a much better understanding of the environment and what it will take to support this type of response effort," Marks said. "Our partners too have benefited from this effort as evidenced by their own planning activities.

This has also laid the foundation for future planning efforts by establishing good cooperative relationships with our partners at the state and federal level as well as refining our approach to complex catastrophe response planning," Marks added.